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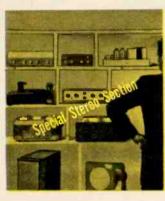
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Last month we brought you a report on eleven pickup cartridges designed to play stereo records. This month you'll learn all about the special tuners, preamps, amplifiers, converters and speakers that you'll need to complete a component stereo system.

Be sure to read the article on FM multiplex. You will be hearing more about this new method of free, off-the-air stereo broadcasts

fairly soon, and will want to use it.

This issue winds up the series on "How To Build A Safe Model Missile." In the future we will have information with our unique wiring guides on how to add electronic speed and height indicators and telemetering equipment to small rockets for further experiments. Many amateur rocketeers have become alarmed over the tendency of towns and cities to prohibit the firing of small rockets. Realizing the importance of this amateur activity to the production of future rocket scientists, the Department of Defense is now trying to interest many localities in building safe rocket launching facilities for the use of amateur rocketeers. Additional information on this can be obtained by writing to the Army Headquarters for your area, or to the Department of Defense in Washington, D. C.

Commander William R. Anderson, Captain of the atomicpowered submarine Nautilus, recently accomplished a feat that



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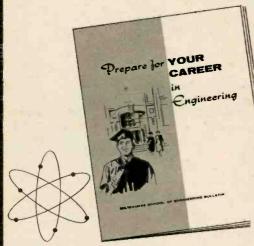
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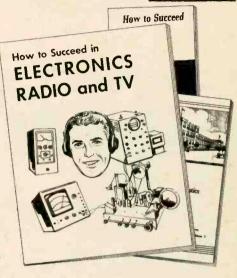
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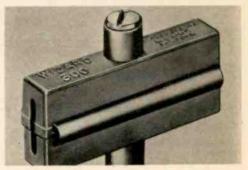
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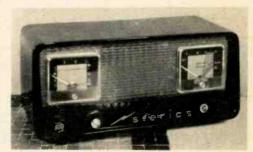
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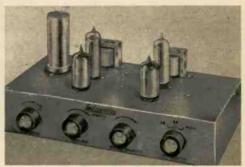
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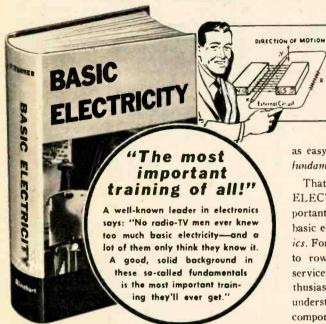
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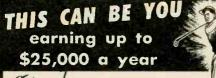
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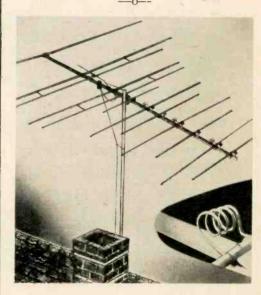
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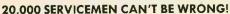
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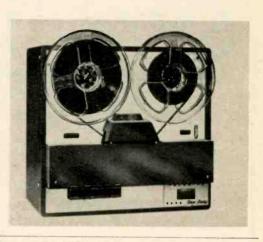
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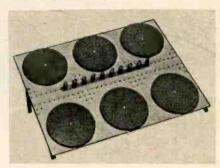
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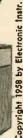
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Stereo Survey

By Norman Eisenberg You can convert to stereo or buy an all new stereo system—either way, here is what you will need.

STEREO, because of its realism and naturalness, promises to convert more people to quality audio in the home than monaural hi-fi ever did. As a matter of fact, stereo has become synonymous with hi-fi.

If you are interested in stereo hi-fi you will need some special equipment. But before you buy, you would probably like answers to the following questions: How does stereo equipment differ from monaural equipment? Should I buy stereo now, or wait? Should I buy stereo at all? Is the stereo component actually better for two channel listening than two monaural units? What's the purpose of all the new controls?

The rest of this article answers these questions.

Two full-range speaker systems are not needed for stereo, says Electro-Voice. The second speaker can be like their Stereon, a small mid- and high-range unit.

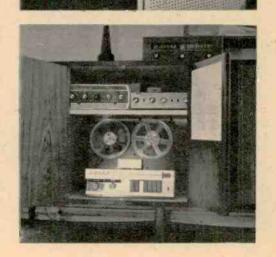




The above is not a typical stereo setup. The author is shown with but a portion of the components he tested for this article.

Stereo components need not take up much room. At the right is shown a complete stereo preamp-amplifier and record player which replace only twenty books on a shelf. Two speakers are elsewhere.

The complete tuner and tape system shown below right, uses two dissimilar preamps and amplifiers which may be balanced by using a stereo adapter like the one just above the author's hand in the top photo.





H. H. Scott Type 330C



Fisher Model 101-R



Harman Kardon TP-200



Lafayette KT-500



Heathkit PT-1

Stereo tuners with individual AM and FM. Two stations can be tuned in simultaneously.

Stereo Tuners

A stereo AM-FM tuner is, essentially, two tuners in one. AM and FM sections are built on the same chassis and use the same power supply, but they function independently. With such a tuner you can listen to AM only, FM only, or both at once. The both-at-once function permits tuning in stereo AM-FM broadcasts. Available in some areas, those broadcasts provide stereo of sorts.

The "of sorts" qualifies the set-up, of course. Listeners to broadcast stereo point out that the channel separation is nothing like what is available from good tapes and discs played at home. This appears to be true, using a stereo tuner or using an FM-only tuner and a self-contained AM receiver. Obviously, the tuner itself, good as it is, cannot furnish more than is sent to it by the broadcasters. And even the best AM lacks the wide-range, interference-free characteristics of average FM.

What with FM multiplexing coming in as a superior broadcast stereo medium (see story on page 44 of this issue), one may well speculate on how important a stereo AM-FM tuner is at all. The simple answer is that this type or unit—whether you use it on stereo or not—still furnishes you with two basic program sources, and if you feel you need them, then the stereo tuner is no less valid than the nonstereo AM-FM tuner.

At this writing, there are less than a dozen different makes of stereo tuners. As with any carefully designed AM tuner, the AM half of the stereo unit pulls in AM broadcasts with clarity and apparently wide response. However, in some circuit designs, AM sensitivity tends to be lowered if wideband response is sought; this fact often calls for a healthy length of outside antenna.

All of which means that the stereo AM-FM tuner is a two-in-one affair that

will allow you to tune in the limited AM-FM type stereo broadcast with extra convenience. The important question when judging one, is how good is it as an FM tuner, and as an AM tuner.

Proven performers include the \$199.95 Scott 330-C; the Madison Fielding 330 at \$149.95; the Lafavette KT-500, a kit for \$74.50, or the LT-50, the same unit wired and tested for \$114.50. More recent models worthy of serious consideration are the \$229.50 Fisher 101-R and the Harman Kardon TP-200 which at \$189.95 includes a built-in stereo preamp. A new stereo tuner kit by Heath, the PT-1 for \$89.95 is worth noting and Knight (Allied Radio) promises one soon. The lowest priced model is the ST-11, a kit by Arkay, at about \$50 it offers an interesting, if minimal, circuit.

Stereo Amplifiers

The stereo tuner may not be the answer to everyone's crying need, but the stereo amplifier is virtually a must for correct, convenient, and ultimately satisfying stereo operation. Many listeners (the author included) have concluded by now that using two monaural amplifiers for stereo discs or tapes (yes, and broadcasts too) omits a lot.

For one thing, there is the matter of stereo balance. Level controls on each channel are, of course, needed, but they're not enough; a master control for regulating overall level is handy, as is a control that can be used to favor one channel over the other. Differences in the two speaker systems as well as differences in the acoustical characteristics of various parts of the same room can be settled with a balance control.

There are other areas for variation in stereo. Differences in recording techniques as well as in listening tastes being what they are, a convenient means of reversing the relative positions in the room of channels 1 and 2, i.e., changing one channel from the left speaker to the right one and vice versa, is a definite

Combined stereo preamp-amplifiers. These can all be used in a conventional monaural system.



Eico HF 81



Pilot SM-244



Harman Kardon Model A-250



Bell Pacemaker Model 2221



Sargent-Rayment Model SR-17-17



H. H. Scott Type 299

advantage. A switch on the control panel saves you the job of changing the connections to your loudspeakers. Yet another chore is eliminated by a phase reversal switch. When connecting two speakers to stereo outputs, you have a fifty-fifty chance of connecting them in phase, so that they work together instead of against each other. A phase reversal switch enables you to correct the mistakes from the amplifier control panel instead of crawling behind the speakers again.

Aside from control convenience there are other points on which the stereo amplifier scores over two separate monaural amplifiers. Connecting the output from a stereo magnetic phono pickup

to two distinct chassis increases the likelihood of a hum loop, or even a shock hazard. Then too, stereo amplifiers can do tricks. The better stereo preamps for use with separate power amplifiers have provision for blending part of channel 1 and 2, without interfering with them, and combining the mixture for a third channel-for monaural listening in another room, or for 3-channel stereo. Also, some stereo amplifiers have provision for operating their power output sections in "cascade"; a dual 10-watt unit, for example, can be switched for use as a monaural 20-watt amplifier. This is of value to the owner who has not yet bought a second speaker.

We have been using the term ampli-

Typical stereo preamp control units with such unfamiliar controls as "balance" and "phase".



Madison Fielding Series 340

Knight Model KN-700



If two individual preamps are used it is convenient to use an "adapter" to balance them,

fier in its most general sense, implying all the while, of course, preamplifier and power amplifier. In terms of specific models available, the greater number produced to date are "integrated amplifiers" (also described as "all-in-one" or "single-chassis" or "complete" or "control" amplifiers). In such a unit the preamp and its controls as well as the power amplifier (for both channels) are all on the same chassis.

Alternately, the separate preamppower amplifier approach is represented
by a number of top-quality stereo preamp-only units which may be connected
to two separate power amplifiers or two
power amplifiers on one chassis. Yet
another variation, unique to stereo, is
the unit that contains a stereo preamp
with one built-on power amplifier. This
type needs an additional power amplifier for stereo.

All-in-one Stereo Amplifiers. Many of the first crop of lower-priced stereo all-in-one amplifiers, produced apparently in response to a big demand for low cost equipment that would enable people to play the new stereo discs immediately, provide most of the extras mentioned earlier, but omit some of the staples associated with hi-fi amplifiers. It is perhaps too early in the game to

generalize; changes in design, specifications, and price are going on even as this is being written.

Many of the all-in-one units do not furnish, for example, separate treble and bass controls on each channel. The use of a common or "tandem" control is, to be sure, convenient; it is also, obviously, an economy. But it assumes you will never want to compensate one channel a little differently than the other. As things stand now, there is good reason for using separate controls on each channel-because of dissimilarity of speaker characteristics. There is something quite frustrating about trying, for example, to bring up the treble on channel 1 only to find it causes channel 2 to become screechy.

Among the all-in-one stereo amplifiers, a few offer more controls and facilities than others. The Madison Fielding 320, for example, and the Scott 299 both provide separate tone controls on each channel. Additionally, the 320 features a novel channel balancing system and a very logical panel layout. The 299, on the other hand, includes channel and phase reversal, rumble and scratch filters, and phono pickup selectors. Less features are offered by such amplifiers as the Harman Kardon "Epic" A-250



Electro-Voice Stereon speaker system contains only mid- and high-frequency horns, supplies directive range of hi-fi sound.

and the Pilot SM-244, both of which provide for channel reversal, but use tone controls common to both channels. The Pilot's tone controls are calibrated for phono equalization; obviously once you set them for a particular playback curve they no longer function fully to compensate for speaker characteristics or room acoustics.

In another vein, the buyer should check to see that the mechanical layout is not so tight that the amplifier will eventually heat up excessively and cause premature breakdown. The Sargent-Rayment SR-17-17, for example, an integrated stereo amplifier with controls and 17 watts output on each channel, stands 5½ inches high. This unit shows evidence of careful conservative design, with plenty of room for its parts.

Stereo Preamplifiers. It is in the area of the separate preamp and power amplifiers that one finds an all-out, no-holds-barred approach to stereo. As might be expected, one finds higher prices too, but the extra cost buys you all the imaginable conveniences and extras of stereo control.

The roster of stereo preamps is impressive and appears to be growing weekly. The Pilot SP-215 at \$189.50,

the \$169.95 Scott 130, the Altec Lansing 445A at \$189 and the Fisher 400C at \$169.50 were among the first of the stereo preamp leaders. More recent is the model 340 by Madison Fielding. Each of these provides full stereo facilities and each has unique features for individual appeal; the Scott with its thorough flexibility and third-channel provisions; the Pilot with its two frontpanel meters for monitoring stereo recordings; the Altec Lansing with its extensive use of low-noise transistors; the Madison Fielding with its thirdchannel provision and two-channel mixing facilities for home recording; the Fisher with its simplified push-button control arrangement. The most expensive stereo preamp is the \$239.50 Fairchild 248; this consists, basically, of two monaural preamps and a stereo adaptor packaged as one big unit. A low priced stereo preamp, aside from kits, is the Grommes 208. At \$124.50 it offers most but not all of the features found in the others. The Leak stereo preamp appears to be well designed and solidly built but is usable only with Leak power preamplifiers.

Among kits, Eico, Arkay, Heath, Al-[Continued on page 96]

Ster<mark>eo</mark> Records: An Appraisal

How good is the sound on the new stereo records?

Much depends on the recording session techniques.

STEREO recording, like a new tool, works fine if it is used properly. From a purely mechanical point of view, the problem of packing two or more audio channels into a single record groove has been solved. But the acoustics of stereo recording are still largely unexplored and record makers must learn how to use them to best advantage.

At present, recording engineers are experimenting with various microphone setups and the results vary all the way from superb to just plain awful. Eventually, standards will be adopted for stereo recording, but before this is done it will be necessary to reconcile different ideas on just what makes good stereo sound.

The usual way of making stereo recordings is to space out two microphones in front of the orchestra, one on the left side, the





Symphonic recording often strives for threedimensional tonal perspective in depth. Here Columbia has placed mikes behind conductor and through rows of Philadelphia Orchestra all the way to percussion section at rear.

other on the right. This is called "A-B" recording, since the two microphones are usually designated by those letters.

The spacing of the microphones is critical and no general rules have been formulated as yet. The size of the orchestra, the type and instrumental texture of the music, and the acoustics of the recording studio or auditorium figure strongly. If the mikes are too close, the stereo effect is diminished and the various instruments are not clearly localized in space. If the distance between the microphones is too great, the left-right directionality is exaggerated and, instead of giving the feeling of solid sound spreading evenly between the two speakers, the music jumps back and forth between the speakers like a pingpong ball, with nothing in the middle.

The "hole in the middle" tends to rob the sound of the sonority and "body" that we might rightfully expect as one of the advantages of stereo.

Some record companies have recently found ways to plug up that sonic "hole

in the middle" between the two stereo speakers. They put a third microphone, called a "fill mike" midway between the spaced-out "A" and "B" microphones in front of the orchestra. The output from this centrally located mike is then fed as a weak addition into both stereo channels.

