

LETTERS

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SLAPPED WRIST

Frank, Don't get political and start printing view points which have been slanted to provide a platform for non-radio viewpoints, please. P Thompson sent a letter, condemning the patron of the RSGB, for his views on the nuclear issue, which is to my mind too tenuous a connection to be worthy of printing. Next it'll be a condemnation because he doesn't specify free-range eggs at his breakfast, or wear Gay-Lib badges or suchlike. Keep it relative: if he makes comments — or anyone for that matter — directly involving radio, print them and be blessed by all, but don't let non-radio viewpoints or bias sully your pages, however clever the hidden intent. Our magazine is called 'Ham Radio Today', not 'Letters which must mention the word radio at least once'.

BRIAN EWING G6UBB

SUGGESTIONS

Sir, Thank you for an excellent magazine with just the right amount of technical articles written in a readable manner.

I would like to see a series on the Trio TS520/520S/520SE TX/RX which had a seven year production run. I thought your *Upgrading the KW2000* was very good.

Any thoughts on a 29MHz linear transistor (and valve!) for the FM mode? As an add on to the popular CB conversion rigs and perhaps conversion details of suitable rigs like the Icom IC8 1050, D.N.T. and Multimodes.

Finally an article on 28-29MHz band with a detailed list of all beacons, repeaters with frequencies and band plans.

I look forward to future issues, good luck.

E McLEAN GM4EWM

EDITOR: A WALLY?

Sir, I regret I must take you to task over your comments at the start of the Azden PCS 4000 user view.

I have many interesting QSOs on 2m FM and SSB and listening on the band I do not agree with your comments about the bands being an extension of the CB bands.

I quite often learn things by having QSOs even after many years on the bands. I find 2m very interesting and there are many things that can be learnt about propagation.

There are a lot of ex-CB operators being licensed in this area and I think they make very good radio amateurs.

If the RAE is so easy why do so many fail?

Another thing I found out last Sunday was that I could have a QSO on 2m with my

FT208 handheld with rubber duck aerial at a distance of 50 miles. I was very pleased with this result.

G E R DENMAN G3MEW

WALLIES

Frank, I am one of the many people who operate 27MHz SSB, legal or not. This isn't what compelled me to write. Brian A Carter G8ADD is the reason and many more of the same fraternity. Why should a guy with the brains he is supposed to have resort to "Pathetic Wally" when referring to SSB CB users. Okay, I admit there are quite a lot of 'Wallies' on SSB CB but not all of us are in that category. There are quite a lot of us that are very serious in our 'DXing'. I myself have had QSOs all over the world using 12W, and found it very exhilarating to be able to obtain a QSL card from Indonesia going the long way around.

I was one of 7700 who bothered taking the RAE on May 16 but if this guy and others like him are the sort of people I'm liable to meet then I won't even send for my ticket. At least SSB CBers don't 'blank' out repeaters for hours on end on purpose. And does G8ADD realise that quite a lot of interference on 27MHz is caused by... 'Hams' Amateurs?

HARRY M C HALL

VISITING MALTA?

Sir, I would like to draw the attention of your readers that, if anyone intends to visit the Island of Malta, the MARL Amateur Radio League of Malta will extend a big welcome to them.

The club is situated in the central part of Malta, a village called Attard, and the meetings are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10.00 to 20.00hrs and on Sunday mornings from 10.00 to 12.00hrs.

Further information will be given to anyone interested from the secretary:— Mr Walter A Gatt, 9H1DU, Box 575 Valletta, Malta.

Your journal is getting more popular amongst our members.

W A GATT 9H1DU

SPEECH PROCESSORS

Sir, In view of your article on 'Speech Processors', may I make an appeal through the columns of your excellent mag.

Twenty years ago, the AM and SSB protagonists argued the case between the two modes — SSB won after a period of 'cleaning up'. Today, we are in a similar situation of cleaning up or (trying to) as the

new argument exists between processor users and those who will never use one. History will prove the processors will win, but, please, if you insist on greater talk power, then use it wisely and with responsibility.

The indiscriminate use of the SP is noticed too often when on many occasions it is totally unnecessary. Typical is 5 & 9 Plus both ways with processors. To educate the use of the SP would be almost impossible. So many rigs have different mic/mod characteristics. Just a brief listen will confirm an equal number of undermod to overmod signals so there are times when an SP becomes a useful mic amplifier but too many times it becomes an overdriving, distorting, band spreading, anti-social, ALC thumping, indiscriminate, obnoxious, TVI generating, ego building, bottle bashing or transistor terminating, switch-off condition, menace.

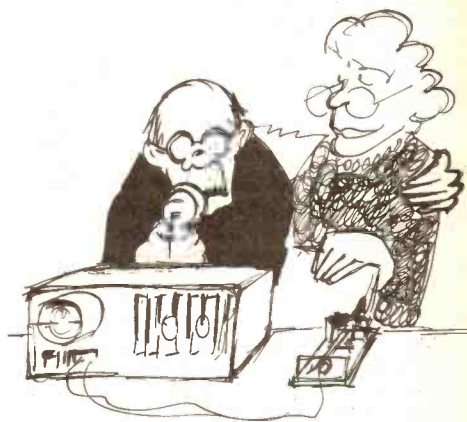
Listen on 20m and hear the 3 & 9 +20 brigade, that's right 3 & 9 +20. Don't hesitate to give such a report, but make it very short. Makes 'em think!

GEORGE CLARVISON G3RHM

RAYNET GOES CB?

Editor, I see from *Cycling* that REACT and ambulance men using CB radios, and off-duty policemen helped at the Great Bike Ride to Brighton recently. According to RSGB News, RAYNET and radio amateurs had this job with several fixed base stations on high ground between London and Brighton.

I wonder which is right or did REACT



"... We're very keen conservationists, — won't even use the limiter on the Woodpecker..."