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Many Amateurs are professional electronics engineers. This message is for them.

In the beginning Henry Amplifiers were for communications. Many still are. Amateur, commercial, MARS, military, short wave broadcast, FM broadcast, VHF link, domestic. foreign... Henry amplifiers go everywhere for diverse services. HF point-to-point, VHF, UHF, SSB, AM, FM, RTTY, packet, meteor burst, digital, marine shore station. . . are you beginning to get the idea? If you need a special purpose vacuum tube amplifier for a specific frequency from

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- Graphic display of operating features.

Exclusive multi-function LCD sub-

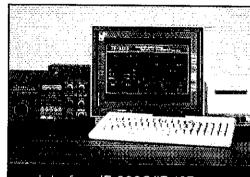
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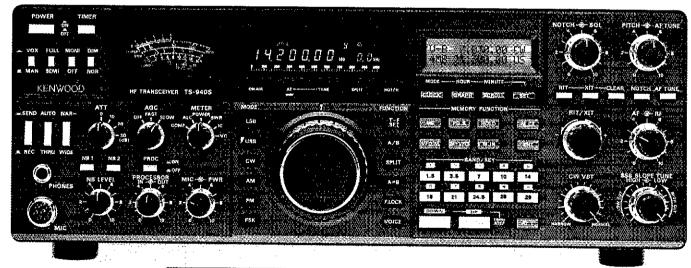
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◆ AT-940 full range (160-10m) automatic antenna tuner • SP-940 external



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speaker with audio filtering • YG-455C-1 (500 Hz), YG-455CN-1 (250 Hz), YK-88C-1 (500 Hz) CW filters; YK-88A-1 (6 kHz) AM filter • VS-1 voice synthesizer • SO-1 temperature compensated crystal oscillator • MC-42S UP/DOWN hand mic. • MC-60A, MC-80, MC-85 deluxe base station mics, • PC-1A phone patch • TL- 922A linear amplifier • SM-220 station monitor • BS-8 pan display • SW-200A and SW-2000 SWR and power meters.





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FL-54	CW	270Hz	9.0115
FL-44A	SSB	2.4kHz	0.4550
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OUR COVER

If you're confused when someone runs up to you saying "AOS is coming up!" you should get into satellites. Your timing would be ideal, since JAS-1, the first Japanese amateur satellite is scheduled for launch in early August, to be followed later this year by another AMSAT-OSCAR bird. May QST, page 11, and June QST, page 71, contain details on JAS-1. (photo courtesy Japan Amateur Radio League)

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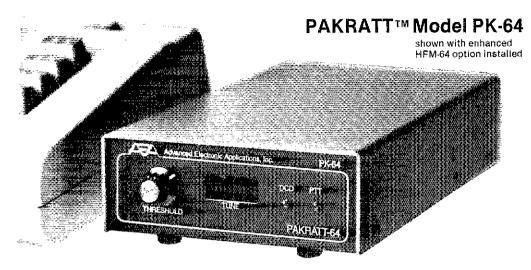
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TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE?



★ MORSE ★ BAUDOT ★ ASCII ★ AMTOR ★ PACKET ★

FIRST FIVE MODE DATA CONTROLLER

The Pakratt model PK-64 by AEA is the world's first computer interface that offers Morse, Baudot, ASCII, AMTOR and Packet all in one box (hardware and software included) at a price many competitors charge for Packet alone (from \$219.95 Amateur net). Do not let the low price fool you; coming from any other company but AEA it WOULD be too good to be true. The PK-64 works with virtually any voice transceiver. The Pakratt is the easiest of any to hook up and have operating in just a few minutes.

In Packet mode, the PK-64 offers virtually all the features of every other Packet controller on the market, plus many important features left out by others due to cost constraints. For example, we have included a hardware HDLC, true Data Carrier Detect (DCD), multiple connect with up to ten stations simultaneously and full implementation of version 2.0 of the AX.25 protocol.

Because the PK-64 was designed specifically for the Commodore 64 (or C-128 and SX-64) computer, we have been able to do many things not economically feasible with general RS-232 interface controllers. For ex-

ample, the Pakratt includes true split screen operation with on-screen status indicators and an on-screen tuning indicator.

ENHANCED HFM-64 MODEM OPTION

The standard PK-64 will operate all modes with a phase-lock-loop (PLL) detector roughly equivalent to all popular packet modems in the marketplace (except we have included extra filtering). The enhanced HFM-64 modem option offers true independent dual channel filtering with A.M. detection (like the famous CP-100 Computer PatchTM). The enhanced HFM-64 option also offers a hardware LED tuning indicator (like the CP-100) and a front panel variable threshold control for setting maximum sensitivity under various band conditions. We recommend the HFM-64 option for anyone keenly interested in weak-signal heavy-QRM HF operation. For anyone desiring to operate FM RTTY with the standard North American tone pair or CW receive, the HFM-64 is required. The HFM-64 is field installable with no soldering or test equipment required.

WORKS WITH THE POPULAR C-64 COMPUTER

AEA designed the PK-64 around the

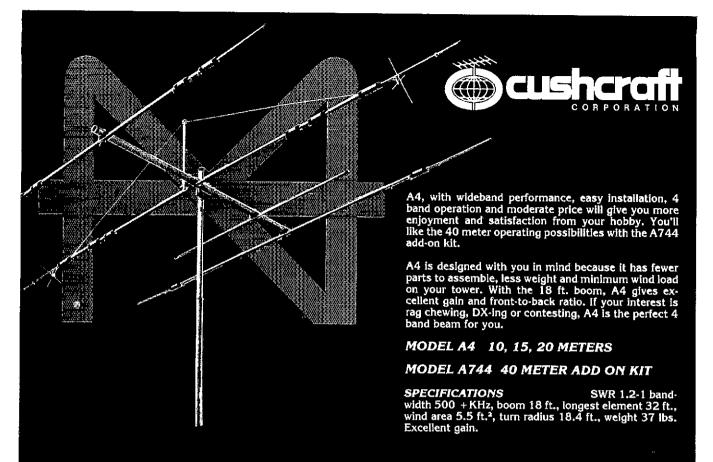
low-cost C-64 because of the special architecture features making it especially suited to Amateur Radio applications. The C-64 should not be viewed as a mainframe, but rather a very economical accessory to your data communications system. Many owners of expensive computers such as IBM, TANDY, APPLE, KAYPRO, ATARI, etc., are now buying the low cost C-64 and dedicating it to their operating position. They simply cannot find software for their machine that even approaches the power and user friendliness of the PK-64. Plus, think of the convenience of having only one controller and keyboard to go from one mode to another without having to redo cabling!

The PK-64 is so complete that all you need to do is wire up a microphone connector to the end of a cable (provided) and you are ready to go. There is no need to track down special terminal software, cabling or even a power supply. It all comes with the PK-64. So do not be the last on your block to own the most exciting new product in years. See the PK-64 at your favorite dealer or write for our specification sheet now.

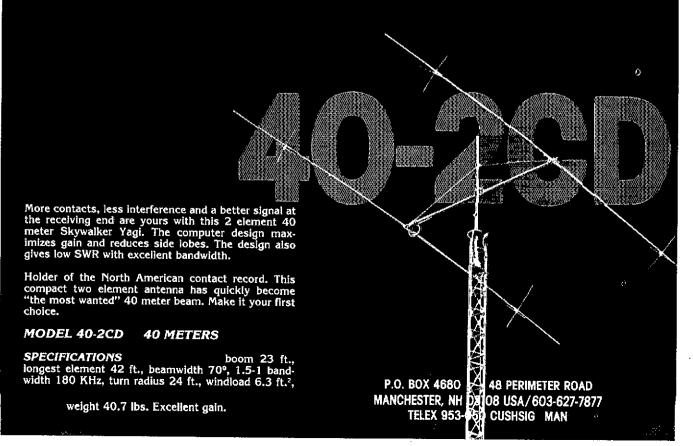
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TM-3530A-25 watts of 220 MHz FM-Kenwood style! Features include built-in 7-digit telephone number memory, auto dialer, direct frequency entry and big LCD. All this makes the TM-3530A the most sophisticated rig on 220 MHz!

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- Automatic repeater offset selection a Kenwood exclusive!
- Direct keyboard entry of frequency
- 23-channel memory for offset, frequency and sub-tone

- Big multi-color LCD and back-lit controls for excellent visibility
- Optional front panel programmable 38tone CTCSS encoder includes 97.4 Hz
- Frequency lock switch
- Digital Channel Link (DCL) option
- Unique offset microphone connector -relieves stress on microphone cord

TH-31AT/31A

Kenwood's advanced technology brings you a new standard in pocket/handheld transceivers!

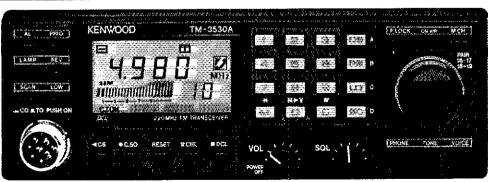
- Super compact and lightweight (about 8 oz. with PB-21)
- Frequency range 220-224.995 MHz in 5-kHz steps
- Repeater offset: -1.6 MHz, reverse, simplex
- Supplied accessories: rubber flex antenna, earphone, wall charger, 180 mAH NiCd battery and wrist strap
- Quick change, locking battery case
- Rugged, high-impact case

TH-31AT/31A optional accessories:

- HMC-1 headset with VOX
- SMC-30 speaker microphone
- PB-21 NiCd 180 mAH battery
- PB-21H NiCd 500 mAH battery
- DC-21 DC-DC converter for mobile use
- BT-2 manganese/alkaline battery case
- EB-2 external C manganese/ alkaline battery case
- SC-8/8T soft cases with belt hook
- TU-6 programmable sub-tone unit
- AJ-3 thread-loc to BNC female adapter
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- BH-3 belt hook



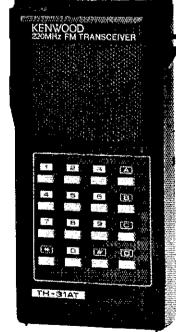
- 16-key DTMF pad, with audible monitor
- Center-stop tuning-another Kenwood exclusive!
- New 5-way adjustable mounting system
- High performance GaAs FET front end receiver
- HI/LOW power switch (adjustable LOW power)



TH-31AT with DTMF pag shown.

TM-3530A optional accessories:

- PS-430 DC power supply
- **▼TU-7** 38-tone CTCSS encoder
- MU-1 DCL modem unit ■ VS-1 voice synthesizer
- PG-2K extra DC cable
- PG-3A DC line noise filter
- MB-10 extra mobile bracket
- MC-60A/MC-80/MC-85 desk mics.
- MC-48 extra DTMF mic. with UP/DOWN switch
- e MC-42S UP/DOWN mic.
- MC-55 (8 pin) mobile mic. with time-out times
- SP-40 compact mobile speaker
- SP-50 mobile speaker
- SW-200B SWR/power meter
- SW-100 compact SWR/power meter



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TW-4000A

2-m/70-cm FM transceiver.

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2 m and 70 cm FM in a compact package.

Covers the 2 m band (142.000-148.995 MHz), including certain MARS and CAP frequencies, plus the 70 cm FM band (440.000-449.995 MHz), all in a single compact package. Only 6-3/8 (161)W x 2-3/8 (60)H x 8-9/16 (217)D inches (mm), and 4.4 lbs. (2.0 kg.).

Single-function keys allow easy operation.

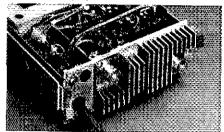
Large, easy-to-read LCD display.
A green, multi-function back-lighted LCD display for better visibility. Indicates frequency, memory channel, repeater offset, "S" or "RF" level, VFO A/B, scan, busy, and "ON AIR." Dimmer switch.

Front panel illumination.

10 memories with offset recall and lithium battery backup.

Stores frequency, band, and repeater offset. Memory 0 stores receive and

transmit frequencies independently for odd repeater offsets, or cross-band (2 m/70 cm) operation.



- Rugged die-cast chassis.
- Two separate antenna ports.

Use of separate antennas is recommended. This simplifies antenna matching and minimizes loss. However, mobile installations may require a single antenna. The optional MA-4000 dual band mobile antenna comes with an external duplexer.

 Programmable memory scan with channel lock-out.

Programmable to scan all memories, or only 2 m or 70 cm memories. Also may be programmed to skip channels.

 Band scan in selected 1-MHz segments.

Scans within the chosen 1-MHz segment (i.e., 144,000-144,995 or 440,000-440,995, etc.): The scanning direction

may be reversed by pressing either the "UP" or "DOWN" buttons on the microphone.

- Priority watch function. Unit switches to memory 1 for 1 second every 10 seconds, to monitor the activity on the priority channel.
- Common channel scan.
 Memories 8 and 9 are alternately scanned every 5 seconds. Either channel may be recalled instantly.
- High performance receiver/ transmitter.

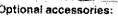
GaAs FET RF amplifiers on both 2 m and 70 cm, high performance monolithic crystal filters in the 1st IF section, provide high receive sensitivity and excellent dynamic range. The high reliability RF power modules assure clean and dependable transmissions on either band.

 Optional "voice synthesizer unit" installs inside the TW-4000A. Voice announces frequency, band, VFO A or B, repeater offset, and memory channel number.

Repeater reverse switch.

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/S-1 voice synthesizer

FU-4C two-frequency CTCSS tone encoder PS-430 DC power supply

KPS-7A tixed station power supply

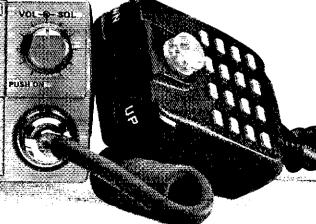
MA-4000 dual band mobile antenna with duplexer

SP-40 compact mobile speaker SP-50 mobile speaker MC-42 UP/DOWN microphone

• MC-55 8-pin mobile mic, with time-out timer

SW-100B SWR/power meter

- SW-200B SWR/power meter
- SWT-1/SWT-2 2 m/70 cm antenna tuners
- PG-3A noise filter
- MB-4000 extra mounting bracket



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Novice Enhancement Moves A Step Forward

It was exactly one year ago that the League's proposals for enhancement of Novice privileges were unveiled on this page. While the main ideas presented at the time were hardly new-the original Novice license conveyed limited phone privileges, and the League has supported a return to Novice phone in one form or another since 1975—the concept was not uncontroversial. This was to be expected, since nothing seems to arouse the passions of our community more than does monkeying with the privileges of the various license classes.

What's happened in the intervening 12 months, though, has been something of a revelation. Support for the concept has grown tremendously, seemingly in direct proportion to the level of understanding of the need to attract more new blood into our ranks. As League officials and staff have discussed Novice Enhancement at dozens of forums around the country. we've seen suspicion and outright opposition evaporate time and again. Correspondence has run about four to one in favor, and at forums where there is an opportunity for give-and-take discussion the ratio at the end of a session is even greater, if not unanimous. The big question surrounding Novice Enhancement is no longer "why," but "when."

The FCC moved a step closer to answering that question in April, when it released a Notice of Proposed Rule Making fashioned after the League's proposals in RM-5038. Anyone who wishes to do so has until July 16 to file comments with FCC either supporting or opposing the proposed rules, or offering alternatives. Like all FCC rule making proceedings, this one is not a popularity contest; persuasive fact and logic will determine the outcome. To assist you in formulating comments, the complete text of the FCC Notice was printed in last month's OST.

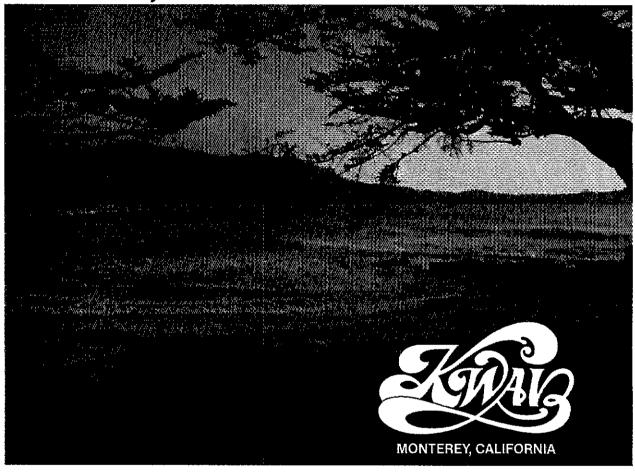
Even among those who fully support Novice Enhancement as a concept, there is plenty of room for discussion of details. This is perhaps best illustrated by the fact that three other individuals and groups filed petitions seeking a somewhat different mix of Novice privileges. FCC staff on its own developed yet another alternative that is discussed in the NPRM.

As advocated by the League, the essential components of Novice Enhancement are:

- Voice and data privileges in a band where the same equipment can be used that a Novice or Technician would use for traditional HF CW operation, such as 10
- · Voice and data privileges in a band where FM repeaters can be accessed by (but not licensed to) Novice operators, for exposure to local public-service communications, but not in a band which is so heavily occupied that new activity would create a problem of crowding.
- Selection of these new privileges in a way that will not reduce the likelihood that a Novice will want to upgrade to a higher class of license once he or she has had a taste of the wide range of opportunities that exist within Amateur Radio.
- Addition to the Novice examination pool of questions covering basic voice and data communications concepts, written at a level of difficulty similar to that of the present Novice question pool.
- Some modest tightening of the existing provisions for volunteer-administered Novice examinations in recognition of the fact that a Novice license will be considerably more attractive than it is at present.

While some hams are still a bit nervous that the Novice license may become a bit too attractive, it's important to bear in mind that the amateur community will still be in control of the licensing process. Perhaps even more important, if something similar to the present proposal is adopted, the new Novice will have some important choices to make. Should the first rig be an HF transceiver or transmitter-receiver combination, or for UHF FM (and perhaps other modes)? Should RTTY or packet radio come first, or later? Is hand-held convenience important, or would a rig designed for fixed station or mobile operation give better service? The answers will be different for different people and situations. Where will the newcomer turn for advice? To the same place he or she does now: you, the Elmer or fellow club member. If we do as well in providing guidance at this stage as we have done in maintaining the integrity of the examination process, our new Novices will rapidly become fullfledged, participating members of our fraternity—and just as rapidly will seek the greater rewards and challenges that await on the higher rungs of the licensing ladder.—David Sumner, K1ZZ

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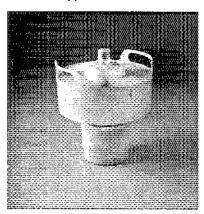
Ken Warren, Chief Engineer at KWAV reports that their 10 kW FM transmitter went on the air in November, 1972, equipped with EIMAC power tubes. The original tubes are still in operation after over 13 years of continuous duty!

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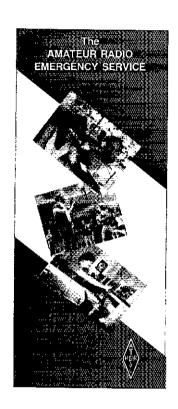
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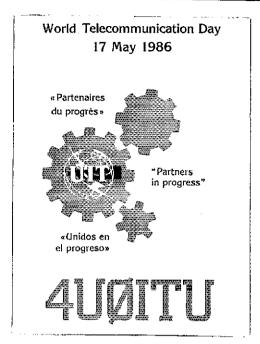
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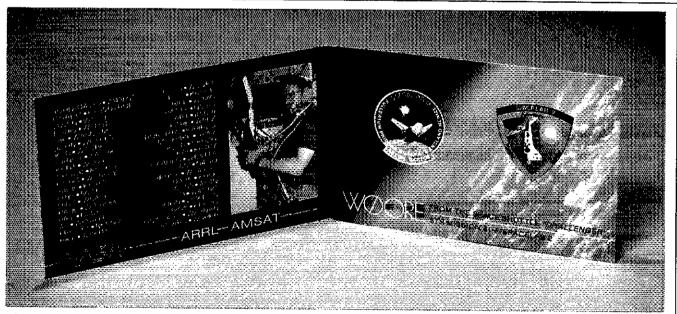
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If you're involved in the League's public service field organization and communicate with local officials, you'll want to get a copy of the new ARRL Amateur Radio **Emergency Service** brochure. This publication is designed to be used by local radio amateurs in explaining to nonamateur government officials the benefits of including ARES in their community's emergencypreparedness plans. Special thanks go to the Emergency Communications Advisory Committee and especially Jerry Boyd, KC6LF, for their assistance on this project. Copies of the brochure are available from the ARRL Field Services Department for an SASE, Ask for FSD-25.



4UØITU was the special call sign used by the International Amateur Radio Club (IARC) on this year's World Telecommunication Day, May 17, the day on which the International Telecommunication Union was founded in 1865. The QSI features a reproduction of the poster used by the ITU to promote the event. The IARC station is located in the ITU General-Secretariat building in Geneva and usually signs 4U1ITU.



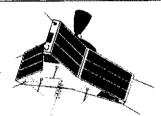
Thousands of amateurs and others around the world, many of them young people, not only heard or saw transmissions from space last summer, but also got this QSL card as confirmation of their involvement in the historic event. Thanks to the efforts of the Milwaukee Radio Amateurs Club, an ARRL Special Service Club, several thousand of these QSLs have been sent to listeners of transmissions from WØORE on board the Space Shuttle Challenger. The couple of hundred amateurs who were able to talk with Tony England and the rest of the Challenger crew received a QSL signed personally by Tony. The amateurs listed on the back of the QSL each played a significant role in making the event a tremendous success. For a full report on the WØORE/SAREX operation, see October and November 1985 QST.



After about a 20-year absence, Sam Pavone, W2DDN, got back into mobile operation in fine fashion—20-meter mobile kilowatt! Sam had to special order a 120-A alternator with his 1984 Dodge pickup, but the three-phase power supply was straightforward and simple to build. See this month's Hints and Kinks column for construction details. With this setup, the Boonton, New Jersey ham has worked VKs, ZLs, and many European and South American stations—with a 42-inch antenna. (K2BLA photo)

Armadillo Run 1986: Going at a Record Pace!

The phone weekend of The Great Armadillo Run of 1986 was an unqualified success. As a result, the Texas DX Society's goal of activating all 3076 counties across the US in two weekends as part of the Texas Sesquicentennial Celebration is well within reach (see April QST, page 73). At press time, more than 2200 counties are known to have been on the air, eight states have all counties activated, and 12 others are within just three counties of being finished. The CW weekend is July 26-27. The Texas DX Society invites all amateurs to participate, but help is particularly needed in North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, North Carolina, Mississippi, Georgia, Kentucky, Montana and Utah. For more information, contact Tom Taormina, K5RC, 12610 Barbizon, Houston, TX 77089, tel 713-481-3816.



Participants Sought for Satellite Bulletin Tests

Repeater operators, gateway stations and individual amateurs are being sought by AMSAT to participate in a series of on-the-air satellite tests. Called Project Linkup, these tests are aimed at verifying the concept of easily accessible bulletins relayed by amateur satellite. If the tests are successful, regular bulletin service may be available this fall, according to AMSAT officials. A Project Linkup information packet is available for a 9- × 11-inch SASE (56 cents postage) to AMSAT, Project Linkup, PO Box 27, Washington, DC 20044. Details will also be supplied on AMSAT's HF nets. Donations to help defray project costs are weicome.

New Repeater Rules Go into Effect This Month

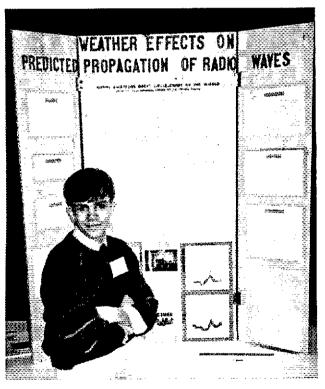
Not all repeaters are required by the FCC to be coordinated, but in a case of interference between a coordinated and an uncoordinated repeater, the noncoordinated repeater has the primary responsibility for resolving the in-

terference problem. This is one of the new rules concerning repeater operation that go into effect July 12 as part of PR Docket 85-22. See this month's Happenings for the actual text of the rules.

K7UGA Receives Presidential Award

There isn't a more fitting way for retiring Arizona US Senator Barry Goldwater, K7UGA, to cap off his many years of public service than this: He recently received this nation's highest civilian

honor, the Medal of Freedom, from President Reagan. According to the citation, "his candor and patriotism have made him an American legend." Congratulations, Barry!



Doing his ham radio homework sure paid off for Mark McIntire, KB4MHA. He captured a First Place Award for his science project, which studied the effects of weather on propagation. Using propagation charts from QST, Mark looked for ways to improve communications based on low cloud cover and electrical activity from heavy weather. His project was also selected as winner of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association's Communications Award, for which he received a \$100 savings bond. Mark, 13, is an eighth grader at the Eaton Middle School in Hampton, Virginia, and a member of the National Junior Honor Society and captain of a select traveling soccer team. He's been a ham since December 1984.

League Lines

40-10 temporary spacecraft emergency: AMSAT declared a temporary spacecraft emergency on AO-10 May 18 due to an onboard computer failure. It now appears certain that radiation damage to the computer's memory is to blame for the failure. AMSAT requests all stations not to use the transponder if it should be found on. Although the satellite is not now in immediate danger, AMSAT hopes that at least partial satellite functions can be restored during July. Monitor W1AW, AMSAT nets and packet bulletin boards for the latest status of AO-10. The next OSCAR, called (until launch) Phase 3C, is due for launch this fall.

NY State tower legislation: June League Lines and the May 9 issue of The ARRL Letter carried information concerning restrictive tower legislation introduced in the New York State Legislature. HQ now understands that the bill will not be considered and will be left to die in committee.

The FCC has released a Notice of Proposed Rule Making, in PR Docket 83-806, proposing radiation standards of radio-frequency lighting devices at frequencies below 30 MHz. This proceeding was originally initiated with a 1983 Notice of Inquiry to determine the regulatory requirements for the electromagnetic interference potential of RF lighting devices. While they were not mentioned in the NPRM, ARRL had filed extensive comments in the 1983 notice and recommended that a labeling requirement be adopted. Comment deadline is June 30.

The FCC has issued another Notice of Proposed Rule Making in PR Docket 86-207, in response to a petition filed by the Southern California Repeater and Remote Base Association (SCRRBA). The NPRM proposes to allow frequency-modulated complex emission, F8E, on all umateur frequencies 1240 MHz and above. F8E is a radio signal in which the carrier is frequency modulated by two or more analog voice channels. It is already allowed in the 902-928 MHz band. Comments may be filed prior to Aug 15, 1986.

Hands Across America: On May 25, over 4 million citizens, coordinated by over 3500 radio amateurs, joined hands for 15 minutes to promote public awareness of the homeless and to raise funds. Radio amateurs were assigned to each mile of the route, and provided primary communications for the event. It is estimated that the use of Amateur Radio volunteers saved the Hands Across America organization \$2 million that it would have cost to construct a commercial communications network to match the Amateur Radio operation.

Having trouble with local zoning/tower height ordinances? ARRL HQ has put together a "PRB-1" package that consists of a copy of PRB-1, model antenna ordinances, general information about Amateur Radio, names and addresses of local ARRL Volunteer Counsels and other information useful in the battle against unduly restrictive antenna ordinances. For a copy, send \$3 for postage to HQ and request the PRB-1 package.

The WIAW rhombic antenna incurred extensive vandalism over the Memorial Day weekend. The 50-foot tower support was damaged by vandals loosening up the turnbuckles. The antenna has been taken down and HQ is reviewing whether it should be put back up with increased protection from future vandalism or replaced.

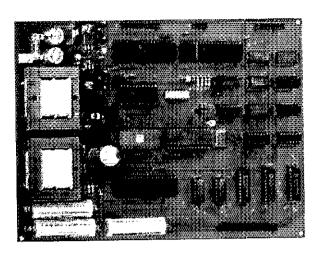
HQ has received a number of inquiries about renewing an amateur license and the grace period. If you have a license good for a five-year term, its grace period, should you fail to renew, is five years. After two years of the grace period has elapsed, you will lose your call sign and will be assigned a new one. (Note that the new 10-year-term licenses, which have been issued since January 1984, have a 2-year grace period.) To renew an amateur license, use FCC Form 610, which is available from FCC or ARRL HQ. There is **no** fee for renewing an amateur license.

The Korean Amateur Radio League (KARL) will be operating special-event stations on the occasions of the 1986 Asian Games and the 1988 Olympic Games, to be held in Seoul. Look for 6K86AG during August and September during the Asian Games. The station is authorized to conduct international third-party traffic on behalf of athletes. Athletes who are licensed amateurs in their home countries may also operate the station. KARL reminds amateurs planning to visit that it is illegal to bring any type of portable transceiver, including hand-held radios, into Korea.

New Advanced class exams: The FCC issued the new advanced class written element question pool in April 1986 and pursuant to the FCC's instructions to the VECs, ARRL VEC will be putting the new pool into use in tests beginning July 1, 1986. Also, the ARRL/VEC will be changing the tests for the Extra Class on October 1, 1986.

Morse Code: The Essential Language, by L. Peter Carron, Jr, W3DKV, is the latest book published by ARRL. The book tells of the history of telegraphy and details the evolution from the straight key to computers. The book gives practical advice on learning the code and explains its modern-day uses. The cost of the book is \$5 plus \$2.50 UPS shipping.

The ARRL Microcontroller



Who says you can't build state-of-the-art equipment at home? This self-contained microcomputer will get you started building "high-tech" digital projects!

By Jon Bloom, KE3Z ARRL Laboratory Supervisor

here is little doubt that the microprocessor has carved itself a niche in Amateur Radio-several niches, in fact. These days transceivers with on-board microprocessor control outnumber those without it by a large margin. "Micros" are also showing up in many more shack accessories. We are getting used to the convenience they provide! But the microprocessor is still seen as an arcane device, one beyond the understanding of some amateurs. Although many amateurs consider a personal computer a key element of their station, few are using microprocessors as building blocks for homebuilt equipment. There are many applications of a microprocessor for which a personal computer is overkill, such as: repeater controllers, antenna controllers, automatic antenna-matching networks, "robots" and logic-replacement tasks. (An excellent example of the latter is Languer's Talking Frequency Display.') The problem with a homebuilt, microprocessor-based device is that the circuit complexity makes for an involved construction and debugging process. The purpose of this article is to present a path out of the microprocessor wilderness—the ARRL Microcontroller.

Divide and Conquer

Roughly, a microprocessor project can be divided into two areas: the hardware and the software. Each area has its own complexities and requirements. The hardware can be further divided into the microcomputer and the application-specific circuitry. The microcomputer uses components that are common to nearly all self-contained microprocessor-based devices: the microprocessor, read-only memory

'Notes appear on page 19.

(ROM), read/write memory (RAM), basic I/O (input/output), control logic and power supplies. The application-specific circuits are the ones needed only in a specific device.

Since many of the circuit elements are common to all projects using microprocessors, it seems logical to design a board that contains the common circuitry and has the ability to accept connection to application-specific circuits. That, in brief, is a description of the ARRL Microcontroller. By using this board, the home builder can concentrate on the more experimental (and more interesting) aspects of the project and not have to "reinvent the wheel."

Fig 1 shows the major components of the microcontroller and how they interconnect. As you might expect, the microprocessor, the brains of the operation, connects to nearly every other functional block in the system. Nonvolatile program storage is

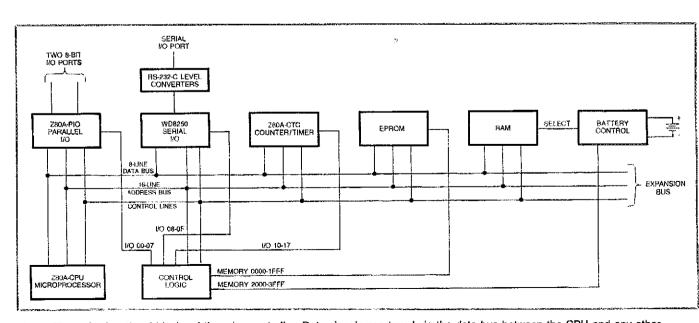


Fig 1—The major functional blocks of the microcontroller. Data signals can travel via the data bus between the CPU and any other device. Address data and control signals are generated only by the CPU.

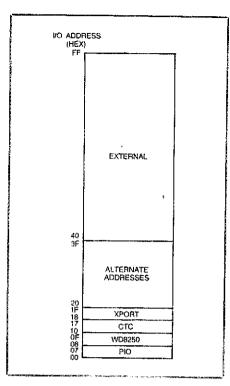


Fig 2—The memory map of the controller. When an address in the "external" area is read, the expansion-bus data is placed onto the microcontroller data bus. Although 8 kbytes of ROM space and 8 kbytes of RAM space are reserved, the 2716 ROM and 6116 RAM require only 2 kbytes. In these cases, the "image" of the ROM or RAM will appear in the other 6 kbytes of the reserved address space.

provided by a 2- or 8-kbyte ROM. Data storage is in a 2- or 8-kbyte RAM. Battery backup is provided for the RAM to maintain its contents while the device is turned off. Both parallel and serial I/O are on the board. TTL and RS-232-C serial I/O lines are provided.

The microprocessor used here is a Zilog Z80[®], an eight-bit microprocessor. Although the Z80 is not the latest product from Silicon Valley, it has more than enough capability for most any project you may want to build. Also, the Z80 and its support chips are inexpensive and readily available. A 2716 or 2764 EPROM can be used to provide 2 kbytes or 8 kbytes of ROM, respectively. Similarly, a 6116 or 6264 can be used in the RAM socket for 2 kbytes or 8 kbytes of RAM. If the RAM battery backup is used, the low-power versions of the 6116 or 6264 should be used as they require much less current in the standby mode.

Serial I/O is provided by a Western Digital WD8250 IC. This device contains a baud-rate generator that produces the clock signal needed to set the speed of the serial I/O. Parallel I/O is performed by a Z80-PIO, which has two 8-bit bidirectional (input or output) ports. A Z80-CTC

counter/timer IC generates periodic interrupts for time keeping and is used to connect the 8250 to the Z80 interrupt system. An on-board power supply produces the voltages needed to operate the board and for external circuitry.

The External World

Although there is a lot of computing capability on the microcontroller board, the board doesn't do anything very useful until it is connected to other devices or circuits. The serial port will usually serve to connect the board to a personal computer, although the serial port can connect a modem or packet-radio TNC to the controller for remote access. Application-specific circuits are connected to the board through the parallel ports and/or the expansion bus. Interfacing to the parallel ports is easier, but less flexible than using the expansion bus. Each of the two ports provided by the PIO can be used independently. The port can be configured as eight output lines, eight input lines or a combination of outputs and inputs. On output, data written to the port by the Z80 is latched; once set to a 0 or 1 voltage, an output signal remains at that level until the microprocessor writes to the port again. Input lines are sampled when the Z80 reads the port, and the PIO can be programmed to generate an interrupt when an input signal changes state.

Although the PIO lines can be used for many of the I/O needs, there are occasions when simple parallel I/O isn't enough. For this reason, an expansion bus is provided. This bus allows connection of an external circuit to the data, address and control lines of the controller board. An external circuit connected to the expansion bus can appear to the Z80 as either memory locations or I/O ports.

Fig 2 shows the memory map of the controller board. All of the memory address space shown as EXTERNAL is available. The external circuit is responsible for decoding the signals on the address and control busses to ensure it doesn't conflict with the on-board memory.

Fig 3 shows the I/O map. I/O addresses 18₁₆ to 1F₁₆ are decoded on the controller board, but not used there. When any of these addresses are used in an I/O operation, the XPORT signal on the expansion bus is asserted (brought low). This allows an external circuit to occupy these I/O addresses without independently decoding the address bus. The interrupt signals are provided on the expansion bus so that external devices can be a part of the Z80 interrupt system.

Developing the Software

The software component of a microprocessor-based project is at least as important as the hardware. Control programs for the microcontroller are usually written in assembly language and programmed into EPROM. One of the factors that determined the selection of a

Z80 for the microcontroller was that there are many personal computers that can be used to develop Z80 software. Almost any computer running the CP/M® -80 operating system can be used as there are a number of good Z80 assemblers available for CP/M-80 machines. For Z80-based computers, the Crowe assembler is a good, low-cost program.2 For 8080-based CP/M systems, including an IBM® PC using the NEC V20 microprocessor in 8080 mode, an assembler that can run on an 8080 and produce Z80 object code is needed. One alternative is to use the Digital Research macroassembler, MAC, with the Z80.LIB macro library.

Of course, once you have some software written you need to get it into the memory of the microcontroller. The final version of your software will probably be in ROM, but during the software-development cycle, when you are testing and debugging the software, you will probably need to make changes to the program. Reprogramming the EPROM each time you make a change is tedious, so it's better to put the software under test into RAM. This can be done with the aid of a monitor program, a program that lets you change the contents of the RAM locations and perform other operations from the serial port. Such a program is available in ROM,3 and it will let you connect your computer to the serial

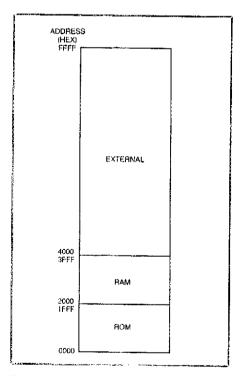
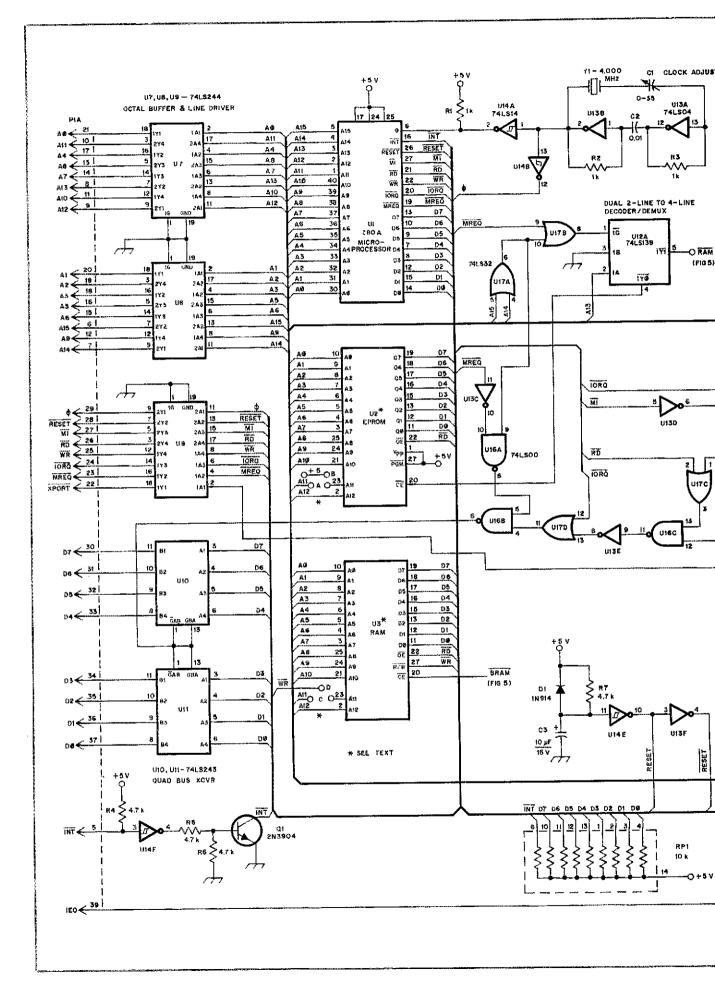
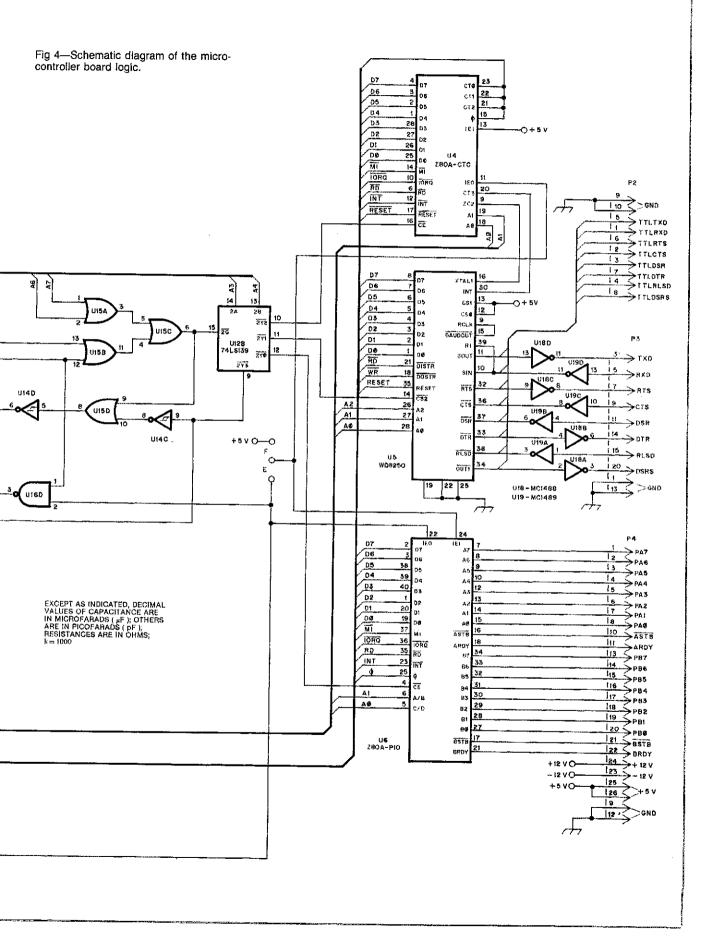


Fig 3—The I/O map of the controller. When an I/O address in the external or XPORT areas are read, the expansion-bus data is placed onto the microcontroller data bus. The "image" of the I/O devices occupying addresses 00 to 1F₁₆ appear at addresses 20₁₆ to 3₁₆.





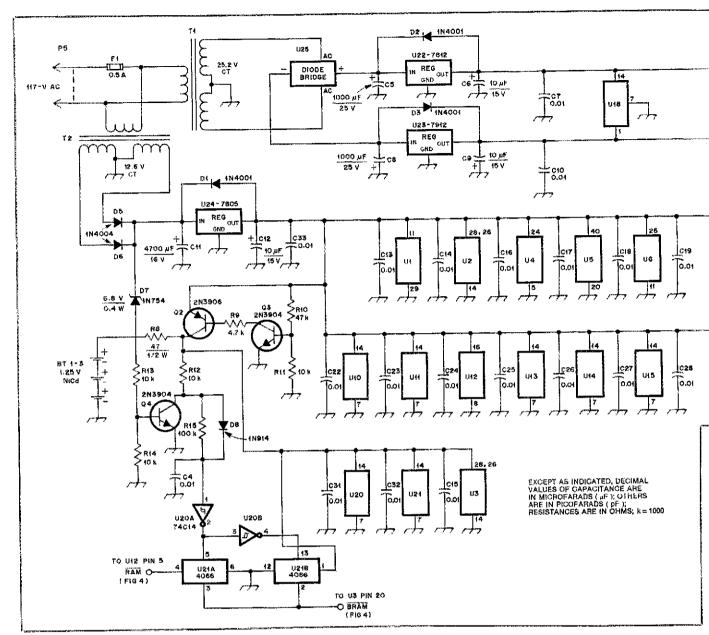


Fig 5-Schematic diagram of the microcontroller board power supply and battery backup circuit.

port and upload Intel hex object files into the microcontroller's RAM.

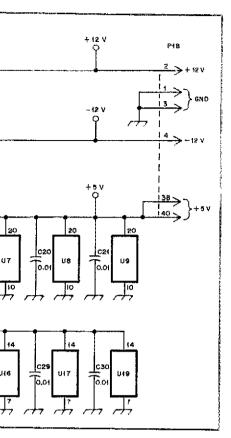
Circuit Description

Figs 4 and 5 show the schematic diagram of the microcontroller board. The master clock signal is generated by a 4-MHz crystal oscillator. The oscillator frequency can be trimmed using the CLOCK ADJUST capacitor, C1, if an exact frequency is important. Unless the microcontroller is performing a time-keeping function, the clock frequency doesn't need to be exact. The clock signal is applied to pin 6 of U1. The basic timing of the microcomputer is derived from the clock signal by U1, the CPU. The clock is also applied to the counter inputs of U4, the Counter/Timer Circuit (CTC) for timed interrupt and serial clock generation. The data bus (signals D0-D7) is bidirectional. Signals are placed on this bus by the microprocessor during write cycles and by other devices, such as the memory ICs, during read cycles. To accomplish this, each IC that can place data on the bus must be a three-state device; its outputs can be placed in a high-impedance state, effectively removing them from the bus. Only one output can drive a data-bus line at a time. Signals generated by the CPU determine which device has control of the data bus. The principal signals used for this purpose are MREQ, IORQ, RD and WR.

When RD is asserted low, either MREQ or IORQ will also be low, specifying a memory read or I/O read, respectively. In this case, the CPU expects another device to place data on the data bus for the CPU to sample. Which device places this data on the bus is determined by the address-

decoding logic. The on-board devices are selected when one of the outputs of U12 goes low. When an external address is decoded, the expansion-bus buffers, U10 and U11, are enabled to allow data on the expansion bus onto the internal microcontroller data bus. Similarly, the assertion of WR and either MREQ or lORQ specifies a memory or I/O write. At this time, the CPU is placing data on the bus with the expectation that one (or more) of the other devices connected to the bus will accept the data.

Each of the data-bus lines is pulled up to V_{cc} by one of the 10-kilohm resistors in RP1. This is done so that the data lines will be at a known (high) level if no device is driving the bus. This provides a mechanism for the software to determine if a device is present on the board by writing a data



byte containing zero bits into a device and reading it back. If the resulting byte is all ones, the device is not present.

The CTC, WD8250 and PIO ICs are complex devices. Within each of them are a number of registers that are written and/or read by the CPU to perform the I/O and interrupt functions. To explain the operation of each of these devices would require more space than we can devote to the subject here. Fortunately, the manufacturers of these ICs publish data sheets and technical manuals for just that purpose.4 The WD8250 accepts a clock signal (pulse train) and divides it to produce a clock signal that sets the serial transmission speed. Since the WD8250 cannot accept a 4-MHz clock, the CTC is used to produce a clock at pin 9 slow enough for the WD8250 to use. As with any digitallogic circuit, some mechanism must be included that ensures a known state when power is first applied to the circuit. On the microcontroller board, this job is performed by D1, C3, R7 and U14E. When power is first applied, C3 charges through R7. Until the voltage rises to about 1.6 V. the reset signals are asserted, forcing the circuit to a known initial state. As the voltage across C3 rises above 1.6, the reset signals go false, allowing the CPU to begin operation by fetching the instruction located at memory location 0000, the first byte of the EPROM.

An on-board power supply provides all of the voltages needed by the microcontroller: +5 V, +12 V and -12 V. The +5-V supply can deliver about 660 mA using the specified transformer. The microcontroller board needs 450 to 500 mA, leaving the remainder to power other circuitry via the expansion-bus or parallel-I/O connectors. If external circuitry requires much more than 100 to 150 mA of the +5-V supply, an external power supply or a heftier transformer may be needed.

Batteries are included on the board to keep the RAM contents from changing when power is removed from the board. When the unregulated voltage on the input of U24, the +5-V regulator, drops below about 7.5 V, Q4 turns off. This causes U21 to remove the chip-enable signal from U3. replacing it with a constant high. Under this condition, the RAM is in the standby state, in which it draws very little current from the supply.

The microcontroller board is a versatile building block, with almost unlimited application in the amateur station. To get the ball rolling, we will describe an automatic antenna-rotator controller based on it in an upcoming issue of OST.

I'd like to thank Paul Newland, AD7I, for permission to use his battery backup circuit, which originally appeared in the TAPR TNC 2.

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¹J. Langner, "A Talking Frequency Display," QST, Apr 1985, pp 14-17.
²Micro Cornucopia, PO Box 223, Bend. OR 97709.

The Crowe assembler is on CP/M users disk 20;

3A 2716 EPROM containing the monitor program, a circuit board and parts kits are available from A & A Engineering, 7970 Orchid Dr. Buena Park, CA 90620, tel 714-521-4160.

Manufacturers of Z80-family devices; Zilog, Inc, 1315 Dell Ave, Campbell, CA 95008; Mostek, Inc, 1215 W Crosby Rd, Carrollton, TX 75006. Manufacturers of the WD8250; Western Digital Corp. 3128 Red Hill Ave. PO Box 2180, Newport Beach, CA 92663; National Semiconductor, 2900 Semiconductor Dr., Santa Clara, CA 95051 (National designates the device INS8250). IQUE

New Books

RADIO DATABASE INTERNATIONAL 1985-6, PARTS 1 AND 2

Lawrence Magne and Tony Jones, editors. International Broadcasting Services, Ltd, PO Box 300, Penn's Park, PA 18943. Softbound, 10×7 inches, 240 pages, \$9.95.

Many amateurs believe that the first step to becoming a ham is through shortwave listening. Whether this theory is right or wrong, any individual interested in "listening" will enjoy these publications.

What makes them different? The Radio Database International, (RDI), used to depend on others to inform them as to when a broadcast would be made. Now, supplemented with their own data, most of their published information is from first-

hand monitoring of HF broadcast stations during a several-month period. This allows the book to be more accurate than before,

Whether or not you are a newcomer to shortwave listening, you will enjoy each manual's Lexicon of Terms. It is written in five languages. Abbreviations and definitions are fully explained in English, French, Spanish, German and Japanese. A guide to the graphics format follows each section, explaining what information will be found on each page. All the details of the station are listed; its frequency, country, broadcast time in UTC, what language it is heard in, what season of the year it can be received and if there is jamming, fade in or fade out associated with it.

The broadcast frequencies covered in Part 1 are 5.73 through 26.1 MHz. Part 2 includes the Tropical Bands (2 to 5.73 MHz), of which there are four. Also referred to as the domestic broadcasting portion of the shortwave spectrum, the Tropical-Band frequencies used are for short- and medium-distance reception (up to 500 miles during the day). Thus, domestic means that the program is directed toward a local audience rather than one Overseas

The last pages of each edition include reviews of new shortwave equipment. Part 1 examines receivers, enhanced-fidelity receivers and ultralight radios that might be considered for traveling purposes. Part 2 takes a look at a 24-hour clock. The reviews are complete, listing special "bells and whistles" that accompany the unit. The authors also rate the radios from excellent to fair. RDI states that their reviews are just that—reviews that should be taken with a grain of salt. Not every reader will want to listen in on every frequency. As in Amateur Radio, listeners want a radio to conform to their needs and price range.

A technical data supplement informs the buyer of what tests are performed on the units, complete with a plain-language definition. The performance results for each unit are listed in a table. Ouestions such as what is selectivity, bandwidth or dynamic range are answered.

Overall, I recommend the Radio Database International manuals to anyone who is interested in shortwave listening. They are a must for those wanting to locate DX stations, listen in on those infamous clandestine stations or for the pleasure of hearing what is happening in the world. -Maureen Thompson, KA1DYZ

Strays

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

anyone who has modified a Collins KWM-380 for CW full break-in (QSK), Marvin Sebesta, AJ2Q, 55 Susan Dr, Chatham, NJ 07928.

Aerials—A Lost Art

How to get on the air with an impossible antenna.

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ou have no space for an antenna? Then why not put up an aerial?

If you are an Amateur Radio operator, a CB operator, a PhD in communications or a shortwave listener, then you are familiar with antennas. (Insects have antennae—it seems that radios have antennas.) If you are over 40, you also probably remember "aerials." These were the lengths of wire that were used to receive and transmit radio signals before the hitech guys decided to fancy them up and call them antennas.

In the Goode Olde Dayes of ham radio, we used to fire up our rigs into whatever aerial we had, and the worst that could happen was a lot of frying noises and a bit of melted wire, exploded tubes and blown fuses. But with today's rigs that shut down if they don't like the weather, we have to be more careful. My knowledge and understanding of antenna theory is practically nil, so I decided to look into the past, before there was any antenna theory, to see if I could find out why some of the Impossible Antennas I have had actually worked.

History of Aerials

'Way back in the early days of ham radio, before electricity was invented and when all rigs were run on kerosene, an early experimenter by the name of Whitfield Whire noticed that his spark-gap transmitter emitted a lot of sparks, but his signal wasn't getting out. Wanting to get at the underside of the chassis, he hung his radio from the ceiling with a piece of wire and found to his surprise that the rig worked better with some wire attached to it. So he left it there and stopped calling it a "wireless set." He reported his findings to the ARRL. They published a QST article about the Whire_Aerial.

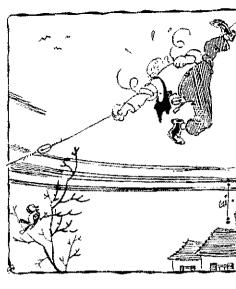
A few years later, Garfield Grownd noticed that the desk lamp in his shack had two wires going to it, but his Whire Aerial (which he had built from the article in QST) had only one wire—so how come it worked? He had also noticed that in his brand-new, four-on-the-floor Model T

there was also only one wire feeding the lights, stereo and air conditioner. The other wire of each was attached to the car frame. Through clever deduction he decided that the same thing might work with his rig, so Mr. Grownd pounded a piece of pipe into the earth and ran a wire from it to the chassis of his rig. His signal was much better and was copied at WIAW. News of this innovation was subsequently published in *QST*, with the recommendation that every station should have a Grownd.

The next major advance in aerial development was an invention by Diogenes Dipole. One day as Dip (as he was known to his friends) was walking past a playground on his way to a hamfest at Charlie's Bar and Grille, he noticed a couple of members of the local Lion's Club on one of the teeter-totters. What impressed him was the way the Lions kept that thing going at a good clip with hardly any pushing. He said to himself, "It must have something to do with Balanced Lions-perhaps I can do the same thing with my aerial," When he got home from Charlie's, he attached a wire to the chassis of his rig and ran it up alongside his Whire lead in, then ran it off in the opposite direction to his Whire flat top. Thus was born the aerial, still in use today, named in honor of Diogenes Dipole.

(About this time other experimenters, who didn't know about Balanced Lions, were trying to coax their signals out as best they could, which led to the invention of coax cable. But that is the subject for another article.)

Upon reading about the Whire Grownded Balanced-Lion-fed Dipole aerial in QST, a European nobleman by the name of Count Herpoise noticed that there were three wires involved in getting a signal out. His desk lamp also had three wires because his country was on 330 V, so it all seemed quite natural. But he got to wondering why three wires were necessary in North America. After much contemplation Count Herpoise realized that, like himself, the aerial must like to bounce its problems off a close friend. This little known and seldom recog-



nized theory was correct, and those of us who are serious students of aerials still refer to the *other wire* as a Counterpoise, named after that early genius, Count Herpoise.

When the article describing the Whire Grownded Count Herpoise Balanced-Lionfed Dipole aerial was published in QST, it was read by another early innovator, Theo Von Trap, who decided to build such an aerial, even though there wasn't room enough on his property to properly install one. So he shortened the flat top by coiling up the wire every few feet or so along the aerial, and kept the coils from spreading out by soldering condensors (we now call them capacitors) across them. Thus was born the aerial known to this day as the Trap Dipole.

Having read all the OST articles to date on the development of the aerial, the legendary physicist Morris Nimatch theorized that with all this wire around, some of the power being fed into aerials might not be able to get out. Mo (as he was known to his friends) wanted to see how much of the power was not getting out, and therefore being returned, and invented the See What Returns (or SWR) meter. This device is still known, in honor of its inventor Mo Nimatch, as the Monimatch, (You, too, can build one from one of the many articles that have appeared in QST or the ARRL Handbook over the years, or you can buy an inexpensive one from Radio Shack, part no. 21-525.)

OST duly reported the astounding success of the Monimatched Whire Grownded Count Herpoise Balanced-Lionfed Trap Dipole, and it only remained for the True Guru of Aerials, Raoul Random, to add the final touch. One day, seeking solace and inspiration, Raoul took his Junior Op to the very playground where Diogenes Dipole had made his remarkable discovery, and he and his Junior Op climbed on the very teeter-totter that Diogenes and the Balanced Lions had made famous. Raoul noticed that it would neither teeter nor totter until he slid up the board toward the center. He had discovered that, with proper adjustment, two things can be

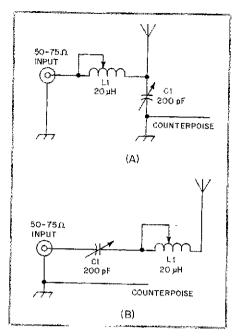


Fig 1—Typical LC random-wire antennamatching networks. Aerial buffs sometimes refer to these as "antenna tuners." See text for details on L1.

balanced even though they are physically different. The results of his research were duly reported in *QST*. The splinters collected by Raoul Random as he slid up the board are still on display in a glass case in the ARRL museum. It is because of these relics that those of us in the Aerial World who claim that a Random Whire is a great aerial are known as a splinter group.

This traumatic experience set Raoul to thinking, and after extensive study of the published works of Whire, Grownd, Count Herpoise, Dipole, Nimatch and Trap, he came up with the universally applauded Random Theorem, which states:

- 1) A radio works better when it has a piece of wire attached to it. This wire is called an "Aerial" (according to Whire).
- The rig works even better if its chassis is connected to Mother Earth (according to Grownd).²
- Signals are improved if the aerial can bounce things off a nearby companion (according to Count Herpoise).³
- 4) The aerial wires hanging out of the back of your rig work better if they are electrically balanced (according to Dipole).
- 5) The balance can be monitored with a simple See What Returns (SWR) meter (according to Nimatch).
- 6) An aerial can be shortened by coiling it up a bit and introducing some capacitance (according to Trap).6
- 7) The balance between the aerial wires does not have to be physically symmetrical (according to Random).

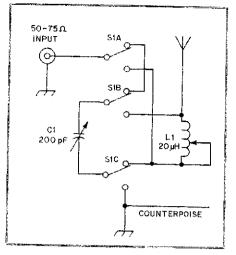


Fig 2—A combination of Fig 1 (A) and (B). Band switch S1 allows you to use either configuration of matching network.

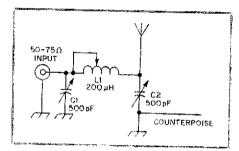


Fig 3—Typical pi-network antenna-matching network. Most commercially available units are of this type. This configuration is better than those shown in Fig 1 at suppressing RFI and TVI.

To Raoul Random goes all the credit for developing the Random Whire aerial, also known to its detractors as the Impossible Antenna. All you need is some aerial wire (according to Whire) of sufficient but indeterminate length (according to Trap), some more wire (according to Grownd and Count Herpoise), some means of matching it (according to Dipole and Random) and an SWR meter (according to Nimatch).

To do this you could invest in a good-quality antenna matching network with a built-in SWR meter. These marvelous devices are designed to "fool" our rigs into thinking that they're looking into a great antenna, which is rarely the case, but the rig doesn't know that. In the case of the aerials I describe herein, some sort of antenna tuner or matching network is required.

If you don't have an antenna tuner and are not inclined to buy one, you can make one very easily and at a very low cost (see Figs 1-3). All you need is a coil and a variable capacitor or two from your junk box. I have built many by winding some wire around a bathroom-tissue tube and connecting tuning capacitors from some old radios to it. I usually cut a longitudinal slot in the tube to allow room for the nose of an alligator-clip tap. The tube is flimsy, so I glue a couple of cardboard disks inside it to keep it from collapsing when I wind the wire around it. When all is done, I either varnish it or wrap it in tape to keep things from slithering around.

For the circuits shown, try a minimum of 32 turns spaced about 1/16-in apart on a 1½-in tube form. This should work on all bands from 75 meters to 10 meters. You'll have to experiment a little to find where to tap the coil for each band. Variable capacitors are still plentiful on the flea-market circuit.

Impossible Antennas

An Impossible Antenna is nothing more than a Random Whire aerial, with a bit of matching at the transmitter end to get it on speaking terms with your transmitter and receiver (see Fig 4). Random wires are not to be confused with "long wire" antennas,

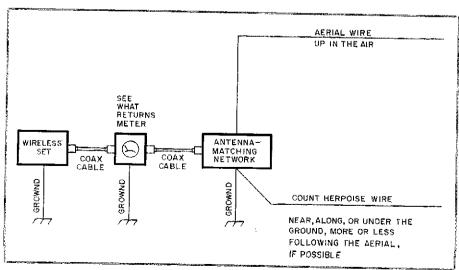


Fig 4—Compleat Random Whire Station.

which are generally at least a couple of wavelengths long, resonant at the operating frequency, and are excellent performers when installed and used correctly. But, then, so is a Random Whire.

I make no claims for the efficiency of Impossible Antennas, other than that they are a lot more efficient than no antenna at all-my only other alternative many times during my 25 years as a radio amateur. They will also work on all bands with appropriate adjustment of the matching

All of the aerials I describe work. They work even better if your station is well grounded. With all of them, I follow Count Herpoise's advice and run a wire from the chassis of my matching network along a baseboard or under a rug to the far end of the shack, or even farther if I can get away with it. A random wire aerial starts radiating right at the matching network, so it is a good idea to have a counterpoise for it to work against. When you run your counterpoise around the room, keep it as far from the aerial as you can.

The Indoor Wanderer

This is one of my favorites. It is the first aerial I install when I find myself in a new QTH. I string a random length of fine wire around the place, draping it over doorways and behind pictures on the wall, and if there is some excess length, I run it down a corner and under a rug. The longer the wire, the better you will get out on the lower bands. If there are any fluorescent lamps along the way, I generally put a few turns of the aerial around one of the lamp tubes-it makes an excellent tune-up indicator. Try it-even a burned-out fluorescent tube will light up with a little RF around it!

The Apartment Balcony Blaster

Many apartment dwellers take the easy way out by installing a mobile whip on the balcony railing. While this works, the Balcony Blaster works better. All you have to do is get friendly with the people one apartment over, and as many floors up as you can find. Early some morning while the Superintendent is still asleep, you get your new friend to attach a weight to some light wire and swing it from his balcony until you can grab it. Tie it to both balconies with some "invisible" nylon fishing line and you are in business. It can go right across the windows of the people in between and they won't even know it is there. If your friend is only two or three floors above you, this one works like a super-long whip. If he is way upstairs, you have a bona fide baseloaded vertical.

The Basement Boomer

The Boomer is probably the weirdest aerial I have ever used, and it was the easiest to install. I lived in the basement of a large, old boardinghouse. I thought there was no way I could install any kind of aerial

until I noticed that the hot-air heating ducts were connected to the furnace with a sort of canvas bellows arrangement that was supposed to keep things quiet. I assumed that the whole duct system was ungrounded, loosened a screw and attached my lead-in to the ductwork. I was on the air in a couple of minutes.

The Attic Arsenal

If you are fortunate enough to live in an attic or can sneak some wire up into one, you can build yourself an indoor antenna farm. Two-meter beams or even small beams for the lower bands can simply be laid on top of the ceiling rafters. You can also string an Indoor Wanderer all along the underside of the roof peak. If you want a rotating beam, rig the beam to a broomstick that sticks down into the attic and stick some handles on the broomstick so that it operates somewhat like the periscope in a submarine.

The Towerless Inferno

Another basement apartment that I lived in had a fireplace that wasn't being used. One night when nobody was looking, I climbed up on the roof and dropped some wire down the chimney. This aerial worked fine for about a year, then even better when the building owner installed a TV antenna on the roof with one of the insulated guy wires attached to the chimney. It didn't take me long to add the guy wire to my aerial!

The Double Ender

My present aerial is a random wire that starts in the ham shack on the second floor of my house, goes out a window over to my studio on the next lot, wanders around that building and ends up in my second ham shack in the studio. I have a rig at each end of the same aerial and both work fine—but not at the same time.

Random Wires and RF Interference

I can't offer much advice about TVI and RFI because apparently I don't cause any. I have found that by running only as much power as necessary and always making sure that I have the best possible match between my transmitter and whatever aerial I am using (1 tiddle the matching network each time I QSY more than a few kHz), there have been no interference problems.

By its very nature, a random-wire aerial has no "lead in" and begins radiating right at the connection to the matching network. This fills the shack with RF, but if your station is well grounded, your matching network is properly adjusted and you are not running excess power, you will never know the RF is in the shack.

Conclusion

If you were expecting a scholarly article on antenna theory, you sure didn't find it here. But, if you haven't been able to get on the air because you have no antenna,

then why don't you try an old-fashioned aerial? Almost any rig will work with a properly loaded mobile whip, therefore it should also work with somethinganything-that is longer than a whip. It can only be an improvement. The secret is in the loading, so some sort of antenna tuner or matching network is an absolute necessity. I have spent many enjoyable evenings working DX with 10 watts and an Impossible Antenna instead of watching TVwhich I can't do anyway because my friend across town, with his 2000-W linear amplifier, high SWR, lossy coax, rusted fittings and leaky trap beam, gets into it!

