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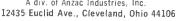
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### READER MAIL

### COMMENT: CONGRESSMAN BOW

Dear Fellow CB'ers:

This copy of "The CB Splatter," official publication of the Citizens Band Association of Jackson County, Inc., is sent to you so that you may see the True Copy of an article taken from the August issue of S9.

May I say that our members have undertaken a letterwriting campaign to our various Congressional representatives in support of Congressman Bow's Resolution [August issue, page 9]-also letters have been sent to Congressman Oren Harris who is the Chairman of the House Foreign and Interstate Commerce Committee in support of the Resolution.

May I suggest that, in the next possible issue of \$9, an appeal be made to CB'ers to send one QSL card ONLY showing their name and address and Call Sign and a message supporting House Resolution 377 to:

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Perhaps if enough CB'ers send cards, the Congressman will realize how widespread CB'ing is today and, will support the Resolution.

> Edward L. Field, KEB1659 Gautier, Miss.

Dear Editor:

I am a shortwave listener of four years and hold the monitoring call of WPE0CGV. I recently read in S9 an article by Congressman Frank Bow which made me quite angry. In it he claimed that the 10 meter band is not particularly useful to the Amateur Radio Service. What more do you CB'ers want? You had a band on UHF and then you decide that you want the 11 meter band and you got it. You now have 800,000 licensees on it and you cry that you need more room! If you would get about 799,999 of these "lids" off the band you'd never complain. Has it ever occurred that the 10 meter band might still be enjoyed by some hams? Six meters has skip. Two meters has the novices. So what if so many CB'ers have expensive equipment and a crowded band? If they have any desire for hobbying, let them study for a ham license and then convert their CB gear to 10 meters. Don't forget that hams have good money in their equipment too. Just don't go getting any ideas on the 10 meter band.

Kenneth C. Lemke, WPE0CGV Wisner, Nebraska

Get your facts straight, Ken. The FCC plucked 11 meters away from the Hams on their own decision-CB'ers had absolutely no say in the matter. There were no Class D CB'ers to even ask for this band when it was taken away from the Hams. The Class B CB'ers on UHF didn't comprise enough operators to fill a telephone booth. It strikes me that you are a proponent of the "dog in the manger' school of thought-just because the Hams had the 10 meter band first they should be allowed to hold on to it. Makes no difference that they seldom use it. Makes no difference that almost one million other operators can use it. Say, where were you when the Hams took 10 meters away from whoever had it before them? Where were you when the TV stations, with their rigged quiz shows, 10 foot tall washing machines and white tornadoes, took over some 487 megacycles worth of spectrum space (that's the size of 1873 citizens bands, by the way)? Did you know that scientists had to battle for several years to get back a few piddling shreds of this TV spectrum so that they could continue important radio astronomy

work there? Let's see copies of the letters you wrote supporting radio research into outer space. Oh well, some people never learn.

### CLUB QUERY

Tom:

What's your opinion of the NCBRA Association? Since there are several national organizations for CB'ers, is this one any better than the others? Will it do the job for my \$9?

> Kent Radcliff, KNH0020 Dexter, Kansas

It'll sure do the job for your \$9, but we can't tell you what they can do for YOU. So far we haven't seen any of these national clubs do anything which is worth 9¢ for their members. One of the fellows at Electronics Illustrated Magazine told me that they will be running a behind-the-scenes look at so-called "national CB clubs" in their January, 1966, issue.

#### FROM A SWAPPER

#### Dear Tom:

What do you do with all those cards you get from the card swappers' section?

Tony Russomanno, KKE0173 Whippany, N. J.

They get thrown into a big carton and handed out to any needy looking CB'ers who show up at the office and ask for them. In addition, we will send them out to any subscriber who furnishes us with a stamped, self addressed envelope-put two or three 5¢ stamps on the envelope and we'll try to stuff it with as many cards as will fit. If we happen to be out of cards temporarily, we'll hang on to your envelope until the supply replenishes. The cards are free. Address your requests to: Free QSL's, S9 Magazine, 14 Vanderventer Avenue, Port Washington, N. Y. 11050. Don't forget to include the subscription number (from the address strip on your copy of S9) when writing.

#### CITIZEN BANDER?

Gentlemen:

I have heard from several people that President Johnson has a CB license. Is this true or false? If it's true, what are his call letters?

Steven C. Gibson, KKX8237/WN6QBH Northridge, Calif.

Judging from the FCC's harsh treatment of CB, including the revised rules, under the Johnson administration, we can assume either one of two possibilities. First, President Johnson never heard of CB. Or, second, he is an active CB'er who got tired of "breakers." Seriously, we haven't heard this one yet-so anybody out there who has any confirmation on this, please let us know.

### wow!

Tom:

Just a short note to let you know what a tremendous response that small picture and writing in the August S9 on the card swappers page has produced. I have received and answered 1334 QSL cards to date and they are still coming in.

Just thought you would like to know.

Robert L. Ruyle, KG13471

Field Engineer

Hy-Gain Electronics Corp. Lincoln, Nebr.

#### HALLICRAFTERS' SIDE

Dear Mr. Kneitel:

Your editorial [August S9, page 7] completely overlooks the most important aspect of type accepted prod-

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### KBG4303 rides again!

by TOM KNEITEL EDITOR, S9

### CAPE KENNEDY REPORT

Last month I briefly thanked the Cape Canaveral CB Club for presenting S9 with a beautiful award for public service, because the issue was just about on the presses when the award was being given to us at the Florida National CB Jamboree.

Were you at the jamboree? If you didn't make it, you really goofed, because in addition to participating in one of the very best CB events we have ever seen, we were also treated to the happy coincidence of being on hand to get a first hand view of the Gemini 5 space shot.

Hugh Pinney, 7Q0523, Jamboree Chairman, pulled a few strings somewhere along the line and was able to get a few of us right into the Kennedy Space Center-even into places which are regularly closed to the public.

The jamboree itself began on Friday, August 20th, and really rocked along until Sunday P.M. We were very pleased to get a chance to meet so many of our readers—especially interesting chats were held with regular S9'ers like Miami's "Sugar" and Ed Lander, KMP2038, Barney Ross of Washington, D.C., Woody Gallatin of McCoy AFB, Florida, Pat Flynn, KKP3015, of Orlando, Fla., and Nick Miller, KDJ0332.

Among the interesting sidelights on the Florida trip were: the gal who sings torch songs at a place called "The Mousetrap" in Cocoa Beach. Her name is Julie Peterson and she's worth a special trip to the Cape just to dig her. We also enjoyyed racing a borrowed E-Jag along the sands at Daytona early one A.M. (we didn't get caught by the Sheriff Department's Tom Ruger, KDH0742, a regular S9 reader). When you're in Florida next, take a run along route 250, just east of the junction with route 50 at Bithlolook for a place called Rocket City, one of the hundreds of real estate developments which dot the state. From the road it seems to be a twentieth century ghost town-all buildings seem to be relatively new, but deserted! This includes a vacant shopping center which is overgrown with



Vince Larson, KD10450, Veep of the Cape Canaveral CB Club, on the left, presents yours truly with the spiffy plaque. Photo by Hugh Pinney, 7Q0523.

tall grass and weeds, likewise a motel, plus about two dozen homes—none of which looked as if they were ever occupied. By the way, on route 250, between Rocket City and Cocoa there is a small sign announcing that a "Radar Speed Check" is ahead—if you take route 250 be careful, they really have a hidden radar trap operating much of the time. Despite the advance warning sign we saw a number of drivers snagged by the fuzz.

### COMPLAINT DEPARTMENT

We keep a little memo pad which lists the most frequently heard complaints about S9. When I took a running total the other day I was sort of shocked to notice that the most frequently recorded squawk was about what we call "runback" or "back yard" in S9. This is the placing of the last few paragraphs of an article in the rear of the issue. Apparently most people who complained about this feel that this is done just to cause confusion. It isn't.

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The one thing that grabs me most is to see good money being unnecessarily spent. From experience, I have found that a great many of the repairs required on CB equipment can be very easily accomplished by even the most rank novice—and done with household tools and other assorted junk from around the CB shack. While, needless to say, there are a number of repairs on CB gear which should be performed by an experienced (and FCC licensed) service specialist, it is sheer folly to have these people spend their expensive time doing something which you, yourself could have taken care of in a few minutes time.

I have therefore made up a list of some of the more frequent simple complaints I have noted with CB gear, together with some suggestions on how you can squelch the problems.

Let us begin by stating that you should always have a manual for your rig at your station—or at the very least, a schematic. If the manual which came with your set is lost, then write to the manufacturer for another one.

Problem: Set is completely dead-tubes don't even light.



## CHEAP SAM'S GUIDE TO HOME CB SERVICING

### EVEN IF YOU ARE WITHOUT TOOLS, EVEN IF YOU HAVE NO RADIO EXPERIENCE, YOU CAN STILL PERFORM MOST OF THE BASIC MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR WORK ON YOUR CB GEAR—ALL BY YOURSELF!

### by SAM ARSHALL, KFA1240

Try: Making sure that the unit is connected to the power line or car battery. Frequently a plug is knocked from the wall by accident, and it's not even thought of as a possible reason for the equipment failure. If the set is connected to the power source, check the fuse to see if it has blown. Check the connections of the wires going to the plug in the wall from the set-perhaps they are broken or the connections have come loose. Wiggle the power plug at the power connections at the rear of the chassis. If all of this still produces no results, go inside the rear of the CB rig and find the rectifier tube in the power supply-your schematic should pinpoint the tube quickly. Chances are that it will be a tube with a type number containing a letter from "W" through "Z" in the alphabet, and located near the power transformer.

Wiggle the tube around in the socket, while the set is plugged in and still turned on. Check this tube on a tube tester if results are not forthcoming.

Problem: Set lights up, but received signals are very weak.

Try: Checking the coaxial connector to make certain it is connected to the set. If it is connected, check to see that the cable hasn't been pulled loose from its connections in the plug. Possibly the connections on the other end of the cable, at the antenna, have come loose—or have *corroded* loose! If these things check out, then check the tubes in the IF section and also the RF amplifier tube. If they are all lit, then tap them (lightly) a few times with the eraser end of a wooden pencil. Any tube which causes the set to improve when tapped means a tube which

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needs replacing. This failing, remove these tubes from the set and have them checked on a tube tester.

Problem: Set lights up, but no sound.

Try: Checking the speaker leads. If they are connected, then adjust the volume control back and forth a few times. If the sound cuts in and out when you do this, take some *Injectoral* Tuner Cleaner and squirt it into the control (unplug the set when doing this).

Check all of the tubes associated with the audio section of the rig-first by tapping and then, if needed, on a tube checker.

Check to make certain that the T/R relay is functioning properly.

Problem: "Ringing" sound from loudspeaker, set has feedback when volume is turned up.

Try: Looking for a microphonic tube. This is easily accomplished by the pencil tap test. Start in the IF section.

Problem: Station at other end of contact tells you that you have a signal, but no modulation.

Try: Checking the connections inside of the microphone connector—one may have come loose. Check out the tube(s) in the audio circuit, as these are frequently used for double-duty in the modulation circuit. This failing, try another microphone.

Problem: Station on other end tells you that there is a hum or buzz on your modulation.

Try: Looking at the electrolytic capacitors in your set for a defective one. If nothing seems to be leaking out of any of them, you'll have to give up and take the set to someone who can find the bad one with test equipment. Check audio tubes.

Problem: You hear a hum or buzz on stations being received.

Try: Looking for a defective electrolytic capacitor as previously described. That producing no results, look for a loose connection which should be going to ground—or a connection going to ground which doesn't belong there. Test tubes in audio and RF sections.

Problem: All received signals are distorted in quality.

Try: Looking to see if the loudspeaker is still intact-perhaps the paper cone has become torn or the speaker connections are loose. Check the tubes in the audio section of the rig, also all tubes in the IF circuits.

Problem: Sound from set has a "scratchy" quality, especially when volume is adjusted.

Try: Giving the volume control a few squirts of *Injectoral* Tuner Cleaner, or similar products.

Problem: Set "motorboats," that is, gives off a "putt-putt" sound from loudspeaker.

Try: Looking for an electrolytic capacitor going on the fritz.

Problem: Constant crackling sound from loudspeaker, usually accompanied by sharply fluctuating signal strength.

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Try: Look for a bad connection in the antenna or coaxial cable. Could be that one of the antenna elements is loose.

These ideas should solve many of the major complaints which you will come across in normal CB'ing, but there are other maintenance steps which you should take to keep the set perking along at an acceptable peak.

For instance, from time to time, remove the set from its cabinet and use a vacuum cleaner to clean out the dust. Remove all of the tubes and stick the vacuum cleaner nozzle into each tube socket, also into the plates of the tuning capacitor (be careful not to knock it against the capacitor plates so as to bend them). Shoot Tuner Cleaner fluid into all controls and into the relay. Do not do any fooling around with screwdriver adjustments on IF cans or anywhere else. Check beneath the set to see that all connections are still intact.

When you replace the tubes, be certain that they are all going back into their proper sockets. It might be a good idea to mark the appropriate tube type in grease pencil next to each socket.

### THE ANTENNA

Your ol' sky hook can cause you a lot more problems, if its neglected, than you might imagine—besides smothering your signal, it can cut into incoming signals and also make quite an awful racket in your receiver.

Periodic lowering and inspection of the antenna is always advisable, and should you live within a few miles of the sea, this inspection is mandatory at least once or twice a year. Salt corrosion can really put the whammy on your antenna.

When you get your antenna down, take it apart-that's right-I said *completely* dismantle it as if you had just taken it out of the carton! If you have trouble getting any of the screws or nuts and bolts apart (many manufacturers give you a fancy, non-rusting antenna for which they supply connecting hardware which rusts almost immediately), get a can of a product called *Liquid Wrench* and squirt it onto the stuck screws or nuts. *Liquid Wrench* is made by the Radiator Specialty Company of Charlotte, N. C. and it's sold in most hardware stores-it eats through rust and corrosion in nothing flat. Rusted bolts and parts are then easily taken apart.

With a fine sandpaper (or SOS soap padseven *Brillo*), give all of the antenna elements a going over to free them of oxidation, grit, grime, soot, salt, rust, etc. Don't forget that while antennas don't rust, they do corrode and oxidize eventually. Squirt some of your *Injectoral* tuner cleaning juice around the portion of the antenna where the coaxial cable is attached, then wipe thoroughly with a bath towel to get it clean. You might give the whole antenna a coat of

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### **RECENT ACTIONS OF THE FCC'S MONITORING SQUAD**

Seattle postal authorities, resorting to radio in an effort to trap a person suspected of using the mails for extortion, unexpectedly found themselves playing before an appreciative TV audience. The viewers, realizing that they were getting an unscheduled "live" show, hurried to the post office to see its climax. It did not materialize because the wary suspect failed to linger. Later investigation by engineers of the local FCC office determined that it was another case of inadequate frequency selectivity in local TV receivers. They picked up an adjacent Govemment frequency. It was suggested that the post office use a different frequency, one well removed from any TV channel serving the locality.

Three weeks of intermittent hoax radio messages reporting about vessels in "distress" on Chesapeake Bay were ended when the FCC Baltimore, Md., engineering office cooperated with other agencies concerned in tracing the calls to two teen-age boys operating an unlicensed transmitter on a pleasure boat. Many manhours of combined effort, including use of mobile units and a helicopter, were required to trace the fake alarms. The latter asked assistance for mythical boating accidents which, on several occasions, sent rescue vessels on fruitless missions. The boys -aged 13 and 14-even asked the Coast Guard for instructions about berthing an imaginary "U.S.S. HONOLULU." The boys were released in the custody of their parents pending possible further action.

Complaints of interference to TV reception in a California community were traced to a neighboring miniature auto speedway. Here it was found that the toy racing cars, electrically operated, were not keeping to their guided tracks as far as radiation was concerned. The operator was notified but failed to take steps to comply with the law on incidental radiation devices. The FCC had to institute formal proceedings. While en route to Cincinnati on a routine in-

While en route to Cincinnati on a routine inspection trip, an engineer from the FCC Detroit field office noticed that the driver of a car in back of him was taking an unusual interest in the FCC vehicle. When the other car finally drove by, the FCC engineer noted a citizens radio call sign and unit number displayed in the rear window. Aware of the many instances of illegal transfer of operating authority, the FCC engineer copied the identifications for later check. The driver, observing this activity via his rearview mirror, pulled off the road and motioned for

### by HANK MILTENBERG

the FCC car to stop. With QSL card in hand, he introduced himself. He became somewhat red-faced when the engineer produced his own identification card and asked for the usual license information. It developed that the other was using an authorized call. The chagrined operator returned to his car remarking: "I didn't know you guys also had road patrols!"

