

More Ripping Yarns

One of the funniest incidents that happened to me some years ago, came as the result of two or three evenings worth of concentrated activity on 10m when I had been beaming south. The following morning after this activity, I had gone

asked what the problem was. She was told that an automatic garage door opener had been fitted in a house some days earlier, and his customer had complained that two evenings before he had come home in his car and opened the doors

completely illegal, and uncomfortably close to 28MHz! Can you just see the garage door opening and closing every five minutes which corresponded to my overs on 10m!! This really did happen, and I am not inventing it. Indeed, on mentioning the fact to the Home Office, I think they laughed more than I've ever heard them laugh before, finally commenting that they would fix the householder concerned if and when they filled in the Radio interference form which my wife had suggested should be filled in as a parting shot to the enormous bruiser!

There are some stories that may appear very doubtful, but which are completely true, and perhaps one of the most amazing ones, is the time that I broke into my neighbour's burglar alarm. Just

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abroad on business, but during the day my wife was visited by a very irate and rather large builder who claimed to have been doing some work in the next road. In a bruiser type of voice he asked if there was a radio ham transmitting in the place. My wife quite politely said that there was, to be followed by a command to ---- stop transmitting. My wife maintained her cool and

automatically from it, had parked the car inside and then closed it to find it open the next morning. The following evening, after the same process, the 'builder' gave the following description, as from his client:- "Up, down, up, down, up, down, every ----- five minutes with ---- grinding noises," etc etc. Quite clearly, the equipment was using the 27MHz band which was then