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[Editor's Note: Those of you who keep track of such things realize that George Murphy has contributed several articles to QST. We at ARRL HQ have esked George for biographical information several times. Some of the results we received are shown below.1

From Oct 85

Technical background: The only technical background I have is when I had my picture taken standing in front of a nuclear power station. I once spent several years working for Ma Bell, but that was way back in the days when you had to turn a crank to make a telephone call, so it doesn't count.

Present profession: Industrial designer

How long a licensed amateur? I forget, but I am told I am eligible to join the QCWA. If I knew what that is, I might join—if they have regular meetings in a place that has a bar.

Degrees I may hold: The only degrees I hold are about 98.6 degrees F, except when I get hot under

Apart from ham radio, I spend my free time drawing pictures, playing music, watching airplanes, writing complex hi-tech dry-as-dust technical papers for QST and the National Enquirer and

drinking beer. From Dec 85

Technical background: Hardly any

Present profession: Industrial designer How long a licensed amateur? Licensed for 25 years, unlicensed transmissions began in 1932 (even before CB) when I built a peanut-tube transmitter to broadcast music played on the family's new electric Victrola to my friend up the street.

Degrees I may hold: Fellow of the Royal Order of Ice Worms. This degree is Issued only to those who spent time in the Canadian Arctic 30 years ago peering at radar installations. I peered at them, but didn't understand a thing, so they sent me back south.

Member of the Society of Professional Engineers of Xmunk. To obtain this degree I had to found the country of Xmunk. It is extremely rare DX and is located on a 10-square-foot plot surrounding my outhouse.

[We leave it to you: Who is George Murphy? ---Ed.1

Adventures in Satellite DXing

Part 4: At last! You've assembled your station and are eager to work DX. Now it's time to find OSCAR 10 and operate through it.†

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n this concluding part of the series on DXing by way of OSCAR 10, we'll examine the subject of locating AO-10 and aiming your antennas toward the satellite. We'll also take a look at those aspects that make OSCAR operation different from routine HF work.

Satellite Tracking

Expert HF DXers know where and when to point their beams, based on years of experience. Tracking satellites is similar in some ways, yet strikingly different in others. It does take experience to become a proficient satellite tracker and to really understand what is going on. In this way, satellite trackers and HF DXers are similar. HF DXers, however, sometimes have to shrug their shoulders at the vagaries of ionospheric propagation, which at times is simply unpredictable. Predicting OSCAR access is much more precise. There is an enormous satisfaction in positioning a simple graphical tracker or dumping a bunch of numbers into a computer and being presented with the information that an object traveling at greater than 18,000 miles per hour is going to pop over your horizon in precisely 38 minutes and 22 seconds. And then it does.

There are two fundamental reasons that you need to keep track of OSCARs. First of all, they move—some fast, others not so fast. You need to keep track of when the satellite is "in view" of your QTH. Second, since most satellite communications require some sort of directional antennas, you need to know where to point the array. Thus, the two primary functions of OSCAR-tracking efforts are position determination and scheduling. There are other functions that might be determined, but these two are the most basic.

Tracking OSCAR satellites requires information in four areas:

 You need information about the OSCAR to be tracked—its precise location and rates of movement at a precisely defined instant.

[†]Parts 1, 2 and 3 of this series appear in April, May and June 1986 QS7.

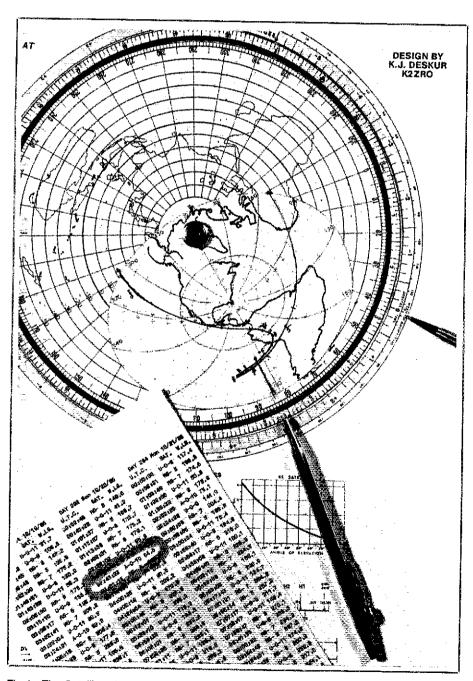


Fig 1—The Satellipse from ZRO Technical Products is an easy, inexpensive way to track OSCAR 10. The table at the lower left is part of the monthly orbital information available from ARRL for an SASE.

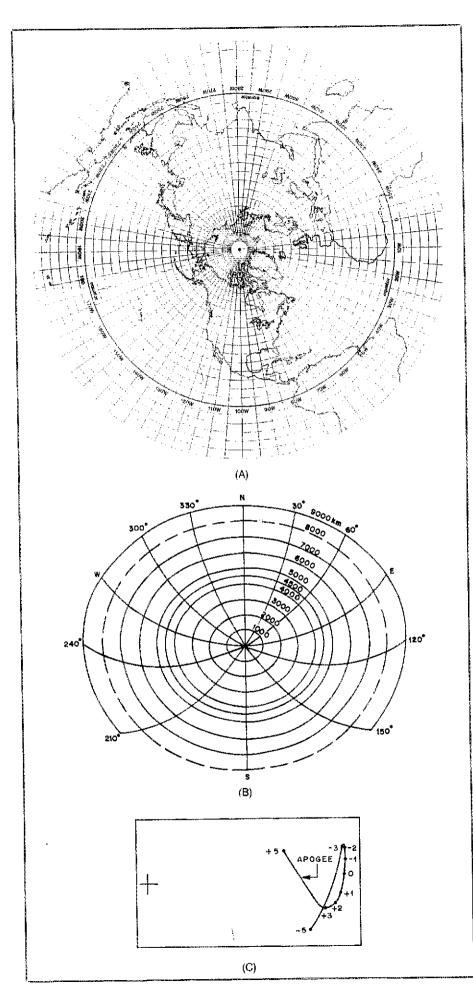


Fig 2—The OSCARLOCATOR from ARRL contains all of the tools needed to find OSCAR 10. The polar projection map at A is used for tracking all amateur satellites. The clear acetate QTH range circle (B) is centered over your QTH. The AO-10 ground track, shown at C, shows the path the satellite will take. The ground track changes periodically, and updates are published as necessary in QST.

- You must know your own location to a reasonable degree of accuracy.
- 3) You must know the time of day reasonably accurately.
- 4) Most importantly, you need a device to coordinate the first three items. This can be a graphical tracker or a computer program. Both will be discussed here.

Graphical Tracking

Graphical (or manual) tracking methods generally employ a map, typically an azimuthal equidistant projection centered on the North Pole, and one or more clear overlays that allow you to use the map for changing satellite orbits and for different locations on Earth. The overlays allow you to determine which satellite orbits will bring the bird within range of your QTH. They also give beam headings for azimuth and elevation. We'll get to the details shortly.

Most amateur operators who are new to the OSCAR 10 scene are caught up with the idea that they must use computer tracking methods to generate the numerical data needed to aim their antennas at the satellite. To those of us who used graphical tracking methods for years to follow the Phase II satellites, such as OSCAR 8, the computer methods were such a revelation that we quickly became married to them. The notion that computers were the only hope was reinforced by the graphical tracking presentations for Phase III satellites given to us at the time of the Phase IIIA demise in 1980. Those manual tracking methods seemed unduly complicated, so we put on our blinders and charged ahead with our computers.

While a great many amateurs do have computers that can be used for tracking (and if you have one, that is the way to go), there are a large number of new satellite operators who are not so equipped. It's easy to be misled into thinking that you must purchase and master a computer before making even a single OSCAR contact. That's enough to make some potential satellite operators lose interest at the onset. Don't be intimidated! Today there are at least two very good, low-cost graphical tracking packages available to you. They give excellent results-finding OSCAR 10 is a snap. Best of all, the investment is downright trivial compared to the cost of even the least-expensive computer.

We highly recommend that you try one of the graphical tracking methods, even if you already have a computer to use for satellite tracking. The introduction to, and

use of, the graphical methods will expand your knowledge and understanding of the nature of the OSCAR 10 orbit and make vou a wiser communicator.

The two graphical tracking packages are the OSCARLOCATOR from ARRL and the Satellipse from ZRO Technical Products. 1,2 See Fig 1. While you are at it, obtain a copy of The Satellite Experimenter's Handbook by Martin Davidoff, K2UBC.3 This publication presents an excellent discussion of graphical tracking. As an added bonus, these publications treat Phase II spacecraft tracking as well as Phase III.

All satellite tracking methods, computer and graphical, need periodic updating of orbital parameters and other reference information. Each satellite has different characteristics, so you'll need data for each satellite of interest. Amateurs can obtain this information from the following sources:

· AMSAT publications, including Amateur Satellite Report, a biweekly newsletter.4

- OST
- Daily W1AW Bulletins'
- Project OSCAR Orbital Calendar, a yearly publication of daily satellite reference predictions6
- Various AMSAT nets, especially the Tuesday evening net on 3857 kHz at 9 PM Eastern, Central and Mountain times, and 8 PM Pacific time.
- · Tabulated satellite reference information, covering all current amateur satellites and good for about six weeks at a time, is available from ARRL HQ. Include a legalsize SASE with two units of First Class postage with your request. Keep a number of SASEs on file, and you will receive the routine undates.

As mentioned before, most graphical tracking methods are based on an azimuthal equidistant projection map of the Earth, centered on the North Pole. A series of clear-plastic overlays is supplied. See Fig 2. Different satellites usually have different orbits, which means that separate overlays are needed for each bird. Both of the graphical tracking packages mentioned here provide overlays for current satellites.

You'll need two overlays for each satellite. The ground-track overlay, which pivots around a rivet positioned at the North Pole, relates the path of the satellite to the map of the Earth. It shows the various locations that the satellite track can

The other overlay provides satellite visibility circles for your QTH. This overlay tells you which part of an orbit will bring the satellite in view of your QTH. It also shows the azimuth and elevation headings so you can point your antennas at the satellite.

Each of the graphical tracking packages

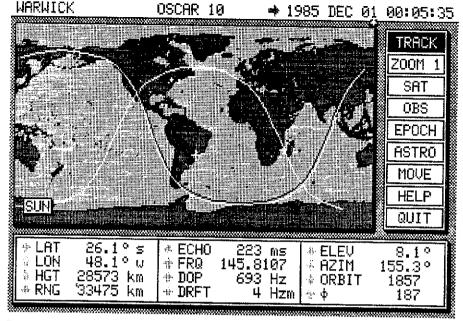


Fig 3-GRAFTRAK II from Silicon Solutions provides an elaborate map display as well as all important satellite parameters. This software runs on the IBM PC and requires an 8087 math coprocessor to help with its intensive calculations.

mentioned here comes with complete instructions for use. While it might seem like a lot of work to set one up, graphical trackers really don't require that much effort. They become a lot of fun and a selfsatisfying achievement, once the method is learned.

A valid question is, "How good are the graphical tracking methods compared to computer-based systems?" We ran some test cases to find out. In each case, the Satellipse results were within 3 degrees of the computer data in both azimuth and elevation. These differences are well inside the half-power beamwidth of highly directive crossed Yagi antennas. Even the most proficient operator would not be able to detect them.

Computer-Based Tracking

For those of you with personal computers, there is a wealth of software available. Most operators are quite satisfied to use the computer to provide numerical data to locate OSCAR 10. They then take this information and aim their antennas accordingly. For AO-10 this is usually sufficient. Changes in antenna positions are infrequent—anywhere from every half hour up to three hours before significant repointing is needed.

Another class of software allows the computer to automatically control antenna position. This approach has some inherent technical problems that are very far afield from computer byte bashing. Unless you are extremely well versed in the software, electronics and mechanics of digitally controlled, closed-loop servo systems, you should forget automatic-antenna tracking. Once you get into tracking AO-10 you will

find that you need to adjust the position of your antennas only once or twice an hour by fairly small increments. It is just not worth the effort to control the antenna position automatically! In the days of OSCARs 6, 7 and 8, when the satellite was workable for 16 to 22 minutes each pass, operations in the shack were a bit like the proverbial one-armed paperhanger in a stiff breeze. AO-10 is literally a world of difference.

Satellite-tracking software for a number of computers is available from AMSAT, through the AMSAT Software Exchange (ASE). Most of this software is based on the original work by Dr Tom Clark, W3IWI, that was published in Orbit. Since the original work, software specialists have found many innovative ways to express Dr Clark's computational methods. A listing of the various versions as of early 1986 is given in Table 1. For a current program catalog and ordering information, write to AMSAT Software Exchange, PO Box 27, Washington, DC 20044, tel 301-589-6062.

Some commercial software vendors advertise satellite-tracking programs in the ham magazines. An elegant package that is advertised in QST is Graftrak II from Silicon Solutions. This program, which operates on the IBM® PC, provides a sophisticated, colorful map display showing the satellite path over your QTH. See Fig 3. Also from Silicon Solutions is Silicon Ephemeris, a satellite-tracking program that has a tabular output. Both packages are available from Silicon Solutions Inc. PO Box 742546, Houston, TX 77274-2546, tel 713-661-8727.

Spectrum West offers Autotrak: Computer Rotor Control for several popular

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Table 1 AMSAT Software Exchange Satellite-Tracking Programs

- Radio Shack TRS-80[®] Model I, Level II BASIC, 32-kbytes RAM needed. No instructions included; software manual (see item 20) recommended.
- Padio Shack TRS-80 Model III, 32-kbytes RAM needed.
- North Star BASIC under North Star DOS for 5¼-inch, hard sector, single- or double-density drives
- 4) Microsoft BASIC, version 5.21 under CP/M®, single-density, single-sided 8-inch disk. No instructions included; software manual (see item 20) recommended.
- Apple[®] II, APPLESOFT BASIC, on 13- or 16-sectored diskettes or cassette. Menu driven, output to screen or printer.
- 6) IBM PC, PC-XT or PC-AT version, by W@SL. Menu driven for tabulated output for up to eight satellites in real time. Graphics display of world map. Requires 128-kbytes RAM, DOS 2.0 or later, and BASICA.
- 7) IBM PCjr version by WØSL. Tracking with graphics. Requires 128 kbytes RAM, DOS 2.0 or later and BASICA as above, but modified to run on PCjr.
- 8) IBM PC and compatibles version by N4HY. Called QUIKTRAK, it is menu driven for tracking and scheduling and features a new "Window Track" mode for DX.
 - 9) Texas Instruments TI 99/4A, cassette only.
- 10) Apple II antenna positioning and controlling software by KØRZ.
- 11) Radio Shack TRS-80 Model 4, for TRSDOS Version 6.0.
- 12) Radio Shack TRS-80 Color Computer. Requires 32-kbytes RAM and extended BASIC (cassette only).
- 13) Commodore 64", AMSAT VR85. Datapoint map of 2000, 20 satellites.
- 14) QUIKTRAK-2064, enhanced version of AMS-2064, including machine-language file, cassette or disk.
 - 15) Atari* -- disk only.
- 16) Timex-2068, cassette only of W3IWI program.
- 17) HP-41C programmable calculator, version ORBIT I of the W3IWI program (approximates real-time operation).
- 18) HP-41C programmable calculator, version ORBIT II of the W3IWI program, converted to run with time module (real-time tracking).
- (9) Heathkit H89 version of W3IWI program-CP/M version configured for H89, CP/M & MBASIC. Requires 5¼-inch H-17 single-sided, single-density, hard-sector disk.
- 20) Using Microcomputer Programs for Radio Amateur Satellite Orbital Prediction by N5AHD. This manual tells how to use the W3IWI program on Radio Shack, CP/M and S-100 bus computers.

21) UoSAT telemetry capture and decoding software for the IBM PC.

computers. This software and hardware package allows the computer to control azimuth and elevation rotators, so the antenna positions are updated as the computer recalculates the satellite position. For more information, contact Spectrum West, 5717 NE 56th, Seattle, WA 98105, tel 206-523-6167.

Another package, using a different computational algorithm than W3IWI employed, is available from Manfred, KG6EF, and Gordon Mueller, KB6BPL. The Muellers provide a Sharp PC-1246 pocket computer and a BASIC routine that was conceived by Dr Karl Meinzer, DJ4ZC.

While this computation is somewhat simpler than the W31WI Keplerian method, it has yet to achieve a great following in the US. For more information, contact the Muellers at 4914 Commonwealth Ave, La Canada, CA 91011, tel 818-790-6695.

Operating Schedule

The last bit of information you need to know before you turn on your gear and start working exotic DX is the OSCAR 10 operating schedule. The satellite does not operate Mode B and Mode L simultaneously all the time. Rather, the transponders are turned on and off according to a fixed operating schedule defined by control stations on Earth. This is done to make sure that the spacecraft's batteries are charged (from solar cells) and discharged (through transponder use) at a rate that will assure the longest possible battery life. The OSCAR 10 schedule needs to be adjusted several times each year because of the satellite's position relative to the sun and earth. The current operating schedule will include the on and off periods for both the Mode B and Mode L translators.

You can obtain the current OSCAR 10 operating schedule from several sources. If you're active on HF, you can hear the schedule on the weekly 75-meter AMSAT net mentioned before. Or, if you've located OSCAR 10, you can get this information on the AO-10 General Beacon frequency of 145.810 MHz. Most of the time, this beacon is sending information about important spacecraft parameters (called telemetry) back to Earth by means of a phase-shift-keyed (PSK) signal. PSK telemetry has a raspy buzzing sound. Every 30 minutes, though, the PSK telemetry is interrupted by a five-minute CW bulletin that includes the operating schedule and other bits of important news. These bulletins start on the hour and at 30 minutes past each hour. At 15 and 45 minutes after each hour, another five minutes of information is sent by means of 170-Hz shift, 50-baud RTTY. These RTTY bulletins also contain telemetry samplings, for those interested in that aspect of satellites.

How Well Can You Hear?

This is the point where we put all of your efforts to use. You have high-quality 2-meter receiving capability, modest transmitting power on 435 MHz, good antennas with azimuth and elevation rotators, and a knowledge of where to find OSCAR 10. You are ready, aren't you?

It's a good idea to tune to the beacon frequency of 145.81 MHz each time you begin satellite operation. Among other things, the beacon provides a constant signal for peaking your antenna on the satellite. Determine the beacon strength. If you have the receiving capability recommended earlier in this series, you will have useful readings on your S-meter (normally, less than S9 values). It may be helpful to use a signal

Table 2 AMSAT-OSCAR 10 Frequency Conversion Chart

Mode B

± Dopple	± Doppler Shift		
Uplink	Downlink		
	145.987	EB	
435.0323	145.9720	SSC H1	
435.0423	145,9620	SSC H2	
	145.9600		
	145.9570	ACNF	
435 050	145.955		
.055	.950		
.060	945		
.065	.940		
.070	.935		
.075	.930		
.080	.925		
.085	.920		
.090	.915		
.095	.910		
.100	905		
435.1037	145.901 .900		
.105 .110	.895		
.115	.890		
.113	.885		
.125	.880		
.130	.875		
.135	870		
.140	.865		
.145	860		
.150	855		
155	850		
.160	.845	GCB LL	
435.1647	145,840	SSC 12	
435,1747	145.830	SSC L1	
	145.810	GB	

SSC—Special Service Channel
GCB—General Communications Band
ACNF—AMSAT Calling and Net Frequency
EB—Engineering Beacon
GB—General Beacon
LL—Lower Limit
UL—Upper Limit

source and a switchable attenuator to calibrate your S-meter in terms of decibels. This way you can note signal strengths in decibels above the noise, which has more meaning in weak-signal work than normal S-meter readings.

Once you've found the beacon and know that you're hearing OSCAR 10, tune up through the passband (145.830 to 145.970 MHz). Note that the satellite passband is divided according to a voluntary frequency plan, shown in Fig 4. Nearly all of the CW activity is below 145.900 MHz; nearly all of the SSB activity is above that frequency. You will be able to hear packet activity on Special Service Channel (SSC) L2, near 145.840 MHz.

It will take a while to get oriented to Mode B operation because the spacecraft translator is *inverting*, as shown in Fig 5. This means that a signal transmitted at the high end of the 435-MHz uplink passband will come out on the low end of the 145-MHz receiving passband. SSB signals are inverted as well: If you transmit LSB on the uplink, it will come out as USB on the downlink. Common practice is to transmit up to AO-10 on LSB, providing a USB downlink signal.

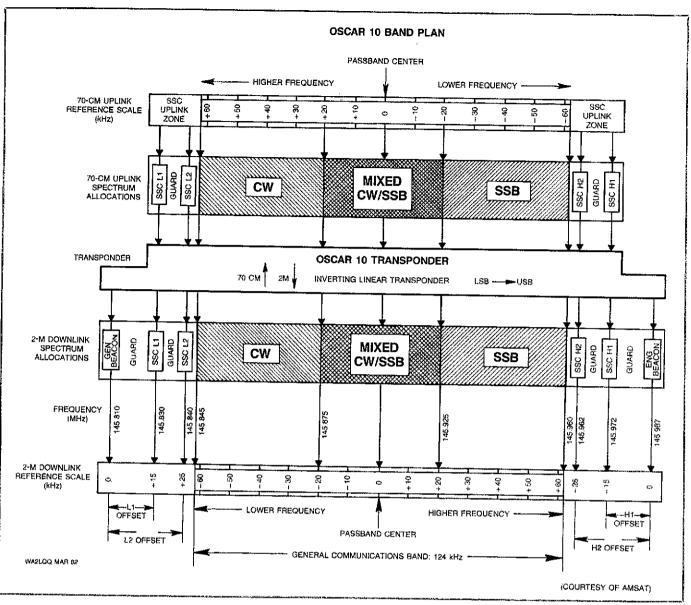


Fig 4—The OSCAR 10 band plan allows for CW only, mixed CW/SSB and SSB only operation. Courteous operators observe this voluntary band plan at all times.

If everything is working right, conversational QSOs can be held with signals ranging from 6 to 15 dB above the noise floor of your receiver. Typically, the beaton is 12 to 15 dB above the noise. Confirmable QSOs have been made with signals as low as 2 to 4 dB above the noise. It is amazingly different from the type of communications that you may have been doing on the HF bands. Note that there is no excuse for QRM. Anyone able to receive the satellite should also be able to hear everyone else and allow sufficient elbow room or rational QSOs without crowding.

Locating Your Signal

Find some vacant territory on the receiving passband of the satellite for testing your own signal, for example, about 145.960 MHz. There's no need to hurry—AO-10 will be around for awhile. The frequency thart shown in Table 2 will help you to find

the right 435-MHz transmitting frequency to correspond with your chosen 145-MHz downlink frequency. If you wish, you can purchase a handy circular slide rule for the uplink-downlink frequency relationships.* Assuming you've tuned your receiver to 145.960 MHz, the nominal transmitting frequency is 435,045 MHz. Send a few dits and listen for them on the receiver. Headphones are very helpful here. Tune your transmitter frequency a bit on either side of nominal and find your own signal coming back. Note the offset from the nominal frequency; you'll need to know this number any time you want to bring your transmitter to a frequency you're listening on.

The offset is a combination of equipment calibration and *Doppler shift*. Doppler shift is caused by the relative motion between you and the satellite. As the satellite moves toward you, the frequency of the downlink

signals will increase slightly. As the satellite passes overhead and moves away from you, the frequency of the downlink signals will be slightly lower than nominal. Doppier shift through a transponder becomes the sum of the Doppler shifts of both the uplink and downlink signals. Since the AO-10 Mode B transponder is inverting, an increase in uplink frequency causes a decrease in downlink frequency, so the Doppler shifts tend to cancel.

If you are using the Ten-Tec 2510 Mode B Satellite Station, tuning the frequency offset is even easier. Set your HF receiver, used as a tunable IF, to 29.0 MHz, and set the 2510 to the desired receiving frequency. Tune the HF receiver a few kilohertz on either side of 29.0 MHz, and you will find your signal. Once set, keep your hands off the HF receiver tuning knob! Adjust the HF rig only for very small Doppler shift corrections and do all of your QSYing with

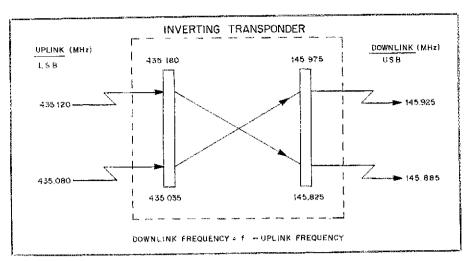


Fig 5-The OSCAR 10, Mode B transponder is inverting. Signals transmitted to the satellite at the high end of the 435-MHz uplink come out at the low end of the 145-MHz downlink, Signals transmitted to the satellite on LSB return to Earth as USB signals. The translation frequency, f, is 581,005 MHz.

the 2510 tuning knob. Your transmit signal will always follow your receiver; it's that easy.

Now that you've found your signal, compare its strength with that of the 145.810-MHz general beacon. Your signal strength on the downlink should never exceed that of the beacon. If it does, decrease your transmitter power output accordingly. The transponder must share its power among all users. If your signal is louder than the beacon, you'll activate the transponder AGC and degrade performance. It takes only one hog to make communications difficult for everyone.

At Last: Operating Through OSCAR 10

Let's try a CW OSO first. There are two ways of finding someone to work on the satellite, just like on any other band or mode: You can call CQ and hope someone answers, or you can answer a CQ. If you've got a good signal through the satellite, you may want to try calling CQ at first. This way, you won't have to worry about bringing your transmitter to someone else's frequency. You'll be able to get the frequency controls set in advance, allowing you to concentrate on making the QSO. After a QSO or two, venture down the band and try to find another station to call.

Find a clear spot in the CW portion of the passband and bring your transmitter to the frequency. Do this the intelligent way: Look up the frequencies in Table 2, set your transmitter to the right frequency (remember the offset) and send a couple of dots if necessary to zero in on your signal. Resist the temptation to put a brick on the dot lever and crank the transmitter control



Fig 6-These are but some of the DX QSL cards gathered from Mode B OSCAR contacts at WD4FAB.

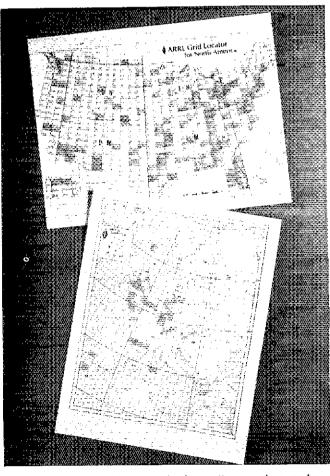


Fig 7-If you're into grid-square chasing, quite a number can be worked via the satellite.

until you find your signal. Such "swishing the passband" causes QRM to everyone else and is considered extremely bad manners.

Now call CQ. Although you can hear your signal on the downlink, you'll probably want to use a sidetone oscillator for monitoring your sending. OSCAR 10 is quite a distance away, so it takes a little time for your signal to make the round trip. When AO-10 is in the highest part of its orbit, the delay is about ¼ second. It can be disorienting to listen to a delayed downlink signal while you're sending. It's a good idea to adjust the sidetone level so that it's loud enough to use as a monitor, yet weak enough to let you hear downlink signals between characters or words.

Since satellite operation is full duplex, don't be surprised if someone answers your CQ before you've finished. There's really no reason to wait-it's not like routine single-frequency communications where the receiver is disabled until the end of a transmission. This won't be difficult to get used to, especially if you've used a OSK CW rig before. Should Doppler change during the course of your QSO, tune your transmitter to keep your transmitter and receiver on the same frequency. This way, you won't "walk" down the band as things change. That's all there is to it: Now OSCAR 10 operation is just like what you're used to on HF, only the band's always open when the satellite's in view.

Now Try SSB

SSB operation via OSCAR 10 is similar

to CW. The time delay is even more difficult to get over, though. New operators usually stumble over their own return voices when they first try AO-10. You may find it more comfortable to turn down the receiver audio gain control while you're: talking. The Ten Tec 2510 has a pushbutton control to mute the receive audio during transmit. These approaches, while helpful, force the operator back to monolog transmission without the full-duplex features available from AO-10. With some practice, you should be able to listen to the pitch of your return voice and not be bothered by the content of what is being said, thus achieving full break-in voice operation.

Although headphones can be used to enhance any weak-signal work, they are mandatory for AO-10 SSB operation. If you don't use headphones, you'll have problems with the receiver audio getting into the transmitter. The result can be anything from lousy, booming transmitted audio to a screeching, full-feedback oscillation through the satellite. Please use your headphones.

An added bonus of lightweight headphones that do not block off all external sounds is that you can hear your own acoustic voice, as well as your voice as transmitted through the satellite. You can readily tune your transmitter for the same voice pitch from both sources, thus ensuring that you are on "your frequency" and that any other station that hears you will be able to make contact without chasing you up and down the passband.

The message here is that once you have a QSO established, hold your receive frequency fixed and make any Doppler adjustments with your transmitter VFO.

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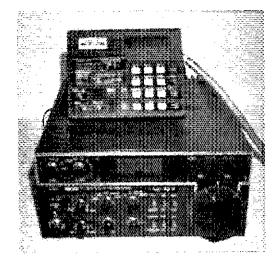
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A VHF/HF Remote-Base

Station

Want a remote-base system? Here's a peek at some off-the-shelf commercial equipment that can make it easy.

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here's nothing new about remotebase operation. It's been around for years. What is new is that recent technology allows today's ham to create a remote-base system in a few evenings, with a minimum of technical knowledge required and using only basic tools. This article shows some of the concepts in use today and gives examples of how simple it is to do the necessary functions through a remote-control link.

Operation of a remote-base station that is controlled through another radio station is authorized by Secs 97.86 and 97.88 of the FCC regulations. The station used for the control link in this type of operation is defined as being in *auxiliary operation*. The regulations permit auxiliary operation on all amateur frequencies *above* 220.5 MHz, except 431-433 MHz and 435-438 MHz. This means that *all* control-link frequencies must be above 220.5 MHz. Be thoroughly familiar with these regulations

(Secs 97.86 and 97.88) before attempting auxiliary operation.

As a practical matter, the control link will usually be a 220-MHz or 450-MHz transceiver. A good rig for this purpose is one of the Midland, Cobra or Clegg 220-MHz transceivers—almost identical rigs, they just have different panels. Hamtronics® and Spectrum Communications produce separate transmitter and receiver boards that will work just as well. Any of the available 220-MHz hand-held transceivers, with DTMF (dualtone multifrequency) control, can be used as the control station.

System Parameters

In developing these remote-base stations, simplicity is of prime importance so that

¹Notes appear on page 33.

they can be duplicated by almost anyone. Two different concepts are described—a UHF control/VHF remote and a UHF control/HF remote. The same basic parameters apply to both approaches. The differences result from the availability of certain capabilities in one type of equipment as opposed to another. I will describe the basic UHF system first, then detail the parameters for the HF/VHF applications. The concept is based upon patching together commercially available decoder cards to control the various functions of the remote stations (see Fig 1). There are only three basic requirements: Plan and select the connectors to patch the cards, mount the various cards in suitable chassis and, most important, have a good understanding of a transistor de switch. A typical system requires several of these little jewels, all identical: a transistor, base resistor, relay and protection diode. That's it! These are the heart of the system.

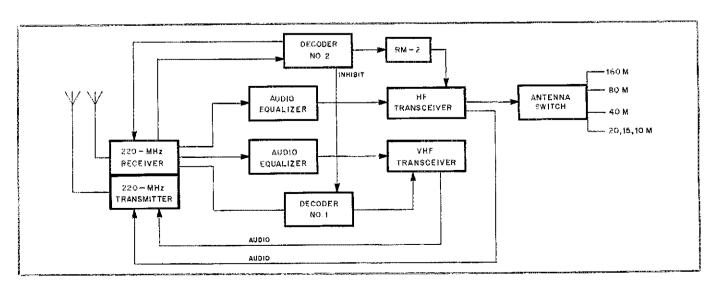


Fig 1-Block diagram of the VHF/HF remote-base station.

The use of the commercially available modules allows the amateur to operate through a UHF repeater and have full control of all basic functions of either a VHF transceiver or a HF station. Through use of the DTMF pad on the control-link handheld transceiver, the remote station is tunable throughout its frequency range in 100-Hz steps. In the case of the HF station, this range is 1.8 MHz through 29.7 MHz. In addition, it allows dialing in any exact frequency, controlling write and read memories, scanning in 100-Hz steps (to simulate sitting at the rig and slowly rotating the tuning knob), switching bands and selecting correct sideband, selecting the proper antenna for each band and indicating the direction to which the antenna is turned. Additional enhancements can provide voice reporting of the exact operating frequency, as well as many other functions that are limited only by your imagination.

220-MHz Control Link

The 220-MHz control-link receiver and transmitter need not be connected as a true repeater, although it can be easily done. The 220-MHz control-link receiver audio feeds only the mic inputs of the remote-base stations. When you talk through the control link, the audio is fed to the remote-base mic inputs through an audio equalizer. The control-link audio is not repeated through the 220-MHz control-link transmitter. This transmitter is fed only with the HF or VHF receiver audio. A COS (carrier-operated switch) is installed in the squelch circuit.

The 220-MHz control link is operated with the usual 1.6-MHz split, using low power to two antennas separated by several wavelengths. No noticeable desense has been observed with this scheme. The system could be wired as a full-blown repeater, but that will probably require a duplexer and add to the complexity and cost.

If the 220-MHz control link is based on the Midland/Cobra/Clegg rigs, the job is simple. The receiver board is removed from the case by removing four screws and the squeich and volume controls. The crystal line is a coaxial cable on the common of the 12-position band switch. Simply unsolder this line and solder your operating crystal to the end of this cable. Mount the receiver board in a small box with speaker and power plugs. Removing the 220-MHz transmitter from the original case is inviting disaster (such as spurious responses, self-oscillation, and so on). Leave the transmitter section alone. It can be easily interfaced through the accessory plug on the rear panel. Add the PTT, de switch and audio-level potentiometer to complete the transmitter.

The decoder boards are commercially available "Remote a Pad," Model RAP-1s. They are modified with the addition of two relays and associated transistor switches. One decoder operates the HF functions and controls the 220-MHz con-

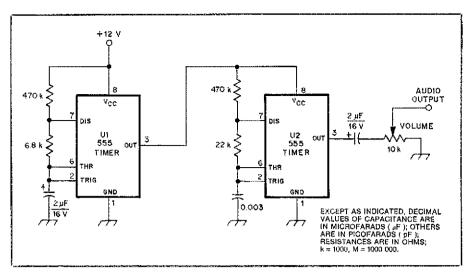


Fig 2—Simple beeper circuit that provides audible transmit-mode warning.

trol link. The second RAP-1 controls the VHF transceiver. Begin the project by selecting proper enclosures for the decoder boards and the 220-MHz receiver. A standard Bud box can be used for each of these. and they are easily mounted side-by-side in a rack mount when complete. The decoder boards fit nicely into the boxes, with plenty of room to fit the two control relays, connecting plugs and other goodies. Use common chassis-mounted 8- and 4-pin microphone connectors to carry data to and from the transceiver's DTMF pad, control lines to the 220-MHz repeater, dc power and audio. Interface connectors are mounted on the back panels and short patch cables are made up to connect the various boxes. Be sure to use shielded cables throughout to reduce RFI and crosstalk.

The RAP-1 decoder board decodes the normal 16 tones, as well as two separate on/off functions. Using two small matrixboard arrangements, the RAP-1 can be wired to control two relays. This makes the RAP-1 ideal for the remote-base control. One relay is used to power-up the 12-V line to the VHF transceiver. The other relay is used to place the remote station in the transmit mode after the proper frequencies and offsets are entered. Neither the VHF nor the HF station can be programmed in the transmit mode. It is necessary to have a "transmit" code so you can dial the rig onto frequency, then dial up the transmit code to key the PTT line. Otherwise, the PTT line will be keyed every time that the 220-MHz receiver senses a signal. Since the transceivers can't be programmed while in transmit, it is essential that you know if the system is in or out of the transmit mode. The simple beeper shown in Fig 2 causes the 220-MHz transmitter to send a short beep every three or four seconds while in transmit. Adjust the level so it is far below the received audio, but still audible. A similar circuit, with a lower-pitched beep appearing about every 10 seconds, is used to indicate that the system is on 2 meters, not HF.

The VHF Remote-base Station

Several 2-meter transceiver models are suitable for this project; the Kenwood 7800, 7850 and 7950 are ideal. For purposes of this article, I will describe the modifications for the Kenwood 7800, with which I am familiar. If another transceiver is used, a little bookwork and planning will be necessary.

Access to the tone pad of the 7800 is accomplished through one 12-conductor stripline connector. Lay the 7800 on its top with the front panel towards you. Remove the bottom panel. The stripline connector is in the lower left-hand corner of the circuit board. Following the pinouts from the front-panel keypad, the labels that appear on this connector are, from left to right, as follows:

E BØ B12 B13 B3 B2 B1 E0 E1 E2 E3 C3

The 7800 pad is identical to most other pads, with the exception of the last column. This column is used to set the offset frequencies (± 600 kHz), scanning function and simplex. To use these functions, build a small board with three reed relays to key them (see Fig 3). Since the memory section of the 7800 is not used, the batteries can be removed, leaving enough room to mount the relay board. Build the relay board on a small piece of Vector board or make a small PC board. This board allows you to select the offset or cause the 7800 to scan the entire band from end to end. These relays are driven by the matrix section of the RAP-1. Solder a diode onto the "A," "B" and "9." These three diodes feed the three relays that key the "scan-on" function, the + offset and the - offset. The "scan-off" function is the "-" sign and is already connected through the keypad. I chose the "9" to turn the scan on because that number does not affect any

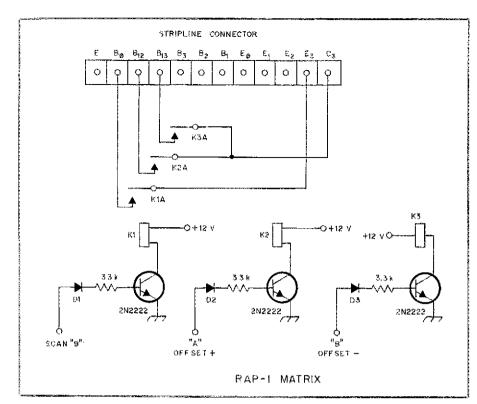


Fig 3-Scan-on and offset selection circuit.

other functions of the 7800.

A 24-inch length of 8-conductor shielded cable is used to connect the 12-pin stripline connector to the decoder box. One end is soldered directly to the pins of the connector, with the other end terminated in an 8-pin microphone connector that mates with the chassis connector on the decoder box.

A relay is mounted in the decoder box and wired to the "code 2" function that connects the P1 T line to the 7800. This relay actually keeps the 7800 out of the transmit mode until all of the frequency digits are entered. It is also added insurance that your programming tones will not be retransmitted over the 2-meter station.

The connections from the RAP-1 J-1 edge connector to the 7800 are shown in Table 1. The cable is routed out through the bottom of the 7800. Cut a small slot in the aluminum bottom plate near the lefthand front corner or bend the side panel enough to allow the cable to exit.

Operation

Operation is straightforward. First dial up the 220-MHz transmitter so it will transmit the VHF audio to you. I set the matrix for "1,2,3,A" to do that. Dial in the desired frequency, just as if you were sitting in front of the rig. This lets you receive that frequency through your 220-MHz control link. To transmit, send the transmitenable code "C,D," and away you go. Here are all of the codes used to operate the 2-meter remote base.

"1,2,3,A" (first time)	220-MHz transmitter on.
"1,2,3,A" (second time) "B" (set after	220-MHz transmitter off.
frequency) "A" (set after	Minus offset. Plus offset.
frequency)	Scan on.
"#" "C,D" (first time)	Scan off. Transmit on (PTT enable).
"C,D" (second time)	Transmit off (PTT disable).

The HF Remote-base Station

The basis for my HF system is the ICOM IC-701 HF transceiver, together with the ICOM RM-2 microprocessor control. This was a sleeper rig of the late 1970s and remains today as the only commercial HF rig with DTMF control. This is not to say that remote-base operation is possible only if you have an IC-701. There are several latervintage rigs that allow computer control of frequency and operation through an RS-232-C interface. More about this possibility later.

The second RAP-1 decoder in the system is used to control both the IC-701 and the 220-MHz control-link receiver/transmitter. The 220-MHz receiver audio is fed to the mic input of the '701 through the audio equalizer. With the '701 VOX en-

Table 1 RAP-1 to Kenwood 7800 Interconnections

1-1	7800 Stripline
Pìn	Connector
t	E3
2	E2
3	E1
4	EQ
5	B1
6	B2
7	B3

gaged, the HF rig then switches into transmit-driven by the audio from the 220-MHz control link.

A third RAP-1 decoder is used to control a Pro-Search Antenna rotator system. Complete directions for this application are supplied with the RAP-1.

I use the "code 1" to turn on and turn off the 220-MHz control-link receiver/ transmitter, and "code 2" to turn on and turn off the '701 mic audio. I elected to use this last function so that none of the touchtone audio could be fed out into the HF bands while you are selecting frequency, sidebands, and so on. This neat little function allows you to dial in the correct frequency, select the antenna, turn the rotator and prepare everything just the way you want it. At the last minute, before announcing your presence on the HF band. punch in the 4-digit tone access for code 2. Just the very last part of the final-digit tone will be broadcast over the air. The only way anyone can obtain your control tones is to hear your 220-MHz signal directly!

Wiring the RAP-1 to the IC-701 takes about 10 minutes. Only nine wires are required for the connection. Eight wires feed the control pad, while the ninth wire is used for the reset button, and must be wired through one of the dc switches and a reed relay. The instructions supplied with the RAP-1 include directions for connecting the RM-2.

Remote Antenna Control

The antenna switching system can be used with just about any of the current allmode, solid-state HF transceivers. For overall band coverage, we need four antennas--a 160-m dipole, an 80-m dipole, a 40-m dipole and a tri-bander for 20-15-10 meters. WARC-band coverage will increase that requirement. I used four of the simple little dc switches to drive four relays, and connected four LEDs just for the fun of it, since there is never anyone at the remote base to see them! Five coaxial connectors are mounted on the switching box, one for each antenna and the fifth for the connection to the '701. The '701 has a motorized band switch. When you dial in a frequen-

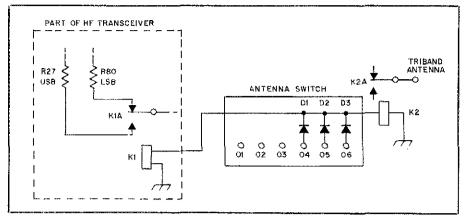


Fig 4-Antenna switching and sideband selection circuit.

cy, the band switch puts 12 V on the corresponding position of the band-switch motor board. This means that just four wires from the '701 to the switching box control the four antennas. The motor PC board is located on the bottom right-hand side of the '701, behind the mic jack. There are 12 large 1F transformers, in two rows of six each. At their right is a board with six color-coded wires on it, marked 01 through 06. The color code is shown in Table 2. When any frequency is selected, 12-V dc appears on the corresponding pin (01-06) on this board. A lead from any pin to a relay will switch the antenna, or anything else you need. Use a separate relay for each antenna-one for each of the low bands, and control the tribander with three diodes feeding one common relay from the 20, 15 and 10-meter points on the PC board (see Fig 4).

The same "high band" line from the three diodes is also used to energize a small reed relay installed on the top main board of the '701 to select normal sideband. With the sideband switch in the LSB position, the '701 is on LSB for 160, 80 and 40 meters, and the relay switches to USB when

the high band is selected. Of course, the frequency should be shifted by 3 kHz when switching sidebands. This can be accomplished with a DPDT relay, but I didn't want to dig that far into the rig. I just add 3 kHz to my frequency when I operate USB.

Another useful feature to include is a total power-down control for the '701. I have experienced some lock-up of the RM-2, so I included a separate code from one of the decoders that removes all power from the '701. With this code I can turn off the '701 for a few seconds, turn it back on, and everything is reset. Power to the 220-MHz control link is not shut down.

HF Operation

Operation on HF is as straightforward as on VHF. First command the 220-MHz transmitter to route the '701 receive audio to your hand-held transceiver. To select a frequency, use the "#," "D," "0" and "A." Each time you send the "#," the frequency moves down by 100 Hz. The "D" moves the frequency up by 100 Hz. Holding either of these engaged longer than 0.5 second causes the '701 to scan in that

Table 2 IC-701 Motor Board Color Codes

Pin No	Band	Color
01	160 m	brown
02	80 m	red
03	40 m	orange
04	20 m	yellow
05	15 m	green
06	10 m	blue

direction through 100-Hz steps. The "0" stops the scan, and "A" resets and clears the RM-2. To select an exact frequency, just dial in the digits, such as 7.2580. The "0" at the end enters the frequency and the '701 moves to that frequency and selects the proper sideband and antenna. To transmit, enter "A" twice. To exit the transmit mode for retuning or reprogramming adjustments, enter "A" twice again.

Other Possibilities

The purpose of this article was to point out some of the ways in which currently available off-the-shelf DTMF decoding equipment can be used to provide a remotebase capability. New technology is appearing almost daily. Now there are systems that allow DTMF control of the newer microprocessor-based transceivers through a computer interface, and it is possible that other new concepts will soon evolve. With a little imagination, it should be possible to "home brew" variations on these ideas. The systems are really simple and easy to assemble. I'll look forward to that day when we can contact each other through our remote base stations.

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The SWR Twins—QRP and QRO

Part 9: Portable amateur operation often calls for miniature equipment. Here are two tiny SWR indicators—one for QRP and one for high power.

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oes the inconvenience of too-large SWR-indicating gear complicate your portable operations? It is not uncommon for us to feel that some of the commercially made SWR bridges and RFpower meters are too big and too costly for occasional use during field day, camping trips, vacations and even DXpeditions. I have seen SWR meters that were larger than an entire QRP station, which presents a rather absurd picture! Because of my need for small accessory equipment, I have built a number of compact Transmatches and SWR meters. The pair we shall consider in this article was built to provide an example of small units that you can build inexpensively for field use. We will also consider some practical ideas for home construction that can be applied to other projects as well. These SWR indicators are not works of art, at least from an aesthetic point of view, but you can easily impart a professional appearance to them if you are skilled in the craft of cabinet and panel design.

Do You Need an SWR Indicator?

SWR meters and RF-power indicators have become a way of life with most of us. But, "way back when," we managed quite well without these sophisticated gadgets. An experienced amateur could tell if the antenna SWR was low by observing the settings of the tune and load controls of the transmitter. That is, the plate tuning and loading controls were at approximately the same settings as when the transmitter was connected to a dummy load of the appropriate impedance, thereby indicating a low SWR. Some of us used RF ammeters in the feed line to indicate maximum RF current, a condition that generally occurred

when the feed line was matched to the antenna feed point.

SWR has become a more significant concern today because of the many solid-state transmitters that exist. They must "look" into a low SWR—usually 2:1 or less—in order to develop the rated output power and to protect the final-amplifier transistors from damage. The built-in SWR-protection circuits reduce the transmitter output power as the SWR increases. Therefore, it is helpful to have an SWR indicator between the transmitter and the transmission line. The antenna can then be adjusted by means of its length or matching circuit to obtain a low SWR reading.

SWR indicators are useful also as relative output-power meters. They help us to keep tabs on the antenna system and the transmitter performance. Most SWR instruments can be calibrated to read RF power as well, and we will discuss this principle later in the article.

A ORP SWR/Power Meter

Neither of the instruments in this article is new in concept. The resistive QRP bridge was developed many years ago by the late George Grammer, W1DF. The QRO bridge is a design product of Warren Bruene of Collins Radio. The latter design has become the standard for most amateur SWR and power meters of commercial origin. A number of variations in the basic designs have been introduced, along with some extra convenience features.

Fig 1 shows the circuit for our low-power SWR bridge/RF power meter. R1, R2, R3 and R4 comprise a 50-ohm dummy load. Some of the RF voltage developed across the load is sampled through R5 and supplied to the resistive bridge that consists of

R6, R7 and R8. The antenna represents the remaining leg of the bridge. When it reflects a 50-ohm condition, the bridge is balanced and the meter reading falls to zero. D1 rectifies the RF voltage to provide dc for the metering circuit. Additional examples of this general circuit are given in Solid State Design for the Radio Amateur (temporarily out of print).

R10 is a panel control that is used to establish the "sensitivity" or meter response versus the power level. R11 is a PC-mounted potentiometer that we can use to calibrate the meter for a full-scale reading of 10 W. Once set, it should need no further adjustment.

Since R1, R2, R3 and R4 have a combined rating of 8 W, we must not permit a sustained RF power amount of more than 4 W to be fed into the instrument, lest the resistors become damaged from excessive heating. Momentary tests with powers up to 10 W will not harm the resistors, provided the key-down period does not exceed 15 seconds. Allow a cooldown period of at least 30 seconds between brief tests with more than 4 W of RF power. Film resistors are used in my model, but 5%, 2-W carbon-composition resistors will work equally well. If you cannot locate them, you may purchase the film resistors by mail.1

The power-handling capability of this instrument may be increased by using higher-wattage (noninductive!) load resistors or by connecting an external dummy load to replace the built-in one. Warning: If you plan to use more than 10 W of RF power, and a larger dummy load, be sure to in-

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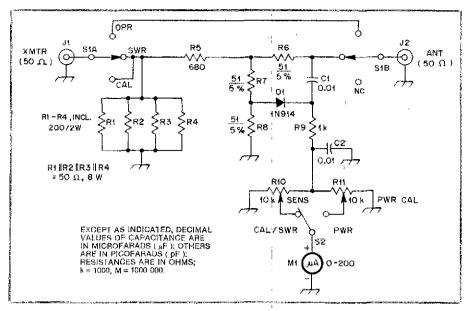


Fig 1—Schematic diagram of the QRP SWR bridge. Resistors are carbon-composition types. Capacitors are disc ceramic. Part numbers listed below are Radio Shack designators, except when otherwise noted.

C1, C2—Disc ceramic, RS 272-131. D1—Small-signal silicon diode, RS 276-1122.

J1, J2—RCA style single-hole-mount phono jack, RS 274-346.

M1—Miniature microammeter, 0-50, 0-100 or 0-200 µA. See note 2.

R1-R4, incl—200-ohm, 2-W noninductive resistor. See note 1.

R5—680-ohm, ½-W resistor, RS 271-021. R6, R7, R8—51-ohm, ½-W noninductive resistor. Available from All-Electronics Corp, Los Angeles, CA. Radio Shack 47-ohm units (271-009) may be substituted for suitable performance. R9—1-kΩ, ½-W resistor, RS 271-023. R10—Panel-mount control, 10-kΩ, linear taper carbon-composition, RS 271-1721. Knob (0.5-inch OD) is RS 274-403. R11—Trimmer control, PC mount, 10-kΩ

S1—Two-pole, three-position rotary wafer, RS 275-1386 (three positions not used). S2—SPDT miniature toggle, RS 275-613.

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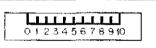


Fig 2—Meter scale that may be pasted over the original scale of the meter offered in note 3. See text for method of making your own custom scale at ×4.

crease the value of R5 to prevent excessive RF current from flowing in the bridge circuit. Sample only enough RF energy to provide a full-scale meter indication (R10 set for maximum sensitivity) at about half the power level you anticipate. In other words, if you expect to use 50 W of RF power, select an R5 value that will give a full-scale meter reading at 25 W.

How to Use the ORP Meter

Calibration of this instrument was covered in Aug 1983 QST, at which time I described a similar instrument.² I will review the operating procedure here, since some of you may not have used this type of bridge for SWR and power measurements.

S1 allows us to bypass the bridge after making SWR or power measurements. The bridge is out of the circuit when S1 is in the OPR position. When we switch to the CAL mode, the bridge has no termination.

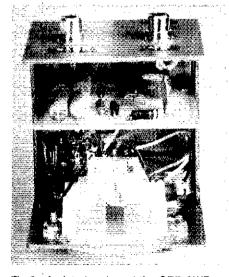


Fig 3—An interior view of the QRP SWR meter. The PC board is mounted vertically by means of two no. 6 spade bolts. A ¼-inch hole is drilled in the rear panel of the box to provide access to the RF-power calibration control, R11.

This enables us to adjust R10 (RF power applied) for a full-scale reading at M1. Next, we move S1 to the SWR position. The meter then indicates the relative reflected power, If the antenna is matched and tuned

properly for a 50-ohm condition, the meter will read zero. If not, the antenna system or Transmatch should be adjusted until the meter reads zero. Once this is achieved, set S1 to the OPR mode.

RF-power measurements may be made (after M1 has been calibrated by means of R11) by placing S1 in the CAL position and setting S2 to read PWR. This removes the antenna (J2) from the circuit and permits us to develop RF voltage across RI, R2, R3 and R4. You may feed various power levels from 1 to 10 W into the circuit, then note the meter reading for each power amount. A calibration scale may then be drafted for future reference. The 1-10 numerical scales on the meters of these SWR indicators were drawn by hand at ×4. I used press-on decals for the numbers. I then had the meter scale reduced ×4 at a "quick-print" shop, at a cost of 24 cents each. The new scales were pasted over the original faces of surplus 200-µA S meters. You may use an available meter that has a do sensitivity of 50 or 100 μ A. Fig 2 contains a 0-10 meter scale that you may cut out or photocopy for use on the meters that are available from the source listed in note 3. The cases come off easily, and the meter face can be popped out for modification.

The interior of the QRP bridge is shown in Fig 3. A scale parts-placement guide for the PC board is provided in Fig 4A.

QRO SWR Indicator

This fraternal twin to the QRP bridge will measure SWR and RF power at levels up to 1 kW. The major problem is that the instrument is so tiny and lightweight that the coaxial attachment cables may become the "tail that wagged the dog." This is often a penalty associated with miniature gear. I find that RG-8X 50-ohm cable minimizes the problem: I have experienced frustration when trying to use the heavier, stiffer RG-8 cable.

Fig 5 shows the circuit for the QRO bridge. I used a hybrid diagram in order to clarify the relationship of T1 to the rest of the circuit. T1 is a transformer for sampling RF current in the feed line. The cable that passes through the toroid core serves as a one-turn primary winding for T1. QRP versions of this bridge can be built if we use a two-turn link in place of the straight conductor that passes through the toroid. This will increase the sensitivity.

This bridge (minus the cabinet) is suitable for inclusion in Transmatches. The PC board (Fig 4B) can be installed near the RF-input jack of the Transmatch. The leads that go to S1 are not critical as to length, so S1, R1 and M1 may be panel-mounted in your Transmatch, if desired.

The shield braid of the pass-through coaxial line (T1) is grounded only at one end. This provides a Faraday shield to discourage the flow of harmonic currents into the bridge. C1, C2 and C5 form a capacitive divider for balancing the bridge in a 50-ohm circuit. D1 and D2 provide dc for the metering circuit. Germanium diodes are

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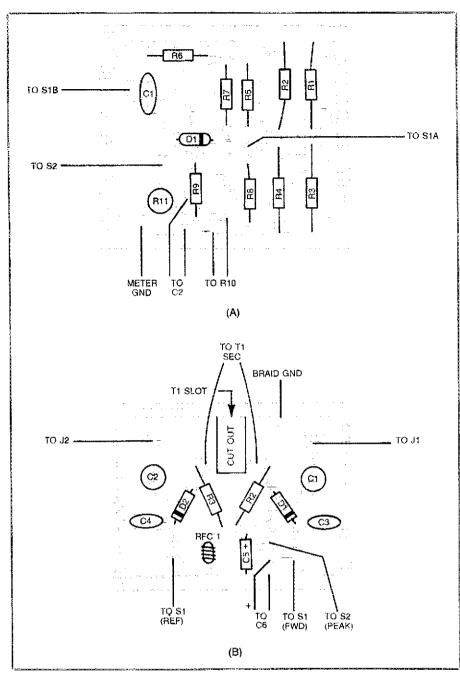


Fig 4—Scale parts-placement guide for the QRP meter (A) and the QRO meter (B), as viewed from the component side of the boards.

recommended to ensure sufficient de voltage when small amounts of reflected power are present. Silicon diodes, such as 1N914s, may cease to conduct (0.7 V approx) before the SWR is adjusted for a 1:1 state, thereby causing us to think we have a match when, in fact, we do not. Germanium diodes have a lower barrier voltage (approx 0.4). This isn't a problem with the circuit of Fig 1.

I used RG-8X for the line that passes through T1, mainly because it provides a close fit to the center hole of the toroid core. Or, you may use the smaller RG-58, then affix it in the toroid with silicone cement. The RG-8X has a higher power rating, however.

C6 is included with S2 to provide a leveling effect of the meter reading during SSB operation. It will enable you to get an approximate peak-power reading if you calibrate this instrument to read RF watts.

Meter calibration (watts) can be accomplished if we feed a known amount of power through the bridge (into a 50-ohm noninductive load) and adjust R1 for a full-scale reading at M1. A panel mark is then made for this setting of R1. It will enable us to readjust R1 later on for reading RF power. Once we identify this setting of R1, the meter scale can be plotted at different power levels, as I suggested for calibrating the QRP bridge of Fig 1. An RF probe, VTVM or FETVOM and a 50-ohm load

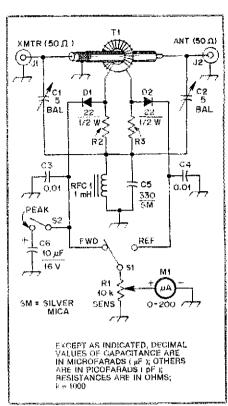


Fig 5—Hybrid diagram of the QRO SWR bridge. A short length of 50-ohm coaxial cable is passed through the center of toroid T1, as indicated. Fixed-value resistors are ½-W carbon-composition types. Other components are described below. Radio Shack numbers included.

C1, C2—Miniature 1-5 or 1-8 pF air or piston trimmer. See note 4.
C3,C4—Disc ceramic, RS 272-131.
C5—Silver mica or polystyrene, 330 pF.
NP0 ceramic also suitable. Silver-mica capacitor avail from All-Electronics, no. DMCP-330.

C6—Tantalum or electrolytic, RS 272-1436. D1, D2—Small-signal germanium diode, RS 276-1123, 1N34A.

J1, J2—Single-hole mount BNC or connector of your choice, RS 278-105.
M1—Miniature microammeter, 0-50, 0-100 or 0-200 µA. See note 2.

 R1—Linear-taper, carbon-composition, panel-mount control, 10 kΩ, RS 271-1721.
 R2, R3—22-ohm, ½-W carbon composition, RS 271-005.

RFC1—Miniature RF choke, 1 mH. Avail from All-Electronics Corp. no. CC-1000, or from BCD Electro.

S1—Miniature SPDT toggle, RS 275-613.
S2—Miniature SPST toggle, RS 275-612.
T1—60 turns of no. 30 enam wire on an Amidon Assoc T50-2 powdered-iron toroid core. Mount in slot on PC board (see text).

may be used for calculating the transmitter output power by measuring the RF voltage across the 50-ohm load [P(watts) equals V(RMS)²/R(ohms)].

Adjustment of the QRO bridge is done with a 50-ohm dummy load connected to J2 of Fig 5. Apply RF power with S1 in the FWD position. Adjust R1 to provide a full-scale reading at M1. Switch S1 to the REF

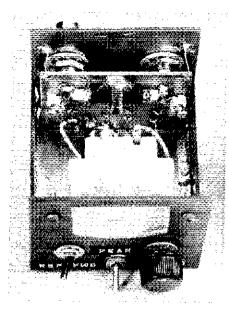


Fig 6-Interior view of the QRO SWR bridge. The PC board is attached to the solder terminals of the BNC jacks. The bottom edge of the PC board is soldered to the chassis at the center. Short wires (upper right and left of PC board) ground the board to the rear panel of the box. C1 and C2 are on the etched-foil side of the board to permit easy access during bridge adjustment (nulling).

mode and observe the meter reading. If it is not zero, adjust C2 for a zero reading. Next, reverse the cables at J1 and J2 and apply RF power. Set C1 for an M1 reading of zero with S1 set in the FWD position. Repeat this procedure one more time. C1 and C2 may be any small trimmer of quality, such as miniature air variable or glass piston trimmers.4 The minimum capacitance of the trimmer must be 1 pF or less in order to null the bridge. An

interior view of this bridge is provided in Fig 6.

Construction Notes

The cabinets for these units are made from PC-board pieces. The box dimensions (hwd) are $2-1/2 \times 2-5/8 \times 3$ inches. I chose cane-metal aluminum sheeting for the box covers since it was available at the hardware store. This is an advantage for the QRP bridge, since the holes in the cover permit air flow around the load resistors.

My cabinets were formed by soldering together sections of double-sided PC board (front, back and bottom plates). Strips of PC board are used as stabilizing members between the front and rear panels, adjacent to the bottom plate. These strips provide anchor points for the top cover, which is affixed by means of no. 6 sheet-metal screws. I cut the meter holes with a handoperated nibbling tool.

I discovered by chance that Krylon® grey undercoat spray paint is excellent on panels: It was the only can of paint I had on hand when I built these units, so I used it. Not only does it dry quickly (5 minutes), it provides a tough matte finish that is quite immune to smudging from our fingers. It appears to be an excellent paint for amateur projects. If you prefer a gloss finish, you may spray the grey panels with polyurethane varnish (also available in spray cans).

The front panels of my units look a bit crude because of the black Dymo® tape labels. Grey Dymo tape would provide a much nicer appearance. White press-on decals might be an even better choice for the control labels.

Adhesive-backed plastic feet are affixed to the bottom of the boxes to prevent excessive movement of the bridges and to avoid scratching the surfaces of desks or tables on which they rest. Screw-on feet may be substituted.

Either of the bridges can be made

smaller, should that be your pleasure. I allowed substantial wasted space in order to keep the units in a size class that would not be awkward to work with (the "tail that wagged the dog" problem).

I hope you have fun with one or both of these weekend projects. You should enjoy building these bridges, and they will not endanger your project fund significantly!

Notes

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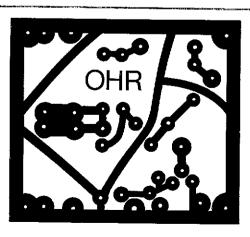
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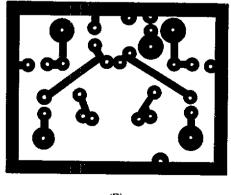
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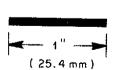
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Fig 7—Circuit-board etching patterns for the QRP (A) and QRO (B) SWR/power meters. The patterns are shown full-size from the foil side of the board. Black areas represent unetched copper foil.

ALC for Class AB₁ Amplifiers

This self-adjusting ALC circuit allows your amplifier to produce maximum power—without splatter!

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Ithough class-B cathode-driven triode amplifiers have achieved popularity, don't relegate the class AB₁ grid-driven tetrode to the attic with the old spark transmitters! True, tetrode circuits involve a bit of extra work (the inclusion of bias and screen supplies), but tetrodes in AB₁ amplifier service offer a number of important advantages: (1) Low drive requirements; this is especially advantageous for VHF operation. (2) The use of a loaded, untuned input circuit; this provides stability and precludes the need for neutralization. The untuned input is especially useful in a general-coverage amplifier. With the addition of the WARC hands, it is troublesome to provide switching for multiple-band input circuits. The untuned input may more than compensate for the need for bias and screen supplies. (3) No fluctuating load on the driver; this promotes linearity. (4) No filament choke is needed. Again, this helps compensate for the bias and screen supply requirements.

Chapter 31 of The 1986 ARRL Handbook and Chapter 22 of the Radio Handbook have excellent examples of highpower amplifiers using tetrodes. 1,2 Detailed information on operating conditions is found in Robert Sutherland's book.3 Most published designs, however, include no provision for ALC. Even more important than getting the maximum possible power from an amplifier is the obligation to produce a clean signal; that is, one that won't disturb other operators on the band. To obtain both of these objectives, it is essential to use ALC. There is absolutely no other way to get every syllable right up to peak output power without flat-topping.

Many ALC circuits in use involve critical balance or level controls that can be quite impractical to use, especially for contesting and quick band changing. A main feature of the circuit described here is the absence of any such adjustments; it is completely self-adjusting, reacting only to actual grid current and automatically adapting to changing conditions. The circuit can be built into a homemade amplifier or easily added to a commercial exciter or amplifier.

This circuit is used in all of my homemade tetrode amplifiers. One of these, tuning continuously from 1.8 to 54 MHz, uses a 4CX1000A with a 50-ohm passive-grid input circuit. The amplifier is absolutely stable and requires only 30 watts of drive; the original exciter tubes have survived 15 years of use and still show no signs of fatigue. A pair of 6146s drive the 4CX1000A at 50 MHz, but have their own ALC for "barefoot" operation. Another amplifier, using a pair of 4-400As in push-pull at 144 MHz, uses screen neutralization and does not present a fluctuating load to the driver.