When a Russian jet airliner carrying 51 passengers made an unscheduled landing at Kennedy Airport, N. Y., for emergency refuelling, it was not known generally that the FCC had been tracking its flight by long-range direction finders for more than three hours after it swung away from its direct course to Havana, Cuba. The Commission's monitoring system participates routinely in air and sea emergency operations so that search and rescue craft can be speeded to distress scenes. FCC monitoring staticular emergency alert.

While roaming an amateur band, one "ham" heard an emergency call. It was very weak and suddenly left the air. However, he did note the call sign. Wanting to be of assistance, the amateur contacted the FCC watch officer in Washington, D.C. Identifying the call sign as that of an amateur in Lynn, Ind., the watch officer suggested that the Indiana highway patrol be notified. Result: The latter found the licensee and his family trapped inside their house trailer which had been overturned by high winds during a storm. All were rescued uninjured. The FCC received complaints from military

The FCC received complaints from military bases extending from New York to Georgia and Texas about obscene and venemous languageverbally and in Morse code-on the MARS (Military Amateur Radio Service) frequencies. FCC monitoring fixed the obnoxious transmissions as originating near Bridgeport, Ohio. They were then tracked to a particular house. There FBI agents arrested a 32-year-old man operating a home transmitter. Although he had threatened over the air to shoot anyone who came after him, he offered no resistance. He faces Federal prosecution for which conviction could bring a maximum penalty of two years in prison or a \$10,000 fine, or both. The FBI commended FCC monitoring for locating the offender.

A Naval officer at Annapolis, Md., while Listening in on his amateur set, heard a fellow "ham" report twin tornadoes striking Coldwater, Mich., before the call was disrupted. He alerted the

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FCC Baltimore field office which, in turn, got first word to the sheriff of the county in which the city was located. This enabled that official to take necessary actions. An Air Force base advised the FCC Philadel-

An Air Force base advised the FCC Philadelphia field office that it was receiving interference on a frequency used for job control and aircraft maintenance. When FCC investigative engineers arrived at the base, security control was so strict that each was assigned an escort. The first visit was fruitless because the offending signal was on only briefly. But on the second trip the FCC men were able to pin the cause on a transmitterreceiver previously okayed by commercial maintenance contractors. The base ordered replacement of the defective unit.

Engineers from the FCC Los Angeles district office were called upon to determine the cause of black and white dots on complainants' TV receivers in that city. Comparative signal strength measurements pointed to several local dwellings, but most of the occupants were reluctant to admit or talk to strangers. Eventually, with the aid of a portable TV receiver with rotatable dipole antenna, the annoying signals were traced to the home of one of the complainants. Under questioning, he revealed that he had a radio-controlled garage-door opener but insisted that it had been unplugged. Search revealed that the garage-door motor only had been disconnected while the associated radio receiver remained operative and radiated interference. It, too, was removed from service.

Radio station antennas are required to be

painted orange and white for easier air safety detection. However, an FCC engineer from the Detroit district office found one tower belonging to an industrial radio station in Michigan that was freshly painted bright yellow and blue. The licensee explained that the mast had needed repainting and that he had hired some traveling tower painters to do the job. When he questioned them about the colors they were using, they replied that they were painting according to the "newest standards." Told that the color scheme had not changed, the licensee agreed to have the tower rehued to conform with requirements.





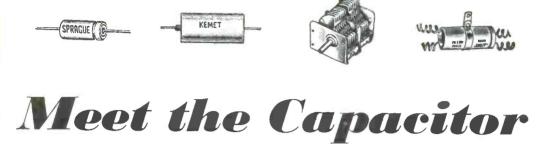
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### IF THE RELATIVE MERITS AND CHARACTERISTICS OF MICA, CERAMIC, AND PAPER CAPACITORS HAVE SEEMED A BIT OBSCURE, YOU'LL FIND IT WORTHWHILE TO READ THIS. THE CONSTRUCTION, CHARACTERISTICS, AND USES OF CAPACITORS ARE SET FORTH IN DETAIL.

In a previous article on components,<sup>1</sup> resistors of various types were discussed in detail to acquaint the CB'er with some of the varied manufactured types, their features and respective nomenclature systems. This article will cover the more familiar varieties of mica, ceramic, and paper capacitors that are most frequently used in low-voltage circuitry. An attempt has been made to introduce only those pertinent facts which will aid an experimenter in choosing the best possible capacitor for every normal application.

The physics of a capacitor or condenser-call it what you will-are well known. Any pair of electrical conductors having their surfaces relatively close together and separated by a dielectric (insulating) material forms a capacitor that will store electrical charge when a difference in potential is applied across them. When the conductors are in the form of parallel plates, close together and of large area, the capacity of the capacitor is given by the formula:

 $C = 2.25 \quad \frac{KA}{t} \quad 10^{-7} \text{ microfarads}$ where: K = Dilectric ConstantA = Area of one side of either plot

A = Area of one side of either plate, sq. in.

t = Spacing between plates, in. (1 microfarad =  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  Farads)

 $(1 \text{ microrarad} - 1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ Farads})$ 

This familiar equation shows that the capacity is directly proportional to the area and the dielectric constant and inversely proportional to the spacing between plates. The dielectric constant is defined as the ratio of the capacitance of a capacitor using a specific dielectric material to the capacitance of the same capacitor having a vacuum as the dielectric. Obviously, a capacitor may be increased in capacity either by decreasing the spacing or by increasing the area of the plates or the dielectric constant.

### TEMPERATURE AND VOLTAGE CHARACTERISTICS

Since space is of paramount importance in most electronic equipment, it would seem at first glance that capacitors might very well have minute spacings between plates to achieve large capacities in small "packages"; however, voltage breakdown possibilities between plates must be considered. To prevent voltage arcing between plates, any dielectric material must of necessity have good "dielectric strength" if small spacings and high capacities are to be achieved.

The actual materials used for dielectrics in practical fixed capacitors vary in dielectric constant from about 7 for mica to several thousand for certain ceramics. For the same physical dimensions, a high dielectric capacitor may have many hundred times the capacity of a mechanically similar mica unit, although the former may not maintain a constant capacity over wide ambient temperature changes. The "temperature coefficient of capacitance" or the change in capacity with temperature, generally becomes worse as the dielectric constant K increases.

There are some ceramic dielectrics containing the mineral rutile which exhibit certain useful temperature coefficients. These substances, when mixed in certain proportions, have negative temperature coefficients (capacity varies inversely

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<sup>1.</sup> Osmond, Gilbert, "Meet the Resistor," S9. October, 1965.

with the temperature) when K is larger than 21, zero when K = 21, and positive coefficients when K is less than 21. A coefficient is usually expressed as a certain number of parts per million parts per ° Centigrade (p/m/° C) in temperature and is preceded by a sign indicating positive or negative characteristic. Thus, a 100 micromicrofarad capacitor having a temperature coefficient of -220 parts/million/° C will decrease in capacity 0.022 micromicrofarads ( $\mu\mu$ f) per degree Centigrade increase in temperature, and vice versa. The calculation is done as follows:

$$\Delta C = \frac{100 \times 10^{-12} \times (-220)}{10^{6} \circ C} = -0.22 \times 10^{-12}$$
  
farads/° C = -0.22 \mu \mu f/° C

Such a capacitor might very well be used in some critically tuned circuit where a decrease in capacitance with increasing temperature is needed associated inductor due to heating of the wire.

Mica finds greatest use as a dielectric material when excellent capacitance stability over wide ranges of temperature is expected. In smaller capacity values, generally those under 200  $\mu\mu$ f, zero coefficient ceramic units are capable of performing equally well. Unfortunately, small size zero coefficient ceramic capacitors cannot readily be made having capacity values exceeding several hundred  $\mu\mu$ f, since they are essentially single layer capacitors while mica units invariably consist of many layers of alternate conductor plates and mica dielectric sheets.

#### POWER FACTORS

A perfect capacitor would hold a charge infinitely and thus would have zero per cent power factor. That is, the impressed AC voltage would lead the current through the capacitor by precisely 90°. In practice, however, this is not quite the case. Dielectrics are never absolutely perfect insulators, and further, some corona and leakage resistance effects are always present in varying degrees depending upon the types. A word of caution is in order concerning high quality capacitors of large capacity values. These items may hold a death-dealing charge for long periods of time, and care must be taken to prevent accidental contact with both plates or terminals unless they are first shorted together through a small current limiting resistor.

When using a capacitor in a VHF tuned circuit, it is most desirable to use one having the best possible power factor, i.e. the lowest in per cent, if high Q is to be maintained. At 1 megacycle, mica and certain ceramic capacitors have power factors of about 0.02% a figure which insures excellent circuit performance.

It should be mentioned that power factor worsens with increasing frequency, and that, at higher frequencies, increasing lead and contact resistances of the capacitor also tend to add additional circuit losses.

Ordinary mica capacitors are made by piling up alternate sheets of copper foil and mica, after which external leads are connected to the correct internal jumpers between sheets. By plating the sheets or the mica itself with a thin film of pure silver, the over-all resistance of the capacitor may be appreciably reduced with a noticeable gain in high frequency performance. These capacitors are known as "silver micas" and are available at extra cost. Ceramic condensers, on the other hand, are usually made by spraying silver paint on opposite sides of a ceramic dielectric, after which the silver is firmly bonded by firing at high temperatures. Thus, these components have inherently good power factor, excellent mechanical stability, and are also extremely suitable for very high frequency applications.

In the discussion which follows, mica and ceramic capacitors will be treated individually with emphasis on the selection of the correct type for an application. Some notes on paper capacitors will also be introduced.

### MICA CAPACITORS

Mica capacitors find use in circuits where a high order of stability is desired. Depending upon the quality of a particular capacitor, the temperature coefficient of capacitance will vary from about  $\pm 200$  parts/million/° C for the average good varieties to 0 to- 50 p/m/° C for the best available. The size increases very appreciably as the temperature coefficient requirements are tightened; however, this is common with ceramics as well. Long time capacitance stability of the mica capacitor appreciably betters as the temperature coefficient of capacitance is reduced, since the greater volume used tends to nullify temperature effects.



Small micas from 6,200  $\mu\mu$ f down are rated at 500 DC working volts, while those above have 300-volt ratings. These figures apply only to the small receiving types, since it is possible to obtain micas in larger cases for almost any working voltage desired. The voltage ratings for AC depend upon the frequency involved. A particular 1,000  $\mu\mu$ f mica capacitor rated at 10,000 volts at 1 kilocycle, for example, has a breakdown voltage of only 178 volts at 10 megacycles, a fact often overlooked.<sup>2</sup>

The minimum value generally available for micas is 5  $\mu\mu$ f while the maximum for small receiving types is 10,000  $\mu\mu$ f or 0.01  $\mu$ f. This wide range is sufficient to meet most r.f. and audio requirements; however, when smaller values are necessary, recourse to ceramics will provide capacity values down to 0.5  $\mu\mu$ f. Paper capacitors, not hermetically sealed, are made in values up to 0.25  $\mu$ f or so, with hermetically sealed papers, high quality oils and electrolytics going very much higher. It must be emphasized that these are only approximate ranges, inasmuch as new

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<sup>2.</sup> Terman, "Radio Engineers' Handbook," p. 126, McGraw Hill, N. Y.

developments in capacitors are constantly expanding the scope of each type.

Mica capacitors are therefore recommended whenever the circuit at hand requires a stable, high Q (or low-loss), component of comparatively close tolerance. Resonant circuits, time constant charging circuits, and critical coupling applications are typical examples. For non-critical by-pass and coupling usage, it is economically more advantageous to utilize the high-K ceramics or paper capacitors.

### CERAMIC CAPACITORS

Ceramic capacitors may be broken into two general types. There are those having comparatively low dielectric constants with correspondingly low capacities, and there are those having extremely high Ks.



The lower-K capacitors are ideal for all rigorous circuitry requirements, in particular those requiring temperature compensation. Ten different temperature coefficients of capacitance are usually manufactured in the small values from 0.75  $\mu\mu f$  to 300  $\mu\mu f$  or so, the number decreasing as the capacity increases. As with mica capacitors, it is difficult to obtain large capacities with zero temperature coefficient in small physical sizes, the maximum Joint-Army-Navy (JAN) zero coefficient component being 360 µµf in a 2"-long tubular case. The coefficients generally standardized upon range from + 100 through 0 to  $-750 \text{ p/m/}^{\circ}$  C, with cost decreasing in the same order. Tolerances for most range from 1 to 20% for values from 27 to 1,600 µµf. Smaller values have slightly looser tolerances due to the difficulties in measuring such minute capacities. Ceramics are available in all values cased in insulated bodies or in the form of uninsulated tubes

High-K capacitors provide the greatest capacities in the smallest space of all presently available receiving type capacitors. Although they suffer from poor temperature characteristics and are available only in comparatively poor tolerances, they are unexcelled for all general coupling and by-pass needs due to their lower cost and their small size. Capacitors of this type are available in the form of dime-size wafer-thin discs in values up to 10,000  $\mu\mu f$ . These capacitors are rated at 500 volts or so for DC. All low-K capacitors are rated at 500 volts DC. Both types must be "de-rated" in the same manner as micas when AC operation is contemplated at the higher frequencies. It should be mentioned that the high-K varieties are unsuitable for use in resonant circuits, since their stability is unpredictable and since tolerances are so wide by comparison to low-K versions that precise frequency control will be impossible.

### PAPER CAPACITORS

Paper capacitors are almost universally used when circuit requirements call for 10,000 µµf or more, since large micas are not available. In low cost equipments, they are often used in smaller values, although it appears that high-K ceramics will displace them in such usage. These components are made by rolling alternate strips of aluminum foil and specially treated chemically pure paper into tube-like shapes. The foil, when correctly brought out to two terminals, forms the plates which are separated by the dielectric paper. The assembly is packaged into paper or plastic tubes and rectangular cases, both types being very common. Better versions use two or three strips of one to two mil (1 mil = 1/1,000 mil)inch) paper bonded together as the dielectric. while inexpensive varieties depend upon but one layer of one mil material. As is usual in engineering work, a compromise must be made with size and relative security against voltage breakdown versus a smaller, less expensive component.



With one layer of paper dielectric, 200 volts DC is the order of working voltage, while twoand three-layer capacitors can be relied upon at higher working voltages. Irrespective of the number of layers, it is absolutely necessary to keep moisture from collecting in the pores of the paper dielectric. Water will destroy these capacitors in a very short time, hence the unusual precautions to keep the innards of these components absolutely dry. Unfortunately, it is almost impossible to keep moisture from creeping in along the space, minute as it may seem, between the flexible leads and the body of the case. In military and good commercial equipment, all paper capacitors are hermetically sealed in metal cases to guard against this danger. The familiar "bathtubs" are paper capacitors having almost indefinite life when properly used within their voltage and temperature ratings.

Tolerances on paper capacitors are generally poorer than micas and ceramics of the low-K type, since the thickness of the paper dielectric cannot be maintained constant with any degree of precision. The paper itself is a poor dielectric at any but audio frequencies, thus limiting these capacitors to by-pass and coupling circuits. As mentioned previously, maximum operating temperatures must not be exceeded, otherwise premature failures will certainly occur. But despite these disadvantages, paper capacitors are almost universally used and will be until a superior type is devised. When correctly chosen for the application at hand, they will be relatively troublefree. A 100% safety factor in working voltage rating is excellent assurance of long life dependability!



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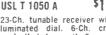
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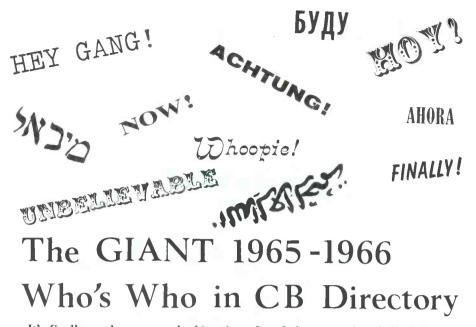


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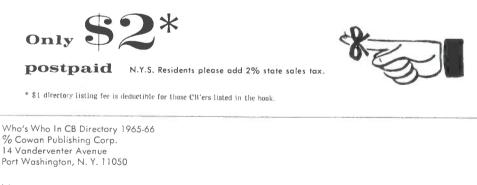
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### DON'T LAUGH AT THE LITTLE HAND HELD UNIT!

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(ON DUTY IN VIETNAM)

This is the story of a naval aviator, shot down in communist North Vietnam, and how he owes his life to a small hand-held, transistorized walkie-talkie.

"That's a handy piece of communications gear," said Townsend after his rescue. Coming from him, this could well be the classic understatement to come out of the Vietnam war.