Some recording companies seem to sidestep musical fidelity and concentrate on achieving acoustic sensation. Left/right separation is exaggerated for its dramatic effect.

Sidney Frey, president of Audio Fidelity Records, makes no bones about it: "It's going to take more than just music—even good music beautifully reproduced—to sell stereo. The old ping-pong ball and the choo-choo demonstration record—'Listen, you'll hear it crash along from one side of the room to the other'—are going to clinch more stereo sales than the best symphonic recordings.

"Why? The customer is paying for two amplifiers and two speakers—not to mention a special cartridge and needle. He wants to be able to hear what these two channels can do.

Goddard Liberson, president of Columbia Records, came out clearly on the side of "truthful" music: "We pay an orchestra to play together," he said, "and we won't let our engineers pull it apart."

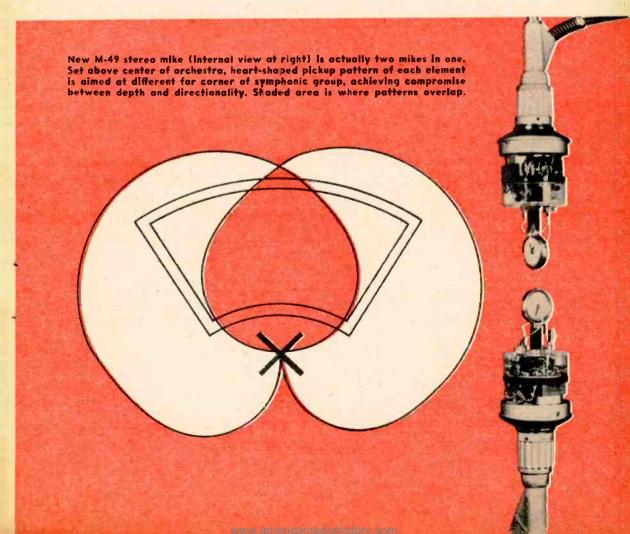
As a basic rule in buying stereo recordings, remember that the best stereo sounds very much like the best monaural, except that it has more depth and spaciousness. Don't be taken in by dramatic effects of the ping-pong technique.

Some critics of current stereo discs point out that A-B mike placement, even with the fill mike, emphasizes directionality at the expense of depth. They consider this musically incorrect. It is not necessary, they say, to localize the instruments because nobody really cares

just where the players sit. What should exist is a three-dimensional sense of tonal perspective that puts the woodwinds behind the strings, the brass behind the winds, and percussion behind the brass.

These ideas have prompted some European companies to experiment with so-called M/S stereo system in which microphones and speakers are oriented in depth rather than from side to side. But here the shoe is on the other foot because depth is gained at the expense of directionality and we still do not have full dimensional sound.

A compromise solution is a stereo technique now favored by several other European recording companies, notably E.M.I., which appears as Angel and Capitol in the American market. In this system, two microphones (called the [Continued on page 94]





Stereo on a Shoestring – 2

By Ernest Wayland

Convert the simple stereo amplifier described last month from headphone to loudspeaker operation.

LAST month we described a two-channel stereo amplifier and record player to use with headphones. In this article the amplifier is expanded for operating two loudspeakers, the basic player mechanism remaining unchanged. All that needs to be added are two power output circuits and two speakers. The instructions given here are detailed enough so the amplifier may be built to use with an existing phono without referring to the previous article.

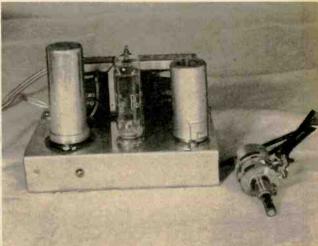
The stereo power amplifier is designed for operation with the Electro-Voice Model 66 stereo cartridge and two inexpensive speaker systems. The stereo speaker designed for El's first issue (May, 1958) worked out extremely well as one of the two speaker channels. Any of the small full-range systems will serve equally well in the other channel.

The new stereo loudspeaker amplifier is built on the same chassis used for the headphone version presented in our October issue. None of the expensive components are scrapped and additional parts should run about \$10.

The original dual triode circuit serves as the voltage amplifier to drive the new output stages. The output transformers fit comfortably on the chassis side by side if you followed the original layout.

Start the conversion by removing the 750 ohm resistor (R10). The ventilation holes which were drilled directly above it now





The additional parts visible on top of the amplifier chassis are two output transformers at left and the 50C5 output tubes, center. Right photo shows the dual control R11 and R12. On the chassis left to right are C3, V2, and V1.

serve for transformer mounting. Notice that only three bolts are used, the middle bolt holds one tab of each transformer and

a ground lug.

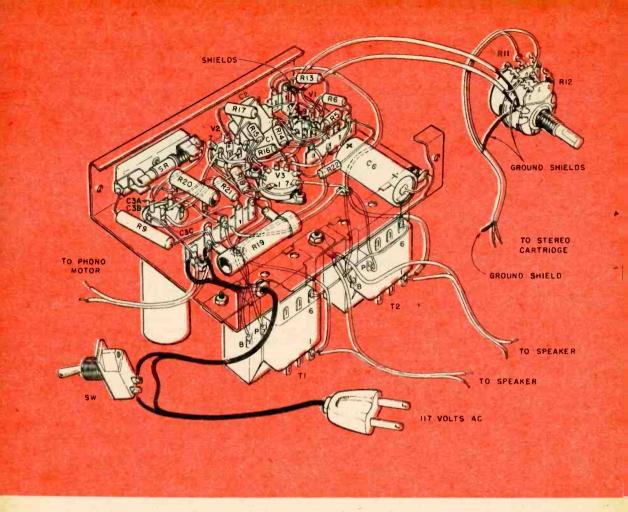
Before mounting the transformers, the tube socket holes are drilled and positioned on the chassis as shown. Two extra chassis holes are drilled on the plate lead side of the transformers to accommodate the B plate and feedback leads. It is good construction practice to insulate each chassis feed hole with a rubber grommet.

In addition to the removal of the filament dropping resistor, certain other wiring changes must be made and several components added. The filament of the 12AT7 is now wired in series with the 50C5's and the new 75 ohm 10 watt dropping resistor serves as a filament ballast. It's important that the filament ground return be made at the 12AT7 end of the series string

as shown in the schematic.

Power supply redesign was necessary both to reduce the hum level of the amplifier for use with speakers having a good bass response and to supply the extra current for the output tubes. The wattage ratings specified for the new power supply resistors were determined experimentally. All of them will heat up during use but they are operating within their ratings. The original triple-section can type capacitor and an additional 20 mfd. tubular are used for filtering. The 3-section pi-filter network keeps the hum down to the point where it is inaudible more than two feet away from the speaker cabinets.

The input stage of each channel was redesigned for best possible performance with the remainder of the circuit. The 4.7 megohm feedback loop and grid return resistors were all removed, as were the headphone leads and jack. The two 5.6 megohm feedback resistors are critical and 5 or 10% tolerance components should be used. These resistors serve a triple function; (1) They are the cartridge load resistors; (2) The



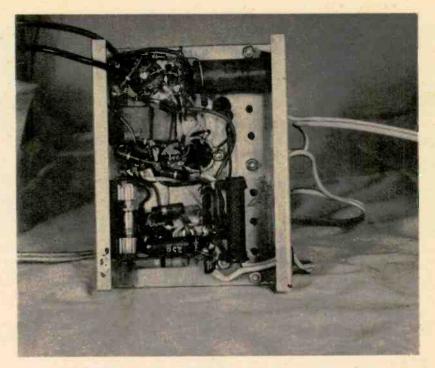
This guide will enable you to mount and wire in the new parts or to build the amplifier completely.

12AT7 grid bias resistors; and (3) provide the negative feedback from the secondary winding of the output transformer.

Make sure that the feedback loop is connected correctly. Note that on each transformer, one side of the secondary winding is ground and the other is connected to the feedback loop. If the phasing of the hookup is incorrect, one or both channels may squeal. In that case reverse the connections to the transformer secondary so that the lug that previously was grounded is now the feedback point. In the author's model, lug No. 6 on both transformers is grounded and lug 1 is the feedback connection. The speaker leads connect to the same terminals. Note that one side of both speaker lines is connected to the

chassis. Since the amplifier is AC-DC operated and may have a hot chassis, it is important to polarize the line plug to prevent chance of shock. See EI article "Play It Safe" (July, 1958) for the proper precautions.

A number of features available on the more expensive commercial stereo amplifiers have been omitted in this stripped down model. A volume control was considered necessary (it wasn't with the headphone model) and a 3 megohm unit was wired as shown in the schematic. The unconventional hookup used achieves a type of loudness compensation. That is, as the volume is turned down, bass boost is applied to achieve pleasant listening at low volume levels. The control itself may be two separate controls, ganged.

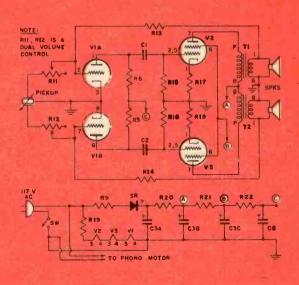


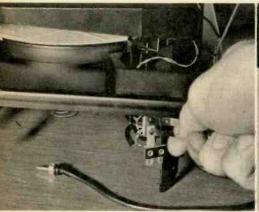
Underside view of the modified amplifier. Filter condenser C6, seen at upper right, and filament dropping resistor R19 lower right, are both new components.

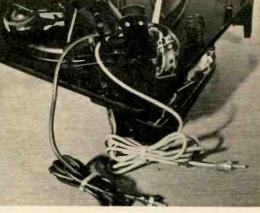
Both the schematic and parts list indicate old and new parts. On the schematic, all additional components are designated by figures printed in heavy type.

PARTS LIST

Old Parts R5, R6-100,000 ohm, 1/2 w. R9-33 ohm, 1 w. C1.C2-.1 mfd., 200 v. C3A,B,C-3-section electrolytic, all 40 mfd., 150 v. VI-12AX7 or 12AT7 Nine pin miniature tube socket Aluminum chassis-1"x4"x5" Switch-single pole single throw SR-Silicon diode rectifier (Audio Devices A750) New Parts RII, RI2-3 megohm dual potentiometer R13,R14-5.6 megohm, 1/2 w. RI5, RI6-470,000 ohm, 1/2 w. R17, R18-150 ohm, I w. R19-75 ohm, 10 w. R20-250 ohm, 5 w. R21-1500 ohm, 2 w. R22-4700 ohm, 1/2 w. C6-20 mfd., 150 v. V2, V3--50C5 tubes 2-seven pin miniature tube sockets TI,T2-Output transformers (Stancor A-3849)









First mount a two-terminal strip (one lug grounded) below the changer deck near where pickup leads emerge. Then solder inner conductor of a second audio cord to the insulated lug and its shield to the ground lug. A #30 lead from pickup's third terminal is twisted through arm onto insulated lug. Materials shown here come in conversion kits for the Glaser Steers changer,

Convert Your Record Player to Stereo

By Sid Norinsky

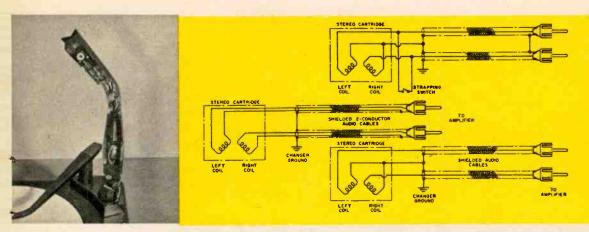
If YOU are converting an existing monaural system to stereo, your present record playing equipment can continue to serve you by means of a few simple modifications. These consist in the main of rewiring the tone arm for a stereo cartridge. Your record player, manual or automatic, should meet certain standards, however, if it is to deliver clean stereo sound. Later we'll describe a simple test you'll be able to run to determine its suitability.

Assuming for now that your record changer is suitable, you can go ahead and convert in about half an hour. Most manufacturers of record players and changers make conversion kits available. Some are shown here, Complete instructions accompany these kits.

If you use a three terminal stereo pickup you will use a three wire setup; for a four terminal pickup you may use either three or four wires. Three-wire stereo operation is satisfactory where the cartridge feeds a one-chassis stereo preamplifier. The common amplifier ground for both channels makes its susceptibility to hum pickup about the same as it is for ordinary monaural reproduction.

A four-wire hookup is the best approach where separate-chassis amplifiers are to be used. In the four wire connection, huminducing ground currents circulate only in the shields of the audio cords, and do not contribute to cartridge output by circulating in a common third wire.

For a four-wire hookup, double-conductor audio cable is required, and a four-lug (all insulated) terminal strip. One of the



If the stereo pickup cartridge you use has three prongs, the prong marked R is connected to the inner lead of one audio cord, that marked L to the inner lead of the other cord and the third prong goes to the ground shields. A 4-prong cartridge is wired as shown in center. On top is rumble test setup.

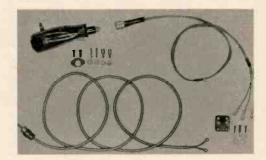
inner conductors in each cable is soldered to the shield at the phono plug end, where the cord plugs into the amplifier. Only the shields are soldered to a ground lug connected to the metal frame of the record changer.

Now comes the question that really takes precedence over the relatively easy matter of the conversion itself. Is your record changer suitable for stereo?

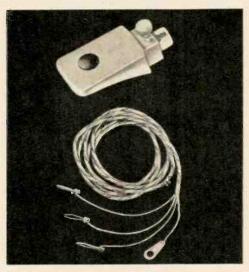
The first step in finding out is to obtain a stereo cartridge. You'll need it to carry out the simple test described below. Install the cartridge in your present record changer, make the stereo conversion, and plug the audio cables into your stereo amplifier-speaker system. You'll also need an LP "silent-groove" test record, which contains unmodulated grooves. Theoretically such grooves should produce perfect silence out of your loudspeakers. Components Corporation, D&R, Cook, and others offer such test records.

The basis of the record changer test is to determine how much rumble the turntable produces. Excessive rumble is due to worn motor bearings or cheap motor construction. Rumble is a serious cause of distortion with stereo records, because it contains a vertical motion component to which the stereo cartridge responds, just as it responds to the vertical components of the 45x45 groove modulations.

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This kit converts Garrard players to stereo.



Audax tone arms may be converted to sterea by using kit consisting of new cable and shell.



The Bogen Multiplex receiver is currently being used in commercial background music. It includes a single-frequency FM tuner and multiplex adaptor.

All About FM Multiplex

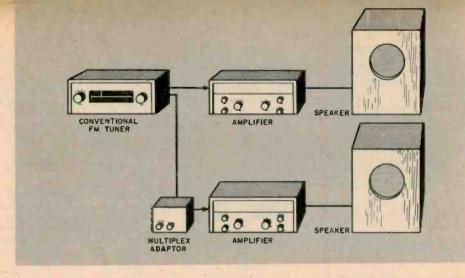
By Len Buckwalter
Associate Editor

The newest source of stereo sound, 2-channel FM, uses your present tuner with a plug-in adaptor.