Many older commercial amplifiers use audio-derived ALC; one example is the Collins 30S-1. In this amplifier, an audio transformer primary is placed in the tube's grid lead; current fluctuations during SSB operation produce a secondary voltage that is rectified to produce an ALC voltage. This method works well enough, but provides no ALC during tune-up or CW operation.

The circuit described here operates solely on the dc currents in the grid circuit; thus, it works in all modes. This is especially useful for tune-up and when used with tubes having sensitive grids; it prevents damage to the tube under all conditions. In the 4CX1000A amplifier mentioned earlier, a 1-mA meter relay is used to protect the grid, but in the 15 years of operation with the ALC circuit described here, the meter has never gone past the 0.1-mA mark. The ALC circuit alleviates the need for other means of protection. To protect the screen grid also, the screen protection part of the

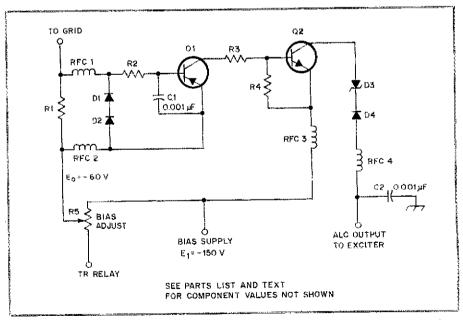


Fig 1—Amplifier ALC circuit. Values shown are typical for a 4CX1000A. For use with other tubes, only R3 and D3 and the voltage ratings of the transistors need be changed; see

D1, D2, D4—1N4007. D3—130-V, 1/2-W Zener diode; see text.

R1—4.7 k Ω .

R2—470 Ω . R3—100 k Ω ; see text.

R4—10 kΩ

R5-Existing bias control.

RFC1-4—1-mH RF choke for HF. Use lower values for a VHF amplifier. Q1—MPS-A92 or any PNP transistor with a 200-V or higher rating; see text. Q2—MPS-A42 or any NPN transistor with a 200-V or higher rating; see text.

system described in reference 4 can be used. For triode amplifier ALC circuits, see reference 5.

Circuit Description

This circuit can be universally applied. Circuit variations depend only on the bias voltages used, not on the tube type. The circuit for bias-voltage levels such as those used with the 4CX1000A is shown in Fig 1. Grid current is sampled by R1, which acts somewhat like a meter shunt; the voltage developed across R1 turns on O1. Approximately 0.1 mA of grid current is required to develop the 0.6 V needed to forward bias the base-emitter junction. With O1 on, the operating bias voltage, E_0 , appears at the collector of Q1. The voltage at the emitter of Q2 is derived from a more negative point, E1. The difference between E₁ and E₀ appears across R3, and the resulting current turns on Q2. E1 then appears at the collector of Q2. The Zener diode, D3, in the output line reduces this voltage to a level that is comfortable for the exciter. The transistor types used for Q1 and Q2 are not critical. Q1 and Q2 are silicon PNP and NPN types, respectively, with voltage ratings above the level of the highest voltage in the circuit.

For class-C operation (with suitable tubes only), the ALC line is switched off and the amplifier is driven into high grid current. In this situation, protective diodes D1 and D2 in the input circuit limit the voltage drop across R1, and R2 then limits the Q1 base current. Isolating diode D4 in the output circuit ensures that there is no possibility of the amplifier ALC circuit loading the exciter circuits during barefoot operation. D4 also prevents any possible interaction between the different amplifier ALC circuits in my station, all of which are connected in parallel to the exciter ALC jack.

The voltage (E_0) appearing at the collector of Q1 when it is turned on cannot be used directly for ALC. This is because without the higher negative voltage, E_1 , to reverse bias the base-collector junction, E_0 will appear at the collector at all times, even without grid current.

Circuit Analysis

The important circuit components are R1 and R3. The value of R1 is not too critical; it is chosen as a compromise between the requirements of limiting the grid current to a low level and not introducing excessive resistance into the grid circuit. A value of 4.7 k Ω satisfies these requirements. I tried lower values of resistance at R1 for several years in one of my amplifiers, using a panel-mounted variable resistor to set the ALC level. No output power or distortion differences were noted using values of resistance between 500 Ω to 5 k Ω , corresponding to a grid-current range of from 0.1 mA to 1 mA. No deterioration of amplifier operation has resulted from the insertion of 4.7 k Ω in the grid lead.

The value of R3 plays a more important

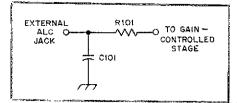


Fig 2—A typical exciter ALC input circuit.

role than may at first be apparent. An ALC circuit must act quickly at the first cycle of the first syllable of the voice signal to properly control the drive level. A typical exciter ALC input circuit is shown in Fig 2. We can insert no appreciable resistance in the collector of O2 as this would cause a time delay in charging C101 in the exciter. On the other hand, we must prevent creating collector currents beyond the rating of Q2 while charging C101, or when the ALC cable is accidentally shorted (an uncharged C101 acts like a short). This is the role of R3; it is chosen to produce a 1-mA base current in Q2. This limits the collector current to a safe value with any typical transistor that might be used and still provides fast charging of C101 and a consequential quick ALC attack time. For example, if Q2 has a gain of between 20 and 100, the collector-current limit will be between 20 mA and 100 mA.

Circuit Variations

The only circuit changes required for use with various amplifiers are the value of R3. the voltage ratings of the transistors and the output Zener diode ratings. D3 has a voltage rating of approximately 20 V less than E₁; this allows a maximum of 20 V to reach the exciter. The value of R3, measured in kilohms, is numerically equal to the difference between the standby and operating biases, E1 and E0, respectively. The exact value of R3 need only be approximate. Thus, a 4-400A amplifier with a 300-V standby bias and 150-V operating bias would use a 150-kΩ resistor at R3 and an output Zener diode (D3) rated at about 280 V. (Whatever Zener diodes you have in your junk box can be used to make up a series arrangement at roughly the desired voltage.) If screen-voltage switching is used for standby, the available bias supply voltage is used for Q2; this was called "standby bias" earlier for easy reference; any available voltage more negative than the operating bias will suffice. For example, an 8122 amplifier with screen standby control, and a constant 20-V operating bias, uses the 60-V bias supply at the emitter of Q3, a 39-kΩ resistor at R3 and a 39-V Zener for D3.

The output Zener has a value that is more psychological than electronic. One of my amplifiers worked for 10 years with no Zener without a bit of trouble—except an occasional worry. In fact, there is almost no way for the full bias supply voltage E₁

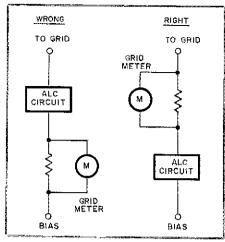


Fig 3-ALC circuit installation. See text.

to appear at the exciter. As soon as the ALC voltage rises far enough to limit the exciter gain so as to reduce the amplifier drive to the grid-current threshold level, the current in Q1, and the base current in Q2, are reduced so that Q2 will provide all the voltage drop required. However, D3 does provide protection for the exciter in the event of a short in Q2. Also, D3 reduces the dissipation in Q2. Since the circuit has been used only with an exciter whose ALC circuit requires less than 0.1 mA, the dissipation in Q2 has not been a problem. Usually R101 is fairly large; hence, there should be no dissipation problems. But if an exciter requires a significant amount of current, the dissipation in Q2 must be calculated.

It is easy to test the exciter by applying the required negative ALC voltage at the exciter ALC jack with a test supply and measuring the current required to swing the ALC meter. The required power rating for D3 can then be calculated. If a transistor with a higher dissipation rating is required for Q2, try an MPS-U10. At slightly higher cost, the high-quality 2N5416 and 2N3439 can be used for Q1 and Q2, respectively.

Although I haven't tried it, this circuit can be used for class-AB₂ operation. To obtain a higher grid-current threshold, simply decrease the value of R1.

Installation

If the ALC circuit is installed in the wrong part of the amplifier grid circuit, the emitter-base current of Q2, supplied by E_1 and returned through Q1 to the operating bias point at level E_0 , will appear on the grid-current meter. To avoid this, the gridmeter shunt should be between the ALC circuit and the grid, as shown in Fig 3.

When the ALC circuit is installed in an existing amplifier, a handy retrofit method is to build the circuit on a small plug-in circuit board. In this case, it is best to per-

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Spider™ HF Mobile Antenna

Of the several HF mobile antennas on the market, most of them operate on a similar principle. A 4- to 5-foot-long mast attaches to the mounting point, and then some sort of loading coil or resonator goes on top of the mast, with an adjustable-length whip above the loading coil. Different loading coils, or resonators, allow operation on the various bands. Several resonators can be mounted on the mast, eliminating the need to stop the car and jump out to change bands. Many of the commercial mobile antennas come with a multiband adapter.

So what is different about the Spider antenna? This antenna uses a unique type of loading coil, or resonator. Tuning within a hand is accomplished by sliding a plastic-coated tuning sleeve along the side of the resonator. There are no electrical connections between the tuning sleeve and the coil. A logging scale is provided on each resonator to index the position of the tuning sleeve. With a simple chart of resonant frequency as a function of logging scale, the antenna can be adjusted to resonance at any frequency within the band. There is no whip above the resonator.

The antenna is supplied with resonators for 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters. The optional 80/75-meter resonator was included with the review antenna. If you already have a ½-inch mobile antenna mast, then you may need only the Spider adapter that permits installation of the Spider resonators at the top of your mast.

Mounting the Antenna

The instructions provide little information about mounting the Spider antenna on a vehicle. I have a van and did not want to use the conventional bumper-mounting method. I was intrigued by the picture in the Spider ads that show it mounted on the front cowl of a van. I have some fairly strong opinions about how a mobile antenna should be mounted. Some of those opinions come from personal experience with mobile antennas, and some come from my knowledge of mechanical construction and antenna principles. Certainly, there are people who do not agree with me or who would not want to follow my suggestions.

A few years ago, I picked up a second-hand mobile antenna for a few dollars at a hamfest. I attached the mast to a bumper mount on my station wagon and soon learned the joys of HF mobile hamming. After about a month, to my dismay, the antenna mast would no longer stay on my car! It seems that the swaying action of the antenna as I drove along had torn the threads out of the bottom of the mast. The antenna was useless. I learned the hard way about using a heavy-duty spring at the base of the mast so as to allow it to sway and not damage the mounting threads.

People have told me that it is not necessary to use a spring at the base of the mast. One person even went so far as to explain how he

visited his friendly, local machine shop when the threads tore out of the bottom of his antenna mast. The machinist was able to enlarge the hole, tap new threads and then install an adapter for the standard 3/8-24 mounting stud. Every few months he would go back to the machinist to have a new adapter installed. Like I said, use a heavy-duty spring at the base of the mast! If you don't think having the antenna sway will damage the mast, just wait until you hit a low-hanging tree branch at 30 mi/h or so!

Of course, the spring will bend as you drive down the highway. In fact, the antenna can bend over quite far, and become a rather serious hazard. The simplest solution is to attach one or two nylon or twine guys near the top of the antenna, and then tie the guy lines to some point on the car to prevent the antenna from bending too far backwards or to the sides as you drive. A roof rack or rain-gutter

clips make good attachment points for fastening the guys to the car.

Back to the problem of mounting the Spider on my van. While the instructions made no mention of using a spring and the ad picture does not show one, I wanted to use a spring. By mounting the antenna on the cowl. I couldn't attach guy lines to keep the antenna from bending down along the side of the van. Ideally, a mobile antenna should be mounted in the center of the roof, but I sure didn't want to add 61/2 feet to the height of my van! You probably don't want to add that much height to your car, either! The trunk lid or rear humper are good places to mount a mobile antenna on a car, but not so good on a van. I finally settled on a spot near the top of the rear side panel, and installed a ball mount for the antenna. In this location, I can guy the antenna to the front roof rack to keep it from bending back and

to the far side of the rear roof rack to keep it from swinging over onto the sidewalk or slower traffic lane. By pulling on the front guy, I am able to fold the antenna forward to lay along the roof if there is a low overhead clearance.

For mounting the Spider on a car, a standard bumper mount should work fine. If you mount it on a full-size station wagon, consider putting the antenna near the top of one side panel, or perhaps even on the roof.

In either case, you should have less of a problem determining a suitable mounting location than 1 did.

If you live in a location where you cannot erect some other type of antenna, the Spider antenna can be used in an apartment or fastened to the metal railing on a patio or porch. With a few radials to form a ground plane, the Spider should serve well as your main station antenna. The instructions that come with the antenna give some details on this type of installation.

Tuning the Antenna

I spent about an hour and a half making up tuning charts for the various bands. The procedure is rather simple, although it is time consuming if you have to get in the car, adjust the transmitter, read the SWR, then get out and move the tuning sleeve on the resonator. Most of the time I spent on this part of the project was in establishing the resonant frequency of each resonator for a starting point. The instructions suggest that you simply "swish" your transmitter VFO across the band, watching the SWR meter as you go. Resonance is at the lowest SWR point. I chose not to follow this procedure, however. My technique was to check the SWR at one frequency, then move about 50 kHz and check another point, moving through the band. I listened on each frequency before transmitting, so as not to interfere with other stations.

Once the resonance point of a resonator is established, it is not difficult to chart other positions for the tuning sleeve on the logging scale to set the antenna resonance to any frequency in the band. The frequency seems to change linearly as the sleeve is adjusted up or down the coil. The resonant frequency becomes lower as you slide the sleeve up the resonator and higher as you stide it down the resonator. If the tuning sleeve is at the bottom of the coil

and the antenna resonance is still too low, you will have to shorten the coil. This is done by removing the end cap at the top of the resonator, and then using a pointed object like a scribe or ice pick to pry up the end of the coil wire under the vinyl jacket. You can then spiral some of the wire out of the assembly, cut it off and tuck the end back into the top of the coil. Don't remove more than two turns at a time! I did not find it necessary to trim any of the coils.

Tuning the 75/80- and 40-meter resonators involves one additional step. Instead of trimming wire off, there is a screw adjustment in the top of the coil. Presumably this moves

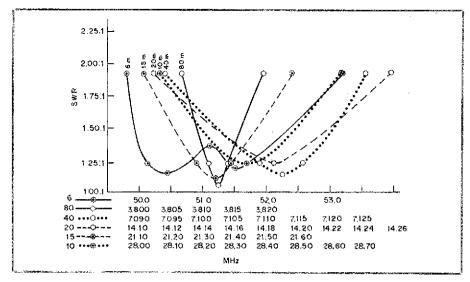


Fig 1—Plot of 80- through 6-meter SWR values calculated from return-loss measurements for the Spider antenna.

some type of core material into or out of the coil. To tune these, you start with the tuning sleeve at the bottom of the coil and your transmitter set near the high-frequency end of the band. The screw adjustment is used to set the high-end antenna resonance, and then moving the tuning sleeve up the coil will lower the resonant frequency.

Operation

The basic operating principle of the Spider is not difficult to understand. The mast is like any mobile antenna, and the resonators take the place of the loading coil and the remaining portion of the whip. But how do those tuning sleeves, that appear to be nothing more than plastic-covered toroids, work? As the sleeve slides along the tuning coil, it effectively isolates the part of the coil above the sleeve from the rest of the antenna. The lower the sleeve on the coil, the shorter the effective length of the antenna and the higher the resonant frequency.

The idea of having more than one resonator on the antenna at the same time is based on the principle that the RF will be transmitted by the resonant antenna and be rejected by the nonresonant ones. There is always the possibility that a multiband antenna will radiate harmonics of the desired signal, if harmonics are present in the signal that is supplied from the transmitter. Modern commercial equipment is filtered well enough that this should not be a problem. If you are using a piece of homemade equipment, however, you should be certain that all harmonics are adequately filtered out of the transmitted signal.

Construction

The Spider mast is made of solid 5/8-inch-diameter aluminum. At the top of the mast is a 1-inch-diameter section of aluminum with three resonator-mounting holes positioned 120° apart. The hole for a fourth resonator is in the top of this adapter. The bottom of the mast is also a 1-inch-diameter section of aluminum with a standard 3/8-24 mounting stud. This bottom section has three setscrews to hold the mast in position. By loosening these screws, you can rotate the mast to position the resonators after the mast is attached to your vehicle.

The 80-meter resonator outside diameter is just under 21/2 inches, the 40-meter resonator is slightly less than 1 inch, and the 20, 15 and 10-meter resonators are each just under 1/2 inch. The higher-frequency resonators use thinwalled fiberglass tubing. The top of the fiberglass tubing is open, with an end cap to seal out moisture. The low-frequency resonators seem to be made from an acrylic tubing with both ends of the tubing plugged with pieces of plastic for strength and to help seal out the weather. The mounting stud is sealed into the fiberglass. The resonator form is covered with a tightly wound coil of approximately no. 18 copper wire. The entire assembly is covered with a heavy-duty plastic similar to heat-shrink tubing. A clear plastic coating covers the logging scale.

As I learned the first day I had the antenna on my van, the coil wire is attached to the mounting stud by running it through a hole drilled in the stud and soldering them together. While this makes an excellent electrical connection and simplifies construction, it may also weaken the mounting stud. When I stopped at a stop sign, the motion of my van caused the antenna to swing forward. To the best of my knowledge, the antenna did not hit anything, yet the 40-meter resonator snapped off at the base, right at the hole for the wire. (That's how I discovered the method of attaching the wire!) I had no problems with a replacement resonator, and have driven many miles with the antenna on my van.

Later, I also learned that the coil wire is passed through a hole in the fiberglass on the smaller resonators. I had the antenna folded down along the roof of the van with the 20-meter resonator straight up in the air. There is a possibility that I may have hit a low-hanging tree branch, but I am not positive. At any rate, I noticed that the 20-meter resonator was bent toward the back of the van. Further investigation revealed that the fiberglass had cracked, right at the hole that the wire passes through.

Operating Impressions

After spending the time to make some tuning graphs so that I could set the antenna resonators for operation at almost any desired frequency, it was a pleasure to use this antenna for mobile operation. While the antenna band-

width is rather narrow on 80 and 40 meters, I could cover a sizeable piece of the higher-frequency bands without retuning the antenna.

Anyone who has ever tried HF mobile operation knows the joy of driving along the highway and chatting with a fellow ham hundreds, or thousands of miles away! The miles pass all too quickly when you get into a good ragchew with a ham on the other side of the country. I had many enjoyable QSOs with stations in California, Texas and Midwestern states using the Spider. During one trip to Pennsylvania, I checked into the East Coast Amateur Radio Service (ECARS), chatted with the net control station and listened to other check-ins. When I asked for signal reports, a number of stations responded. While no one told me I had the loudest signal on the band, they could hear me with little or no difficulty.

To make the SWR plots shown in Fig 1, 1 used the spectrum analyzer from the ARRL Lab to make return-loss measurements. The tracking generator produces a signal that sweeps a wide range of frequencies, and a directional coupler is used to pick up the signals that are reflected from the antenna for the spectrum analyzer input. In this way, you can see a display of the antenna response to a range of frequencies and easily determine both the resonant frequency and the impedance match of the antenna.

If the signal returned to the analyzer is 10 dB or more below the tracking generator output, the SWR is 2:1 or better. If the returned signal is 20 dB less than the generator output, the SWR is 1.2:1 or better. By recording the return loss for a range of frequencies in each band, I produced the SWR curves shown. These curves are only for one setting of the tuning sleeve in each band, and so they give an idea of the possible frequency range.

Using this test setup, I discovered an interesting antenna resonance in the 6-meter band. I made no effort to tune the 6-meter response, and it is possible that it occurred because of something in my installation. I decided to include the curve with the other information of Fig I because it might be worth further investigation for someone interested in 6-meter mobile operation.

The Spider antenna is rated for use with transmitters of up to 200-W output. My Heath HW-5400 is rated for half that, and I made no attempt to put the rated power into the antenna. The antenna is not designed for operation at 1500 W, so don't plan to use it with an amplifier.

I had some problems with the antenna, but most of those were related to the vehicle I used, and the fact that I mounted it near the top of my van so the top of the antenna was at least 11 feet above the ground. If you mount the antenna on the bumper, or even the trunk lid of a car, you should not have those problems. If you are looking for a mobile antenna that is designed to operate on any one of up to four bands while you drive down the highway, consider the Spider antenna. If you need a simple, easy-to-mount antenna for apartment or other "base" operation, then this may be the antenna for you, too.

The Spider antenna is available only from Multi-Band Antennas, 7131 Owensmouth Ave, Suite 363C, Canoga Park, CA 91303, tel 818-341-5460. Price class: Antenna mast with 40, 20, 15 and 10-meter resonators, \$140; 80-meter resonator, \$38; adapter with 40-through 10-meter resonators for use with your existing mast, \$83.—Larry D. Wolfgang, WA3VIL

New Products

PRINTED STRIPBOARDS FROM DICK SMITH ELECTRONICS

□ An assortment of sizes and configurations of printed stripboards is available from Dick Smith Electronics. Patterned after the popular English Veroboard, these versatile prototype and experimenter's boards provide etched copper strips predrilled on 0.1-in centers to allow mounting of ICs, DIP packages and discrete components. Copper strips are pretinned to facilitate easy soldering. When you wish to terminate a circuit, just cut the strip with a hobby knife or the special spotface cutter available from DSE. Shown (1-r) are four sizes of stripboard, and at top center, the H-5606 design breadboard.

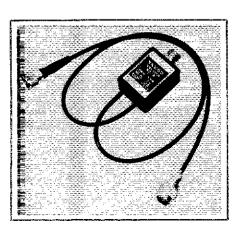
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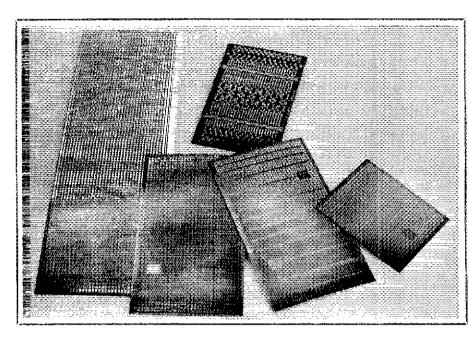
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H-5112	$3\frac{3}{4} \times 12$ in	\$2.95
H-5612	3×6 in	\$1.50
H-5616	3×6 in	\$2.00
H-5614	3×3 in	\$1.00
H-5606	3×5 in	\$1.50

Available from Dick Smith Electronics, Inc, PO Box 8021, Redwood City, CA 94063, tel 415-368-8844. Send \$1 postage for the DSE catalog. The DSE catalog is unique in that there are 15 pages filled with hard-to-get information on pin connections for ICs, Zener-diode data, circuit ideas, transistor interchangeability data, and much more.—Bruce O. Williams, WA6IVC

YAESU AD-2 DUPLEXER FOR THE FT-2700RH DUAL-BAND TRANSCEIVER AND FT-726R VHF/UHF ALL-MODE TRANSCEIVER

☐ Yaesu Electronics has announced the new AD-2 Duplexer to provide semi- or full-duplex VHF/UHF crossband operation with a single 2-m/70-cm dual-band antenna. The single antenna may serve for





both transmitting on one band and receiving on the other band simultaneously. Band-to-band isolation of more than 50 dB assures minimum receiver interference between bands. At high power, up to 50 W, there is minimal insertion loss of either transmit power or receive sensitivity.

Specifications

Passbands: 140-150 MHz and 400-500 MHz.

Maximum power: 50 W. Insertion loss: VHF less than 0.3 dB,

UHF less than 0.5 dB. Impedance: 50 ohms. SWR: Less than 1.2:1. Receive isolation: 50 dB.

For additional information contact your local Yaesu dealer or Yaesu Electronics Corp, PO Box 49, Paramount, CA 90723, tel 213-633-4007.—Bruce O. Williams, WA61VC

CURTIS 8044ABM KEYER CHIP

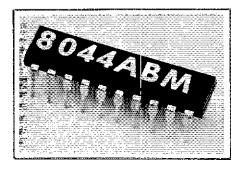
An enhancement of the popular 8044 keyer-on-a-chip has been introduced by Curtis Electro Devices. Called the 8044ABM, the CMOS device combines the functions of the 8044, 8044B, 8044M and 8044BM into one IC along with a new capability termed "negative weighting." Common keyer weighting circuits only add weight to dots and dashes by making them longer at the expense of spacing. By your switching a control on the 8044ABM, the weight control will either add or subtract from the code-element length. Negative weighting is useful in situations where the

transmitter is adding unwanted weight that must be cancelled.

The new IC also has a control line to switch the iambic keying action between the "B" method used in some keyers and the usual Curtis "A" method. (The B method adds an opposite element when a squeeze-keyer paddle is released during the generation of a code element; the original Curtis method adds nothing.)

Although not pin compatible with earlier Curtis IC versions, the 8044ABM retains all other properties of the 8044 series, including dot and dash memories, key debouncing, self-completing code elements, an instant-starting clock, a built-in sidetone oscillator, an analog speed indicator and extremely low power drain. Normally, the IC is operated from a 5- or 9-V dc source.

The 8044ABM is supplied in a 20-pin DIP plastic package and is priced at \$19.95. For further information, call or write to Curtis Electro Devices, Inc. Box 4090, Mountain View, CA 94040, tel 415-964-3846.—Paul K. Pagel, NIFB



Technical Correspondence

Conducted By Paul K. Pagel, N1FB Senior Assistant Technical Editor

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dB OR NOT dB

☐ In "Gaining on the Decibel," Paul Shuch makes some very good points about the use of the decibel. The article points out the pitfalls involved with carelessly using decibel relationships with power and (particularly) voltage. These points were also made by Michael Gruchalla.2 While I basically agree with the technical content of both articles, let me supply a different perspective that defines the use of the decibel as it relates to voltages.

Shuch condemns the use of decibels with voltage ratios because of the possible misinterpretation of the results, especially when power ratios in decibels are mixed with voltage and current ratios in decibels. He correctly points out that the equation

$$dB = 20 \log (V2/V1)$$
 (Eq. 1)

is, strictly speaking, only valid when the two impedances associated with the two voltages are equal. There are many electronic systems that have equal input and output impedances, and (as stated in the article) the use of the standard decibel equation for voltage is valid in those instances.

On the other hand, there are many electronic systems that do not have a constant impedance (Z_o), but can still be correctly analyzed using voltage gain in decibels. In particular, operational amplifier circuits and active filters come to mind. These circuits usually have large input impedances and near-zero output impedances. Voltage gain is the primary consideration in their design, not power gain. The use of Bode plots (voltage gain in decibels v logarithmic frequency) is a well-established, powerful tool for analyzing this type of circuit.3 As long as one works only in terms of voltage gain, the results will be consistent and valid.

with numbers expressed in decibel form, particularly when both power and voltage are involved, but that does not totally exclude expressing voltage gain in decibels. The advantages of expressing voltage gain in decibels often far outweigh the disadvantages.-Robert A. Witte, KBØCY, 2217 114th Dr NE, Lake Stevens, WA 98258

PTFE IN RF CIRCUITS

☐ Often we see references to Teflon® in construction articles. Not only is Teflon a

¹H. P. Shuch, "Gaining on the Decibel—Part 1," *QST*, Feb 1986, p 20.

²M. Gruchalla, "Defining the Decibel," *Ham Radio*, Feb 1985, p 51.

3J. D. Irwin, Basic Engineering Circuit Analysis (New York: Macmillan, 1984), p 480.

Yes, care must be taken when working

need to be looked at more closely in the future as they can create a dangerous and

The implication given is that this switch is a lightning protector. Not only is it not a lightning protector, it can create a direct path for lightning through your ham gear into the house electrical wiring. I personally know of people who had lightning enter their house through the coaxial cable leadin from a grounded tower/antenna. In such a system, this switch would shunt the current to the rig.

registered trademark of the DuPont Co. but Teflon refers to an entire product line of fluoropolymers. When we refer to Teflon, we are usually talking about PTFE (Polytetrafluoroethylene). This is the white. waxy appearing plastic usually seen in electronic applications.

We should exercise caution when using PTFE in RF circuits. Although PTFE has some electrical and mechanical properties that make it ideal for the builder, it has some properties that can cause problems.

I recommend caution when using PTFE in frequency determining circuits, especially at higher frequencies in equipment subject to temperature changes. PTFE has a coefficient of thermal expansion of approximately 6×10^{-6} in/in/deg F. This amounts to a 1% change in dimensions for every 100° F change in temperature. In addition, PTFE undergoes a change in molecular configuration in the range of 55-77° F with an abrupt change of about 1.5\% in dimensions. Not too much of a problem at HF, but this could cause real difficulties at VHF.

PTFE also leaves something to be desired in its mechanical properties. It is a "soft" plastic and exhibits flow under stress. You may find your PTFE bolt has sheared under tension or your standoff insulator has parted from its mountings. Don't plan on using PTFE as an antenna insulator as the wire will cut right through when under tension.

PTFE has remarkable dielectric strength. The published data shows an average of 600 V/mil. Be cautious! Thin films (0.001 to 0.020 in) can contain micro voids that radically change the insulating properties. Don't depend on very thin layers of PTFE for insulation at high voltages.—Adam J. Patarcity, KD2HZ, 1931 Turk Hill Rd, Fairport, NY 14450

COAXIAL SWITCHES AND LIGHTNING PROTECTION

☐ I wish to bring to your attention the misleading-if not outright dangerousinformation presented in the March 1986 QST New Products announcement for the MFJ Enterprises Two-position Coaxial Switch, p 45. Announcements such as this unfounded sense of security.

A grounding coaxial switch is not a substitute for disconnecting your antenna from the rig. Any time there is the slightest chance of a storm, disconnect the anienna, ground and power leads. Don't just turn the coaxial switch.

How is that coaxial switch grounded? In the models I have tested, the center conductor of the coax lead is connected to the shield of the coax and thus back through your antenna to ground. At the same time. however, the shield of the coax running to your \$1000 rig is also connected to this grounded system. Should lightning or any RF/electrical surge on the antenna find the path to ground through your rig to either its ground or into the electrical system of your house, guess what is going to burn out-if not the whole house.

Therefore, do not use your coasial switch as a lightning arrestor. This is not what they are designed for. Do read up on what you are purchasing so you will know how it is designed to be used. Do keep your rig disconnected from the antenna system when not using it. It is also a good idea for all of us to periodically check our antenna ground system and its connections. - David Jones, N4JED, 504 North Broad St. Salem. VA 24153

BOLTS FROM THE BLUE

☐ Amateurs interested in obtaining some detailed information on the characteristics of lightning, proper grounding techniques and materials to use for lightning protection should consider obtaining the publication, Lightning Protection Guide for Radio Communications. This 19-page booklet was written by Roger R. Block, KD7UT, and is available from the Poly-Phaser Corporation, 1425 Industrial Way. PO Box 1237, Gardnerville, NV 89410, tel 702-782-2511. The price is \$4.95,—Paul K. Pagel, ARRL HO

Feedback

- ☐ Please refer to "Real-Time HF WEFAX Maps on a Dot-Matrix Printer," QST, Mar 1986, p 19, Fig 3. Change the GET X statement in line 180 to: GET X\$.
- Rodney B. Lewis, WØEO, points out an error in Fig 13A of "Diodes and How They are Used," Mar 1985 QST, p 38. A dcblocking capacitor should be placed in the path between L1 and D1.

FINE TUNING FOR THE TS-830S

☐ After owning a Kenwood TS-520 and TS-820S, I recently bought a TS-830S with 270-Hz (8.33-MHz IF) and 250-Hz (455-kHz IF) CW tilters. After installing both filters, I looked forward to some real DX hunting in the crowded bands.

A little operating soon revealed that the tuning rate was too fast for the bandwidth of the filters. I discovered that Kenwood had increased the tuning rate of the '830 from that on earlier models. This made it almost impossible for me to tune in a CW station using the narrow filter.

To overcome this problem, I rigged a 3/8-inch-wide rubber band around the main tuning knob and a small pulley supported by the lower-right-hand dial-assembly screw. That arrangement slowed the tuning rate by a factor of four, but stretch in the rubber band gave too much backlash. The experiment did, however, point the way to the right solution (Fig 1).

I found a 96-tooth antibacklash split gear, with about the same diameter as the tuning knob, in my junk box. The gear was from the main tuning of a surplus ARC-5 receiver. A matching 26-tooth gear comes from the coupling-coil control in the output-inductance circuit of an ARC-5 transmitter. It even had a bearing and spring mount that eases installation.

A bracket made from two pieces of 1-inch aluminum angle and secured by the lower-right-hand dial-assembly mounting screw is a suitable mount and bearing support for the new knob. (I made a template out of paper so that I could secure proper clearances for the name plate and the raised parts of the dial-assembly casting.) The two pieces of angle are fastened together by two screws, as shown in the photo.

Next, I went to a nearby hardware store and got an $M-4 \times 16$ mm metric Allen-head cap screw, similar to the original, but with enough additional length to engage the tapped threads in the dial casting. Note that the mounting hole in the aluminum angle is drilled near one edge; the correct mesh for the gears is achieved by rotating the aluminum bracket about the screw.

Carefully polish the bracket to remove any burrs or roughness, then cover the rear face of the aluminum assembly with adhesive tape to protect the painted surface of the radio.

Remove the plastic kilohertz scale, the associated tension spring and washers from behind the original '830 knob and carefully store them away.

After using my new vernier-gear arrangement successfully for a month, I mentioned it to Jim Aguirre, WB7DHC, who also has a Kenwood TS-830S; it was just what he needed. He found that even with the 500-Hz filters, it was very difficult to tune the receiver with the original dial.

Certainly, the Kenwood TS-830S has all the features anyone could desire for a truly deluxe amateur transceiver, but it is my hope that Kenwood will see the need for a better tuning rate (for CW work) on future designs. [It seems Kenwood has complied; the tuning rate

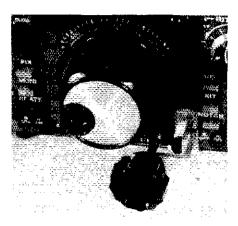


Fig 1—W7Bl's vernier tuning arrangement on his TS-830S. (WB7DHC photo)

in the TS-430S is adequate for use with the 270-Hz filter.—Ed.]—Howard O, Lorenzen, W7BI, Bellevue, Washington

ANTENNA INSULATORS FROM THE GOLF COURSE

☐ While erecting a dipole antenna, I found that I had no insulators for the ends. After some rummaging, I came upon some plastic practice golf balls, the kind with holes in them, and decided that they might work. To use them, thread the antenna wire through two of the holes (making sure to get one on each side of the seam); then put nylon cord through two other holes in the opposite side and string them up. They work perfectly! Not only are they light, but they are inexpensive and have a spring to them that tends to cushion the antenna as it sways in the breeze.—Sam Fischer, KAØILO, Moberly, Missouri

☐ Most golf courses now use fiberglass flagsticks on the greens. They usually measure about seven feet long by 1/2 inch in diameter. Occasionally, some are damaged and discarded. Material salvaged from these flagsticks makes excellent dipole end insulators. Cut the sticks into suitable lengths (I use seven-inch pieces) with a fine-tooth hacksaw. Dress the ends with a fine-cut mill file and drill a 1/8-inch-diameter hole about 34 inch from each end of the insulator, (I used a high-speed twist drill.) Presto! You now have effective, durable and inconspicuous dipole insulators—and the price is right! No doubt you will have more insulators than you can use, so why not pass some of them out to new hams?-Troy Sherrill, WD8MOP, Oak Harbor, Ohio

A WEATHER GUARD FOR BASE-LOADED VERTICAL ANTENNAS

Carleton Beck, W2PHA, sent in the idea in Fig 2 for protecting the loading coil and bandswitching apparatus of a base-loaded vertical antenna from the weather. First cut

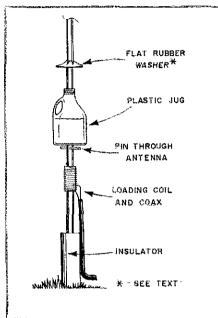


Fig 2—W2PHA's idea to protect base-loading components from the weather.

a large rubber washer from an old inner tube. (Discarded tubes are available at tire shops that service large trucks.) Make the center hole small enough for a tight fit on the antenna. Next, cut the bottom from an old plastic jug, such as those used for bleach or milk. Place the washer and jug on the antenna and then install a pin through the antenna at the position where you want the jug. (A hose clamp might be easier to install and will serve the same purpose.) Finally, slide the jug to the pin and work the washer down to the top of the jug.—Bob Schetgen, KUTG, ARRI

AN INEXPENSIVE SOURCE OF LIGHTWEIGHT WIRE

Lightweight, yet durable wire can be obtained by performing "surgery" on a discarded streetlight ballast. A visit to my electric-company trash bin netted several good coils of wire. The wire is aluminum of approximately 18 to 20 gauge, and it weighs less than three ounces per 100 ft. It takes little ef fort with a hacksaw and vise to remove the two coils (wound on plastic forms) from the laminated iron core. Each coil (two per ballast core) contains approximately 200 ft of wire. A good coil looks "copper" in color be cause of the coating on the wire; a bad coi looks black. There is no problem with connections if the wires are clean, tightly twisted and sealed against moisture. - Mike Maloney ACSP, Bartlesville, Oklahoma

HAMS AND THE NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE

☐ As a longtime Professional Engineer and instructor, and a newly licensed (1984) ham

I appreciate Doug DeMaw's "First Steps in Radio" series. Part 12 in the series, "The Amateur and Electrical Safety" (Dec 1984 OST), prompted me to pen a few suggestions:

1) When grounding to metal pipe, first check the piping system to see that the metallic pipe actually extends to a good earth ground. I lived in one home where the metal pipe changed to plastic just outside the crawl space wall—hardly an acceptable ground.

2) I question the use of soldered joints, shown in Fig 4 of Doug's December article. It is difficult to properly solder fine copper braid to iron pipe with a torch. Also, soldering is not an accepted practice for electrical grounding in general (Article 250-113, National Electrical Code). Clamps are mentioned in reference to Fig 3, and I believe they should also be recommended for Fig 4.

3) Hams should look to the applicable sections of the National Electrical Code in order to learn the necessity of adequately sized conductors. Article 810—Radio and Television Equipment, Part C; Amateur Transmitting and Receiving Stations, including references therein to Section 810-21, which in turn references several parts of Section 250—Grounding.

I have lived with this code for many years in engineering design work as a Professional Engineer. The code is a minimum safety standard. It does not affect our design as long as we treat it as such. All hams should read it.—Paul C. Leach, PE, N7GGX, Anacortes, Washington

BESSELL NULLS TO SET FM DEVIATION

☐ A great number of hams have 2-m FM equipment, but modulation adjustment is usually the nemesis of most, unless they have access to a Cushman communications monitor or similar equipment.

Here is an inexpensive and accurate method of deviation adjustment that requires only a nonchannelized receiver with a BFO or product detector, and an AF signal generator. It is called the Bessell Null Method. Frequency modulation is defined by Bessell functions that are best handled with calculus, but for any given deviation, there is a carrier null at a specific audio modulating frequency and amplitude.

$$df = f_m \times k \tag{Eq 1}$$

where

df = deviation

f_m = modulating frequency

= a constant based on the desired null: 2.405 for the first; 5.521 for the second; 8.654 for the third

To adjust a transmitter, set the deviation control near its minimum position, disconnect the audio input, key the transmitter and tune the receiver close to the transmitter frequency so that a beat note of 100-200 Hz results. Then unkey the transmitter, connect the AF signal generator and set it to supply 2080 Hz, key the transmitter and adjust the generator output level just below that which produces clipping (the best level is indicated by the purest tone from the receiver). Finally, advance the transmitter deviation control slowly until the beat note nulls. You will also hear the beat notes from the 2080-Hz side-

bands produced as deviation increases, but ignore these and listen only to the 100-200 Hz beat. Do not increase deviation beyond the first null: There are other nulls beyond the first that correspond to ever greater deviation ranges.

If the audio signal is distorted, the carrier will not null completely. This is why the input should be set to a level just below that which causes clipping: Clipping produces distortion. Higher Bessell Nulls may be used with correspondingly lower audio frequencies. For example, you can also set 5-kHz deviation by tuning to the second null with a modulating frequency of 906 Hz.—John Gebuhr, WBOCMC, Omaha, Nebraska

ADAPT THE HY-GAIN® HY-TOWER FOR USE ON 30 METERS

My low-band antenna here in the Florida Keys is an 18HT Hy-gain Hy-Tower vertical; it operates superbly on the 160, 80 and 40-m bands. The antenna has the help of 6 feet of salt water directly beneath it, reinforced by 80 square feet of aluminum sheet at the bottom. With the arrangement shown, the SWR is perfect on 30 m as well.

I tried several methods to get the antenna on 30 meters and finally discovered that shown in Fig 3. The tower resonates on

HY-TOWER

HY-TOWER

40 M
S1*
160M/O
BAND

ON OFF
L2*

30-M
S2*
LOADING

50 D. TO
TRANSMITTER

* SEE TEXT

Fig 3—A schematic of the Hy-Tower converted for 30-m operation.

7 MHz because the center conductor feeds the mast above, which is insulated from the tower. When SW1 is set to the second position (which had been used to load the antenna for 160-m operation), the inductor, L1, functions as a choke and decouples the inner wire and mast at 10 MHz. Thus, the tower resonates at around 10.300 MHz. L2 and SW2 were added just beneath the base of the antenna to achieve resonance at 10.100 with a perfect SWR

My rig is a TS-830S, which provides about 120 W to the antenna, and results verify that the antenna is indeed functioning in good style.—Charles W. Rogers, W2AIW (Silent Key)

USE A SCANNER TO SET THE FREQUENCY IN YOUR CRYSTAL-CONTROLLED 2-M RIG

CJ My Bearcat[®] VHF scanner makes an excellent signal generator for adjusting the receive crystals in my 2-m rig. The local oscillator in the scanner runs 10.8 MHz below the scanner receive frequency. (Bearcat radios use a 10.8-MHz IF.) Just add 10.800 MHz to the desired 2-m frequency and set the scanner to the resulting frequency. For example: To align a 2-m radio to 147.57 MHz, add 10.8 to 147.57 and program 158.37 into the scanner.—Roy Williams, W6VON, La Mesa, California

There has been some trouble with local-oscillator (LO) radiation from scanners. Scanner LOs have been known to interfere with repeaters several miles away. I under stand that manufacturers sometimes solve this problem by shifting the IF slightly, so that the LO is not on a repeater frequency when the scanner is tuned to popular local channels. Be sure of the scanner IF before using this technique.—Ed.]

New Books

NEW BEACON GUIDE

☐ Over 6100 beacons, even after dropping over 1000 listed in the original Beacon Guide that are no longer in service, are listed in the New Beacon Guide offered by Ken Stryker. The new guide covers North America, South America, the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific, and even the Russian beacons that are excellent targets for the West Coast DXers. The easy-to-use information is arranged in frequency order and is cross-indexed by identification. Information for each beacon includes city, airport, state, province, island, and so on. Geographical coordinates are shown for all beacons. Power, in watts, is shown for all beacons.

Included in this new Beacon Guide is a separate, updated listing of over 100 known LOWFERS operating on the frequencies between 160 and 190 kHz. Designed for future updating, the guide is furnished in standard three-ring loose-leaf format.

Available from Ken Stryker, 6350 N Hoyne Ave, Chicago, IL 60659. Price: \$10 postpaid in the US, \$15 by airmail overseas.—Bruce O. Williams, WA6IVC

Field Organization Call-Sign Badges

Now ARRL Field Organization volunteers can purchase distinctive, official ARRL call-sign badges!

By Steve Place, WB1EYI
Manager, Volunteer Resources

he long-awaited official ARRL Field Organization call-sign badges are here! And ARRL appointees, proud of the active roles they play, are rushing to buy them.

Hereafter, ARRL volunteers who sport the official green badges will be easily identified as people in the know—key section leadership officials. Those wearing the official orange badges—a recognized emergency-service color—will stand out in a crowd as radio amateurs skilled in the techniques of emergency communications. And National Traffic System leadership appointees, the dedicated brass pounders who usually meet their counterparts only across a crowded band, can now spot each other easily across a crowded hamfest.

Other volunteers will be recognized by their official blue badges (Station Appointees) or light-blue badges (Division Appointees). If you hold a current ARRL Field Organization or Division appointment, you qualify, too.

The program was created by the ARRL Board of Directors in response to your requests. At its 1986 Annual Meeting in January, the Board approved (at Minute 83):

... a program for authorizing ARRL Field Organization volunteers to purchase distinctive, official ARRL call-sign badges, such program to be implemented with the following stipulations:

 a) that the design of the badge be patterned after the official call-sign badges for ARRL elected officials, officers and staff;

b) that the background colors of the badges be distinctive and identify categories of volunteers;

c) that each badge manufacturer who wishes to participate must agree to meet and to continue to adhere to quality standards; and

d) that the program operate at no cost to ARRL.

Directors, Vice Directors, Officers, Section Managers and ARRL Headquarters staff (elected officials and staff) have for some time been authorized to wear the distinctive red-background badges with

which many of you are familiar. The new Field Organization badges are nearly identical (see Fig 1) but with different background colors. The badge color for Division appointees is light blue; for the Section Staffs. green; for Station Appointees, blue; for Emergency Communications Appointees, orange; and for the National Traffic System leadership. light green. (Refer to Table 1 for details.)

The official Field Organization badges are made to the same high-quality standards as the red badges for the elected leadership officials. Participating commercial badge engravers have agreed to meet, and continue to adhere to, these standards. For example, official badges purchased from them will have the stripes and ARRL diamond silk-screened on the blank stock, not applied by tape or decal.

"How Do I Buy One?"

Participating engravers will sell the official badges only to those who are authorized: Division appointees and currently active volunteers in the ARRL Field Organization. If you're eligible,

1) Get an order form and instructions from your Director, Section Manager, section leadership official or Headquarters.

2) Fill out the form providing all the necessary information, including which of the participating commercial engravers you want to make your badge. (The list of participating engravers was not available at the time this was written. Participating engravers will be listed in the ARRL Field Forum newsletter, which is sent to all Field Organization volunteers, and the latest, updated lists will be available from Headquarters for a self-addressed, stamped



envelope. Also, watch the Ham-Ads section of *OST*.)

3) Then, send the following to the proper authorizing official (see Table I). (Directors certify Assistant Directors' or Advisory Committee appointees' eligibility; Section Managers certify the eligibility of all other appointees. Directors' and Section Managers' addresses are on page 8 of QST.)

a) the completed form;

b) a check in the proper amount made out to the engraver you've chosen (each engraver sets his own price for the badges, so make sure you remit the proper amount);

c) a stamped, business-size envelope addressed to the engraver; and

d) (optional) a stamped, self-addressed postcard (or QSL).

On receipt of the above, your Director or Section Manager will check to determine

Assistant Emergency Coordinators (AECs), who are not formally part of the ARRL Field Organization, must go through one additional step. As AECs are appointed locally by Emergency Coordinators, Section Managers do not have up-to-date listings of them. For an AEC to be authorized to purchase an official ARRL orange call-sign badge, he must first have his appointing EC sign a statement that his AEC appointment and ARRL membership are current and send it with the order form and other materials to his Section Manager. AECs who are not ARRL members will not be authorized to purchase an official call-sign badge.

Table 1

Official ARRL Field Organization Call-Sign **Badges: Eligibility and Background Colors**

Authorized by Section Manager

Section Staff Appointees GREEN Assistant Section Manager Affiliated Club Coordinator Bulletin Manager Official Observer Coordinator Public Information Officer Section Emergency Coordinator Section Traffic Manager State Government Liaison Technical Coordinator

Station Appointees

Official Observer Official Emergency Station Official Relay Station Assistant Technical Coordinator Official Bulletin Station Public Information Assistant

Emergency Communications Appointées

District Emergency Coordinator **Emergency Coordinator** Official Emergency Station* Section Emergency Coordinator* Assistant Emergency Coordinator (only if ARRL member)*

NTS Leadership Appointees NTS Area Staff Net Manager

Authorized by Director

Division Appointees Assistant Director Advisory Committee Appointee

LIGHT BLUE

RED

BLUE

ORANGE

LIGHT GREEN

Authorized at Headquarters

Elected Leadership and Staff President Vice Presidents Director Vice Director Section Manager

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Appointee may choose either or both authorized colors. For example, an SEC may choose to purchase a green badge by virtue of his being a "Section Leadership Appointee" and/or an orange badge by virtue of his being an "Emer-cetter Communications Appointee "(Me recomgency Communications Appointee. (We recommend, however, that all Emergency Communications Appointees purchase the distinctive orange badges for use in emergency field situations.) 'See article footnote.

that you are indeed an active, current appointee. If you are, he or she will sign your order form and forward it (in the stamped, addressed envelope you've provided) to the engraver. If you've included a selfaddressed, stamped postcard, it will be dated and returned to you as confirmation that your order is on its way. If for some reason you are not a current appointee, your form will be returned to you, and you'll be invited to join the ARRL Field Organization.

Directors and Section Managers can, of course, also authorize your orders in person at hamfests, conventions, club meetings, and the like.

"But what if I'm not a member of the Field Organization?"

If you're not, there's a job waiting for

you. Section Staff appointees are the key, section-level leadership officials in their areas of expertise. The responsibilities are great, but the work is rewarding. Station appointees work closely with their section leadership officials in the areas of Volunteer Monitoring, emergency communications, traffic handling, answering technical questions, resolving RFI problems, disseminating bulletin information and keeping the general public informed about Amateur Radio. These men and women who, as members of the ARRL Field Organization, volunteer their time and talents to serve their communities, are the heart and soul of the American Radio Relay League.

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If any of these areas interest you, contact your Section Manager for more information. Or better yet, look for the volunteers wearing official ARRL Field Organization call-sign badges at your next club meeting or hamfest. They'll be happy to explain the terrific opportunities open to you.

ALC for AB₁ Amps

(continued from page 39)

manently install R1 in the amplifier circuit. Then, if the board is removed for testing, there will still be bias applied to the tube. To reduce the value of R1, you need merely shunt it with another resistor on the board, leaving the original R1 in the amplifier.

Between its grid-current sampling shunt, R1, and the exciter ALC circuit, the ALC circuit may be considered a high-gain de amplifier. In effect, the ALC meter operates as an extremely sensitive gridcurrent meter, and you shouldn't be surprised if full ALC indications are obtained while almost nothing at all can be seen on the grid-current meter. The action of the grid-current meter will depend on its range and the meter damping.

On VHF, where the secondary emission effect of the tubes is more pronounced, the ALC meter may indicate normally, representing a 0.1-mA grid current, while the grid meter registers negatively. That's okay. The ALC circuit reacts only to the normal grid current at the peak of the RF drive cycle, while the meter reads the average current over an entire cycle, which is negative. This situation is clarified by the discussion and curves on pages 11 through 13 of reference 3.

The ALC circuit can be tested with the high voltage off, when the secondary emission effect is absent. Two-tone tests (using a dummy load) were run on 2 meters while reducing the value of R1 until very small positive grid-current-meter indications were obtained simultaneously with normal ALC meter indications. Severe flat-topping was evident on the monitor scope, and splatter far up and down the band resulted. What this means is that the ALC circuit protects against overdrive that can't even be seen on the grid-current meter. The meter reads the average grid current. We want the grid current to go just an infinitesimal bit positive at the peak of the RF cycle, but not so positive so as to be greater than the negative grid current caused by secondary emission.

Although this circuit looks like a switch

that abruptly turns on the ALC voltage at the instant the grid current reaches the threshold level, in practice the operation is extremely smooth. The reason for this is that the ALC loop gain is not determined by the amplifier ALC circuit, which has very high gain, but by the gain-control characteristics of the exciter stage controlled by the ALC. The action between the exciter DRIVE control and the ALC voltage as indicated on the exciter meter is just the same as when the exciter is operated barefoot; you can forget you have ALC in the amplifier.

This circuit has been used in my amplifiers for 15 years, with no trouble and no reports of splatter. All circuit values are noncritical, and large changes in bias levels and idling current may be made with no ALC circuit changes. Best of all, there are no adjustments to make! This certainly is a "build-and-forget" circuit-I forgot to write this article for 15 years! I want to thank Bill Orr, W6SAI, and Bob Sutherland, W6PO, for their helpful suggestions on operating tetrodes.

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Mark Mandelkern's PhD in mathematics is the result of his attempts, at age 9, to understand the algebra in the electronics books at the local library.

It was there he had gone when his first "home brewed" one-tube receiver stubbornly refused to work. His first home brewed transmitter, operating at 1450 kHz, played the popular 78-RPM-record hits of the day and broadcast all the news of the neighborhood teenage gang. In 1948, Mark re-ceived his first amateur license and hasn't been heard below 1800 kHz since!

Mark now holds an Extra Class license and has often led his section, division or call area in 160-meter, ARPL DX, CQ WW DX, SS and VHF contests. In 1964, he and Dan Eisman, K8ICB, established the first amateur 6-meter RTTY meteorscatter link, over a 500-mile path from Long Island

Mark has been teaching mathematics at New Mexico State University since 1969. His specialty is "constructive" mathematics, about which he has published a number of research articles. He also published an elementary introduction to the subject for high school and college students in Mathematics Magazine, Nov 1985.

Ham Radio in China

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ot too much is known about the early days of ham radio in China. We do know that ham radio had its roots in Shanghai, where the first station operated in the late 1920s. Ham radio activities during World War II stopped, of course, just as it did in the US. After the war, it is thought that there were as many as 400 private and public ham radio stations in China. [The Chinese Amateur Radio League was admitted to membership in the

International Amateur Radio Union in 1947.—Ed.] After the 1949 revolution, ham radio was not allowed until 1958. In the period 1958-1966, there were six stations in four cities.

The cultural revolution (1966-1976) was a period of turmoil in China. Its roots were political, and ham radio, like most other technical and educational institutions, got caught in the middle. To use ham radio was to leave yourself open to charges of "having an illicit relation with a foreign country." So, ham radio was (once again) banned and, sadly, all written records that documented the early history of ham radio in China were lost or destroyed.

Current Activity

When ham radio was again authorized, in 1982, the first station to come on the air was

BY1PK, the headquarters station for the Chinese Radio Sports Association (CRSA). [CRSA joined the IARU in 1984.—Ed.] I recently visited Beijing and spent a morning at BY1PK talking with Wang Xun, the Deputy Secretary General of the CRSA, and Tong Xiao-Yong, the station manager.

Currently, there are 10 licensed Amateur Radio stations in China:

Beijing: BY1PK—CRSA Headquarters Station; BY1QH—Qinghua University; BY1SK—Youth Amateur Radio Station of the Xuanwu District, Beijing.

Shanghai: BY4AA—Shanghai Branch of CRSA; BY4AOM—Shanghai Station for All Old Amateurs (ie, previously licensed).

Chengdu (Sichuan Province): BY8AA—Sichuan Branch of CRSA; BY8AC—Youth Amateur Radio Station of Chengdu.

Fuzhou (Fujian Province): BY5RA—Fujian branch of CRSA; BY5RF—Youth Amateur Radio Station of Fuzhou.

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Province: BYØAA—Xinjiang Branch of CRSA.

Private ham radio stations are not allowed in China today. Ham radio is found only at clubs affiliated with the CRSA, and people learn about ham radio by taking classes at a club station. The BY1PK station building is, in fact, a sports school, which offers courses in such things as ham radio and modeling (airplanes, ships), and has dormitory facilities to accommodate visiting sports teams. This school currently has 20 students and amateurs who are



Wang Xun, Deputy Secretary-General of the Chinese Sports Association, operates at one of the positions at the CRSA headquarters station in Beijing. Amateur operation in China today is strictly a club activity. (WD5CAY photo)

authorized to use the BYIPK station.

The BY1PK Station

As you might expect of any headquarters station, BY1PK is equipped with the latest in ham gear. All bands from 1.8 MHz through 432 MHz are covered. Modes operated include CW, SSB, SSTV, RTTY and OSCAR. The rigs are the latest in solid-state technology (mostly Yaesu and Kenwood), and there are kW amplifiers for the low bands. Supporting the shack is an Apple II® personal computer with software for such things as satellite locating and contest logging.

Antennas on top of the five-story building include dipoles for 160 and 80, a 7-element beam for 20-15-10, a 3-element beam on 6, and beams for 2 meters and 70 cm (including OSCAR).

Station activities include working DX (over 90 countries to date), contesting and providing technical support to the other stations and special-purpose support as required. For instance, in May 1985, a

special station (BTØNMN) was set up in the Himalayas (at a height of 4700 meters) to support a joint Chinese-Japanese mountain-climbing expedition on Mount Naimona'nyi. This station was instrumental in supporting the rescue of an injured Japanese member of the climbing team (see September 1985 QST, page 11).

Future Growth

For the Chinese, ham radio is much too

expensive to be just a hobby. For instance, the cost of an ordinary transceiver (about \$500) represents more than one year's salary for the average technical worker in China. Future growth will be tied closely to the rate at which China is able to industrialize and to the potential benefits to society that ham radio is able to offer.

Growth will come in two areas. First, it is hoped that private operation of ham radio equipment will be once again allowed. If this happens, one would expect that there would shortly be several hundred licenses issued. Second, the number of club stations will increase. By the end of 1986, it is expected that there will be two or three additional stations in the corridor between Shanghai and Beijing (in cities along the railroad), and one station each in Canton and Hunan provinces.

The rules of the game are that BY1PK will provide the training and technical support, but the money, space and people must come from the local government. So, ham radio must compete with all the other needs that a local government has, and its success will depend on ham radio being seen as a major contributor to a community's technology base, education advancement, health and safety.

A Final Note

The CRSA wants very much to reconstruct the early history of ham radio in China. CRSA has written to all of the old Chinese amateurs that it has been able to find, asking them to supply whatever historical reminiscences they can. I have volunteered to collect similar information in the US. If you worked any Chinese stations before 1949, please send me that information (call, date, name, station location, etc). If you can send copies of QSL cards, that would be even better. I will consolidate the information and pass it on to the CRSA.

Ham Radio Spends a Weekend at the Boston Museum of Science

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Invention is 10 percent inspiration and 90 percent perspiration.—Thomas Edison Ninety-nine percent of success is just showing up.-Woody Allen

s different as the two people quoted above are, their formulas for success are remarkably similar. Bob Salow, WAIIDA, recognized the truth of these statements when he undertook to organize an exhibit of Amateur Radio at the Museum of Science in Boston.

Local hams had long had a goal of setting up a permanent station at the Museum, and Museum officials had expressed interest in the project. Until the formation of CEMARC, however, none of the area clubs had had the personnel or organization necessary for so ambitious a project.

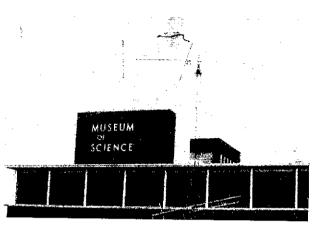
CEMARC is the Council of Eastern Massachusetts Amateur Radio Clubs. It came into being several years ago when the need to coordinate the dates of club activities, meetings and flea markets and to provide speakers was recognized. The Affiliated Club Coordinator (ACC) appointment also played an important part by acting as a neutral clearing house for the information. Each club elected a delegate to work with the ACC and represent them at the CEMARC meetings.

When Bob proposed an exhibit at the Museum of Science, both he and the ACC for Eastern Massachusetts, Lew Nyman, K1AZE, recognized the need for "seed money." The group managed this by making and selling repeater maps. Many of the CEMARC crew pitched in with printing, verifying repeater sites and selling advertisements. This money

became the CEMARC treasury. It was used for postage and beginning the Museum project.

The exhibit took over a year to put together. Dennis Shapiro, WIUF, was acquainted with the former Director of the Museum, Bradford Washburn, Mr Washburn forwarded the CEMARC proposal to the Museum Committee in March 1985. Dr Roger L. Nichols, the Director of the Museum, replied with an enthusiastic letter.

Bob called one of the people mentioned in the letter, Chuck Howarth, in September 1985. Mr Howarth agreed to meet with Bob and Lew, K1AZE at the Museum one even-



(WA1IDA photo)

ing. On arriving, though, they were given a letter from Mr Howarth, informing them that he was being sent to Africa! He referred the two hams to Phyllis Dohanian, the then-Director of Volunteers. Ms Dohanian was extremely helpful and knowledgeable.

The exhibit was now delayed by several factors, one of the foremost being that CEMARC was an unknown quantity. They had not actually finalized plans for this exhibit and were unsure of how much space they would need to set up equipment. The idea of antennas on the roof (with the radios six floors below!) was also making Museum officials hesitate.

Finding a suitable date was another problem. The Museum had demonstrations and exhibits planned a year ahead, so finding a timely date for the amateurs was a problem.

Bob and Lew have a lot of experience in management. They were able to convince Chuck and Phyllis with a presentation, and through them were able to assure the Museum that the hams were completely capable of setting up and following through on the exhibit. They cited the many successful projects and all the community service that amateurs had organized and completed,

The Museum Committee was impressed. Thanks to Bob and Lew's persistence and dedication to their goals, the Amateur Radio exhibit at the Museum of Science was on. Over a year of waiting and planning was going to pay off.

There were meetings throughout the winter with other CEMARC members. The project began to take shape as plans were made for the number of booths, modes of



A few of the more than 7000 museum visitors enjoy the many offerings at the CEMARC Amateur Radio Exhibit. (WA1IDA photo)



A visitor to the museum talks to a station in Wakefield 12 miles away, while other visitors await their chance. Visitors who participated in the ATV exchange received a certificate of completion. (WA1IDA photo)

operation, volunteer schedules and equipment loans. The antennas were lent by Cushcraft Corporation.

Up on the Rooftop

On March 16, the group had an antennaraising party on the roof of the Museum of Science. Along with a few ARRL observers, they erected the lent towers, climbed up and down stairs and ladders, ran coax and wires down to the exhibit floor, and tuned up the rigs. This was also a test to see what kind of shielding and modifications would be needed at the exhibit. The group had determined that it was necessary to have working radios, computers and code oscillators for the exhibit to be a success.

A QSO with a West German station proved that the antenna system was running fine. As a hint of things to come, even the sight of a table with a few people hunched over it brought a small crowd of interested observers. The CEMARC crew packed up their rigs and headed home. Now they just had to write the literature,



A group of young visitors work toward a certificate of successful completion in Morse code class. More than 600 certificates were awarded over the weekend. (W1UF photo)

publicize the event, get the workers, put up signs ...

Rainy, Cold and Great!

The weekend of April 26-27 was cold, misty and just perfect for museum goers. The CEMARC group had run a final check on the antenna system the week before. The beam was up and working, the rigs tuned.

The exhibit was arranged around a central open space. The area was divided into eight booths, each demonstrating a different aspect of Amateur Radio. The General Information Booth personnel actively involved vistors by guiding them to different exhibits and introducing them to the hams working the equipment. There was also a mini-theater, showing the videotapes SAREX (Shuttle Amateur Radio Experiment) and Amateur Radio's Newest Frontier, and a photo display of famous hams. A Novice station demonstrated Morse code in action. The group was also



Going home movies one better, a young visitor works the ATV station at Wakefield, Massachusetts for a certificate of completion. (K1THP photo)

lucky enough to have Richard Clancey, whose call is KA1SM. KA1 Science Museum was the special-event station for the weekend. Everything needed for a successful event was in place. All that was needed were the people.

Was it a success? The kids who came in droves to the Morse Code Training Booth thought so. After learning six letters and their names, each participant was presented with a Code Achievement Certificate. Over 600 certificates were awarded during the two-day period.

inquiries at the general information booth ranged from "I used to be a ham; how do I get started again?" to "Ham what?" Several thousand people viewed the exhibit; and hundreds participated directly in one aspect or another of Amateur Radio.

The most popular booth was the ATV setup. The booth was never empty, as crowds, sometimes five deep, watched themselves communicate with another station in Wakefield, about 12 miles away.



Jim Henderson, N1DEA (left) guides a visitor through a packet contact. (WA1IDA photo)

The operators at the Wakefield repeater site did yeoman duty, talking to hundreds all weekend.

The packet station was also very well attended. Computers are a familiar sight to most, and even young children could get on and type away. Those who operated packet were surprised, pleased and intrigued by the possibilites of this mode.

Message handling was well received. The message center took and passed over 200 messages for the public. It was an excellent opportunity to explain how Amateur Radio works.

The OSCAR (Orbiting Satellite Carrying Amateur Radio) station ran into problems with RF and interference. They never did get to work anything. The group did have a VR85 program from AMSAT that ran on a Commodore 64°. It tracked OSCAR 10 in real time, and the hams working at the booth were articulate and helpful.

The Executive Director of the Museum, Dr Nichols, came by the exhibit on Sunday. He expressed the museum's pleasure with the quality of the exhibit and ability of the amateurs. More important, he invited CEMARC back next year, saying, "You'll need more space." Yes, they will. Bob and the rest of the CEMARC crew already have plans for 1987.