Townsend, 27, of West Palm Beach, Florida, had just unloaded his bombs on a couple of bridges about 65 miles north of the 17th parallel in North Vietnam. He had turned his jet A4 Skyhawk toward home – the Seventh Fleet carrier USS Midway.

"Suddenly there was a terrific explosion and I could feel the aircraft going out of control," Townsend later told his debriefers. He was forced to eject and found himself drifting down onto a hillside deep in communist territory.

Beneath him were buildings and unfriendly forces. Above him circled two A1 Skyraiders his buddies from the Midway.

Townsend landed in thick grass which was as tall as the 6 foot 2 aviator. He knew he was on a hill, but could not see anything because of this thick grass.

He immediately shed his parachute and flight gear and began to move up the hill, but going was rough. Stopping to rest, he pulled out his walkie-talkie and attempted to establish contact with the Navy planes overhead.

He was told a rescue helicopter was on the way an dthat the propeller driven A1's would stay with him until he was safely on his way home.

"I talked on the radio every few minutes just to hear a friendly voice," Townsend said. "Sort of like having company."

Then he heard shouts and the sound of people moving through the undergrowth.

"See anybody coming up the hill?" Townsend anxiously asked his airborn shipmates. "Nope, not from here," came the reply.

"Well I can hear them. How about making a strafing run down this hill below where I am," Townsend asked.

"Roger," said the A1 pilot.

And so it went for an hour or so. Townsend calling for fire protection while he sat on the



hillside awaiting rescue with only his walkietalkie for company.

He then began to smell smoke and heard the unmistakable sound of fire moving through grass. "Is there a fire down there," he asked on his walkie-talkie.

"Sure is," came the reply.

Thinking that his would-be captors had started the fire in an attempt to smoke him out, Townsend asked hopefully, "Did you guys start that fire with your rockets?"

"Afraid so," was the curt though comforting answer from the pilot above. "And it appears to be coming your way."

At that point the downed aviator did not have time to voice his concern as he heard the "whop,

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Setting up emergency monitoring stations seems to be the current trend with public spirit minded CB clubs—what with HELP, REACT, and other emergency programs being established.

Want to see how easy it is to whip together an emergency monitoring station? It really is, you know. Here's a typical set up, just as might be established by your very own club. With it, the following bands may be monitored: "High Band" (152 to 173 mc/s), "Low Band" (30 to 50 mc/s), and the aircraft band (110 to 136 mc/s). All three sets are run from only one antenna, with a switch governing the set which is to be connected to the antenna.

On the roof we have one of the new Lafayette 40-0105 "Range Boost" antennas; this is a ground plane which has its ground radials cut for 30 to 50 mc/s and the radiating element doing double duty on both high band and low band by means of a matching transformer which makes it a quarter wave on low band and a colinear array on the high band-somehow or other the "midband" aircraft frequencies seem to also work out quite well, probably because of their proximity to the high band frequencies. A 50 ohm coaxial cable does a fine job of bringing the RF down to the receivers. Since the antenna is used for receiving only, there is no height restriction applicable from the FCC. This particular installation was atop two 6 foot lengths of steel pipe, topped off by two 5 foot lengths of aluminum tubing, 23 feet in all. masting is supported by standard TV antenna wall brackets. It should be noted that on the instruction sheet which comes packed with the antenna, the unit is referred to as a CB antenna-although it isn't listed as such in the Lafavette catalogue. We haven't tried it out on CB to see how it loads up.

Inside the shack we have a Regency Monitoradio MR-10 for high band, a Regency Flight Monitoradio AR-136 for aero, and a Lafayette HA-50 for low band-all three are top notch megacycle inhalers and we recommend each heartily. The tendency of some VHF monitor

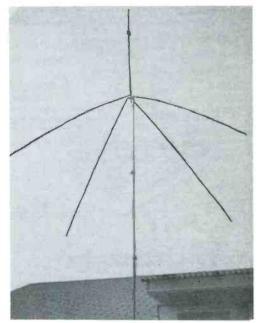
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by ROBERT McAIRE, KIC7608



receivers to have microphonics and to receive image signals has not been noted in any of these three particular receivers. Calibration, another weak point of some VHF monitor sets, is also quite accurate in these three units. Hallicrafters, Squires-Sanders and Hammarlund also produce nice VHF monitor gear.

The antenna inputs of all three sets are of the 50 ohm variety, with screw terminals, rather than SO-239 coaxial connectors. We ran all three sets to an International Crystal type 100-112 coaxial switch which has one input (for the antenna) and three outputs (one for each receiver). Actually, the local police station is so strong that an antenna was not really a necessity on either the high band or on the low band set (the sheriff uses this band in my area). The antenna is normally left hooked to the aircraft receiver,

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### FOR USE AT CB MONITORING STATIONS

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The following list is an unofficial roster of radio communications stations operated by the U.S. Weather Bureau. It has been compiled from several lists and for on-the-air monitoring reports. While every effort has been made to insure accuracy in this list, we do not guarantee that it is current and fully complete. If you have any corrections or additions to this list, please send them in to us.

These stations generally transmit weather forecasts to a central Weather Bureau office on a regular schedule. The stations on 2776 and  $6977\frac{1}{2}$  kc/s are hurricane stations running 250 watts, and these can usually he heard during severe weather disturbances in their areas. Most Weather Bureau stations will QSL correct reception reports of a self-addressed and stamped reply card is enclosed with your report.

Please remove this page and either place it on the wall of your shack or insert it in a three holed looseleaf notebook. Each month we will present similar listings of "utility" stations. To the best of our knowledge, listings such as these have never before appeared in a national publication.

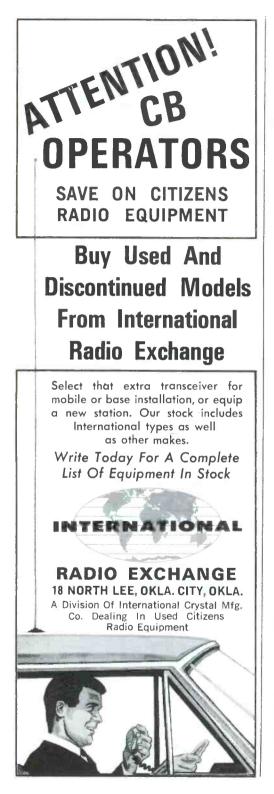
CALL	LOCATION	FREQS. (kc/s)
KAE41	Albuquerque, N.M.	
KAE42	Milton, Mass.	30020
KAE46	Athens, Ga.	2776
KAE49	Naples, Fla.	
KAE50	Strevell, Idaho	3352 1/2
KAE51	Nantucket, Mass.	2776
KCB45	Mt. Washington, N.H.	30340
KCB46	Mt. Washington, N.H.	5925
KCB47	Albany, N.Y.	
KCB48	Mt. Washington, N.H.	34020
KCB49	Boise, Idaho	
KCB50	Burrwood, La.	
KCB53	Lake Charles, La.	
KCB83	Boston, Mass.	
KCB85	Blairsville, Pa.	
KCB89	Blanding, Utah	
KCB91	Blanding, Utah	
KEB83	Boston, Mass.	69 95
KEB86	Cape Hatteras, N.C.	6977 1/ <b>2</b>
KEB87	Cape Hatteras, N.C.	2776
KEB88	Blanding, Utah	5925
KEB90	Blanding, Utah	<b>3</b> 402 1/ <b>2</b>
KEB91	8,	5925
KGD56	Burrwood, La.	
	New Orleans, La.	
KGD58	Annette Island, Alaska	

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KGD64	Athens, Ga.	6977 1/2
KGD65	Show Low, Ariz.	3367 1/2
KGD68		2776
KGD71	Missoula, Mont.	3367 1/2
KGD72	Washington, D.C.	6977 1/2
KGD74	Galveston, Tex.	0/// 1/2
KGD79	Gambrill State Park, M	d .
KID63	Oberlin, La.	
KID73	Portland, Me.	30340
KID74	Portland, Me.	34020
KID75	Nantucket, Mass.	6977 1/2
KID76	Green River, Utah	09// 1/2
KID78	Pittsburgh, Pa.	
KID81	Platinum, Alaska	
KKE44	Winslow, Ariz.	2267 1 (2
KKE79	Elko, Nev.	3367 1/2
KKE80	Mtn. Village, Alaska	3402 1/2
KKE82	Salmon, Idaho	2267 1 (2
KKE83	Norfolk, Va.	3367 1/2
KKE84	Moab, Utah	
KKE85	Corpus Christi, Tex.	
KKE86	Port Alexander, Alaska	
KKE87	Tatoosh Island, Wash.	3357 1/2
KKE88	Astoria, Oreg.	3357 1/2
KME57	Portland, Ore.	0007 172
KME60	Washington, D.C. (Insti	Engineering)
KOE20	Boise, Idaho	2852
KOE21	Grand Junction, Colo.	3402 1/2
KOE22	Roosevelt, Utah	0 10 1/2
KOE26	New Orleans, La.	6977 1/2
KOE27	Anchorage, Alaska	
KOE28	Barrow, Alaska	
KOE29	Boston, Mass.	
KOE30	St. Paul Island, Alaska	
KQC48	Pocatello, Idaho	
KSC43	Grand Junction, Colo.	5925
KSC44	Kalispell, Mont.	
KSC46	Seattle, Wash.	
KUP54	Owyhee, Nev.	3402 1/2
KUP55	Albany, N.Y.	
KUP60	Burrwood, La.	
KUP62	West Yellowstone	
KUP64	Owyhee, Nev.	
KWO35	New York, N.Y.	162.55 mc/s
KWO39	Chicago, Ill.	162.55 mc/s
KWO41	Cape Henry, Va.	2182
KWO44	Mauna Loa, Hawaii	

### Mobile Units

KC6209 Mobile Weather Station #1 KC6210 Washington, D.C. KC6211 Hilo, Hawaii KC6216 Boise, Idaho KC6217 Pendleton, Ore. KC6218 Missoula, Mont. KC6219 Portland, Ore. KC6220 Seattle, Wash. KC6222 Mobile Weather Station #2 2776 6977 1/2 KC6223 Hilo, Hawaii

## THE NO-HOOK SKY-HOOK

### A "FREE" SHORTWAVE AND BROADCAST ANTENNA

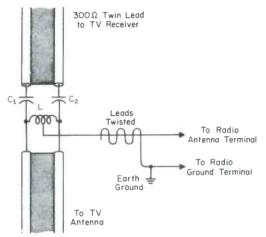
### by PETER DENDIN, 17W6366

Ever wish you could whip together a BIG receiving antenna without much effort? Here's a way to do it and also get yourself a whack at it by using your TV lead-in as a nice long wire antenna for your shortwave or broadcast receiver.

The circuit is constructed on a small square of phenolic or in a little plastic box –the parts are strictly junk box vintage and homebrow. For instance, the two capacitors,  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  can be anything from 20 to 50 mickey mikes (don't go over 50). These capacitors permit the TV signals to reach the idiot box, but the coil, L, forbids the TV signals from bouncing a long to the radio receiver antenna terminal ("A"), while permitting longer waves to pass through.

The coil is made from 40 turns of #22wire on a  $\frac{1}{2}$ " form. The center tap is a loop brought out at turn number 20. The coil is mounted on the phenolic square (or box, or whatever) by means of holes.

To prevent your radio from sending interference into the TV set, take a lead from the "ground" terminal (or chassis, if the radio receiver doesn't have a "G" terminal) and twist it along the anenna lead for a foot or so. The "G" terminal (or chassis) is



then grounded. Oh, don't fool around with this whole circuit with one of those chintzy little AC/DC sets-trying to ground the chassis could prove to be quite a hazard.

Anyway, all of the TV lead makes a really nifty antenna and can pull DX in for quite a distance on either shortwave or broadcast bands. This is *not* an antenna for *transmitting* CB signals, so don't bother trying it. It's fine for monitoring Channel 9 on a spare receiver though. The operation of the TV receiver should not be affected by this gadget.



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## THE SUPREAMP

### A 1 TUBE HIGH GAIN, LOW NOISE RECEIVER BOOSTER

by ROD HUDSON, 11Q5362

Did you ever think that your CB rig could use a little more zip in the receiving department? Ever wish you could extend your receiving coverage? Do those weak signals wash out into the background noise?

Watch the SUPREAMP reach its arm right through the noise, get an iron fisted grip on the signal and drop it into your rig. It does all of this with only 1 tube and a minimum of components, adding a high gain, low noise RF amplifier stage to your receiver.

The tube is the SUPREAMP is a 6DK6, it has an amplification factor rating of over 35that's compared with the rating of 20 through 24 for the tubes regularly used in the "front end" sections of many CB rigs. If "transconductance" ratings impress you, the 6DK6 is rated at micromhos; about 1800 higher than the "standard" front end CB tubes. So don't just sit there, let's get cracking and get it "on the air'

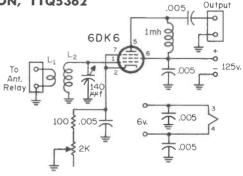
### CONSTRUCTION

I built this in a Bud #CU-3005-A Minibox. although any small chassis will make do rather well-keep the size about 3" x 4" x 5". Atop the box you will mount the following parts: the variable "peaking" capacitor, the "gain" pot, the tube socket and the 1 mh RF choke. Power for the SUPREAMP is lifted directly from the receiver section of your transceiverit's 125 volts, and 6 volts for the heaters. The drain is relatively low and most rigs should be able to handle the extra load.

The coils will require a 101/2 turn section of B&W 3015 Miniductor. Cut the wire (but not the insulation) at 3 turns and unwind 1/4 turn from each end of the resultant 3 turn coil. This is L1. For L2, unwind half a turn from the remaining larger coil. This will leave you with 61/2 turns for L2. Remember, do not cut the plastic insulating strips which are on the Miniductor as these will be left on to hold L1 and  $L_2$ 

Now you can heat up that trusty soldering gun. Solder a lead from the end of  $L_2$  (the end closest to L1, that is) to the rotor terminal of the capacitor. The opposite end gets a read running to the stator of the capacitor.

Next, mount a two terminal tie point connector on the left side of the chassis (just to the left of the capacitor/coil combination). Connect L<sub>1</sub> to this connector. This is the input



### PARTS LIST

- 140 uufd midget variable (Hammarlund 1 HF-140 or equiv.)
- 5 .005 ufd, 600 volt ceramic discs L1. 2 (see text)
- 1 mh choke (Miller 4559) 1
  - 100 ohm, 1/2 watt resistor
- 1 2K ohm, 1 watt potentiometer 1
- 6DK6 tube 1
- Misc: chassis, terminal strips, tube socket, wire, coax, etc.

side of the SUPREAMP and will be attached to the "receiver antenna" side of the antenna relay by means of a short length of coaxial cable.

A similar piece of coaxial cable between the capacitor at the output and another two terminal tie point mounted on the opposite side of the chassis. A second short length of coax is run from this point to the "receiver input" point, which was formerly connected to the antenna relay. Your SUPREAMP is now placed in series with the wire which was formerly running between the antenna relay to the receiver section of your rig.

With your power connections made to the transceiver, the SUPREAMP will turn on and off with the CB rig. Wiring for the remaining components isn't critical-if you follow the schematic, you shouldn't have any problems.

When you have the SUPREAMP completed, turn your rig to Channel 9 and peak the variable capacitor on the background noise or on a signal for maximum showing on the S-meter. Once peaked, it should not have to be adjusted again, regardless of the channel used.

This should pull in those weak ones for you! See the difference on your S-meter.



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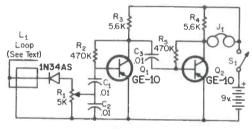
The folks at General Electric kindly furnished us with this article which they have designed with some of their low cost semiconductors. It can easily be constructed by even the most inexperienced builder and will provide you with an interesting and useful piece of communications gear.

If you are interested in additional simple projects of a similar nature, we suggest that you ask your local GE dealer to secure for you a copy of GE's new book entitled "Electronic Components Hobby Manual," GE catalogue number ETR-3960. The book sells for \$1.50 and is 200 pages of both theory and construction details on numerous devices.

Of all services using radio communications, perhaps none are more interesting to the casual listener than the VHF communications of commercial airliners. These brief, often cryptic transmissions between aircraft and the ground contain vital information and add much pleasure on a visit to the airport or while riding aboard a plane as a passenger.

The bulk of these communications between air traffic control, approach control, ground control and aircraft occupy frequencies between 110 and 135 megacycles. While airborne, not only signals from your own aircraft are received, but many times you can hear scanning radars and as many as five have been heard while cruising at 30,000 feet.