JUST three years ago, in 1955, the Federal Communications Commission quietly triggered a chain of events now reverberating throughout the broadcast industry. Multiplex, a completely new concept in FM radio, is providing the answer to the problem of transmitting stereophonic sound to the home. Within a surprisingly short time this new medium will bring the audio enthusiast the depth and realism of stereo with a minimum of expense and equipment. Multiplex is now rising to the status of the stereo disc and tape recorder, with an extra bonus or two.

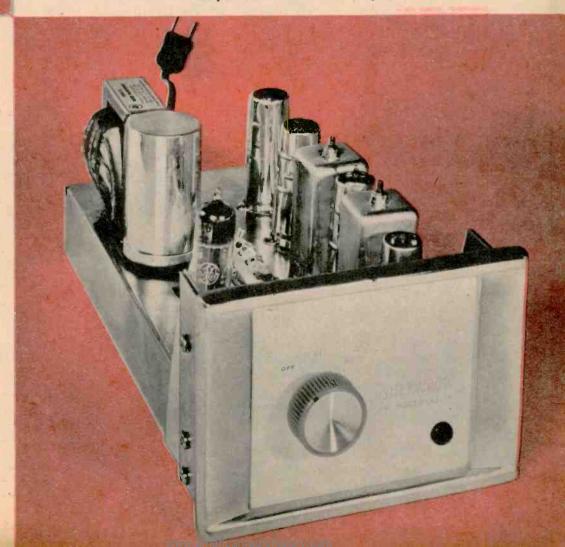
The April broadcasters' convention in Los Angeles devoted considerable emphasis to multiplex. Engineering papers and demonstrations proved conclusively that it is now ready for general use. The initial doubts expressed by many were dispelled when several Los Angeles stations transmitted high quality sound on the new system. As the number of FM stations acquiring these facilities increases, a fresh look at the origin and future of multiplex appears to be in order.

The birth of multiplex was sparked by a problem . . . a dilemma pervading all branches of radio today, namely a shortage of frequencies. There are simply too many services competing for



A typical set-up, in the home, for receiving multiplex programs. The FM tuner feeds amplifier in the usual way, while multiplex adaptor operates only on the sub-channel.

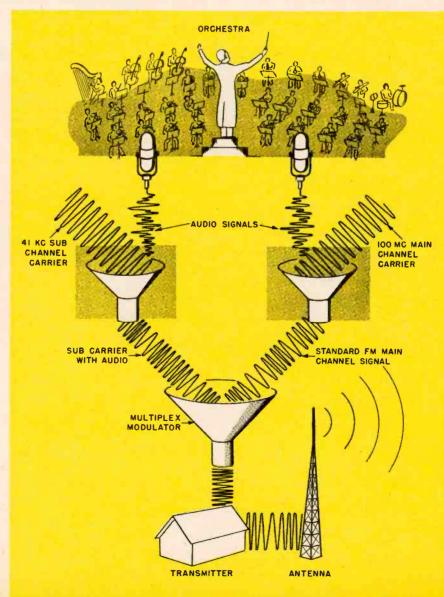
A prototype of the Sherwood multiplex adaptor with selectable sub-channels (41 and 67 kc). FM tuners are designed with room for an adaptor on the same chassis.

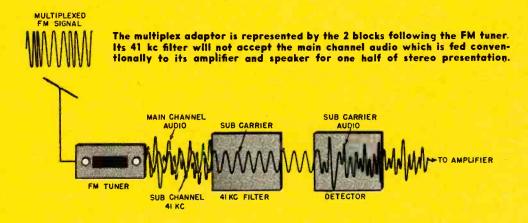




Multiplex jack is provided on the rear apron of most present day FM tuners (left jack of the pair at center). The adaptor picks off sub-channel signal at this point.

Creating the multiplex signal is mostly a process of superimposing one frequency upon another so they may be separated later on without undesirable "crosstalk."





too few allocations. For example, mobile radio now "splits" channels, TV ventures into the UHF region, and ham operators turn toward single side band. Each of these approaches serves to exploit the limited radio spectrum since the growth of communications during the post-war period has been phenomenal.

Multiplex, the word literally meaning "to interweave many" fits perfectly into

this crowded pattern.

If it were possible for FM stations to send out two separate programs on their single assigned frequency, the complete FM band could effectively be doubled in You would then hear twenty width. stations where only ten existed before. Not only would the original band remain the same, but each program would be a separate entity causing no interfer-This is the electronic ence to another. miracle of multiplex—a contribution pioneered by Major Edwin H. Armstrong and only recently updated to commercial reality.

The key to understanding how multiplex works is a rudimentary grasp of FM. The customary FM transmitter produces a carrier wave changing in step with the audio program source. The music and voice frequencies from 15 to 15,000 CPS are recovered from the carrier at the home receiver. In multiplex, the second program is interwoven with-

in this framework.

First, a carrier is supplied for it; one

that does not interfere with the normal channel. This new frequency is generated at 41,000 CPS. It is an ultrasonic tone appearing on the main carrier much in the same manner as the lower tones of voice or music, with one important difference—it cannot be heard. Even if the human ear could perceive such a tone, the FM receiver would deemphasize it anyway. In the parlance of multiplex, a "sub-channel" has been created that is completely compatible with existing systems. At this moment you may be listening to an FM station unaware of sub-channel transmission.

It is upon the new carrier that the second program, perhaps the second channel of a stereophonic broadcast, is impressed. The audio tones are not heard in the home receiver since they occur only as small frequency changes of the 41,000 CPS. They can be recovered only by a special receiver or

adaptor added to the set.

Next in the multiplex chain is the receiver. It is actually two receivers in one, to detect the main and sub-channels. The first portion is quite similar to a conventional FM set. At the detector stage appear the main and sub-channel with audio and ultrasonic tone. Here a separation occurs; main channel audio goes to an amplifier and speaker, the sub-channel goes to the multiplex adaptor.

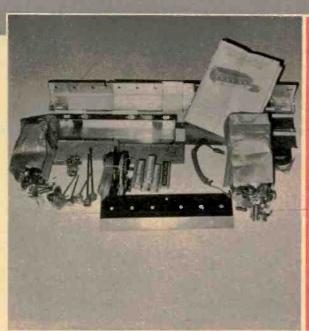
This adaptor, due to a filtering [Continued on page 90]

EI assembles a

Stereo Preamplifier Kit

The Heath 3-chassis SP-2 preamp has many advanced features. We built it for this special report.





Both preamps are adjusted at the front panel by concentric knobs that may be adjusted individually, or work in unison.

The major parts furnished with kit are shown here. Construction time by the author, about 23 hours. Cost of kit \$56.95.

THE introduction of the single groove stereophonic disc caused an uproar of activity among the high fidelity component manufacturers. New stereo models of everything from cartridges to speakers were rushed from the drawing board to the production line in an effort to be "firstest with the latest." And often the performance and features of the new stop-gap stereo products reflected the haste in design.

Amidst this stereo uproar, what are the hi-fi kit manufacturers doing? Do kit stereo units measure up to the factory wired products? That's the big question ELECTRONICS ILLUS-

TRATED set out to answer for you.

We checked with a number of manufacturers and came up with a pre-production sample of the Heath stereo-preamp kit SP-2. Unpacking the stereo kit is a startling experience. Heath seems to be playing double-or-nothing with the components. Bags of resistors, boxes of switches and bunches of wire overflow out of the carton.

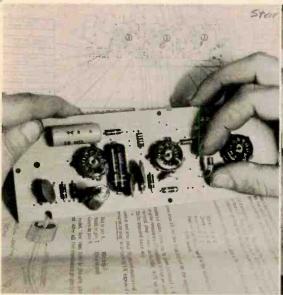
The 27 separate controls (6 switches, 21 potentiometers), 41 capacitors and 60 resistors are justified by the two complete preamps with special stereo switching and a built-in power supply

that make up the SP-20.

The construction manual is a model of clarity, all 72 pages of it. In the usual comprehensive Heath manner, distortion and response curves are given for all functions, outputs and controls. Two pages are devoted to soldering instructions and old hands at the kit construction game may want to skip them. Don't—those two pages are as valuable a primer of soldering technique as you can find anywhere.

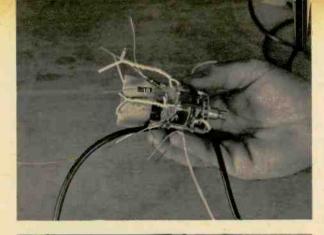
Total construction time is reduced considerably through use of printed circuit boards. Lower left shows resistor inserted into holes before soldering.

At the underside of printed board, lower right, component wires are soldered to the foil. Iron is applied quickly since excess heat causes foil to peel.





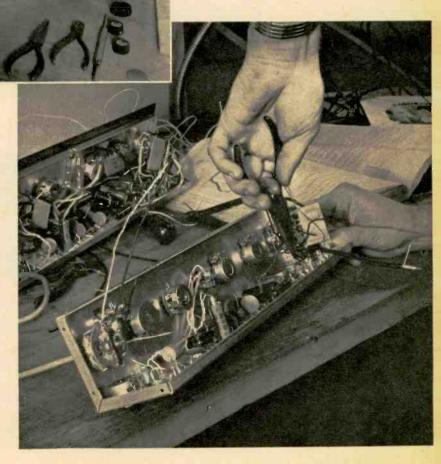
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To avoid wiring in fight corners of the chassis, components are soldered on function switches before mounting.

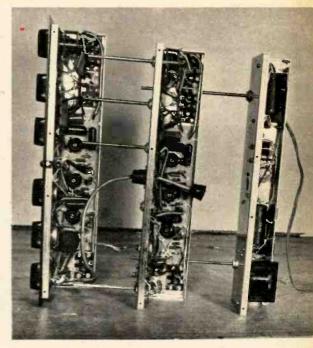
During early stages of construction, controls and tube sockets are mounted on rear of front panel and chassis.

The second preamp, seen in front of the first, nears completion. The two units have almost identical circuits.





The power supply is the final section to be wired. It is assembled on a separate chassis.



The two preamps and power supply. All the long shafts terminate in front panel knobs.

Heath makes the point that the best way to solder printed wiring boards is "touch and go." It was found best to have a small blob of solder on the tip of the iron when applying it to any printed board connection. This insures rapid heat transfer. The iron, by the way, should be one of the high heat pencil types. The closeness of the connections on the printed circuit board make a small tip necessary.

Exercise extra care when soldering any lug or terminal with three or more wires connected to it. These multiwire solder points are a favorite spot for rosin joints to crop up.

The construction book your reviewer used was still in page proof form and, not surprisingly, errors and misprints were found. These have been referred back to Heath for correction and will not appear in your copy of the manual. Construction is divided into several steps. There are five or six connections to be made in small corners but in general only minor wiring difficulties were experienced.

The two preamp sections are similar, but not identical, in construction and wiring. The printed circuit boards, however, do have the same component layout and it would probably save time and minimize error to assemble the components on both boards simultaneously.

Wiring time for the first preamp section ran about 10 hours, the second preamp—8 hours. The two hour difference was due both to the experience gained on the first unit and the slightly simpler hookup of the second.

The third unit to be wired deserves special mention. Heath calls it a Remote Stereo-Balance Control. It's a neatly packaged control at the end of a twenty-foot cable that plugs into the rear of the preamp. Its use is optional, but if desired, your stereo channels can now be balanced from almost anywhere in your listening room. This feature, to the best of your reviewer's knowledge, is exclusive with Heath.

The fourth and last unit to be wired is the power supply that serves both [Continued on page 92]

Shelves for Your Hi-Fi

Good sound and good styling are not incompatible.

Here's a hi-fi setup pleasing to both eye and ear.

VERY small amounts of time and money are all you need for building a practical place for hi-fi components, which will

also be an attractive addition to any room.

The shelves pictured here began with metal standards and brackets, available at any hardware store. These aluminum finish standards cost 20 cents a foot, 10-inch brackets 50 cents each. Other finishes are available at higher prices. Brackets come in varying sizes from 8 to 18 inches. For components it's best to use the narrowest possible consistent with the dimensions of the unit, since wider brackets have a greater moment of force and a greater tendency to break.

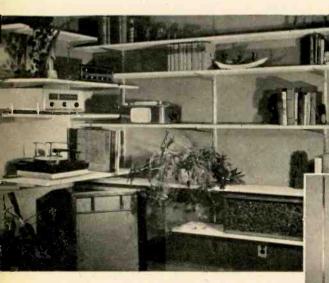
The first step in hanging your shelves is to locate the studs in your wall. On an outside wall they should be exactly 16 inches apart; up to 20 inches apart on an inside wall. A stud finder is recommended for this job. This is a compass needle which swings around to point to metal and will indicate where the nails, and thus the stud, are located. The standards are then fastened to the wall by screwing them into the studs, next the

brackets are fastened to the standards, as pictured.

For the shelves themselves common pine, costing about 20 cents a square foot is a good economical choice, if you can find pieces without too many knots. Select lumber runs about twice that. Stain or finish the boards to blend with your room and enjoy

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good looks along with good listening.



Components are installed on the finished shelves with heavier units at the bottom.

Where heavy loads are to be supported standards should be no more than one stud apart. For lighter loads a two-stud separation will do. You can be sure the standards will hang straight if you fasten the top screws in first. With standards secure you can install the brackets (below right) at any level you desire. These can be easily altered at a later date if you wish to change the arrangement or even add more shelves.

For Stereophiles Only

ANYONE going in for stereo in a really big way of course wants to know everything there is to know about it. And, just as naturally, the manufacturers of stereo equipment are most anxious to oblige, by providing information on stereo in general, and their equipment in particular. Listed here is the literature available to you, our readers, at little or no cost. For your convenience we have divided this descriptive material into two categories: booklets about stereo in general, how it works and how it can work best for you; and catalogs describing specific equipment available from individual manufacturers.

BOOKLETS

STEREO FACT BULLETIN
4 page booklet explaining the fundamental principles of stereo sound reproduction. No charge.

Allied Radio Corp., Dep't. El 180 N. Western Ave., Chicago 80, Ill.

UNDERSTANDING HIGH FIDELITY— STEREO EDITION

A detailed, thorough explanation of stereophonic sound, complete with diagrams. 25 cents.

David Bogen Company, Dep't. EI
P. O. Box 500, Paramus, N. J.

HOW TO CHOOSE & PLACE STEREO EQUIPMENT FOR THE HOME

An illustrated brochure of stereo set-ups to suit individual rooms, plus general rules on arranging stereo equipment. 50 cents.

Electro-Voice, Inc., Dep't. El Buchanan, Mich.

STEREO—THE EASY WAY. BOOKLET K A simplified explanation of the basic facts of stereophonic sound. No charge. Fairchild Recording Equipment Co., Dep't. EI 10-40 45th Ave., Long Island City 1, N. Y.