Preparation played a key role in the exhibit's success. Here, the CEMARC crew make sure all the pieces fit in a dry run on the antenna assembly at the home of Steve Gilbert, WA1AYS. (WA1IDA photo)

IMRA: Amateurs with a Mission

Members of the International Mission Radio Association lend their own definition to "people helping people."

By The Reverend Michael Mullen, CM, WB2GQW

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here is some dispute about how long Charlie's heart had stopped. "My heart stopped for about 14 minutes, according to my roommate," says WD4NWS. "But, according to my doctors, it was much less than that."

However long it was, there is no dispute over the size of Charlie Herron's heart. It's a big one. He is one of the regulars running traffic and phonepatches daily through a net set up for the benefit of missionaries of all denominations in remote corners of the world.

The retired salesman from Cleveland, Ohio, now living in Miramar, Florida, explains, "I am trying to repay the debt I owe my Maker."

Charlie, 77, admits he has always been "an old ragchewer." When he bought a receiver and happened on the net run by the International Mission Radio Association, he just had to get his own license. The IMRA net runs on the 20-meter band at 14.280 MHz, Monday through Saturday, at 2-3 PM Eastern Time (1900-2000 UTC Standard Time and 1800-1900 UTC Daylight Saving Time).

IMRA's slogan, Charlie points out, "is 'people helping people,' and when we help people we are serving our Maker."

Charlie is one of more than 900 persons in 40 countries who belong to IMRA, a nonprofit organization. It grew out of an effort by some Catholic Franciscan priests to determine how many clergy were engaged in ham radio. For a few years they compiled an annual listing. Then they decided, using this group as a nucleus, to form their own organization. They held their first organizational meeting in Hudson, New Hampshire in 1963. There were 50 people present. They called themselves the Catholic Mission Radio Association. Within several years they changed the title to the International Mission Radio Association, incorporated, and opened up the membership to clergy and laity of all faiths.

IMRA has two purposes. The first is to establish a communication link for missionaries to keep in touch with their families, friends and confreres; the second is to provide radio equipment for these missionaries.

As membership has tripled in the last six years, net activity in the same period has doubled. Annually, there used to be



IMRA President The Reverend Mike Mullen, WB2GQW, at club station WA2KUX, St. John's University, is one of many amateurs who regularly check into the IMRA net. IMRA members help provide a communications link to families and colleagues as well as technical information and equipment for fellow missionaries worldwide.

11,000 check-ins with 5000 pieces of traffic. The comparable numbers now are 19,000 and 10,000. Walter Walker, WA4LEX, says that when he took over as IMRA's net manager, in January 1978, there were 26 sessions, 964 check-ins and 496 pieces of traffic. In January 1986, in his monthly report to *QST*, Walker cited. 1794 check-ins and 1218 pieces of traffic in 27 sessions. Walker, who operates out of Nokomis, Florida, is a retired Air Force sergeant who had been a chief engineer for the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service in the Mediterranean area.

"Ours is more or less a traffic running net," says Walker. His technical advice is much sought after among the missionaries who spend years studying philosophy and theology but never examine a diode and know a capacitor as some strange object buried in the bowels of a radio.

Father John Coggan, TG4GB, out of Solola, Guatemala, is among the missionaries who look to colleagues like Walker for help. A Catholic missioner in Central America for 19 years and a ham for six, Father John says he relies on the net for technical information since he doesn't know much about radio. "I am able to get information on antennas and things like that," he said. "I don't have much preparation in technology, and I

glean any information 1 can get over the net."

A priest of the diocese of New Ulm, Minnesota, Father John is typical of the missionaries who have first priority on the IMRA net. He uses it to keep in touch with his mother in DeGraff, Minnesota. His brother in Minnesota is also a ham, but is not always available, as he is on the road a lot.

The help often goes beyond technical assistance and telephone patches, as Herb Adkins, KA4JWS/6Y5, attests. Herb is the director of the Bethel Christian School in Mandeville, Jamaica, which he says is "located way back in the hills and on top of a mountain." He turns to his radio frequently.

"No telephone, telegraph, no neighbors, slow mail service, but we have the radio and IMRA and one old donkey. As the local missionary of long standing in the area, I have, out of necessity, become the local undertaker, dentist, midwife, school bus driver, pastor, teacher, along with some other things that I can't write about!"

Before moving to Jamaica, Herb and XYL Vivian lived in Winter Haven, Florida, where he was in the auto repair business and she was a teacher. They came to Jamaica in 1973, intending to work at the school for one year. Herb checks into

the net frequently, and once a week speaks to his brother in Florida.

Another missionary who finds the IMRA net invaluable is Brother Robert Walsh, YN4RC, in Bluefields, Nicaragua. "I check in every day. People who want to get in touch with me for any reason know where I am for sure," he explains.

The routine also gives the Christian Brothers in the United States some peace of mind that their colleague is safe in that politically unstable region. "If I am not here they get worried," Brother Bob says. "They find out what is the matter, if the rig is down or something else is the matter."

Brother Bob uses the net to keep in touch with his mother, brothers and sisters scattered in Minnesota, Indiana, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania. He also likes the fact that "we get priority on traffic. The other nets are pretty formal and you can wait 15 to 30 minutes to get in. IMRA is much more informal, much more convenient and I feel much more comfortable with this traffic net."

We hear that from others. Members consider IMRA a "family net," where the people in the field have precedence, particularly someone on a generator.

Most of the traffic handled is into and out of South and Central America, Mexico and the Caribbean area because of the more favorable propagation conditions between the United States and those places in the afternoon. On any particular day, approximately 75 hams will check into the net and stand by to be of service to missionaries.

The second purpose of IMRA is to supply radio equipment on loan to missionaries of any denomination. All that is required is that they be authorized by their Church, stationed overseas and licensed for Amateur Radio by the country where they work. IMRA has distributed more than \$40,000 worth of radio equipment to missionaries. Many members making out their wills bequeath their radio equipment to IMRA to be used for this purpose.

Warren Mulhall, WA2BPV, immediate past president of IMRA, has headed the Equipment Committee for the last 17 years, while his wife, Evelyn ("Evey"), WA2HWF, has served for 12 years as recording secretary. Married 40 years, they make a very good team. Evey monitors the IMRA net from the couple's Manasquan, New Jersey home in case someone is looking for her husband while he is away. Warren recently retired from the Army Communications Systems at Fort Monmouth, where he designed radio kits for military vehicles.

Although the purpose of IMRA is to run a net for missionaries and to provide the rigs to get them on the air, members—like most hams everywhere—are especially proud of their role during emergencies. There is no calculating the works of mercy performed by Amateur Radio operators in times of natural disaster. Being an established net with links to missionaries in isolated places, IMRA members many times have handled emergency traffic in-



An ARRL-atfiliated club since April 1983, IMRA has experienced steady growth, both in membership and in net participation, in the past few years. Shown is then-Hudson Division Director W2IHA (second from right) presenting a plaque to (I-r) IMRA past President and Membership Chairman WA2IPM, President WB2GQW and Treasurer WA2YNO when the club became affiliated.

side and outside their own net.

In December 1972, when an earthquake shook Nicaragua, more than 13,000 pieces of health-and-welfare traffic were handled. The Nicaraguan government had designated the IMRA net as the official emergency channel, and almost all the hams in the United States worked through that frequency. In 1976, during the Guatemalan earthquake, the net was loaded with traffic. At that time, Byron Lovelady, WB5BAH, an IMRA member who is a Methodist minister in Houston, was on the air continuously for four days handling health-and-welfare messages. Much of it was emergency traffic between Roosevelt Hospital in Guatemala City and the research department of the Medical Center in Houston. Because of his work, Byron received a letter of appreciation from the government of Guatemala.

Another citation of appreciation to IMRA came from Catholic Relief Services, which had turned to us for help in 1979 when Hurricane David slashed through the Caribbean islands. Slamming across Dominica on the night of August 30, 150-mile-per-hour winds leveled almost every home. When the storm reached the Dominican Republic, its savage fury left 80,000 people homeless. A few days later, Hurricane Frederic hit the latter island with even heavier rains. When normal communications were wiped out, radio amateurs took over. A Hurricane Traffic Net was set up on 14.303 MHz, and IMRA members joined other hams on that frequency to relay health-and-welfare messages for the next few weeks until ordinary communications could be restored.

In New York City, Catholic Relief Services could not make contact with its directors on the two devastated islands. CRS turned to IMRA for help. We established communications with a ham radio station set up at the American Embassy in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic and another at the Red Cross headquarters in Roseau, the capital of Dominica. For over a week, messages went back and forth with

regard to planes flying down, supplies being distributed, outlets being organized and government clearances being secured.

The Association also is involved in helping missionaries when they need medical information and supplies. It enjoys a close working relationship with MARCO, the Medical Amateur Radio Council, Ltd. MARCO and IMRA have supplied various mission stations with medical supplies and equipment worth many thousands of dollars.

Through IMRA, Amateur Radio has gained many enthusiastic boosters in this country and abroad in the various religious communities. We recently notified 100 Catholic and Protestant foreign mission directors about our work. Most of them responded that they were grateful to hear from us and had no idea of the tremendous possibilities of ham radio to help them in personal communications. Since then, 35 religious communities or dioceses have taken a sustaining membership in our organization.

There has also been a lot of attention given to Amateur Radio in the religious press. For example, in the fall of 1984, the work of IMRA was presented over two national television satellite networks.

The best way to learn about IMRA is to tune into the net and, if you like what you hear, join. Members are kept informed through a bimonthly newsletter. Complete membership information may be obtained by writing to Brother Bernard Frey, OFM Cap, Trinity Retreat, 1 Pryer Manor Rd, Larchmont, NY 10538.

The Rev Michael Mullen, CM (Vincentian Fathers), is president of IMRA. A ham since 1968, he received the Special Achievement Award at the Dayton HamVention* In April. Recently retired after 40 years as Professor of Theology at St John's University, Jamaica, NY, he has been involved in various forms of communications since 1950. He is a past president of the Catholic Audio-visual Educators' Association, and is an honorary lifetime member of CINE, an organization set up at the request of the US State Department to select all American documentary films entered in foreign life festivals.

HR 3378 Passes Subcommittee

After being scheduled and cancelled six times previously by a US House of Representatives Subcommittee, the "markup" session on HR 3378, the "Privacy Act" bill, was finally held May 14. At the markup session the bill is literally "marked up" or amended by the Subcommittee and voted on.

The Subcommittee renamed the bill "The Electronics Communications Act of 1986" and, after making some minor changes, approved the bill unanimously.

HQ reading of the bill is that amateurs are totally exempt. The pertinent part of the text now says:

"It shall not be unlawful ... to intercept any radio communication which is transmitted ... by a station operating on a frequency assigned to the amateur or by a citizens band or general mobile radio services station ..."

That wording, HQ believes, exempts phone patches; nevertheless, HQ is exploring the idea of adding some language to the report that says so explicitly.

The bill, which received the strong backing of the Justice Department, the American Civil Liberties Union, and the computer and communications industries, proposes a new definition for the interception of radio and electronic communications. Instead of "acquisition of the content," which is the present definition, the new definition would be "interception of the transmission of the content." That is, mere reception of a protected communication would be a crime.

A penalty of up to one year in jail, and up to a \$10,000 fine, would be imposed for intercepting certain transmissions in the shortwave bands—namely, the handful of remote

broadcast pickup stations still operating around 26 MHz. Ship-to-shore radio-telephone conversations may be similarly protected (we're hoping for clarification on this point). Also protected would be any signal "transmitted using modulation techniques whose essential parameters have been withheld from the public with the intention of preserving the privacy of such communications." That includes scrambled and encrypted transmissions, and may even include radioteletype using bit-inversion codes as well.

Scanner owners monitoring the VHF and UHF bands will find there are penalties for tuning in the remote broadcast pickup stations around 153, 161, 450 and 455 MHz; radio common carriers around 152, 158 and 454 MHz (those are traditional car phones); anything encrypted or scrambled; and any FM subcarrier service, even if piggybacked onto a broadcast signal. Willful interception of a cellular phone call would carry a penalty of up to 6 months in jail and a fine of up to \$500.

The bill would make it illegal to eavesdrop on certain electronic communications, including electronic fund transfers, and computer messages and data transmissions. It would become a misdemeanor to use a satellite dish to intercept subscription television signals if the information is then used commercially.

The final version of the bill makes it okay to listen for illegal stations, for land mobile stations to check for frequency before transmitting, to listen to aviation, marine, fire, public safety and similar signals unless they are encrypted, and so on.

A member of the Subcommittee, Rep.

Michael DeWine (R-Ohio), attempted to amend the bill to use the terms "intercept and divulge or use" in place of "intercept" alone in the legislation at those points where discussion focuses on unencrypted communications by radio. This is the same terminology in Section 705 (formerly 605) of the Communications Act, which has served since 1912, Rep DeWine pointed out to the Subcommittee many of the arguments that have appeared in the amateur and radio communications trade press. He noted that the legislation would produce only the illusion of protection for cellular radio, since there were millions of TV sets capable of being tuned to cellular frequencies. Moreover, the Justice Department has stated that they don't intend to enforce the cellular provision of the bill. However, his amendment was defeated with only three yes votes being heard. The debate showed that most congressmen wanted, through this legislation, to make a strong policy statement that no one should eavesdrop on neighbors.

Now that the House Subcommittee is wrapping up its work, the Senate Subcommittee considering the companion bill is expected to hold hearings soon. The House may consider this bill within the next two months.

Putting this all together, we can see that the common assumption that all of the RF signals pervading our homes are part of the public domain would no longer be valid, if this bill becomes law. Although the scope of this bill has been narrowed from what it had been, it still represents a great departure from traditional US policies.

LEAGUE MEMBERS TO CHOOSE BOARD MEMBERS

Who steers the ship of Amateur Radio? Where do its policy decisions get made? By whom? How can you—the amateur in Belleville, Illinois, or Moscow, Idaho, or Idalia, Colorado, or Cuero, Texas, or Chester, Vermont, or Lake Havasu City, Arizona, or Rhinebeck, New York, or Fairmont, West Virginia—get a voice in the running of Amateur Radio's affairs?

There is just one national-level, general organization of Amateur Radio in the United States. It goes without saying that its views on subjects related to ham radio will be important. Thus, the members of its Board of Directors play a large role in Amateur Radio decision making. Where do these directors come from? From among you, the League members. The directors and vice directors serve two-year terms, without salary—and you nominate and elect them as your "Senators" in a representative government.

This year, it is the turn of ARRL Full members (that is, licensed amateur members of all categories—Life, Youth, Senior, Family or Annual) in the Central, Hudson, New England, Northwestern, Roanoke, Rocky

Mountain, Southwestern and West Gulf Divisions to pick a Director and Vice Director for the 1987-88 term.

If you are in any of these eight divisions, read on—this blurb's for you!

ARRL Divisions

The policies of the League are established by 16 directors, who are elected to the Board on a geographical basis to represent their Divisions and constituents (see page 8 of any QST for a list of the Divisions, directors and vice directors). These directors serve for twoyear terms, with eight standing for election in alternate years. Just as in national or state polities, ARRL voters/members have the privilege and responsibility either to decide they like the actions of their incumbent representatives and support them actively for reelection or to decide that other representatives could do a better job and work for the election of those persons. Vice Directors, who can fill in when the Director is unable to serve, are also elected at the same time.

Call for Nominations

Nominations are now open for Director

and Vice Director in the Central, Hudson, New England, Northwestern, Roanoke, Rocky Mountain, Southwestern and West Gulf Divisions for the two-year term beginning January 1, 1937. From now until August 20 at noon, League Headquarters will accept nominating petitions signed by 10 or more Full members of a division, naming a Full member of that division as a candidate for Director or Vice Director.

The candidate must submit information (on a form provided by Headquarters) that will allow the Executive Committee to determine the eligibility of the candidate in accordance with the provisions of the Articles of Association and By-laws and a statement of not more than 300 words setting forth the candidate's qualifications. The EC will meet shortly after August 20 for this purpose, so candidates should make sure their information form arrives at Headquarters as early as possible and in any event no later than August 30. (It is in the candidate's best interest, obviously, to get the nomination in early, If there is to be a mid-August nomination for some unavoidable reason, the candidate information and 300-word statement should

accompany the nominating petition.) The statement will be included with the ballot mailed to members and will be reprinted without content editing; if the statement as submitted exceeds 300 words, the first 300 words will be used. The statement must not contain any derogatory reference to any person or entity. The candidate must also submit an accompanying signed statement certifying that the information is true to the best of the candidate's knowledge and belief. Any willful violation of this statement will be grounds for disqualification by the Executive Committee.

The nominee must hold at least a Technician class amateur license, must be at least 21 years of age and must have been licensed and a Full member of the League for a continuous term of at least four years immediately prior to the election. No person is eligible whose business connections are of such nature that he or she could gain financially through the shaping of the affairs of the League by the Board or by the improper exploitation of his or her office for the furtherance of his or her own aims or those of his or her employer. The primary test of eligibility is the candidate's freedom from commercial or governmental connections of such nature that his or her influence in the affairs of the League could be used for his or her private benefit. The idea behind these rules is to ensure that candidates: (1) possess a lasting interest in Amateur Radio and the League, (2) have the legal capacity to make decisions for ARRL and (3) are free from conflicts of interest.

Balloting Will Follow

Whenever there is more than one candidate for either office, ballots will be sent to all Full members of the League in that Division who were in good standing as of September 10. (You must be a licensed radio amateur to be a Full member.) The ballots will be mailed not later than October 1, and, to be valid, must be received at HQ by noon on Tuesday, November 20. A group of nominators can name a candidate for Director or Vice Director, or both, but there are no "slates" as such-each candidate appears on the ballot in alphabetical order. If a person is nominated for both Director and Vice Director, the nomination for Director will stand and that for Vice Director will be void. A person nominated for both offices does have the option, however, of declining the higher nomination and running for Vice Director if he or she wishes. Since all the powers of Director are transferred to the Vice Director in the event of the Director's death, resignation, recall, removal outside the division or inability to serve, careful selection of candidates for Vice Director is just as important as for Director.

Nominating Form

The following form for nomination is suggested; it may be copied onto any paper, or a form may be obtained from Headquarters upon request:

Executive Committee
The American Radio Relay League
225 Main St
Newington, CT 06111

We, the undersigned, Full members of ARRL residing in the ... Division, hereby nominate ... of ... as a candidate for Director; and we also nominate ... of ... as a can-

didate for Vice Director from this division for the 1987-1988 term.

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

Nominees, or indeed any member, may obtain a copy of the Articles of Association and By-Laws, along with a pamphlet outlining the duties and responsibilities of elected League officials.

Absentee Ballots

All ARRL members who are licensed by FCC but are temporarily residing outside the US are eligible for Full membership. Those members overseas who arrange to be listed as Full members in an appropriate division prior to September 10 will be able to vote this year where elections are being field. Members with APO and FPO addresses should take special note of this provision; in the absence of information received to the contrary, ballots will be sent to them based on their postal address.

Even within the US, Full members temporarily living outside the ARRL Division they consider home may have voting privileges by notifying the Secretary prior to September 10 giving their current QST address and the reason that another division is considered home. If your home is in the Central, Hudson, New England, Northwestern, Roanoke, Rocky Mountain, Southwestern or West Gulf Divisions, but your QST goes elsewhere, please let the ARRL Secretary know as soon as possible, but no later than September 10, so you can receive a ballot for your home division.

The Incumbents

These persons presently hold the offices of Director and Vice Director, respectively, in the divisions conducting elections this year: Central-Edmond A. Metzger, W9PRN, and Howard S. Huntington, K9KM; Hudson-Linda S. Ferdinand, N2YL, and Stephen A. Mendelsohn, WA2DHF; New England-Tom Frenaye, K1KI, and Richard P. Beebe, K1PAD: Northwestern-Mary E. Lewis, W7OGP, and Rush S. Drake, W7RM; Roanoke-Gay E. Milius, Jr., W4UG, and John C. Kanode, N4MM; Rocky Mountain-Lys J. Carey, KOPGM, and Marshall Quiat, AGØX; Southwestern-Fried Heyn, WA6WZO, and Wayne Overbeck, N6NB; West Gulf Division—Raymond B. Wangler, W5EDZ, and Thomas W. Comstock, N5TC.

Petitions need 10 or more signatures of Full members and are due at Headquarters by noon August 20. If there is only one candidate for an office, he or she will be declared elected by the Executive Committee; otherwise, ballots will be mailed not later than October 1 to Full members of record September 10. To be valid, ballots must reach Headquarters before noon November 20. The new term will begin at noon January 1, 1987.

For the Board of Directors: May 16, 1986 Perry Williams, W1UED Secretary

FCC DENIES ARRL PETITION TO REQUIRE LABBLING OF RFI SUSCEPTIBILITY

The FCC has dismissed an ARRL Petition to require the labeling of home electronic equip-

ment relative to its susceptibility to radiofrequency interference. The petition requested that the Commission require a tag or notice to be attached to home electronic devices or their instruction manuals indicating whether the device incorporated shielding, filtering or circuitry designed to reduce its susceptibility to nearby radio transmitters. The Commission stated that it approached this problem with the view of minimum regulatory involvement and took note of the voluntary RFI susceptibility standards recently set by an ad-hoc committee of the Accredited Standards Committee (see May Happenings page 47).

The Commission stated that in view of these voluntary standards it was premature to consider mandatory standards and dismissed the ARRL's petition. The League is keeping its options open concerning its response to the Commission's action.

FCC ACTS ON REPEATER COORDINATION

The FCC has published a Report and Order in PR Docket 85-22 regarding frequency coordination of repeaters, These new rules become effective 0001 UTC July 12, 1986. The following are the highlights of the Order:

- When there is mutual interference between two repeaters, the Commission says that both repeaters are mutually responsible to resolve the interference between them. If one repeater (or auxiliary operation) is coordinated and one is not, then the station engaged in noncoordinated repeater operation has primary responsibility for resolving any interference.
- The Commission decided not to require that all amateur repeaters be coordinated. It left open the possibility, however, that if repeater-related coordination difficulties continue to increase in the amateur service without adequate voluntary resolution, then they would reexamine the problem.
- The Commission declined to adopt rules to mandate the use of any particular spectrum-efficient technology, such as toneoperated squelch.
- Amateur coordinators are encouraged to pool together to create an accurate data base, but FCC declined to adopt rules that would require such a data base. The Commission noted that ARRL has agreed to establish and maintain a computerized data base of the nation's repeaters and commended this action.
- Legitimate functions of an amateur frequency coordinator include: (1) denying requests for coordination in congested bands or requiring the use of less congested bands, (2) setting aside frequencies for certain operating modes, (3) limiting antenna height and effective radiated power, and (4) requiring special access requirements as a prerequisite for coordination.
- Since the Commission feels it can now leave to coordinators the matter of determination of acceptable power levels and heights above average terrain, Section 97.67(c) with accompanying table, 97.85(g) and Appendix 5 of the amateur rules have been deleted.
- The Commission did not adopt rules to formulate national band plans or to require them. The Commission favors voluntary band plans over FCC-imposed ones in the amateur service.

For those of you keeping track of the Rules, an unusual FCC error occurred in this report and order. Note that 97.3(k) is a definition

of "coordinated station operation." However, in last January's "Microwave Access Docket," PR 85-23, 93.3(k) was already the designation of the definition of the National Radio Quiet Zone. Sharp-eyed ARRL staffers noticed the error, and the FCC has been notified. The Commission promises to rectify the mistake shortly.

The following are the actual Part 97 changes. We have put an asterisk before 97.3(k).

97.3 Definitions

*(k) Coordinated station operation. The repeater or auxilliary operation of an amateur station for which the transmitting and receiving frequencies have been implemented by the licensee in accordance with the recommendation of a frequency coordinator.

(r) Harmful interference. Interference which seriously degrades, obstructs or repeatedly interrupts the operation of a radiocommunication service.

(aa) Frequency coordinator. An individual or organization recognized in a local or regional area by amateur operators whose stations are eligible to engage in repeater or auxiliary operation which recommends frequencies and, where necessary, associated operating and technical parameters for amateur repeater and auxiliary operation in order to avoid or minimize potential interference.

3. Paragraph (c) of Section 97.67, including the table contained therein, is removed and reserved.

4. Paragraph (g) of Section 97.85 is revised to read as follows:

97.85 Repeater operation.

- (g) Where an amateur radio station in repeater or auxiliary operation causes harmful interference to the repeater or auxiliary operation of another amateur radio station, the two stations are equally and fully responsible for resolving the interference unless one station's operation is coordinated (see 97.3(k))* and the other is not. In that case, the station engaged in the non-coordinated operation has primary responsibility to resolve the interference.
- 5. Appendix 5 to Part 97 is removed and reserved.

FCC NO LONGER PROVIDES COPIES OF RULE MAKINGS

Amateurs are reminded not to write FCC in Washington for a copy of a Rule Making. The Commission no longer supplies this material free of charge. All Commission public notices, decisions, NPRMs, press releases, etc, are available only by purchase from the FCC's duplicating contractor, International Transcription Services (ITS), or through other recognized distribution services.

ARRL HQ called ITS to ask what their rates were for recent FCC dockets. The person answering the phone told us the rates are 7 cents a page plus a \$26 per hour research fee, and that the average research time for a recent FCC docket was one half to one hour!

HQ will provide a copy of any amateurrelated Commission rule making free to any ARRL member upon receipt of a businesssized SASE with three units of first-class postage.

NUCLEAR ACCIDENT

The lack of information via official chan-

nels on the nuclear power-plant accident in the Ukraine once again has brought Amateur Radio into the media spotlight. HQ has been responding to inquiries from newspapers, the networks and the wire services with information provided by an East Coast amateur who speaks Russian and who has been in contact with stations in the Ukraine and elsewhere in the Soviet Union. A number of television interviews with ARRL HQ staff concerning Amateur Radio have resulted.

NEW FCC TELEPHONE DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

The latest edition of the FCC telephone directory is available from International Transcription Services, Inc. Copies may be purchased for \$2 each by mail from ITS, Suite 140, 2100 M St NW, Washington, DC 20554.

NEW MEXICO AMATEURS LOWER LICENSE PLATE FEES

New Mexico amateurs have been successful in obtaining repeal of a state law that had placed amateur call-sign license plates into the "vanity" category and raised the fee from \$3 to \$15. Amateurs in the state worked hard to convince the legislature of the value of amateur license plates for emergency and public-service work. The repeal bill, numbered SB-19, was passed unanimously in both the New Mexico House and Senate, and was signed into law by the governor on February 28.

FCC DENIES PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION BY ARRI

The Commission has affirmed its previous decision in PR Docket 85-21 deleting the 30-day retest waiting period for an amateur operator license.

The FCC denied a petition for reconsideration filed by the ARRL which argued that a mandatory waiting period was essential to preserving examination integrity. The Commission stated that such a waiting period unduly limited the flexibility of Volunteer-Examiner Coordinators (VECs) to administer examinations. Also, VECs have many alternatives to assure retest integrity, including imposing their own waiting periods, using different or multiple sets of questions or keeping records to assure that persons being reexamined receive different question sets.

420-430 MHz LINE A

October 1985 Happenings carried the news that the FCC had removed the 420-430 MHz band from the Amateur Service north of "line A," a line near the vicinity of the US-Canadian border. [See §97.3(i) for an exact definition.]

The Commission has now issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making, PR 86-163, concerning Private Land Mobile Operation in this band in the Detroit, Cleveland and Buffalo city areas. The Docket proposes 25-kHz channel spacing with a maximum power of 110 watts output. Base stations must be located within 30 miles of the centers of these cities, with mobile stations confined to a 20-mile radius of their associated base stations.

The Commission reminds amateurs that, south of line A, amateur stations operate on a secondary basis and may not cause interference to, or claim protection from, private land mobile operations, including those north

of line A. The Commission does invite comments on technical standards that would minimize interference potential between the private land mobile service and radio amateurs. The last day for filing comments is June 23, 1986 (a date probably already past by the time our readers receive this issue), but reply comments supporting or opposing the remarks of others may be filed until July 8.

SECTION MANAGER ELECTION NOTICE

To all ARRL members in the Missouri, Southern New Jersey, South Carolina, Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Massachusetts, Nebraska and New York City-Long Island Sections: You are hereby solicited for nominating petitions pursuant to an election for Section Manager. Incumbents are listed on page 8 of this issue.

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

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

(Place and date)

Field Services Manager, ARRL 225 Main St. Newington, CT 06111

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

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

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

Petitions must be received at Headquarters on or before 4 PM Eastern Local Time September 5, 1986.

Whenever more than one member is nominated in a single Section, ballots will be mailed from Headquarters on or before October 1, 1986. Returns will be counted November 18, 1986. SMs elected as a result of the above procedure will take office January 1, 1987.

If only one valid petition is received for a Section, that nominee shall be declared elected without opposition for a two-year term beginning January 1, 1987.

SECTION MANAGER ELECTION RESULTS

The following elections were conducted for a two-year term of office beginning July 1, 1986.

Balloting results: In the Northern Florida Section, Royal V. Mackey, N4ADI, received 604 votes; Cameron Magnon, W4UEA, received 556 votes. In the Vermont Section, Frank I. Suitor, W1CTM, received 91 votes; Robert McCorkle, WB1AJG, received 79 votes; Ralph Stetson, KD1R, received 49 votes. In the Illinois Section, David E. Lattan, WD9EBQ, received 1224 votes; Joseph D. Cassata, KA9CAI, received 709 votes.

Correspondence

All letters will be considered carefully. We reserve the right to shorten letters selected in order to have more members' views represented. The publishers of QST assume no responsibility for statements made herein by correspondents.

OUR GROWING TECHNOLOGY!

1.1 When I was licensed in 1933, ham equipment, especially transmitters, had to be "home-built." There were a few "ready made" receivers, but nearly all transmitters were built from parts. Hams learned theory and gained practical knowledge whether they wanted to or not. In the process, they made major contributions to the radio art.

In the late 1940s, the interception of ham signals by poor quality TV and audio equipment imposed far more stringent construction requirements.

As a result, home construction of ham equipment is much more difficult and not as much fun. (Fortunately, there are still some dedicated builders and experimenters contributing to the advancement of the art.) Manufacturers stepped in with some fine equipment and made it easier for more nonengineers to enter the hobby.

Now we have more bankers, lawyers, doctors, etc. enjoying the hobby and contributing in their own way. If we had to depend just on radio engineers and experimenters for public service operationsearthquake, flood, MARCO, storm watch, etc-we would be in had shape! (I used the term "more bankers" purposely. My 1933 "Elmer" was a banker!)

Some of these people enjoy just operating CW and have no desire, or need, to upgrade. Even a casual listen to some of the Novice calls in the Novice bands will reveal some very good operators, better than is often heard in the "extra" phone bands!-Jerry S. Stover, W5AE, Dallas, TX

RED CROSS SAYS THANK YOU

As you're aware, we're in the process of recovering from floods that have heavily damaged much of north central California. Despite the hectic pace right now, we can't postpone expressing our gratitude to the Amateur Radio community for its overwhelming and effective response to the disaster.

In the Sacramento area, every American Red Cross call for help from our Amateur Radio support team was answered on time and professionally. The local hams under the exceptionally able leadership of Emergency Coordinator KJ6R provided outstanding service to us.

Throughout the disaster area in Sacramento, El Dorado, Placer, Yuba, Yolo and Sutter Counties, amateur support has made all the difference. Our heartfelt gratitude to all.—Bascombe J. Dunlevy-Wilson, American Red Cross, Sacramento, CA

DEAD BANDS?

Li I should like to add a suggestion to the article "Spots Before Your Eyes" by KITD, in May 1986 OST.

Too many of us, including me, tune across, let's say, 10 meters. Nothing heard, so the band is dead. But there might be a hundred operators around the world doing the same thing. So bat out an occasional CQ. You might not get an answer, but on the other hand there is no telling who might come back to you. - J. C. Arenburg, W4DZA, Hialeah,

CODE'S HIDDEN MESSAGE

Reference is made to the May issue of QST, page 54, in the Correspondence department, "Hidden Messages."

I have wondered whether hams ever went to see Disney movies for about 50 years, and along comes a confirmation from G3DOJ in the May issue!

I started my first ham station in 1921 (9VA), attended Dodge's Radio School in 1922-23, and got my first commercial assignment on the SS Manitou for the 1923 season on Lake Michigan, I worked on ship and shore stations for a few years, finally winding up at a broadcast station in Hollywood. The broadcast station got into financial trouble about the same time that movies began to talk. I met Walt on a movie lot and worked for him the next 41 years.

Radio code was used in a number of pictures. I believe that the cartoon "Pigs is Pigs" was the only one that had Morse code on a sounder. However, I also sent Morse code for the sounder in the old Railway Station at Disneyland and Walt Disney World. I retired in 1971 as Sound Director. Ham radio continues to be a great hobby at age 82. -Robert O. Cook, W6WV, South Pasadena, CA

GRAVITY GRADIENT MODULATION REVISITED

April fools! What a great article! You even had me wondering there for a minute or so. I just finished reading your article on "Gravity Gradient Modulation: The Newest Frontier on Amateur Radio" by David L. Morris, NS5D, and I must say, it is really interesting!

Really now, .025 antigrams of antimatter? And blowing up UPS trucks? You say that too much and UPS will wonder what us amateurs are concocting next!

Anyway, S9+ for the article. I almost fell into it hook, line and sinker .- Chris Hays, WBØLPV, Florissant, MO

"T" IS FOR IMPORTANCE

Regarding WOYBV's letter in the May issue concerning the "T" in RST, I received a T8 report just recently and was very glad to get it. Sounds contradictory, but true. I have a new all band transceiver that I use with a long wire antenna when listening to the lower bands. While shifting bands I heard an interesting station on 20 meters. I had an adjacent transceiver tuned to 20 meters coupled to my all band trapped doublet. I called him and got an answer, but also an RST 578. I immediately recognized what had happened as I had a similar experience aboard ship

many years ago. I had the station QRX a few seconds and disconnected the long wire antenna. Called him back and got an RST 599.

A good note may never be assumed. One can never tell when some odd-ball situation might arise that would give you a signal less than T-9. I'd say keep "RST" the way it is. -Otto Freytag, K4QFM, Riviera Beach, FL ☐ Let's settle this "T" in RST once and for all. To those who think it should stand for trivia, how else can you inform the other guy on CW that his tone is less than a pure do note? The other ham may have a chirp, 60 cycle or 120 cycle power supply hum or other properties which indicate he has a problem on his end. Not everyone has perfect filtering and line voltage regulation. "R" is, of course, for readability and usually indicates sending proficiency. "S" is for signal strength and "T" is for tone, which tells a lot more than most hams realize. It is only excessive courtesy or bashfulness that prevents a lot of us from giving the other guy anything less than a T9 when he deserves less and would appreciate an honest report. In over 46 years of mostly CW, I have heard many a CW note with problems, and I have never failed to give this ham a true report on his "T" (tone)! -Fred H. Calvers, N9FC, Kenosha, WI

MY ELMER—THE GREATEST

For those of you who are ARRL members, many of you haven't been in this hobby long enough to experience seeing old friends listed as "silent keys." It brings back memories when it happens. Just as I have helped you get your license or upgrade, there was a man who helped me in 1964 when I was 15 and wanted to get started in ham radio. His name was Everett Letich, then K9THZ and now N9EV.

He taught me that we are all here to help each other. He took the time to take me to the local club meetings, even when the local club meeting was 60 miles away. He let me read copies of OST and CQ and listened to me dream about the wonderful rigs that I would someday own. When he went to a hamfest, there was always room for a teenager with not too much money to ride along at no charge. He loaned me books and took the time to explain what I couldn't understand.

As you may have guessed, he died recently and my life is a lot emptier because of that. Some of you wonder why I do the things that I do and why, with my recent illness, I still keep on with the training classes. It is my way of saying a partial thank you to a man you will never know. So if, on occasion, I have helped you in this hobby, it can be traced back to a ham who was never too busy to help a young would-be ham. If you feel that you want to repay any small favor that I may have done for you, remember that sometime you may have the chance to pass on the favor that K9THZ did for the young pre-WN9NJZ. If you do, I know that I will be as proud of you as Everett was of me. - John Bonar, NA2C, Syracuse, NY

W2QHH—A Persistent QRP Quest

How many new DXers are there out there in the wide, wonderful world of Amateur Radio DXing who really and truly believe "you can't work anything with 20 waits and a wire"?

Howy Bradley's latest triumph is his 160-meter DXCC. This feat is in spite of numerous adversities: QRP, no radials and an in-town location from the bottom of a 1500-ft "hole" constantly subjected to line noise that runs over S9 most of the time (he's only 150 yards from the local power plant).

W2QHH was first licensed as W8JIW in 1933 (in the same house he still lives in), before western New York was changed from the 8th to the 2nd call area. He has always run low power in his personal attempt to prove what can be done from a poor QTH at the bottom of a 1500-ft hole, without a beam, without a decent ground system—a QTH subjected to extremely high noise levels.

His first rig was a 210 final running 22-watts input, crystal controlled on 20 and 40, later accompanied by a single 6L6 on 10 meters using a single crystal on 28,080 kHz. An emergency-powered single 6L6 rig was added, for use on 160, 80, 40 (10- to 17-watt input). The receiver was an SW3 followed by an RME-69. Antennas included end-fed 99-and 270-foot wires. With this equipment Howy achieved prewar WAC, WAS and DXCC.

In the early post-WW II days, a Millen exciter was used on 160, 80, 40, 20, 10 and 11 meters, still crystal-controlled with a maximum input of 35 watts into a 270-ft wire. Viking Rangers 1 and 2 were the first rigs with VFOs that he used: rigs carefully limited to 55-watts input on CW and 40 watts on phone, gear used since they first were available over 30 years ago, along with Collins 75A1, 2, 3 and 4 in succession. With this setup, at least 100 countries were confirmed on each of 6 bands, 160-10 meters. The durable long wire is now 264 feet, due to breakage and splicing, and about 40 feet high, running NW/SE. A brief trial of a tribander in 1970 yielded poor performance because of lack of antenna height (20 feet on the roof) and reflective shielding from the ac lines completely surrounding his QTH. The long wire outperformed the beam in 90% of the world's areas, providing respectable competition with QRO stations to such spots as the South Pacific and long path to the South Indian Ocean. DXers have visited Howy and gone away shaking their respective heads, no doubt looking for a "hidden kilowatt"! One major club emissary took one look at the rig, antenna, etc, and said unequivocally, "It can't be done.

Some awards for which W2QHH was first in North America include the H-22 (for all 22 original Swiss Cantons), BCA (98 counties in Britain), 7-Band WAS, WPR/500 (for 500 KP4s), USA-CA no. 4 (confirming all 3079 USA counties in 1968), British Empire DXCC, Zone 29 Award (confirmed contacts with 25 stations in Zone 29) and the world's



W8JIW/W2QHH in the early '30s with a 22-watt 210 crystal-controlled final, the 20- and 40-meter rig with which pre-WW II WAS/WAC/DXCC were accomplished (400 kHz of 20 meters was covered by five receiver dial points!). His first Asian, a VS6, was "about 14105," with W2QHH crystal controlled on 14,364. (No zero beating in those days!)



W2QHH, still using the original Ranger transmitter. Nowadays the top of the Collins receiver is adorned with a surprise gift of a silver bowl from YLRL, received when Howy confirmed a total of 2000 different YLs (since endorsed for over 3500).

first WAC/YL, WAS/YL and DXCC/YL (issued by YLRL), with YLs from some 180 countries—despite lack of sideband equipment. YLCC-3600 for confirmations from over 3600 different YLs has been achieved (with some 25 more cards on hand for submitting), representing a world record. (What YL is there out there who hasn't been contacted by W2QHH for a sked!) Over 300 award credits have been made. These days, however, award chasing is limited almost solely to making additions to YLCC and DXCC, the latter now coming painfully siow. Total DX confirmed is now 364 all-time and 362 postwar.

The aforementioned emergency rig, with never more than 17-watts input, provided a good start on top-band DXing in the early 50s, with everything but Asia confirmed. But, pressures of work and health (walking 22 miles a day with heavy loads of mail, often in 2-3 feet of snow and in temperatures that ranged to 35 degrees F below zero) made it necessary to forego "midnight DXing" for some 30 years. Thus, that 160-meter WAC had to wait until 4X4NJ was worked in 1985, and DXCC/160 early this year.

As further evidence of this poor DX location, 30 hams have operated from his town (mostly with more highly elevated locations), all with far more power. W2QHH has worked about a thousand Asians and holds QSLs from some 1300 different stations.

Fortunately, much of Howy's rare DX was worked before the levels of present-day activity, in times of higher sunspot numbers and before his local noise problem reached its current peak. These days noise on 160 runs S9 or better most of the time. For some three years a computer directly beneath his long wire antenna wiped out 160, 80 and 40 for eight hours a day (until it was moved 10 miles down the road!). Most receiving is done on a 135-ft wire about 30 ft high. The 264-ft wire is used for transmitting, although the short wire does a bit better in a few limited areas, and the wires are alternated.

Despite the lack of sideband, some 200 countries have been confirmed on phone, without any real serious efforts on his part. If the rig isn't "cold and drifting," he gets favorable DX comments to the effect that "would never have known that you were on AM if you hadn't told me!"

W2QHH gratefully acknowledges the help by various individual DX stations down through the years. But, at least 95% of his DX has been the result of his own efforts (which have never made use of CQ DX!).

For those "purists" who question 20-watt output as being QRP, Howy feels that it has to be so, considered in today's QRO American hamdom and that 20 watts to an end-fed wire (without a tuner) likely equates favorably with 4-5 watts to a good beam in a decent or elevated QTH,

Although he never submitted the cards, for some strong personal (and noble) reasons, Howy is most proud of what he believes is the world's first 3.5-MHz DXCC (1953), (ARRL has not endorsed it for single band.)

DXing and awards chasing have gone hand in hand with Howy's public-service activities. He has handled considerable third-party traffic through the years, especially with Canadian Arctic outposts (and he has received three ARRL Public Service Awards).

W2QHH, the oldest USA FOC member in point of membership years (First-Class CW Operators' Club), epitomizes the club's motto, a line well worth remembering: "A man should keep his friendship in constant repair."

DIXIE DXers

NQ4I reports on his recent DXpedition to 8RIZ,

a trip he calls the first major contest effort from 8R1 ever, and one which netted him 6k + contacts, single operator all-band. Rick is a member of the Dixie DXers Contest Club, headquartered in Atlanta. The club was organized four years ago and, since its inception, has mounted expeditions for every major contest. Club member K4JPD made tremendous scores from HH2CQ. Other notable efforts include 4V2C on phone and CW for the last three years. The club meets at 6 PM the third Thursday of the month at Morrison's Cafeteria, Virginia Ave. Hapeville, Georgia. The club's officers this year include President W8ZF, VP K4JPD, Secy/Treas WD4IKI and (you might guess!) Contest Chairman NQ4I.

ZL1AMO

Ron still has logs and QSLs for: VR6HI, Mar/Apr '79; ZK1MB, Aug '79; ZK2EA, A35EA, 5W1CW, Aug/Sep '80; H44RW, Apr/May '81; VK4ANS/LH, Jul '81; Y18RW, Nov/Dec '81; 3D2RW, Sep '82; ZK1CQ, Aug '79 and Apr '82; ZL1AMO/C, Nov/Dec '80 and Mar/Apr '83; ZK9RW, Oct '83; ZL8AMO, Mar '84; ZL7AMO, May/Jun '84; FWØBX, Oct '84; A35EA, Mar '85; 5W1CW, Nov '85, Ron also manages cards for ZL7AA (whew!). Ron Wright, ZL1AMO, 28 Chorley Ave, Auckland 8, New Zealand. (special thanks to W2TKG!)

THAILAND

KC7V reports on his recent trip to the Far East and Southeast Asia. He was able to attend the monthly meeting of the Radio Amateur Society of Thailand (RAST) in Bangkok. Their club station HSØA is active only in major contests. HSIYL (XYL of Silent Key HSIWR) and a group of dedicated hams have been working

Troster's Tips for Easy Listening

Working Split

You are the DX station and are now working "split." That is, you call for answers on a frequency different from that of your transmit frequency. But, if you say "U2," never work anyone closer to your own frequency than "U2." Listen where you say, or above.

After each QSO your callers will tend to pile-up on, or very close to, the frequency of the last station you worked. You, the DX station, may have to tune several hundred cycles higher after each QSO to find a clearer frequency. You are thereby setting a working system of "drifting up" after each QSO. The astute DXers will hear your moves and will move up to where they hope you will be listening next. But, every op doesn't follow along. So, in effect, you are spreading out the callers, thereby reducing QRM a little on your end (maybe!).

But, don't drift too far. Remember there are other people on the band who aren't calling you and who have their own QSOs going. You don't wish to be guilty of causing QRM to other ongoing contacts by spreading your callers out too far.

After you drift up 4-5 kHz, start drifting back again, or pick the loudest signal, snap back to "U2" and start over, or just jump back and forth to find a signal that you can copy. If you want to generate some fun, say "D2." Now, that will separate the fellows who are copying you from continuous callers (known, in some circles, as lids). But, don't say "D2" if you are working only 1 kHz inside the band! You just know there will be some of those lids who will indeed drop out of the band to call you!

More next month from W6ISQ.

diligently with the government in opening up Amateur Radio. Currently, the group must obtain special permission to operate the contests. According to HSIAOL and HSIAOK, the efforts are starting to pay off, and another club station may soon be on the air.

GRENADA

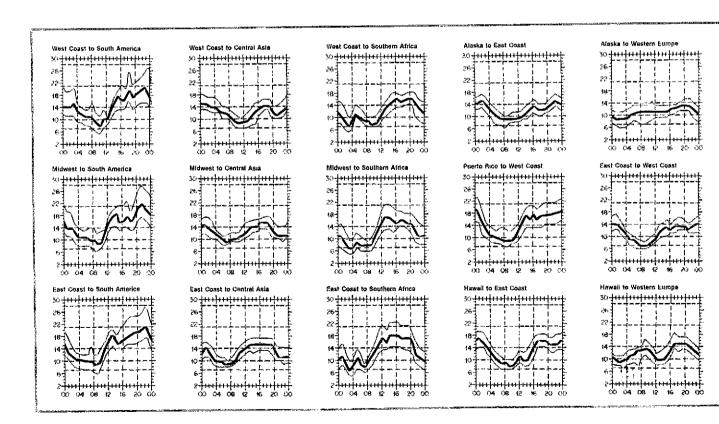
K4LTA's seventh venture into the Caribbean netted his group of eight operators a total of 19,500 contacts: about 15,000 were on CW (3400 in the CW DX Test), and 4007 in the sideband contest-before dupes. QSLs for all contacts with J34Z, including both contests, go to NF5Z. For contacts with J34LTA, confirm via K4LTA, J34WG to W5PWG, and J34HN to N6LHN. Cards to WA8FSX/J3, N4MMV/J3 and N4FKO/J3 go via their stateside CBA. The group was warmly received by the local amateurs on Grenada and enjoyed their visit to this beautiful island, K4LTA was personally pleased that he was able to make 140 EU contacts on top band-better than his previous trips. Where to next year, Bill?

DXers QSL MANAGER DIRECTORY

WA3WIX reminds us of WB4KCL's computerized listing of over 12,000 QSL Managers (including both foreign and stateside), covering 1979 to the present. Reese feels that this over-248 page compilation is "one of the best" for serious DXers. It goes for \$14.95 for North America, \$24.95 for others. Write to Fred Smith, WB4KCL, 2265 Sweetbriar Dr, Alexandria, VA 22307.

CALL-SIGN SUFFIXES FOR CHINESE STATIONS

Thanks to JA1UT and WA3WIX for providing



When are the bands open? These charts predict this month's average propagation conditions for high-frequency circuits between the U.S. and various overseas points. One chart for East Coast to West Coast is also included. On 10 percent of the days of the month, the highest frequency propagated will be at least as high as the uppermost curve (highest possible frequency, or HPF). On 50 percent of the days of the month, it will be at least as high as the middle curve (maximum usable frequency, or MUF). On 90 percent of the days of the

the following information on the call-signassignment system in China. The call-sign prefix for a Chinese amateur station is BY (for a permanent club) or BT (for a special event). The suffix depends on the station location.

2AA-IZZ Hei Long Jian 5AA-JZZ Zhejian 2JA-QZZ Jilin JA-QZZ Jiangxi 2RA-2ZZ Liaoning 5RA-ZZZ Fuzian 3AA-FZZ Tianiin 64 A-177, Henau 3GA-LZZ Nei 6JA-OZZ Anhui Mongol Z* 3MA-SZZ Hebei 6RA-ZZZ Hubei

8RA-ZZZ Yunnan 9AA-F2Z Ningxia Huizu Z* 9GA-LZZ Quinghat 9MA-SZZ Shaanxi

81A-OZZ Guizhou

7AA-IZZ Hunan ØAA-MZZ Xinjian Uygur Z* 4AA-(ZZ Shanghai 7JA-QZZ Guangxi Zhuangzu Z* 41A-OZZ Shandong 7RA-ZZZ

4RA-ZZZ Jiangsu 8AA-IZZ Sichuan

ONA-ZZZ Xizang

9TA-ZZZ Gansu

*Z = Zizhiou

THE CIRCUIT

IAA-ZZZ Beijing

3TA-ZZZ Shanyi

Montserrat: A multioperator effort by W2JGR, K2MFY and K2OVS (members of the LIDXA) is expected in time for the July IARU HF Championship (formerly the IARU Radiosport Championship), all bands/modes. QSLs go to the operators' home calls.

Guangdon

□ J87BS: WB6WQA notes that Stuart's manager (NW5K) can't get the logs. (Stay tuned.)

[] KP2: As a result of increasing cruise-ship activity, the weekly noon luncheon meeting of the Virgin Islands Amateur Radio Club has been changed from Tuesday to Monday. The friendly event takes place at the Delly Deck, Havensight Mall, Charlotte Amalie.

☐ St. Kitts: KG9N notes he'll be operating /V4 Jul 16-29, 80-10 phone/CW. Cards via Chuck

Van Hoorn, KG9N, Box 57, Goodfield, IL 61742.

NADXA: The Northern Arizona DX Association, a League affiliate, is located in the northern third of the state, with Flagstaff being the primary meeting center. The group monitors 147.50 simplex for DX info. New Pres KR7Y, Secy W7YS and Program Chairman NN7A welcome visitors; POB 2741, Flagstaff, AZ 86003.

□ V2A: From Nov 21 to Dec 31 last year, the Southwest Ohio DX Association operated CQWW CW from Antigua, not to be confused with a spring (of this year) phone operation under that call. QSLs for the CW contest contacts go to John Young, K8BA, 105 Bramble Bush Dr. Springboro, OH 45066, Cards for contacts made just before or after the 1985 operation should go to the individual home addresses.

☐ JARL: The DX Family News Letter reminds us that 1986 is the 60th anniversary year for the Japan Amateur Radio League, and that there exists the possibility of some contrast and/or big DXpedition to somewhere before year end. (Shades of Okino-Torishima!)

EL2AY/TU2NG: Cards for these African contacts go via Carol McClure, N5GAP, 3428 Kilrush Dr., Arlington, TX 76014.

QSL Corner

Administered By Joanna Hushin, KA1IFO

Here is some information for those of you who

would like to QSL a QSL manager or direct to the station location. It is passed along as we receive it and therefore may not be accurate. The call sign in parentheses is the OSL manager,

A35EA (ZL1AMO) CEØCON (WB3CQN) CU2AK (CT2AK) HC5EA (K8LJG) HGIZ (HAIXR) HH2WL (KF6CN) HKØBRX (WB9NUL) J34l TA (K4LTA) J34WG (W5PWG) J34Z (NF5Z) J73YB (KD4ZS) J87BM (WIJPW) PJØB (K3EST) PZ5JR (K3BYV) PYØFG (PT7AZ) PY4WAS/PO8 (PY4AG) P40M (KB9AW) 1986 only S90AS (IT9AZS)

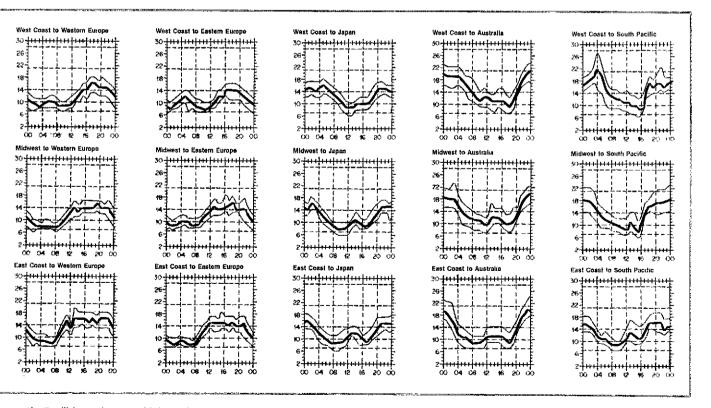
UATOT (UBSKW) VP2MJI (W2BJI) VP2MO (WB2LCH) VP2MU (KICLN) March 1986 VP5Y (N6ER) VP8LP (G3VPN) V2AJI (W2BJI) V47KJI (WB2JI) V47M (NIOE) ZF2HI (KZ2E) ZS6USA (N4NW) 3G3DX (CE3ESS) 3XØHSH (DK8PR) 5X5GK (DJ5RT) 6YSHN (KC3EK) 8P9AF (VE3LG) 9U5JB (ON5NT)

OSL Manager Volunteers

KA6SAR LZIOT

Special Notes

- □ KE3A is not the manager for 6Y5IC. □ WIWI is not the manager for XUIWR.
- ☐ Clipperton DXpedition '86 QSL via YASME Foundation, Box 2025, Castro Valley, CA 94546.
- [] QSL Corner, Jun 1986 QST, contains information and addresses for ARRL Incoming Bureaus. Mar 1986 QSL Corner contains information on the operations of the ARRL Outgoing Service. For additional information on bureau operations (Incoming and Outgoing), send a self-addressed stamped envelope to ARRI QSL Bureau, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.



month, it will be at least as high as the lowest curve (optimum traffic frequency, or FOT). See April 1983 QST, page 63, January 1977 QST, page 58, September 1977 QST, page 35, and January 1979 QST, page 11, for a complete explanation. The horizontal axis shows Coordinated Universal Time (UTC); the vertical axls, frequency in MHz. Data are provided by the Institute for Telecommunication Sciences, Boulder, Colorado. These predictions, for July 16 to August 15, 1986, assume a sunspot number of 9, which corresponds to a 2800-MHz solar flux of 71.

DX Century Club Awards

The ARRL DXCC is awarded to amateurs who submit written confirmations for contacts with 100 or more countries on the official ARRL DXCC List. You may also submit cards to endorse your award in 25-country increments through 250, 10-country increments through 300 and 5-country increments above 300. The totals shown below are exact credits given to DXCC members from March 1 through March 31, 1986. An SASE will bring you the rules and application forms for participation in the DXCC program.

New Members

New Membe	ers							
Mixed CT4CP/185 CJ2I H/111 DJ8EI/107 DK9HN136 FD6IGE/105 G3AQB/101 G3WPF/288	GI4PMP/103 GM3RFO/107 GM4BWT/104 HABIB/104 HU1DX/104 IV3BLQ/117	IK400T/104 IK5COV/221 J730E/108 JG2CLS/149 JA30M/106 JA3EKK/153	JE3LWB/309 JA4FMS/109 JH4BWJ/110 JH4KMA/205 JR6LDE/218 JH9AUB/273	JA6CWZ/315 LA2EG/225 OK1DIL/105 PA3AGI/129 SM7FBJ/101 SP3CB/262	YU2LDD/100 4X6 L/165 W1TOS/100 W1ULE/107 AE2L/118 KA2ELW/299	KB2OR/101 NI2Z/103 W2TJO/110 KT3H/103 N3CZJ/106 WA3WBU/127	N4HXK/104 W4JM/180 WA4JW\$/130 KE5OD/100 NN5G/122 N6IBM/103	W7DP/157 KD9OT/104 KD9GO/136 N9BMS/256 KE0/1188 NØCLV/106
Radiotelephone CT4CP/152 OK9HN/125 DL3FAH/115 EA5DH/112 G4OWN/121 G4VZU/107 GM3WIL/135	GW4UZL/124 HA5SO/120 HK4AHX/110 HK4DHH/277 IV3BLQ/115 JA1SDH/105 JG2CLS/107	JR6LDE/214 JH8WGR/105 JA8CWZ/215 JA8WRF/210 LAZEG/103 OK1ASP/101 OK1HP/101	P [7NK/178 PT7ZD/107 SV1UG/120 SV1VS/106 VE4AGT/124 YV1DPS/285 4X6IL/158	K1NIT/100 KA2ESQ/102 KA2UTV/161 KA2VAA/115 KJ2O/149 NK2J/109 W2TJO/109	WA2ZGO/148 KC3AW/100 KC3DJ/113 KS3F/135 N3CZJ/101 AA4FL/108 K4SWF/200	KB4IZB/100 KD4OH/204 W4APQ/259 W4KHZ/197 W4TLA/101 WA4BQH/160	WA4ETN/105 WA4GRZ/103 N6IBW103 WN6E/163 N7ACK/108 N7FTL/106	W7DP/122 K9AYK/102 K09OT/104 KM9W/209 N9BMS/238 KE0Y/106
CW CT4CP/119 F9BR/137 G3WPF/272 HA1YG/124	JA1CWZ/112 JG2CLS/117 JE3LWB/284	JH9AUB/191 LA2EG/116 OK1DIL/105	OK1DJM/105 OK1VK/266 SM5AOB/212	SM5CAK/229 SM6AHS/169 NN2G/106	WAPAOG/100 WAPAXK/100 KC4DY/113	W4NUS/198 KG6S/110 KD8WP/110	KM9W/113 N9BMS/110 N9CVO/108	N9KXZ/100 NE9V/110 W9FF/105
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Doug DeMaw, WIFB, named the recipient of the 1986 Technical Excellence Award at the Dayton Ham Vention® this year. For this award, Doug received plaque.

As stated on the plaque, Doug is indeed one of the most prolific

electronics authors in recent history. He retired as ARRL Senior Technical Editor in 1983, but has continued writing material each month for QST on basic radio and electronic theory. His recent series of 19 articles, "First Steps in Radio," has just been reprinted in an 88-page ARRL book with the same title. His book, QRP Notebook, has also just been published by the ARRL.

During his career at ARRL Headquarters, W1FB wrote scores of articles for publication, most containing construction information on many different receivers, transmitters, antennas and useful items of test equipment for the ham shack. He was the editor of The Radio Amateur's Handbook for several years in the late 1960s and early '70s. He also contributed a wealth of material to other ARRL publications such as The ARRL Antenna Book, Solid State Basics, ARRL Electronics Data Book, Understanding Amateur Radio, and others. He was coauthor of Solid State Design for the Radio Amateur. In his spare time, Doug wrote articles for gardening magazines and professional engineering reference books.

In light of this information, prolific may be an understatement. Our congratulations to Doug DeMaw, W1FB, for earning the 1986 HamVention Technical Excellence Award! ---Jerry Hall, KITD

I would like to get in touch with...

anyone who has information on how to convert a Pierce Simpson Super Panther A-18 11-m transceiver to 10 meters, C. J. Beaupre, WASMJB/YBØARB, c/o MOI, PO Bag 400, Jakarta Pusat, Indonesia.



QST congratulates three members of Explorer Post 73 of the Old Hickory Council, Boy Scouts of America, chartered to the Forsyth ARC, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, who earned top Exploring Awards, William E. Batts III, KB4EAK (center), post committee chairman, was honored with the Council Exploring Division Award of Merit. R. Gwyn Armfield, KA4SJV (right), past Old Hickory Council Explorer Officer Association and Southeastern Region Area 7 Explorer youth chairman, received the Exploring Leadership Award. C/Cpt Jaime Burcham, KB4MZU, current chairman of the Old Hickory Council Explorer Officer Association, was named the Council Explorer of the Year.

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Who Decides What CRRL Will Do?

You do! As a Full member, your vote in CRRL elections determines the direction that CRRL will take. This fall, CRRL members will elect five Regional Directors to represent them on the CRRL Board for two-year terms that will begin on 1987 January 01. The CRRL Board has seven members. Two members, the President and Vice President, are elected "at large" in odd-numbered years. The other five, the Regional Directors, are elected on a geographic basis in even-numbered years.

The CRÁL Regions are Pacific (formerly Western), consisting of British Columbia and the Yukon Territory; Midwest (formerly Prairies), consisting of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and the Northwest Territories; Ontario; Quebec; and Atlantic, consisting of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland and Labrador.

Under CRRL Bylaws, candidates for Regional Director must (1) reside in the Region they intend to represent, (2) have been a CRRL Full member for a continuous term of four years at time of nomination, (3) have held a Canadian Advanced Amateur certificate throughout that four years, and (4) be

at least 21 years of age. Additional information can be found in the CRRL Bylaws, available on request.

To be valid, a nominating petition must carry the signatures of 10 or more CRRL Full members residing in the Region concerned. It is advisable to have more than 10 signatures. Photocopied signatures are not acceptable. Signatures must be on the petition.

Petition forms (EDC-1) are available from the CRRL Headquarters office in London, Ontario, but are not required. The following form is acceptable:

(Place and date)

Elections Committee, CRRL

Box 7009, Station E London, ON N5Y 4J9

We, the undersigned CRRL Full members residing in the ... Region, hereby nominate ... (name and call sign) as candidate for Director of this Region for the next two-year term of office.

... (Signatures and call signs) ... (Addresses including postal codes)

Nominating petitions will be received at the CRRL Headquarters office in London, Ontario, until 1200 EDT 1986 August 20.

Eligibility of candidates will be determined shortly after that. If only one eligible candidate is nominated in a Region, that candidate will be declared elected. If more than one eligible candidate is nominated in a Region, a ballotted election will take place. On or before 1986 October 01, the CRRL Elections Committee will send ballots to every person who on 1986 September 10 was a CRRL Full member in the Regions where the elections are being held. The ballots will carry a copy of the CRRL Bylaws governing the election and biographical material, up to 300 words in length, supplied by each of the candidates. Marked ballots will be received at the CRRL Headquarters office in London. Ontario until 1200 EST 1986 November 20, and will be counted shortly after that in the manner prescribed in the CRRL Bylaws. Results will be announced on WIAW, in the CRRL News bulletins and in OST.

Over the next two years, CRRL will need the best leadership possible. You are urged to take the initiative and file a nominating petition immediately.

Harry MacLean, VE3GRO CRRL Secretary, for the Elections Committee

SECTION MANAGER ELECTION NOTICE

To all CRRL members in the Quebec and Saskatchewan Sections: You are hereby solicited for nominating petitions pursuant to elections for Section Manager. Names of the incumbents appear on page 8 of this *QST*.

A petition, to be valid, must carry the signatures of five or more CRRL Full members residing in the Section concerned. It is advisable to have more than five signatures. Photocopied signatures are not acceptable. Signatures must be on the petition.

Petition forms, FSD-129-D, are available from the CRRL Headquarters office in London, Ontario, but are not required. The following form is acceptable:

(Place and date)

CRRL Secretary Box 7009, Station E London, ON N5Y 4J9

We, the undersigned CRRL Full members residing in the ..., hereby nominate ... (name and call sign) as Section Manager for this Section for the next two-year term of office.

... (Signatures and call signs) ... (Addresses including postal codes)

A Section Manager must be a resident of his or her Section and a licensed radio amateur holding a Canadian Amateur Certificate or higher, and have been a CRRL Full member for a continuous term of two years at the time of nomination. Petitions will be received at the CRRL Headquarters office until 1600 EDT 1986 September 05. If only one valid petition is received from a Section, the person nominated will be declared elected. If more than one valid petition is received from a Section, a ballotted election will take place. Ballots will be mailed from CRRL Headquarters on or before 1986 October 01. Returns will be counted after 1986 November 14. Section Managers elected as a result of these procedures will begin their new two-year terms of office on 1987 January 01.

If no valid petition is received from a Section, that Section will be resolicited in 1987 January QST.

You are urged to take the initiative and file a nominating petition immediately. Harry MacLean, VE3GRO CRRL Secretary

JACK RAVENSCROFT UPDATE

Jack Ravenscroft, VE3SR, has decided to appeal the Ontario District Court decision that put him off the air and made him responsible for damages and costs arising from "interference" in a neighbour's home. The actual appeal was filed on May 6. Although no additional court appearances will be involved, the appeal will take many months and cost between \$10,000 and \$20,000. Most amateurs understand the danger of leaving the court decision unchallenged. Any one of us could be next. It is unfair to expect Jack, who has incurred financial obligations of about \$40,000 to date, to carry the burden for all of us. If you have not yet made a donation, please make one now. If you have made a donation, please consider making another one. Send your cheques to the JRSD Fund, Box 8873, Ottawa, ON K1G 3/2.