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### PARTS LIST

- C1, C2, C3-0.01-mfd, 50-volt (General Electric MPC-451)
- CR1-1N34A5 diode
- J1-Subminiature phone jack and plug
- L1-2 turns insulated copper wire
- Q1, Q2-GE-10 transistor
- R1—5000-ohm subminiature protentiometer (Philmore PC-52 or equivalent)
- R2-4700000-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor
- R3, R4-5600-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor
- R2-470000-ohm, ½-watt resistor
- S1-SPST switch (Part of R1)

Battery-9 volts, snap-on type with 2-pole clip

stages (GE-10) and received on a crystal earphone. The audio level is controlled by a miniature volume control and knob mounted on the box cover. Inexpensive transistors greatly simplify the receiver circuit, while no compromise is made in performance.

All components, except the earphone, are mounted in a 2%" x 2" x 1" plastic box.<sup>1</sup> The loop antenna consists of two turns of No. 24 AWG wire wound around the base of the box. This antenna length is not critical, the center top connects to the cathode of the 1N34AS diode. Holes through the box for the antenna

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JIM KYLE, KEG3382 % S9 MAGAZINE 14 VANDERVENTER AVE. PT. WASHINGTON, N. Y. 11050

Well, it looks like I've went and did it again! Stirred up a small hornet's nest, that is. Last time I made an unguarded comment without thinking (and without making my meaning crystal clear) it took three years for people to quit being mad at me. Maybe this time it won't be so bad.

What brings all this on is a line in last June's column that "the FCC has ruled that QSL cards as such are not legal"; now everybody wants to know "What!" and at least one QSL printer has written for more data.

So here's the full and complete bit on it; maybe this will help erase a little of the mud I may have inadvertently tossed at a harmless side of our radio activities.

The basic ruling is this: The Citizens' Radio Service, like all other radio services except commercial broadcast and ham radio, is subject the the "Secrecy of Communications" provision of the Communications Act. Most of us know this as "Section 605."

Section 605 says (to paraphrase broadly) that no one may divulge anything he hears on the radio to anyone else, nor may he act upon anything he hears, to his own benefit.

I doubt that many of us would question this provision of the law; the extension of this provision to ban QSL cards goes as follows (simple when it's pointed out, but not exactly obvious): When you mail a card to someone, you are *divulging* to any postal employe who may see the card at least *one* thing you heard on the radio. This one thing is the fact that the other guy was on the air!

Let me make it perfectly clear that the ruling did not, in fact, ban the cards themselves. What it *did* ban was the mailing of these cards in the classic postcard manner. To be completely honest, the ruling itself went on to add that if the cards were mailed in sealed envelopes by registered mail to be delivered to the addressee only, no possible violation of Section 605 could occur and they wouldn't have a bit of official objection to the practice.

Of course, the original purpose of the QSL card, as I said before, was to *acknowledge* a contact (usually over a notable distance); the contacts themselves are now frowned upon by the new rules, but we're not discussing operat

ing procedures at the moment. We're talking about QSL's and CBL's.

Quite early in the history of CB radio, the collecting of the cards (named CBL's almost immediately after the first one came off the press, by none other than our noted T.K.) became a hobby in itself. While in those original wide-open days, when the rules said nothing about working skip and Don Stoner could ask in a national publication "Who will be the first to work all states on C.B.?", the cards were serving the same purpose as the ham cards (confirmation of rare contacts), a large number of CBers who had no inclinations at all to work skip did become interested in trying to collect a *card* from every state. No contact required; the card was the total object.

And from this came our present custom of card-swapping. We at S9 encourage the practice, as witness our card-swap listing feature. So far as I know, nobody at the FCC is officially (or otherwise) against it. Any more, dedicated swappers don't even waste time trying to collect the cards on the air. Instead, they put listings in the magazines and club papers, and the card swap activity at any jamboree is something fierce. So far as the harried officials at the commission appear to be concerned, the more time CB'ers spend swapping CBL cards, the less time they'll be on the air.

So that's where we stand today. The card itself is legal as can be, and my original statement-especially when taken out of contextwas wrong. The use of the card for its original purpose has been held to be in violation of Section 605, unless you take great pains to make sure no one but the other licensee can possibly see the card until he gets it. Once he has it, he can publish it, since it's only you who are bound by 605 in this case (of course, it works both ways; for a two-way talk, each of you is bound by 605 insofar as what the other one said). And in case it is being used for its original confirmation purpose, you aren't worrying about being legal anyway.

I hope I didn't alarm too many of you, or (to use the words of one inquiry) "cast the stigma of illegality on such a harmless, wholesome and educational activity." Now let's get on with the regular questions, and see how long it is before

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#### When experience counts, it's S9 every time!

I insert pedal extremity into oral cavity and masticate well, again!

### THE POWERLESS PREAMP

Where does this circuit by Dick Turpin, KCF-2700, in the August issue get its power to operate? I tried it in a Courier and in an Olson Spotter 2, and it would not work in either one. How can I make it do what the article said? -K.H., Beverly, W. Va.

I only wish I could give you an answer to this one. I understand a lot of the rest of the gang are having trouble with this item too. Several years ago I put together a very similar circuit, actually by accident while clowning around. I had been playing with an ordinary one-transistor preamp and no matter what adjustments I made to it, it had about the same amount of gain. Finally, as a gag, I took out the battery and soldered a dead short across the battery terminals-and doggone if the thing didn't keep right on amplifying! I found it difficult to believe then, and I still do, but I had three other fellows check the thing out just to see if I had really blown mu top, and it did work. The best any of us could ever figure out as to where it was getting power was that it was rectifying a part of the audio coming in, and using the DC voltage developed by this action as a power source for amplifying the rest of the audio. The major difference between mu circuit and the one KCF-2700 had in August was that I used a large (as I remember, about 50 mfd) electrolutic capacitor in the output. If this change doesn't get some results, I would suggest adding a battery to the preamp. A single penlite cell ought to be enough to make it sit up and play real pretty.

### AUDIO (FOR LISTENING ONLY)

I am building a stereo using two 12-inch speakers and two 3-inch speakers for tweeters in conjunction with a BSR record player which is being fed into a 20-watt single-end amplifier. My problem is that I have no bass or treble control worked out, and also do I need a crossover network? Can you help? Will you send me what you have?

-H.M.M., Lake Butler, Fla.

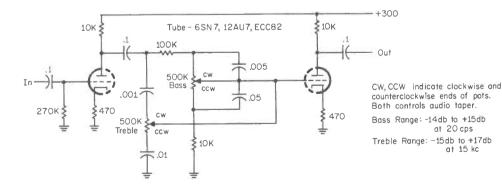
Well, this is supposed to be a CB magazine and column-but if nobody else minds branching off now and then, I dern sure don't mind either. Fact of the matter is that my major work these days (aside from the column) is deeply involved with digital computers, not with communications at all! And as I write this I'm listening to my new transistor hi-fi (mono) completed last night and now undergoing life tests before I put it in the cabinet. You don't say, but I assume your 20-watt amplifier is using tubes rather than transistors. For hass and treble control you have basically two choices; you can use a "losser" circuit, or a "feedback" control system. My preference, especially for beginners' use, is the losser. It's much easier to get working right. There's a schematic around here someplace. This circuit works at a nominal 1-volt signal level. If you're using a magnetic cartridge, the preamp should come before this circuit, and the main amp after. Purists might argue that you need a crossover, but I wouldn't invest any cash in one until trying the system barefooted. Just wire the 3-inch in parallel with the 12-inch. Normally the 3-incher won't accept power at the low frequencies, nor will the woofer at the high end. If it doesn't sound right this way, then add the crossover.

### TUNING A CRYSTAL SET

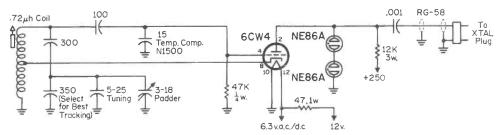
I own a Polycomm II with crystal receive. I seem to recall an article in some magazine telling how to make it tunable. I would appreciate it very much if you would let me know how to accomplish this.

### -R.R., Wantagh, N. Y.

Polytronics themselves make an accessory for the "N" and IIG transceivers which they call the Poly-Tuner, which does exactly this. It's a single-tube tunable oscillator which takes its power from the transceiver from the accessory plug on the back, and tunes the range from 16.4825 to 16.6125 Mc. Its output plugs into the rig's crystal (receive rock) socket. A schematic of this appears somewhere around here, but I don't really recommend that you try to build one. You'll note that the location of the tap on the coil is not specified, nor is the value of the fixed capacitor across the tuning capaci-



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Poly-Tuner Schematic (S-Meter Omitted)

tor specified precisely. Both would have to be determined by trial and error, so you'll be much better off to simply buy one of the units if you can locate one.

### A PAIR FOR OPENERS

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many S-units is a db (decibel) equal to? What is the general public reaction to the new Lafayette HB-400 transceiver? Thanks a lot. —T.P., Indian Orchard, Mass.

The fast answer to the first one is "It all depends on the S-meter"-but I assume you want a slightly more serious reply. By general convention, one S-unit is believed to be equal to 6 db, which in turn means twice as many microvolts are coming in. The trouble is that the S-unit system was originally a measurement "by ear"; S1 was what you were to report for a signal whose presence was "distinguishable with difficulty and often missed," while S9 was the report for "an extremely strong signal." This was many years ago, before S-meters even existed. When the meters came into use, designers attempted to make them read the same numbers people had been using, at least at first. Through the years, the meanings kept changing (in an upward direction), and today when you hear an S-report it makes you wonder. Seems as if an S9 signal today is the kind we used to report S1, and everything is in "db over 9." This situation is why my fast answer is "It all depends on the S-meter." Now to your second query (and I'll say before I begin to reply that the people at Lafayette have not influenced this answer in any way), it appears from here that this rig has in the relatively short time it's been around gained a reputation for outstanding audio. I put one through its paces the first month they were around, and received a "heard clearly" report by the grape-vine from a station some 50 miles away. Range of this sort is unheard of for a legal installation in my part of the country. I have heard occasional gripes about HB-400's failing to work properly when unpacked, but no more than I have heard on any other make of unit, and I attribute these gripes (for all makes) to the general attitude of most equipment users that "When all else fails, read the instruction book." Most problems are already solved, if one reads the instructions carefully.

### WILL CROSS-POLARIZATION WORK?

I am confused about antennas and their polarization. I've heard that vertically polarized antennas will not be able to receive a transmission from a horizontally polarized antenna and

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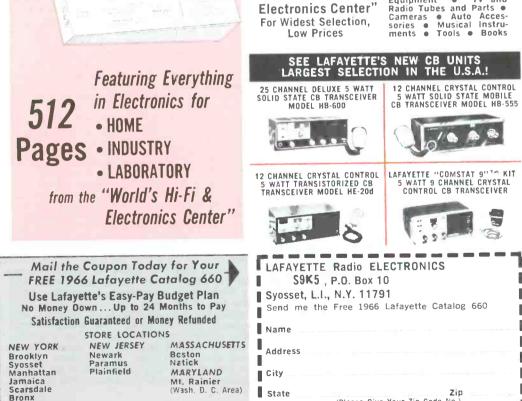
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vice versa. It doesn't seem to make any difference on a BCB radio. Could you explain this for me and all the other CB'ers?

-J.K., East Peoria, Illinois

You're not alone in your confusion on this point. If anyone reads the theory books, alone, and doesn't bother to check it out in practice, he will insist that it is not possible for a vertical transmission to be received on a horizontal antenna. But, as you point out, it doesn't seem to make any difference on a BCB radio. In fact, it makes very little difference anywhere in the spectrum below around 30 Mc, and doesn't get to be a real pressing problem until you're well into UHF. If it did, rabbit ears could never receive TV, since our TV transmis-sions are horizontal and rabbit ears come closer to being vertical than anything else. What happens is this: At the lower frequencies, where wavelengths are longer, the polarization gets twisted around very rapidly after leaving the transmitter. No matter what you transmit, by the time it reaches the receiver it's a mixture of vertical, horizontal, right circular, left circular, and a little of everything else as well. The lower the frequency, the more scrambled the polarization gets, so on BCB reception you'll never know the difference. By the time the frequency gets up to the 11-meter band, you can tell some difference, but in practice it's seldom more than about 6 db for us (roughly, one Sunit). In the TV region, the difference is more pronounced, and when you get into UHF, then you do in fact have situations in which you can put two different signals on the same frequency into the same space and still keep them separate by transmitting one vertical and the other horizontal. Does this just add to the confusion, or does it help a little?

### **PORTABLE OPERATION LEGAL?**

If you were licensed say in Rhode Island and you came down to Florida for a vacation and used your call letters, would that be a breach of regs? Would you have to change your call numbers to the Florida area, or would the ones you have be OK?

-R.E.M., U.S.S. Lexington, Pensacola, Fla.



So long as you were in Florida just on a vacation, and so far as I have been able to find out, you would simply use your original call letters even though they appeared to identify you as a Rhode Island station. However, you would also need to identify your location verbally, such as "This is KEG3382 on vacation in Pensacola, Florida," so that the FCC monitors would know your location. Under no circumstances would you, yourself, make any change in the assigned call; if your move to Florida were permanent rather than merely a visit, you would have to send for a new license with the new address on it. But so long as the FCC is able to reach you readily by sending mail to the address to which your license was issued, which would be the case if you were merely on a visit, you would have no need to change the records.

#### MORE CALL-SIGN QUESTIONS

Would you please tell me if there is any correct procedure for using the CB callsigns, according to the FCC? Some persons have told me that you are supposed to say three-threeeight-two, rather than thirty-three, eighty-two. Which do you think is correct?

-W.D.B., Spencerport, N. Y.

Well, for myself I always identify as "thirty-three-eightytwo", but I hear a lot of people doing it the other way too. So far as I know there is no prescribed manner of doing it, except that the identification must be in the English language and must include the entire assigned callsign (The K, the E, and the G, as well as the numbers, in my case). This is a definite difference between CB regulations and ham regulations; the hams have a strictly specified manner for identifying their stations, but our regulations are rather loose. In fact, they're almost identical to those of most of the commercial radio services, which assume that the operator is a serious person and not a muddleheaded experimenter who must be led by the hand through the proper method of identification. Personally, I take it as a compliment to the skill of our operators! (Before all the hams who are also CBers gripe at me for a possible slur, let me add that I hold a ham ticket tooand speaking for the moment as a ham I consider the extremely strict identification procedures prescribed there as a slur on the intelligence of all hams; blame the rules, boys, not me!)

Which brings us smack up against the end of the allotted space for another month, with a whole batch of unanswered questions still in the box. Right up on top is one entire group asking for more poop on beam antennas, with especial detail requested on the actual construction material and technique. Unless something goes wrong, I'll lead off with that discussion next time. Until then, I'll be looking forward to hearing *uour* question; send it to me c/o the address at the top of the column. And I'll CBing you...



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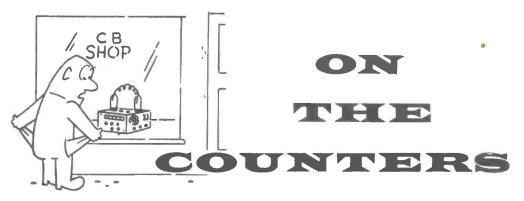
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Webster Manufacturing, 317 Roebling Rd., South San Francisco, Calif. passes along word of their new Webster A-85 CB/AM combination CB and broadcast band antenna for mobile use. It employs an encapsulated top-loading coil to achieve quarter-wave resonance with an SWR of 1.1 to 1. A signal divider, provided with the antenna, prevents the CB signals from leaking through into the broadcast receiver (you can use both rigs at the same time). Price is \$24.50, list.

Getting right on the ball for Christmas is Lafayette Radio, Dept. S9-K5, 111 Jericho Turnpike, Syosset, L. I. 11791. They have a unit called the Model GT-3 ARMY COM-MANDER CB WALKIE-TALKIE. Not "just a toy," the GT-3 is styled to look similar to the famous BC-611 walkie-talkie of World War II fame. It has 3 transistors, a separate earpiece and mike. You get about a quarter of a mile out of one. Price is \$11.50 each, or \$10.95 each for two or more. And say, did you get your copy of the new Lafayette catalogue? No? It's



free and they'll be happy to rush you one if you send a post card or QSL to the above address.



Master Mobile Mounts has introduced to the CB world the "New Dual Select-A-Battery" control system, designed to provide a complete two battery system that can be controlled from the driver's seat. It operates independently of the ignition switch, and will function in conjunction with either an alternator or generator system. Suggested retail price is \$28.95. Address is \$125 W. Jefferson Blvd., West Los Angeles, Calif. 90016.