HOW TO ASSEMBLE A STEREO SYSTEM 8 page booklet on how to convert a monaural system to stereo, and how to set up a complete stereo system with the company's equipment. No charge.

H. H. Scott, Dep't. El

111 Powdermill Road, Maynard, Mass.

IT TAKES TWO TO STEREO

12 page illustrated brochure describing how stereo records are recorded and reproduced, and how to convert a monaural system. No charge. Pickering and Company, Dep't. SB

Sunnyside Boulevard, Plainview, N. Y.

STEREO FIDELITY FOR YOUR HOME A booklet about the fundamentals of stereo, and how to achieve stereo hi-fidelity. No charge. Pilot Radio Corp., Dep't. EI 37-06 26th St., Long Island City 1, N. Y.

CATALOGS

STEREO EQUIPMENT FROM AMPEX Individual brochures, illustrated in color, on all stereo components available. Ampex Audio Inc., Dep't. El 1020 Kifer Road, Sunnyvale, Calif.

CERAMIC STEREO CARTRIDGES
Technical data sheets, including diagrams, describing available cartridges.
Astatic Corp., Dep't. El
Conneaut, Ohio

BELL HAS IT
Illustrated booklet describing available stereo
equipment.
Bell Sound Systems, Inc., Dep't. El
Columbus 7, Ohio

STEREO EQUIPMENT
Illustrated flyers on the Gyro/Jewel stereo cartridge and the Gyro/Balance arm.
Electro-Sonic Labs, Inc., Dep't. EI
35-54 36th St., Long Island City 6, N. Y.

THE FISHER STEREOPHONIC—1959
Brochure of equipment, illustrated in color.
Fisher Radio Corp., Dep't. EI
21-21 44th Drive, Long Island City 1, N. Y.

STEREO FROM HARMAN-KARDON
Descriptive material on stereo tuners, amplifiers
and multiplex adaptors.
Harman-Kardon, Dep't. EI
520 Main St., Westbury, N. Y.

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Hi-Fi Clinic

Send in your questions on hi-fi. The clinic will answer any query on how to repair, how to install, or how to listen.

Pickup Distortion

My hi-fi system does not reproduce music at the upper end of the scale clearly. On records where the brass section is prominent, a "tinny" sound is produced along with the normal tones. It sounds similar to listening to a radio that is tuned slightly off the station. Also, I notice that adjustment of the treble control influences this sound to a large degree. Please advise me on this matter.

W. Krapcho, Chatham, N. J. Although almost any component in your system might be the cause, the most common source is the cartridge or stylus. First, be certain that the stylus is centered properly in the cartridge. Also check for wear and correct pressure.

Eliminating Hum

I have tried to put an extension cord on the microphone used with my tape recorder. When the plug is inserted into the jack on the recorder, a loud hum is heard. Could you tell me the reason for this?

Richard Armenteros, Downey, Calif. Hum of this kind is usually caused by an improper or open shield on the microphone cable, especially for high impedance types such as crystal. Check if the shield on the microphone cable joins the shield of the extension cord.

Long leads on crystal microphones are susceptible to hum pickup and high frequency loss. However, for runs of up to 20 or 30 feet, no particular difficulty should be encountered if good shielding is used.

Transistor Schematics

I have a portable tape recorder and would like to use a small, simple transistor amplifier with it. It should be able to operate a 2½-inch speaker. Can you supply a diagram for it?

Mike Lambert, Arlington Heights, Ill. At present, ELECTRONICS ILLUS-TRATED does not maintain a diagram service. However, construction articles on transistorized amplifiers will appear in future issues. Booklets on transistor application are available from Raytheon, Sylvania, RCA, GE, Motorola, and other large producers with a number of schematics that would fulfill your immediate requirements.

Feedback

I recently set up my hi-fi rig after moving to a new location and something very odd is occuring with the new arrangement. I can't turn the volume control of the amplifier beyond a certain point without the speaker sort of "roaring" at me. This only happens when I'm playing the phonograph, not the tuner. What's your guess as to what's wrong?

Tom Bell, Atlanta, Ga.

What you're experiencing is probably a bad case of acoustic feedback from your phono cartridge to the speaker. Vibrations from the speaker cabinet in this set-up are transmitted directly back to the stylus. Either the speaker is physically too close to the turntable, or your turntable is mounted on something that is resonating to the louder passages reproduced by the speaker. The cure is to reposition your speaker and turntable so the same acoustic path no longer exists.



November, 1958



By John L. Springer

America's lunar probes gather data essential for space travel, and here is how it's done-

THE big four-stage Thor-Able I blasts off from its flame-filled launching pad at Cape Canaveral. Almost hesitantly at first it rises, a stream of flame and smoke spewing from its tail. It pierces the sky with growing fury at speeds up to 20,000 miles per hour. Minutes later it is through the clouds and beyond sight.

Now we wait. Two days and 14½ hours after the tense moment on the launching platform, the rocket's toroid-shaped instrument package reaches its destination, the moon's gravitational field—the first step of our amazing conquest of a body in

outer space.

Unlike Columbus and other adventurers, modern-day explorers are not human, but electronic marvels of breathtaking daring and ingenuity. For "shooting the moon," like man's earlier successes in rocketry and satellites, would be impossible without the knowledge and practical application of the electronics scientist. Hundreds of amazing electronic devices are needed to make this feat possible. Most are in the top secret category and many were mere dreams of their designers only months ago.



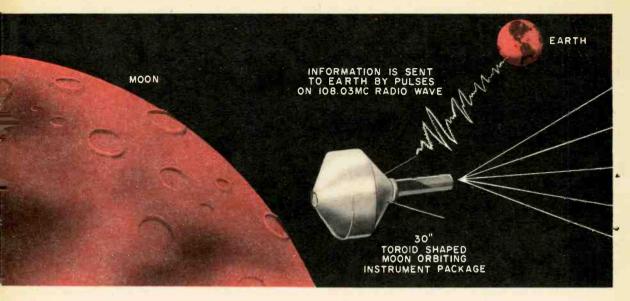


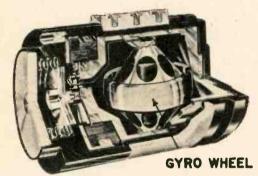


Thor-Able I, the Air Force's lunar probe, stands ready (right) to deliver its 85 lb. instrument package to moon's vicinity. At left, 60 feet of spider web-like antenna for automatic telemetry tracking, towers over man on 7-story tall base.

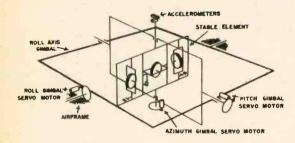
Complex telemetry racks for rocket firing, guldance and data gathering get serviced and modified almost constantly to avoid hitches when the chips are down.







Honeywell



Aviation Week

Heart of inertial guidance is spinning gyro, a stable reference regardless of conditions and in all planes, as shown in diagram. Gyro pictured in cutaway is only 2.7", ½ lb. System using gyro, computer, accelerometers, helps rocket remember starting point, destination.

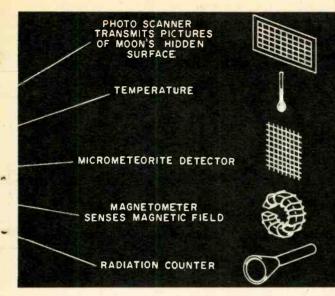
The lunar probe vehicle itself stands 88 feet high. The first stage, the standard USAF Thor, weighs over 100,000 pounds and delivers an initial thrust of 150,000 pounds. The "Able" addition adds eight spin rockets.

The earth, being itself a body in space orbiting around the sun and spinning on its own axis, is a rather unstable platform for shooting the moon, but the only platform we have. Sending the moon rocket off in the right direction is of the utmost importance, just as important as keeping it on course in outer space. Therefore the moon rocket requires two guidance systems—one to direct it out of the earth's atmosphere and gravitational pull, and one to guide it across outer space.

The first is an inertial guidance system like that of our ICBMs. Using this system the rocket directs its own course. The second guidance control method involves navigating the rocket electronically from the earth.

The inertial guidance system, once a highly hush-hush item, employs some of the most complex instrument packages that have yet come out of the the electronics lab. It is an electroelectronic-mechanical arrangement designed with the utmost precision.

Inertial guidance, as applied to rockets and missiles, is invulnerable to enemy jamming, independent of ground



Telemetering the moon shot enables earth-bound scientists to receive and interpret new and important data that will eventually permit interplanetary travel by humans. Conditions in outer space and the moon's gravitational field such as temperature, cosmic radiation, magnetic fields are encoded into one radio signal which is transmitted back to earth at 108.03 mc. Widely scattered receiving stations record the signal, then decipher it by measuring frequency, spacing and length of pulses much as a detector in your television set separates audio and visual signals, horizontal and vertical pulses, etc. A separate transmitter for each of the satellite's telemetering instruments is therefore not required.

facilities and does not emit radiation which can be detected by an enemy. It is designed to operate in all temperatures, through shock and vibration.

Such a system employs accelerometers that instantly sense and measure any change of direction or speed and warn the remainder of the system when the rocket veers off course even slightly. But the heart of every known inertial guidance system is the gyro. The gyro maintains a stable platform for the accelerometers while an electronic computer calculates positions in 1,000th of a second and immediately signals other mechanisms that must make certain adjustments to keep the rocket on course.

The second guidance control for the moon-bound rocket involves the use of radio. Telemetering equipment in the rocket beeps its data into space and these radio signals are picked up here on earth, fed into a control center computer which calculates the rocket's exact speed and relationship to the moon. Signals are then transmitted from earth to direct the rocket.

On the way toward the moon's gravitational field, the rocket's most urgent job is the measuring and recording of cosmic rays in outer space beyond the orbits of present earth satellites. The first United States and Russian satellites found that intense radiation about 500 miles up literally choked the Geiger

counters sent along to check it.

Other devices in the rocket's 30 pound moon-orbiting instrument package are designed to measure temperatures, solar rays, gases, the impact of micrometeorites and the strength of magnetic fields in interplanetary space. Most of the instruments are geared to run on batteries recharged by the sun and the data gathered will be broadcast back to earth at 108.03 mc. The toroid-shaped moon satellite resembles a 30-inch angular mushroom.

Widely scattered stations have been set up to track the lunar probes. They are located at: USAF Missile Test Center in Florida; Millstone Mountain, New Hampshire, operated by MIT's Lincoln Laboratories; Manchester, England, site of the world's largest radio telescope; Singapore on the Malay Peninsula; and Hilo, Hawaii. Information gathered at these locations is recorded on magnetic tape and relayed to the Air Research and Development data reduction center in Inglewood, Calif.

Scientists have always wondered what's on the side of the moon that always faces away from the earth and has never been seen by man. The moon's hidden side, roughly 40 percent of its total surface, may be explored by a TV-like scanning device using infrared light. When the strange vehicle con[Continued on page 104]

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how to build a safe rocket-part 4

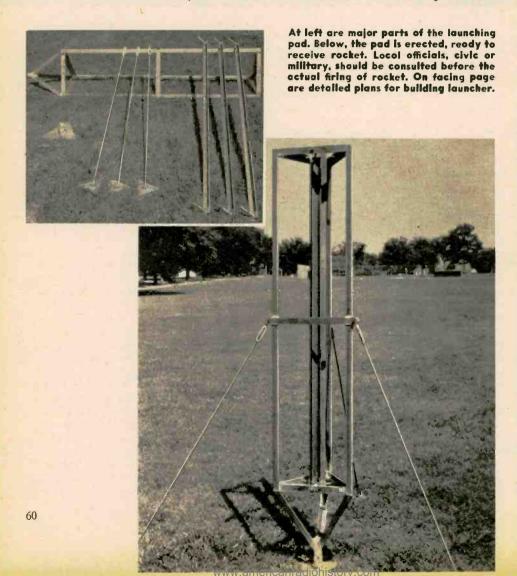
A Launching Pad

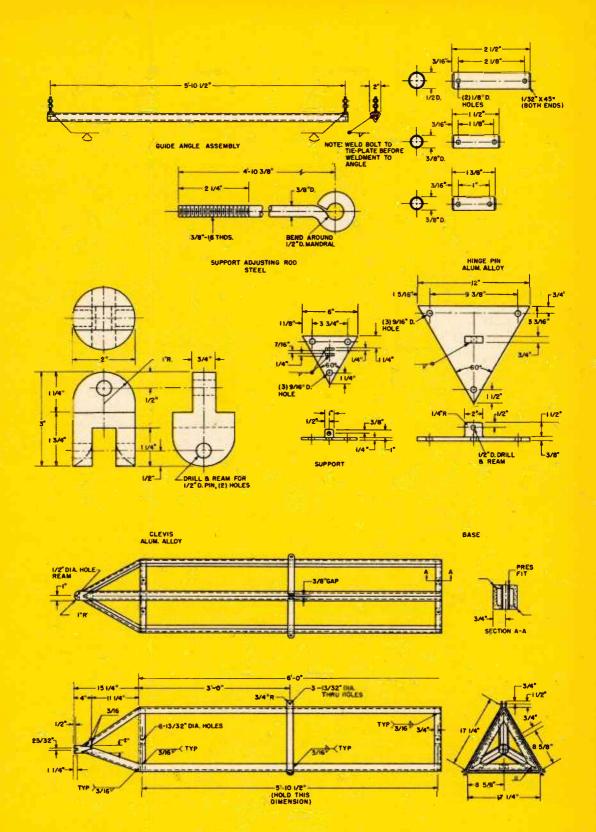
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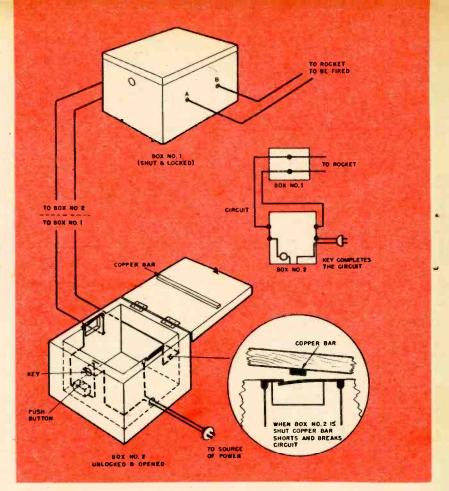
Corps of Engineers, U.S. Army Chairman of the Advisory Committee for Missile & Rocket Amateurs National Capital Section, American Rocket Society

In THE July issue we discussed the safety rules and plans for a safe model rocket, in September it was how to fuel your model rocket, in the October issue it was how to test your rocket, and now we shall discuss the launching pad for your rocket.

If you haven't already, it is imperative that you now look up the rules and laws of your community regarding the firing of rockets and OBEY THEM. Check with the Chief of Police, the Fire Marshal, the local Civil Aeronautical Authority and the







The Firing Circuit shown here is the most important piece of safety equipment and must be built according to diagram and instructions.

agency that your local authorities have asked to coordinate the local amateur rocket clubs, groups or societies.