One reason for the unfortunate outcome in the Jack Ravenscroft case is that Canada has no RF susceptibility standards for consumer electronic equipment. Bill Loucks, VE3AR, CRRL representative at a recent meeting of RABC's EMI Committee, reported little enthusiasm for such standards among most RABC members. Nevertheless, the work goes on. CRRL has endorsed an initiative by the executive of Ottawa Valley Mobile Radio Club, who contacted the Minister of Communications and the Minister of Consumer and Corporate Affairs, calling for standards to protect radio users and users of consumer electronic equipment. In addition, CRRL people are now working on a document, similar to one prepared by ARRL for FCC, calling not only for standards but for labels on consumer equipment, warning of possible RF susceptibility.



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The International Amateur Radio Union—since 1925 the federation of national Amateur Radio societies representing the interests of two-way Amateur Radio communications.

Regional Administrative Radio Conference

At WARC-79, Region 2 (North, Central and South America) was allocated a new broadcast band at 1605-1705 kHz. During this past April, some 70 delegates from 20 of the Region 2 administrations met in Geneva to decide what planning principles should govern the use of this new band, and what some of the technical standards should be. It was not a conference that had any direct effect on the Amateur Radio Service, but IARU was there (represented by G3FKM, VP9IM and W1RU) to maintain visibility in the international arena. As it turned out, 10 of the delegates licensed amateurs-LU3HAP, Were LU7DRV, 9Y4WR, 8P6CD, K3WL, N4FK, W3ICM, CO2RX, VE3CDF and XEIMFO (who was dean of the conference). During the second week of the conference, IARU sponsored a reception for the delegates and some of the key ITU people, and the accompanying photographs show some of our guests.



VP9IM (left), a member of the IARU Region 2 Executive Committee, and 8P6CD, of the Barbados delegation.



CO2RX, of the Cuban delegation, and T. M. Beiler, from Brazil. She chaired one of the technical working groups.



E. D. Ducharme (left), head of the Canadian delegation, and R. E. Butler, Secretary-General of the ITU.



Jim McKinney of FCC (left), head of the US delegation, and Al Sikes, Administrator of the US National Telecommunications and Information Administration.



Jean Jipguep, Deputy Secretary-General of the ITU, and Susan Kumenius, of the Secretary-General's office.



eft to right are G3FKM, Secretary of IARU Region 1; W3ICM, of the US delegation; and EA2ADO, president of the International Amateur Radio Club (4U1ITU).

Mini Directory

As a convenience to our readers, here is a list of items of particular interest and when they most

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Beacons: Where Do We Go from Here?

It's been 31/2 years since FCC allowed US hams to join those of many other countries and set up unattended beacons. The Commission's decision was announced in this column for January 1983. It, and a subsequent column five months later, challenged VHFers to install beacons and asked that those doing so, submit information about them. The intention was to publish a directory that could be made available to anyone interested. Since the FCC rule change went into effect, a number of beacons have been put on the air, but we have yet to derive the full benefit that a system of beacons can provide. This tack of complete success can probably be attributed to three causes. First, insufficient information has been made available on those beacons that have been put on the air. Second. not enough beacons, in the right places, have been set up. This is especially true for 2 meters and above. The third problem is probably part of the cause of the second. It has to do with developments since the subbands were designated by FCC for beacon operation. These three problems will be discussed one at a time in the order presented.

The list of 6-meter beacons published in last month's column represents an attempt to provide the best information available at a most useful time of year, as well as to elicit additional data. It is somewhat easier to get information needed to put together a list of 6-meter beacons than it is for those on the higher bands, as propagation on this band results in them being heard quite frequently by many people. Therefore, word filters in as to their frequency and transmission mode. However, other important data such as power, antenna type and directivity and exact QTH (grid locator) are not available from offthe-air monitoring. That data is available only from the beacon operators themselves or through organizations that have obtained it from them. Some of the information on the 6-meter beacons listed last month was gleaned from my own monitoring and that of several others who submitted reports. In addition, several foreign newsletters and VHF columns, most notably the Six-Metre News from the UK and VHF/UHF-An Expanding World from Australia, were consulted. In a few cases, information directly from the beacon operators was used. If obtaining information pertaining to beacons coming on the air is difficult, receiving word that they have ceased operation is almost impossible. A number on last month's list are probably in that category.

KIZZ has informed me that the IARU is attempting to compile a worldwide directory of 6-meter beacons and indicates that he has been asked to forward information relative to those operating in the US by August 1. Dave requests that I provide him with any new information I may receive, as a result of publication of the list in last month's column, prior to that date. In order to comply, I must have inputs from anyone with additions, corrections, deletions, etc by July 15.

While off-the-air monitoring may be fairly effective for 6-meter beacons, it doesn't fill

the bill for 2 meters and up. For several years, I have been attempting to collect sufficient information to put together beacon lists for these bands, but so far have not enough inputs to do a credible job. Two years ago, the Central States VHF Society resolved to assemble a data base of North American beacons and appointed Barry Buelow, WAØRJT, to do the job. He presented a preliminary list at last year's conference and says that he has a few additions and corrections to present this year. He indicates that he, too, has had difficulty in gathering complete and up-to-date information. Improved means of collecting and disseminating beacon information is almost certain to be discussed at this year's conference in St Louis at the end of this month. I will pass along results in a forthcoming column.

As to the second problem, it is certain that we need more beacons on 2 meters and above, particularly in certain parts of the country. Ideas for implementing a nationwide system of beacons, with suggestions for locations aimed at providing the best geographical coverage, were contained in the May 1983 column. Additional thoughts were put forth in December 1984. Setting up one or more beacons and keeping them on the air is no easy task. Having been involved with the W3VD beacons, I have some appreciation of the problems. For one thing, there is little suitable equipment available. You either have to "roll your own" or adapt gear designed for some other applications. Probably the least expensive and most reliable approach is to use cast-off land mobile FM equipment modified for whatever keying scheme is to be used. Sometimes used amateur gear such as old models of transceivers or transverters can prove useful. No matter what approach to building the beacon, the effort takes time from the many other tasks we are all confronted with. It's easy to understand why those who have completed such a job may not get around to reporting their success to the rest of the world. Nevertheless, if the beacon program is to be really effective, information on them must be available far and wide. This conductor will be happy to facilitate this process, either through publication in The World Above 50 MHz, space permitting, or by providing lists directly to those requesting them. The third problem concerns the very narrow slices of spectrum authorized by the FCC for beacon operation on 6 meters, meters, 14 meters and 70 cm. For 10 meters, a 100-kHz segment is set aside, which should be sufficient. However, there are other allocation problems coming up on that band that I will not deal with at this time. For 23 cm and up, beacon operation is authorized anywhere that amateur operation is permitted. Particularly on 2 meters, where the allocation consists of 10 kHz between 144.050 and 144,060, the allocation is possibly misplaced. It has led to concern being voiced with respect to potential interference to other amateur activities, particularly EME. This is highlighted in an item appearing in the April

issue of the Midwest VHF Report, a monthly newsletter published by WBØDGF. It cites a case in which feared interference to EME operation led to a decision not to establish a 2-meter beacon in a part of the country where one would prove quite useful. An editorial appearing in the same issue broaches the idea that a petition be filed with FCC requesting additional beacon subbands. Specifically, 144,300 to 144,350, 220,200 to 220,250 and 432,200 to 432,250 are offered as the minimum additional allocation space needed. Beacons have operated for years in Europe between 144,900 and 145,000 and 432,900 to 433,000. In this country, packet and other specialized communication modes seem to be taking over the area from 144.9 to 145.1, so it wouldn't appear that beacons could be accommodated there. Besides, there is always the question of whether people would tune so far to check for beacons. Aside from potential interference to EMErs, the 10-kHz slice presents some QRM difficulties between beacons themselves. For these reasons, WBØDGF's proposed band segments seem to be worthy of consideration. Aside from the occasional 2-meter MS sked, there is little SSB in them. Let's hear what you think. As always, this column will be available to air various contrasting opinions.

A system of well-placed and well-publicized beacons offers several benefits to VHFers, including fewer missed openings and the availability of always-present signals for checking receivers and antennas. Perhaps, by attacking these three problems, we can yet enjoy these benefits.

THE NEW COMPUTER SYSTEM

Beginning with the EME Annals, published in May, all of the data for the standings boxes is now on a new computer system. Both the hardware and software have been changed. Even though the transfer between the two machines was accomplished electronically, some errors have crept in. I have checked all of the entries in the 2-meter box appearing in this column, but may have missed a few. Therefore, I ask for your assistance in correcting any goofs that may remain. While you're at it, this would be a good opportunity to update your listing and provide some of the missing information. Many have not submitted grid-square totals. Others have not supplied information on call areas worked. For those who use the special box update forms, I can count the call areas, but in the case of those who write letters merely noting their state totals. I have no way of knowing and must leave that column blank. However, many providing complete rundowns of their states worked do not list any VEs. Even though many are located such that they must have worked a number of stations north of the border, my only alternative is to count only those call areas actually listed. Note how call areas are defined in the heading tha accompanies each box.

Also, please note the schedule for box updates which appeared in last February's column.

2-Meter Standings

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ON THE BANDS

WD4FAB in central Florida writes that tropo conditions were super across the state and to neighboring states around the end of April. Beginning the morning of April 27, numerous contacts were made with 2-meter and 70-cm stations in southeast Alabama and Louisiana. Conditions improved over the next few hours, bringing 2-meter contacts with Mississippi stations W5RCI and WB5QFX, W5RCI was also worked on 70 cm. Also on 2 meters, WB5JAR in Arkansas was heard weakly, but not worked. That evening and the following morning brought in all of Georgia, including W4GJO in the extreme northern part of the state who was 5×7 on 70 cm. Conditions seemed to extend north into North Carolina, with WB4TWX EM94 putting in a good signal. Over the next few days, both 2-meter and 70-cm stations up the Atlantic Coast as far north as K4GMP FM14, N4AVV FM04 and N4EJS FM02 were worked. At the

same time, stations along the Gulf as far as Louisiana were workable. The conditions took a breather during the 70 Sprint (Don't they always?), but picked up the next morning with KIFO in Connecticut coming in on 70 cm with S-9 plus 20-dB signals. W2VC New Jersey was on at the time, but could not be heard at Dick's OTH near Orlando, KIFO comments that WD4FAB's OSCAR station was up to S9 during the contact, but that he was not able to hear the North Carolina stations that were on at the time. Steve is convinced that these ducting conditions exist along the Atlantic Coast perhaps 20 days per year and suggests that more of us follow the weather maps and take better advantage of this opportunity for fine DX. Beacons will help, too.

From the opposite end of the country, KS6A reports that the California gang got a chance to have some fun and pick up a few rare grids on 2 meters, It seems that W6OAT and N6CW managed to sneak a TS-700, Mirage 100-W brick and 5-element Yagi aboard the Royal Polaris for its trip to Clipperton. FOØXX/MM was active from many water-covered grids on their way down the Pacific Coast, and a host of 6s stayed up all night knocking off new ones every few hours, according to Eric's account.

As this copy is being finalized, May 10, W3OTC informs me that a good 6-meter opening is in progress. Bob says that Florida and Gulf Coast stations are coming in well here in the mid-Atlantic states. He notes also that the Florida stations are reporting hearing HC2FG and KP4s.

At the last possible moment for getting into the column, word comes via the telephone answering machine of a 2-meter E_s opening between the Midwest and the Southeast. WBØPKF of the Kansas City area was very excited by his first experience with 144-MHz signals bouncing off the E Layer. Using an IC-271H and a 4-element beam in the attic, Harold came up with three contacts: KB4FQ and AA4FS in North Carolina and WA4VCC in South Carolina, all between 1615 and 1625Z.

The New Frontier

6-CM ACTIVITY IN OKLAHOMA

Of all the amateur bands, the allocation at 6 cm (5650-5925 MHz) is probably least used. It is especially welcome, therefore, to hear of activity on that band and even more welcome to hear of SSB and troposcatter work. Lawrence Nichols, W5UGO, has sent along the following good news.

After years of inactivity, but not total isolation from amateur radio, I have been bitten by the bug again. Last summer, while assisting Gerald Handley, WA5DBY, in giving my long-term (not old) friend Tony Bickel, K5PJR, three new grids on 2304 MHz, I was intrigued by the progress made in equipment over the last 15 years. Subsequent visits with K5PJR and Jim Crew, WA5ICW, showed that 5760 might be a band that could use some activity. Tony had not heard a signal on the band in overeight years! This seemed to present as enjoyable and meaningful a challenge as 2 meters was 20 years ago.

It took several months of study, search and construction to make the first contacts. The three of us took advantage of a mild winter to make many contacts over line-ofsight and obstructed paths of up to 26 miles. The 70-mile path from Tony to Jim took I watt, but only Jim had that much power. About March 1, a second TWT was put in service by Tony, and 80- to 85-mile paths were quickly worked via scatter. I put a GaAsFET pre-amp in service about March 8, and soon our activity sparked the interest of Tommy Henderson, WD5AGO, On March 22, K5PJR worked grid no. 5 and state no. S in the same QSO over a 23-mile obstructed path using 24-inch dishes, diode mixers and 1-mW output on SSB! All four of us are looking forward to a summer of tropo ducting. You don't have to have mountains!

There is not much published information on equipment for 6 cm. One source is the Microwave Newsletter Technical Collection, which describes a scaled-up version of the G3JVL waveguide-based transverter (originally designed for 10 GHz). A waveguide-based receive mixer for the 6-cm band was described by R. Heidemann, DC3QS, in the spring 1980 edition of VHF Communications. A 5760-MHz to 28-MHz converter was described by DL7QY in the June 1978 edition of the DUBUS Handbook (p 163). The latter two articles use hard-to-find European devices, but_may be useful for ideas.

RELATIVE SYSTEM PERFORMANCE ON THE MICROWAVE BANDS

One of the most common questions asked about microwave operation is "How far can you work on 'X' cm?" (where X is your favorite microwave band). As with many simple questions, there is no simple answer. Many factors are involved, including equipment performance, frequency and mode of propagation. If some of these factors are fixed, however, it becomes possible to estimate the relative performance of systems on different frequencies.

Of the many possible propagation modes,

Table 1
Relative Change in Signal Strength with Increasing Frequency for Line-of-Sight and Troposcatter Propagation[†]

Frequency (MHz)	Line-of-sight	Troposcatter
1296	Bb 0	0 dB
2304	+ 5 dB	+ 2.5 dB
3456	+ 8.6 dB	+ 4.3 dB
5670	+ 12.8 dB	+6.4 dB
10.368	+ 18 dB	+9 dB

Between two stations using the same dish antenna, transmitter power and receiver sensitivity on all bands.

the most common are line-of-sight, troposcatter, ducting and refraction/reflection. Of these, the loss/frequency relationship of the first two can be generalized, and will be dealt with here. The loss/frequency dependence of ducting and scatter/reflection can be calculated for specific situations, but there is no generally applicable relation. To a first approximation, neglecting such factors as atmospheric absorption, troposcatter path losses are proportional to the third power of the frequency, and line-of-sight path losses are proportional to the second power of the frequency.

Consider a path between two stations using the same antenna on all bands (a typical situation for portable stations on the microwave bands, where a single parabolic dish is used on many bands). The gain of each dish is proportional to the square of the frequency, so the overall antenna gain counting both dishes is proportional to the fourth power of the frequency.

Thus, it can be seen that under these conditions while total antenna gain goes up by the fourth power of the frequency, path loss goes up only with the third (for troposcatter) or second (for line-of-sight) power of the frequency. Thus, for a constant receiver sensitivity and transmitter power, signals get stronger (or go farther) as the frequency goes up. The "catch," of course, is that it is more difficult to generate power and build sensitive (low noise) receivers as frequency goes up. Table I shows the relative increase in signal with increasing frequency for commonly used microwave frequencies.

Thus, it can be seen that under these conditions over a line-of-sight path, signals would be 18 dB stronger on 10.368 GHz than on 1296 MHz, or (18-12.8) = 5.2 dB stronger on 10.368 GHz than on 5.67 GHz (with the equipment specifications described above).

Although it has been difficult to generate power and achieve low noise figures on the higher bands, devices are now becoming available at reasonable cost and will allow this. It is not unreasonable to consider a 100-mW output, 3-dB noise-figure system for 10 GHz using GaAsFET devices heing built by amateurs. Such a system in conjunction with 4-ft dishes should be capable of troposcatter contacts over 300 km using CW and 100-Hz bandwidths, or about 170 km using a wider bandwidth and SSB.

For more information on system performance and microwave propagation see The New Frontier, Dec 1980 QST, and an article in Radio Communication (Aug 1981) by G3YGF on troposcatter propagation losses.

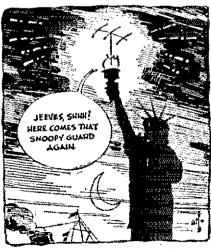
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AMO, AMAS, AMAT, AMATEUR

OF From The Montgomery (Maryland) Journal, January 27, 1986: "Sometimes words undergo pejoration, meaning they take on negative meanings. For example, amateur from the Latin verb 'amare,' meaning 'to love,' means 'one who engages in pursuit, study, science or sport for the love of it rather than for pay.' However, some people use the word amateur to describe someone who lacks experience or competence. If you've earned a letter in your sport or watched Olympic athletes compete, you know that one reason most amateurs love what they do is because they are so good at it." (tnx K3WX)

OST congratulates...

- ☐ Ronnie Milsap, WB4KCG, of Nashville, Tennessee, on winning the 1985 Male Country Vocal Grammy Award.
- ☐ Jim George, N3BB, of Austin, Texas, on being promoted to General Manager of Motorola's MOS Memory Division.
- ☐ Robert Kurth, W51RP, of Lufkin, Texas, on being elected president of the Texas Society Sons of the American Revolution.



Presenting Lady Liberty and Field Day through the eyes and pen of the late Phil Gildersleeve, W1CJD. Some good news for Gil fans: Hundreds of his cartoons, which appeared in QST over a 40-year span, have been compiled into a brand new book. See page 96 for ordering information.

Software for the Ham Shack

In the "good" old days (back around the turn of the decade), few hams included computers in their line of radio-room equipment. Those few who did use computers in their shacks had a hard time finding Amateur Radio software to run on their Model Is, Apple IIs and Commodore PETs. The only choice they had was to write their own software. (A lot of those early homebuilt efforts are among the programs with low catalog numbers in the PX Library.)

Things change. As more and more hams added computers to their shacks, the demand for Amateur Radio software increased, To meet this demand, professional programmers began writing software for Amateur Radio applications. As a result, the ham who owned a computer had an alternative to homebuilt software.

As the quantity of Amateur Radio software increased, the quality of the software increased as well. Today, there is a good selection of sophisticated software available for Amateur Radio applications. Some of that software crosses this writer's desk and what follows is a summary of some of the offerings I have seen, but not necessarily tested. recently.

Sweepstakes Contester

If you are a Sweepstakes fanatic and have an IBM® PC or compatible computer, SCORE, the Sweepstakes Contest Operating Results Enhancer program, is for you. Besides the logging and duping functions you would expect to find in any contest program, SCORE offers more, including the ability to control your transceiver (if it is a Heath SS-9000) and your antenna system (if it is configured with a Pro-Search rotator).

Menus guide you through the installation and configuration of the program, and an array of windows appear as you use the program's Contest Control Panel. This panel always includes a window in which you enter new contacts and a window that continuously displays the current scoring information. Other windows may be displayed by using the computer's function keys. These include a

window that displays the last five entries in the log, a window that displays a list of ARRL Sections (highlighting Sections yet to be worked) and a window that allows you to browse through the log to edit entries as required. When the contest is over, SCORE generates a complete log, ARRL Sections status report, operating profile report and contest summary report. These reports may be displayed, printed or saved to disk.

SCORE requires an IBM PC, XT, AT or compatible computer with 128 kbytes of RAM, DOS version 2.1 or above, and a monochrome or color monitor. Two serial ports (for the SS-9000 transceiver and Pro-Search rotor) are optional and can be at nonstandard port addresses. SCORE is available from MJC Technologies, 37041/2 Foothill Blvd. Suite 524, La Crescenta, CA 91214. By the way, this program does dupe, generally in less than one second!

Software for Examination

If you are preparing for a Novice, Technician or General class Amateur Radio license examination, you won't go wrong using Don Middleton's Computer Self-Test Program, which drills you on questions you are likely to encounter when you take the examination. The program displays each question, and the user selects an answer with a cursor key. If the answer is incorrect, second guessing is allowed. If the second answer is incorrect, the program indicates the correct answer. At completion, the program grades your performance and reviews incorrectly answered questions.

The Self-Test program runs on an IBM PC, IBM PC compatibles or any MS-DOS computer with DOS 1.1 or above and BASICA or GW-BASIC. It is available from Don Middleton, WØNIT, 920 W Adams, Pueblo, CO 81004, and includes a beginner's Morse code training tape.

CoCo Hamming

An array of Amateur Radio software for the Radio Shack Color computer is available from SPEC-COM (the Amateur Radio Specialized Communication Journal). Two of

the most interesting programs in the SPEC-COM catalog are CoCoRTTY and Sloscan. CoCoRTTY receives and transmits 60-WPM RTTY without any external terminal unit, while Sloscan receives SSTV signals without any external interface! And the price is right, too!

Besides those two goodies, SPEC-COM also offers disks and cassettes full of Amateur Radio application software that are bound to fill the need of any ham who owns a Color computer. A catalog of CoCo software may be obtained by sending an SASE to SPEC-COM, PO Box H, Lowden, IA 52255.

Packet-Radio Interface

A packet-radio communication program, written by Tom Bray, WB8COX, features 36 user-defined buffers for five-line canned messages, a call-sign data base with routing information, and simple uploading and downloading of ASCII files. The program is designed to interface with a TAPR TNC I or compatible with the standard TAPR TNC 1 or WA8DED firmware; it requires an IBM PC or compatible with a minimum of 192 kbytes of RAM, PC DOS 2.0 or above, a serial port and one disk drive. A free copy of the program may be obtained by sending a formatted disk and a self-addressed, stamped disk mailer to Tom Bray, WB8COX, 3373 E Fairfax Rd, Cleveland, OH 44118.

Osborne 1 Keyboard Keyer

Turn an Osborne 1 computer into a Morse code keyer with a CP/M[®] program written by Phil Pflager, WB6CGW (22380 Palm Ave, Cupertino, CA 95104). A simple circuit consisting of an IC, transistor, diode, relay and three resistors is connected to the Osborne's parallel port to allow Phil's program to key a transmitter. Phil is distributing his program for free via landline bulletin-board systems. Check your favorite BBS to download a copy.

PACKET-RADIO PRIMER

Get ***CONNECTED to Packet Radio by Jim Grubbs, K9EI (QSKY Publishing, Springfield, IL), is the first book about amateur packet radio to be published in five years. In that intervening time, packet radio has undergone drastic changes, and this new book brings ham radio literature up to date. In doing so, K9EI has managed to cover the state of packet radio as it exists in 1986. The book is a good primer for the packet-radio novice, and it is highly recommended to anyone who wants to find out what packet radio is all about and how to best utilize packet-radio hardware without being overwhelmed by the technical intricacies of the mode.

HELP

- If anyone has adapted the SM6CPI CAT control system (for the Yaesu FT-757) to a Commodore 64 or 128 computer, please contact John Shidler, NS5Z, 4001 Pkwy. Bossier City, LA 71112.
- ☐ Do you operate RTTY or CW with your IBM PC? Ron Parry, ZL3VX, would like to know how you do it. Please write to him at 18 Sunvale Terr, Christchurch 2, New Zealand.

PX Potpourri

A variety of programs are featured in this month's PX.

Program 122: a program that finds nonresonant lengths of coaxial cable for specified frequency bands, written in BASIC-11 for a DEC LSI-11/12 computer by Terry Shankland, KC7UV. Terry used "generic" BASIC so that the program will run on almost any computer.

Program 123: a QSL-card-generator program written in MBASIC on an Epson QX-10 computer by Brian Jacobson, KA1FXY.

Program 124: Great Circle Bearing distance program for the Texas Instruments TI-57, TI-58 and TI-59 programmable calculators written by Richard Brunner, AA1P

Program 125: Morse Code Teacher was written for the Texas Instruments TI-99/4A computer in Extended BASIC by Stanton Smart, K8VIF

Program 126: L and C calculator written in BASIC for the Radio Shack TRS-80 Model III or IV computer by Harry Neben, W9QB.

To obtain a listing of any PX program, send a business-size SASE with 39 cents postage (unless noted otherwise) to ARRL, Dept PX, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111 (CRRL members can send their SASEs to CRRL, PO Box 7009, Stn E, London, ON N5Y 4J9). Use a separate SASE for each program request and write the PX program number of the desired program at the lower left-hand corner of the SASE. Please do not send correspondence other than PX requests to Dept PX.

A list of all 126 programs in the PX library is also available by sending a business-size SASE with 22 cents postage to ARRL, Dept PX, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

Hot Stuff at Dayton

The temperature hovered around 90 degrees at the HamVention® this year, and the weather was truly representative of happenings in the FM repeater world—hot!

Novices on 220?

While some of us were packing our bags for our annual trek to Ohio, news was received that the FCC announced its intention to issue a Notice of Proposed Rule Making that would expand Novice operating privileges to include voice and digital communications on certain portions of the 28-MHz, 220-MHz and 1240-MHz bands. (See June QST for the full text of this NPRM.)

At this time, there are two petitions for rule making pending before the Commission seeking accommodation for land-mobile operations in the 216-225 MHz band. Also, the Commission, in General Docket 80-739, decided to maintain the Fixed. Mobile and Amateur Services as coprimary allocations until the FCC/National Telecommunications and Information Administration working groups develop an appropriate allocation plan for this band. As a result, the FCC will not finalize the 220 Novice privileges until the fate of these matters is determined. However, the potential inclusion of 220 as a Novice privilege is a timely shot in the arm for amateur 220, as still another nonamateur interest (Association of Radio Reading Services, Inc) has cast a hungry eye on that band.

The Power of Coordination

As some of us were pounding the pavement around the Dayton Hara Arena, the next news was received that the FCC had adopted rules to make amateur stations in repeater or auxiliary operation mutually responsible to resolve interference between them, except when one repeater or auxiliary operation is coordinated and the other is not. Then, the station engaged in noncoordinated repeater or auxiliary operation has primary responsibility for resolving any interference. The FCC took this action to reduce the number of repeater disputes requiring FCC intervention. The FCC decided against requiring coordination as a prior condition to repeater operation and also decided against adopting more detailed repeater coordination rules. Also, the FCC has decided that acceptable power levels and heights above average terrain for repeaters and auxiliary station operations is now a matter for determination by frequency coordinators. (See this month's Happenings for the full details concerning this FCC action.)

Essentially, what the FCC has done is codify its stated policy concerning interference between coordinated and noncoordinated repeaters. In the recent past, whenever an interference dispute between a coordinated and noncoordinated repeater was brought before the FCC, the Commission supported the position of the coordinated repeater because the FCC considered it to be good amateur

practice for stations in repeater operation to abide by the local band plan and to seek coordination. By codifying this policy, the FCC hopes that it will no longer have to be the arbiter between coordinated and non-coordinated repeaters in an interference dispute. When the rule is in black and white, the noncoordinated repeater has no argument; he has to resolve any problems, and he knows it.

Some hams may feel that the new rule does not go far enough, that coordination should be required. Although the FCC will not require coordination for repeater operation, the Commission still must consider it good amateur practice since its new rule favors the coordinated over the noncoordinated. So, any station contemplating repeater operation today would be foolish not to seek coordination as insurance for future interference problems.

The Contents of Bob's Pocket

Meanwhile, back at the convention, one of the hottest selling items was a new publication that looks like a small, red prayer book, but, in reality, is the 1986-1987 edition of *The ARRL Repeater Directory*. Bart Jahnke, KB9NM, edited this newest edition, which contains listings for 10,321 repeater operations! The new feature of this ever-improving directory is its size $(3.25 \times 5.25 \times 0.5$ inches), which is designed to fit conveniently in the shirt pocket of the mobile ham. It is highly recommended for all repeater users.

FREQUENCY-COORDINATION NEWS

Cl The Alabama Repeater Council executive committee announced the results of their Council's recent 20 kHz vs 15 kHz referendum. As certified by the ballot commission headed by ARRL Assistant Director Joe Smith, WA4RNP, the motion to accept the current 20-kHz band plan for the 146-148 MHz spectrum was overwhelmingly approved: 42 for the motion, 26 against the motion and 2 abstentions, with 70 out of a posssible 140 repeater owner/trustees returning ballots. (from Tom Ingram, K4OOV, Alabama Repeater Council president)

□ New England Spectrum Management Council (NESMC) President Gordon B. LaPorte, K1VHR, wrote that NESMC has a very good relationship with Tri-State Amateur Repeater Council (TSARC, the coordinator for Connecticut, metropolitan New York City and northern New Jersey). In fact, TSARC has a representative (John Ronan, K3ZJJ) on NESMC's board of directors, who is invaluable in providing guidance to the NESMC president. There is no contention for Connecticut; all its repeaters are coordinated by TSARC. Also, NESMC has recognized Vermont Independent Repeater Coordinating Council (VIRCC) as the coordinator for Vermont. VIRCC occupies a secondary status on NESMC's board of directors.

☐ Oregon Region Relay Council (ORRC) has elected to change its 450-MHz band plan from low in/high out to high in/low out. This puts the entire West Coast, with the exception of

Southern California, on the same band plan. Western Oregon systems using the old band plan may continue to use that plan if desired; only newly coordinated systems are required to follow the new plan; however, existing systems are encouraged to use the new plan as well. (from the newsletter of Western Washington Amateur Relay Assn)

REPEATER LOG

According to reports received in March, repeaters were involved in the following public-service events: 282 vehicular emergencies, 43 drills/alerts, 29 medical emergencies, 24 fire emergencies, 6 weather emergencies, 5 public-safety events, 3 power failures, 2 search-andrescue emergencies and 1 criminal-activity report.

The following repeaters were involved (followed by the number of events): WA1DGW 16, W2UL 46, WA2ZWP 13, WB3GDH 3, K4GSO 19, WD4JWO 3, WA6BJY 6, W6FNO 248, KH6H 2, WB6JPI 10, K8DDG 5, KD8GL 5, WD8IEL 6, WA8ULB 5, WAØFYA 8.

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IF YOU HAPPEN TO BE IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

☐ Wireless history buffs visiting England should find the following of interest.

• Inside Southampton Post Office, on the east side of High Street, is a small memorial to the British and American telegraphists who died on the *Titanic* in 1912.

• In London, these buildings carry commemorative plaques: to Guglielmo Marconi at 71 Hereford Rd; Samuel Morse at 141 Cleveland St; John Logie Baird at 22 Frith St; Michael Faraday at 48 Blandford St; and James Clerk Maxwell at 16 Palace Gardens Terr.

• And on the wall of Bush House, facing onto the Strand, is this notice: "Within this building, Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company Ltd operated their famous broadcasting station, 2LO, from May 11 to November 15, 1922, when it became the first station of the British Broadcasting Company."—Allan Herridge, G3IDG

I would like to get in touch with...

☐ anyone who has interfaced a Digital Robin or Rainbow computer to a ham radio. Stephen Craven, KQIP, PO Box 5, Gilbertville, MA

[] anyone interested in joining a college/university club-station net. Bill Bishop, NØEBA, c/o U of Iowa ARC, 4900 Engineering Bldg, Iowa City, IA 52242.

□ veterans of Camp Forrest in Tullahoma, Tennessee, willing to help operate the First National Reunion commemorative station. George Stone, WD4CYV, 712 First Ave, Tullahoma, TN 37388.

Making Waves

TWO HAMS BRANCH OUT

The following story, submitted by the Rev R. J. Ritter Sr, KA3CSM, concerns Randy Shriver's ascent in ham radio. But just as Randy didn't limit himself to only one form of ham radio, neither did he limit himself to just ham radio.

Determination and Dreams

Randy's interest in radio began at the age of 13. I was then the pastor of the church across the street from Randy's house, and occasionally I would talk to him on CB channel 14. It wasn't long before he bought a Sears CB. I helped him construct a dipole for his antenna, and Randy was on the air. Soon a Rohn 25G tower had been erected with a 4-element quad sitting on top.

CB soon became too dull for someone who had big dreams. Two years later, Randy began studying for his Novice license. Two months passed by, with a lot of time spent with the Heathkit study guide. The big day came on February 9, 1981, when he passed his first exam, at age 15. Continuing through the Heathkit studies, Randy passed the General exam, on June 5, 1981. He allowed nothing to stand in his way as he continued to the top. On July 2, 1981, he passed the Advanced exam and went on to the Extra and the call he currently holds, KG3N, on November 9, 1981.

Determination has always been the key to Randy's success. I moved from Randy's hometown of Hanover, Pennsylvania, before he began studying for the Novice license, and all Randy's studying has been on his own. He did not attend licensing classes, so the only encouragement and help I could give was by telephone. His determination really showed when he went to Baltimore for the exams.

Each time, Randy would rise early in the morning and take a bus from Hanover to Baltimore. The ride was then followed by a long walk to the Federal Building to take his test. The bus would leave the city in the evening and that meant Randy had to wait most of the day for his trip home. He had little help from anyone to achieve what many people only dream about. After the Extra Class license, Randy decided to continue his studies. On July 19, 1982, at the age of 16, he received his General Radiotelephone License. Determination and perseverance paid off again when the Ship Radar Endorsement was granted on November 22, 1982.

With all his studies completed, Randy began building his station. This included a lot of research to find the perfect rig for someone with big dreams and high hopes.



We continued to keep in touch, even though we lived more than 100 miles apart. He would call me when there was a problem, but usually he did research to find the answer, and had the problem worked out before he called. His mind was always active and this helped him to achieve his goals.

It wasn't long before the dipole wasn't big enough. So Randy began doing his homework again. Soon he was building a 60-ft Rohn 45 tower. This project needed a little help. After the tower was erected, he enlisted the services of the Pennville Fire Department, which lifted the Hy-Gain



Randy sits at the station he used to successfully reach Tony England, WØORE, four times. (W3KGN photo)

tribander and Cushcraft 2-meter beams into place.

You would think most hams would be satisfied with this setup, but not Randy. An ICOM R70 was added to his station along with a Kenwood TL922 amplifier to complement his Kenwood 830. Later, an Atari 800 computer found its way into the shack. Things were beginning to materialize, and the dreams would soon be real. Randy's big break came on August 3, 1985, at 10:55 PM, with his first contact with WØORE aboard the Space Shuttle Challenger. Randy went on to get three more confirmed contacts with the Space Shuttle Amateur Radio Experiment (SAREX). He also made a contact via slow-scan television. Occasionally, when Randy is not building (or dreaming), he will be working 20-meter phone. But that doesn't happen too often. He is a Volunteer Examiner with the ARRL VEC and holds Novice, Technician and General classes.

K-80 in California

The following story was submitted by Norm Goodkin, K6YXH. It is about the activities of his son, Daniel, KA6VSS.

Daniel Goodkin, of Woodland Hills, California, became the youngest member of the Los Angeles County Disaster Communications Service (DCS) on March 25, 1986. RACES is part of DCS in LA County. Daniel is only 11 years old, but has completed all the requirements for membership. DCS consists of volunteer groups attached to each Sheriff's Station within LA County. Daniel is attached to the Malibu Station and was issued the tactical call K-80.

Daniel has earned two commendations from the Sheriff's Department for his work during the Lake Sherwood and Carbon Canyon fires. Although he was not yet a member of DCS at the time of those fires, he worked for several days carrying messages between the Malibu Station

Message Center and the Intelligence Officers. Daniel also contributed by listening to the tactical radios and updating the Message Center personnel to the status of the fire. The Message Center is also a part of DCS and is manned by volunteers from the community. There are approximately 140 volunteer members in the Malibu DCS. Many of them are licensed Amateur Radio operators who provide emergency communications between county agencies during disasters such as fire, flood and earthquake. If anyone in LA County has called the Sheriff's Station for information during a disaster, they have probably talked to

DCS Message Center personnel who often assist on the switchboard and answer routine questions.

Daniel is a student at A. E. Wright Middle School, plays the tuba in the school band and plays club soccer. He currently holds a General class license. When Daniel isn't using his radio station to pass along messages in emergencies, he likes to just ragchew. Daniel has plenty of support from the rest of his family in his radio achievements because many other family members are also licensed hams. His father, Norm, is K6YXH; his mother, Naomi, is WB6OHW; his grandfather, Erv, is N6NEF; his brother, Brian, is N6FKG; and his sister, Mari, is KA6PTV. [Editor's Note: Anyone interested in volunteering their time to assist with communications like this should contact his or her Section Manager for the name and address of the appropriate ARRL Field Organization official. The name and address of your Section Manager is on page 8 of each issue of QST.]

SURVEY REMINDER

If you have not yet sent in your questionaire from the May issue of Making Waves, I would really appreciate it if you would because it is not too late.

Amateur Radio Leads to Career in Electronics for KA1DNB

In 1979 Ann Carro had no idea what a capacitor was, and now she is KA1DNB as well as an assistant engineer with a leading electronics company. Not only is she making electronics her lifetime career, but she is halfway to earning enough credits for a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Engineering as well as a BS in Electrical Engineering Technology. Not bad for the YL who in her senior year of high school had no idea what she would do when she graduated. Ann Carro, KAIDNB, says, "It all started during my last year of high school when I became involved with Amateur Radio. I always liked radio, but did not know anything about it as a hobby." It took very little persuasion from teachers and peers for Ann to enroll in a Novice class taught by AAIQ, earn her call in 1979 and within six months save enough money to buy her first rig. With encouragement from her newly found amateur friends, Ann pushed forward. When she upgraded to General, she took the 20-WPM code test and passed. "It took me more than one try to upgrade to Advanced, but I finally made it in October of 1980. Not only did I pass my Advanced, but 20 minutes later I also had passed my Extra." She credits her unusually rapid upgrading to K1QVF, who instructed the code and theory classes, and also to WAIZCD, who gave her moral support in Boston when she made the final grade. But it was Robert Poniatowski, AFII, Ann's high school principal who followed her progress, recognized the talents of this energetic young woman and encouraged her to investigate the possibilities of a career in electronics.

During her senior year Ann was granted permission to sit in on an advanced electronics class as an observer, just to see what it was all about. As a part of the course as well as continuing-education orientation, the class went on a trip to Rhode Island School of Electronics (RISE). "I was impressed by the whole thing and decided to take a chance at a career in electronics." The day after Ann graduated from Tiverton High School, she began attending RISE, and two years later graduated at the top of her class with a 96% average.

Her first job was with a Foxboro company as an electronic troubleshooter. "My job was to test and troubleshoot analog measurement instruments. It was challenging for a while, but I didn't want to do this for the rest of my life so I decided to go back to school part-time and pursue my BS degree in Electrical Engineering Technology." Ann's enthusiasm and determination were enhanced by incentive from her employer and the company's 100% tuition reimbursement for courses passed with a C average or better. She returned to school and also continued her work as a troubleshooter. About two years went by when she recognized that it was time for a change. She decided to apply for other jobs within the company, with the hope of moving upward. "I went through several in-

terviews before I finally settled for a lateral move onto the second shift with the promise that if I could show I could do more complex work, I would get a promotion." Sure enough, three months went by, and she was given a special evaluation review with an excellent performance rating. Ann was offered a promotion and an impressive salary increase. Another three months passed, and she was transferred to a different plant, where she returned to the day shift with another promotion to Senior Equipment Maintenance Technician. "My job as a Senior Equipment Maintenance Technician was to repair printers, disk drives, color and black/white monitors, terminals, computers and tape drives. I really enjoyed this job the most because I was constantly doing different things. It was different from troubleshooting and testing the same product day in and day out. This new job was much more interesting and rewarding."



Ann Carro, KA1DNB, takes time out from a rigorous college and job schedule to enjoy operating HF mobile.

Holding down a full-time job as well as going to school evenings, Ann didn't put Amateur Radio on the back burner. Instead, she became active on the HHH Net and MARS. There was still time to earn WAS on 40 meters with an SSB endorsement and WAS on the HHH Net. Over the past six years, Ann has become affiliated with the Raytheon ARC, Foxboro ARC, Dayton ARC, Women Radio Operators of New England (WRONE), YLRL, Apple Valley ARC and YLISSB. She enjoys hamfests and made 1986 her sixth consecutive year at the Dayton HamVention. When she is not working, in school or ham-

festing, KAIDNB is a familiar voice in Rhode Island for the Red Cross and civil defense communication networks. During last summer's Hurricane Gloria, Ann was instrumental in helping homeless families find places to stay.

Just over a year ago, Ann was called by a local company to be interviewed for a job. "I had been trying for over four years to get the attention of this particular company and had just about given up. They were seeking experienced people to fill certain positions so they were going through all the old applications that they had on file. It was a surprise to me because I thought they threw away my application a long time ago." Ann went in for the interview and was offered a job as an assistant engineer. In this position she designs test adaptors and writes programs for testing circuit boards. Ann admits that this is just another stepping stone because she hopes to eventually become a design or computer engineer with a specialty in software development.

KAIDNB works in electronics all day, goes to school nights to learn more about her hobby and job, yet admits that in her spare time she enjoys tinkering with radios and televisions. "I make an effort to attend most of the radio flea markets in the New England area in addition to Dayton and a few in New York. I'm always looking to see what bargains I can snatch up to fiddle with on the side."

Ann may be conscientiously committed to her advanced schooling goals as well as her job, but she still finds time to let down from the pressure of her strenuous routine with bowling, skiing and fishing. During the winter months there is enough time to experiment with her home computer when she is not using it for homework. (She has a working knowledge of BASIC, HPL, FORTH, C, FORTRAN, Assembler, Motorola M6800, MC68000 and GR227X.)

Recently she became a homeowner and is still in the throes of assembling her station, which consists of an FT-101 and a TS-430. Two-meter operation keeps her in routine touch with a certain OM in New Hampshire as well as in supply of gas for her car! "While I was traveling through Kentucky with a rented car, I ran out of gas, but all it took was one call on a local repeater to get assistance."

If all this activity wasn't enough, KAIDNB is also a Volunteer Examiner with ARRL and makes herself available to local clubs who need an extra hand. Ann hasn't taken her Amateur Radio beginnings for granted. She recognizes that the Amateur Radio operators who reached out to her in high school are responsible for where she is today and where she is going. She says, "Amateur Radio has a great deal to do with not only my career but my life as well. I have found that amateurs are a unique group of people, always willing to lend a helping hand. As the word HAM implies: Helping All Mankind or Womankind, whichever the case may be!

Silent Keys

It is with deep regret that we record the passing of these amateurs:

N1ADA, George T. Siddall, Hyannis, MA
W1AXF, Malcolm J. MacDonald, Chatham, MA
KA1BGA, Willard C. Goldthwaite, Gloucester, MA
KJFJT, Leonard F. Linley, Easton, CT
KBINF, George W. Pinkham, Wayland, MA
W1PP, Roger A. Sykes, Largo, FL
W1TT, Milton W. Mix, Wayland, MA
W1WTH, Harold S. Chapman, Augusta, ME
WA1ZCR, Clinton E. Barton, Pilainville, MA
*N2BPI, Bobby G. Robbins, Flats, Bermuda
WB2KGQ, Charles B. Dalton, Tonawanda, NY
WB2CNA, Henry R. Blakeley, Tully, NY
W2GS, Fdwin F. Ehlinger, Utica, NY
WA2JVB, Louis E. Podeswa, Nassau, NY
W2GK, Gdwin F. Ehlinger, Utica, NY
W2MFS, Daniel W. Keefe, New York City, NY
W2MFS, Daniel W. Keefe, New York City, NY
W2PGQ, Joseph J. Blake, Pennsauken, NJ
K2PQX, James B. Frye, Jr., Homer, NY
W3FQ, James B. Frye, Jr., Homer, NY
W3AKO, J. Raymond McCracken, Westover, MD
N3AO, Stanley Gritsevicz, Sr., Nanticoke, PA
*K3CA, Virgil E. Neilly, State College, PA
K83GJ, Mark E. Sickmeyer, Doylestown, PA
W3IMN, Harold L. German, Camp Hill, PA
W3KQM, Forrest Campbell, Jr., Hathaway Pines, CA
W3RUM, Ernest H. Voss, Clairton, PA
*W3UNN, Derald E. Rogers, Lancaster, PA
W3KQM, Bouglas A. Richards, Kingsport, TN
K84DDX, Eva Pilson Wimmer, Roanoke, VA
W4UZK, Cothlyn Q. Pendley, Charlotte, NC
N46HFX, K. Se Chappell, Louisa, VA
K44DZ, Clyde C. McClymonds, Miami, FL
W4ACXF, Robert H. Fitzgerald, Miami Springs, FL
W44FY, John T. Aldhizer, Roanoke, VA
N44FY, K. B. Chappell, Louisa, VA
K44ND, Michael J. Sefcik, Zephyrhills, FL

W4ODC, Jacob R. Ross, Boca Raton, FL
WA4PFZ, Henry D. Kennedy, Dawson, GA
W4PJ, Louis A. Bonner, Carrollton, GA
WB4QWJ, Donald Reese, Cookeville, TN
N4SI, Fred M. Niell, Memphis, TN
W4UDN, Luther C. "Boots" Mercer, Roanoke, VA
N4UV, Christopher R. Tompkins, Richmond, VA
W4WHT, Harold C. Warlick, Sr., North Augusta,
SC
W4ZMQ, Marvin B. Carter, Eagleville, PA
*W4ZZ, Herrick B. Brown, Greeneville, TN
WA5DDQ, George Turner, Wichita Falls, TX
W5LQM, Leon V. Day, Albuquerque, NM
W5NDE, Arthur C. Sweeny, Tulsa, OK
W57XZ, William Rocholl, Wills Point, TX
W6CHY, Ralph H. Culbertson, La Jolla, CA
W6CHY, Ralph H. Culbertson, La Jolla, CA
W6DCSB, Edward Plante, Santa Ynez, CA
W6DYB, Willard B. Tallmon, Menlo Park, CA
W6FY, George E. Thompson, Sonoma, CA
KA6INM, Harry R. Nelson, Crescent City, CA
W6INQ, Ross D. Cade, Santa Clara, CA
W6MBD, Harry M. Leonard, Los Angeles, CA
W6MBD, Harry M. Leonard, Los Angeles, CA
W6OZB, Albert K. Sargent, Upland, CA
W8OZB, Paul Williams, Santa Cruz, CA
W8TAFD, Everett R. Baughman, Rockaway, OR
WA7AZJ, Edward J. Hruska, Scottsdale, AZ
*W7BMC, Leavenworth Wheeler, Yuma, AZ
*W7TMC, James Tusa, Tucson, AZ
*W7CV, Carroll W, Short, Jr., Boulder City, NV
N7EYC, Jack H. Schmidt, Port Orchard, WA
W7TJJ, Earl A. Link, Aberdeen, WA
W7RDI, Bert W. Browne, Mountlake Terrace, WA
W8TYAQ, Robert W. Wasson, Post Falls, ID
WD8ABI, Truman Copley, Rittman, OH
N8ATO, Vance G. Newton, Swartz Creek, MI

W8DE1, Ralph K. Jordan, Batavia, OH K8MYK, Paul E. Bender, Brighton, MI W8NPE, Paul L. Gregory, Redington Shores, Fl. W8QO, Robert J. Neff, Medway, OH W8WAV, Charles L. Foster, Cuyahoga Falls, OH W8ZGS, E. Lowell Kelly, Ann Arbor, MI WB9EXP, Lawrence C. Root, Richton Park, IL W89IVI, Charles N. Tindell, Peoria, IL *K9MD, D. B. Pili, Jr., Clinton, WI W9MF, Robert E. Beam, Evanston, IL W9TFS, Albert E. Otterman, Hammond, IN KBØDV, John W. Thomas, New Ulm, MN WØEHI, William H. Lounsberry, Duluth, MN WØRFI, Lydia S. Johnson, Kansas City, MO WØGBN, Alfred Monkkonen, Duluth, MN WØKJZ, Lydia S. Johnson, Lead, SD WØLQY, Lyell J. Moore, Mason City, IA WØOKR, Oris Johnson, Kansas City, KS WØPUY, Orville Boddy, Keokuk, IA *VEIBAF, Douglas A. Collings, Milton, NS VEIBZZ, George C. Coffin, Charlottetown, PE VE3NYS, James N. Leach, Fort Erie, ON VE3AYJ, George L. Foster, London, ON VETANS, Philip Enright, Vancouver, BC VE7BOV, George A. Fowler, Nanaimo, BC 18PLH, Hildegard Pellicone-Goldstein, 89100 Reggio Calabria, Italy

In order to avoid unfortunate errors in the Silent Keys column, reports of Silent Keys are confirmed through acknowledgment only to the family of the deceased. Thus, those who report a Silent Key will not necessarily receive an acknowledgment from HQ.

Note: All Silent Key reports sent to HQ must include the name, address and call sign of the reporter as well as the name, address and call of the Silent Key in order to be listed in the column. Please allow several months for the listing to appear in QST.

50 Years Ago

July 1936

- D East Coast and Midwest v.h.f. enthusiasts had a hall one evening in early May when the 5-meter band opened with S9 signals both ways. QST's report reminds us that the same thing happened about a year ago. Wonder if that will lead to any theory to cover the phenomenon?
- A single-stage crystal rig seems to be the hot item these days. W3EHE uses a pair of 802s with push-pull input and with output switchable to push-push (plates in parallel) for better doubling. Forty watts makes it a respectable little unit.
- ☐ WISZ aims at bigger game, with a crystal-controlled 42-RK20-805s setup to produce a half kW. The exciter is band switchable, but plug-in coils are used in the final.
- LJ The Federal Communications Commission is undertaking an evaluation of every U.S. radio activity, with particular attention to frequencies above 30 Mc., looking toward a revised allocation table for that portion of the spectrum. Hq. has been extra busy gathering data and other material to comprise a presentation for the amateur service.
- The League's new officers are President Eugene C. Woodruff, W8CMP, and Vice-President George W. Bailey, W1KH. "Doc" Woodruff is a professor of electrical engineering and eminent in the field of railway electrification, as well as being senior in service among the League directors. W1KH is a New Englander all the way, an industrialist, but like W8CMP also an active and enthusiastic amateur.
- ☐ Furthering the campaign to improve the quality of our voice signals, W9QK first points out that modulation peaks that cause splatter can occur throughout the normal voice range, not just in the lower audio frequen-

cies as some have thought; then he describes a simple neon tube monitor almost as accurate as the elaborate and expensive jobs the b.c. stations are being required to install.

- The 6th (1935) Sweepstakes contest had an enthusiastic turnout, but to date no station has ever worked all 69 League sections despite the full 10 days of operating time.
- ☐ We normally use capacitive neutralization in our amplifiers, but Messrs. Craft and Collins of the latter's radio company point out that an inductive system is easier to adjust, is simple and more compact, and is seldom bothered by parasitic oscillations.
- ☐ Engineer/hans involved in the design and construction of a 326-foot wooden tower for broadcast station WRVA got sufficiently inspired to create a ham version for W3ZD—a 70-foot self-supporting structure.
- LI Receiver crystal selectivity can be turned up so high that c.w. marks and spaces become almost indistinguishable. WIEYM remedies that problem by using a Class-C audio amplifier with bias adjusted to read only signal peaks, effectively restoring readability of the signal.

25 Years Ago

July 1961

- ☐ Expansion of the U.S. phone band through the top 50 kc. of 20 meters has effectively chased out foreign hams from that sector, reducing DX possibilities. The League's Board recommends we here stay out of at least the top 15 kc. so that we may provide a reasonably clear spot to hear DX.
- One more step in promoting greater use of v.h.f. is W1HDQ's project of a complete two-band station

- "for the beginner," covering both 6 and 2 meters. The first installment covers a simple tuner for use with converters.
- ☐ We now know that sporadic-E 6-meter propagation is not uncommon in the early summer months, but how do we predict it for wintertime openings? WôPME says monitoring Channel 2 is not the best answer as the frequency is too high, but a 40- to 50-Mc. monitor unit such as those used by law-enforcement authorities is ideal. Just remember the secrecy of communications law.
- [7] Broadcast television has now been around long enough that secondhand or junked receivers are becoming plentiful. K4ATG bought one for \$5, and after dissembling it estimated the salvaged parts to be worth \$71!
- (1) W6EMD suggests that a screen-current meter is a better indicator of operating conditions than the plate reading, particularly in adjusting linear r.f. amplifiers.
- Semiconductor power rectifiers are becoming cheaper, so we appreciate WA2ANU's suggestions on how to handle them differently from the customary tube setup.
- ☐ An electronic key can be improved by an actuating switch in which independent arms for dof and dash contacts are provided. W2BIQ shows a simple and inexpensive way to do that job.
- **Coordings of the project provides us with extensive into on tracking and reporting procedures, position and time coordinates for a typical OSCAR orbit, and how to construct a simple "computer" to figure it all out.
- ☐ Responsive to Board instructions, Hq. is starting early to "lobby" for an amateur radio commemorative stamp hopefully to be issued on the League's 50th anniversary (1964).
- LJ Most of today's commercial rigs are designed with pi-network tank circuits to work into a 50-ohm load, and a mismatch can cause serious problems. WIICP combines a reflectometer and a band-switching adjustable r.f. transformer in one cabinet, a unit capable of handling mismatches of about 5 to 1.—WIRW

Coming Conventions

DELTA DIVISION CONVENTION August 9-10, Shreveport, Louisiana

The Shreveport ARA will host the ARRL Delta Division Convention at the Shreveport Convention Center on the riverfront. Top guest speakers, exhibitors, forums and other activities will be presented. A flea-market area will be set up with tables available for a small fee. Also, Volunteer Examiner testing will be held for all license classes. As this convention is held during the racing season at Louisiana Downs, motel accommodations should be made as early as possible. Admission is \$1 if preregistered, \$2 at the door. For more information, contact the SARA Hamfest, PO Box 37632, Shreveport, LA 71133-7632.

SOUTHEASTERN DIVISION CONVENTION July 19-20, Atlanta, Georgia

The Atlanta Radio Club invites you to the Atlanta Hamfestival and 1986 Southeastern Division Convention at the fabulous Georgia World Congress Center. The entire exhibit hall and flea market are housed in one huge air-conditioned building. All major manufacturers and area dealers will be on display. The flea market is the envy of the South. Forum speakers include Wayne Green, W2NSD/1, Lew McCoy, W1ICP, Mike Riley, KX1B, and Don Search, W3AZD. Forum oppies cover all areas of amateur interest with emphasis on packet, DX and antennas. Unique to this or any other convention is the Elmer forum, an all-day seminar for new hams on how to succeed at our hobby. Exams given both days, no advance registration necessary. Headquarters hotel is the OMNI International. Write for brochure to Atlanta Hamfestival, PO Box 77171, Atlanta, GA 30357.

TEXAS STATE CONVENTION July 11-13, San Autonio

The Texas State ARRL and Texas VHF/FM Society

July 5-6
West Virginia State, Weston
July 11-13
Texas State, San Antonio
July 19-20
Southeastern Division, Atlanta, Georgia
August 1-3
West Gulf Division, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
August 9-10
Delta Division, Shreveport, Louisiana

August 10 Rocky Mountain Division, Denver, Colorado August 23-24 Roanoke Division, Virginia Beach, Virginia

ARRL NATIONAL CONVENTIONS

September 5-7, 1986—San Diego, California July 10-12, 1987—Atlanta, Georgia August 19-21, 1988—Portland, Oregon

jointly will sponsor a convention at El Tropicano Hotel, 110 Lexington, 6 PM Fri, 8 AM-5 PM Sat and 9 AM-12 PM Sun. Hospitality suites, licensed day-care during the day on Sat and Sun. QCWA breakfast on Sat morning. Banquet on Sat evening. ARRL forum: Larry Price, League President and Ray Wangler, West Gulf Director. VHF/FM Society summer meeting. 18,000-sq-ft indoor areas for amateur swap, dealer and manufacturer displays. Other amateur programs/meetings: Shuttle Amateur Radio Experiment (SAREX), FCC Watch, Amateur Radio—A Long Range Outlook, NTS forum, linear amplifiers, cellular radio, personal computers, printers, AMSAT, packet, satellite (working OSCAR), MARS, SPAM, plus more. License exams—limited walkins. Women's programs: health, colors and clothes, crime and safety awareness, flower arranging. Convention registration \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door; family \$2 in advance, \$3 at the door. Dinner reservation \$15; QCWA breakfast \$7 in advance. Amateur swap tables \$5, vendors \$20 and manufacturer booths \$100. Send advance reservation \$20 and manufacturer booths.

512-698-1712 or 512-698-0560. Include SASE for return confirmations. Talk-in on 146.88 simplex. For more info, contact Melvin H Anderson Jr, 8932 Saddle Trail, San Antomo, TX 78255.

WEST GULF DIVISION CONVENTION August 2-3, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Central Oklahoma Radio Amateurs, Inc host Ham Holiday at Lincoln Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, 4445 North Lincoln Blvd, Oklahoma City. The fun begins Fri evening with eyeball QSOs. Dealer exhibits and flea market open at 9 AM Sat. Come have fun collecting parts of gear for your favorite project, meet the guys from ARRL or reap the reward of all that extra hard study by attending the VE session. YLs, too. Preregistration is \$10, \$12 at the door. Smorgasboard dinner tickets \$8 each, children 6-12, \$5. QCWA breakfast \$7.25. Send preregistration check or money order postmarked before Jul 23 to Ham Holiday, PO Box 60084, Oklahoma City, OK 73146.

Hamfest Calendar

Administered By Bernice Dunn, KA1KXQ Convention Program Manager

Attention: The deadline for receipt of items for this column is the 5th of the second month preceding publication date. Hamiest information is accurate as of our deadline; contact sponsor for possible late changes. For those who send in items for Hamiest Calendar and Coming Conventions: Postal regulations prohibit mention in QST of prizes of any kind and games of chance such as bingo.

California (Torrance)—Jul 16-19: The Los Angeles ARC is proud to be the host of OMIK's 34th annual convention. The convention will be held at the Torrance Marriott Hotel, 3635 Fashion Way, Torrance, CA 90510. The OMIK convention rates for this luxurious hotel are \$64 for singles, doubles or triples. The rates are normally \$116 for singles and \$126 for doubles. The convention site is adjacent to the Del Amo Fashion Center, one of the largest shopping malls in the world. Adjacent to the hotel is free parking for 200 vehicles. Please check with the hotel's doorman for information on parking recreation vehicles and motor homes. For more information, or for preregistration information, write Los Angeles ARC, 10232 - 4th Ave, Inglewood, CA 90303.

Colorado (Glenwood Springs)—Jul 26: The Ski Country ARC will be hosting their 5th annual hamfest in conjunction with the Colorado Council of ARC summer meeting, inside the CMC building behind City Market, 9 AM-3:30 PM. Talk-in on 146.07/67. Admission free, tables \$5, refreshments and lunch will be available. VEC exams at 9 AM (send 610, \$4, and copy of license to NDØE, 5387 Road 1564, Glenwood Springs, CO 81609). Videotapes and packet demonstrations throughout the day, EC meeting in the morning, Grand Mesa Contesters Group meeting in the after-

noon. Campout at Ruedi Reservoir after hamfest. For further information, contact any club member, or write SCARC, PO Box 802, Carbondale, CO 81623.

Colorado (Woodland Park)—Jul 26-27: The Mountain ARC will hold their 5th Annual Swapfest Campout in the beautiful Colorado Rockies at the Red Rocks Campground, 3 miles north of Woodland Park on Colorado 67. Gate opens 4 PM July 25. Fee is \$5 per night for camping and/or selling. Potluck dinner on July 26. Refreshment stand available. Talk-in on 146.37/97 and 144.56/145.16. For information and campsite reservations, call Jack Huston, WØJAW, 303-687-2146, or write PO Box 151, Woodland Park, CO 80866.

Tillinois (Belvidere).—Jul 27: The Big Thunder ARC is sponsoring their Belvidere Hamfest at the Boone Co Fairgrounds, 7 AM-2;30 PM. Admission in advance is \$2.50, \$3 at the door. Activities include flea market for amateur radio and electronics. Free camping Sat tright for early birds. Fee for electric hook up if desired, fee for tables also. Services include an ARRL booth. Talkin on 52 and 147.975/375. For information and reservations, contact Jim Grimsby, W9HRF, 210 Oak Lawn La, Poplar Grove, IL 61065, tel 815-765-2373.

**Illinois (Downers Grove)—Jul 13: The DuPage ARC is sponsoring a Hamfest/Computerfest at the American Legion Post 80, 4000 Saratoga, Downers Grove. Outdoor flea market and swappers row. Indoor tables available (dealers welcome). VEC exams for all ticense classes (please bring copy of your license). Free parking, food and drink available. General admisson \$3 at the gate, \$2 in advance. Gates open at 8 AM. Talk-in on 52. For tickets or reserved tables, SASE to: Hamest Chairman, W9DUP, PO Box 71, Clarendon Hills, IL 60414, or call 312-985-9527 evenings or weekends.

tIndiana (Augola)—Aug 3: The Steuben County Radio Amateurs present the 28th Annual FM Picnic and Hamfest at Crooked Lake. There will be a picnic-style BBQ chicken, inside tables for exhibitors and vendors, overnight camping (fee charged by county park). Communications on 52 and 147.81/21. Admission \$2.50.

**Indiana (Indianapolis)—Jul 12-13: The 16th Annual Indiana ARRI. Convention and Indianapolis Hamfest will be held at the Marion County Fairgrounds. The Indianapolis Hamfest has the largest electronic flea market and new Amateur Radio equipment display in the state. ARRI. and technical forums will be held alday, both days. Inside tables are available for \$\$8\$ per table. Four buildings will be devoted to the indoor flea market, providing even more covered flea-market space. A professionally decorated building is provided for those commercial dealers who prefer not to be in the flea-market area. A 2-meter fox hunt will be held on \$at, and a 450 fox hunt will be held on \$at, and a 450 fox hunt will be held on \$at, and a 450 fox hunt will be held on \$at, and a 450 fox hunt will be held on \$at, and a 450 fox hunt will be held on \$at, and a 450 fox hunt will be held on \$at, and a 450 fox hunt will be held on \$at, and a 450 fox hunt will be held on \$at, and a 450 fox hunt will be held on \$at, and a 450 fox hunt will be held on \$at, and a 450 fox hunt will be held on \$at, and a 450 fox hunt will be held on \$at, and a 450 fox hunt will be held on \$at, and a 450 fox hunt will be held on \$at, and a 450 fox hunt will be held on \$at, and a 450 fox hunt will be held on \$at, and a 450 fox hunt will be held on \$at, and a 450 fox hunt will be held on \$at, and a 450 fox hunt will be held on \$at, and a 450 fox hunt will be held on \$at, and a 450 fox hunt will be held on \$at, and a 450 fox hunt will be held on \$at, and a 450 fox hunt will be held on \$at, and a 450 fox hunt will be held on \$at, and a 450 fox hunt will be held on \$at, and a 450 fox hunt will be held on \$at, and a 450 fox hunt will be held on \$at, and and \$a

*Kansas (Hays)—Jul 27: The Hays ARC is sponsoring their Swapfest and Auction at the Sheridan Coliseum Fort Hays, State University, 9 AM-5 PM. Admission is \$2, tables \$1. Activities include VE testing, packet, OSCAR, ATV, videotapes, fox hunt. Talk-in on 147.78/18. For information or reservations, contact Andy Oldham, N9FBS, 117 N 8th St, Wakeeney, KS 67672, or call 918-743-2712.

on the grounds, and many restaurants and motels are close by on the 1-465 loop. Gate fees are \$5, and free parking is provided on the grounds. The gates will open

at 6 AM both Sat and Sun. For information about the

Indianapolis hamfest, contact Bill Evans, WB9BEN,

Maryland (West Friendship)-Jul 27: The Baltimore

†ARRL Hamfest

Radio Amateur Television Society presents the famous BRATS Maryland Hamfest and Computerfest at the Howard County Fairgrounds, Rte 144 at Rte 32, adjacent to 1-70 in West Friendship. Indoor tables with ac power, along the wall of our spacious exhibit hall, are \$20 each or 4 for \$75. Wall tables, without ac, are \$10 each or 10 for \$95. Advanced reservations are a must, since no tables will be sold on the day of the hamfest. Dealer setup begins on Sat at 2 PM, with overnight security provided. The fairgrounds open at 6 AM on Sun, at which time tailgating space will be available at \$4 per space. There will be free VF exams at 11 AM on Sun, with no advanced registration required. Talkin on 63/03, 16/76 and \$2. For information and reservations, write to WEGXK, BRATS, PO Box 5915, Baltimote, MD 21208.