Ron Nixon, P.O. Box 145, Yale, Mich. 48097, has come up with a nifty idea. He takes any QSL card, reduces, and prints it as a photographic postage stamp on perforated stock. Price is \$2 for a sheet of 50 "Mini-QSL's." He can also do a similar job on your CB license (he has dubbed these "Mini-Licenses"). Special low rates are in effect for clubs and quantity users. We have seen some of Ron's work and can recommend it highly. Good idea for Christmas gifts-take your buddy's QSL card and order him a sheet of Mini-QSL's.

Mosley Electronics, 4610 N. Lindbergh Blvd., Bridgeton, Mo. 63044 has some new CB antennas for you. First off we have the "Demon DA-27" mobile sky hook with an over-all length of only 17 inches. Construction is a flexible, durable, stainless steel whip, center loaded with an adjustment for peaking at any channel. SWR is 1.5 to 1 or better. The Demon is supplied with 24 feet of cable.

is supplied with 24 feet of cable. Next we have Mosley's "Dispatcher" base station antenna for business band use in the band of 27 through 50 mc/s. It's an economical % wave vertical which stands 20 feet tall for

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Mosley's other new addition is the "Deputy DP-27" mobile whip, a 44-inch beauty designed for roof top mounting. SWR is said to be 1.5 to 1 or better and they send along 24 feet of transmission line with the antenna.

Free brochures are available on all of the above.



The Sentry is a new CB rig from Pearce-Simpson, Inc., Box 800, Biscayne Annex, Miami, Fla. 33152 (note new 10-20). The Sentry was designed to compete in the new H.E.L.P. plan and offers the motorist both transistors and hybrid tubes in a 6 channel unit. Features include a superhet receiver, pre-set ANL, adjustable squelch. Weighing in at 7 pounds, the rig sells for-well we bet you guessed wrong-It goes for \$99.50! Want more details? Write to the manufacturer.

The "CB Distance Gainer" is a new product from Carroll Electronics, 3175 Barron Ave., Memphis, Tenn. Manufacturer says that this unit will increase the sensitivity of your CB receiver 80 times by means of a Nuvistor. The gain of the preselector can be raised from approximately 4 DB to 18 DB or more. depending on conditions. It is small enough to fit inside any CB rig and can be installed in about 30 minutes. Price is \$15, wired and fully tested (it's smaller than a penny match box).



Ever hear of a "Tunaverter?" It's a transistorized converter for home and mobile use and different models are available for the marine band, for the SW band from 14 to 18 mc/s, and for the 160, 80, 75, 40, 20, and 15 meter ham bands. Prices are \$19.95 (wired and tested) or, if you want a built-in BFO for CW reception. \$24.95. The manufacturer also has a Model TRP-50B all transistor modulator and power supply combo unit for ham transmitters up to 70 watts, and receivers using 12 volt power. Output is 500 volts 120 mils (100% modulated), 250 volts 100 mils, and 35 watts of audio (lo Z or carbon mikes). Price is \$98.50. Details on these and other products are available from Herbert Salch & Co., Woodsboro. Texas, 78393-and don't forget to tell them that you saw it in S9. By the way, you can order directly from the Salch people.



A new type of rechargeable power supply battery, designed as a lifetime replacement for the standard "D" cell has been brought out by the En-Power Company, P.O. Box 1526, San Mateo, Calif. Called "Ready-Charge," it's the same size as a "D" cell, it has a capacity of about a full ampere hour at the 10 hour rate. In lab tests, the batteries have been discharged and recharged thousands of times. Overnight connection to 110 volts restores the unit to a full charge. Suggested retail price is \$4.95 per battery.



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# Reports

#### **TESTING THE LAFAYETTE HB-600**

At the *least*, the HB-600 is a *major* breakthrough in CB communications. While there have been continuous series of improvements to CB transceivers they have been in the nature of improving what already existed, or as compensation for an existing deficiency—such as "spotting" on a continuously tuned receiver. The HB-600, however, takes a giant step forward with an RF noise blanker, a device which virtually eliminates all trace of the pops, clicks, buzzes and hash which often makes mobile operations an intolerable grind.

To start, the HB-600 is all solid-state, using silicon transistors which are less prone to heat caused changes in their characteristics. The receiver section utilizes a mechanical filter which results in almost interference free reception. In practical tests, interference from adjacent channel stations was almost non-existant; only stations located within a one or two block area or "spill" from overmodulation caused a trace of adjacent channel interference.

As with the transmitter, 25 switch selected channels are provided; the regular 23 plus two positions—labled A and B—for use when the HELP channels are authorized. If desired, the A and B channels can be used for "Business Band." While the Business Band requires a special license it offers the advantage of almost QRM-free conditions, and the user could therefore utilize a single modest priced transceiver for both Business Band and CB operations.

The exact function of the spare channels is user determined, just plug-in the appropriate crystals. For example, position A could be assigned to HELP with B used for the Business Band; thus, in a single transceiver all communications facilities within the 11 meter band can be utilized with a single purchase.

The receiver's sensitivity is ½ microvolt, with very high reserve audio gain and excellent audio quality. The squelch is also excellent as it does not go in sharply (either all on or all out). Rather, a broad adjustment of the squelch control "fades" the squelch in, allowing the user to keep a small bit of background noise (some operators like a bit of noise so they know the squelch isn't set too "hard," unable to release on weak signals).

It is in noise limiting where the HB-600 really sparkles. First, the HB-600 has a standard noise limiter which by itself is notably good; but there a user selected option which combines an RF noise blanker with the limiter, and noise becomes almost non-existant.

The noise blanker is a separate RF amplifier

which samples the 25 mc/s noise coming in the antenna lead. Since the noise at 25 mc/s is essentially the same as the noise at 27 mc/s the output of the 25 mc/s amplifier is representitive of the 27 mc/s noise going through the receiver. The 25 mc/s noise pulses are rectified and amplified so what comes out of the 25 mc/s amplifier is a DC pulse representing the noise pulse. This noise pulse is then applied to the receiver's first mixer, which is also a DC controlled gate. Whenever the DC pulse representing the noise is applied to the gate it is cut off, and no signal feeds through to the IF amplifier. Therefore, whenever a noise pulse enters the receiver the gate is closed and a "hole" is "punched" in the received signal. The result, *absolutely no noise*. All that's left under severe noise conditions is a slight steady hiss which is not annoying (similar to "tape hiss" on a budget tape recorder). In practical mobile tests, the HB-600 was able

In practical mobile tests, the HB-600 was able to receive weak signals with almost 100% intelligibility while other transceivers were effectively blocked by ignition noise.

While Lafayette only claims the silencer is effective against impulse noise we found it to be effective against other types of noise, such as flourescent lights, sewing machines and oil burners.

The transmitter also offers a top quality extra feature-range boost. The user selected range boost is a combination clipper and compressor delivering about a 6 db increase in talk power with an average voice. Modulation is very sharply limited to 100%. Over-all modulation quality is very good-sharp and crisp with lots of talk power.

The transmitter delivers a little over 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> watts output to a 50 ohm load. We found the factory tuning was on-the-button and required no changes when an antenna was connected. The S-meter doubles as a power output meter calibrated directly in watts. On our model the output meter was somewhat generous, indicating about 3<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> watts output when the actual output was slightly over 2<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> watts.

The power supply is designed for 110 VAC or 12 VDC. The supply's primary is "floating"-no common ground-and the HB-600 can be used in vehicles with either positive or negative battery grounding. Extra features include a multiposition mobile mounting bracket, a phone jack, PA operation and a 2nd harmonic TVI filter.

While just the noise silencer alone justifies the \$219.95 price tag, the HB-600's all-around outstanding performance justifies its being rated a "best buy."

#### THE WATERS CLIPREAMP

A CB accessory that has been gaining popularity is the Waters Model 372 Clipreamp, a

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solid-state (transistorized) device that is used as a speech amplifier and a clipper to legally increase the average voice-modulated power of the transmitter in order to obtain more effective voice communications. Through proper design, the Clipreamp provides this higher average power with negligible distortion and it shapes up the speech characteristics for maximum intelligibility.

It is a self-contained unit, powered by an internal battery. All you have to do to install it is to connect it between the microphone and the transmitter.

#### HOW IT WORKS

The nature of speech is such that the average volume (amplitude, or level) is quite a bit less than the *peak* amplitudes that intermittently occur at very short intervals during a train of voice sounds. The *peak* amplitudes during voice transmissions are what limit the maximum permissible microphone amplification that can be used with a transmitter without causing overmodulation, distortion or interfering splatter. Due to these restrictions and the speech characteristics, it then follows that the *average* voice power put out by the transmitter is relatively low.

In addition, the large peak amplitudes usually are produced by the lower-pitched (lowfrequency) voice sounds which contribute little to intelligibility. On the other hand, the higherpitched sounds are those needed to make speech understood, but unfortunately they have smaller amplitudes compared to the less needed low-frequency voice sounds, so due to the *peak* amplitude restrictions just mentioned, they are transmitted at relatively lower power levels.

A clipper increases the *average* power in relation to the *peak* power by limiting the amplitude of the strong voice components without cutting down the weaker ones. This allows you to use more speech amplification and thereby increase the *average* transmitted voice power without causing overmodulation. At the same time, the intelligence-bearing sounds also are relatively increased and you have more effective voice communications.

An inherent difficulty with clipping is that distortion can be created with it, particularly if excessive clipping is used; however, the Waters Clipreamp employs special filtering before and after clipping which, together with the use of proper operating levels, minimizes the possibility of noticeable distortion. The filtering also favors the most useful voice frequencies to further provide the best intelligibility.

#### INSTALLATION AND OPERATION

The Clipreamp is a neat looking unit that is housed in a tilt-up metal case 2%" H. x 3%" W. x 3%" L. A switch on the panel turns on the battery and places the Clipreamp in operation. When the switch is off, the Clipreamp is cut out of the mic circuit and the microphone is connected directly through to the transmitter. There also is a *clipping-level* con-

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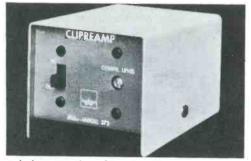
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trol that may be adjusted with a screw driver for the optimum amount of clipping without excessive distortion. Once this control is set, readjustment should not be required and since there is no knob on the control, you can't accidentally knock the setting out of kilter.

Inside of the unit is a mounting clip and clip-on leads for installation of a standard 9volt battery (Burgess 2U6, or equivalent-not supplied). On the rear of the unit is a strip with four screw-type terminals for the input and output connections, including the push-totalk circuits. Installation of the Clipreamp may be made without the necessity of extra wires or any soldering. To do this, you simply cut the mic cable in two at a short distance from the ends of the wires in each piece of the cut cable plugs instead, there are two %" diametype terminals according to the instructions, and you're all set to go. If you prefer to use cable plugs instead, there are two %" diameter holes already punched at the back for the installation of suitable jacks.

Adjustment simply involves talking into the microphone and setting the *clipping-level* control at the point that produces a noticeable increase in signal levels over that obtained with the Clipreamp switched out. Too much amplification and clipping can cause excessive distortion or inferior modulation, so to be legal, adjustment should be made by a holder of a 2nd Class Radio Operator's license.

Besides raising the average power and improving intelligibility, the Clipreamp holds the over-all volume relatively constant. so you can wander around the mic without having to always hold it close to your mouth. The Clipreamp also may be used to advantage with other audio devices such as p.a. systems. recorders, etc.. to maintain a high constant-volume voice level.<sup>1</sup>

The Waters Model 372 Clipreamp is priced at \$21.95, less battery. It is produced by Waters Manufacturing, Inc., Wayland, Mass. and is available from distributors and dealers throughout the U.S. and Canada.

<sup>1.</sup> Use of an external device, such as the Clipreamp with CB transmitters that already incorporate a speech clipper or compression (such as may be found in the Browning Eagle) may be of little advantage. Also, matching to transistorized gear most likely will present difficulties. Therefore, application in such cases is not recommended. Operation also is limited to high-impedance crystal dynamic microphones. It cannot be used with low-impedance carbon mics.



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#### COMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 14th, the Lincoln Trail CB'ers, Inc., will hold their 3rd Annual Hootenany, Moose Hall, Paris, III. Contact: Walter L. Jones, 221 N. Austin Street, Paris, III.

#### WESTERN

The Denver Metro CB Radio Club has elected the following new officers: President, Frank Chaney, KGC-0434; Vice President, Bud Fuller, KLE0978; Treasurer, Bill Ross, KGB0665 and Secretary, Herb Brown, 15W-1898.

It was learned that the skip was in during the emergency operations when Denver was flooding last June. Members of the Fresno CB Radio Club, Fresno, California, heard a good deal of the emergency operations during the periods of skip and through there own resources gathered up 58 large boxes of household goods, food and clothing which they sent to flood victims in the Denver Metropolitan area. This is the first time that I have heard of skip being other than a nuisance. The large shipment was transported from California to colorado free by the Ringby Truck Lines.

The Mountain Airs CB Radio Club of Colorado Springs once again enjoyed the hospitality, entertainment and door prizes at the Saturday Night Coffee Break with the Denver Metro CB Club.

A combination Practice Exercise and Demonstration was held by the Mountain Airs CB Radio Club incorporating all of their available search and rescue equipment to include an air drop. Visiting CB'ers and local news media took the opportunity to see what this organization was capable of doing in emergencies. In connection with their search and rescue program, the club is currently undergoing training in the Medical Self Help Program as administered by the Office of the clubs own members, Tom Leakey, KLE2818. When Tom took the instructors course a few weeks back he obtained the second highest score on the test for this area. The club is fortunate to have him as a member and special instructor.

Attention Eastern Slope CB'ers in the 15th Call Area. Please contact your Area Public Relations Editor. Clubs, would be clubs or individual CB'ers. Write to Paul Schonstrom, KLE2450, 720 Duclo Street, Manitou Springs, Colorado.

Springs, Colorado. Certificate of Appreciation: Utah Citizens Band Association, Salt Lake City Chapter, Inc. Received a certificate of appreciation for their participation in the Easter Seal Appeal. All those who contributed time, money and effort to this drive are to be commended and a hearty thanks to all. The certificate will be framed and will hang in the association meeting hall.

Weber County CB Association, Inc. Elects: A new up and going CB Organization that has just been Incorporated in the State of Utah is the Weber County CB Association... They have a Newspaper known as the W.C.R.A. Filter, news from this source will be forthcoming in the future each month.

forthcoming in the future each month. A new election at this activity resulted in the following officers for the coming year:

President, Lloyd Bute, KGC0443, 5263 South, 2050 West, Roy, Utah; Vice-President, Don Dutro, KGC-1930, 4497 South, 2075 West, Roy, Utah; Secretary, Darrell Orem, KGB1802, 4760 South, 2025 West, Roy,



A radio-dispatched reverend? The Rev. Tyson L. Hope of Windsor Park Presbyterian Church, Bradenton, Fla. has installed two CB units, one in his car and one in his home, so he can be reached whenever he is needed by his parishioners. Mrs. Hope, who doubles as church secretary, can reach him almost immediately if the need arises.

The minister is licensed by the FCC and has been issued the call letters KMP2581.

"Instant coffee, instant tea, and now instant preacher" laughed one church member. However it has been no joking matter when the pastor has been needed for church emergencies such as accompanying parents of sick children to the hospital or talking with potential suicides—and he can't be reached. A minister needs to be available to his membership when personal crises arise, and Mr. Hope has arranged to make this possible.

Mr. Hope has been interested in radio for some time, and was a radio man in the service. He has also been a supporter of the use of mass media by the church.

Utah: Treasurer, Roger Sorenson, KGC0492, 2457 North, 575 East, Ogden, Utah. CB Clubs in the State of Utah... namely, those of

CB Clubs in the State of Utah ... namely, those of Utah County, Weber County and Salt Lake County ... Any unknown active clubs please submit their club elections, information and club newspapers, each publication to APRE Junius H. Noyes, KLE0928, 52 South 1st West, American Fork, Utah for the Utah area.

Ist West, American Fork, Otan Hor the Otan Area. SIDEWINDER CB RADIO CLUB 10/20 Chanalake and Ridgecrest, California. Official request for assistance of the club to handle the necessary communications connected with the DESERT EMPIRE FAIR, 10/20, Ridgecrest. California was received by Mrs. Addie Suladie, KFA6269, Club Sec., and passed on to club members at the last meeting. This will be the 3rd consecutive year that the "SIDEWINDERS" have answered this call. This year it is planned that 10 teams of 2 units each will be necessary in order to handle the needs of "Parade line up," Ch. #11 will be used. The club welcomes any and all exchanges with other clubs plus direct letters and inquires to P.O. Box 5053, Chinalake, Calif. Zip 93556. MOUNTAIN AIRS CB Radio Club, 10/20 Kernville,

MOUNTAIN AIRS CB Radio Club, 10/20 Kernville, Calif. Nestled in the heart of the Greenhorn Mountains is the most friendly group of CB'ers that this A.P.R.E. has had the pleasure of contacting. This club has been organized since Feb., 1964. Dues are \$5.00 per year per family. Meetings are held twice monthly on the 2nd and 4th Saturday. Membership is wide spread, approximately 30, some of the members travel as far as 100 miles to attend meetings. Present officers are: President, Mary Looy, KFB0376; 1st Vice President, Tom Frazier, KFA1490; 2nd Vice President, Evert Beatty,

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KKX1728; Secretary, Jeanne Self, KFA7691; Treas-urer, Bill Klahn, KFA9467; Sgt. at Arms, Lou Self, KFA3052. The club is strictly social, monitors Channel #9 as contact and 10/33-they are willing to switch to another Channel for 10/73's and chit-chat.