Nine times out of ten you will find that once you have checked in with the authorities mentioned above that the answer is NO, you can't fire your rocket in this community or surrounding area.

The question that confronts you now is what to do. Let us stop for a minute or two and look at this problem from a few different angles. Depending on your ability and knowledge, your rocket, once launched, might travel as high as 2000 feet and that far again from your launcher. Remember, 2000 feet is four times-as high as the Washington Monument. Then again, your rocket might explode and burn on the launcher or explode just after launching.

But let us assume that your rocket leaves the launcher with a great deal of thrust. What control do you have over the rocket? Why, none. What direction will it travel? You hope in the direction that it was pointed but you can't be sure. What will happen if the rocket is still burning when it lands? Depending upon the remaining thrust the rocket will scoot about on the ground obeying Newton's second law of motion. Where will it land? Even the experts couldn't tell you. What happens if your rocket lands in a hay stack or in a large vacant lot overgrown with grass that is now dry? A blazing inferno is the answer.

We advise that you:

- 1. Join a recognized and qualified rocket club.
- 2. Have representatives of all qualified clubs in the same area get together.
- 3. Write to the Department of Defense, Washington, D. C., and request a copy of directive DOD 5410.9.

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Your set's model and serial number are on rear cover. Tube layout sheet is inside cabinet.

Fix Your TV Set

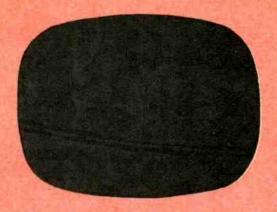
By Lawrence Herrick
Find faulty TV tubes with the El Picture Chart—
a key to localizing most of your TV set trouble.

ONE of the first rules for rapid repair of any electronic equipment is to localize the trouble. This procedure is simplified in the case of TV receivers since most of the time the symptom will appear on the picture tube. Then, with the aid of the chart accompanying this article, the defective tube may be located and replaced.

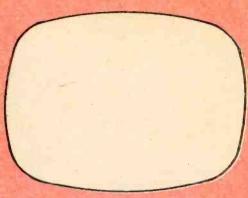
Some symptoms are perfectly obvious—for instance, a loss of height, width, or both; dark screen, etc. Other symptoms are more subtle and can best be detected when a test pattern is on the screen. If the symptoms fall into this category, that is, if an inspection of the picture doesn't permit you to determine just what is wrong, postpone operations until you have a little spare time some morning to check reception with a test pattern coming in.

Tubes are listed in the chart according to function, not tube type. Before you can make the substitutions indicated in the chart, you must know which tubes in your set are performing the functions listed in the chart. To determine the function of any tube in your receiver, do the following;

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DARK SCREEN, NO SOUND: low voltage rectifier. If series set, any open filament. If sound OK, hi-v. rect., damper, horiz. output, oscillator.



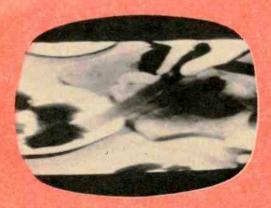
NO PICTURE, NO SOUND, RASTER OK; RF amp., HF osc., mixer, video IF, amp., or detector. If sound normal, check video amp., video detector.



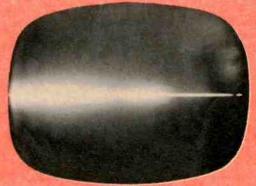
WEAK PICTURE WITH SNOW; RF amp., AGC. If picture is weak with no snow, check HF oscillator, mixer, video IF, video detector, video amp.



INSUFFICIENT WIDTH; horizontal output, damper, low voltage rectifier, horizontal oscillator.



INSUFFICIENT HEIGHT; vertical output or osc.



HORIZONTAL LINE, NO RASTER; vertical output, vertical oscillator.



SMALL PICTURE, INSUFFICIENT HEIGHT AND WIDTH; Low voltage sect., damper, horiz. output.



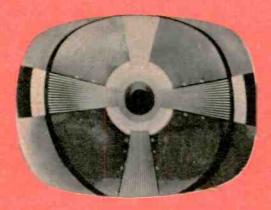
LOSS OF VERTICAL SYNCH; vertical oscillator.



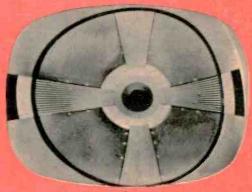
LOSS OF HORIZONTAL SYNCH; horiz, osc., AFC.



HORIZONTAL PULLING; RF amp., video IF amp., video detector, video amp., horizontal osc., AFC, synch separator, synch amp.



VERTICAL NON-LINEARITY, TOP WEDGE SHORTENED; vertical output, vertical oscillator.



HORIZONTAL NON-LINEARITY, RIGHT WEDGE SHORTENED; horizontal output, damper, or horizontal oscillator.

we try for a

Radio Controlled Model Airplane Record

By William Winter

Dawn-to-dusk in the air is the ambifious goal of these R/C modelers, but their problems are many.

WITH radio control of model planes, boats, cars and even decoy ducks a routine matter, the hobbyist wants new worlds to conquer. Miniature boats and airplanes have been guided across the Catalina and English Channels. A six-foot long plane remained aloft for 5½ hours—a model glider more than seven. But here's the story of a really king-sized project—a dawn-to-dusk flight of a model airplane!

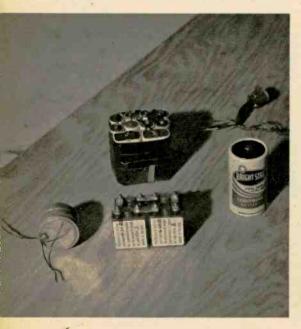
Federation Aeronautique Internationale, with headquarters in Paris, has strict rules governing record flight attempts. The model plane must take off from the ground and may not exceed

a gross weight of 11 lbs.

Electronic equipment must be light and reliable and a power plant with the lowest rate of fuel consumption is essential. Trying to strike a practical weight balance between the electronic gear, engine and fuel, then trying to build a plane around them is

Shown alongside familiar dry batteries, two VO-500s (left) and four LRO5s (center foreground) were excellent in-plane power packs.

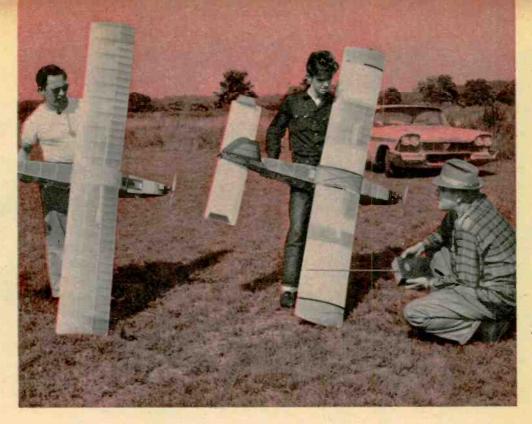
Essco receiver (at rear with tiny meter) is operated by on-off carrier. All-transistorized CG (cover removed) uses modulated tone.





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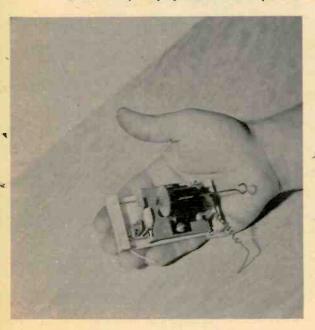
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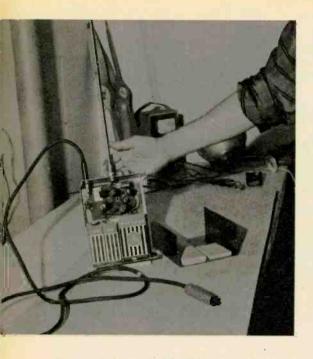
Author (with R/C transmitter, right) inspects two 13-hour capability test models in field.

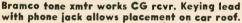
This small motor is mounted on wire runners and winds rubber escapements. It is turned on and off by varying tension in escapement.

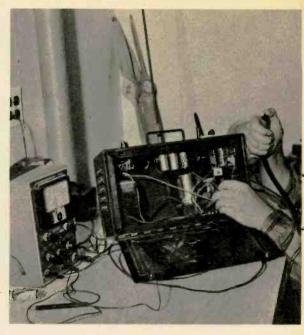
Tests run continuously. Below, keying disc on slow speed motor at rear triggers rubber escapement which is hooked to winding motor.



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In carrier wave operation, Essco with 2v wet cell and built-in charger, vibrator was used.

nothing short of a designing nightmare.

Six months of testing, automatic keying devices triggering trial equipment on a 24-hour basis, setting up and then changing the positions of system components, dozens of flying sessions, and lots of worry were what faced the builders of this radio controlled 13-hour capa-

bility "test" airplane.

Selecting fuel and engine was the first step. After three months of engine testing, P.G.F. Chinn, British authority on miniature engines, came up with a .09 Diesel engine that burned about three ounces of fuel per hour. At this rate the fuel tank would have to hold about 48 ounces to sustain a dawn-todusk flight. So heavy a fuel tank would have to be placed at the plane's center of gravity to achieve proper balance. But such a move puts the fuel too far from the engine. The answer: Pressure fuel feed using a float chamber to supply fuel to the engine on demand.

Engine requirements met, the next knotty problem was making some provision for bringing the model down from excessively high altitudes which inevitably would be reached many times during a long flight. Engine-throttle control was not practical because varying throttle adjustments on such a small engine might lead to engine failure. Elevator control was undesirable because of speed build-ups in dives which might overload the structure or cause engine stoppage due to over-revving. Violent aerobatics due to "spinning down" the machine were taboo for the same reasons.

The answer was the "spoiler"—a small appendage extending vertically from the upper surface of the wing. This tends to reduce lift and permits a shallow dive. For steering, rudder-only

control is adequate.

These simple controls required a compound actuator to be worked by a simple single-channel receiver. Limited to products readily obtainable in any hobby shop, the designers used a compound type escapement to mechanically power the rudder and spoiler. (Bonner and Babcock motor servos subsequently were used in two test ships.) The compound escapement is rubber-strand driven. One long pulse gives one rud-[Continued on page 106]

another EI sun-powered project

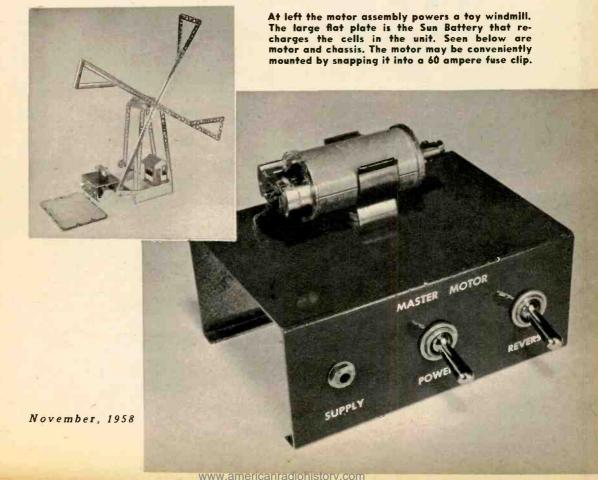
Fun With a Sun-Powered Motor

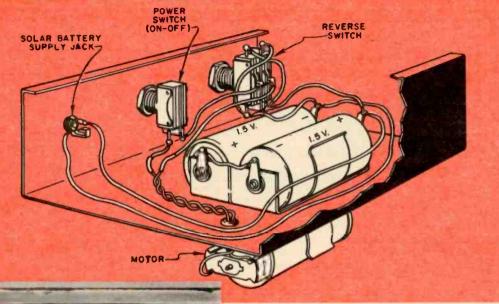
By Lou Garner

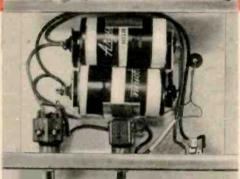
A miniature power plant to operate toys, models, or window displays, is recharged by solar energy.

SMALL, low-power battery-operated motors have dozens of useful applications. You can use them to operate scale models, toys, small fans and stirrers, and in similar projects around the home. Industry uses them in small instruments and to operate scientific and educational displays. Department stores and merchants use them to operate eye-catching store window and showroom displays.

An important limitation on the use of these motors is their relatively high cost of operation. While these motors, in general, are powered by standard flashlight cells, their current require-







Underchossis view of the 3 volt assembly. Add two more cells in series for 6 volt operation.

The motor shoft is shown being wound with electrical tape to fit oversize geor or pulley.



Follow the wiring guide above. However, the exact placement of the parts is not critical.

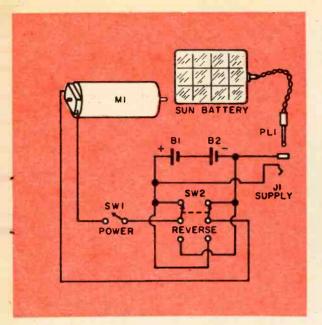
PARTS LIST

SWI—SPST Toggle switch.
SW2—DPDT Toggle switch.
JI—Miniature jack.
PLI—Plug, to fit JI.
BI, B2—1½ volt rechargeable flashlight cells
(Lafayette No. BA-10).
MI—Low drain battery motor
(Lafayette No. F-285).
Sun Battery—6 volt Solar Battery
(Lafayette No. F-380).
Chassis—Aluminum, approx. 3½ "x4½" x2".
Battery holder—For (2) Size "C" cells.
Large fuse clip—for motor mounting
(Union type 31-60A).

ments are such that a typical cell lasts a comparatively short time.

However, with the recent introduction of a high-efficiency motor and the commercial availability of a high-output Sun Battery and moderately priced rechargeable flashlight cells, you can now put together a useful motor assembly which derives its ultimate power from the Sun . . an unlimited source of "free" energy.

The very small motor specified in the PARTS LIST will operate with from 3.0 to 6.0 volts. The higher the operating voltage applied to the unit, the greater the torque the motor can de-

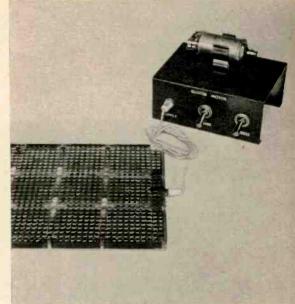


After charging cells, Sun Battery may be disconnected. Motor uses energy stored in cells.

velop and the higher its no-load speed. If you intend to use the completed assembly for light-duty applications only, you can plan on a three-volt power supply (as was used in the model).

For a three-volt power source, use a single dual-battery holder, wiring the two sections in series. To use the motor to operate a model, toy, or display, you'll need to mount a small pulley or gear adaptor on this shaft. If you have difficulty finding a pulley or gear which matches the motor's shaft exactly, obtain a unit with a slightly larger hole and bush out the motor's shaft to provide a snug fit, applying one or more layers of Scotch electrical tape. Stretch tape slightly as you apply to insure good adhesion and a smooth, round surface.