Michigan (Escanaba)—Aug 2: The 38th Annual Upper Peninsula Hamfest sponsored by the Delta County Amateur Radio Association will be held at Bay de Noc Community College, 9 AM-5 PM. Admission \$2. Activities include meetings, swap, food and a banquet. Talk-in on 147.75/15. For more info, contact Aileen Gagnon, 9159 Bay Shore Dr., Gladstone, MI 49837, tel 906-428-9789.

†Missouri (Washington)—Jul 20: The 24th Annual Zero-Beaters ARC hamfest will be held at the Bernie H. Hillerman Park (Washington Fairgrounds), 8 AM-3 PM. FCC exams, free flea-market space, limited rental space available. Free parking. Talk-in on 84/24 and 52. Food and refreshments will be available. For more info, write to Zero-Beaters ARC, Box 24, Dutzow, MO 63342, tel 314-239-2072.

North Carolina (Asheville)—Jul 26-27: The WCARS is sponsoring an Hamfest and Computer Fair, 8 AM-5 PM. Free admission. Activities include license testing, playground for the kids, working HF and CW, and packet with information booth, Booths \$10 per day, 2 tables furnished. Talk-in on 146,16/76. Telephone or written requests must be made in advance. For information or reservations, write to PO Box 430, Enka, NC 28728, tel 704-258-0060, 704-665-2217, 704-665-1877.

North Carolina (Cary)—Jul 19: The Cary ARC will hold their 14th Annual Mid-Summer Swapfest 9 AM-3 PM at the Lions Club shelter (near Cary High School). Activities include buying, selling, bartering, haggling, visiting and open auction. Food and drink available. Free admission. Talk-in on 146.28/88 (80-30 mi), 147.75/15 (30-2 mi), 52 (2-0 mi). For more info, write to Cary ARC, PO Box 53, Cary, NC 27511.

North Dakota (Dunseith)—Jul 12-13: The 23rd International Hamfest and Computerfest will be held at the International Peace Garden between Dunseith and Boissevain, Manitoba, 6 PM Fri-12 PM Sun, Admission is \$12 for hams, \$6 for non-hams. Activities include transmitter hunts, mobile judging, swapfests, commercial vendors, computer user's groups with public domain libraries, 2-meter and 75-meter mobile hunts, QLF contest and activities for the women, children and non-hams also. Talk-in on 146.25/85 and \$2. Excellent camping facilities. Motels within 30 minutes. Free space for vendors and flea market. For more info, write MARA, Box 64, Minot, ND 58702, or Dave Snydal, VE4XN, 25 Queens Cr, Brandon, MB R7B 1G1, tel 701-838-1694.

tNebraska (Anselmo)—Jul 26-27: The Central Nebraska ARC is sponsoring their Victoria Springs Steakfry Hamfest at the Victoria Springs State Recreation Area. Admission \$5 at the door. Activities include a weiner roast on Sat night, charcoal-broiled steak at noon on Sun. Church services will be offered on grounds. Talk-in on 146.40/147.00. Camping and hookups will be available for RVs. For more into, write to L.D. Dunbar, HCBQ, Box 24, Milburn, NE 68813, tel 308-942-3555.

Thew Jersey (Augusta)—Jul 19: The Sussex County ARC will sponsor SCARC '86 at the Sussex County Fairgrounds, Plains Rd, off Rte 206. Doors open at R AM. Registration \$3. Indoor tables \$7 each. Tailgate space \$5. Food and refreshments. Acres of free parking. Write: Donald R. Stickle, K20X, Weldon Rd, RD 4, Lake Hopatcong, NJ 07849, tel 201-663-0677.

New Jersey (Moorestown).—Jul 18: The Hamfest USA will be held at the Moorestown High School at the corner of Bridgeboro and Stanwick Roads. Doors open 6 PM-11 PM, setup for sellers starts at 4 PM. Admission for all activities \$2, XYL and harmonics free unless they are licensed. About 150-200 tables and spaces indoors, displays, VEC testing and some forums. Tables are \$9, \$6 if you bring your own. Handicap parking and parking for over 2000 cars. Limited electricity and a fee for its use. Talk-in on 144.69/145.29, 52 and 223.50. For information and reservations for tables, write Hamfest USA, 15 East Camden Ave, Moorestown, NJ 08057, or call 609-234-3926.

New York (Alexander)—Jul 13: The Genesee Radio Amateurs is sponsoring their Batavia hamfest at the Alexander Firemen's Grounds on Rte 98, Doors open

6 AM-5 PM. Admission \$4 at the door. Activities include breakfast 6 AM, OM/YL programing, flea market, chicken BBQ, free camping (electricity \$2). Services include VEC exams. Talk-in on 144,71/145.3 and 52. For info and reservations, write to GRAM, PO Box 572, Batavia, NY 14020, or call Dave at 716-343-6770.

New York (Lagrange)—Jul 12: The Mt Beacon ARC Hamfest will be held at the Arlington Senior High School, Poughkeepsie/Lagrange. Tickets \$3 for hams and computer hobbyists, children free. Tailgating space \$4. Tables \$6 (one free table and admission). Doors open at 8 AM (for sellers 7 AM). Talk-in on 146.37/97 and 52. For more info, call or write Julius Jones, WZIHY, RR2 Vanessa Ln, Staatsburg, NY 12580, or call 914-889-4933.

Ohio (Bowling Green)—Jul 13: The Wood County ARC will hold their Ham-A-Rama at the Wood County Fairgrounds. Free parking, free admission, mobile talkin, indoor exhibits, trunk sales and manned test table. Talkin on 147.78/18 and 52. For table info, write to Chuck Dicken, 1002 Revere Dr., Bowling Green, OH 43402, or call 419-352-0856.

†Ohio (Wellington)—Jul 26: The Northern Ohio ARS is holding their NOARS Fest at the Lorain County Fairgrounds. Doors open 8 AM-3 PM, Admission \$3 in advance, \$4 at the door. Activities include VE program (for info, call Dave, AI8M, 216-324-4574). Also included are non-ham activities. Overnight parking, no hook-ups. Breakfast served and a full food service is available. Talk-in on 146,10/70. For more info, write to John Paul Jones, WABCAE, 4612 Timberview Dr, Lorain, OH 44052, or call 216-282-4256.

Ontario (Milton)—Jul 12: The 12th Annual Ontario Hamfest will be held at the Milton Fairgrounds, 7 AM-4 PM. Admission \$2.50 in advance, \$4 at the gate. Free parking and flea-market tables. Commercial exhibits and refreshments. Camping with hydro available. Talk-in on 21/81, 52 direct. For details and advance tickets, write to Hamfest, Burlington ARC, PO Box 836, Burlington, ON L7R 3X7 Canada.

Pennsylvania (Harrisburg)—Jul 4: The Annual Fire-cracker Hamfest sponsored by the Harrisburg RAC will be held at the Bressler Fire Co Picnic Grounds (near exit 1 of 1-283, Rte 441, and follow signs to the site). Three motels and three restaurants are at this exit. Parking on the grounds, shade trees and large pavillion with tables. Tailgating no charge with admission of \$3, XYL and kids free. Talk-in on 52 or local repeaters. For additional details and table reservations, contact Dave, KC3MG, 131 Livingston St, Swatara, PA 17113, or call 717-339-4957.

tPennsylvania (Mifflin)—Aug 3: The 49th Annual Hamfest of the South Hills Brass Pounders and Modulators ARC will be held at the south campus of Allegheny Community College, located about seven miles south of Pittsburgh, Indoor air-conditioned facilities, outdoor flea market, forums and refreshments will be offered. Talk-in on 146.13/73 and 52. For further information, contact Doug Wilson, WA3ZNP, 185 Orchard Ave, Emsworth, PA 15202, or call 412-761-1851.

Pennsylvania (Newtown)—Jul 13: The Penn Wireless Assn is sponsoring the Bucks County Hamfest at the Bucks County Community College on Swamp Rd. General admission 55, wives and children free. Refreshments available. Doors open 8 AM-4 PM (6 AM for settips). Tables provided for \$1, sale space \$5, with power \$8. Tailgating, weather permitting. Talk-in on 146.115/715 and 52. For more info, write to PO Box 734, Langhorne, PA.

†Pennsylvania (Pittsburgh)—Jul 13: The North Hills ARC will open their doors 9 AM-3 PM at the Northland Public Library, 300 Cumberland Rd. Talk-in and info on 147.69/09 and 146, 28/88. For more info, contact Robert Ferrey, N3DOK, at 412-367-2393.

Pennsylvania (State College)—July 12: The Nittany ARC will hold its annual Mt Nittany Ham Festival at the Firemen's Carnival Grounds in Pleasant Gap, 10 miles north of State College off Rte 26. Doors open 8 AM-4 PM. Admission \$3 per ham, spouses and children free. Flea-market space \$5 includes admission. Talk-in on 146.16/76 from the north and west, on 146.25/85 from the south and east, and on 52. For further info, contact Chuck McMullen, K3CM, 7 Holly Cir, State College, PA 16801.

†Pennsylvania (Warrington)—Aug 10: The Mid-Atlantic ARC announces its annual hamfest to be held 8 AM-3 PM, rain or shine. Tailgate set up begins at 7 AM. Hamfest located at the Bucks County Drive-In Theatre, Rte 611 (5 miles north of the Willow Grove exit of the Pennsylvania Turnpike.) Admission \$3 with \$2 additional for each tailgate space. Bring your own table. Ample parking, refreshments. Talk-in on 147.66/06 or 52. For further information, write MARC, PO Box 352, Villanova, PA 19085, or call Bob Josuweit, WA3PZO, 215-449-9727.

Pennsylvania (Wilkes-Barre)-Jul 6: The Murgas ARC

will hold their 7th annual hamfest at Ice-a-rama in the Coal St Sports Complex. Gates open for set up at 6 AM, for general admission at 8 AM. Talk-in on 146.61, 53.61 and 52. Tables will be available, but must be reserved in advance. VE exams given. For more info or reservations, call 717-388-6863.

Vermont (Burlington)—Aug 9-10: The Burlington ARC International Hamfest has outgrown its previous location (Charlotte) and has moved to bigger and better facilities at the Champlain Valley Fairgrounds in Essex Junction. We now offer a total indoor flea-market capability (outside also available), on-site food/camping, VE exams, RC model-aircraft demos, ATV/packet demos and Vermont in summer! For reservations or information, write to Frank Suitor, 727 North Ave, Burlington, VT 05401, or call 802-863-5907 or 802-657-6793.

Wirginia (Berryville)—Aug 3: The 36th Annual Winchester Hamfest, sponsored by the Shenandoah Valley ARC, will be held at the Clarke County Ruritan Fairground, Rte 7, 2 miles west of Berryville, 7 AM-3 PM. Admission \$4, women and children under 12 free. Tailgaters and limited tables, \$5. Donations from major manufacturers. Breakfast snack bar and chicken barbecue lunch. Women's activities. Talk-in on 146,22/82 and 52. For further info, contact Rob Kinsley, NT4S, at 703-869-5113, or SVARC, PO Box 189, Winchester, VA 22601. VE exams, Aug 2 at 9 AM, contact Walt Quitter, NC4B, at 703-869-5241 or 367 Buckingham Dr, Stephens City, VA, 22655.

Washington (Renton)—Jul 25-27: The Western Washington DX Club, Inc will host the 34th Annual Pacific Northwest DX Convention at the Sheraton Hotel. Activities include special presentations, films, a contest panel, slide presentations and a tour of ICOM America, Inc's corporate headquarters. Bob Winters, KD7P, portable KH4, will be one of the featured guest speakers. Tickets at the door \$42.50 per person, \$33 for programs and banquet, and \$13 for programs only. For further info, contact Andrew Isar, NN7L, Convention Chairman, 206-467-1277, or write to PO Box 224, Mercer Island, WA 98040.

†Washington (Tacoma)—Aug 16-17: The Radio Cluh of Tacoma invites you to help us celebrate our 70th anniversary at the 18th annual Tacoma hamfair at Pacific Lutheran University. The Banquet speaker will he Dr Tony England, WØORE, the second ham-astronaut to operate from space. Other activities include technical seminars, forums, commercial exhibits, flea market, women's activities and displays, VEC testing (all classes). RV space. Registration \$5, hanquet \$10 (banquet deadline Aug 6). Dormitory rooms \$14 single, \$20 double. Register with Grace Teitzel, AD7S, PO Box 45079, Tacoma, WA 98445, or call Eva Anderson, WB7QNS, 206-564-8347.

tWest Virginia (Charleston)—Jul 27: The Charleston Area Hamfest and Computer Show will be field at the Charleston Civic Center. Doors open 9 AM-4 PM. Admission \$3 in advance, \$4 at the door. Activities include technical forums. Services include all-day parking, tailgating \$1 and concessions. Talk-in on 146.28/88. For more info, write to HAMFEST, PO Box 9076. South Charleston, WV 25309, tel 304-346-6006.

tWest Virginia (Wheeling)—Jul 20° rue Triple States RAC is sponsoring their Wheeling Hamtest and Computer Fair at the White Palace. Doors open 9 AM-4 PM. Admission \$3 in advance. \$4 at the door. Activities include flea market (free space except for admission charge). Many commercial dealers, 30,000 sq ft under cover; refreshments and family park activities. Services include packet-radio forum. ATV demo. Talkin on 146.31/91 or 146.115/715. For more info, contact Jay Paulovicks, KD8GL, RD 3, Box 238, Wheeling, WV 26003, tel 304-232-6796, or FSRAC HQS, Box 240, RD 1, Adena, OH 43901.

Wisconsin (Eau Claire)—Jul 12: The Eau Claire ARC will hold its annual hamfest at the 4-H hundings in Eau Clair, 8 AM-4 PM. Talk-in on 31/91 and 52. Free tables and coffee. Tickets are \$3 at the door. For info and tickets send SASE to Gene Lieberg, KA9DWH, 2840 Saturn Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54703.

Wisconsin (Oak Creek)—Jul 12: The South Milwaukee ARC will hold its annual "Swapfest" at the American Legion Post 434, 9327 S Shepard Ave. Activities will begin about 7 AM and will run through approximately 4 PM. Parking, a pienic area, hot and cold sandwiches, as well as liquid refreshments, will be available on the grounds. We will have free overnight camping available on the grounds. Admission will be only 33 and includes a "happy-time" with free heverages. The Milwaukee Volunteer Core Group will be conducting Amateur Radio exams during the day. Talk-in will be on 146.94. For more info, including a map, may be obtained by writing the South Milwaukee ARC, PO Box 102, South Milwaukee, WI 53172-0102.

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Affiliated Clubs in Action

INTEGRATED TURBO PUBLICITY

Catchwords of the '80s! The new Club Services Department at ARRL HQ has several goals, all of them tied to the most valuable resource in Amateur Radio-the 1900 ARRLatfiliated clubs and the wealth of talent represented by their members and officers! One of our goals in Club Services is to support Affiliated Clubs while publicizing the best tried-and-true projects that come our way.

A Goal for Us All

We must work harder than ever before to show off Amateur Radio, the hobby, This publicity thrust will take several wave fronts, all focused on bringing newcomers into our fascinating hobby: (1) Increase the number of Amateur Radio demonstrations; (2) increase the effectiveness of those demonstrations; (3) increase the number of Amateur Radio clubs at local schools; and (4) reinforce the Elmer concept.

The Club Services Department is working on a number of publications that will help Affiliated Clubs toward these goals. On the drawing board is an expanded exhibit kit, with detailed guidelines for a variety of different demonstrations. We're also working on projects that will guide Amateur Radio operators from the moment of initial enthusiasm to the day the new amateur becomes a mature and contributing member of the Amateur Radio community.

But We Need Your Help!

No one is an island, and we at ARRL HQ know only what we learn from the field. Does your club have any practical experience in Amateur Radio demonstrations to school groups? To Scout troops? At museums or malls? If you've ever had experiences that could be useful additions to our planned compedium of demonstration ideas, send 'em in! Don't be shy if you've never taken pen, pencil or word processor to paper. We'll look at your good ideas and maybe use them in our booklets.

If you've ever adopted a young sprout

CHOMGE AMATEUR RADIO SOCIETY

The Edmond (OK) Amateur Radio Society, a newly appointed Special Service Club, happily sends along this photo of their recent graduating class of new amateurs. EARS frequently participates in emergency communications in the Edmond and Oklahoma City areas, working with Civil Defense tornado and severeweather-spotting programs. Club members also provide communications for statewide events and local parades.

who's interested in the hobby and Elmered him through his Extra Class ticket, we need your wisdom! Pass along your ideas and experiences. In turn, we might publicize them around the US and give credit where it is due. Write to us at the Club Services Department, League HO.

Renewing Special Service Clubs

After completing a year of Special Service. SSCs go through a review process with their respective Affiliated Club Coordinators (ACCs). With successful programs behind them, they plan their next 12 months of activities. Recently renewing SSCs, followed by their city, state and number of members: Anderson Radio Club, Anderson, SC (77) Blue Ridge ARS, Greenville, SC (133)

New Special Service Clubs

Becoming a Special Service Club (SSC) is not for every Amateur Radio group. It takes commitment, planning and, mostly, a membership that sets the highest standards for itself. A number of your fellow clubs have recently undertaken the commitment and become SSCs. Here's a rundown of each of these special groups, their city, state and number of

Champlain Valley ARC, Plattsburgh, NY (49) Edmond ARS, Edmond, OK (60) Mahoning Valley ARA, Youngstown, OH (67) Milford ARC, Inc., Cincinnati, OH (46) Radio Amateurs of Greater Syracuse, Syracuse, NY (273) Southwest Missouri ARC, Springfield,

MO (139)

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Volunteer Examiner Information

from the ARRL/VEC, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111

Locating A Test Session: Sessions are advertised publicly via local Amateur Fladio club newsletters and repeaters. A printout of sessions in any state and some overseas locations is available from ARRL HQ for an SASE. We list ARRL/VEC sessions plus those of other VECs who inform us of their testing schedules.

Registering to Take an ARRL-Coordinated Test: A completed FCC Form 610 application and a check or money order for the test fee, payable to the "ARRL/VEC," should be sent to the local VE Team where you intend to be tested. "Walk-in" candidates may be allowed at some sessions, but registering in advance helps. If you write to a VE Team, send an SASE to cover postage and handling.

Test Fee: For ARRL-coordinated sessions held during calendar 1986, the test tee is \$4.25, payable to "ARRLIVEC," A check or money order is preferred.

What to Bring to the Session: Bring the original plus a photocopy of your current FCC-issued Amateur Radio license, and the priginal plus a copy of any temporary upgrade certificate issued by a VE Team tess than 1 year prior to the test date. (Duplicates of lost licenses are available through the FCC's Gettysburg office.) Also bring two forms of positive identification (including a photo ID, if possible) and at least two pencils and a pen. Scratch paper and answer sheets are provided

Calculators: Nonprogrammable and "scientific" calculators are welcome. Pocket computers that store words are not allowed. Programmable calculators will be allowed only at the discretion of the VE Teams; be prepared to demonstrate that the memories have been cleared.

Exem Format: Written element exams are four-choice multiple-answer tests. A score of 74% or more is required to pass a written element exam. Most VECs assemble tests based on the AFRL issued multiple-choice question pool.

Code test transmissions are played from an audio tape prepared by the ARRL/VEC with message contents similar in format to an Amateur Radio QSO. The code test is "filt-in-the-blank" style and may be passed by answering at least 7 and of 18 contents are prepared to the contents of the code test in the blank. Tout of 10 comprehension questions correctly or by copying on paper at least one continuous minute of perfect copy from the code lest transmission. The ARRLVEC does not require a code sending test, based on the FCC's recommendation. Code tests may be copied on typewriters, but prior arrangement with the VE Team is required so that other candidates are not disturbed

Which Question Pool(s) to Use: FCC revises the four written element question pools on a staggered basis, with one of the four pools revised every three months. The 1986 scheduling calendar that the ARRLIVEC will be using for putting into use the question pools revised by FCC is as follows:

Question Pool	Revised by FCC	ARRLNEC Tests Will Change	ARRL/VEC Tests Good Through
Element 2 (Novice)	Jul 1985	Jan 1, 1986	Dec 31, 1986
Element 3 (Tech/Gen)	Oct 1985	Apr 1, 1986	Mar 31, 1987
Element 4A (Advanced)	Jan 1986	Jul 1. 1986	Jun 30, 1987
Element 4B (Extra)	Apr 1986	Oct 1, 1986	Sep 30, 1987

ARRILIVEC Retest Policy: A candidate who fails a written element and who has exhausted all code test possibilities at a session may not be retested during that same session. If a convention or hamtest test session schedules multiple sittings, a tailed candidate may request that the VE Team retest him or her at a subsequent sitting. Retesting is allowed if the VE Team has a different test version available and the VE Team determines that it has the time and resources available to accommodate the retest. A candidate for retest is required to pay another test fee, and may be required to complete a fresh application Form 610 at the Team's request.

Special Tests: Candidates who require special assistance, materials or equipment because of physical disability ust attach to the application a signed and dated physician's statement certifying the nature of the disability, plus a letter exptaining what special assistance, materials and/or equipment must be used to conduct the examination (See Section 97.26(g) of the FCC Rules.) Be sure to notify the VE Team well in advance so that special arrangements can be made. If Braille or tape-recorded written tests or special-pitch code tapes are needed, contact the ARRLIVEC at least one month in advance to ensure materials will be available. Further questions about testing persons with disabilities should be addressed to the ARRL Program for the Disabled at HQ.

How to Become an ARRL-Accredited Volunteer Examiner: Qualified Advanced or Extra Class licensees (see Section 97.31 of the FCC Rules) are invited to notify the ARRLIVEC of their interest in becoming an accredited VE. Send us your name, call sign, license class and full mailing address.

Registering an Upcoming Test Session with the ARRL/VEC: Complete a Test Session Registration Form and submit it to the ARRL/VEC office at least 30 days in advence of your session. We need four weeks or more advance notice of a session to serve you in the most cost-effective and accurate way.

"Trial by Flood"—A New EC Gets His Feet Wet

A longtime yearning to become a ham was realized when Rich Hanset (N6MJV) took time from his busy life to attend a Novice class at his local community college. With a special interest in emergency-communications work spurring him onward, Rich passed his Novice, Technician and General class exams within a few short months. Within a year, he received his Advanced class license. While working toward his Advanced, he found himself participating in the widespread Lexington fire emergency in the Santa Cruz mountains during the summer of 1985. With this valuable on-the-job training behind him, Rich joined the Santa Cruz Emergency Communications group (SCARES), which was to grow into three sections under the overall leadership of Susan Tracy, WA6OCV, ARES District Emergency Coordinator.

The county group was divided into three sections: (1) the San Lorenzo Valley (EC John Smith, N61YA), (2) the city of Santa Cruz (EC Rich Hanset, N6MJV), (3) and the city of Watsonville (EC Al Derrick, KG6HS). While the other ECs were well-trained and experienced in past emergencies and public-service communications, Rich was new to ham radio and ARES. Keeping in mind the lessons learned during the Lexington fire, he began forming his group of Assistant Emergency Coordinators. With the able assistance of KH6PP, KB6IRS and seven others, Rich began pulling together approximately 25 volunteers.

Organization was the first order of



Rich Hanset, N6MJV, EC, Santa Cruz Section 2, presiding over an AEC training session. (WF6P photo)

business, followed closely and almost simultaneously by training. To be effective, the Section had to be prepared to work and act as a team. Rich began immediately to gather organizational materials. The resources of the ARRL were called upon to provide standardized materials and the newly published Emergency Coordinator's Handbook was adopted as the primary working tool. Rich deputized KB6IRS as operations manager to begin development of a Santa Cruz County ARES emergency manual to augment the EC Handbook, Other Assistant ECs were assigned duties as member services, publicity and public relations, technical liaison, packet coordinator, ARES net manager, NTS liaison, served-agency liaison and training coordinator.

Much work had to be done, so weekly meetings were held to pull the organization together. During this time, local amateurs were recruited, the ARES 2-meter net was reestablished, telephone "calling tree" networks and frequency lists were set up; and a training program was begun. All local served agencies such as the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the County Office of Emergency Services, police, fire departments and hospitals were visited by ARES members to assess their communications resources and possible needs during emergencies. In some instances, funding was made available by these agencies and organizations for amateur equipment and antennas.

Almost before Rich had his team ready, the October 1985 Simulated Emergency Test presented a valuable first opportunity to test the working effectiveness of the three Sections within the county. This drill gave everyone a chance to learn how to respond to unexpected problems as the scenario, devised by DEC Susan Tracy and John Smith, included the changing of repeaters or the machines suddenly going off the air. Difficulties in communications between noncontiguous Sections were experienced and alternate solutions devised. Many lessons were learned and "wrinkles" were ironed out during the SET critique.

With the SET as an urgent reminder of the need for training, winter was fast approaching. California had experienced some severe emergencies in the past few years, namely earthquakes in the southern part of the state, the rains and accompanying mud slides as well as raging brush and forest fires.

To meet the demands of the coming rainy season, Rich stepped up his training exercises and organizational meetings. Special sessions were conducted for the coordination of traffic-handling with the National Traffic System, packet radio, maritime nets and others. A new roster was printed, a list of net

Santa Cruz ARES (SCARES) Organizational Guidelines and Responsibilities

- I. Publicity and Public Relations
- A. Seek coverage of SCARES activities in both ham and non-ham media.
- B. Edit SCARES newsletter.
- II. Membership Services
 - A Maintain SCARES member data base.
 - 1. Update telephone call-up tree system.
 - 2. Update resource list.
 - 3. Assist with newsletter.
 - B. New Member Recruitment
- Develop new member informational package.
- Develop new SCARES membership application.
- Develop SCARES membership or identification card recognized by other services.
 - 4. Increase Novice/youth involvement.
- Develop awards/certification program.
 Technicial Liaison
- A. Provide technicial assistance to other services.
- B. Perform maintenance on SCARES fixed and mobile stations.
- C. Provide technicial support to SCARES group.
- IV. Packet Coordinator
- A. Provide training and assistance for packet operation to other emergency services.
- B. Provide packet support to SCARES group and individual members.
- G. Coordinate all SCARES packet users for emergency preparedness.
- D. Provide liaison with adjacent ARES groups for intergroup packet communications. V. Net Manager
- A. Coordinate all net activities, drills, net operator training, etc.
- B. Provide rotating list of net control operators for the weekly SCARES net. VI. National Traffic System Liaison
- A. Provide coordination and support for efficient message transfer between ARES and NTS.
- B. Provide instruction and training in proper formal message procedures.

 VII. Served Agency Liaison
- A. Coordinate SCARES staff and volunteers to attend served agency meetings.
- B. Provide liaison between ARES and the various agencies.
- VIII. SCARES Training Coordinator
- A. Develop a one-year training plan.
- B. Coordinate and conduct classroom training sessions.
- C. Coordinate and conduct net and other on-the-air training and drilts.
- D. Identify and obtain training material (films, slides, etc) for presentation at meetings.
 IX. Operations
- A. Assist in the coordination of SCARES AEC activities.
- B. Assist in the coordination of ARES within the district.

control operators (with the NCS duties rotating) and the telephone tree emergency call-up procedure was tested. The first draft of the local emergency-operating handbook was printed and ready for review. It contained the input from ARES leadership officials, the section's communications guidelines and goals, definitions of emergencies, primary and secondary operating frequencies, net control and formal message-handling procedures, duties and limitations of ARES members, and pointers on how to respond during an emergency.

When It Rains in California ...

During mid-February, storms battered the California coast. Dozens of homes were affected by the onslaught, and families evacuated because of damage or rising floodwaters while many homes were swept downhill by mudslides. Afterwards, these storms

were called the worst in the past 100 years.

On the afternoon of February 17, a state of emergency was declared by the County Office of Emergency Services. Under the guidance of the DEC, the three Sections responded to requests for communications assistance. Section 1, the most isolated and mountainous area, was hardest hit. Commercial communications and electricity were immediately lost in several isolated communities. The operators in this Section were quickly deployed to the local fire station and two Red Cross emergency shelters.

Section 2, coordinated by N6MJV, immediately established several communication stations. One of the most important stations was responsible for the resource net, initially controlled by KG6VH. This net, on a secondary frequency, was vital to the tactical net in that it provided a pool of operators for the radio watches needed at all emergency stations.

These stations were spread over the entire county and included: the Office of Emergency Services, the Boulder Creek Fire Station (as net control), the Boulder Creek, Felton, Watsonville/Corralitos, and Aptos Red Cross emergency shelters, and the Santa Cruz Red Cross headquarters. Forty-six amateurs spent more than 326 logged hours providing emergency communciations during the 41-hour period. Many amateurs helped long after governmental officials declared the emergency was over.

Training For Tomorrow ...

To be prepared for future disasters, the Santa Cruz ARES is continuing its training. With the earthquake disaster of Mexico City still fresh on the minds of everyone and the San Andreas Fault nearby, the next disaster could be only an earth tremor away!—Arthur R. Lee, WF6P, AEC Santa Cruz ARES

YOUR CONDUCTOR'S CABOOSE

Although we haven't compiled all of your responses to our March readership survey, we've noticed that many of you want to see more "training-oriented" articles in this column.

Your wish is our command! Below is the first of a series of articles on the art of preparing for disaster communications. These articles have been submitted by one of the premier amateur emergency-communications groups in the nation: D-CAT (a Disaster and Communications Action Team) of Texas. D-CAT members include: K5CVD, N5IDD, NI5I, KA6JDT, WD4PPG, WB5TJV, WA5UZB, KE5QX, WA5WCY and KA5WVI. The combined emergency-communications expertise of this group is outstanding. Their professionalism is evident in the following.

The Emergency Coordinator

Within any organization desiring to operate an emergency-communications team, there is one individual who must assume responsibility for leading the team in its activities. This person is called the Emergency Coordinator.

In the simplest words possible, the Emergency Coordinator is the person responsible for supervising the emergency operations and training of an Amateur Radio organization. He is the person of experience and knowledge of emergency-communications techniques that must guide and train those amateurs interested in working with the organization's emergency-communications effort. Let's look more specifically at the duties and responsibilities of an Emergency Coordinator.

First, an Emergency Coordinator may represent a portion or all of a community, a geographical area or a specific Amateur Radio organization (such as a local club). Regardless of the size of area or number of persons he represents as Emergency Coordinator, he must bring to those people all the resources for good, well-planned emergency-communications techniques his personal knowledge and experience can afford. This includes the following specific duties:

- Manage and coordinate the training, organization and participation of amateurs working in support of public and private agencies to be served.
- Establish a communications plan for agencies to be served that will effectively use amateurs who volunteer to help in an emergency- or disaster-communications situation.

- Establish a working relationship with all agencies that look to the Amateur Radio organization for assistance.
- Establish both local and long-range communication networks, operated and tested on a regular basis by realistic drills.
- In times of disaster, evaluate communications needs of served agencies and respond quickly to those needs. At these times, the Emergency Coordinator will assume both the authority and responsibility for the emergency response and performance of the amateurs who volunteer and serve in the effort.
- Do all that's possible to further favorable images of Amateur Radio by dedication to purpose and a thorough understanding of the mission of Amateur Radio.

In order to accomplish these and any other duties that may be implied or construed, the Emergency Coordinator needs a lot of help! This help comes from the people who volunteer to work with the emergency-communications effort. Some of these volunteers willing to assume more responsibility than mere participation in times of emergency may be appointed as Assistant Emergency Coordinators (AECs). These AECs each have a smaller portion of the overall responsibilities of the Emergency Coordinators and serve him to see that the entire emergency-communications effort is accomplished successfully.

An Emergency Coordinator should have as many Assistant Emergency Coordinators as needed for the effort to function effectively. AECs help the Emergency Coordinator in the areas of VHF and HF operations, liaison stations and coordination of these liaison stations and the overall logistics of the emergency- or disaster-communications efforts.

The AECs must be leaders in their own right and experienced amateurs capable of working smoothly with the Emergency Coordinator. With a willing team of Assistant Emergency Coordinators and volunteers behind him, the Emergency Coordinator stands an extremely good chance of fulfilling the mission of emergency communications entrusted to him.

One final thing to remember: If that mission fails, a good Emergency Coordinator will shoulder the responsibility, pick up the pieces and learn from the mistakes that were made. If the mission succeeds, a good Emergency Coordinator will see that the thanks and credits go to the people who make up the team.

Additional information on the role of an Emergency Coordinator and ARES in general can be found in the Emergency Coordinator's Handbook (published by the ARRL).

SPOTLIGHT ON SERVICE

The rugged California coastline was a backdrop during the Big Sur International Marathon on



W6TMG provided communications from his pickup truck at the starting line. (W6TMG photo)



Without the high elevation provided by Point Sur, reliable VHF communications along the marathon route might have been impossible. (N6JBV photo)

April 27, 1986. Twenty-eight members of the Monterey/Big Sur ARES provided communications along spectacular Highway I between Big Sur and Carmel. Since any vehicle on the road would affect the safety of the runners, the California Highway Patrol directed amateurs to track all automobile convoys and unauthorized and emergency vehicles on the course during the marathon, N6MLQ, N6GAI and WA6TVN were stationed at the Big Sur Lighthouse (elevation 500 feet above sea level), while WA1NHP and N6JBV provided communications at the finish line .-- Bernard Bisnett, W6TMG, EC Monterey Peninsula/Big Sur

Field Organization Reports **April 1986**

ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator Reports

Thirty-two SEC reports were received, denoting a total of ARES membership of 17,898. Sections reporting were: AB, CO, EMA, GA, IA, ID, KS, LAX, MDC, ME, MI, MN, NFL, NLI, NNJ, NV, OH, OK, ONT, PAC, SD, SDG, SCV, SFL, SJV, SK, SNJ, VA, WI, WNY, WPA, WV.

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*TCC Eastern operates both cycles 3 and 4.

TCC Roster

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K5OAF K5OU KD5RC ND5T N5TC W5TFB K5TL W5TNT

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K6UYK W6VZT W7EP KB7FE W7GHT KR7L KA7MUL

K7OVK KF7R W7TGU W7VSE W3BO KA8CPS WDBLDY

W8PMJ W3QHB AFSV N8XX WB8YDZ W3EHS W9FC KW9J

W9JJJJ WB9UYU NJØB WØHI ADOD KA6CPY KØEZ KJØG

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National Traffic System

Net Cycle Two Area Nets	Sess	Tic	Avg	Rate	% Rep	% Rep to Area
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60	673		
52	178	3.42 .336	88.8 100.0

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e			
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60	185	3.08 .302	95.0 100.0
			100.0 96.6 77.4 100.0
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	300	5.00 .704	92.5 100.0
			96.0 93.3 96.7 100.0
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*PAN operates both cycles one and two. TCC functions not counted as net sessions.

ARRL Section Traffic Managers reporting: AL, AR, AZ, CT, DE, EMA, GA, IA, IN, KS, MDC, ME, MI, MN, NC, NE, NH, NNJ, NFL, NLI, NTX, OH, OK, ONT, OR, ORG, RI, SB, SC, SDG, SF, SFL, SJV, SNJ, STX, TN, UT, VA, VT, WA, WIN, WMA WNY, WPA, WV.

Public Service Honor Roll

Public Service Honor Roll

This listing is available to amateurs whose public-service performance during the month indicated qualifiles for 60 or more total points in the following nine categories (as reported to their SM). Please note maximum points for each category: (1) Checking into CW nets, 1 point each, max 30; (3) NCS CW nets, 3 points each, max 12; (4) NCS phone/RTTY nets, 3 points each, max 12; (5) Performing assigned NTS liaison, 3 points each, max 12; (6) Delivering a formal message to a third party, 1 point each, no max; (7) Handling an emergency message, 5 points each, no max; (8) Serving as Emergency Coordinator or net manager for the entire month, 5 points max; (9) Participating in a public service event, 5 points, no max. This listing is available to Novices and Technicians who achieve a total of 40 points or more points. Stations that qualify for the Public Service Honor Roll 12 consecutive months, or 18 months out of a 24-month period, will be awarded a special PSHR certificate from HQ.

468	117	AA4HT	98
KA5RGC	KA8TIK	104	WB2VUK
39t	115	WØIKT	W8FPA
KC9CJ	VE4AJE	KA2DQA	AE5I
200	113	K4NLK WF4X	97
KØZBJ	KDØCL.	N4KFU	WA2FJJ AA4AT
179	112	N2XJ	W2PKY
KK1A	KD7ME	103	WD5GKH
165	WDBLDY KT1Q	KF4U	WB1CBP
K5CXP	111	WA2ERT	WB4ADL K2VX
149	W2MTA	K3JL	, .
KB4WT	W7VSE	KA2SPH	96 VE4IX
147	WA4QXT	102	N5AMK
W7LAB	KAØEPY	WAIFCD	WBZRBA
142	110	WA4CCK N7FXJ	WB8JGW
N4GHi	WB7WOW	NSEFB	95
139	109	W6INH	N4EXQ WD4KBW
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KA9FFO	107	100	K3RXK
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KD7ME		99	WB4WQL
118	106	W6RNL	AJ5K
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N78HL	105	K4JST	91
WX4H	WF6O	K6UYK	N6AWH

WD8KQC	KC2TF	WITN	AE1T
KØGP	WA6WJZ	KI4YV	
W9DM			64
	K2GCE	WB6QBZ	WA4DHB
KAIGWE	WAØTFC	KS7l	N6FWG/T
90	KJ9J	71	K4MOG
W4PIM	KZ3E	N1CVE	KC8UZ
89	VE3WM	KB1PA	KAØBCB
	an	KZYAL	W7GGJ
W1RWG	NAHYM	NK8B	
VE3DPO	KB9LT		63
WA4EIC		KB5UL	K4ZN
W4TAH	WDØGUF	70	KB4JPN
88	KJ3E	WD8PAF	KF7R
WD8QUO	KA1MKJ	WSKLV	
WB4WII	WA4RUE	KA8KHS	62
K2ZVI	KS71	WATYNZ	WA7VTD
	79	KAIMDM	WB4DBO
W7GHT	NIAKS	KSEVI	KA7MUL
KV5X	KSOAF	W7LG	WD8KBW
K84MHH	ND2S		N1BJW
87	WB4HRR	69	KAØODQ
W4CKS		KB7FE	61
NN2H	78	N2FIZ	
VE3GT	KF8J	KQ3T	NODZA
KABTIK	KC4VK	W3DKX	KF4FG
	KC3Y	KA4FZI	KAND
86	W5VMP		WA4PUP
WAITBY		68	WBØWNJ
N1CPX	77	VESEDO	VE3GSQ
KKIE	WA4EYU	KR7L	WOOUD
N5DFO	NOCLS	67	6D
85	76	VE4RO	WD2AFI
	KA9RII	W7JMH	K4MLC
NJBR	N7BGW	KSJDI	K4SWN
WB5YDD	NJ4L	WF4Y	
W5CTZ	KASTNT	NOGCC	WA4MNR
WA6ZUD	W4SME		W4HON
WB5\$RX		WB7WVD	WØYMB
HYOOW	75	WB2QMP	59
84	WB2MCO	66	KA1HPO/T
KEUXO	AIØO	N1DDC	58
KASCPS	N4JOA	NSAHA	
AA4MP	74	VE2FMQ	WB2NLU/T
KT9I	KISEC	W7LNE	50
	W2ZOJ	NS7C	N4MMM/T
KAØKPY	KG2D	N4PL	49
83	WB8KWC	WASUNX	
KN1K	K84L8	KOPCK	KA7RFD/T
WD8RHU			47
K4VWK	WAGGYW	KA4YHS	N2EVG/T
KAZAID	WØKK	65	KA9RNY/T
KA5SPT	W2RRX	N1BGW	45
KA4GUS	73	WA4RNP	
	KB4BZA	KATP	NØGBE/T
82	W4FMZ	W4JWO	40
CMLSW	K4EV	WB4TZR	KA7VEE/T
NG2T	NM8I	KØERM	
81	72		
WD4NYL		KP4DJ	
VYL/4INTL	KA4YEA	N1DNA	

Brass Pounders League

The BPL is open to all amateurs in the United States, Canada and US possessions who report to their SM a message total of 500 or a sum of originations and delivery points of 100 or more for any calendar month. All messages must be handled on amateur frequencies within 48 hours of receipt in the standard ARRL form.

Çall	Orig	Rovd	Sent	Dlvd	Total
W3CUL	992	906	1612	76	3586
NØBQP	a	1675	50	1038	2793
W3VR	315	439	584	26	1364
WB9YPY	0	761	66	511	1338
WAØHJZ	0	555	15	374	944
KC9CJ	10	447	39	290	786
KØRXK	0	319	72	231	662
N4GHI	67	246	262	16	591
W4DUG	273	3	274	1	551
N4EXQ	21	244	248	31	544
WØACH	D	271	271	Ö	542
KT1Q	4	260	257	11	532
WBØWNJ	0	245	253	2	500
BPL for 100 or more	originati	ons plus	deliver	ies:	
KAØCZW	203	•			

Independent Nets

Net Name Amateur Radio Telegraph Society Central Gulf Coast Hurricane Net Clearing House Net Early Bird Net Empire Slow Speed Net Godden Bear Amateur Radio Net Hit and Bounce Net HMRA Midwest RTTY Net Mission Trail Net New England Novice Net NYSPTEN Southwest Traffic Net 20ISSBN 75 Meter Interstate SB Net 7290 Traffic Net	Sess 56 30 30 30 30 31 26 30 32 30 32 30 32 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30 30	Tic 169 180 266 702 54 164 323 933 20 162 35 46 223 838 240 438	Check- Ins 231 3089 380 311 388 1839 580 1865 173 976 94 1388 299 1160 2783
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Preparing for the Unexpected

Results, 1985 Simulated Emergency Test

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n an emergency situation, there's a struggle to respond effectively to meet the demanding needs of the moment. How that struggle affects the overall outcome of the situation depends a great deal on preparation and teamwork, two hallmarks of the 1985 ARRL Simulated Emergency Test (SET). Radio amateurs throughout the United States and Canada practiced their responses to simulated local and area emergencies during October. This annual test was a chance to affirm the strong points and discover the weak links of a communications plan. Coordination with a variety of public-service agencies and emergency-response groups made the 1985 SET a public demonstration of Amateur Radio's role in providing emergency communications. The following results and scenarios show the enthusiasm and hard work of radio amateurs active in the Amateur Radio Emergency Service, the National Traffic System and other avenues of public service.

SET Scenario

Clatsop County, in the northwestern corner of Oregon, was in the middle of a simulated disaster on Saturday, October 19. Emergency Coordinator Martin (Al) Dawson, W7YLV, coordinated Amateur Radio activity from the county's Emergency Operations Center in Astoria. As a learning tool and reference for future exercises, Al (as net control) logged all traffic on his computer by giving the time and a description of each message.

W7YLV described the scenario that SET participants faced: "An earthquake of 8 on the Richter Scale has hit the Pacific Northwest. The epicenter is located in the ocean approximately 10 miles due west of the Sunset Beach area. Large cracks in the earth's crust have opened in many parts of the county as well as counties north and south of Clatsop. Many roads are not passable, making travel around Clatsop County extremely difficult. High water wave action has caused major damage to coastal towns. The shock has knocked out commercial power, gas lines, telephone and water supplies for major towns. Many buildings have been seriously damaged, and many fires are burning out of control.

Communications on all radio channels are swamped. Amateur Radio operators are being asked to man the Clatsop County Emergen-

1985	ARES	Analy	ysis
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	1985	1984	% Chang
Total ARES members			
reported	14,933	18,500	-23.9
Members on CW	7,597	8,417	~ 09.7
Members on VHF	13,338	15,091	13.1
Emergency-Powered			
(HF)	12,873	4,684	+275.0
Emergency-Powered			
(VHF)	10,395	11,316	- 08.8
Members Mobile (HF)	2,908	3,054	- 05.0
Members Mobile			
(VHF)	12,906	13,811	-06.5
Net sessions/drills			
per year	18,956	19,317	~ 01.8
NTS liaison	260	326	-20.2
RACES liaison	215	284	24.4

1985 SET Top Ten

Loca	il Activity	Total Points
1)	Ohio	8208
2)	Southern Florida	4082
3)	Indiana	3511
4)	Orange	2767
5)	Eastern Pennsylvania	2734
6)	Western New York	2209
7)	lowa	1838
8)	Northern Florida	1734
9)	Santa Clara Valley	1690
10)	North Carolina	1486
Sect	ion/Local Nets	
1)	Ohio	3744
2)	Florida	3710
3)	Indiana	3345
4)	California	1952
5)	Colorado	1222
6)	Michigan	1102
7)	North Carolina	952
8)	New York	843
9)	Kansas	808
10)	Alabama	715

cy Operation Control center (EOC) and many other points around the county to provide vital communications."

This scenario was sent to all Assistant ECs

who, in turn, read the scenario to their team of operators over the air on previouslyassigned simplex frequencies. Al described what happened next: "The Assistant Emergency Coordinators (AECs) discussed what effect the scenario could have on each one's area, and then the operators were assigned various tasks pertaining to the situations. The operators in the field reported information to their AECs, and the AECs relayed that information to the EOC via the repeater. (The Astoria repeater on 146.16/76 will shift to emergency power in case of commercial power failure.) The EOC would then react to the information received and reply with instructions. This communications plan allowed for maximum interaction at the local scene and minimum use of the county-wide repeater frequency. Communications between the AECs and EOC was great, allowing efficient traffic handling.'

Radio Amateurs and Agencies Interact

What happens when a community and surrounding area suddenly loses its telephone communications? This was the basic premise radio amateurs in northeastern Pennsylvania worked with during their SET on October 26, 1985. The emergency plan was in place and District Emergency Coordinator James Kelly, N3BFL, described the action that emphasizes cooperation between radio amateurs and emergency agencies within the SET-participating counties.

"10:30 AM Office of Emergency Management Director Mary Stuart receives call from Monroe County Control Center that an undetermined source has disabled telephone communications at the Stroudsburg Bell Telephone central facility. Service will be out for 3-4 hours. All incoming emergency calls will have to be relayed to OEM Radio Room by Amateur Radio operators, then be given to the Monroe County Control Center for

10:35 AM OEM Director notifies Jim Kelly, N3BFL, by county radio that an emergency exists. Jim commences to mobilize amateurs by calling on repeater frequency 146.865 while OEM sends runner to radio station WVPO to have announcement for amateurs to check into net, controlled at OEM Room. The first amateur who is near Mt Pocono to contact Net Control will proceed to station WPCN for same announcement. The next operator to respond to N3BFL's call will go to OEM Radio Room and activate radios, repeater 146.865 and lowband rig to 3987.5 or 3917 for communications to Wayne County OEM.

"10:50 AM Net Control at OEM will dispatch operators as they check in to report to one of the following major locations: Pocono Mt Volunteer Fire Department to cover Barrett, Coolbaugh, Pocono and Tobyhanna Twp; West End to cover Brodheadsville, Polk, Jackson, Kunkletown, and Blue Ridge; Marshalls Creek to cover Shawnee, Bushkill, and Delaware Water Gap: Stroudsburg to cover East Stroudsburg, and Stroud Twp. As available amateurs respond. assign to hospital, State Police Barracks, Red Cross office near Reeders, Have NCS coordinate all watches as to time.

The Simulated Emergency Test was up and running. The crew in Pennsylvania's District no, 5 had responded according to plan. The test continued when each agency with whom the radio amateurs were interacting directed their own simulated emergency situation. Since the scenario called for a failure in telephone service, it was up to the hams to step in to provide emergency two-way links and supplement police and fire department communications during the test period.

The Results Are In

The Simulated Emergency Test results are organized in three main categories: National Traffic System Area and Region Nets, Section and Local Nets, and Local Activity. Each entry's total score was based on a preannounced point system. Point values were assigned to a variety of categories and exercises related to emergency communications.

SET participation, operating emergencypowered equipment, exchange of SET traffic and interaction with community and service agencies figured prominently in the scoring guidelines. Digital-mode operations and contact with the media concerning the local SET were also recognized in the scoring system. Since ARES and NTS are separate divisions of Amateur Radio public service, ECs and Net Managers followed different scoring guidelines.



National Traffic System

Last

Area and Region Nets

Cycles One and Two

		Total	Year's Yotat
Net	Reporter	Ponts	Points
Eastern Area	WEI4PNY	218	285
Central Area	WSKLV	187	188
Pacine Area			
1st Region	(Augustu Pa		454
2nd Region 3rd Hegion	MSXD	56	104
4th Region			
5th Region	WB5YDD	204	341
6th Region			
7th Region	WB7WOW	108	
8th Region			
9th Region			
10th Region 12th Region			
Cycles Three	and Faur		
•	ONE FULL		
Eastern Area			
Central Area			
Pacitic Area	WYEP	203	288
1st Region			
2nd Region	W2MTA	145	144
3rd Region			
4th Region	k4JST	216	
5th Region	W4ZJY	195	
6th Region			
7th Region	W7VSE	158	
8th Region			
9th Region			
10th Region			
12th Region			
Section/Lo	CRINAIS		

Section/Local Nets

Vet Alabama	Net Manager	Total Points	Last Year's Total Points
Vabama Emer- gency Net U Nabama Traffic	WD4DAT	54	
Net M Nest Alabama	KA4WYX	489	692
Emergency Net	W4DAG	87	
Arizona Hualapai Amaleur Hadio California	катлі√	88	
Banning/ Beaumont ARES/ BACES/VIP Benicia ARES Central Solano Co ARES	WA6HFE KE6IA WD6BQX	23 90 198	47 106

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Morongo Basin ARC	Nedgu	164		South East Indiana ARES				Hickory Co			
Southern				Net	KB9LC	275		Emergency ARES/RACES	NERK	રેઇ	
California Net Sun City Net	WF6O K6WX	167 157	124 83	Tri-State Emer- gency Net	KA9GIV	133		MO SSB Net Morgan Co ARES	KT5Y	188	109
Westend RACES/ARES	WB6OH8	433		Wabash Valley ARES Net	N9CXI	(14	59	Net PHD ARC	MASKUH WASKUH	36 176	14 198
WSCSZ	Wenty	433 65		Whilley Co ARES	K A9 JJB	101	100	Zerobeaters	NODE	170	122
Colorado				iowa Page Co ARES	WBølGi	40		Nebraska	NODE	170	1GE
CC 2-meter FM Emergancy Net	KA200A	98	59	West Central lows				Madison Co			
Colorado				ARES Net	KØCNM	75		ARES Pine Ridge ARC	WB@YID	23	
Wyoming Net Columbine	KBØZ WAØRYL	62. 92	141 96	Kansas Chiopewa ARC	WWWV1	68		Sat AM Net	WDBAES	143	
High Noon Net	WOLAL	220		Kansas Phone				Tri-State ARES	Wargom	67	
Northern Colorado Traffin Net	NØFCP	487	241	Net Kansas Sideband	WEFRC	240		New Hampshire		٠.	
Southern Colorado Tratlic				Net	WINFRO	393	374	Coos Co Emer-			
Net	TIABOW	263	50	Kansas Zone 12 Kentucky	KNEQH	107	116	gency Net Granite State FM	KIOTO	108	64
Connecticut				Kentucky Novice				Net	Keuxo	138	160
Connecticut Net	KA1BHT	98		Traffic Net	KB4OZ	177	67	NH CW Net Sea Coast Emer-	NINH	80	58
FARA Emergency Net	KINGL	86		Kentucky Traffic CW Net	WB4ZDU	59		gency Net	KIACL	114	70
Western Conn Net	WB1GXZ	259	270	Merning KY Phone Net	KA4SAA	445		New Jersøy			
Florida				Louisiana	10.040.04			Bergen Co Emer-	NZBMN	258	
Clay Co ARES Net	N4KOX	314		Caddo/Bossler				gency Net Hudson Co Area	ACTIVITY.	E-30	
Marion Co Emer-	W04PQN	199	160	ARES Net Louisiana Trallic	N5EYK	197		Traffic and Emergency Net	WA2FPO	164	
gency Net Peace River Valley			100	Net	NSANH	56	76	Hunterdon Co			
Amateur Net Pinellas Co	K4VSN	48		Maine				Traffic and Emergency Net	NE2P	143	103
ARES/HACES	W4GPL	2718	1632	Aroustook Emer- gency Net	WATYNZ	94	101	New Jersey Morning Net	WZRRX	50	
Paik Co ARES Seminale Co	WTAF	53	165	Pine Tree Net	k1MXB	69 140		NJ Phone Net	MSCC	58	100
ARES So Brevard Co	WD4HBP	179	216	Saco Valley ARES Manitoba	WOIFEE	140		New York			
Emergency Net	KA42PM	199	626	Manitoba Net	VE4AFO	O		GNY/OGREN Empire Slow	MASSUU	105	140
St Johns Co ARES	WA4MST	0		Maryland				Speed Net	W2WSS	56	
Georgia				Maryland Emerger Phone Net	icy WAZERT	402		Oneida Co Traffic and Emergency			
Gwinnett ARES	WA4URT	155		Maryland Slow				Net St Lawrence Co	WB2HLY	230	590
Hawaii				Net Washington Co	kC3Y	106		ARES	WESNAO	61	52
Kauai ARC VHF Net	KH6S	107	0	2-mater Net	KC3DW	159	75	Western District Net	WB2OWO	392	310
Idaho	NI III	107	~	Massachusetts Bellingham AHES	WHYA	710	58	North Carolina			
ISRA-Magic Valley	WB7CYO	52		Eastern Mass				ARES of Ashe Co	N4JRE	58	
Illinois				2-meter Net Western Mass	KAIAMR	168	176	ARES of Forsyth	WA4TCR	276	61
Dunage Co				SET Eastern	W1NMQ	115	209	Carolina Evening Net	K4NLK	21	
AAES Net Madison Co	KD9LA	148		Mass/Rhode is				Davidson Co			
ARES RADIO	NASX WHTRAW	180 43	30 44	Phone Net	WA1FCD	84		ARES Net Franklin ARC	K4SWN W4ZCZ	89 81	234
WAFAH-			**	Michigan Hiawalha ARC				NC Evening Net	WB4WII	109	
SKYWARN South Jacksonville	WakBU	109		Emergency	(cannar			NC Morning Net	W84HRR	318	249
Repeater Net Will Co ARES	N9DIX	33 56		Net Holland Emer-	KASBIT	81		Ohia Dugiana blat			
W9VEY Memorial				gency Net Ionia Co ARES	W8HJB KA8P1B	72 120	196 71	Buckeye Net RTTY	WEEK	517	600
Net	WASRUM	15		Lark Net	K8BO1	174	• •	Buckeye SSB Net Surning Piver	NBAKS	553	175
Indiana				Michigan Amateur Comm System	KBOCP	106	246	Traffic Net	N8AKS	131	148
Dekalb Co Amateur Net	KASRNY	191		Michigan Novice	KA8VOZ	77		QUARC-ARES DELARA Net	KH6JCT KC8MJ	89 27	144
ICN Grant Co VHF	KM3D	55		Michigan Thumb				Don Smith Eastern Ohio	WYGBOW	518	
Net	WD9lZA	119		Net Michigan Traffic	WD8LIZ	98		Amateur	Kaip		
Hancock ARC ARES/RACES				Net * Monroe Co ARES	WD8EIB KA9NCR	‡21 100	151 121	Wireless FARA ARES	WD8PHL	126 74	133
Net Hooster Hills	WB9lGY	77	66	St Clair Co				Guernsey/Noble ARES Net	WBaTRK	00	00
ARES	KC9ED	60	00	ARPSC	NM8Z	153	309	Maser Net	KUERV	106	207
Huntington Co ARES Net	WA9DRI	192	106	Minnesota Carver-Scott				Mercer Co ARES Net	A.IOSSW	91	
indiana Trattic Net (P)	KD9DU	1236	1245	ARES	KBOCO	65	60	Ohio Single Sideband	WB8M27	828	
KARES (Skywarn)		177	1240	Marshall Area Emergency Net	WDDBZU	196	119	Ohlo Slow Net	HEAEH	53	93
Lake Co Indiana.	N9DYC	315	193	Northern St Louis Co ARES	WDØGUF	92	73	Scioto Co Emer- gency Nat	WASNEC	82	
Marion Co ARES	W9KGE	135	368 153	Rochester				Seneca Co ARES			
Pike Co ARC Radio Amateur of	WB9NCE	130	100	ARES	KOTS	29	136	Net Switzerland of	W88GXT	96	
Gibson Co South Central	KB9NR	62		Missouri Çentral Mıssouri				Ohio ARES Tuscarawas Co	KD8ZA	25	55
Area Net	W9SIO	123	109	Emergency Net	KØCPK	47	63	AHES	KARHGU	89	154

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Results, 1985 ARRL 10-Meter Contest

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t's hard to believe that just one solar cycle ago, the ARRL 10-Meter Contest was a mere fledgling. Over the past 12 years, this operating event has become an international favorite, as evidenced by 193 foreign entries from 55 different DXCC countries. Why? Because many operators are realizing that 28 MHz is an exciting band to operate!

Don't take my word for it. Ask KQIV, who snagged ZM8OY and VR6JR Saturday evening ... or 4X6IF, who reported superb conditions to Central and South Africa for 10 hours on Saturday. Saturday was unquestionably the best of the two days to operate. Nevertheless, several modes of propagation were still available on Sunday, with sporadic E, ground wave and meteor scatter (courtesy of the Geminid shower).

Propagation shouldn't be a problem next year, as conditions in general were significantly better than in '84. Solar flux passed through the 80 mark and is still on the increase. Could this be a sign of even better conditions in the 1986 event? Only time will tel!!

Yes folks, conditions were better for the 1985 event, and the leader boxes show it. Scores in all single-operator boxes are up from last year. Nevertheless, several familiar faces are missing from this year's leader boxes.

Number 3 N2RM upped his 1984 score by 60 kilopoints to be the only repeat in the W/VE mixed-mode category this year, up one slot from last year. Just one rung up the ladder, in number 2, was NU4Y with 270 k. WC4E surpassed the 300 k mark and topped last year's number 1 effort by a whopping 25 k. A total of 174 W/VEs decided to enter mixed-mode, 1985's second most popular category.

The competitive mixed-mode DX leader box was led by a top-notch effort by ZM8OY, with 126,700 points. Oceania didn't take 'em all,



KN5H is smiling because he was the top CW-only Stateside entrant in the 1985 ARRL 10-Meter Contest (station courtesy of KZ5M).

Mixed Mode		CW	
Call	Score	Call	Score
WC4E NU4Y N2RM N4ZC (WA8MAZ) N5JJ N5UD KM1H K3ZJ K1VUT W7EJ	308,800 270,450 235,500 185,400 137,472 137,456 135,450 125,692 119,536 96,287	KZ5M (KN5H) N4BP N4VZ K6HNZ K04B WD4AHZ K7QQ W5HUQ KU2Q W9VA	198,268 115,168 112,896 100,344 100,064 96,672 95,760 58,600 62,400 46,736

Top	Ten-	-W	/VE

Phone		Multiop	
Call	Score	Call	Score
KE5FI NR5M KE5JA K4JPD W9OEH K5FUV AA4JI K1IU WØXK N2BJ	270,048 263,488 162,180 148,896 144,744 123,970 100,168 94,080 93,240 81,120	K5LZO WØAIH/9 K5RVK W4WWW N4EJW N2EOC KB4HF KE7C KA5DLM WD5ABC	339,528 209,020 208,980 182,754 151,996 132,864 113,540 80,160 78,520 76,038

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Mixed Mode		CW	
Call	Score	Call	Score
ZM8OY (ZL8OY) ZS6USA DL6FBL JA7EFI/JD1 HG9MAP	126,700 83,376 58,950 28,850 22,512	ZS3Z LU1EWL TE4T V2ACW ZL2ACP	29,328 26,820 23,564 20,320 15,120
Phone		Multiop	
Call	Score	Call	Score
LU1E (LU3AJW) CE3BFZ PP2ZOD ZL1ANJ CX2AAL	316,304 154,800 68,408 63,512 47,492	LU1DCB KP4BO F6KBF UB4WZA JA2YKA	69,368 65,514 29,520 17,680 13,920

however, as African entrant ZS6USA rounded up a second-place finish with 83 kilopoints. DL6FBL put Europe on the boards with an outstanding entry. JR7EFI/JD1 and HG9MAP round out the mixed-mode top five.

On phone, five land had the clear-cut advantage. Both NR5M and KE5FI topped the 260 k mark. In the end, however, 'FI was the winner of top W/VE honors. That's not where the excitement ended, either. The race for third position saw another five-lander, KE5JA, outrun K4JPD and W90EH (numbers 4 and 5, respectively). In all, 180 entrants from the States and Canada entered the phone-only competition.

South American entrants led the top DX phone-only category, LU1E (with LU3AJW at

the controls) had twice the score of second-place CE3BFZ and defeated the 72 other phone-only entrants for top spot. PP2ZDD was third, just ahead of the only non-South American to make the phone-only box, ZL1ANJ. CX2AAL completes the DX phone-only top five.

Ninety-four Statesiders decided to pound the brass this time around. It took 100 k to make the top five in '85. KZ5M (skippered by KN5H) topped the field with just under 200 thousand points, wow! N4BP and N4VZ scrapped for number 2, with 'BP ending up with 115 k to 'VZ's 112 k. Less than 300 points separate numbers four and five—K6HNZ (100,344) and KN4B (100,064).

The multioperator category was entered by 49 stations this year, 31 from W/VE and 18 from DX participants. The closest race for first place was in the latter category, with LU1DCB and crew defeating the folks from KP4BO by less than 4,000 points. Stateside, most of the players were the same as last year, with a slight shuffle in the deck. Last year's number 2, K5LZO, tops the category, with W0A1H/9 (1984's number 3) K5RVK (6 in '84) and W4WWW (number 9 last time around) in positions 2 through 4. N4EJW didn't make the top ten last year, but ended up number 5 in the W/VE multioperator category in '85.

The 1985 ARRL 10-Meter Contest, if nothing else, has taught many a very important lesson: No matter what the sunspot numbers and WWV observations indicate, 10 meters is an amazing band. Anything can happen, (and it usually does), during contest season. Why not give the 1986 ARRL 10-Meter Contest a try—We'll be there, will you?

SOAPBOX

It's amazing how much difference 1400 km can make to propagation! I was working consistent pileups into the states when ZS6USA couldn't



V2ACW used this rig and a dipole to make 127 QSOs and 40 multipliers from Antigua.

Division Leaders

Division	Mixed Mode	Phone	CW	Multiop
Atlantic Canada Central Dakota Delta Great Lakes Hudson Midwest New England Northwestern Pacitic Floanoke Rocky Mountain Southeastern Southwestern	N2RM VE3ST W9XT KNØZ N4TG WB8CCL K3EW KVØI KM1H W7EJ N56V N4ZC KØZX WB7FDQ WB7FDQ	Kaxr Vg3xn Wgoeh Wb2mWJ K5FUV N2BJ WAZBJ K7IDX K4BFJ K4BFJ WA7KLK K5FI K4JPD WA7KLK KE5FI	KR3G VE3KP W9VA KNØV —W44EBN KU2Q M0LL KV1L K7QQ K6HNZ N3OS NC5O N4BP W7FGT KZ5M	W3KHQ VE7RCN W6AIH/9 —A5DLM WB8BUQ N2EOC N0ALX KB11 KE7C KI6T KF4YH KC0AT W4WWW KSELX
West Gulf	K5JJ	MEDILI	174.0141	110000

DX Continental Leaders

Continent	Mixed Mode	Phone	CW	Multiop
Africa Asia Europe North America Oceania South America	ZSGUSA JR7EFIJJD1 DL6FBL HP1XKR ZM8OY (ZL8OY)	EA8ZI JO1NZT G4YLO HH2WL ZL1ANJ LU1E (LU3AJW)	ZS3Z JL1OYU DL1HBT TE4T ZL2ACP LU1EWL	JA2YKA F6KBF KP4BO LU1DCB

even hear them (ZS6BCR, opr ZS3Z). Conditions were not good, but I enjoyed the CW OSOs (JI3BFG). Even the "HFers" knew the sporadic E was there on Saturday night! (KN5H, opr KZ5M). NSJJ was worked via meteor scatter! (WP4L). More QSOs but less mults than last year. Nothing was heard from North America. Terrain makes working Europe difficult from this QTH. Surprise opening to T1 around 1430 UTC on Sunday. Wonder what we can expect in '86? (GW4BLE). It was sure nice to see 10 meters open so much during the contest (KA9AOK). Contests get same operators to copy signals 10 dB into the noise! (VE3FIU). The only propagation mode to the north was meteor scatter, it is a good choice to have the contest during the Geminids shower (OH2TI). Ten meters is still a surprise band! (OZ8T). I wish I had a better QTH (VK2BQQ). Conditions improved considerably from the 1984 contest. Let's hope we are entering the next sunspot cycle! (ZLIANJ), I worked everyone I heard (W1VH). Where were all the Novice/Tech stations? (KA1MXZ). Wow! (KQ1V). Conditions were better than last year, and there was more activity (WAIPLK). Being on the thumb of the universe, the only direction was west to south. One-way skip didn't help (KA1L1Z). Three years now and still no North Dakota (KMIH), I found that there was usually an opening to somewhere for the duration of my operating time (KA2VZW). How about special mention for the shortest log? (W2KTF). Have to figure out a way to get the XYL away for the weekend (K2OLG). Conditions were interesting with good scatter signals on Friday night. Aurora was present Sunday afternoon (N2RM). No wet noodle antennas and milliwatt output in this contest. It took amplifiers, preamps, beams and a hearing aid! (KR3G). What a fun contest. Where was Murphy? Seemed like a lot of those "59" reports needed several fills (WA4OIJ). Exciting! (N4MSU).