#### ATLANTIC

Dateline: Oakline, Md. area

The Preston County CB Club, Inc. of Tunnelton. W. Va., held a very successful CB family picnic on August 8, 1965 at Herrington Manor State Park. A good time was had by all. Plenty of food on hand for everybody. The grand prize awarded during the afternoon was a new Hallicrafters Walkie-Talkie. Many other prizes were awarded all day.

Live musical entertainment highlighted the day of activities. This club recently became incorporated in the state of West Virginia. It is a growing club and was formed in 1962. They monitor channel 11 in this area of Tunnelton and Kingwood, W. Va. The main purpose of the club is to assist anyone in need of help.

They are currently engaged in a drive to "curb" the illegal use of walkie-talkies in their area. The Presi-dent of the club is Herschel Davis, Jr., KMI2172: Vice President, is Lonnie Shreves, KCF1308; Secretary-Treasurer is Patti Bucklew, KKI3960.

Anyone desiring more information on the club can write to: **Preston County CB Club**, P.O. Box 191, Tun-nelton, West Virginia. They meet the 4th Tuesday of the month.

The Winc .- Fred. County CB Radio Club is proud to report that it is now Incorporated and we have been assigned our own call sign, KMI2234. Also we recently had a membership drive and we are growing all the time. Charlie Whetzel, "The Snow Maker," KKI0651, received a 10 transistor radio for recruiting the most new members.

We are proud of our Operation Standby Emergency Truck and Operation Standby Committee headed by Ray Marcus, KCG1833: they are standing by and ready to help all of the time. They have already performed many services to the public along with the other mem-bers helping. We monitor channel 11,

Officers for the year 1965-66: President, Lee Holler, KCF1042: 1st Vice-President, John Kerns, KCF2243; 2nd Vice-President, Bill Schuller, FCG1468; Secretary, 2nd Vice-President, Bill Schuller, FCG1468: Secretary, Mrs. Andy Nethers, KKI3476: Assistant, Andy Nethers, KKI3476: Treasurer, Charlie Whetzel, KKI0651: As-sistant, Mrs. Whetzel, KKI0651: Chaplain, Kenny Un-ger, KKI2357: FCC Advisor, Jerrv Hand, KCG0275: Sgt. at Arms, Elmer Lauck, 4W2486. The Tri-County CB Radio Club, Inc. of Martinsburg, Pa. area recently held a very successful CB jamboree at Trough Creek State Park. There were displays of all types including an S9 Magazine display set up by APRE Dick Long of Cumberland, Md. Many nice prizes were awarded during the afternoon. Music provided

APRE Dick Long of Cumberland, Md. Many nice prizes were awarded during the afternoon. Music provided by the Patriots was the highlight of the afternoon. Lots of QSL cards were swapped! Plenty of refresh-ments were available. All types of recreational activi-ties were conducted. Trophies were awarded for special awards at the end of the day's activities.

They are already formulating plans for a bigger and better CB jamboree for next year. Watch this column for more on this one.

#### NORTHERN

Newly reporting is the Interstate Courtesy Ass'n, about 1 year old with about 50 members. The Ass'n hails from Delaware, Marvland and New Jersey and was formed to do just what the name implies, give communication assistance to anyone within its reaches. Communication assistance to anyone within its reaches. Officers include: President, William Dulin, KKG414; Vice President, Dave Petrucci, KKG4482; Secretary, Nancy Miller, KCC2165; Treasurer, Roy Kitchens, KKI-2623. Monthly meetings are held at U.A.U. Union Hall, Marshallton, Delaware, every 4th Sunday at 2 p.m. All interseted CRFree are welcomed

Marshallton, Delaware, every 4th Sunday at 2 p.m. All interested CB'ers are welcomed. The Pioneer Radio Citizens Band Ass'n wishes to thank all Radio Clubs and individual CB'ers from out-side the State as well as those in New York, who at-tended our Parade of Bands Jamboree, held on the 30th and 31st of May.

Since the Clubs only interest is raising funds to help retarded children, Our Motto is "We pave the way for Youth to follow." Many of you played a big part in making it a big success.

We hope to see all of you at our next Jamboree. We hope to make it as big and definitely as good as the last one was. Thank you all again.

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The Vienna Citizen Band Radio Club Inc., recently held Their elections and those elected for the year 1965 were: President, Bob Runion, KHG2492; Vice President, Bill Owens, KH16504; Secretary, Betty Martin, KHH16B4; Treasurer, Sue McCauley, KHJ6011. Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at the Wayside Parrish House on 30th St. in Vienna, W. Va. Any club wishing to correspond with us, our mailing address is P.O. Box 5144, Vienna, W. Va. We are now up to 46 members at the time of this writing and growing every month. Recently our members were entertained with a swimming party held at our local pool and a splashing good time was had by all. Several events are planned for the winter months and all CB'ers are invited to attend our meetings as the prime goal of our club is to become a centralized point for information resources and services for the Citizen Radio Licensee's in this area. It is intended that the point may be reached where any service required to be a Citizen Radio Licensee may be obtained from, provided at, or co-ordinated from this one central point. Here's looking farward to some correspondence from other clubs and we will try and answer all.

#### CENTRAL

First Jamboree Announcement of the Year-May 22, 1966, the Five Watt Wizards CB Club of Chillicothe, Missouri, will hold its Fourth Annual Jamboree at Pershing Park, Chillicothe. Put it on your CB event calendar now. The 1965 Jamboree was attended by over 400 CB'ers and the club hopes to push the attendance record to a new high next year.

DownRiver CB Club is in its fourth year. We have 96 members at this moment but by our next meeting this month it will probably reach its limit of 100. We hold our meetings on the second Sunday of the month at 7:30 p.m. There are two main projects each yeara picnic and a Christmas Dinner. At our picnic this year we had over 450 people and gave away over 60 prizes. We usually have an extra social gathering each month besides our regular meeting and board meeting.

The following is a list of our club officers: Dewey Harris, KHI9150, President; Chuck Koteks, KLM5797, st Vice-President ; John Kennedy, KLM3902, 2nd Vice-President: Mary Koteles, KLM5797, Secretary: Orville Austin, 19QA0110, Treasurer: Ken Malenfant, KIA-

Austin, 1962A0110, 1962A0110, 1962A0110, 1962A0110, 1962A0110, 1962A0110, 1962A0110, 1972A0110, 1972A01100, 1972A01100, 1 over this year their membership has now climed to 35 and new members are coming in all the time.

NOTICE: Any Missouri CB Club interested in joining with the Mo. State Citizens Band Club, please con-Hurless King, P.O. Box 525, Chillicothe. Mo. tact 64601. The newly organized State wide group is anxious to be in contact with all parts of the state. They have now held two well attended meetings and are planning their third meeting, Sept. 19 in Sedalia, Mo. Let's try and make this effort a success and get all CB clubs in Missouri allied with one another. The North Area Emergency Radio Team, again aided

the Boy Scouts of Clay County Missouri by providing communication and first aid for a 100-mile bicycle ride made by the boys to Weston, Missouri and back. The N.A.E.R.T. has provided a great community service to

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radios supplied by Demco Electronics of Bristol, Indiana. Not only will they be used to keep the caravan together, but will supply communications with the "outside" while camping in the remote areas to be visited. Their itinerary calls for visits in Nova Scotia, Maine, New Hampshire, New York and return.

It is expected that experiences of the trip will be used to promote the H.E.L.P. program initiated by the Automobile Manufacturers Association for a network of emergency CB communications.

Miss Farmer is an experienced leader of this type of touring by students, and success of her ventures has at-tracted the attention of a number of educators interested in similar educational tours.

all groups in the Clay county Missouri area this past five years and is one of the old timers in the K. C. area CB world. They recently began using and monitoring Ch. 12, and can be reached for emergency service 24 hrs.

On August 1, the CRYSTAL WIZARDS of Muskegon, Michigan held their monthly meeting at Slovak Hall. Guests were Gary Young, KNM9928, of Muskegon

Guests were Gary Young, KNM9928, of Muskegon Heights, and Pat Stevens, editorial assistant of the "Michigamme Trails."

Radios on display included a Webster transistor 5channel rig with exceptional compactness; and an all

Channel rig with exceptional compactness; and an all transistor Squires-Sanders 23-channel rig. Both were furnished by Electronic Distributors of Muskegon. Officers present: President, Doc Blood, KNM2473: Vice President, Ralph Hern, KLO2466; Director of Activities and Publicity, Orville Bluhm, KLN9961; Max Hern, 19Q1178 substituting for the usual Secretary-Treasurer: Refreshment Chairman, Levina Murdzia, and Health and Welfare Chairman, Dot KH13084: Blood, KNM2473.

S9 APRE Donald R. Shue, KKG4329, was recently appointed chairman of the Public Relations Committee for the York County, Pa., REACT. Sterling Tyson, for the York County, Pa., KEAUT. Stering Tyson, KKG4328, and Cliff Ramble, KKG3932, complete the committee Executive officers are Charles Rosier, Presi-dent: Larry Freed, Vice President: Robert Cook, Sec-retary; Erv Ness, Treasurer and James "Shorty" Wed-lock, Asst. Treasurer. Tyson also serves as Sergeant-at-Arms. Jack Strayer is Chairman of the Board of Directory Other hand mombars include Ed Muymont Directors. Other board members include Ed Mummert, Lew Klinedinst, and Elwood Lefever, York County REACT, Inc., monitors ch. 9, 24 hours a day. Mailing address is York County REACT, Inc., Post Office Box 324, York, Pennsylvania. Meetings are held the fourth

Sunday of each month at various meeting places. The York CB Assistance Club recently received its station license with the call-sign KMG2787, which will be used, in addition to the individual member's membership number, in all club activities. The club handled communications at the Pennsylvania State Firemen's Convention Parade to be held in September and will provide communications at the annual Halloween Parade in late October. The 1966 Jamboree is currently being planned under the chairmanship of George J. Chantiles, 3Q3211. The Jamboree, for next year, will take on a "new" look, in-as-much as it will be a CB

#### Is it time to renew your S9 subscription?

Electronics affair with CB companies and distributors as well as other companies dealing in electronic equipment will be invited to display their wares at the '66 Jamboree. The Jamboree plans, in addition to the above information, are coming along. York CB Assistance Club address is Post Office Box 814, York, Pa. The meetings are held the second Saturday of the month at Spurg's Drive In, 2266 S. Queen St. at 8 p.m.

Irvin Renoll, KCC0779, is serving as unit commander to the Pennsylvania Rangers. The Pennsylvania Rangers is an organization consisting of horses and their riders who serve the York County, Pa., area as a mounted rescue squad. Although a few years old, interest was renewed recently as a rescue unit. CB is used in their operations and the group has applied to the FCC for their own license. Other members who hold CB licenses are Charles H. Small, KCD1217 and Gary Paules, KCC2807. The Rangers do quite a bit of riding and hold mock rescue operations regularly. Their primary function is to enter areas where motorized vehicles are limited. This APRE has been invited to witness some of their activities.

On August 10th The Virginia Beach CB Club Inc. voted into office for the next term. the following officers: President, Joe Holloway, KKK2856; Vice-Presi-dent, James DeLong, KMK1859; Secretary, Catherine KCJ6128 and Treasurer, Thomas James, Winkler. KMM1670.

August 12th at the Norfolk CB Club meeting at Priest Electronics in Norfolk, Virginia, newly elected Civil Defense Co-Ordinator, Al Crane, asked that anyone interested in becoming active in this organization please contact him.

New members for TERRAC of Norfolk, Virginia this month are: Fran Poythress, KKK7454 ; Judy Bismark, KKP2521 ; Pat Click, KKD4493 ; Al Crutchley, KKK-6384; and Marshall DuBois, KDI0238.

Elected to fill the office of Vice-President of the Portsmouth CB Radio Club Inc. was Ernest Hawkins, KCJ4795. The club welcomed new members Guy Gas-kill, KKK2771 and Phillip Roddy, Jr., KMK1693. News of the Tidewater Virginia clubs is from APRE

Bob Smith, KKK6249.

My heartiest congratulations to fellow APRE John March, KCG2967 on his recent election to the Presidency of the Virginia State Citizens Band Radio Asso-ciation, Inc. We know that under his leadership the association will grow to be the best in the country

The recent fire on Bolivar Road served to point out how well CB Radio can be utilized to assist communications in a difficult situation. The fire was declared a disaster area by C.D. Director Bob Coulter. CB Com-munications were under the direction of Jim Cicirello. The area was ringed with mobile units at each inter-The area was ringed with moone units at each inter-section. Mobiles were used at the locations of ambu-lances and first aid teams. Portables were used as talk-ers for Police Chief Fiordo. Director Coulter, Mayor Gardner, and the Rescue Service. Channel 14 was cleared for only emergency traffic for over eight hours while CHare agained by measure measures between dewhile CB'ers assisted by passing messages between de-partments, directing traffic and tying together communications of fire departments, village police and state police. In addition to the ten or so regular C.D. radio communications people on the scene, many other CB'ers arrived to volunteer their time and equipment to assist with problems at the fire.

The Northern Berkshire Emergency Communications Club, Inc., Adams, Massachusetts, held its First CB Radio Jamboree at Anthony's Pond, West Road, on Sunday, August 29th.

About 600 CB'ers converged on the Jamboree site starting their migration to the area on Saturday afterstarting then migration to the area of balance work noon. Many units came directly from a New York Jamboree. Cars came from near and far with New York license plates predominant in the parking lot. The camping grounds were well filled. Some of the campers were still being guided into the area at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday morning. Albert Abraham, KKA3377, (Club Vice-Pres.) was up pretty late assisting Jamboree Control.

Very prominently parked for all to see, was the Emergency Truck and Searchlight Trailer owned and operated by the Jamboree sponsors. This vehicle has been used many, many times this Summer for emer-gency situations. Northern Berkshire Emergency Communications Club President, Bud Miller, KBC1831, has driven this unit many miles on its errands for the surfounding communities.

Present at the Jamboree was a CB lapel pin Engraver, a White Elephant Table, Attic Treasures booth,

Snack bar, and Refreshment stand. S9 had its display and subscription table for the convenience of CB'ers too! ! (S9 APRE, Mike La Versa, KKA4462, met loads of nice people all day.

THE BOWLING GREEN WARREN COUNTY CITI-ZENS BAND RADIO CLUB, INC. announces the election of officers and board of directors at the July 8, 1965 meeting.

New officers are: President, Wilson Stewart, KNJ-62; Vice President, Floyd Hazelrigg, KNJ0868; 2nd 4762:Vice President, Lewis Hire, Jr., KLK5650; Secretary-Treasurer, Hope Hayes, KLK4326. Members of the club recently aided the National

Campers and Hikers Association with communications at their 6th annual "Campvention" held at Beech Bend Park in Bowling Green, July 12 through 16.

On the night of August 27th, 1965 at approximately 2050 p.m., Lorain and Cuyahoga Counties were on a Tornado Alert standby. The Lorain County REACT Headquarters along with Cuyahoga County REACT Headquarters along with Cuyanoga County REACI Headquarters declared Channel 1 (One) as the State Emergency Channel and all traffic was asked to move ti another channel for other chit-chat. We did ex-perience winds of up to 60 miles per hour, large hail, lightning, and pouring rain for both counties. A funnel churd me gighted is Scatuler Ohio. Other whether cloud was sighted in Sandusky, Ohio. Other alerts went up for all of Ohio as well as Pennsylvania. Thanks to KHI1466, director, REACT Coordinator for Cuya-hoga County for the 10-5 messages to all units con-cerned standing by on channel 1 for that evening. Again we wish to thank the other local CB'ers who stayed off of channel I during the tornado alert. All REACT teams in the Ohio area were well prepared and ready to go at any time during the storm. Fortunately, all we had was the heavy rain and winds during the evening. All units were secured at approximately 2405 when the alert was over for Lorain and Cuyahoga Counties.