The Sun Battery used to recharge the motor's built-in batteries is supplied with a flexible connection cord equipped with two subminiature plugs. One of these fits the battery's own "output" jack. The other should be replaced with a plug to match the motor assembly's power SUPPLY jack (J1). Be sure to observe correct polarity, checking the Sun Battery's output with a voltmeter if necessary.



Don't put the glass-topped Sun Battery too near a light bulb. Excess heat will damage it.

To use the motor, simply couple it to the toy, display, or other item you wish to operate, using an appropriate drive belt or gear train. In general, the use of small pulleys and a drive belt is preferred, for this arrangement permits a certain amount of "slippage" and makes it easier for the motor to start under load. A small rubber band makes an excellent drive belt if only light loads are to be driven by the motor.

To recharge the built-in battery power supply (B1, B2), insert the Sun Battery's output plug (PL1) into Supply jack (J1). Full sunlight is best, but an acceptable charging rate may be maintained if the unit is exposed to a fairly strong artificial light.

The Sun Battery is a multi-cell unit having a nominal output rating of six volts, and, therefore, can be used to recharge up to four cells in series. Don't worry about damaging your rechargeable cells if you've used a three-volt (two cell) power pack, however, as a greater load is placed on the Sun Battery, its output voltage drops. In actual practice, its no-load (open circuit) output voltage may reach as high as seven volts in full sunlight.



The Skywatcher

By Harvey Pollack

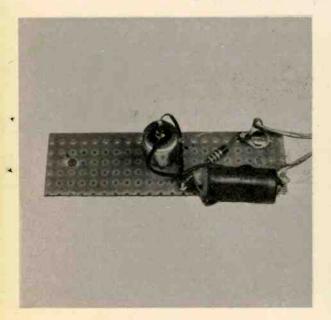
Build this effective countermeasure against home burglary. It automatically turns on lamp at night.

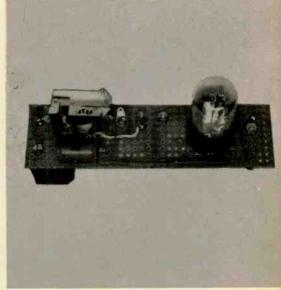
ACCORDING to some recent newspaper surveys, the best measure against home burglarizing is to leave a lamp or other light on at night. Of course, if you are going away for an interval greater than a day or two, this poses some problems. Apart from the fact that electricity costs money, a lamp that burns continuously is a dead give-away to a criminal that happens to be "casing" the neighborhood. This is like hanging a sign

that says "Nobody Home" in your window!

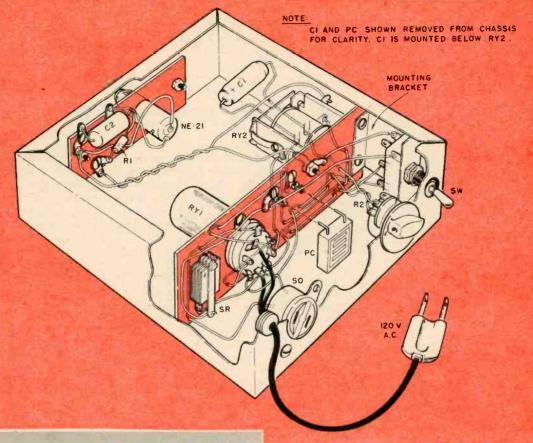
Comparatively little in the way of time, effort and money is involved in building the SKYWATCHER, an electronically controlled lamp base that will turn on one or more lamps with the coming of night. At daybreak, regardless of the weather or the density of the clouds, it will extinguish the lights until the next evening. But that's not all! The SKYWATCHER has been designed with other unique and uncanny "abilities." For example, suppose you go out during the afternoon and return after nightfall; you will find the lamp glowing brightly when you return so there will be no fumbling for light switches or pullcords. You leave the lamp on for the evening and, when you

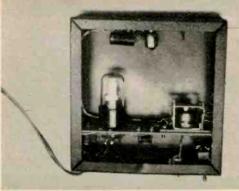
Below left is the neon-winker sub-chassis. The leads are soldered directly on the base of the bulb at center. C2 may be seen with R1 above it. Below right is RY2 with C1 below it. At other end of board is thermal relay RY1.





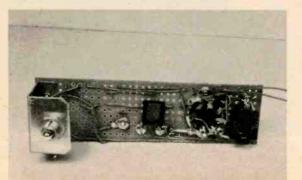
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The two sub-assemblies, in guide above, are wired before mounting in chassis. To avoid any shock hazard don't connect any of the wires to the metal chassis.

Bottom view of unit. Appearing like a tube, RY1 is visible at left. RY2 is on the same board to the right. Complete unit costs about 70¢ a year to operate.



Underside view of the larger sub-chassis shows, from left to right, toggle switch with bracket, photocell (center), octal socket for RYI, and selenium rectifier.

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are ready to retire, you turn off the switch. The lamp does not extinguish immediately, but remains lit for a sufficiently long period of time to enable you to reach the bedroom without hurrying or stumbling into things in the dark. The arrival of daylight triggers a little winking neon bulb into action so that you are reminded to turn the SKY-WATCHER on again to ready it for the next night. Once the switch is moved to ON, the neon light goes out and, to all intents and purposes, everything about the lamp is off.

Construction should be started by cutting a piece of perforated bakelite measuring 6½"x15%" from a larger sheet. This serves as the sub-chassis that supports most of the electrical com-

ponents.

A 1-inch round hole cut with a tube-socket punch acts as the window in the rear apron of the base through which sky light can reach the photocell located about 1 inch behind the hole. To avoid unsightly screw heads on the sides of the base, a short bracket cut from scrap aluminum is used to hold the subchassis firmly in place by drilling it with a ½" hole so it will fit over the shank of the toggle switch. The parts are quite

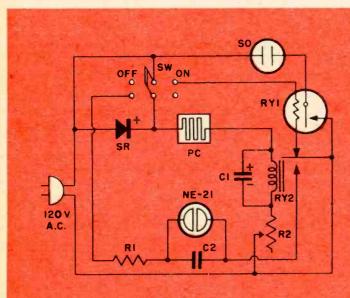
light in weight so that the toggle switch can do double duty—as a switch and as a bracket retainer. The bracket is folded so that it holds the sub-chassis about 1¾" back from the rear apron. The photocell is held to the bakelite sheet by two solder lugs that may be bent outward to permit the transparent face to lie about 1" back of the hole and directly in line with it.

The time-delay relay looks like an octal tube and is held by an octal socket. The hole for the socket is most easily cut by a slow-speed 1" drill. However, you can cut it by first drilling with a ½" drill and then reaming or filing it

to its final 1" diameter.

A second small piece of perforated bakelite is utilized to support the neon-winker, its capacitor, and its resistor. Drill a %" hole in its exact center and slowly, ream it out until the NE-21 glass bulb just slips through and is held by friction. After assembly, the perforated sheet is held away from the front apron by two decorative-head screws passed through a couple of %" spacers. Make the neon-winker peep hole in the front apron of the chassis quite small—say 1/4"—to keep it subdued and unobtru[Continued on page 107]

Schematic and parts list. Photocell resistance: dark-1 megohm, in bright light-under 100,000 ohms.



PARTS LIST

C1—8 mfd. 200 v miniature electrolytic
C2—1 mfd. 200 v paper
NE-21—Neon lamp
PC—Photocell, cadmium sulfide, Hupp
Powermaster CDS-10
R1—330,000 ohm ½ v
R2—25,000 ohm linear taper potentiometer
RY1—Thermal time delay relay, Amperite 115NO60
RY2—SPDT, 10,000 ohm coil Potter & Brumfield
LB-5 10,000
SO—AC chassis receptacle
SR—Selenium rectifier, 65 ma. 120 v
SW—DPDT switch
Chassis—7"x7"x2" black ripple, Bud CB-789
Bakelite—Perforated sheet 7½"x6½"
Octal socket, bakelite
Line cord, plug, solder lugs, hardware

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Revive Your Speedlight

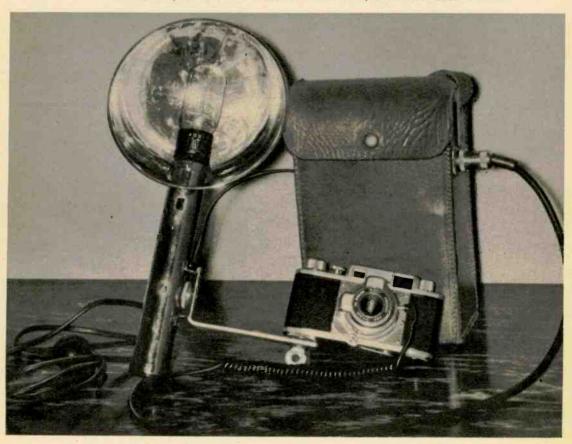
By Marshall C. Anderson

With a simple conversion you can renew the life of a Speedlight—and no additional parts are needed.

MY EARLY vintage speedlight had been powered by a pair of rechargeable wet cell batteries. The batteries were long-since worn-out and gone. In addition, one of the two large condensers in the power pack was shorted out and useless. Repairs and replacements would have been expensive, yet it seemed a shame to relegate it to the junk pile while there were still useful parts in it.

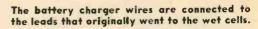
I solved the battery problem by converting the light to AC operation and the condenser problem by simply removing the blown-out condenser from the circuit. Result—a speedlight

Since conversion, this unit has given 2 years of perfect service. A battery charger replaces the wet cells, and a shorted condenser has been removed.



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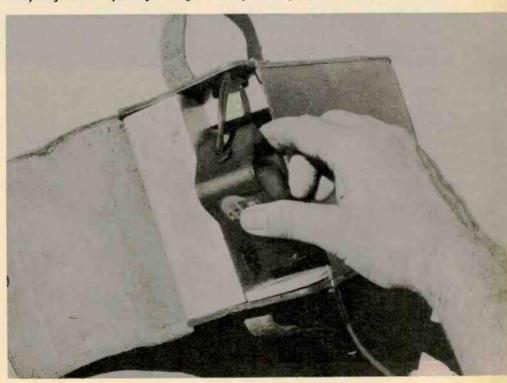
The original wet cell batteries, no longer rechargeable, are removed and discarded.







The charger and AC cord fit easily into the space formerly occupied by the batteries. Re-cycling time of Speedlight using the charger is slightly longer than with batteries.



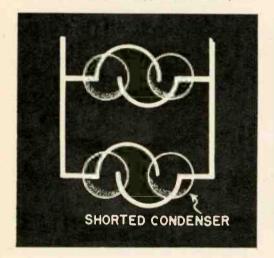
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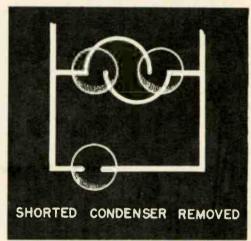


Bad condenser is replaced with a light wooden box (center right) to support the other parts.



Relay points are cleaned with very fine grade of emery cloth. See text for adjusting process.





"Bridging" the circuit. Text explains how to compensate for reduced light output that results.

that has served for over two years without missing a beat. Cost for repairs zero.

A word of caution is in order before you open the case of any speedlight. The high voltage power supplies of these sets produce anywhere from 1200 to 3000 volts. Before working on a speedlight, let the set stand overnight. This will permit the condensers to lose most of their charge. If the light is in use, fire the lamp to discharge the circuit, then continue to push the firing button several times to bleed off as much charge as possible. Then let the set stand overnight before opening the case to work on it. When the case is opened, immediately short out the condensers several times by using a screwdriver with insulated handle and shorting between terminals of condensers.

A speedlight powered by rechargeable wet cells can very easily be converted to AC operation by using the original battery charger as a power supply. The conversion costs nothing and can save a speedlight for which you no longer wish to buy batteries. Usually the chargers are dry rectifiers. Your light will not re-cycle as fast with the AC power supply as it did on fully-charged batteries since the capacity of the battery charger is small. On the speedlight shown, recycle time on AC operation using the old battery charger is 45 seconds.

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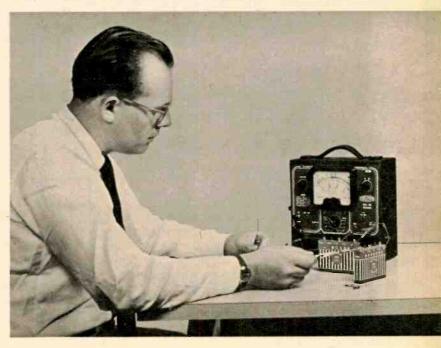
By Don Hoefler

Part five in this series describes Kirchhoff's Laws, used to solve problems where Ohm's Law falls short.

THE relationships between voltage, current and resistance defined in Ohm's Law enable us to determine circuit conditions in many types of complex series-parallel arrangements. But, just when we think all is smooth sailing, we run into a crisscross arrangement, or a circuit having more than one source of electromotive force. We find to our dismay that Ohm's Law just doesn't give us enough to work with. At this point we must turn to other techniques. Among them is the application of Kirchhoff's Laws.

This subject isn't nearly so sticky as you might gather, judging from the short shrift it usually gets in elementary textbooks. Every electronic technician, whether hobbyist or professional, should have this accomplishment under his belt, but very few do. So, if you'd like to elevate yourself a cut or two above the

The various forms of Kirchhoff's Laws, as they appear in these problems, may easily be demonstrated with the aid of resistors, batteries, and multimeter.





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average, come along as we delve into some most interesting concepts in the electronic art.

One way of putting the First Law, which seems to convey the concept as

well as any, is as follows:

All of the voltage drops occurring within a continuous circuit are exactly equal to all of the voltage rises.

This doesn't mean that each source voltage necessarily has an equivalent drop somewhere in the circuit, but rather that the sum total of all the sources equals the sum total of all the drops. As a practical example, look at

Fig. 1.

Between end points A and B there is a battery supplying 100 volts. Since the negative terminal of the battery is the source of excess electrons, the electron current is said to flow from A to B, and there is a voltage *rise* between these two circuit points of 100 volts.

Now the 10 amperes of electron current in continuing from point B to point C must pass through an 8 ohm resistor. This will cause a difference of potential between these two points, which by Ohm's Law, E = I x R = 10 x 8 = 80 volts. The resistor is, of course, not a

source of voltage. On the contrary, it is a loss device. There is therefore said to be a voltage *drop* of 80 volts between B and C.

Let's go on. From C to D we encounter another loss, this time equal to $10 \times 15 = 150$ volts. Hence, there is a 150 volt drop between these two points. Then between D and E we have the second battery, connected in the same direction as the first, to provide another voltage rise of 200 volts. Finally, from E to A there is another drop of $10 \times 7 = 70$ volts.

Now let's add up all of the rises and drops:

Rises Drops
100 80
200 150
70
300 volts 300 volts

The sums are in fact equal, just as the First Law promised. Another way of stating this Law is based on the thought that the voltage drops are actually subtracting from the voltage rises. If this is true, then each of the drops would be preceded by a minus sign. Then in this example the sum of the rises is 300 volts and the sum of the drops is —300 volts.