Scores

DX scores are listed by continent and country according to the ARRL DXCC list. US and Canadian scores are listed by call area and ARRL section. Each line score lists call sign, score, QSOs, multipliers and entry class (A = Mixed Mode; B = Phone Only; C = CW Only; D = Multioperator).

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WA3BBF 14,585- 148- 39-A K3IMC 10,880- 340- 32-A	KF4YH (+KC4HN) 68,900- 418- 65-D	WD6CQH 36- 3- 3-C KIGT (+N6MNB, WA6QSX)	KA9\$UN 10,990- 157- 35-B	British Columbia
N30LZ 4,050- 87- 27-A	5	39.538- 297- 53-D	W9ZGP 7,744- 121- 32-B	VE7CTD 2:10- 15- 7-B VE7DVV 2:516- 35- 17-C
W4KM 1,920- 44- 12-A	Arkansas		N9F(V 6,554- 113- 29-8 KR9G 6,048- 84- 36-8	VETRON (VETS EST, FIR, opts)
NN3SI (W4KM, opt) 688- 28- 8-A	W5EU 7,740- 91- 30-A	7	AD9K 4,464- 93- 24-B	47,040- 420- 56-D
N3AOE 22,464- 216- 52-8	K5FUV 123,970- 805- 77 B	Arizona	KA9AOK 4,160-104-20-B W9REC 1,840-46-20-8	
N3CZJ 14.872- 143- 52-B W3PWO 13,464- 132- 51-B	KASPGA 12,616- 166- 38-B	W87FDQ 87,000- 478- 75-A KY7M 5,904- 88- 24-A	N9EVW 618- 28- 11-B	Chacklone
W3JPT 12,040- 172- 35-8	Louisiana WASEM 97 OWN 987, 45-4	WA7KLK 44,288- 348- 64-8	KA9QYA 276- 23- 16-B W9VA 46,736- 253- 46-C	Checklogs EASAP FERRISH GMOME HATTIS
WA3YJA 1,632- 51- 16-8 W3FX 14.924- 91- 41-C	W5EW 27,900- 297- 45-A W86SKQ 74,328- 652- 57-B	KX7.J 9,672- 124- 39-B W7FGT 21,608- 146- 37-C	ND9V 4,692- 51- 23-C	EASAP, FE3Ø6Ø, GM2MK, HA1UØ. KA1BSZ, K1DW, AK2H, KR2Q,
W3FQE 64 4 4-C	KF5CW 18,522- 189- 49-B	KD7YO 6,688- 76- 22-C	KG9Z (+KC9DL)	W2LRJ, W3ARK, N4HLU, N4JSP,
Western Pennsylvania	WD58JT 8,400- 100- 42-B KA50LM (+KA58OO, KD5RW)	Idaho	35.820- 398- 45-D W9CA (+ N9AIB)	Ka7fef, Pa38th, SM6DVA, SP2UUU, VK4RZ, Y22EU, ZL18WM.
W3HDH 9,420- 105- 30-A	78,520- 604- 65-D	N7HJM 1,972- 36- 17-A	16,728- 171- 34-D	ZLZARF MET

Rules, 1986 ARRL UHF Contest

Grid squares are now exchanged in all ARRL-sponsored V/UHF contests. The ARRL UHF Contest is, therefore, an excellent opportunity to work toward the very popular VUCC award. If you have any questions about grid squares, consult Jan 1983 QST, p 49, for a complete introduction. The rules for this year's contest are the same as last year's. Be sure to mail your logs early and in a separate envelope from any other contest entries. Send an SASE to ARRL HQ and specify which contest summary sheet you need.

Note: ARRL is now accepting applications for VUCC on the microwave bands. These are single-band awards. To qualify, you must work at least 10 grid squares on 2.3 or five grid squares on 3.4, 5.7 or 10 GHz. An SASE to HQ will bring you application information and the name of the closest awards manager who will process applications. GL!

Rule

- 1) Object: To work as many amateur stations in as many 22 × 1° grid squares as possible using authorized amateur frequencies above 220 MHz and all authorized modes of emission.
- 2) Contest Period: Begins 1800 UTC Saturday, Aug 2, and ends at 1800 UTC Sunday, Aug 3. Entrants may use as much of this time as they wish.

3) Categories:

- (A) Single operator: One person performs all operating and logging functions, as well as equipment and antenna adjustments.
 - (1) Multiband.
- (2) Single band: Single-band entries on 220, 432, 902 and 1296 MHz, and 2.3-GHz-and-up categories will be recognized both in QST score listings and by awards offered. Contacts may be made on any and all bands without jeopardizing single-band entry status. Such additional contacts are encouraged and should be reported. See also Rule 8 (Awards).
- (B) Multioperator: Multioperator stations must locate all equipment (including antennas) within a circle whose diameter does not exceed 300 meters.
- 4) Exchange: Grid-square locator (see Jan 1983 *QST*, p 49). Example: W1AW in Newington, CT, would send "FN31." Exchange of signal reports is optional.

5) Scoring:

(A) QSO points: Count three points for each complete 220- or 432-MH/ QSO. Count six points for each complete 902- or 1296-MHz

- QSO, Count 12 points for each 2.3-GH7-orbioher OSO
- (B) Multiplier: The total number of different grid squares worked per band. Each 2° × 1° grid square counts as one multiplier on each band it is worked.
- (C) Final score: Multiply the total number of QSO points from all bands operated by the total number of multipliers for final score. Example: W1AW works W3CCX in FN20 on 220, 432 and 1296 MHz. This gives W1AW 12 QSO points (3 + 3 + 6) and also three grid-square multipliers. Final score is 12 QSO points × 3 multipliers, or 36.

6) Miscellaneous:

- (A) Stations may be worked only once per band for credit, regardless of mode. Crossband QSOs do not count. This does not preclude working a station from more than one grid square with the same call sign.
- (B) Partial QSOs do not count. Both calls, the full exchange, and acknowledgment must be sent and received.
- (C) Fixed, portable or mobile operation under one call is permitted. Contacts with aeronautical stations do not count. A portable or mobile station may not be counted for more than one QSO per band, even if the station is moving. However, a station that changes locations may be contacted for additional grid square multipliers, but not for OSO points.
- (D) A transmitter, receiver or antenna used to contact one or more stations under one call sign may not be used subsequently during the contest period under any other call sign (with the exception of family stations where more than one call is assigned to one location by the FCC/DOC). The intent of this rule is to accommodate family members who share a rig, not to manufacture artificial contacts.
- (E) All equipment and antennas used by entrants must be owned and operated by amateurs. Use of non amateur-owned gear is not prohibited, but use of such equipment places the entrant in a separate category, ineligible for awards.
- (F) While no minimum distance is specified for contacts, equipment in use must be capable of real communication (ie, able to communicate over a distance of at least 1 km).
- (G) Contacts made by retransmitting either or both stations, whether by satellite or terrestrial

- means, are prohibited. Frequencies regularly occupied by a repeater in a locality may not be used for contest work, even if the repeater is turned off.
- (H) A station located precisely on a dividing line between grid squares must select only one as the location for exchange purposes. A different grid-square multiplier cannot be given out without moving the complete station (including antennas) at least 100 meters.
- (1) Above 300 GHz, contacts are permitted for contest credit only between licensed amateurs of Technician class or higher using coherent radiation on transmission (eg. laser) and employing at least one stage of electronic detection on receive.
- (J) The use of non-Amateur Radio means of communication (eg telephone) for the purpose of soliciting a contact (or contacts) during the contest period is inconsistent with the spirit and intent of this announcement.
- 7) Reporting: Entries must be postmarked no later than Sep 3, 1986. Official forms are available for an SASE from ARRL HQ, and all entrants are strongly urged to send early for a set.

8) Awards:

- (A) Single operator
- (1) Top single operator score in each ARRL Division.
- (2) Top single operator on each band (220, 432, 902, 1296, and 2304-and-up categories) in each ARRL Division where significant effort or competition is evidenced. (Note: Since the highest score per band will be the award winner for that band, an entrant may win a certificate with additional single-band achievement stickers.) For example, if W3HQT has the highest single-operator multiband score in the Atlantic Division and his 432-MHz score is higher than any other Atlantic Division single op's, he will earn both a certificate for being the single-operator Division leader and an endorsement sticker for 432 MHz.
- (B) Top multioperator score in each ARRI. Division where significant effort or competition is evidenced. Multioperator entries are *not* eligible for single-band awards.
- (C) Additional certificates may be awarded where significant effort or competition is evidenced.
- 9) Disqualification: See Jan 1986 QST, p 94.

Hamtests

(continued from page 75)

Wyoming (Douglas)—Jul 11-13: The 1986 Wyoming Hamtest will be held at the Wyoming State Fairgrounds in Douglas, Distributor displays, indoor flea market, white elephant auction, VEC testing and much more. Also a DX contest operating at 14,250 and a CW copy contest will be held. Ample RV parking w/wo hookups, plenty of motels. For information and advanced registration, SASE to 1986 Wyoming Hamfest, PO Box 3842, Gillette, WY 82716-0390.

Wyoming (Jackson Hole)—Aug 2: Come to the 5th Annual WIMU Hamfest located at the Virginian Motel, What other hamfest can offer the scenic beauty of Yellowstone and Leton National Parks, great fishing

on Jackson or Tenny Lakes, thrilling raft rides down the Snake River, stagecoach and horseback rides in the heart of the Rockies. Melndramas, a showdown in the streets at sundown or the fun of the famous "Million Dollar Cowboy Bar"? There will be great fun for all in this vacation paradise, including QCWA, family activities swapfest and dealers. Mobile, homebrew and transmitter-construction contests. For special room rates, call the Virginian Motel at 307-733-2792 and mention "Hamfest." For RV and campers who don't mind first come first serve, the A1 campground is next door to the motel. For more information, contact George Siegel, 130 E 17 St, Idaho Falls, ID 83401, rel 208-523-7433.

Note: Sponsors of large gatherings should check with League HQ for an advisory on possible date conflicts before contracting for meeting space. Dates may be recorded at ARRL HQ for up to two years in advance.

Strays

I would like to get in touch with...

- 1.) amateurs interested in playing chess on 80-m RTTY, Greg Miller, NY6C, 41911 Paseo Padre Pkwy, Fremont, CA 94539.
- El hams who are also EMTs, paramedics coroners and others involved in emergency services, for the purpose of compiling a listing/directory available to all who contribute. Jefl Howell, WB9PFZ, RR 16, Box 423, Bedford IN 47421.

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Canada Day Contest, Jun QST, p 85.

West Coast Qualifying Run, 10-35 WPM, at 0400Z Jul 3 (9 PM PDT, Jul 2). W6OWP prime, W6ZRJ alternate. Frequencies are approximately 3.5907.090 MHz. Underline one minute of the highest speed you copied, certify that your copy was made without aid and send to ARRL for grading. Please include your full name, call sign (if any) and complete mailing address. A large SASE will help expedite your award or

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WIAW Qualifying Run, 35-10 WPM at 02002 Jul 10 (10 PM EDT, Jul 9). Transmitted simultaneously on 1.818 3.58 7.08 14.07 21.08 28.08 50.08 147.555 MHz. See Jul 2 listing for more details.

12-13 IARU HF Championship, Apr QST, p 78.

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CQ World-Wide VHF WPX Contest, sponsored by CQ Magazine, from 0000Z Jul 19 until 2400Z Jul 20 (48 hours). Use all authorized bands from 50 MHz through 1296 MHz (6 meters through 23 cm). Use all modes, except no repeater or satellite contacts. Exchange call sign and grid square. A station in a call area different from that indicated by his call sign is required to sign portable. Multipliers are the prefixes worked per band. Count 1 point per QSO on 50, 70 or 144 MHz; 2 points per QSO on 220 and 432 MHz; 4 points per QSO on 902 and 1296 MHz. Work stations once per band, regardless of mode. Multiply total QSO points times the total number of prefixes worked (the sum of the prefixes worked per band). Classes are: single operator, single band; single operator, multiband; single operator, single band; single operator, portable (with temporary power source); multioperator, single band; multioperator, multiband; multioperator, multiband; multioperator, portable (with temporary power source); multioperator, portable (with temporary power source); FM only. Low power is defined as 30-W PEP output or less. Trophies and certificates. Send entries before Aug 31 to SCORE, PO Box 1161, Denville, NJ 07834, or to CQ Magazine, 76 North Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801.

QRP Summer Contest, sponsored by the DL Activity Group CW, from 1500Z Jul 19 until 1500Z Jul 20. CW only, 160 through 10 meters. Classes are: A—less than 3.5-W input (2-W output), single operator; B—less than 10-W input (5-W output), single operator; C—less than 10-W input (5-W output), multioperator; D—QRO stations, more than 10-W input (5-W output), to contact QRP stations; E—SWL. Class C stations may operate full time; classes A, B, D and E must break for nine hours (may be taken in two parts). Exchange RST, QSO-number and input, adding xif crystal controlled. QRO stations add 1000. Operation is limited to one class per band. VFO or crystal controlled. No more than 3 crystals may be used on one band. Contact each station once per band. Count 1 point for QSO with own continent, 3 points for QSO with DX (outside own continent) per DXCC list. JA, PY, VE. W and ZS call areas count separately. Count 1 multiplier for each country and 1 for each DX QSO. Multiply points by multipliers on each band, then add band results. Crystal-controlled stations double total result. Submit a separate log for each band. Logs must be received within 6 weeks of the contest. Send logs (include 1 IRC for results) to Siegfried Hari, DK9FN, Spessartstrasse 80, D-6453 Seligenstadt, Fed Rep of Germany.

Colombian Independence Contest, sponsored by the Liga Colombiana de Radioaficionados, from 0000Z Jul 19 until 2400Z Jul 20. 160-10 meters, phone or CW. Categories: single operator, single band and mode, single operator, multiband, single mode; multioperator, single transmitter, multiband, single mode; multioperator, multitransmitter, multiband, single mode; multioperator, multitransmitter, multiband, single mode; Mork stations once per band. No cross-band or crossmode QSOs allowed. Exchange signal reports and 3-digit serial numbers, Count 10 points for QSOs with HK stations, 5 points for QSOs with other DX stations, 1 point for QSOs within your country. (HK stations 20 points with non-HK stations and 5 points with other HK stations.) Multiply by the sum of countries worked on each band added to the sum of HK districts worked on each band. Logs and summary sheet should include all data. Participation certificates for minimum include all data.

of 50 QSOs (at least 10 of which are with HK stations for phone entries, or 5 for CW). Mail logs no later than Aug 30 to LCRA, c/o Direction de Concursos y Diplomas, Apartado Aereo 584, Bogota, Colombia, South America.

SEANET Contest, CW, sponsored by the Philippine ARA. Work Southeast Asia stations, from 6000Z Jul 19 until 2359 Jul 20. (Phone portion will be held Aug 16-17.) 160-10 meters, single operator-single band, single operator-multiband and multioperator-multiband categories. Send signal report and serial number beginning with 001 on each band, SEANET country prefixes: A35 A51 AP BV BY C21 DU FK8 FR FW8 HL HS H44 JA-etc. JDI KA KC6 KH2-through-Ø KX6 P29 S2 S79 T2 T3s VK-all VQ9 V85 VS6 VU2 VU7 XU XV5 XW8 XX9 XZ2 YB YJ8 ZK ZL-all 3B6-through-9 3D2 4S7 SW1 8Q7 9M2 9M6 9M8 9N1 9V1 129. Contacts with SEANET countries count 2 points on 20-15-10 meters; 5 points on 40 and 80 meters; and 10 points on 160 meters. Double the preceding point values for bonus prefixes: DU HS YB 9M2 9M6 9M8 9V1 V85. (SEANET to SEANET contacts within one's own country do not count. Multipliers are the number of SEANET countries worked × 3 for others, (× 2 for SEANET to SEANET countries). Send 2 IRCs for results. Send your entry to SEANET Contest, CARL, PO Box 304, Cebu City, Philippines 6401.

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WIAW Qualifying Run, 10-35 WPM at 2300Z (7 PM EDT) Jul 25. See Jul 2 and 9 listings for more details.

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County Hunters CW Contest, sponsored by the CW County Hunters Net, from 0000Z Jul 26 until 0200 Jul 28. Work stations once per band. Work portables/mobiles again as they change county. Stations on county fines count as one QSO, but multiple multipliers. Exchange serial number, category (P for portables, M for mobiles), signal report, county and state (for US stations), province or country. Suggested frequencies: 3.575 7.055 14.065 21.065 28.065 MHz. Portables and mobiles call CQ below 7.055 and 14.065 MHz, others spread out above those frequencies. Count I point for QSOs with fixed stations, 3 points for portables or mobiles. Multiply QSO points by total US counties worked for final score, Mobiles and portables calculate their scores both on a state by state basis and overall for awards. Mail logs by Sep 1 (include a large SASE for results) to Jerry Burkhead, N6QA, 7525 Baltic St, San Diego, CA 92111.

Armadillo Run, Apr QST, p 73.

AUGUST

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ARRL UHF Contest, p 86, this issue.

YO DX Contest, sponsored by the Romanian AR Federation, from 2000Z Aug 2 until 1600Z Aug 3, 80-10 meters, phone and CW. No cross-mode QSOs. Classes: Single operator, single band; single operator, multiband; multioperator, multiband. Exchange signal report and ITU zone. YO stations will send two letters indicating their county. Count 2 points per QSO with own continent, 4 points for different continent and 8 points for YO stations. Multiply by sum of YO countries and ITU zones worked per band. Mail entries by Sep 3 to RARF, PO Box 05-50, R-76100 Bucharest, Romania.

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West Coast Qualifying Run, 10-35 WPM, at 0400Z Aug 6 (9 PM PDT, Aug 5). See Jul 2 listing for more details.

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W1AW Qualifying Run, 10-35 WPM, at 0200Z Aug 15 (10 PM EDT, Aug 14). Refer to Jul 9 listings for more details.

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European DX Contest, CW, sponsored by the Deutscher ARC, from 0000Z Aug 9 until 2400Z Aug 10. (Phone contest, Sep 13-14; RTTY contest, Nov 8-9). Work stations once per band; 3.5, 7, 14, 21 and 28 MHz only. Entry Classes: Single operator, all band and multioperator, single transmitter. Multi-single stations must remain on a band for at least 15 minutes, except

for a quick QSY to work new multipliers. Single operators may operate a maximum of 36 hours. The 12 hours of off-time may be taken in one to three periods and must be noted in the log. Non-EU stations work EU only. Exchange signal report and serial number, W/K stations also give state. Count I point number, W/K stations also give state. Count I point per QSO and I point per QTC (explained below), Multiply by number of EU countries worked per band. European Country list: C31 CT1 CT2 DL EA EA6 EI F FC G GD GI GJ GM GM-Shetland GU GW HA HB HBØ HV I IS IT JW-Bear JW-Spitsbergen JX LA LX LZ OE OH OHØ OJØ OK ON OY OZ PA SM SP SV SV5-Rhodes SV9-Crete SV-Athos T77/MI TA-European part TF UA-1346 UA2 UA-Franz Josefs Land UB UC UN/UK IN UO UP UQ UR Y22-99/DM YO YU ZA ZB2 1AØ 3A 4U1-Geneva 4U1-Vienna 9H1. The multiplier on 3.5 MHz may be multiplier by 4. the multiplier or 7 MHz by 3 and the multiplier of 94. 4, the multiplier on 7 MHz by 3, and the multiplier on 14-21-28 MHz by 2. A QTC is a report of a confirmed 14-21-28 MHz by 2. A QTC is a report of a continued QSO that has taken place earlier in the contest and later sent back to an EU station. QTCs may be sent only by non-EU stations to EU stations. A QTC contains the time, call sign and QSO number of the station being the station of the sta reported (eg. 1300/DJ1QQ/134). A QSO may be reported only once, and not back to the originating station. A maximum of 10 QTCs to the same station is permitted; the same station may be worked several times to complete this quota. Only the orginal QSO, however, has QSO point value. Keep a uniform list of QTCs sent. For example, QTC 3/7 would indicate that this is the third series of QTCs sent, and that seven QSOs are reported. Awards. List 40 QSOs or QTCs per sheet. Use separate logs for each band. Dupe sheets must be submitted for bands with more than 200 QSOs. Deadlines: CW—Sep 15; (Phone—Oct 15; RTTY—Dec 15), Mail to WAEDC-Committee, Postbox 1328, D-8950 Kaufbeuren, Fed Rep of Germany.

16-17

New Jersey QSO Party, sponsored by the Englewood ARA, from 2000Z Aug 16 until 0700Z Aug 17 and from 1300Z Aug 17 until 0200Z. Aug 18. Phone and CW are considered the same contest. Work stations once per band and mode. CW QSOs in the CW subhands only. NJ-to-NJ QSOs allowed. Exchange signal report, serial number and QTH (county for NJ station, ARRL Section or country for others). Suggested frequencies: CW—1.810 3.535 7.035 7.135 14.035 21.100 28.100 MHz; Phone—3.900 7.235 14.280 21.355 28.610 SO-50.5 144-146 MHz. Suggested activity schedule: phone on the even hours; 15 meters on the odd hours, 1500-2100Z; 160 meters at 0500Z. NJ stations count 1 point per W/VE QSO and 3 points for DX (include KP4, KH6 and KL7). Multiply by the number of ARRL Sections worked (including NNJ and SNJ, max 74). Non-NJ stations count 1 point per NJ QSO, and multiply by number of NJ countries (max 21) worked. Awards. Include an SASE for results and mail logs to be received by Sep 14 to EARA, PO Box 528, Englewood, NJ 07631-0528.

New Mexico QSO Party, sponsored by the Albuquerque Assa, from 1600Z Aug 16 until 2100Z Aug 17. Phone and CW. Work stations once per band and mode. No repeater, cross-band, cross-mode or satellite QSOs. All QSOs must include one NM station. Mobile stations may be worked once per band and mode in each county. County-fine QSO counts as one QSO and two counties. Stations outside NM do not call CQ on suggested frequencies. Station classes: A—inside NM, but outside home county; B—all other NM stations and stations outside NM. Exchange RS(T) and state/province/country (county for NM). Suggested frequencies: CW—1.810 3.555 7.055 14.055 21.055 28.055; phone—1.845 3.945 7.280 14.280 21.380 28.580. Score 3 points per CW QSO and 2 points per phone QSO. Multipliers are NM counties (max 33), VE provinces (max 12), DX countries (DXCC list, except US and Canada) and states (max 47). For scoring, multiply total QSO points by total multipliers. Class A stations multiply total score by 3. Class B stations multiply total score by 2. Awards. Include summary sheet, logs and dupe sheet if more than 200 QSOs. Send entries before Sep 30 to Bob Thanisch, KNSD, NM QSO Party, PO Box 997, Corralles, NM 87048.

SEANET Contest, phone. See Jul 19-20 listing.

23 W1AW Qualifying Run

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All Asian DX Contest, CW GARTG World-Wide RTTY Contest, Part 3. GEFT

Special Events

Maryville, Tennessee: The Smoky Mountain ARC will operate W4OLB Jul 4, 1400Z-2200Z, in conjunction with the Blount County Homecoming '86. Suggested frequencies are 3.860 and 7.280. For QSL, send a business-size SASE to Dan Toombs, N4KZT, Rte 11 Box 364, Maryville, TN 37801.

Kansas City, Missouri: The Heart of America RC will operate WØRR Jul 4, 1800Z-2400Z, from the Soldiers and Sailors Liberty Memorial to celebrate the Kansas City Spirit Festival. Phone only on 7.225. The Johnson County ARC will operate WØERH Jul 5, 1800Z-2400Z from the same location. Phone only on 7.225. For comemorative QSL, send SASE and QSL to the Cullbook address of WØRR or WØERH.

Woodstock, Connecticut: The Eastern Connecticut ARA will operate KIMUJ Jul 4, 1200Z-2100Z, to celebrate the Woodstock, Connecticut Tercentenary, Suggested frequencies: CW—40 kHz from bottom edge of 10-80 meters; SSB—center of the 10-80 General phone bands; Packet—frequency and digipeater to be announced on the W1AW BBS. For a commemorative certificate, send SASE and QSL via Fom Francis, KB1SP, 73 Second Island Rd, Webster, MA 01570.

Hattiesburg, Mississippi: The Hattiesburg ARC will operate W5CIR Jul 4 from the Great American Birthday Party in Paul B. Johnson State Park in observance of Independence Day. Operation will be in the lower portions of the 10-80 General phone bands. For commemorative certificate, send QSL and SASE to HARC, PO Box 15025, Hattiesburg, MS 39404-5025.

Thompson, Ohio: KD8FJ will operate Jul 4, starting at 1400Z from Heritage Hill Camp to celebrate the 4th of July. Operation will be in the lower edge of the 40-meter General phone band. For a nice 8- × 10-in certificate, send QSL and SASE to George Bair, KD8FJ, 386 Cedarbrook Dr., Painesville, OH 44077.

Bath, Maine: The Merrymeeting ARC and the Bath Jr High School RC will operate WAIVZF Jul 4, 12007.1900Z, during the Bath Heritage Days Celebration. Operation will be in the middle of the 80, 40 and 20-meter phone bands. QSL to George Szadis, KIGDI, 60 Oak St, Bath, ME 04530.

Laramie, Wyoming: The High Plains ARC will operate K7YPT Jul 4, 0000Z-2400Z, from historic Fort Laramie. Suggested frequencies: phone—3.850 7.250 14.250 21.360 28.550; CW—50 kHz from band edges. For QSL, send business-size SASE to K7YPT, PO Box T. Torrington, WY 82240.

Rawlins, Wyoming: The Carbon County RC will operate KD7SU Jul 4-5 from the old historic Wyoming State Prison, located on the edge of the Red Desert, to commemorate Frontier Days in Rawlins, Suggested frequencies; phone—3.9107.280 14.285 21.385 28.525; CW—3.580 7.080 14.060. For commemorative QSL, send no. 10 SASE and QSL to Ronald Bjork, KD7SU, 406 W Walnut St, Rawlins, WY 82301.

Clinton, Iowa: The Clinton ARC will operate W#CS Jul 4-5 to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Clinton Riverboat Days. Suggested frequencies: CW—3.720.7.120.21.120; phone—3.875.7.275.14.275.13.375; 2 meters—(FM) 146.460, (SSB/CW) 144.210. For certificate, send no. 10 SASE via Darryi Petersen, KDØPY, Rte 1 Box 84, Bryant, IA 52727.

Neligh, Nebraska: The Buzzard Roost RC will operate WBØUPK 1500Z Jul 4 until 0100Z Jul 5 from the Neligh Mills in conjunction with the Mill Days Festival. Suggested frequencies: 3,950 7,250 14,295 21,425 28,610. For OSL, send SASE to WBØUPK, 804 E 1st St, Neligh, NE 68756.

Jamestown, Tennessee: In celebration of Independence Day, Tennessee Homecoming '86 and Sgt Alvin C. York, KI4HT and KI4JE will operate Jul 5, 1500Z-2300Z. Operation will be 3.8707.235.14.235. For certificate, send QSL and SASE via KI4HT or KJ4JE, Main Post Office, Jamestown, TN 38556.

Bardstown, Kentucky: The Kentucky ARS will operate WE4K Jul 5-6, 1500Z-2400Z, to celebrate Kentucky Homecoming and the 160th birthday of composer Stephen Foster at My Old Kentucky Home State Park. Operation will be in the lower 28 kHz of the 40 and 20 General phone bands, and RTTY on 40 and 20. For QSL, send SASE to WE4K, 128 Meadow La, Bardstown, KY 40004.

Payson, Illinois: 1 he Hannibal ARC will operate WMKEM Jul 5-6, 1500Z-2100Z, from the Tom Sawyer Days celebration. Suggested frequencies: phone—7,245 14,290 21,400 28,776; CW—7,125 21,125. For certificate, send 9 × 12-in SASE and OSI, to WMKEM, Rte 1, Box 55A, Payson, 1L 62360.

Ripon, Wisconsin: The Green Fox ARC will operate a special-event station Jul 12, 1500Z-2400Z and Jul 13 2100Z-2400Z to commemorate the Riponfest

celebration, Operation will be in the lower 15 kHz of the 80 and 40 General phone bands, and packet. Commemorative QSL for SASE and QSL via Green Fox ARC, Box 314, Ripon, WI 54971.

International Peace Garden, North Dakota: The Minot ARA will operate NØEZF 1200Z Jul 12 until 1200Z Jul 13 in the First 1ARU HF Championship during the 23rd International Peace Garden Hamtest. Operation will be in the General bands. For certificate, send QSL and SASE to Dave Snydal, VE4XN, 25 Queens Crescent, Brandon, MB R7B 1G1, Canada.

San Antonio, Texas: Special-event station W5SC will operate 1200Z Jul 12 until 0400Z July 13 and 1200Z-1800Z Jul 13 to celebrate the San Antonio Sesquicentennial. Operation will be CW and phone in the 10, 15 and 20 General bands. Send QSL and no. 10 SASE to W5SC, 90 Brees Blvd, San Antonio, TX 78209.

Springfield, Illinois: The Sangamon Valley ARC will operate W9DUA Jul 12-13, 1300Z-1900Z, from the Panther Creek Bowhunters Archery Range during the 1986 Illinois State Field Archery Championship Tournament, Operation will be in the General phone bands and Novice bands. For certificate, send QSL and SASE via KY9D, 3110 S 13th, Springfield, IL 62703.

Monroe County, Pennsylvania: The Pocono ARK will operate special-event stations Jul 12-19, 1300Z-0200Z each day, in celebration of the Monroe County Sexquicentennial. Operation will be 3.885-3,910, lower 25 kHz of the 40-10 General bands and Novice bands. For certificate, send QSL and business-size or large SASE via PARK, c/o Asher W Resh, N3EWF, Rte 7 Box 143, E Stroudsburg, PA 18301.

Winsted, Connecticut: The Southern CT ARA will operate KAICFA Jul 12-20, 1200Z-0200Z each day from Camp Sequassen during the BSA CT International Camporee. In attendance will be over 300X Scouts from the US and many other countries. Suggested frequencies: SSB—3.940.7.290.14.290.21.360.28.990; CW—3.725.7.125. QSL with SASE to Seq Alumni Assn., c/o Al Schwartz, 18 Russo Dr, Hamden, CT 06518.

Bath, Michigan: Special-event stations WD80EV (SSB) and W8VPC (CW) will operate Jul 17-19 to celebrate the Bath Sesquicentennial. Suggested frequencies and times: SSB—7.240 Jul 17-18 2000Z-2200Z, Jul 19 1400Z-1500Z 1700Z-1900Z and 2000Z-2200Z: CW—14,050 Jul 17 1200Z-1400Z. For certificate, send CSL and SASE to 5220 Clark Rd, Bath, MI 4808.

Hamburg, New York: The South Towns ARS will operate WB2ELW Jul 19, 1500Z-2100Z, to commemorate the folst year of the burger. Suggested frequencies: 3,925.7.230 14.255. For certificate, send large SASE to WB2ELW, 400 STARS, 5084 Chapman Pkwy, Hamburg, NY 14075.

Shickshinny, Pennsylvania: To commemorate the 125th anniversary of the borough of Shickshinoy, KS3F will operate 1500Z-2300Z Jul 19. Operation will be in the 80-20 General phone bands. Certificate for QS1, and SASE via KS3F, 507 Linden St, Leespott, PA 19533.

Wapakoneta, Ohio: The Reservoir ARA will operate E8QYI. Jul 19, 1400Z-2100Z, and Jul 28, 1630Z-2100Z, from the Neil Armstrong Air and Space Museum to commemorate the 17th anniversary of Armstrong's walk on the moon. Operation will be on 7,280 phone. For certificate, send QSL and large SASE to KBOYL, 1005 Linden Ave, Saint Marys, OH 45885.

Jackson, Tennessee: The Jackson RC will operate KA4UQS Jul 19, 13007-2200Z, to commemorate the Tennessee Homeconting '86. Operation will be in the Novice bands and the lower 25 kHz of the General phone bands. For certificate, send large 5ASE to Jackson RC, 35 Eagle Cove, Jackson, TN 38305.

Port Huron, Michigan: The Eastern Michigan ARC will operate k8EPV Jul 19-20, 1400Z-0200Z each day, during the annual Port Huron to Mackinac Island Yacht Race. Suggested frequencies: SSR—3.870.7.235 14.235; CW—3.710.7.110. Multicolor certificate for QSL and SASE via Callbook address or 654 Georgia, Marysville, MI 48040.

Beardstown, Illinois: The Illinois Valley ARC will operate KD9(31, 1300Z, Jul 20 until 0100Z, Jul 21 commemorating the 25th armiversary of manned spacetlight in conjunction with the Spaceweek Event. Suggested frequencies: phone—bottom 25 kHz General bands; CW—bottom 20 kHz Novice bands, For certificate and QSL, send SASE and QSL to Bruce Boston, KD9UL, 815 F 3rd St, Beardstown, IL 62618.

Fishers Island Sound, New York: The Tri-City ARC will operate KA1BB Jul 20, 1300Z-2000Z, from Flat Hammock Island. Operation will be in the lower 20 kHz of the 40-15 General phone and CW bands, and

40-meter Novice band. Send QSL and SASE to Tri-City ARC, PO Box 686, Groton, CT 06340.

Arba, Indiana: The Grant County ARC will operate W9EBN Jul 20, 0000Z-2000Z, from the highest point in Indiana to commemorate the 17th anniversary of the first manned communication from the moon. Operation will be 10 kHz from the lower edge of the 80 and 40 General phone bands and 20 CW band. For certificate, send QSL and SASE to Clyde Brookshire, WB9FDC, 1623 W 32nd St, Marton, 1N 46952.

Sloux City, Iowa: The Sooland ARA will operate a special-event station Jul 23-27, 22007-0300Z each day, from the annual Port of Sioux City Rivercade, Frequency will be 14,285. For certificate, send contact no. and 9-in SASE to Loten Barbee, WBØYOW, 1015 16th St, Sioux City, IA 51105.

London, Ohio: The Madison County ARC will operate WB8JGW Jul 24-26, 1400Z-2200Z, from the Miami Valley Steam Threshers Show, Suggested frequencies: phone—3 x55 14.255 21.355, For certificate, send large SASE to Larry Krist, N8CWU, 725 Cordelia Dr, Calloway, OH 43119.

Davenport, Iowa: The Davenport RAC will operate WBXR 1700Z-2200Z Jul 25, 1500Z-2300Z Jul 26, 1600Z-2200Z Jul 27 during the Bix Biederbeck Memorial Jazz Festival. Operation will be phone and CW. 10 kHz from lower edge of the 80-10 General bands. For certificate, send QSL and SASE via Davenport RAC, 2131 Myrtle St, Davenport, IA 52804.

Gilroy, California: The Gabilan ARC will operate NN6G Jul 25-27 in celebration of the 8th annual Gilroy Garlic Festival, Operation will be 2-80 meters SSB, CW, RTTY, ATV, packet and OSCAR 10. For a special garlic-scented scartch-and-sniff OSL, certificate and literature, send QSL and 9- × 12-in SASE (3 units postage, DX 3 IRC) to Gabilan ARC, PO Box 2178, Gilroy, CA 95021-2178.

Booneville, Indiana: The Pike County ARC will operate W9CZH 1700Z Jul 26 until 1700Z Jul 27 in elebration of the 23rd annual Reunion and Show of the Antique Steam and Gas Engine Club at Thresherman Park. Operation will be phone and CW in the low end of the 80, 40 and 15 General bands. 40-meter Novice band operation will be 2000Z-2330Z Jul 26. Send QSL and SASE for 8 × 10-in certificate via PCARC, Rte 1 Box 311, Winslow, IN 47598.

Greenville, Ohio: The Freaty City ARC will operate W8UMD Jul 26-27, 1400Z-2200Z, in celebration of Annie Oakley Days. Suggested frequencies: SSB—7, 255 14, 285; CW—14,060. In addition there will be an operation on 3,880 0000Z Jul 27 until 0200Z Jul 28. For certificate, send QSL and business-size SASE to W8L/MD, PO Box 91, Greenville, OH 45331-0091.

Germantown, Maryland: The Germantown Campus ARC will operate KV3S Jul 27, 1300Z-2000Z, to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Montgomery College. Suggested trequencies: SSB—7.240 14.240. Special certificate for those born in 1946 and to those who make a 40-meter contact. For certificate, send QSL and large SASE to KV3S, Montgomery College, Germantown, MD 20874.

East Aurora, New York: The Pioneer Radio Operators See will operate W2QFC Jul 27, 1400Z-2100Z, from the 12th annual Racing Day celebration of the capital of breeding and champion race horses. Send QSL and husiness-size SASE to W2QFC, 30R Parkdale Ave, E Aurora, NY 14052.

New Deadline: The deadline for receipt of items for this column is the 1st of the second month preceding the publication date. For example, your information would have to reach HQ by Aug 1 to make the September issue. Please include the name of the sponsoring organization, the location, dates, times(Z), frequencies and call sign of the special-event station. Requests for donations will not be published.

QSLing Special-Events Stations: To get your QSL or certificate from any of the special-event stations itsed here, tollow these simple guidelines. (1) After working the station, carefully fill out a QSL card for the QSO. Show the date and time accurately using UTC. (2) Prepare a self-addressed, stamped envelope. If sending for a certificate, use a 9 × 12-in envelope if you want an unfolded certificate, or a no. 10 envelope if folds are okay. Include enough postage for return of your envelope. (3) Mail both your QSL and your SASE to the address listed, or to the address given on the air by the station you QSO. Be patient. Special-event stations will often print their cards and/or certificates after the operation is over so they will know how many to order.

Section News

The ARRL Field Organization Forum

CANADA

ALBERTA: SM, Bill Gillespie, VE6ABC—A/SM: VE6AMM.

SEC: Roy Ellis, VE6XC. OO: VE6TY. STM/NM/DEC: VE6ABC.

Old Timers Hockey successfully completed with radio assistance by Northern Alta Radio Club. Coming events are cycle races, marathons, and summer hamfests. Alberta ARES Net continues every Sunday AM at 15302 on 3750 MHz under guidance of George. VE6AMM, in Camrose. Catgary Amateur Radio Emergency Net (CAREN) provided communications for Boy Scouts lee stampede and Calgary Sports Car Cub Ralleye. Ken, VE6AFC, named Calgary Ham of the Year at annual banquet. Traftic: APSN, QNI 1304, DTC 14. Informal 65. ATN, QNI 211, QTC 56. Personal totals: VE6CHK 134, VE6BLY 133, VE6CCP 6, VE6CO 5.

BRITISH COLLIMBIA: SM. H. Ernie Savage, VE7FB—B. C.

VE6BLY 133, VE6DPE 25, VE6ABC 13, VE6CCP 6, VE6EO 5.

BRITISH COLUMBIA: SM, H. Ernie Savage, VE7FB.—B. C. Public Service Not. 3729 kHz at 0130 Z daily NM Ford, VE7DDF. Checkins, High 204 Low 127 for total \$220. BCEN 3650 kHz at 0200 Z daily 84th NM Ford, VE7DDF. Checkins, High 204 Low 127 for total \$220. BCEN 3650 kHz at 0200 Z daily 84th NM Tom VE7BNI, QNI 810, QTC 200. Congratulations from all the members of the BCE-Net to our new Net Manager, Ferdi Wenger, VE7EJU, of Heiffley Creek, Lawrence, 7AKK, went for a hike into the mountains, took the wrong turn and the search and rescue party ound him next morning, lired but OK. Sid. 75M, and XYL serry to say they totaled their car, but lucky to have cuts and bruises. Frank, 7FF, sorry to report Betty his wife past away. VE7EXPO is in full operation with every modes of communications. Much thanks must be given to the numbers of amateurs that worked so hard in seeing its completion. Now it is up to us to see it is manned 12 hours per day for five months. Contact VE7FHV, VE7EMD or VE7EXPO and make a date during your holidays, please. Traffic: VE7BNI 356, VE7EJI 70. VE7CDF 61, VE7EJI 84, VE7FSP 16, VE7FME 42, VE7EIR 8.

MANITOBA: SM, Jack Adams, VE4AJE—At the time of this

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MANITOBA: SM, Jack Adams, VE4AJE—At the time of this report, it is my understanding that Jack Ravenscroft, VE3SR, will be appealing Judge S. T. Hollinger's decision that restricts Jack from operating his Amateur Radio from his home. Jack will need all the financial support he can get from amateurs and other broadcast stations. This could be a precedent setting judgement not only for Canada but other countries. Worked VE7EXPO on 20 meters, hope to work that station on all bands. Section net reports: CRRL Evening phone net, os sessions, 1170 QN, 18 OTC MWN 30 sessions, 784 QNI, 33 QTC MTN 30 sessions, 295 QNI, 67 QTC. WRS 2 meter informational net 8 sessions, 499 QNI, Individual traffic: VE4IX 51, VE4AJE 50, VE4RO 43, VE4TE 34, VE4LB 31 VE4BI 29. See you at the Peace Garden's Hamilest.

MARITIME-NEWFOUNDLAND: ASM, Aaron Solomon.

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MARITIME-NEWFOUNDLAND: ASM, Aaron Solomon, VETOC—Congratulations to Moncton Area Seniors on new station VETMAS, Many hours of pleasant operating, VETFO reports VE-1 Call Book ready at Halifax-Dartmouth Flea Market, 30th-31st. May. Cost of new Call Book \$7.00. Mailed out \$8.00 from HARC, Box 663, Halifax, N.S. Expected to attend the Flea Market Incl. VESTT and VESWW. On vacation South Incl. VETABV, VETBNK, VETCJD, New UHF FM Fleepeater Hix. Darl. Area VETEPA out 444.0/449.0 in. VETLZ and VETSH would like to establish Maritime Chapter, Quarter Century Wireless ASsociation. Hospitalization—VETCDY. Silent Keys— VETGA, VETMK, VPSBN.

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ONTARIO: SM, Larry Thivierge, VE3GT—BM: VE3LST. PGL: VE3AR. SEC: VE3GV. STM: VE3CYR. TC: VE3EGO. The Algoma ARC sponsored a successful emergency call out exercise within the Municipality of Sault Ste. Marie. The city was declared without any commercial power. Approximately 6d amateurs were contacted within 20 minutes. This was a first for the Club, and they are reviewing the results to correct any short comings. During his recent sejourn to California, VE3KK had the pleasure of operating for a morning, from the racio room of the Ss. Queen Mary. Marshall remarked that "I never thought, that when I was copying GBT? before the war, that one day I would sit at that desk and operate GBTT rig on board". The Chatham gang is upgrading the link systems which links 2 meter repeaters in Chatham, London and Kitch-ener/Waterloo with new filters for the receiver and a new UHFhub repeater for use in London. The Windsor ARC has donated a trophy to the ARRL so X phone contest held in March. VE3WAT is a new repeater in Waterlord—input is 146:325 and output at 146:925 MHz. Congratulations to the Peterborough ARC on becoming a CRRL affilizated Club. By the way, their lime for your Club to become affiliated—contact CRRL Headquarters in London for details. New ORS VE3EAM informed me that in 1920 before he knew that a license was necessary, he had a Ford spark-coli transmiter on the air using the call BM (his initials). Biggest thrill was working a friend in East Toronto—all of 7 mites away. VE3POJ is a new amateur. VE3GNW has been bitten by the packet bug. Ottawa ARC home brew night judges VE3HVS VE3LIG VE3JTZ picked VE3CBE VE3KMV and VE3FUB as the winners in this recent Club event. Thanks to VE3EH for standing in tor OPN Net Manager VE3BUO while Don and his xyl visited the UK. Traffic: VE3FAS 209, VE3GSQ 148, VE3GNO 121, VE3EAJ 8, VE3POJ 5. (Mar.) VE3EAJ 6.

OUEBEC: SM, Harold Moreau, VE2BP—STM: VE2EDO, BM: VE2ALE: TC: VE2ED ATC: VE2CP: NM: VE2EDO, Wishing everyone a nice summer vacation. No activities were reported for April, from Clubs. Prompt retablissement a Charles, VE2EC, Le petit train du matin, VE2CAA, tonctionne a pleine vapeur. A fous de bonnes vacances. Traffic: VE2EDO 178, VE2BP 50, VE2YT 48, VE2EKC 38, VE2JN 29.

VEZBY 30, VEZY 48, VEZERC 38, VEZIN 29.

SASKATCHEWAN: SM. W C Munday. VE5WM.—SEC:
VE5CU. EC: VE5AQ., VE5FF, VE5HG, VE5WM, VE9ACI.
STM: VE5HG. NM: VE5EE. VE5EX, VE5HG, VE5ACM.
VE5BAF. TC: VE5GF. ATC: VE5XZ. BM: VE5WM. OBS.
VE5CU, VE5JA. Hats of to the Saskatoon ARES members who assisted with the city's Plebiscite April 23 with special thanks to VE5HG and VE5MP hamlest news. Prince Albert hardes (a VESH) and the International Peace Gardens
July 11-12-13, 1986, Net reports: Prairie Weather Net 30
sessions 862 ONI. Regina 2-meter 29 sessions 699 QNI.
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ATLANTIC DIVISION

DELAWARE: SM, Harold K Low, WASWIY-STM; WSDKX.

SEC: K3PFW. EC: KC3JM, KC3TI, KA3LNK, PIO: WB3DPJ, SGL: AF3R, PSHFI: K3JL, W3DIXX. Nanticoke ARC will have Board of Directors. Congrats to KA3OIF of DARIC on upgrade. AWARE members with new calls KA3PBN to N3EVK, WB3LCP to N3EVO. Jim Clary, WB9IHH, will be guest speaker at AWARE June 19. They will have no meetings during summer. SARA furnished communications for Crop-Walk. Those active were W3CDY W3BKN K3PFW WB3HKW K3OZL. W3FKT K3JL WA3VIT KA3LWJ W3PVO KA3IXV W3FEG WA3WIY. KC3TI is heading communications for hands Across America. DTN Stations 383 Traffic 36 in 22 essions. DEPN Stations 88 Traffic 14 In 4 sessions. SEN Stations 59 Traffic 1 in 5 sessions. Traffic: W3QO 91, W3DKX 40, WA3WIY 28, WB3DUG 26, K3JL 21, W3FEG 14, KC3JM 11, N3AXH 10.

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EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA: SM, James B. Post, KA3A—ASM: KC3LM, K3ZFD, ACC: KA3A. SEC: WA3PZO. STM: KB3UD. O.CC: N3CWD. PIO: W3AMQ. TC: W3FAF. Please direct SM correspondence to KC3LM. Do you have a technical question about Amateur: Radio? Your first resource is here in EPA: our Technical Coordinator, W3FAF, welcomes questions. He and his Assistant TC's can help you. In fact, all your Section leaders will be happy to make our selves useful as well as decorative. What we don't know, we'll find out. Ka3BZX and N3DSA publicize Harrisburg RAC's VE exams on area repeater nets. If your group tests regularly, why not send the sked to KC3LM for EPA FEEDLINE, the quarterly sent to Section and Station appointees and Affitiated Clubs. I'd also like to build a list of Novice and upgrade classes for sectionwide reference. Tamaqua Area ARA's 1986 officers are W3XM. K3BWE, KZ3Q, and W3EEK. Mobile Sixers heard W3FTZ speak on weather satellities. Frankford RC elected K3WW. NF2L, KT3M and N3ARk officers for 1986. Listen for Pocono ARR's special event station July 9-12 during the Monroe County Sesquicentennial. Tamaqua Transmitting Society's 1986 leaders are WA3JQJ, K3SRQ, W3CMA, W3TI, and K3MYX. Owing to de-regulation, standing waves may now sit down, Ohm's Law will be known as Ohm's Real Nice Idea, and alternating current won't have to if it doesn't want to W3BUR and W83CRK gave demos for Boy Scouts and an elementary school science class in Quakertown. Several photos by KA3NXM in ARRL's new ARES folder come from £188 National Disaster Medical System drill in our Section. Suburban ARC president WA3IAO's in one, with DEC KA3DVY and ASM KCSLM in another. With much help from M2HEIB (SM/SNI), EPA hosted April's Affantic Division Cabinet meeting, Many hanks to the Assistant Directors from EPA who shared their long experience with usc. Let's keep alert for propo

W3KAG 50, KB3FW 46, KASJOI 42, W3JKX 40, W3TWV 34, W3ADE 24, WASCKA 22, K3TX 22, W3CL 19, WASWOP 15, W3FAF 12, N3EFW 12, W3VA 9.

MARYLAND—DC: SM, John A, Barolet, KJ3E—KC3LM, ASM of the EFA section, sent their fine section newsletter, EPA FEEDLINE, to KJ3E, I'll mail a copy to anyone seriously interested in writing one to firm fine section newsletter, EPA FEEDLINE, to KJ3E, I'll mail a copy to anyone seriously interested in writing one to firm and their writing and distribution can be arranged. Recently an active MDC public service radio amateur suggested we were being "exercised to death" with demands for our services, He had a point Some ARES groups are being asked to provide more and more services, so the members are busy most weekends. That is too much! Suggentions: 1. As a group, sometimes provide only the most sessential services requested, thus reducing the number of communicators required: 2. Divide the group into sub-groups, not all of which respond to each request for service except in real emergencies; 3. As an individual, say NO once in awhile. Lot's not wear ourselves out! And on that subject, KJ3E finds it beyond his capacity to respond to all the requests for his SM services, so he works at the job two to four hours each day and what gets done, gets done! SEC K3RXK reports four new ECs: WB3EFG Baltimore City County, KX3J Worcester County, K3TKJ Dorchester County, and K3MRX Somerset County. That puts ECs in 23 of the 27 districts of Maryland and DC, a big improvement over recent years. More packet stations activating; ASM N3EGF, SEC K3RXK and 6-7 ECs now operating, and MDC operators are typing packet operations to the section traffic nets daily. W3FA added a new synthesized two-meter all-mode rig to the shack. KC3NS upgraded to extra and a new call of NA3Q, KC3TS also upgraded to extra and a new call of NA3Q, KC3TS also upgraded to extra and a new call of NA3Q, KC3TS also upgraded to extra and a new call of NA3Q, KC3TS also upgraded to extra and a new call of NA3Q, KC3TS, also upgraded to extra a

SOUTHERN NEW JERSEY: SM, Richard Baier, WAZHEB— SEC: K2QIJ, STM: WB2UVB, ACC: K2[XE, TC; VACANT, PIO: VACANT, SGL: KA2KMU, BM: WB2UVB, OCC: WAZHEB, ATCS: N29OT, K2JF, and KA2RJA. Recently, I made a request to the League for mailing labels in conjunction with a section newsletter that you should have received by now. Before doing anything else, I entered the names, addresses, cities, states, zip codes and types of membership for each ARRI, member

in our section into my PC. This took, all told, about 3 days and 100 finger cramps. My hope is to be able to let clubs have access to this information. For instance, say your club has a membership drive going and would like to have a listing of League members in a certain area. Or, your club is getting together a novice training class and would like to know how many Associate Members (non-hams) are in an area. These are but a couple of areas the information if ve compiled can be used. If your club is interested, bease have your club president get in touch with ms. In order to prevent this information from being used for profit or some other non-ham use, I will only release information from the section data base to club presidents, or designated club officiers. I hope you'll use the data base to the fullest extent possible. 73. Traffic: NG2T 51, NZFIZ 49, WZIML 45.

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WESTERN NEW YORK: SM, William M. Thompson, WZMTA—April was a sparkler of a month, what with Spring and Summer both present. THANKS to KCSLM and WAZHE® who made all preparations for the Atlantic Division Cabinet Meeting 2 at Plymouth Meeting PA. Many subjects in the future of the Field Organization were addressed, including liability and that old and popular subject "ability". HAMFEST CALENDAR: Batavia (at Alexander) July 13. Traffic Handlers at Verona August 9. Finger Lakes at Trumansburg August 29, National at San Diego Sept. 6, HAM-O-RAMA at Niagara Falls Sept. 6, Elmira at Horseheads Sept. 27, Syracuse at State Fair Grounds Oct. 18. NYSEM 3930 037-004-04 NYSE 3930 037-004-04 NYSE 3930 038-004-04 NYSE 3930-004-04 NYSE 3930 038-004-04 NYSE 3930-004-04 NYSE 3930-04-04 NYSE 3930-04-04

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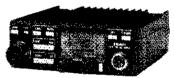


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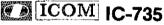






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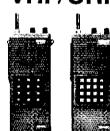
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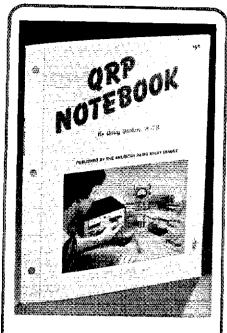
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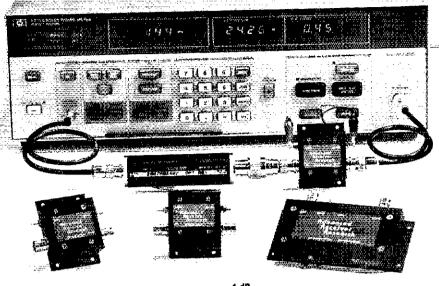
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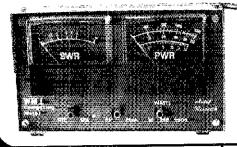
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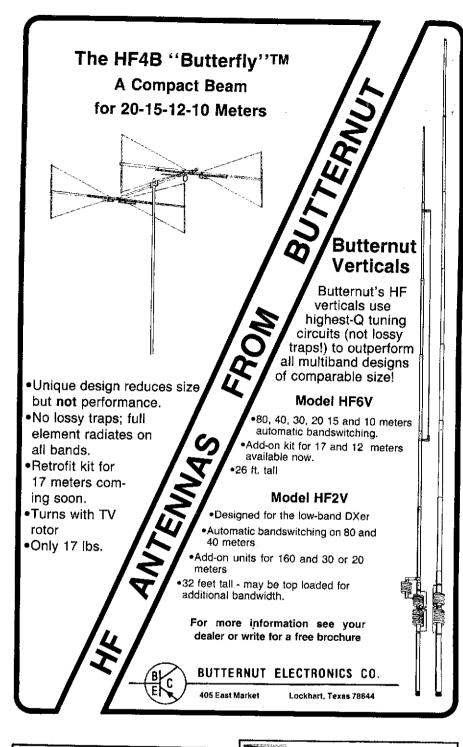
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KASARP, STM: KOSCI. The week of April 20-28 was proclaimed Minnesota Voluntier Recognition Week by Gov Rudy Perploh. As a result, 25 radio amateurs in the state were recognized for their efforts as volunteers, having given much of their time during the past year to help others. Each of them received certificates signed by the Gov. Congrats to each of you and keep up the fine work! Duane Jabas, NOSELIPPO Minn has a number of 16 MM films and video tapes in 1/2 and 3/4 inch formals. You may request these tapes from him on MSPN/E or by writing or calling him at his OTH in White Bear Lake These tapes can be used for presentations at club meetings or other gatherings. NET NEWS: Due to the usual downtrend in activity during the summer, both MSN/RTY and MNAMWNT will not operate in June, July and Aug. There is activity however. For those of you who don't turn your rigs on until 6 PM, there are 3 code nets to keep you busy. MSSN has been doing quite well, thank you' Activity has grown steadity with April being the best month. KARSSY had 17 QNI in one evening. A training program has been started on MSSN, so get in on the action! Our "Ham of the Month" for April was selected by KCBT...honest folks! My XYL, Mary Broshotske, KARALF was raimed for that honor. In x Mary for helping your OM and keep up the great work! This to the Anoka County ARC for letting me know "Watts Happening". Included in that newsletter was into concerning the recent passing of Lydia Johnson, WBKJZ, a former Minn SCM back in the 60's. Our segrets to her family and friends, and also to those who knew Robert Packer, W8VHE, who became a slient key in April. Our best wishes to K6CVD, KABEF y and KCONIL, who have had health problems recently. K6CVD's was particularly harsh as even under the signess of the control of the country has a well as EC for northern St Louis County. He has shown dedication that will rival that of a postman by deli

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NORTH DAKOTA: SM, Michael Mankey, WBØTEE—Once again it is time for the Peace Gardens Hamfest. July 11, 12, 13, 1985. I am sure that with the experience of Dave, K6RJL, and his crew it will be one of the best yet. The projected shipping date for the Superlink repeater is July 11, 1985. There will be a N.D. forum at the Dakota Division Convention this year in Fargo. We will be discussing many topics that may set the direction of our hobby in N.D. for the years to come, It is very important that we have your input into such issues as Superlink operation, and other issues that are of prime importance to all Hams in our state. It will be held Sept. 19, 20, 21, 1985. 73's, Mike. Net Summary for April. Net GOOSE RIVER 1990 W20DQ 4 102 182 ND WX NET 3883 WASFEWM (Summer break) DATA 3883 WASFEWM (Summer break) Traffic: KARFSM 56.

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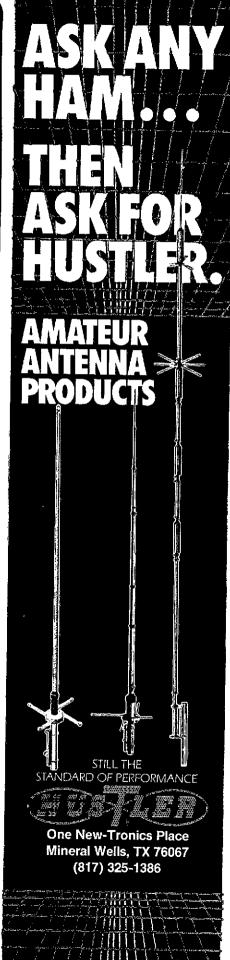
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ARKANSAS: SM, Joel M, Harrison, WB5IGF—ASM: KbUR. SEC. N5BPU STM: W9OK. TC: W5FD. ACC: N15D. SGL: W5LCI: BM: W5HPW Repeater Coordinator: W85FDP. 1986. Officers of the Clinton ARC: Pres. KASUTO, V.P. KASMEF. SEC W5TRS, Treas. WB5VYH. 1986 Officers of the Greene County ARC: Pres. WB5OHS. V.P. WA5GMIS, Sec. Ireas. N5HST. Public Relations W5CZP. The Arkansas River Varley ARC participated in an emergency drill conducted by the Nuclear Planning and Hesponse group of Arkansas Nuclear One in Russelville. Initial responses have been very positive. Amateurs from various clubs in Ark operated a Special events station from the Ark School for the Blind May 10 in commemoration of the Arkansas Sesquicentennial with 255 contacts being made. K5UR has set a new U.S. distance record on two meter meter scatter with a contact to Puerto Rico.

LOUISIANA: SM, John "Wondy," Wondergem, KKKR—SEC.

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LOUISIAMS. SM. John "Wondy" Wondergem, KSKR—SEC: NSADF. ACC: KSDPG. SGL: KD5SL. CCC: KESCK. TC: NSJM. Much appreciation to kevin Beathy, KA5PFB, for help for the past two years as the ARRI. LA. Emergency Coordinator. Welcome aboard to Russ Allor, NSADP. of Baton Rouge as the new SEC. Russ is making the renewals and is looking for some new appointments, so left him know if you will help as a District, Parish or Local Emergency Coordinator. Delta DX Association election: Pres. Tony, WBSSSD. V.P. Wondy, KSKR. Sec. John, KVSE. Tres: Gay, WBSSKQ. Better than ever is the best way to describe the recent Baton Rough ARC Hamlest. Plenty of swaps, several new equipment dealers; tots of prizes and some heavily attended forums added together to make a busy hamlest. The Baton Rouge ARC 1986 Good Samaritan Award made in memory of Stan, W5GIX was awarded to J.B. Guildoume, NSCPE. The Meterious Service Award in memory of "Doc", WSDTL, was awarded to Rick, NVSA, the club president and hamlest chairman. The New Orleans Hamfest which was previously held in Sept/Oct has been shifted to 21-22 June to avoid the closeness to the Houston and Biloxi Hamlests, They are returning to their old location at the Rummel High School located near the intersection of Interstate 10 and the Causeway. Hope to see you there.

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KHKD. SGL: AL7GO, ACC: KCSVO, STM: KBSW, PIO:
KASVBE, OOC. WSVMC, VHF Coord: NSDWU, BM: AJØX, TC:
WBSSXK. Affiliated clubs are especially active these days:
Vicksburg ARC and Hattiesburg ARC provided communications for Special Olympics in their cities; VARC hams
responded tollowing explosion at petroleum tank farm;
Neshoba ARC gaining momentum with several outstanding
projects underway (no one knows what YOUR club is doing
unless you let the SM, ASM or PIO know about it). PACKET
FEVER continues to spread, with digipeaters now operational
in Gullport. Hattiesburg, Ellisville, Jackson and Vicksburg,
more than a half dozen packet stations on the air in Vicksburg,
will have been supported to the month. The Wilst. SEC
KHKIXD announces appointments of NSHGN as DEC and
W4KGJ as EC; he s still looking to fill EC and DEC vacencies
throughout the state. Thanks and best wishes to Forrest
County EC WDSFOA, who's moving from the area. Bude
repeater (146,25/85) now operating under new call sign:
K&IMD, REMINDER: Deadline for ARRI. Not Directory listing is August 11 Mississippi Stow Net now meeting tive nets
weekly (1900 local on 3,733 MHz) and needs your support.
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NSAMK). MSBNIWSHKW). Sessions 40 QNI 104 QTC 0. Traffic:
NSAMK 357, KSOAF 163, KTSZ 63, WSWZ 36.

TENNESSEE; SM, John C. Brown, NOAQ—A&MACCI;
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sione 30 GNI 141 OTC 43. HAENWUSP) Sessions 4 GNI 54 GTC 0. MENNWBSO: Sessions 4 GNI 100 GTC 0. Traffic: N5AMK 357. K5OAF 163, KTSZ 63, W5WZ 36.

TENNESSEE: SM. John C. Brown. N04Q—ASM/ACC: WA4GLS. OVAA: W5FZW PIO: NTEIL: SEC: WA4GZO. SGL: WA4GZO. STM: NG4J. TC: W4HHK. One of the most saked questions asked from amateurs at the many hamiests is "IS THIS LICENSE MANUAL CURRENT FOR THE EXAMS BEING GIVEN". These books are changed on an annual basis generally. That is about the best answer that can be given. In other words from six to ten months is about all you can be sure of before it is changed. This is not always frue, but is a good general rule to go by. The novice manual has been changed for a few months, technical/general changed in March, advanced is to be changed in about June and the extra class scheduled for about December. This is a general statement and would not tike to be held to it. The FCC Hufe Book is changed when several rules are modified or requencies or other data of that nature are changed. The current issue is the 5th edition. (Light green in color). Any of the last two would keep you out of hot water as to the latest rules if it is nyour files. One other item that needs to be mentioned is the membership stationery has been changed. It is suggested that only the new type be used from now on. The change was required for a good reason. Your cooperation on this item would be beneficial to all. Well is seems that the Tennessee section is not really a part of the Delta Division in that we did not have any of our people appointed to any to the six committees. All appointments made went to only two of the six still a need to look seriously at the establishing of a "Packet Radio" network across the State. It seems that the Tennessee section is not reading the very responsible to many of the six committee membership. In fact as well as one could be too the appointment. There is still a need to look seriously at the establishing of a "Packet Radio" network across the State. It seems that the Tennessee



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MICHIGAN: SM, James R. Sevley, WB8MTD—it is my unpleasant task to announce the resignation of Alleen Gagnon, WABDHB, from the post of Asst. SM for personal reasons. She has been my "right arm" in the U.P. for as long as I've been SCM/SM. She'll be missed. She will continue as NM for UPN. SEC WB8BGY reports that the new state RACES plan is now reality and that the long-suffering revision of the state ARES plan is actually nearing completion. He also announces the appointment of three Deputy RACES Directors made by Director WD8DHS. They are N8CNY and WB8YOX for the Lansing area and N8FTY for SE Mi. He reports further that for the first time in M Instory, ARES is orticially recognized by the state Emergency Management Division as a viable communications organization. That is real progress, New Edison RAA Detroit area) officers, all re-elected. Pres. N8ESN: VP KABAYK. Sec/Treas WBICN; Act Mgr WABTJA; Trustee WBVRB. I see a lot of club newsleters. They are an important source of information for me and I greatly appreciate getting them. In way of constructive criticism, there is one flaw that stands out in many of them Imore than hall; the club's officers are hiding! It takes a bit of space, granted, but Isting the complete address and phone number of each of the officers, not just name and callsign, is a very important use of bulletin space. It makes the leaders much more accessible to members, particularly newcomers, and especially in large clubs wherein not everyone knows everybody. The continuing success story of the UPN: now 30 straight months of recould-breaking attendance. Net Summary (ONI TEC SESSIONS): OMN 1004 215 88. MN1 S99 195 30 MACS 492 113 30 JUPN 1164 76 34 MNN 1257 51 57; GLETN \$45.27.22; WSSBN 1988 26. 30. Triattic: KABCPS 325; W9QHB 137, KABVOZ 133, WDROUD 106. WBRNOG 97, WABDHB 88, WBBSW 86, KBGXV 82, NJBR 73, NBAHA 66, WSYIQ 46, NBECNY 24, WDBPAF 22, KBEGO O, WBIHX 17, KEBD 18, KBGNY 44, WDBPAF 22, KBEGO O, WBIHX 17, KFBM 18, WBBSYA OHIO: SM. Jeffrey A. Maass, KBND-ASM; N8AUH, SEC: WD9MPV, STM: KF8J, BM: W8ZM, ACC: KJ3O, TC: KB8MU.