News of the REACT teams comes from : Jon G. Bat-

News of the REACT teams comes from: son G. Bar-ley, KH1466, S9 APRE for Ohio. All Kansas City, Missouri CB Clubs were called to a meeting with the K.C.P.D. for the purpose of setting up "Operation Barriet." The area CB'ers have been so helpful to the community the law enforcement agencies



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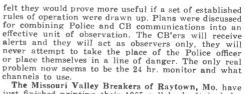
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The Missouri Valley Breakers of Raytown, Mo. have just finished printing their 1965 call book. It includes the names, 10-20 and call letters of Missouri CB'ers, and the club is interested in getting them into the hands of as many CB'ers in their locality as possible. This is the first call book of this area and much congratulations are in order for Dale Foster, KG13934 and Harold Gross, KG17138 for their long hours of work on this fine effort. Plans are being made for the 1966 Call Book and any interested advertisers as well as CB'ers who wish to be listed in the next edition should contact Dale Foster, P.O. Box 91, Belton, Missouri. If you live in Missouri let Dale know your name, call\_signal and 10-20.

The Sedalia Missouri CB Club is starting its drive for collecting goodies for the family they adopt each year for Christmas. It seems a bit early to be thinking about Christmas but the early start insures them of having everything collected by Christmas time. If you wish to be of help by giving them a hand contact Wright Rank, Herb Martin, John Heineman or Glen Hect of Sedalia, they will welcome your contribution.

The Tri-County Citizen's Band Radio Club, Inc., was first formed in November of 1962. Ray Dunkel of Martinsburg and Denver Shoenfelt of Roaring Spring called the operators from the two towns together hoping to form an organization to help each other and the communities. The meeting was held at the Eldon Inn in Roaring Spring with about twenty operators attending.

During the early days of the club it was known as the Cove CB Club. Later on operators from the Saxton and Broad Top area began to join and it was decided to change the name to the present one, Tri-County Citizen's Band Radio Club, which would take in parts of Blair, Bedford and Huntingdon Counties.



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Here it is gals! In our August issue, old "blue beard," Tom Kneitel, asked for any items about your club activities, weddings, births, or just plain CB gossip that might interest our readers. Well we've been swamped with mail from all over the country. We even got one from South America! We will print as many of these items as space permits.

We would like to start off by congratulating the following CB'ers on their recent marriages. They are:

Janice Strange, ex-KDH0958, and Pedro Seidemann, YY5P279; Janice and Pedro plan to make their home in Caracas, Venezuela.

Gail Hamlin, KKK0742, and Ron Lovern, KKK8094, who were married on April 9, plan to live in their hometown, Salem, Va.

Also from Virginia are John Broaddus and Georgia Johnson, KCJ7278; Don Callans and Barbara Lacy, KCI6595; David Jenkins and Stefanie Berroughs, KMK0518.

We wish you all much happiness and hope you will let us know of any more news out your way.

Congratulations are also in store for Ginger and Richard Gearheart, KKK6817, on the recent birth of their baby girl. Richard and Ginger are from Richmond, Va.

Darlene Augustine, KNH0674, of Junction City, Kan., sent us an interesting recipe for, "Popped Skip Cake," which she serves to her fellow CB'ers when having



#### by SUSAN HENRIKSEN

#### **Assistant Editor**

coffee and reading S9. She asked us to pass it along to you. We hope you enjoy it!

- 6 cups popped corn (skip flour)
- <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> cup salted peanuts (skip shells)
  - 1 cup shredded coconut (skip baking powder)
  - 1 cup syrup (skip eggs)
- 1 cup sugar (skip soda)
- 1/2 cup light cream (skip water)
- 1/8 tsp. salt (skip pepper)
- 1 tbls. butter (skip shortening)
- 1 tsp. vanilla (skip chocolate)

Combine popped corn, peanuts, and coconut in a large bowl. Blend syrup, sugar, cream and salt in sauce pan. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to a boil. Continue cooking, stirring occasionally, to a soft boil stage, when tested in very cold water. Remove from heat. Stir in butter and vanilla. Pour over popcorn mixture and mix thoroughly. Press into a buttered 10" tube cake pan. Let stand several hours or mix until firm enough to slice. You can put small candy gumdrops on top of cake for decorating.

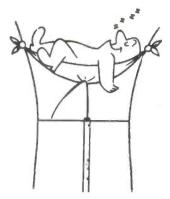
Starting next month, and each month thereafter, we plan to have a special feature describing the activities of a YL club or individual. If you are interested in leting others know about yourself or your club, or if you know of someone you think deserves recognition, send us a short description of the person or club activities.

Till next month . . . Suzie.

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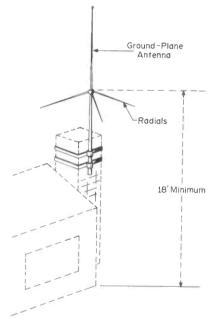


ANTENNAS

by LEN BUCKWALTER, KBA4480

#### HOW HIGH IS GROUND?

There are plenty of razzle-dazzle antennas to choose from nowadays. But for some reason the good old ground plane for base operation still has its share of supporters. One guess about its popularity: it does a fairly good job and is cheap. But like betel nuts and model airplane glue, its got to be used correctly for maximum benefit.



As most antenna-watchers already know, a basic antenna measures one-half wavelength--18 feet in CB. But it is also possible to make the earth act as 9 feet of this length. Thus a quarter-wave antenna-9 feet-just above the earth acts for all the world like it's 18 feet long.

But planting a 9-foot whip on the ground doesn't permit radiation to clear obstacles. And, as one antenna wizard once said: "It's easier to raise the ground than to lower the hills." This explains why the ground-plane antenna has a 9-foot vertical with a skirt of radial wires spreading outward at the bottom. Those radials simulate the effect of earth ground-only now it can be any height. Or can it?

In a typical ground-plane antenna, radials are also 9 feet long. Thus vertical whip and radials bring the antenna back to 18 feet long, the basic half-wave. Several radials are needed to keep the antenna pattern from becoming hopelessly warped. Now for the kicker.

Although the ground plane creates the equivalent patch of earth, it must be *above* the earth to do this. Trouble is that real ground (earth) and artificial ground (radials) begin to interact when in close proximity. This can be avoided by mounting the ground-plane antenna at least one-half wavelength-which is 18 feet -above earth ground. At this height (or higher) the radials provide a fine ground path required by the signal-and eliminate a trip through actual ground, which generally produce losses.

#### GO FLY A KITE

Shortwave listeners today have it all knocked up. Just toss out a piece of wire for an antenna and chances are signals will come pouring in. But it wasn't always that easy. The log of the world's first shortwave listener tells why. Unlike today's armchair adventurer, he ran into antenna problems that boggle the imagination. He proved that shortwave listening, at least during its early days, was no place for fat cats or the faint hearted.

First he selected a place to do his listening; not in a home-like a table in the bedroombut a favorable location on the east coast of North America. His goal, like that of many of today's shortwave listeners, was to snare a European station. But the monitoring point had to meet strict requirements, mainly that it be on a cliff more than 100 feet high and that it overlook the ocean. After scanning a map, the most likely region seemed to be that curving arm of land jutting out from Massachusetts-Cape Cod. And the most likely point appeared to be a place called Highland Light. It stood on a bank 125 feet above the ocean.

But the natives in the area would have none of it. Since no-one at the time had any inkling of what shortwave listening meant, they shooed away him and his new-fangled receiving contraption.

Two other incidents suggest what people thought of shortwave way back when. One

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quaint lady complained that the waves made her feet itch. In a more serious case, a man burst into a radio shack waving a revolver in the direction of the operator. Radio waves, he claimed, were causing him sharp internal pains. Fortunately the operator remained calm and offered the man a cure. If he would submit to an "electrical innoculation," this would produce immunity from the waves for the rest of his life. But to receive the innoculation, the man first had to remove all metal from his personincluding the revolver, of course. The ailing man then submitted to the treatment-a rousing electrical shock. But he went away contented, apparently cured.

Now back to our pioneer shortwave listener. After the fiasco at Highland Light, he located a lonely spot near South Wellfleet on Cape Cod. It seemed the perfect antenna site-situated on a high bank overlooking the sea with no obstructions toward Europe. To insure success there was to be a mighty antenna installation. No less than twenty masts were erected, each 200 feet high. Each mast was fashioned from 100-foot lengths of pine lashed together. But not long after the installation was completed catastrophe struck. During a howling gale the complete antenna system was wiped out as if it had been constructed of matchsticks. One man narrowly averted disaster as one of the huge masts came crashing through the roof of the shack.

Our intrepid shortwave listener, however, was more determined than ever to hear Europe. As the ruins on Cape Cod were being repaired (and you can still see them today at South Wellfleet) he journeyed northward to Newfoundland in search of another favorable listening point. He found it on a craggy plateau overlooking the sea, a place quite appropriately called Signal Hill (so-named for signalling ships by flags or lights, not by radio).

In the interests of speed, no antenna farm was erected, like the one just lost at the Cape. The anntena was to be raised by means of a kite or gas-filled balloon. Cylinders of hydrogen inflated balloons some 14 feet in diameter –large enough to loft an antenna wire weighing ten pounds. Again Nature played tricks. The first balloon escaped. The second one was seized by a gale-force wind, snapped its tether and disappeared out at sea. Next, the kites were brought out.

The scene began to resemble a Karloff movie: a stormy Atlantic raged nearby, wind howled around the shack, icy rain struck the face of the kite-fliers. But the kite surged upward and carried 600 feet of antenna wire with it. At exactly 12:30 in the afternoon, our man listened intently. What he heard were three sharp clicks. Over the next hour the triple clicks were heard to repeat some 25 times. Thrilling shortwave listening?

You bet it was. For this rugged shortwave listener was hearing the letter "S" transmitted over 2.000 miles from England—in the first successful reception of shortwave signals. The year: 1901. The man, world's first true shortwave listener and champion antenna raiser: Guglielmo Marconi.

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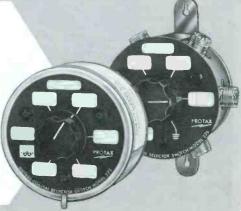
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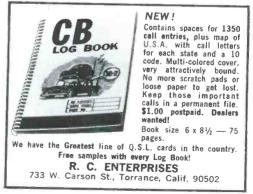
CFRX, Toronto, Ont., 6070 kc/s at 0645 EST; Voice of America Relay, Monrovia, Liberia, on 7135 kc/s at 1700 EST; Windward Island BC Service, St. Georges, Grenada, on 3280 kc/s at 1715 EST.

Ronald Boisvert, Manchester, N. H. hears Radio Kiev, U.S.S.R., Monday and Thursdays to North America, on 9660, 9680, 9810, 11790 kc/s at 2030 EST. Also Radio Ankara, Turkey, at 1800 EST on 15165 kc/s.

Shack photo this month comes from Dave Lund of radio station KSCI, Sioux City, Iowa. From the cards on the wall, we can see that Dave has been twirling the dials for many-ayear (he's got an ancient Radio & TV News Magazine monitor card-something we haven't seen since about 1950). Dave says to listen for HCJB, Quito, Ecuador, at 0200 EST on 9745 kc/s; Radio Japan at 0700, 0800, 0900, 1000, 1100, 1200 EST on 9505, 9740, and 11815 kc/s; Radio New Zealand, at 0100 to 0345 on 9540 kc/s and also 1500 to 0045 on 11780 kc/s; and finally Radio Sweden, 15195 kc/s from 0900 to 0930 EST. Dave uses an SX-99 to bring them in, although the set in the photo is an S-40-he's an announcer at KSCJ. Hope we hear more from him.

And what about you? Have we received a report and photo of your shack? Que pasa, baby?





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#### BEST BETS FOR LISTENERS ON THE DX BANDS by RICK SLATTERY

Just as we promised you last month, this issue starts off our exclusive monthly listings of "unlisted" shortwave stations—stations which are often reported, but about which information is rare. This month's stations, of the U.S. Weather Bureau, are nice DX catches and most of them will QSL correct reports if you send them a stamped, self-addressed, reply card for them to sign and return to you.

We suggest that you start a DX guidebook with these S9 monthly rosters. Just cut the page with the listing out of S9 and insert it in a notebook. Be sure to spread the word of these lists among your DX friends.

Harry Nechetsky, KKP2504, Valpariso, Fla. passes along news of hearing stations ZNS, Nassau, Bahamas, on 1540 kc/s. Harry hears ZNS over WOKJ (1550 kc/s) and WBSR (1540 kc/s). He says to look for PJB, "Trans World Radio," Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles, on 800 kc/s. Try for it from 2100 until sign off at 0000 EST. Radio CMCA, Havana, Cuba, heard at Harry's 10-20 with English programs from 2300 to 0000 EST (they aren't in the clear until a Central American on 832 kc/s shuts down). Also look for XEG, Monterrey, N. L., Mexico, on 1050 kc/s with 100 kw. On shortwaves, Harry netted Madrid on 6130 kc/s at 1900 to 0400 EST; Voice of The West, Lisbon, Portugal, on 6185 kc/s, at 2200 EST.

Jim Burton III, Staunton, Va., to look for VLN25, a radiotelephone station in Sydney, Australia, on 10420 kc/s at 0915 EST. They don't have a regular schedule but will QSL if you write to Overseas Radio Terminal, 3rd Floor, G.P.O., Sydney, Australia.

A schedule from the Ghana Broadcasting Corp. was forwarded to us by Dick Clogston, KKA4210, Starks, Me. They have English to North America at 2330 to 0030 on 6110 kc/s, 1600 to 1700 on 9760 and 11800 kc/s (all



Here's a rare photo. It's the two 240 foot high transmitting masts used by the unlicensed "Radio America's" on Swan Island in the Caribbean. The station, which operates on 1160 and 6000 kc/s has been a thorn in Fidel's side for a few years now. So far as we know, this is one of the few photos ever taken at the station—since Swan Island is "off limits" to everyone.

times EST).

Brad Connors, Chevy Chase, Md., says to look for the following: TIHBG, *Radio Reloj*, San Jose, C. R. at 0700 EST on 6210 kc/s; *Radio Belize*, British Honduras, on 300 kc/s at 2200 EST; *Radio Santa Fe*, Bogota, Colombia, on 4965 kc/s at 0000 EST; XEWW, *La Voz de Antigua*, Mexico City, Mexico, on 6115 kc/s at 2300 to 0100 EST.

Bill and Danni Marple sent in an extensive report, from which we have selected the following tidbits: Korean Broadcasting System, 9640 kc/s at 0813 EST; Radio Switzerland, 9535 kc/s at 0144 EST; Radio Berlin International, on 9770 kc/s at 0345 EST; Radio Presidente Balmaceda, on 9600 kc/s, at 0130 EST.

Steve Jones, KLO0519, Lawrenceburg, Ky., says that good catches to look for include:

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# "THERE WAS A CB'ER ... "

by WILLIAM HAYMON, KBG5891 🙎

There was a CB'er from Tulsa Whose rig gave him more than one ulcer, He got S9, now he's fine, And he says, "It's not dull, sir!"

There was a CB'er from Rockaway Whose station couldn't reach a block away, Now it's 50-over-9 'cause he subscribed to S9, And for 50 miles he can yak-yak away.

There was a young man named Chaim Whose antenna was bent all the time, He subscribed to S9, now it's straight as a line, And he's getting out better than I'm.

There was a CB'er named McGorce Whose wife had a face like a horse, Now he always reads S9; he even drinks wine, But she's still just as ugly, of course!

There was a CB'er, St. Nicholas Whose signal was pretty redic-ilus, With S9 in the sled, he now knocks 'em dead, And his ''Ho-ho's'' on the air do tickle us!

If you think that these limericks are crazy We hope that you won't be lazy, Five dollars in time will get you S9, For 12 issues fresh as a daisy!

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• Licenses revoked:

KLJ2298, William Stynen, Chicago, Ill., for failing to respond to official communications.

KKK5050, Billy K. McIntyre, Asheboro, N. C., for failing to respond to official communications.

19QA0086, John C. Morrow, Kalamazoo, Mich., for failing to respond to official communications.

KDD9787, Lawrence W. Frazier, Nashville, Tenn., for failing to respond to official communications.

11Q0752, Costa Mesa Welding Supply, Costa Mesa, Calif., for failing to reply to official communications.

KBA8374, John T. Megas, Winter Harbor, Me., for repeated violations of rules by failing to reply to official communications, for the use of nonpermissible communications, for failure to limit communications with other stations with other radio stations to five consecutive minutes, failure to address communications to specific radio stations within the direct groundwave coverage of his station, and failure to identify station.

• The operators of the following stations were asked to show cause why their licenses should not be revoked:

KEE1886, Clint Leone, Nederland, Texas, for repeated violations of antenna height and maximum power limitations.