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Find the resistance between Points A and Busing Kirchhoff's Laws. See solution next month.

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Knight 5-Transistor Portable

A beginner builds this receiver kit for his first project—and here are some reactions.

FROM kit to complete radio in an evening! That's the story of a new 5-transistor portable radio than can be assembled by anyone who recognizes the business end of a pair of long-nose, side-cutting pliers.

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Board Soldering."

The set shown on these pages was put together in just four and a half hours by a novice who didn't know a transistor from a transmitter, or a capacitor from a cake pan. The step-by-step instruction book that comes with the Knight 83Y766 by Allied Radio Corporation spells out the smallest detail.

"Study the pictorial diagrams," says the booklet, which then goes on to refer each operation to one of the ten illustrations.

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First check components against parts list.

Card (left) simplifies resistor location.

Circuit board cuts assembly time and error. Here, oscillator coil is soldered in place.





Electronics Illustrated

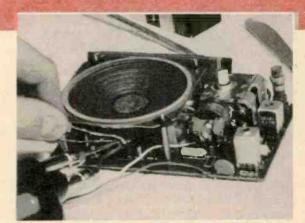


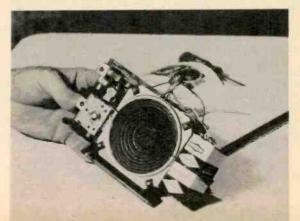
Photo by Mike Bonvino

On the left side of the complete receiver is a pull-out handle and earphone jack. The earphone for private listening can be purchased for \$3.17.

To assist in the mounting of parts, code letters are stamped right on the circuit board. Component wires ore inserted in holes, bent, and soldered.

Driven by push-pull transistors, the 3½" speoker is capable of full room volume. 200 hours of playing time is claimed for a single 9-volt battery.





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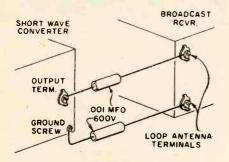
The Electronic Brain

All questions of an electronic nature will be answered by the Brain. If the question is of general interest, it may be printed in a future column.

Connecting a Short-Wave Converter

Most short-wave converters have single wire output. My broadcast receiver has two antenna terminals, one on each side of the loop. What is the best way to connect the converter to my receiver?

Robert Bussey, Arlington, Texas

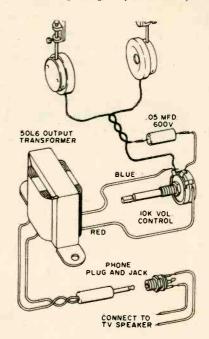


Connect the converter output terminal to either antenna terminal on the receiver loop through a .001 capacitor as shown. Repeat this procedure—again through a .001 mfd capacitor connecting the second loop terminal to any screw on the converter case or chassis. Test the reception by listening carefully to a short-wave station that is likely to remain on the air for some time. Then, reverse the leads at the loop terminals and compare the volume and noise with the previous test. Make your final connections those which provide the best results. You can do no damage if you work with capacitors of the size suggested.

Headphones For TV Set

Can you give me a circuit which will permit me to connect a set of headphones to my television receiver so that a person who is hard-of-hearing will be able to listen at the same time as the rest of the family listens to the loudspeaker? I would like to include a volume con-

trol to be used with the headphones.
Harry Goynes, McAllen, Texas



Since the headphone signal will have to be quite loud to satisfy one who is hard-of-hearing, a matching transformer has been included to do the job right. When purchasing the transformer, order an output type designed to match a 50L6 tube to the voice coil of an 8 ohm speaker. This is suggested because you will find such transformers readily available and quite low in cost.

If you don't already have the headphones, purchase a pair having an impedance from 3000 to 5000 ohms, the higher the better. Then, using a 10,000 ohm audio taper potentiometer, connect the circuit as shown. It would be wise to bring the connections from the loudspeaker out to a standard phone jack mounted on the television cabinet.

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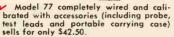
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Knight 5-Transistor Portable

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A light-weight soldering gun was found helpful in assembling the set as shown in the accompanying photographs. The parts are, of course, tiny and the gun made it easy to apply the drop or two of rosin core solder needed to firmly fix the plainly numbered parts to the correspondingly numbered positions on the circuit board.

"I've never seen anything so easy in my life," said Jack as he turned on the switch of the finished radio. "The instructions are simpler than those on a ready-mix cake box."

Characteristic of all transistor sets, there is no warm-up period before pleasant tones drift from the surprisingly large 3½" speaker enclosed in the finished radio's compact little cabinet.

"For anyone who hasn't fooled with electronics before, I'd say this was a good place to start," Jack said. "The set will certainly be handy when the World Series rolls 'round again."

We did note, however, one possible source of difficulty. The mounting of the tuning condenser on the circuit board is not a very rigid arrangement. A slight detuning and a loss in volume occured when the case was first put on. It seems that when the case is tightened down, the board is warped just enough to cause pressure on the tuning condenser. This was corrected when the case was repositioned, but there is a possibility of it happening again.

The complete kit, ready for assembly, with nothing more required than pliers, screwdriver, and soldering iron, sells for \$29.95.

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In this case all of the voltage drops may be considered as cancelling out all of the voltage rises. In mathematical terms, the sum of +300 and -300 is zero. For this reason, Kirchhoff's First Law is sometimes stated as: The algebraic sum of all the voltage rises and

drops occurring within a complete circuit is zero, which is just another way of saying the same thing.

Kirchhoff's Second Law also states the same general concept, but in terms of current rather than voltage:

The amount of current entering any junction point in a circuit is equal to the amount of current leaving it.

Fig. 2 is only part of a circuit, as much as is shown having several branches to form an "H." The currents in each of the branches are DC, flowing in one direction only, but in two of the branches the directions are unknown. The amount of current in each of these branches must be determined as well.

Starting with the upper left-hand section, it is seen that flowing into point A is a current of 9 amperes, due to I_1 . Flowing out of A, however, is I_2 amounting to 14 amperes. This is a difference between I_2 and I_1 of 5 amperes. Where does it come from?

In this case the only place it possibly can come from is the branch between A and B. It seems reasonable to assume then that this branch makes up for the deficiency by virtue of I_s, which must therefore equal 5 amperes and flow in the direction B to A. Let's check that out.

If I_a is in fact flowing into A from B, then point A becomes the confluence, like two rivers flowing together, of I_1 and I_a , which combine at this point to make a total value of 9+5, or 14 amperes. Then, flowing out of A into the lower left branch is I_a , also equal to 14 amperes. Thus we see one justification for Kirchhoff's Second Law. But what about the other unknown, the I_a branch?

We know now that I₃ is 5 amperes, flowing from B to A. And we know that flowing into B is I., in the amount of 3 amperes. At this point then, to the best of our knowledge, the current out of point B is 5 amperes and the current flowing in is 3 amperes, a discrepancy of 2 amperes. But this cannot be. The difference must be made up by Is. In the lower right leg there must be 2 amperes of current, and it must be flowing upward into B. Hence, we can determine from Kirchhoff's Second Law, not only the value of an unknown current, but also the direction in which it is flowing.___

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FM Multiplex

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process, will only accept 41,000 CPS. A special detector removes the audio and introduces it to a low-pass filter. This final stage prevents higher interfering frequencies from passing through. The output of the adaptor may then be fed to an amplifier and speaker.

It is possible to use many present day FM receivers for sub-channel reception with the addition of an adaptor. Most recent tuners have a jack marked "Multiplex" into which the future adaptor can be plugged. If there is no such provision, this output may be added by tapping off the proper stage in the receiver (at the detector before de-emphasis). Most high-quality FM tuners with proper alignment and bandwidth should present no problem when used with the adaptor.

Due to the rapidly increasing interest in stereophonic sound, several manufacturers are designing multiplex adaptors for home receivers to sell for approximately fifty dollars. The most popular sub-channel frequencies among the broadcasters appear to be 41 kc and 67 kc. This is a carefully chosen combination which may be used in a two sub-channel operation simultaneously.

WGHF in Connecticut successfully broadcast stereophonically using one main and one sub-channel. The second sub-channel was, at the same time, carrying background music to commercial locations. Fidelity was reported to be excellent with no "crosstalk" between signals. WBAI in New York has announced imminent entry into the field of stereo with multiplex once the adaptors are available.

Upwards of fifty FM stations around the country are now multiplexing primarily for commercial background music to restaurants, stores, etc. As the use of adaptors increases, no doubt many stations will provide stereo broadcasts for the home. The AM-FM type of stereo broadcasting now utilized by some stations is subject to several limitations on the AM side; including fading, static, and limited frequency response. Multiplex is essentially an FM-FM system

with all the attendant advantages.

"Compatibility" has keynoted the development of the stereo disc. This concept prevents equipment from becoming obsolete each time a new system develops. Such is the case with multiplex since it does not interfere with existing programs. However, it is evident that a person listening to a stereo program without a multiplex adaptor would receive only one side of the orchestra. To alleviate this "incompatibility" the Crosby "Sum and Difference" technique has evolved.

In this system the *sum* of the two studio microphone voltages feeds the main channel and is received on a conventional FM tuner. The *difference* voltage is transmitted over the subchannel. It is then a function of the multiplex receiving adaptor to use the difference voltage to split up the signals and feed them to separate amplifiers. KGLA-FM in Los Angeles has recently completed a series of successful tests using the Crosby system.

Several other uses of multiplex are looming into view. They are worth mentioning here since they offer a means of insuring the economic well-being of the 530 FM stations now on the air. With the competition of TV for the listener's time, FM is trudging an arduous road to financial stability. Commercial multiplex applications include business information services via facsimile and radio call systems for vehicles. In the developmental stage for multiplex is "slow-scan" television, a series of still pictures transmitted in a far narrower band than required for pictures in motion. Chain stores could use this device for promotion and it would allow banks to compare signatures between two remote points. Indirectly these uses could insure our continued enjoyment of FM broadcasting.

Stereo sound on multiplex will be a sensible addition to a hi-fi system. If the equipment can already reproduce stereo tape or disc, the adaptor is the only additional item necessary. If not, a simple amplifier and speaker can be added to use with the sub-channel. Not only will multiplex bring excellent stereo listening, but will provide an invaluable means of auditioning discs and tape over the air before purchases are made



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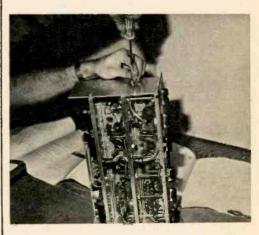
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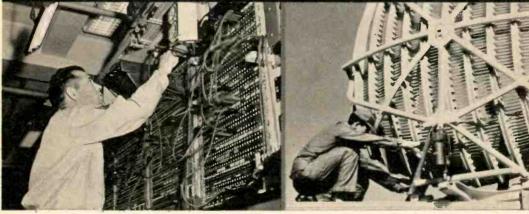


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Stereo Records: An Appraisal

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M-49) are hung directly above each other, not spread out in front of the orchestra. But the microphones are directional in their sensitivity patterns and "look" at the orchestra at different angles, along diagonal lines. Since both mikes are on the same vertical axis, as if they were both hung from the ceiling on the same string, this setup is known as "coaxial miking."

Facing diagonally across the orchestra into the two far corners, the coaxial microphones achieve a 50-50 compromise between depth and directionality.

There is no inevitable conflict between A-B stereo and coaxial stereo. Some engineers believe that A-B stereo is the ideal recording method for small jazz groups where it is desirable for each player to be pinpointed for his solo. In these small groups musicians usually are lined up next to each other in a lateral spread which does not exceed the length of the average living room wall. In other words, A-B stereo is fine where the original dimensions of the group are about the same as the speaker spacing in the home. On the other hand, coaxial stereo, or the A-B technique with a fill mike, may be preferable for symphonic recordings where depth is more significant than spread and where the original dimensions of the concert stage have to be reduced for home playback.

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lied and Lafayette have all put forth attractively priced units.

Stereo adaptors have been offered to the monaural hi-fi owner as a kind of link between what he now has and a second monaural amplifier he might buy. Some adaptors—such as the Fairchild and the Dynakit—literally make a stereo unit out of two monaural units, physically as well as electrically.

The stereo adaptors do add some of the extras found on complete stereo control panels but they are not universal devices. Most are designed for use with specific models of monaural amplifiers. Thus, the Dynakit stereo control, \$12.95, is a handy gadget, if you're using two Dynakit monaural preamps. The \$13.50 Bogen STA-1 performs a similar function, but only with certain Bogen amplifiers.

The Scott model 135 "Stereo-Daptor" costs more—about \$25.00—but has wider use. In addition to most Scott amplifiers, it may be connected into systems using separate monaural preamps and power ampliers, or using two identical all-in-one amplifiers that have tape

monitoring facilities.

Units such as these are "passive" in that they contain no tubes. A new "Stereo Remote Control" by Lafayette Radio, available in kit form for \$29.50, uses two tubes and provides for a third channel, which can be adjusted to eliminate the sometimes annoying "ping-pong" effect between two stereo speakers. What's more, it may be used remotely up to 50 feet from the amplifiers under its control.

Speakers for Stereo

If speaker systems for monaural hi-fi were the subject of much discussion, the disagreement is compounded in stereo. The all-out approach, in which your present speaker system simply is duplicated, is generally the safest, but it can be the costliest. And in some cases, duplication is not a good idea. Two corner horn systems, for example, have been found not too satisfactory on stereo. As a means of avoiding costly, and sometimes incorrect, duplication,





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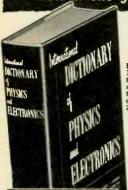
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Whether such an arrangement will prove ultimately satisfying is something each listener should decide for himself. Certainly it represents a space-saving and money-saving compromise. On the other hand, it seems that the stereo addon speakers are best used with mating full-range units made by the same company. A Stereon, matched with a full range, low-efficiency speaker system. did provide directionality, if not as much depth as that obtained from two full-range speaker systems. Admittedly. this is a subjective judgment and open to debate. Less open to debate is the loss in signal strength that was apparent in the full-range speaker when hooked up, as per instructions, to the Stereon and its accompanying filter network. A good amplifier, with plenty of reserve power, should be able to overcome this loss.

As things stand now, two matched non-corner speaker systems provide the best stereo results, with the quality of the overall sound depending largely on the quality of the individual speakers. Any two separate speakers will furnish stereo; whether that stereo is truly hi-fi and natural-sounding is another matter.

Matching speaker systems can be chosen from the bookshelf type units, using small resonators or the acoustic suspension principle, through the small, floor-standing models, to big consoles. After a point, in speaker selection, objective discussion leaves off and personal taste rules. What may sound thrillingly heady to one man may sound head-achy to another.

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The voltage outputs of the left and the right channel coils of a stereo cartridge may be represented by diagonal lines, the resultants of vertical and lateral (horizontal) components. These coils are so set up that the horizontal component of each is in phase with the other and in the same direction. That means that their electrical polarities are identical. The vertical components, however, are in opposite directions, indicating that their polarities are out of phase. Thus, for example, a sideways movement would produce equal and identical lateral voltage components. But a vertical thrust of the stylus would produce vertical components in each channel of equal voltage, but opposite in polarity.