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RACES 23/10. CLUB NEWS: Albany ARA heard Tektronix engineer talk about High Technology and test equipment at May
riperling. CCNR learned about certificate hunting and DX from
KBZON. They are installing their new 450 MHz repeater. Rip
Van Winkle ARC will be celebrating its 35th anniversary on
I May. SARA (Schenoctady) learned about Emergency coordination and traffic in April and welcomes new members
WAZOIN NOZH KAZHZX. Seratoga RACES held homebrew
might in May. Ulster RACES and OMARC provided Comm for
10K Race WARA heard talk by NE2Q on security systems.
WECA held its annual elections. Hope to hear you all on Field
Day. Don't forget all those public-service activities during the
summer. All have a sale and engoyable summer. Apr. PSHR:
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NEW YORK CITY—LONG ISLAND: SM. John H. Smale,
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Beach NY 11561. For those of you that ask "why always
LIMARC?", because they have the most regular schedule and
don't have to worry about changes in the schedule during
the 2 month lead time I have for the column. The Tu-Boro Radio Club has been asked for the third year in a row to provide
emergency communications for the Queens Mini run. Our vice
Director, Steve Mendelsohn, WA2DMF, has been visiting
many clubs in our section. Steve is considered very
knowledgeatile on the various Satellite Dish and Antenna laws,
why not give Steve a call if you have any questions. The totowling LIMARC members handled communications for the
falk X2GCE spent 2 weeks in Call, with his son and family.
KEZN has received his 2mtr VUCC 102, unless someone has
gotten one before him he belleves it to be the first in NLI. The
Radio Central News has product reviews by WA2KEC, talk
about calls from the past and the early days of 2 mt repeaters.
Traffic: K2YQK 226, K2GCE 71, W2GK 28, PlO: WB2NQV.

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NORTHERN NEW JERSEY: SM, Robert R, Anderson, KAZHNO,—OO/AAC: N2WM, ACC: KY2S, PIO: WB2NQV. SGI; W2KN, IC: K2BLA, BM: N2CXX, April appointments are: DECs: N2BMN (Bergen) and WAZUZT (Somerset). ECS: KAZCHK, N2DZZ, N2EXX, N2PCZ, N3CBM, NNZT, WAZJVP, WAZYVP, WAZYVP, WAZYVR, WB2GAI, and WBZNS; OES'S KAZPFU, KAZYV, KBZZB, KCZZIE, KT2D, NZAUR, N2CZF, N2EZX, N2PDM, N3CMB, NNZT, WAZJVP, WAZSVBM, WB2GAI, and WBZNS; OES'S KAZPFU, KAZYV, NZPDM, N3CMB, NNZT, WAZJVP, WAZSVBM, WB2GAI, and WBZNS; OES'S KAZPFU, KAZYV, NZPDM, N3CMB, NNZT, WAZJVP, WAZSEX, WAZYVBM, WB2GAI, and WBZNS; OES'S KAZPFU, KAZYV, NZPDM, N3CMB, NNZT, WAZJVP, WAZSEX, WAZYVBM, WB2GAI, and WBZNS; OES'S KAZPFU, KAZYV, NZPDM, N3CMB, NNZT, WAZJVP, WAZSEX, WAZYVBM, WB2GAI, and WBZNS; OES'S KAZPFU, KAZYV, NZPDM, N3CMB, NNZT, WAZJVP, WAZSEX, WAZYVBM, WB2GAI, and WBZNS; OES'S KAZPFU, KAZY, NZPDM, N3CMB, NNZT, WAZJVP, WAZSEX, WAZYVBM, WB2GAI, and WBZNS; OES'S KAZPFU, KAZY, WAZYVBM, WB2GAI, and WBZNS; OES'S KAZPFU, KAZY, NZPZM, KAZZM, KAZZM, KAZZMR, KAZZMB, MZPSK, KAZMZB, MA KAZZUM, KAZZMI, KAZZMB, KAZZMB, MZPSK, KAZMZB, MA KAZZUM, KAZZMI, KAZZMB, MZPSK, KAZMZB, MA KAZZUM, KAZZMI, KAZZMB, MZPSK, KAZMZB, MA KAZZUM, KAZZMI, KAZZMB, MZPSK, KAZMZB, MA KAZZUM, KAZZMB, MZPS

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MIDWEST DIVISION

IOWA: SM, Rollin Sievers. WB9AVW—SEC: KD9BG. BM; kBIIR. ACC: WB9QAM. PIO: NG9W. OCC: KD9RT. TC: K6DAS, SGI.: AK6O. Congratulations to Bob, K6CY, he was selected Midwest ham of the year. With regrets I have to announce the resignation of KD9RT. The Midwest Convention held at 8o. Sloux City Neb. was a great success. Was a pleasure to meet some of the league officials that were



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QTC 56, Net Mgr is W0DE, even though from Missouri, a KANSAN at heart QKS QNI 200 QTC 47 and QKS-SS QNI 40 QTC
13. KS RITTY QNI 65 QTC 6. W0PB reports that Zone 1 ARES
net continues to have 20 or more QNI each Monday night with
3 states represented thru the Hiawatha Repeater. NOT ABLE
TO COPY W1AW for the bulletins!III Try NDGCC schedule:
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Fri, 1730 UTC RTTY 100 WPM. He also sends special bulletins and to local 2-meter machines. The stormy season is approaching. I trust each of you are prepared to be of assistance
to your local community if the need arises. Traffic (Mar.):
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MISSOURI: SM, Benton C, Smith, KØPCK—The Jetterson Sarracks ARC officers for 1986 are: Pres. WD5IIK, VP, WD0EMS, Sec. KAØIEM and Tres, NG3GK, The St Peters ARC will hold their second annual September Sweptest Sunday Seot, 28. For more information, contact Joe Riordan, KG6K, 2760 HWY 40-81 O'Fallon, MO 63366. When I received WGGCL's monthly ORS report card. Lon informed me he has been on the air for 58 years. I wonder if Lon knows how many log books he has filled up in all those years. On April 23, operation "Shakedown" was held, it was a test of communications in the state readying for a possible earthquake. The amateurs in Missoun turned out in large numbers to help with this drill. W98TOK, SEC, and K9COT directed the amateur operation. Field appointment for the month, NØEKE, GBS. KØUAA received the Heart of America ARC "Ham of the Year" award for the second straight year.

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NEBRASKA: SM, Vern Wirka, WBØGOM—STM: Jerry Kohn,
WDBEGK. The Midway Amateur Radio Club of Kearney
reports 393 persons registered for the Nebraska ARRL state
convention this past April. 252 persons registered for the banquet. The Midway Amateur Radio Club also reports there is
rlow a net every Sunday at 9:00 PM local time on the 147.39-99

MHz club repeater with WBØWVZ as net control. The AK-SARBEN Radio Club of Omaha operated a special event station
to Armed Forces Day at Offut Air Force Base. The battery
powered station was operated from A C-133 airplane. The AKSAR-BEN Radio Club monthly publication "Hart Hum" is now
available on cassette for the visually impeired. The free "Ham
Hum" cassettes can be obtained by contacting KØCVL in
Omaha The Victoria Springs Hamtest is July 25-26-27. All of
your club newsletters, monthly stations reports and all other
pieces of information are appreciated. Please change your
records to show the new address for your section manager

3106 Vinton, Omaha, Nebraska 68105. The phone number is 402-341-4572. Traffic: KØDKM 152, WØKK 82, WAØBOK
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for treatment under emergency conditions. The mayor of West Haven designated May 17 as West Haven Amateur Radio Club Civil Preparedness Day. SARA received high praise from city and race officials for their excellent handling of radio communications on April 13 for the Stambord Marathon. Over 35 operators participated with operators at each mile post and water station, Red Cross and medical centers and at the Marathon command center. FARA is holding its annual Dogwood CSO party and will issue distinctive certificates. The club station, WB1CQO, will provide the public with free message service and expects to achieve RPL for the third time. The Faurfield Norwalk, Stamford and West Haven ARA's will be sponsoring the first annual Falrfield County Hamlest on Sept 7 at the Norwalk Armory. The hamlest will feature an ARRL forum, technical seminars. VE exams, a flea market and distribution exhibits. Many, WB1GXZ pris 98% era hat and distribution exhibits. Many, WB1GXZ pris 98% era hat and distribution exhibits. Many, WB1GXZ pris 98% era hat and distribution exhibits. Many, WB1GXZ pris 98% era hat ARAL SAL (MEDN 224, KA4MMM 148, KA1MK) 148, NIDNA 86, KA1GWE 82, N1DMV 73, WINJM 68, N1BOW 65, KY1F 50, WIWP 47, KA1BHT 46, K1AQE 40, W1BON 30, WB4EDT 24, WB4FCO 24, KA1KAG 23, WIYOL 18, WA1NLD 13, WB1EFJ 33, KA1KKE 13, WICUH 7, W2QV 7.

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NEW HAMPSHIRE: SM, Bill Burden, WB18RE—OO: N1NH. PIO: WAZMBQ, Another busy month around the section! Our leatured club is the Central NH Amateur Radio Club. They meet the first Tuesday of each month in Gillord. This is a technically oriented club with a great pool of engineers and communications specialists. Club president WIJY reports that they held their first volunteer exam in April coordinated by Bill N1AYT. They have just completed the largest Novice class in the state (so far) graduating about a dozen students. Dick N1LT who was instructor said that several graduates had already upgraded—one all the way to Extral The club gave one year club membership to the graduates and club members are providing help to get the new folks on the air. Weekend breakfast gatherings are planned to increase social activities and to help new miembers get acquainted. Look in on the CNHARC (four actions of the control of the

RHODE ISLAND: SM, John Bob Vota, WB1FDY—I received a copy of The Networks, a newsletter for active traffic handlers, and was very much impressed with the ARFIL, to be, or not to be. If you have not read this article please do so, I think you will find it interesting. Received the BVARCM Messenger: another club news letter and it tooks like a very active group. I wish I could put all of the info I receive in the section news, but I am limited, but please keep sending them and I will get as much in as I can. I hope the BVARC group enjoyed their tip to the Wireless Museum VE sessions still going strong, Clubs active BVARC OSARG, NPARC, EBWA. Please advise ur SM of up coming sessions. Traffic: KA1JXH 170, W1EOF 130, WA1CRY 30. RHODE ISLAND: SM. John Bob Vota, WB1FDY-I received

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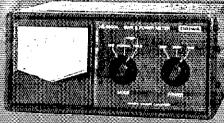
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VERMONT: SM, Ralph Stelson, KD1R—Don't forget the BARC Hamiest is to be held at the ESSEX FAIRGROUNDS on Rite 15 Essex Junction, August 9 and 10. Not, repeat, NOT the Old Lantern Campgroundsill Contact Rioger, WA10ZE, clo BARC, PO Box 312, Burlington, VT 05402. As most of you who have been reading this column know, I have been locking for the Youngest Ham in VT. Well, she is Wendy Hession, KA10IR, 9 years old from Pittslord. Wendy attended classes with her dad, Bob, KA10IG, and older brother, Eric, KA10HR, Ite's 11). Their instructors are Dutch, ND11, and Riudy, WA10PA. The runner-up is Lewton, KA10IN, and he is also 9 years old. ND11 is his dad. It must have been an interesting class as KA10HP, age 10, KA10HO, age 10, and KA10IM XYI (nut said) were also incensed from the same letort. A real FB job by the Green Mth Wireless Assoc. Once all the details are worked out, will announce in next month's column what's been done for recognition of these line young people. Along the same lines, the spring radio classes in Burlington area have new Tech KA10IS, KA10IT, KA10IU and KA10IV with new generals KA1NJA and KA10EJ plus Mel awaiting his Tech tloense and call. We really heve a lot to be proud of here in the Green Mtn state with such an impressive group of new Hams, young and old, along with their patient Elmers. To all you, I wish a hearty welcome and thanks. Also understand that W1HJX came home a happy Extra from the April exan session in Montpelier along with serveral others whose calls I don't have. Next exame are July 12, Montpellier. Contact K1HKI. And August 10 at BARC Fest. Contact WB2LSJ. Well now that FD '86 is over, do you have any interesting pictures, slides or videos you would like to share. If so, please forward them to me at PO Box 123, Milton, VT 05468. More next month; running out of space. Don't torget while the long hot days of summer are upon us that those nels you attended so inthiusly last winter are still meeting and are only as good as your participation. Think about ill Traffic. To S22, WA2SP

WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS: SM, Don Haney, KATT—
DO/RHS: NICM. PIO/ACC. KIBE. SEC/SGL: WB1HIH. TC:
KA1JM. STM: WIUD. The FCC Proposal to Enhance Novice
Privileges has been out for a while now and the commen
deadline is coming up on July 16. If you have not already done
so, be sure to send them your recommendations on this
proposal which could be very important to tuture amateur
radio. Opening the Novice ticense up to additional modes
should surely make if more attractive. And another part of it
takes me back to the 50's when Novices had phone privileges
on 2 meters, in the days of AM phone NOBARC did another
super job with the Bay State Winter Game communications
and had a human down-link by going ski-litt mobile. UMass
ARA handled comms for first aid units at a benefit road race.
Contact KIBXE if you are interested in the HCRA VEC exams
on July 9, an evening session. Hope all have an enjoyable
summer. Buckle up and arrive alive.

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ALASKA: SM, Jim Moody, Jr., NL7C—The Section has a new SEC. He is Steve, KL7JIM. I know we will all support him fully as he coordinates the emergency planning for Alaska. Another Field Day has successfully been completed in Alaska and lots of experience was gained by all. The Motley Group will have its annual picnic the weekend of 26-67 July and should be great tun and a time to meet and greef old and new friends. Packet is experiencing a tremendous growth in this section. The Fairbanks Packeteens have links with Anchorage, Tok (this will eventually be Whitehorse in the Yukon), and Paxon (which will eventually be whitehorse in the Yukon), and Paxon (which will eventually be whitehorse in the Yukon), and Paxon (which will eventually be whitehorse in the Yukon), and Paxon (which will eventually be whitehorse in the Yukon), and Paxon (which will eventually be whitehorse in the Yukon), and Paxon (which will eventually be whitehorse in the Yukon), and Paxon (which will eventually be whitehorse in the Yukon), and Paxon (which will eventually be whitehorse in the Yukon), and Paxon (which will eventually be whitehorse in the Yukon), and Paxon (which will eventually be whitehorse). The July and should be set to the linked on Packet—Great Job! DAHO: SM, Lem Allen, W7JMH—Club News: Clearwater Valley ARC is conducting Novice classes, plans a Field Day activities. ARR MATTERS: Jo flublee, look and part of the pa

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MONTANA: SM: Les Belyea, N7AIK—WB7TWG, our ACC, has refocated to Arizona. Many tax to her lor getting our club program organized. KA7MAH, the pres of the Capitol City ARC, has accepted the position of Montana's ACC; am sure she will do a very good job. Upgrades reported: to Extra-WA7SVO, WA7TUW. to adv.—N7FFR, N7HVB, WB7FGO (mow KE7PV). to gen—N7ICC, N7HYZ, KA7FVO, to tech—KA7YGG, KA7MOS New officers for RACOM: K0PP—chairman, vice-chairman—KE7DK, sec"ytres—KB7KB, KA7RRR is new president of the Hi-Line ARC. KE7NO, mgr of the IMNS net, is looking for more stas to check into the Hi-Line ARC SESS ONI OTC MGR MTN 30 2262 139 KF7R

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OREGON: SM. William R. Shrader, W77GMU—STM: W7VSE.

SEC: N7CPA. PIO: KC7YN. SGL: KA7KSK. STC: N7ENI.

ACC: KB7CC. OO: N7SC. RFI: AK7T. Upgrades. KA7YLI,

KA7KLG (Novice); KA7WYW, KA7WVI., KA7YDF, KA7YLI,

KA7SEV. KA7RXY (Tech); KA7NSS. K7UKV, KA7WST,

KA7YDG (Gen); N7HUD, N7EXR, W7YY, WB7UEB

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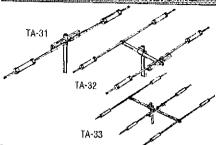
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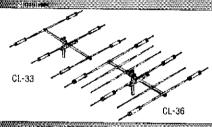
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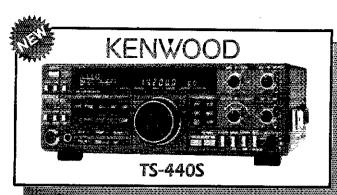
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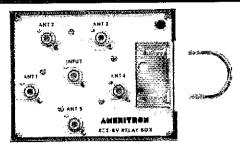
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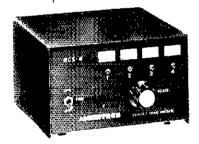
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WASHINGTON: SM, Gene Sprague, KDTG—SEC: NTDRT.
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WTBUN. AWARDS: Jean, WATOII, President of
the Radio Club of Tacoma has received the 1985 "Doc Spike"
inspiration Award in appreciation for leadership, inspiration,
devotion to her home and tamily and the members of the club.
Randy, NUTD. President of the Lower Columbia Amateur Radio Association was presented the "Ham Of The Year" award
for his work in many areas of Amateur Radio. The Radio Club
of Tacoma was presented a Certificate of Menit by the Seotion Manager for their outstanding service to Amateur Radio
at the RCT awards banquet. Congratulations to all of you.
EVENTS: Annual Northwest DX Convention on July 25-77 at
Renton, WA, presented by the WWDX Club. Hamfair '86 on
Aug 16 & 17 at Tacoma, WA, presented by the Radio Club
of Tacoma. APPOINTMENTS: W7BUN has been appointed
the HF Awards Manager for the Radio Club of Tacoma, a
Special Service Club. Thank you both for taking on this important task. PUBLIC SERVICE: W7JIE reports that 179
Amateurs worked on 74 routes for the Diabeles Bike-O-Thon.
Super lob Gib, and thanks to all for making Amateur Radio
took sq good. No reports on the March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon,
but I know Amateur Radio was involved. Kudos to the EC's,
RO's and other members of the WEN team who manned their
readios on the Washington Emergency Net when Mt. St Helens
showed new activity in April. GEN INFO: Did you know there
is a Packet Radio reginew on 3877. S.KLz al 2000 and 146.33
(BEARS repeater) at 2100 each Thursday, local time? For 3
months this column has been sent by modern to the ARRL.
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NWSSB 3945 1830 1271 132 W7VDR (No Feb report for NWSSB) Refer to ARRL Net Directory for other Nets. APR '86 TRAFFIC, WITH SCORES: WB7WOW 281 W7LG 148, W73B 94, K76XZ 94, WA7CBN 74, KS71 52, W7IEU 48, N6EQZ 46, K7ALT 32, W7APS 25, KR7F 24, KA7TCE 22, K7SUX 21, N7GQJ 19, W7IGC 18, N7GDW 14, WA7CTS 21, KC7PH 9, K7DXL 8, N7FXM 5, KA7AEF 5, W7AIB 2, KD7MW 1 - NO INDIVIDUAL SCORES: KD76, KR7L & KD7ME - NO CALLS OR SCORES: (Traftic was handled), Congratulations to new Amateurs and up-grades. 73.

PACIFIC DIVISION

EAST BAY: SM, Bob Vallio, W6RGG—ASMs: W6ZF and N6DHN, SEC: W6LKE, STM: K6APW. I have no report for the month of April because at the time I normally collect the material and submit it o HQ, I will be on Clipperton Island operating F08XX with W60AT, W6SZN, N7NG and Al6V. I hope we worked many East Bay Section members, My regular column will resume with the May report.

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NEVADA: SM, Joe Lambert, W3IXD—ASM: K7HRW, TC: K7ICW. Congrats to LVRAC for its efforts to attract new hams to the hobby. Also, they have recently installed a new repeater controller on 146,94. K07K reports that he was on a 19-day DXpedition to Tonga with 4,000 GSOs. K7AZ recently returned from Red China. SNARS has recently become the proud owners of their own mountain top repeater site. Special thanks to FARS RFI Committee. TC K7ICW and KC7DB for helping K07CL in his recent tower zoning victory. N7FZG was Net Control for the March of Dimes Walkathon in Boulder City, assisted by KA7GAR, K07B, N7FPP, W8IXD. N7FSG was Net Control for the Las Vegas Walkathon assisted by: KW8HFC Control for the Las Vegas Walkathon assisted by: KW8HFC Control for the Las Vegas Walkathon assisted by: KW8HFC Control for the Las Vegas Walkathon assisted by: KW8HFC TAYHSS, N7FBH, NK7N and W8FYSKY of Silver Dust RA. Congrats to our Section Manager, Joe Lambert, for receiving his ARRL, 40-year pin!

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PACIFIC: SM, Army Curtis, AH6P—Aloha and haha adal to all of the Pacific New calls on Maul: WH68EG now NH6FT, KA5JMG now KF5KZ, KH6FIU reports ten new novices so far this semester at Wainnea High School on Kaual, Manch Olimes walk-a-thors saw KH6JJC, KH6DRT, AH6CG, and KH6S helping on Kaual, KH6JJC, KH6DRT, AH6CG, and KH6S helping on Kaual, KH6JJC, KH6DRT, AH6CG, while 13 others helped on Maul, and AH6GO, WH6BDH, NH6FP, KH6FKG, WH6BBR, AH6GD, NH6FI, NH6FO, KA0PBB, NH6FN, KHGAO, KH6TR, NH6ES, AH6P, and KH6LE all helped on the Big Island. Outstanding job tolks!! FCC has asigned RM-5561 to KH6B's petition for additional novice privileges on 40. Send in those cards and letters of support! Dean also reports PROJECT 6L6 is alive and well internationally. Too good! VE exams in Hillo saw upgrades for NH6ES, NH6FN, WH6BAV, and new licenses for James White, Daniel Pierson, and Glen Furinaga. NH6FL went to Cahu to get his upgrade. Very good! Traffic: KH6S 41, KH6H 21, AH6J 1.

Pierson, and Glen Fujimaga. NH6FL went to Dahu to get his upgrade. Very good! Traffic: KH68 41, AH64 1. SACRAMENTO VALLEY: SM, Bob Watson. W6IEW—STM: WA6WIZ. SGL: N6IG. ACC & TC: W6RFF. DEC North: KF6KJ. DEC Sierra: KA6GHI. We have a new Section Level Official—Paul Sewel. N6MDL has agreed to tackle the job of DIELIC INFORMATION OFFICER for the Section, Thanks, Paul He can appoint Public Information Assistants at the local level as recommended by clubs or local ARRI. Officials. SECTION N6TF. First Sunday each Month. 7:30 PM Net Control: W6IEW or W6RFF. Held on 146.085 (Input + 600, 100). Section of the New M6RFF. Held on 146.085 (Input + 600, 100). AND CONTROL W6IEW or W6RFF. Held on 146.085 (Input + 600, 100). AND CONTROL W6IEW or W6RFF. Held on 146.085 (Input + 600, 100). AND CONTROL W6IEW or W6RFF. Held on 146.085 (Input + 600, 100). AND CONTROL W6IEW or W6RFF. Held on 146.085 (Input + 600, 100). AND CONTROL W6IEW or W6RFF. Held on 146.085 (Input + 600, 100). AND CONTROL W6IEW or W6IEW

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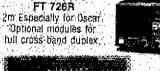
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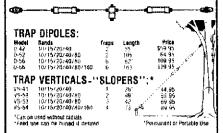
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NORTH CAROLINA: SM. Rae Everhart, K4SWN—SEC: ABAW, STM: K4NLK, BM: K4IWW, ACC: WC4T, Plo: WA4DBH, TC: K4ITL, OOC: K1PLB, SGL: K4ML, Field Day is over. Did YOU operate under emergency conditions? It answer is No, then change your operating habit and prepare for an actual emergency. F0 was truly a lot of fun this year. Amaleurs were placed on alert by State office of Emergency Management for large forest fire in Pender County, KA4PAZ, DEC, Pender Co. reported amateur radio was utilized for communications between Forestry Service and Heavy Equipment operators. Large turniture plant line reported by C in Davidson Co. ARES members placed on alert for one-mile evacuation of disaster which did not materialize. however, the call up tree list worked extremely well. Do you have a call up list in your ARES plan? It was nice to see all at the ARHL. State Convention in Raleight. Tnx W4DW. WANTED: 25 Official Observers in Section. It you have the time to monitor the ham bands HF, VHF, UHF, please contact K1PLR or SM immediately. You MUST be a league member for any station appointment. WBAHBR gave interesting program on link repeater net recarding NTS/MARS traffic. Packet radio booming at W4BFB. Charlotte, and K4CEB Concord. K4CAV presented an interested program on packet. If you are planning packet activity in your area, let K4CAV know pronto. Glad to have K4JHF back at mountain home tor summer. N4JPE teeling better after hospitalization. I have been advised by State of NC that the Office of Emergency Management and the Department of Cmme Control and Public Safety would appreciate a copy of each club NEWSLETTEH. They are reading some news about AMATEUR RADIO and are very interested in us. Please put them on your mailing list. In case of a STATE OF EMERGENCY, declared by State of NC, please monitor 3923 kHz. Ior information and assistance. If a CSO is on this frequency, listed 4 kHz. DO NOT DISRIPT AN ONGOING CSO. W

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SOUTH CAROLINA: SM, Jimmy Walker, WD4HLZ—I have developed a talk concerning the Amateur Radio Public Service Programs in SC. The slide presentation, talk and question period last 40 to 45 minutes. Business travel prevented me from scheduling with more clubs during first five months of the year. Beginning July, I will be in a position to continue the talks. Contact me for a date. SC Volunlary Organizations Active in Disaster (SoCarVOAD) will assemble July 10 at the Red Cross Building in Columbia. The meeting time is 10 AM and you are invited to altend. Space prevents me from describing the functions of SoCarVOAD, but Amateur Radio has the same voice as 16 other organizations in SC and that makes YOU, as an amateur, an important person in SC. The July meeting will address Operational Plans for the possible influx of American critizens from Europe as a result of hostilities Projections are for 14,000 to 20,000 persons coming into Charleston and 5,000 to 7,000 coming into Myrtle Beach. Agencies expect. Amateur Radio (YOU) to handle communications for his emergency. If he phorie service falls between Charleston and Myrtle Beach, how would amateurs possibly handle the large volume of traffic? I need your ideas and suggestions! Traffic: K4ZN 154, KB4BZA 95, WAANK 76, WAFMZ 54, KA4LRM 47, WellKT 35, K4ZB 23, WB4UDK 28C, KA4YEA 16.

W64UDK 22, KA4YEA 16.

VIRGINIA: SM, Claude Feigley, W3ATO—STM: KB4WT, SEC: W84UHC. ACC: NT4S OCC: W4HU. BM: AB4U. TC: W84MAE. The VA OSO Party was very successful award winners were: N4MM Mixed Mode: NJ4F High CW, N4FTK/M Mobile, W4FOA ORP, Shenandoah Amateur Radio Club had the highest score in the 4th Call Area and WA4NTP received the award as the high "SPARC" member. I regret to announce that W4MAY is a Silent Key. New "ECS" are W4JZC for Rockingham county, N4MOJ for Powhatan and KA4DE for Wythe county, W3IFT continues to do an outstanding job of monitoring the bands as an OCJAUX stn. Many of the ARES groups report activity in supplying communications for marathons, Bike-a-thons, walkathons, etc. Is your group participating in this type of community service as a means of improving your operating skills and testing of equipment under actual field conditions? Good to hear W84KSG back in the traffic fold and acting as a VN NCS. I am trying to revive the Virginia Ham

and if all goes well you may have received a copy by this time. The Richmond area VE group report that in 1985, 6 sessions were held involving 161 candidates, 116 code tests were given and 177 written elements with a 57% passing rate. Future exam schedules: Richmond, July 26, Sept. 27, Virginia Beach, July 12, Roanoke Division Convention at Virginia Beach, Aug. 2, Roanoke Division Convention at Virginia Beach, Aug. 24, The STARES ARES VHF net in 146.97 has been changed from 8 to 9 PM Tuesdays and Fridays. KJAMF is the new EC for James City County. Congrats to the Roanoke valley Amateur Radio Club on becoming the section's 3rd Special Service Club. The Portsmouth Amateur Radio Club has completed a year as a Special Service Club and they have met the requirements for renewal of their appointment for another year. The Hoanoke club presented an award to the winner of "Radio Communications" category of the local high school Math and Science Fair. Reminderff Affiliated club Annual Reports are past due also ARRI. renewal memberships freturn \$5.00 Upcoming hamtests: Berryville, Aug. 3, Roanoke Division Convention, Aug. 29-24, Again. If you have any questions, opinions, or comments on the section's organization or operation pass them to the Section Manager. Traffic total for the month was 3394 with 34 stations reporting both N4GHI and NEXO made BPL. Irraffic MGHI 591, N4GCN 143, K4JUM 133, K4MTN 132, W3ATO 112, K4JST 94, KB4NGO 91, N4KSO 76, WD4MIR 34, K4JUM 139, K4MIR 58, W4MIR 58, W4MIR 59, N4MIR 59, WAMIR 58, W4MIR 59, N4MIR 59, WAMIR 59, WAMIR 59, WAMIR 50, WAMIR 5

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COLORADO: SM. Bill Sheftield, KQØJ—ASM: WØRSG, KAØMDA, SEC: WB0FOB, STM: NØDZA OO: WØACH. ACC: WB0FDUV PIO: NØFOB. SGI: WD0GQL TO: NØACH. ACC: WB0DUV PIO: NØFOB. SGI: WD0GQL TO: NØACH. ACC: WB0DUV PIO: NØFOB. SGI: WD0GQL TO: NØACH. ACC: SMEDCH ST. SECTION SECTION SECTION AND SECTI

29, K6CT 27, AIBW 21, KA6NEL 20.

NEW MEXICO: SM, Joe T, Knight, WSPDY—ASM: WSHD.

DEC: RBSXD: STM: NDST, NMs: WA5UNO K6LL, W5VFD,

TC: W8GY, ACC: WSHID. Southwest Net (SWN) meets daily

n S5837083 at 0230 UTC and handled 123 msgs with 197

stations in. New Mexico Roadrunner Net meets daily on 3939

at 0100 UTC and handled 144 msgs with 1185 stations in. New

Mexico Breakfast Club meets daily on 3939 at 1330 UTC and

handled 114 msgs with 1185 stations in. Yucca 2-mtr Net

78/18 handled 13 msgs with 587 checkins. Caravan Club 2-mtr

Net 65/05 handled 7 msgs with 561 checkins. Bean Feed was

WINDY but a good time was reported. Everyone tow look
hing forward to Flagstaff July 26, 27. Congrats to K5OIN and

WD5CAW on winning the OST Cover Award for their article

in Nov OST on DFing with the Interferometer. Traffic. ND5T

333, W5DAD 172, W6SX 29.

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UTAH: SM, Jim Brown, NA7G—SEC: Rich Fisher, NS7K. STM: John Sampson, W7OCX, Visited the Ogden ARC at their last meeting and spoke to the membership about amergency communications, and demonstrated the CEM Commo Van after the meeting. I am impressed with the OARC—tine Ogden area hams have a good club. WA7MEL got his WAS on 160—congrats! Mike Carter, KN7U will be leaving Utah in June for a move to Artzona. Our cw-only Field Day group will never be the same! GL. Mike. 73 de NA7G. Traffic: WA7MEL 84, WA7KHE 42, NS7K 16, NA7G 15, W7OCX 8.

WYOMING: SM, Dick Wunder, WA7WFC—ASM: KA7AWS, Steve Cochrane. SEC: W7TVK, Jim Anderson. STM: NS7K, Mary Ann Lenth. Wyoming Hamtest is July 13 & 14 at Wyo. State Pair Grounds in Douglas, Wyoming. Cheyenne freid its first VE. Feam exam with numerous upgrades including W7COK & KA7FDL to Extra. KA7WS, 8 A7FDL to Extra. KA7WS, 8 and W87FIF, KA7KML, KA7WHL, & KA7YEB to GEN, and W87FIF, KA7KML, KA7WHL, & KA7YEB to GEN, and W87FIF, KA7KML & KA6WLK to TECH. Congrats to all TINX to NO7Q for copy of fine newsletter from SHERIDAN AMATEUR RADIO. LEAGUEL: its nice to hear from the local clubs, KC7AR reports the Wyo Cowboy Net held 22 sessions with 879 QNI & 10 QTC. Traffic: NNTH 135, W7HLA 41, NQTQ 21.

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ALABAMA: SM, Joseph Smith Jr., WA4RNP—TM: N4JAW,
SGI: KA4WVU, BM: KF4VV, OO/A AUX: AA4BL, TC: N4AU,
ATC: WB4BYQ, ACC: WA4RNP, The Atlanta hamlest will be
held this month on the 19th and 20th and 1 hope to see a lot
of you there. Packet has taken off again now that the "MFJ"
TNC's are available, I hope to talk with each of you some
evening on packet. The Gadsden 02/62 repeater should be
on Bald Rock by the time you read this; it should have
excellent coverage so give it a try. The new rules concerning
repeater to repeaier interference go into effect the 12th of this
month. I have a Silent Key to report. WA4MJB. Raymond Is.
Flack of Huntsville, He will be missed, Very 73 till next month,
Joe. Traffic for March: CAND, 843 messages in 31 sessions

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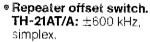
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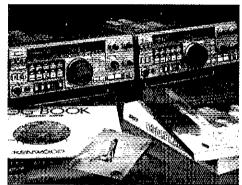
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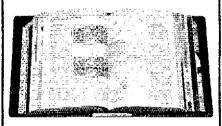
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rep by W4CKS. DRN5, 781 messages in 60 sessions rep by W4AIDH, W4CKS, NW4X, W4WJF and KC4GS. AENB, 57 messages in 31 sessions. AEND, 74 messages in 31 sessions. Traffic for April: CAND, 689 messages in 30 sessions up by WAAIDH, and W4CKS, DRN5, 427 messages in 60 sessions rep by WAAIDH, W4CKS, NW4X, KC4GS, and W4WF. AENB, 44 messages in 30 sessions. AEND, 58 messages in 30 sessions. BPL for Mar: WAAIDH API' WAAIDH PSHR for Mar: WAAIDH, W4CKS, WDANYL, and WAARNP, Combined totals for Mar/Apr: WAAIDH 1692, W4CKS 223, WDANYL, 159, NW4X, 84, KAACZ 96, W4WJF 68, W4RNP 68, W4PGH 36, W4CNQ 18, WB4TYY 14.

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84, KAACZ 96, W4WJF 68, W4ARNP 68, W4DGH 36, W4CNQ
18, WB4TVY 14.

GEORGIA: SM. Eddy Kosobucki, K4JNL—ASM & BM.
K4VHC, SEC: NC4E, STM; W4PIM, ACC; WA4ABY, OOC;
NA4I, PIO: Wa4PNY, SGL; W4BTZ, TC; K4JDR, This is the
month to gather in Attanta on July 19 & 20 for the Atlanta Hamrestival. The World Congress Center is the place & the committee has promised that it will even be better than it was last
year. Remember next year we host the ARRIL National Convention. OST is always looking for articles & into of all sorts.
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vacation etc. Also on the subject of reports, pse send me all
but the fic reports which go to the STM. W4PIM. I wud vy much
appreciate ur reports no later than the 5th of the month because I have a new deadline to meet. According to Jack,
NC4E, the section SEC we now have more ARES members
in the section than ever before. PLEASE when u go to the
Atlanta Hamfestival or any that u will attend to come by the
ARRIL booth & take time to till out one of the forms. This info
is of great importance to us in times of emorgency Durling
the month of April the tollowing made the PSHR rolls:
W84WOL, W4PIM, K4EV, W4JWO, K4MOG, K84JPN,
W84DBO, K74FG & W4HON, I know that many more of u can
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it to me. Remember ur state & local nets. Participate & as u
well know. "AMATEUR RADIO EXISTS BECAUSE OF
PUBLIC SERVICE." Many don't realize his but this is the
name of the game. Trix to all the clubs & groups who send
me ur bulletins. I want to egin commend the editors who devote
their time & efforts to make these excellent reading. CU at
the forthcoming Hammest or club meeting. Traffic: W4WXA
123, W84WOL 113, W4PIM 102, K4MOG 80, W84DVZ 45,
WA4CBT 42, W9NXC 41, W84DBO 41, K

38. KAHHE 34, KEV 32. NAUZ 26, KANN 17, WB4SPB 14, WB4RUJ 14, WHON 13, KIAIG 9, KABAI 7, WB4SPB 14, WB4RUJ 14, WHON 13, KIAIG 9, KABAI 7, WB4SPB 14, WB4RUJ 14, WHON 13, KIAIG 9, KABAI 7. NORTHERN FLORIDA: SM. Phil C'DWVer, WF4X—ASM/ACC: NAADI. BM: KB4LB, SEC: WA4PUP. PIO: WA4PUO. STM: WB4GHUJ SGL: KCAN, CO: KAJJE, TC. N4KF. The word that we are getting from many sources is that HT's are not permitted in Epoot of Disney World, so suggest that you pass this word on to hams that you talk to that are headed that way! Proud to announce that one of our Special Service Clubs has had two members appointed as HF Awards Managers for WAS and 5 Band WAS by ARRL: congrats to Lyn, WB4HBH, and Ed, WØRAO of the Lake Monroe Club. Clubs interested in the prestigious Special Service privileges should contact our ACC, Rey, NAADI for details. Our Bulletin Manager, K84LB, says that our newest Official Bulletin Station is Todd, KB4MHH. We welcome Todd and ofter congration is todd, KB4MHH. We welcome Todd and ofter congration be long before he is a regular on the SPL list. With the change to Daylight Time there are some propagation problems so stay in touch with your favorrie nests ose in the time of trequency has been changed. Traftic for April has been light but with Mother's Day coming it is sure polick up Traffic: WFAX 480, WX4H 449, KB91, T444, WD4IIC 322, N4PL 305, WB4ADL 289, AA4HT 253, KB4MHH 215, WA4QXT 188, KC4VK 174, KD4KK 163, WA4E; U 161, WFAY 135, WD4UII 122, KF4U 113, KB4LB 112, N4EDH 111, WB4GHU 110, N4GMU 89, WC4D 89, N14O 88, N4JAO 66, N4DY 52, WAMGO 45, WBATZR 43, WMXIX 42, KF4TM 40, WA4SXW 39, KB4FIY 38, NAADI 36, KIACO 34, WA4PLP 33, WB4FIY 30, W4LDY 27, WY4EGB 25, WA4PUT 23, WA4PUP 177, WY4F 22, NQ4P 20, WBIM 19, KJ4HS 15, N2AOX 14, N4IIP 12, N4EDH 11, KV4HF, SASTER SASTER

22. NOAF 20. WBIM 19, KI4HS 15. N2ACX 14. N4IP 12. WAAPUO 11, KF4GY 10, NS4C 9, WB4AWG 8, KA4KAH 6, KV4HI 5, N4ENL 2.

SOUTHERN FLORIDA; SM, Bichard D, Hill, WA4PHK—SEC: W4SS, STM; K4ZK, TC; Ki4T, BM; WD4KBW, PIO; W4WYR, SGL; KC4N, OOC; W4SS, ACC; WA4NBE, NW4R reports by vadiogram that he is back in the area—in Auburndale, and that he will be back on the air in the near future when his airennas are up. AA4WJ reports that he participated in one public-service event this month but no traffic CAVEC exams in his area yielded three technician, three general, one advanced and and one code certificate. W4DUG, the club station in Tampa reports that all of their April traffic resulted from one day of activity at the Girl Scour Extravaganza held at the state fair grounds in Tampa. W4SME writes that he will be leaving Florida about June 1st for Mains. He should be back in Florida around the first of October. KA4F2I was the locus of a full page article on the front page of the Life/Arts section of the Cape Coral Daily Breeze. It features her work as the only fulltime computer leacher at the middle school level in Lee County. The article also brought out that both she and son. KA4GDV, are ham radio operators. KA4GDV is a computer electronics major at the University of Central Florida in Orlando. WJ4KBW reports 103 bulletins received and 60 transmitted this month by AA4BN 14, W4DL 36, WA4EK 42, W4SH 31, W74F 10, KA4GUV Sis, KEIEK 14, WD4KBW 22 and AA4MI 14. An Official Bulletin Station is needed in the St. Petersburg and Tampa areas. If interested, contact WD4KBW for details. Received a radiogram from W1NJM—his SAR and the good news that he arrived home in one piece on April 4. R44BN 14, W4DL 38, WA4F10, X48B 125, N4KFU 121, KA4GUS 91, W4AFK1 230, W4AFEK 12, W4AFW 130, W4AFEK 12, W4AFW 130, W4AFEK 12, W4AFW 130, W4AFEK 14, W4AFW 130, W4AFEK 12, W4AFW 130, W4AFEK 14, W4AFW 14, W4DUS 38, W84GCK 37, K5IHH 35, W4ESH 30, W4AFEK 14, W4AFW 14, W4DUS 38, W4AFEK 12, W4AFW 14, W4DAKBW 15, W4AFEK 11, W4AFW 14, W4DAKBW 15, W4AFEK 11, W4

WEST INDIES: SM. Alberto L. Validejuli, WP4CSG—The new 20-kHz separation bandplan has been put into effect within the Section. The PRARC, frequency coordinator called a meeting and hamlest to discuss the implementation of said bandplan. The activity was attended by many interested hams, and the discussion was most interesting. For copies of the new bandplan, please contact the PRARC or the SM. Not too many changes were made to the existing 2M allocation of repeater frequencies, as the bandplan in effect prior to the new changes were mainty at 20 kHz separation. Still some repeaters had

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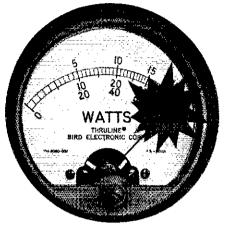
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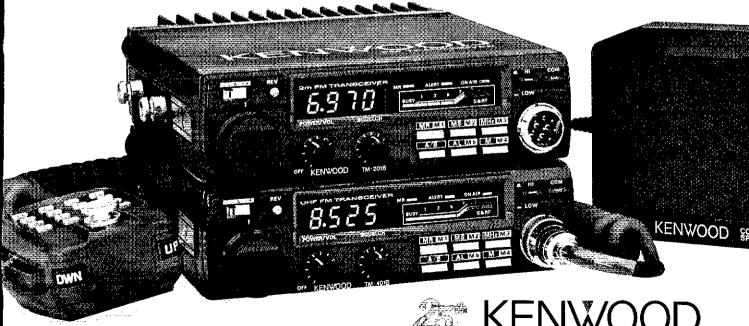
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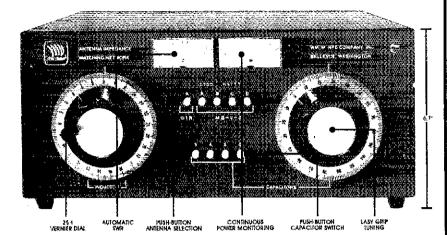
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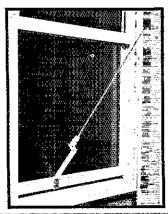
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to be moved to new frequencies and/or locations as necessary in order to make additional room for new available frequencies. Plans are on the making for the upcoming Field Day. At this moment it is not yet linalized where the PRARC will set up its shack. More oit this when something more concrete is known. No recent news have been received from the VIs to date, but it is known that great efforts are under way there to have emergency networks up and going; and ARES program is being structured. We are egain nearing the hurricane season and preparations need be made, hopefully not to be neaded, WINS: Sessions 31, OND 155 mins; Q1C D: ONI 98, NM KP4DJ. WINE: Sessions 23; OfC 2, ONI 65; NM WDDX. Traffic: KP4DJ 17.

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ARIZONA: SM, Jim Swafford, W7FF—STM: W7EP. NMs: K6LL, KA7HEV, W8TCAG, Coconino ARC reports supporting the Equestrian Endurance ride in April, and in so doing checked out their new ARES portable repealer system. Also NNTA, N7FU, N07D and N7CCE worked QRP contest with two watter on battery power. OSS W7DFR in Page reports Navaio Min repeater will change to 146.38/96 in June. Ray, W7JU, at Rivlera reports recent Western AZ RC VE exams to seventeen candidates and says N7HID of Kingman scored one-hundred percent on both Extra code and theory! Congrais. N7AOU solicits inputs from operators using SSTV, FSTV, as well as FAX-Oscar-EME-RTTY, Contact Bill at P.O.B. 907-4rarell, AZ BS362. W8GGW former AMSAT official and net manager, and long-time OSCAR operator is now permanently ensconced at new OTH in Tubac Valley. Welcome to Arizona, Wray. Congrats to Glenn, WA7HEH, for his award certificate received from National Communications System in appreciation for his efforts in recent unplanned emergency citil. Good work. KB7E also contributed to success of drill. W7WGW volunteered to coordinate ham radio support for "Hands Across America" campaign. Oliver is being assisted by KX7P and NJ7E, among others. SWN is a FB CW traffic net with a bunch of good operators serving AZ-NM. They meet daily on 3583 at 0130 UTC. For voice. Cactus net on 3915 at 0100 daily, and ATEN on 3992 at 0200. Try em, you'll like one. The provided the provided the provided the provided to provide the provided training to finance a new packet repealer for Mt. Bigelow, Pima Co. RACES members manned the Emergency Services Radio Van at recent County Fair. Among visitors was Byron Looney, K6FI SM of Santa Barbara, and Coordinator of Emergency Services to San Diego Sept. 5-7. See

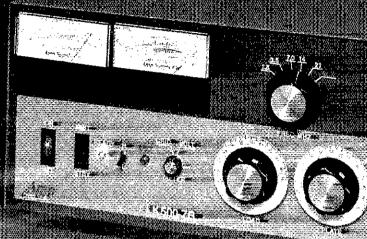
have KSLL, SWN Net Mgr. head the pack in November SS. Traffic: KATMUL 549, W7EP 110, KSLL, WBTCAG 80, KBTE 56, NSTC 55, W7LVB 46, KATHEV 29, W7GAQ 29, N7E IP 25, WATKEE 9, W7JUB 46, KATHEV 29, W7GAQ 29, N7E IP 25, WATKEE 9, W7JUB 46, KATHEV 29, W7GAQ 29, N7E IP 25, WATKEE 9, W7JUB 46, KATHEV 29, W7GAQ 29, N7E IP 25, WATKEE 9, W7JUB 48, WATKGE 8.

LOS ANGELES: SM, Bob Poole, AJ6F—ASM; K6IYK, SEC; AK6Y. STM: W6INH. ACC: KX7Q. QOC: K6BMG. IC WBQQPQ. Aprit and spring bring many public events and the Section troops were all over the section on 26 April: Southwestern ARES and URAC joined SEC AK6Y along with K6YMS, WAGJMT, KA6GSE, K8BOCD and KA6ZRG who covered the Southern area with the additional help of REACT led by NSNHF (thx N6KNO) while K6YMJ and crew were in the Westside/Marina area, VERA and ASM K6IYK handled Valley chores incely (thx K6IYK) while the W6FNO/R group in the San Gabriel-Pomona area attended to the efforts there (thx KA6ZOL). The FNO/R group, incidentally, had the City of Covina Centennial Parade well under control on April 12 as well as providing a total emergency public service count of 264 pieces of traffic via W6FNO/R. The LAACARC along with SCRAN, Hughes ARC, Northrop ARC and Downey AHC again, in spite of the busy season, are taking the responsibility of bringing Ham Radio to the Boy Scouts at the annual Camporee at the CSDH campus; N6BSA fides again In ARALB had the Queen Mary station on the air for the recent Hands Across America event; hundreds of ARES and other hams were on "HAND" for this gigantic event. Congratulations to the lolks who donated time and effort to yet another sellless Ham Radio effort. Numbers in the HAA event were too staggering to print here! The So. Cal. DX Club had a splendid turnout and a lot of fun at the Intil DX Convention in Visalia; yours truly was in attendance (and can personally vouch for the tim, Another recent convention found VHF ers in Fulleton exchanging notes and information; great job on the part of the Cordinator is W6K9CPC; Al Drings expertise to the

S. W6ORF 44, W6NKE 41.

ORANGE: SM, Joe H. Brown. W6UBQ— This my hirst year as Section (SM) The SM is elected for two years, I wish to thank you for your support. Programs we have been working on are the FCC Auxiliary. Technical Coordinator program. Amatter Padio Club Affiliation and, of course, the ever widening requirements and responsibilities of Public Service. Thru myolvement in ARES, RACES, NTS, CLUBS, YRAINING, RECRUTING and other organized activities. The many problems taking the Amateur Radio Service can be minimized. We need you! There are eight Section level appointers to help you make Amateur Radio a better and a more enjoyable Service (Hobby). They are listed as follows: Section Emergency Coordinator Jim Vamer AESN, PO Box 1452, Wnghtwood, CA 92397 (619-249-5523). Affiliated Club Coordinator Philip E. Bettencourt R6BFRW. 517 Sturgeon, Costa Mesa, CA 9256. Technical Coordinator, John Alan Lind KD7XG, 2194 Cortely St., Corona, CA 91720-4010 (714-77-78949). Official Observer Coordinator, Rajph Alexander W6RE, 12621 Red Hill, Tustin, CA 92880 (714-544-1974). Section Tratile Manager, Ernie Schultz WA6OCA, 315 33rd, St., New Port Beach, CA





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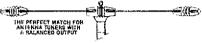


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SAN DIEGO: SM, Arthur R. Smith, W6INI—STM: N6GW. SEC: W6INI. PIO: KG6LF. TC: N6NR. Aug 15 is deadline for advanced registration for the 1986 National Convention. Sep-7-, in San Diego. Write SANDARC, POB 82642, San Diego CA 92/198 or phone in 19 192-279/18 for info. Packet was used in May 2 county earthquake drill with stations at SD County EOC. SD City EOC and SD Police ECC. N6LYX has been apptd ED for Tri-City Dist which covers north coastal SD County. Escendido ARES is working with city's disaster planning, 1986 club officers: OCWA K6OV Pres. KE6V8 VP. W6CSD Sec. WA6LGM Treas: Escondido ARS WA6IQV Pres. KE6V8 VP. W6CSD Sec. WA6LGM Treas: Escondido ARS WA6IQV Pres. KE6V8 VP. W6CSD Sec. WA6LGM Treas: Escondido ARS WA6IQV Pres. KE6V8 VP. W6CSD Sec. WA6LGM Treas: Escondido ARS WA6IQV Pres. KE6DQO VP. N7HAW Sec. N6LHR Treas. Upgrades: Extra N6ADK, N6CLO: Advanced N6ANS. W86EKO: General WA6JUS. ARES 150m net meets at 1100 each Sunday. Net Controls are WA6FVN. N6FBZ, KS6L, W6TET. Call Dept of Forestry has organized an air unit with volunteer pilots to assist in Red Flag patrols and other fire prevention tasks. Each plane will carry an Amateur Radio operator/observer. N County 1FC net met 29 times, handled 70 msqs. ARES CW held 4 sessions, 16 check-ins. Traffic: N6GW 45.

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SANTA BARBARA: SM, Byron Looney, K6FI—Whether you are enjoying Field Day as an outing, emergency exercise, PR event or contest, have a good one. Don't forget that message to the SM for 100 points. Marilyn Hains, N6LFL, is our newest EC, responsible for ARES activities in the Lompoc Area. Thanks for stepping forward, Marilyn. Special Olympics have become another opportunity for community service. Latest were at Vandenberg AF Base and Morro Bay. K8VD and KY6L were chels for SCN/SB barbecue. This Section Traffic Net eats as well as it handles traffic. WK6K's packet demo group did an outstanding job at the Estero Club Mary visitors from throughout the section. W6POE spoke at Poinsettra Club on good, common sense operating practices. Other clubs should consider programs like his by one of their knowledgeable old timers. Traffic: K6YD 39, N6HYM 28

WEST GULF DIVISION

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NORTHERN TEXAS: SM, Phil Clements, K5PC—Asst.
SM/ACC: NISV STM; AE5I, SGI: WSUZP. TC: WSLNL. PIO:
K5HGL. BM: W5QXK. RF! W55JBP. The big news from our
Section this month; the major communications emergency associated with the killer tornado in Sweetwater, on April 29th.
Nolan County EC, K45RGC, Taylor County EC, N5ANO, and
bistrict EC AE5I quickly went into action, establishing links
on live meters into several vital areas. The Roscoe 146.68
repeater was utilized for disaster site traffic, and the Abilene
146.70 machine was used to move traffic into the Abilene Red
Cross. The 146.82 Big Spring repeater moved traffic to Midland and on. On Sunday, April 30th, as the emergency phase
of the operation was declared under control, Nolan Co. EC
KA5RGC set up a health and wetlare net on forty meters. In
all, over 800 pieces of traffic were processed with over 400
pieces of tic. delivered into the disaster area by units of Nolan
and Taylor Co. ARES. Distinct EC AE5I worked as liaison to
the Abilene Red Cross Chapter, and reports a line job done
by all amateurs involved. SGL W5UXP was also on the scene
during the lirst hours of operation to lend a hand. More on
this as details come in. AE5I reports a good time had by all
at the annual 7290/TEX picnic at Kerrulle. W05GKH was
elected new TEX NM at the gen-together, K5EVI has been reelected find of the Di/FW IIc. Net at their annual meeting on
April 27th. Asst. NM's for D/FW are KA5KOF and KA5SPO.
hope the tornado season has calmed a bit by now. Time to
gear up for the hurricane season and its associated filooding
threat that can affect our Section. PSHR for April. AE5I
KASSPT KA5RGC W5VMP KB5UL, KSEVI.

KLAHOMA: SM, Dave Cox, NB5N—ASM: K5WG. SEC:
WSZTN. STM: KV5X. ACC: NJ5Y BM: W5AS. PIO: WD5ISB.

KSCAY 19. KX5W 8, KASWGS 8, NGSY 4.

SOUTHERN TEXAS: SM, Art Roses, WskR.—SEC: KASKRI.

STM: KSCEW. ASM: NSTC. ACC: KSSV. OOC: WA2V.IL.

ATC: NZSU. PIO: WASUZB. ORS WDSGKH elected Net Mgr
for TEX. Houston ECHO Soc. will conduct 5 FD exercises in
1995; all will be from Texas historical sites; including traditional
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as Amateur Radio coordinator glus WASGZX. KAS.VTZ.

NSIUC, KESGP. WSBKK, NSCRR and WDSJRD provided
communications for March of Dimes Walk America in northwest Harris County. The American Heart Assn Fun Run also
had Amateur Radio communications; Run Coordinator

WASGZX had help from WB5INB. N5CRR, WB5YVR, N5ALO, W5ATP, KA6JDT, WB5MUI, WASCXE, KF5FH, NV5B, ACSZ, K-5OFH, KD5GG, W5UDM, WASCAC, KASDAT, KA5VTZ, KA5WJB, N5IUC, WB7DYW, KD5YA, WA5F AND WB5FZ, KA5WJB, N5IUC, WB7DYW, KD5YA, WA5F AND WB5FZ, KA5WJB, N5IUC, WB7DYW, KD5YA, WA5F AND WB5FZ, KA5WJZ, K



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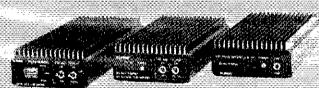


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	CW	250Hz	FL-53A	FL-63	Signal loss with FL-63 is 4d8 more than FL-32
	AM	5.2kHz		FL-33	PBT control is not effective when FL-33 is selected
IC-751	CW	500Hz	FL-52A	FL-32	Front panel switches select either one or both of these litters.
	CW	250Hz	FL-53A	FL-63	Front panel switches select either one or both of these filters. Signal loss with FL-63 is 4dB more than FL-32.
	AM	5.2kHz		FL-33	PBT control is not effective when FL-33 is selected.
IC-745	CW	500Hz	FL-52A	FL-45	FL-52A must be installed before FL-45 will operate
	CW	250Hz	FL-53A	FL-54	FL-53A must be installed before FL-54 will operate
	SSB	2.4kHz	FL-44A	Notab	High skirt selectivity SSB filter. Replaces standard ceramic filter.
IC-735	CW	500Hz		FL-32	
	CW	250Hz		FL-63	Signal loss with FL-63 is 4dfi more than FL-32.

* FL-32 is factory installed in IC-751A



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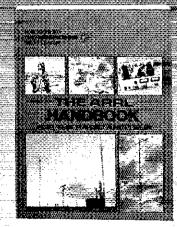


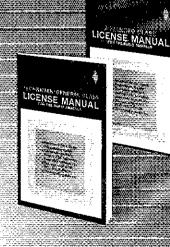
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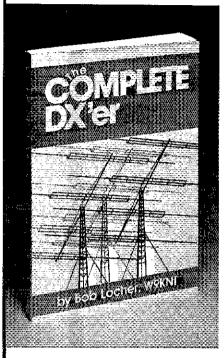
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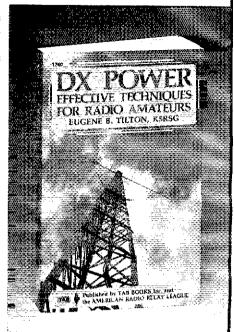
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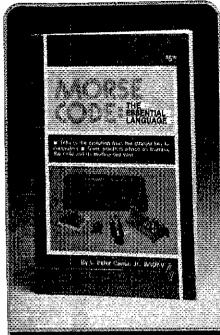


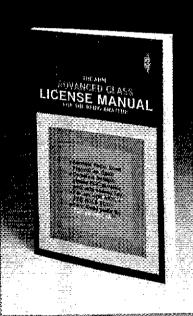
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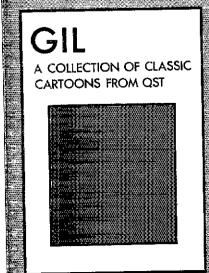
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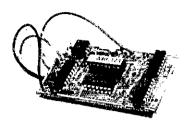
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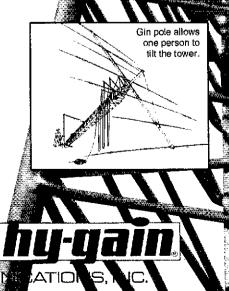
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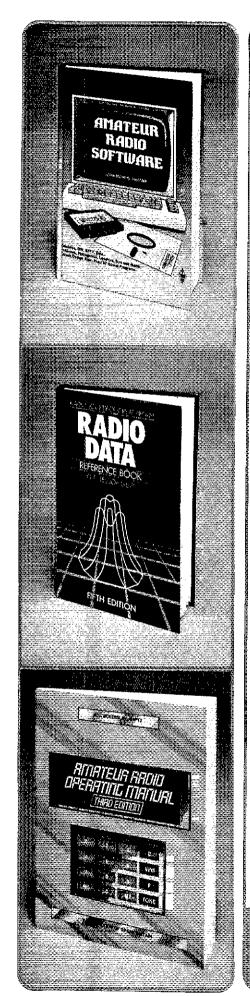
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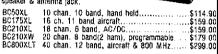
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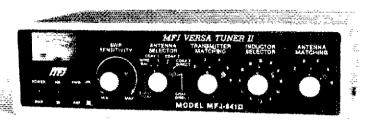
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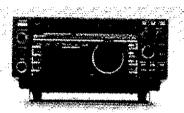
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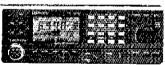
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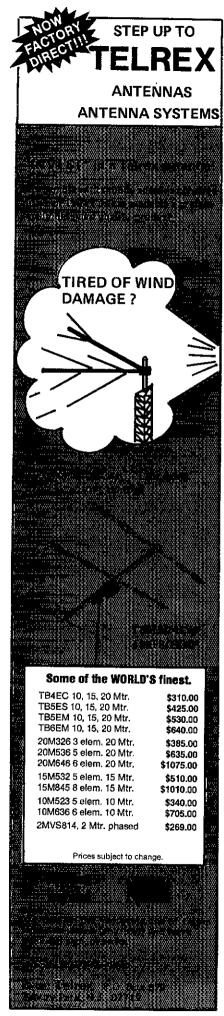
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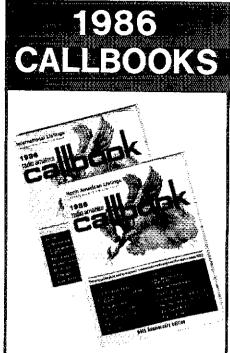
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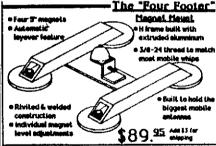
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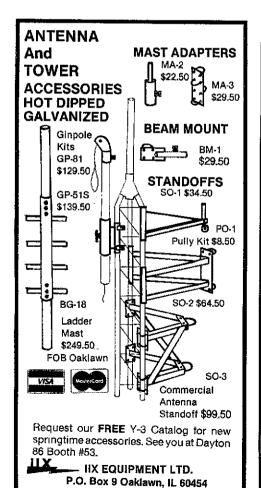


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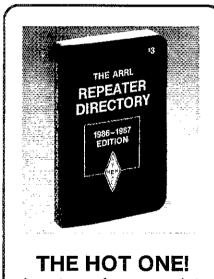


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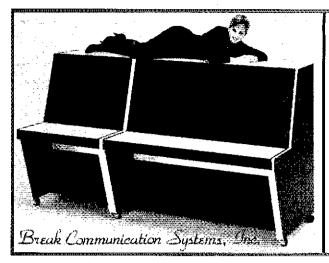
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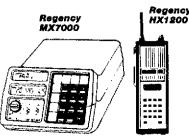
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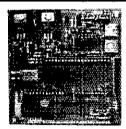
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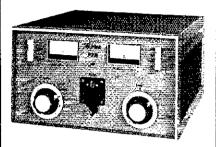
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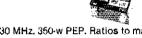
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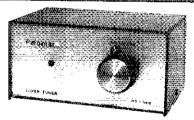
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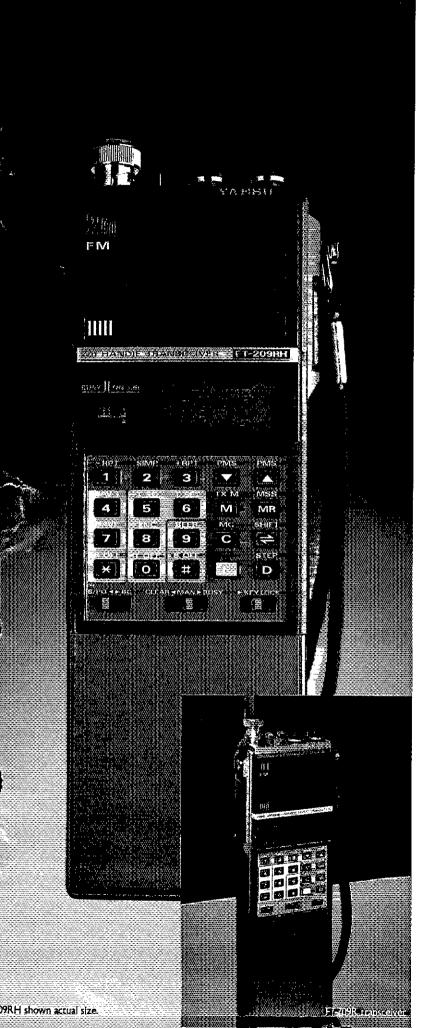
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