KAI3704, Emery J. Stanchin, Pleasure Ridge Park, Ky., for failing to reply to official communications requesting licensee to furnish certain information.

KFA2238, Betty Johnson, Compton, Calif., failing to reply to official communications.

KIC7185, John R. Benchoff, Blue Ridge Summit, Pa., for failing to reply to official communications.

KLP7387, R. B. Nelson Co., Rochester, N. Y.,

for failing to reply to official communications. KH15408, John J. Rowell, Lansing, Mich., for

failing to reply to official communications.

KHD9016, Marjorie Wishner, Milwaukee, Wisc., for operating with power in excess of maximum authorized, in willful violation of rules against transmitting communications concerning obscene, indecent or profane language; for failing to maintain control of station.

KAL0118, Charles W. Carnes, Dansville, N. Y., for repeated violations of Section 1.89 of the rules and by failing to reply to official communications requesting licensee to furnish certain information.

• The following, unfortunately, received notices of a \$200 monetary forfeiture:

KMM3091, E. E. Parks, Birmingham, Ala., for repeated and willful violations of the rules regarding failure to identify station and the use of nonpermissible communications.

KLA4751, William F. Weber, Fresno, Calif., for repeated and willful violations of the rules by failing to identify station and use of nonpermissible communications.

• These operators were notified that they owed the government \$100 for rule violations:

KLI0304, Robert G. Sechrest, Birch Tree, Mo., for repeated and willful violations of rules regarding use of nonpermissible communications.

KKM8382, Billy Ben Bradshaw, Calera, Ala., for repeated and willful violations of rules by use of station for communicating over 150 miles.

• On a happier note, this CB'er had a \$200 monetary forfeiture reduced to \$100:

KKA8943, Grandville W. Davis, McKinley, Me.

• This CB'er was even fortunate enough to get the FCC to chop his \$200 down to only \$50:

KKM7750, Wayne M. Graham, Atlanta, Ga.

• On another happy note, these operators had \$100 monetary forfeitures reduced to \$25:

KKA1432, Francis R. Copeland, Ellsworth Me.

KLP5586, B&L Furniture, Rochester, N. Y. KDI1946, John Hendry, Hialeah, Fla.

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KBE0110, Elden Colbeth, Swans Island, Me. KKR5520, William G. Barnes, Saraland, Ala.

• These operators had FCC actions against them either dismissed or set aside:

KFA0767, Alice Mitchell, Ontario, Calif., show cause proceeding dismissed. Her license was cancelled.

KLA4482, Louie B. Standberry, Berkeley, Calif., show cause order set aside because licensee had responded to the FCC's communications prior to issuance of the show cause order.

KBA8604, Langlois Trucking, Cape Elizabeth, Me., show cause order dismissed because licensee has taken corrective measures to preclude a recurrence of the violations which brought on the original order.

KFA3127, Alpha Baker, Jr., South Gate, Calif., show cause order dismissed because licensee has settled his liability with a monetary forfeiture and has taken corrective measures to preclude a recurrence of the original violations.

KKA6690, Gerard V. Goodwin; Franklin, Me., show cause order dismissed—same reason as KFA3127.

• In other FCC actions involving CB'ers, the FCC:

Requested that William Ray Wilson, KCF-1516, of Glen Burnie, Md., notify them in writing whether he desires to appear at a formal hearing to present evidence with regard to the allegations of violations in his show cause order, or whether he elects to waive such hearing and submit a statement in explanation of the alleged violations.

Granted petition by Val-Eyre, Brownsville, Tex., for reconsideration of a March 26th order which revoked its license for station KEE3849. In granting the petition, it set aside the revocation order. Licensee has taken corrective measures to preclude a recurrence of the original violations.

Stayed license revocation of KLK7610, Floyd O. Whitcomb, Davenport, Iowa, until February 7, 1966, unless set aside or affirmed by subsequent order.

Denied request for reconsideration of revocation notice which was submitted by Arnell M. Thurman, ex-KKM2576, of College Park, Ga. It was determined that his present request did not set forth any relevant fact not previously considered.

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aluminum paint to try and slow down weathering effects—but be careful not to get any of the paint on the plastic insulating material which is found on CB antennas.

If your coaxial cable is connected to the antenna by means of a PL-259 connector, snip off the old connector and install a new one. If your cable is attached to screw terminals, then cut the cable down an inch or two and scrape new leads. Then, either wrap the connector with plastic electrical tape when it has been placed back on the antenna, or coat the leads to the antenna terminals with nail polish, shellac, or *Krylon* plastic spray.

While these measures may sound like a lot of bother to you, please believe me that they are a necessity. You will probably notice an immediate improvement in your communications from the antenna work alone—especially if your sky hook has been up (and unattended) for a year or two.

When working inside the set, remember that electricity can give you quite a severe sting. Unless it is absolutely necessary for the particular test you are doing, keep the set unplugged. If the set is on and you are working in its innards, keep one hand in your pocket to make certain that you don't accidentally ground yourself with fatal results. Respect electricity—when working with it use extreme caution.

Also, when you have a monumental problem with your equipment—or trouble in the frequency determining circuits, or final amplifier, it's best to leave the tinkering to a professional. We have attempted here to only offer some of the most basic first-aid advice for your trusty CB rig.



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where the control tower of the nearest airport is monitored. It's a simple matter to switch the antenna to any of the receivers, in the event it is desired to monitor distant stations.

With the squelch controls all set, it's a relatively simple matter to let all three sets perk along—they don't seem to cause any interference with each other (as many people had warned they would). Sometimes, when stations from all three bands are on at the same time, it gets a little noisy though. Result? Well, we have been able to get first hand information on a number of emergencies for our CB club—and I would say that we have been of some genuine assistance in several. Naturally, we have a liasion with the various departments involved and would not consider butting into their work without their consent and advice.

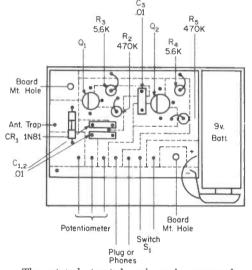
In case you are wondering, it is *not* against the law to monitor police frequencies (although some states have regulations against police receivers in cars). You can listen to *any* frequencies you want, so long as you do not divulge the contents of the transmissions without the permission of the persons transmitting the signals. Refer to Section 605 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, for the complete facts on these laws.

Perhaps you aren't part of a CB club's emergency monitoring program—maybe you just get a fantastic kick out of eavesdropping on news in the making—in any event, you'll find interest in setting up a monitoring station such as the one described here. Read "What You Should Know About CB Monitoring," on page 9 of the April, 1965, S9, for some information on the various stations operating on these bands.

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connections can be made by heating the wire and quickly pushing it through the plastic wall. The volume control-ON/OFF switch and phone jack are mounted on the box cover.



The printed circuit board can be mounted to the box with four No. 2-56 machine screws or cemented with an application of General Electric RTV-103 silicone rubber. To hold the battery securely in place, cement two pieces of foam rubber or plastic above and below the battery which will compress against the battery when the lid is closed. A miniature crystal earphone is used in the circuit shown. If a high impedance dynamic earphone is selected, remove resistor R4 (56K) from the circuit. Mount and connect all components as shown in the wiring diagram. If the printed circuit board used in this receiver is not in stock at your authorized G-E distributor, send one dollar to Don Steeb Inc., 955 Milstead Way, Rochester, N. Y., and he will send you the circuit board in return. Please specify board Number G.E.1 in your order.



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whop, whop," of the rescue helicopter.

The helicopter pilot had been talking with the A1 pilots and by then 10-27'd to the same frequency as Townsend's walkie-talkie.

"Do you see me?" Townsend asked the helicopter pilot as the aircraft passed over him. "I'm just up the hill from the parachute."

The helicopter came by again and this time spotted Townsend waving wildly with one hand and holding the walkie-talkie to his face with the other.

"The helo came in close and dropped the sling," Townsend said later. "We were off and climbing before I even got inside."

Debriefers later asked him if he had brought any of his survival gear back with him. "Only the radio," Townsend said.

The little walkie-talkie was much too "handy a piece of gear" to leave behind.



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The alternatives are to either have an article end after taking up only an inch or two of a page, or just to arbitrarily chop a few paragraphs out of an article to make it fit exactly into one, two, or three pages. These are both poor alternatives.

Using runback is something done by just about every publication (even newspapers) and I can't see why it upsets so many people when we do it at S9. In fact, without giving away too many secrets of my own personal reading habits, I just happen to have a September copy of *Playboy* at my desk-here is a story which starts on page 139, is continued on 152, then to 164, from 164 we skip to 194 for a straight run to page 200 where we are told to continue on page 207. Now, I realize that S9 doesn't present subject matter of anywhere near the same interest scope as *Playboy*, but at least we sell as many copies as *Playboy* in Clinton, Iowa (see September's *Reader Mail* in S9).

At any rate, we use runback because we have to without sacrificing editorial or graphic quality. Maybe when Hefner stops doing it in *Playboy*, we'll see his method and copy it.

#### **INTERNATIONAL HOAX**

Among the many CB'ers we considered for inclusion in our recent "International CB Callbook," was a name which was submitted to us by many CB'ers throughout the U.S. and Canada. This "foreign" CB'er is apparently quite a swapper, judging from the number of people who told us about him. He's from Thailand, al-

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though he has a temporary U.S. address in Ohio. His callsign is HSA-HSZ-08X.

Nobody caught on to the fact that the CB'ers name was Sudo Nimm (a "cute" spelling of *pseudonym*—a pen name), and that the cards were printed up as a hoax by a clever swapper residing at the Ohio address. The "HSA-HSZ" business was an attempt to improve Thai call letters, but the poor soul who made up the cards didn't know that Thai stations are assigned callsigns lying within the entire callsign block of HSA-HSZ. A typical Thai call would be something like HSD7, or (in the case of an Amateur station) HS1WR—but never anything like HSA-HSZ. That would be the same thing as an American with a call like WAA-WZZ or KAA-KZZ.

Anyway, please be advised that there is no such CB station with this call, there is no CB'er with the name of Sudo Nimm, there is probably no Pagoda Clusters Boulevard in Bangkok, and we do not count cards swapped with "HSA-HSZ-08X" towards any S9 Swappers Awards.

#### **READER MAIL**

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ucts, as far as your readers are concerned, and has factual errors.

FCC type acceptance of a product assures your readers a well engineered and carefully produced article that meets the standards of good engineering practice. Shoddy merchandise just can't meet type acceptance requirements and the manufacturer either improves or goes out of business. The customer benefits by better and more reliable products in the long run.

Many of the same arguments against type acceptance that you set forth, were presented years ago, when type acceptance for the Marine Service and the Aviation Service were first proposed. If you would look into the history of these services, you would admit that technical advances were not slowed, but accelerated by type acceptance. Let us look at commercial two-way FM. Without strict standards of performance assured by type acceptance, split channel operation would not be possible today and the resultant increased occupancy usage of the frequencies would not be possible.

Frankly, I am personally amazed that you did not endorse and support our petition for the betterment of the Class D Citizen Service, which you admit is needed. What better method can you suggest? I see nothing constructive in your editorial to suggest a better way. Unless the Service is cleaned up, it will be lost entirely. If you doubt these words, read the Commission's statements.

We are certain that, even if we hadn't requested a rule change for type acceptance of Part 95 equipment, some other reputable individual group or company would have done so. You must know, of course, that a major trade association, several manufacturers and the Commission staff, have informally discussed the need for type acceptance for at least a year.

Your editorial probably did more to help our petition before the FCC for type acceptance of CB equipment than any other single event to-date. This editorial is astounding in its illogical, poorly thought-out, emotionally loaded and erroneous conclusions.

Our CB-3A is FCC type accepted, as was our CB-3, at \$149.95, which was certainly competitive at that time, and still is competitive. As you are well aware, we did not "sit back and rest on his oars." The net cost of type acceptance of the CB-3A to the consumer is less than one-half dollar! The FCC very clearly sets forth the specifica-

tions and tolerances permitted for type acceptance and has had these on the books since Part 19 went into effect some six years ago. The CB-3 was tested and evaluated by our Engineering Department and the results submitted to the FCC with the necessary documentation and certifications. If equipment is originally designed to FCC specs, there is little reason for " $\ldots$ , back goes the rig to the Engineering Department (where, by the way, it never left!) for further design work, then more testing," or " $\ldots$ , designing, redesigning, and re-re-designing."

May I further call your attention to another grievous error. Your analysis of the Hallicrafters CB-3A, 8 channel citizens band unit with the Hallicrafters BT-20 is completely untrue and you leave with the reader, an erroneous impression.

The Hallicrafters citizens band unit, Model CB-3A, is FCC type accepted, as well as the Hallicrafters BT-20. The difference in price of approximately \$200 rests in the fact that the CB-3A is a five-watt AM unit, while the BT-20 is a 20-watt FM unit.

For your information (and you might have gotten the facts by simply checking with me), the BT-20 has roughly a  $2\frac{1}{2}$  times greater Bill of Materials than the CB-3A. Therefore, your comparison is specious and ill-founded.

Being in the CB publishing field and a long-time radio communicator, you are well aware of the NORMAL life expectancy of most CB equipment. Five years is the usual figure used. Sure, there are many SX-28's in use today, quite a few transmitters, and receivers of an even earlier vintage than the '28, but with the constant advances in electronics, new products perform better.

The petition submitted to the FCC certainly was not intended, and cannot be construed, as a "cure-all" for the ills of CB. The operators of CB stations are people. In every group there are those who consider themselves accepted, or exempted, from the law. Is not the auto accident rate a testimonial to this? The petition only requests that the equipment licensed to individual or company, meet certain technical standards when manufactured.

The petition also requests prohibiting modifying the transmitter by non-technical people, to abrogate type acceptance. With the exception of the amateur radio service, the transmitters in all of the services must be type accepted. Your suggestion that CB is not as much of a "safety device" as the equipment in the land mobile business frequencies, is absurd. The thousands of members of REACT are certainly in a position to testify to the contrary.

But, again, at this point you entirely ignore the purpose of type acceptance, which is to provide the user with communication equipment which has been certified by the manufacturer to an agency of the United States Government, that the equipment complies with certain technical standards set forth by accepted professional engineering practice. How else can we make sure that equipment will make best use of the valuable radio spectrum, but to use every tool available, so that the emitted signals are clean and don't cause needless and harmful interference within the Service or to other services.

I would also like to remind you that TV and FM receivers now manufactured, require certification as to compliance on oscillator radiation, to guard against interference with other services.

It would appear that you could have rendered all CB'ers a service, as a responsible editor, to have published the petition and checked your editorial carefully for facts before you published it.

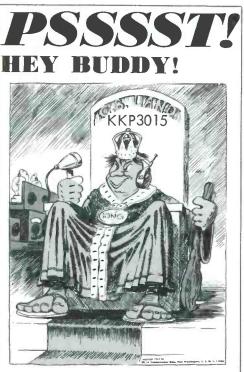
Very sincerely yours,

F. A. FRANKE, Manager New Products Development The Hallicrafters Co.

When our editorial appeared in the August issue we spoke to the people at Hallicrafters and invited them to submit their comments for presentation to our readers. Perhaps our readers would like to comment on the

possibilities of type acceptance of CB equipment.





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"My gas truck had just been loaded at the bulk plant in Markesan with 850 gallons of gas and 400 gallons of fuel oil for a total of 1250 gallons of product and we were proceeding to go home to Kingston, 8 miles away. As we drove (I say "we" because I had two young boys with me, both age 12), we encountered an intersection two miles out of Markesan where we had the right-of-way. From my right, out of the blind corner. came a blurr and there was a terrible impact, and suddenly I didn't have control of my truck. It traveled out of control for 285 feet, left the road, passed through a shallow ditch, through a fence and into a plowed field. My lights were out, but because my CB radio was booked direct to the battery its tubes burned brightly and had withstood the impact.

'Practically before the truck stopped, I found myself shouting for help over the radio. A reply was returned immediately from Rolland Ruenger from my home town of Kingston, 6 miles away. I reported that the two boys and I were OK (one of the boys was his son) and I told him to stand by while I checked the occupants of the other vehicle. In a few seconds I ran back down the road coming upon a demolished pick-up truck which had traveled into the ditch on the other side of the road. I pulled the door open and the lone occupant, Virgil Brown, a farmer who lived down the side road less than a mile, lay unconscious in one corner of the pick-up. While I raced back to my truck to give details, Ruenger had heard the call on his CB while traveling home from we needed a doctor and ambulance fast. While relaying our location, two other cars had stopped (one of the cars had heard the call on his CB while travfeling home from work) they had blankets and were giving first aid to the victim who was to remain unconscious for several days. In less than 15 minutes a doctor, ambulance and traffic patrol were on the scene.

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Yours truly,

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