Therefore, if we were to tie both outputs together with a strapping switch the lateral components of both channel outputs would add, but the vertical components would cancel. Since the vertical rumble motion is the villain in stereo, the object of our test is to compare it to the lateral output to see if it

is appreciably disturbing.

To make the test, connect the strapping switch as shown in the diagram, making the soldering connections at the record player end of the audio cables.

Now, with the volume control of your amplifier turned up to a comfortable listening level, play the "silent groove" test record and listen to the rumble output. Next, close the strapping switch so that you hear the lateral components only. If the output with the switch closed is noticeably less, the vertical rumble is considerable. On the other hand, if the difference is small your record changer will do the job for stereo.



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Fix Your TV Set

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Inspect a diagram showing the locations of the tubes in your set. Such a diagram is often pasted into the cabinet; it is also included in the service data for your set, available from the set manufacturer.

Find the tube in the tube location diagram that has the function you are concerned with. Say your picture shows a loss of width. The chart informs you that a defective horizontal output tube can cause this. Look for the tube designated HORIZONTAL OUTPUT in your tube location diagram. Using it as a map, locate the tube you are looking for.

Remove the tube (turning the power off first), replace it with a new one of the same type number and check receiver operation. If the original symptoms have disappeared, leave the new tube permanently in the socket.

Some of the terms used in the chart

call for some clarification.

RASTER refers to the white light on the screen when there is no picture.

LOSS OF VERTICAL SYNCH refers to a condition where picture roll or jumpy movement in the vertical direction occurs from time to time.

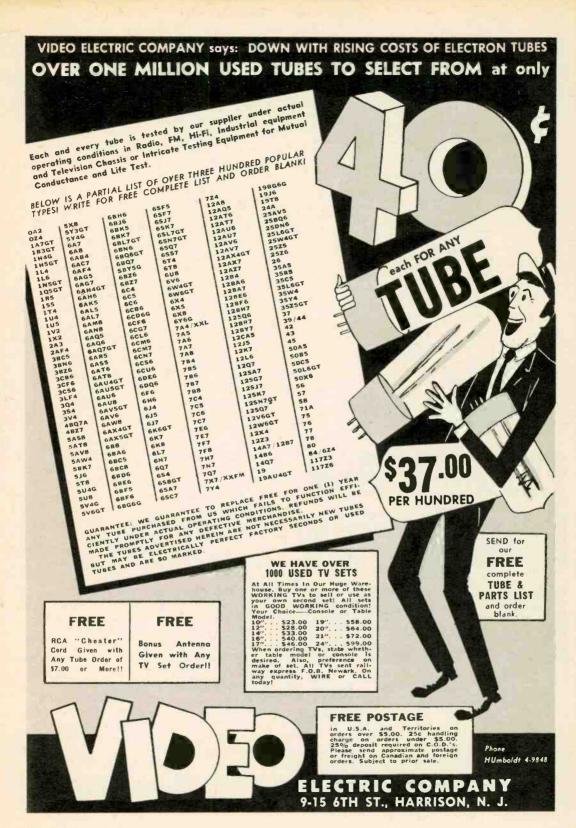
LOSS OF HORIZONTAL SYNCH refers to the impossibility of synchronizing the picture horizontally.

HORIZONTAL PULLING refers to a condition where portions of the picture pull out sideways from time to time.

HORIZONTAL NON-LINEARITY is a condition where the picture is distorted in the horizontal direction. Horizontal non-linearity is revealed in the test pattern when the horizontal wedges are not equal in width.

VERTICAL NON-LINEARITY is a condition where the picture is distorted in the vertical direction. Vertical nonlinearity is evident in the test pattern when the vertical wedges are not equal in length.

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Shooting for the Moon

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taining the scanner enters the moon's gravitational field at about 20,000 miles from the moon's surface, it is shot into orbit around the moon; creating a moon for the moon, so to speak. This is accomplished by sending out a radio signal from earth (Hilo, Hawaii) which triggers the fourth stage rocket.

The moon's distance from the earth varies between 221.000 and 252.000 miles and proper conditions for launching the moon-bound rocket occur only on four consecutive days each month.

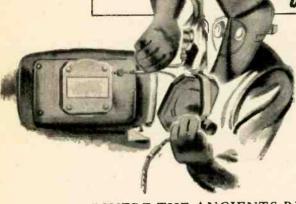
Landing a rocket with equipment intact on the moon is an Army project and involves additional problems. moon's gravity must be offset and braking the space vehicle by means of reverse thrust rockets is one possibility. Radar focused on the moon and radio signals from the rocket are fed into a computer on earth which tells immediately the distance still to be traveled, the rocket's exact speed and the moon's gravitational pull. At the precise splitsecond, a signal radioed from earth starts the rocket's reverse engines.

On the lunar surface, batteries of telemetry instruments developed by the Navy begin to broadcast their discoveries. We soon know how hot the moon gets when the sun strikes it through a sky without atmosphere, and how quickly it cools off at night. Intensity of cosmic rays and other vital information if man intends to travel in space and on other planets can also be gathered by electronic telemetry equipment.

The possibility exists that a hydrogen bomb will be exploded on the moon to observe the reaction where there is no atmosphere, but scientists fear such an explosion might contaminate the moon to a degree that further exploration of its surface would not be practicable.

Probably a dozen or more unmanned trips will be made to the moon before we send out a man with a 50-50 chance of returning safely. Before the first earthling sets foot on the moon's surface we will know thousands of new facts about it, facts made known to us by the electronic instruments enclosed in the early moon shots.





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Model Airplane Record

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der position; two pulses the opposite position.

To operate the auxiliary control (spoilers in this case) a fast or "quick blip" signal triggers the second escapement, located in the wing. A Citizenship self-neutralizing type, it is so mounted that in one neutral position the spoilers are extended, in the other, retracted. Each quick blip changes the auxiliary escapement from one neutral to the other without affecting the rudder control.

Numerous dry runs of radio and battery supply were made by E. J. Lorenz, radio designer for this project, and Norman Rosenstock. They prepared motor-driven printed-circuit keying discs for continuous tests by laminating micarta "bumps" to a flat, circular plate to obtain the number and length of pulses desired. A transistorized CG single channel receiver operated for 480 hours before failure of an electrolytic condenser.

Weeks of tests on the Essco twin-(dual purpose) tube receiver told us it could be operated for 16 hours continuously, keyed electronically 66 times a minute on one Yardney LR05 battery for filament and one 30-volt hearing aid battery for plate. The CG receiver operated for 43 hours keyed twice a minute on six-second pulses using two Voltabloc V500s.

Ordinary dry batteries would certainly prove unsatisfactory for an all-day flight where plane design had to meet international weight and size limitations. Also, their changing voltages would undoubtedly affect receiver sensitivity adjustments.

Various modern batteries of the nickel-cadmium, zinc-nickel, and mercury types do a good job for their weights and sizes. Four Yardney LR05 batteries will run radio, a servo and auxiliary escapement for more than 12 hours, with the number of control impulses sent to the plane varying from 8-15 per minute. Four Voltabloc V500s do the same job and two in parallel will operate a Bonner multi-servo for better than 6,000 pulses.

Initially expensive, these batteries save money in the long run. The four Yardney cells costs \$28, but take 60 rechargings. For ordinary model flying they would give at least 60 flights per charge, provided charging procedures were carefully followed. Voltabloc batteries can be left on charge for 90 days without harm and none require rest periods.

In early tests, a 250 watt transmitter for traffic lights emitting 27.255 mc almost killed the project and it was necessary to travel to distant, little-used airports away from the powerful carrier of the lights. These emissions would actuate a carrier-wave receiver (like the Essco) and spiral the plane into the ground. On a tone-modulated receiver like the CG, the lights' carrier would block the model's receiver and the plane would fly away. It did twice, but the changing note of the traffic carrier triggered the spoiler escapement, causing the plane to descend.

After 60 test flights, the rubberwound escapement was a decided weak link. Two rubber motors of 36" length were geared in series to provide the required turns. These were not enough. A Victory (Mighty Midget) electric motor was designed into an automatic winding device. Faltering rubber tension would start the motor. When tension again built up, the motor would stop.

At this writing, tests of simpler servos to wind the rubber are underway. At first, all motor-driven servos with single channel operation resulted in high battery drain when starting.

Transmitter? No problem, providing at least one spare is available. Large, replaceable battery packs, vibrator supply or a car battery and vibrator will run a transmitter designed to operate either a tone- or carrier-wave single channel receiver.

If a dawn-to-dusk model flight is ever achieved, the designs described here will be the ones to do it. But much depends on the unpredictable—the human error factor, weather and radio interference. For the modeler such a flight has all the elements—suspense, adventure, frustration—of putting a satellite into orbit.

The Skywatcher

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sive. Connections are made to the NE-21 lamp by soldering directly to its brass sleeve and bottom-button contact.

Most of the wiring should be completed before the final installation of the bakelite sheets in the chassis. Leave 3-inch wire leads projecting from the sub-chassis for later connection to the AC receptacle, the sensitivity control (R2), and the toggle switch (SW). The wires that connect the sub-chassis to the neon-winker must be longer, of course, to reach from the back to the front of the chassis.

Before applying power, an ohmmeter should be used to detect short-circuits or other low resistance paths that might indicate an error. Also check to be sure that neither leg of the incoming AC is

touching the chassis.

Set R2 at about half-rotation and. with switch SW in either position, apply power. As the photocell is alternately shielded and exposed to light of medium intensity, the sensitive relay (RY2) should open and close positively. Starting from a "cold" condition, cover the photocell with SW set ON, plug any lamp into the receptacle and wait for the thermal relay (RY1) to turn on the lamp. Now expose the photocell so that the sensitive relay pulls in and wait for The neonthe lamp to extinguish. winker should not flash for either of these settings. Now throw SW to its OFF position with the photocell still exposed to the light and the sensitive relay still latched; the neon tube should now flash on-and-off to inform you that the SKYWATCHER is off and not readied for the next evening. Moving SW back on ON should stop the flashing.

Absolutely no trouble was experienced in getting this model to perform according to the original design. However, neon lamps have somewhat different performance from one to the next. If the winker does not light at all when the photocell is illuminated, try paralleling R1 with a second 330,000 ohm resistor. If this does not correct the trouble, try reducing R1 to about 200,000 ohms with the paralleling resistor in place.

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Revive Your Speedlight

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Let's consider next an inexpensive repair for a shorted condenser. A blown condenser can sometimes be identified by its appearance. The case of a shorted condenser will be burned or overheated. Speedlight condenser units may consist of one or two large condensers, or of several smaller ones connected in parallel. If the speedlight uses a single condenser and this shorts out, of course, nothing can be done but replace it or discard the set. If two or more condensers are used, you can put the set back in operation by removing the bad condenser and wiring around it.

After the light output of your speedlight has been reduced by removing a bad condenser from the circuit, it will be necessary to establish a new guide number. You can do this easily by setting up your camera and light a measured ten feet from the subject and shooting a series of test exposures. Vary the lens aperture one stop each time. A card with the F stop written on it can be included in the picture for identification. Use your usual film and development procedure. After developing, choose the correct exposure from your series and multiply the F stop used by ten to arrive at the new guide number. guide number on the speedlight shown is 80 with Verichrome, after conversion.

Relay points are another source of trouble on units using a relay. The points are dressed with a very fine grade of emery to remove pitting or burn-Remove only enough metal to smooth and polish the contact points. After dressing the relay points, synchronization with the camera shutter This is done by should be checked. removing the back from the camera and holding the light behind the opening. Use a sheet of tissue paper in front of the lens to cut down the light so it won't blind you. Fire the speedlight by tripping the camera shutter. Looking into the lens, you should see a full circle of light, indicating that the shutter is wide open when the light fires. If it is out of synchronization, turn the relay adjusting screw slightly and recheck until light fires in sync. ____

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A Launching Pad

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4. Have one or two adults prepare a plan for launching. This plan should include all possible data about the rockets to be launched. Attached to this plan should be a schedule of launchings. All of this should be part of a letter to the local military authorities requesting permission to use the military ranges near your locality.

5. Before submitting the letter have one or two adults call on the Commanding General of the Post or Commanding Admiral of the Station in question and

seek his advice.

Local communities can help in building an effective core of trained scientists by building static test stands. The officials of Fairfax County, Virginia, have announced that Fairfax County will build a static test stand to be used by all High Schools of the county. This stand will be staffed with qualified help and the amateurs will be given an opportunity to first test their rockets many times before a live launching.

The Launcher

The launcher described in this article will take rockets of varying sizes, with and without fins.

The Firing Circuit is of utmost importance because it is here that a real factor of safety should be built into the design. Many clubs and groups have been interviewed by your author and I have yet to meet a group that does not consider the firing circuit the one piece of equipment that is all important from

a safety point of view.

The firing circuit consists of two small red boxes with double lead wires between them. One box is located in the block house for the static stand or in the block house for the launcher. Both of these red boxes are so designed that a key is necessary to open the lock and the key cannot be extracted when the box is open. To extract the key, the boxes must be shut and locked.

To connect your rocket for testing and launching, it is essential that you

proceed as follows:

1. The two red boxes are connected with double lead wires, the length to

be determined by the type of block house that has been constructed and other safety factors.

2. Box No. 1 is then taken to the site where the rocket is to be tested.

3. The one and only key is then inserted in the lock of Box No. 1 and the box is opened.

4. The two rocket lead wires are then inserted and extended through the holes A and B of Box No. 1 and connected to the two terminals within the Box No. 1.

5. Box No. 1 is then shut, locked and

key withdrawn.

6. You then proceed to Box No. 2 in

the block house.

- 7. The key is inserted in Box No. 2 and the box is then opened. You will notice on the circuit diagram that when the key is inserted into Box No. 2 and the key is turned, the key then helps to complete the circuit. Also, as you open the lid on Box No. 2, notice the copper rod across the bottom of the lid. Thus, when the box is shut, the copper rod shorts out the double leads from Box No. 1 and breaks the circuit in two places between Box No. 1 and Box No. 2.
- 8. In order to fire, insert the male plug into a source of power.
- 9. The circuit is now armed and ready to fire.
- 10. To fire, push down on the push
- If the rocket fires or if the rocket leaves the launcher, that part of the test or shoot has been a success. You now proceed as follows:
- 11. Disconnect the plug from the source of power.
- 12. Shut Box No. 2, lock the box and withdraw the key.
- 13. Proceed now to Box No. 1 and unlock the box and disconnect the rocket leads.

14. Shut and lock Box No. 1.

You are now ready for the next test or launching.

In case of a misfire, first press the push button again and this time hold it down for five seconds. If the rocket fails to fire, then follow instruction 11 and 12 above and wait 30 minutes before you proceed with caution and protective clothing to Box No. 1. There should be a protective wall between you, Box No. 1 and the rocket.

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