

RADIO TODAY



Strike Up A Conversation With Sweden

The town of Jonkoping was founded in 1284, and as part of their 700th anniversary celebrations, the citizens of the town, and in particular, the town's radio club (SK7AX) is organising an award, which is called 'The Match Town Award' due to Jonkoping having been the place where the first ever match factory was built.

The principle is very simple — all you have to do is to make contact with a certain number of stations in the area. For each station you work in the Jonkoping county (= F6), you get one point; you get two points should you work the town's radio

club (SK7AX); however, how many points you need depends on where you are. SM stations, if we have any readers up there, require four points, European stations require three points, and DX stations require just two points.

You have the whole of 1984 to make contacts in, and when you've managed to get the points you need, all you have to do is to send a copy of your log with the information on the contacts — QSL cards are not necessary.

Send this to: Award Manager, SVARK, PO Box 2035, S-561 02 Huskvarna, SWEDEN, and you should receive a multi-coloured diploma and a silk streamer. So next time you hear an SM7 calling 'CQ', get in there, he or she could be from Jonkoping!

New Monolithic Microwave ICs

New cascable silicon integrated circuits, which have an input and output impedance of 50 ohms, are now available from NEC Electronics (UK) Limited. The MM765 operates at 10V and can be supplied in 8-pin or TO-33 packages, whilst the MM 766 operates at 5V and is available in DISK-Mold, 8-pin MINI, 8-pin DIP and TO-72 packages.

Both series achieve a constant gain of 16 dB between 0 Hz and 1.2 GHz and built-in temperature compensation ensures stable bias within the working temperature range.

Both the MM 765 and 766 microwave IC's are suitable for use in a wide range of industrial applications, as well as in IF amplifiers, CATV and TVRO. NEC Electronics (UK) Limited, 116 Stevenson Street, New Stevenson, Motherwell ML1

Callsign Bandit

The callsign G6IBA belongs to the Crawley Court Amateur Radio Group, who operate from the home of the Independent Broadcasting Authority at Winchester. However, the same call-sign has apparently been heard being used in the Birmingham area.

Scopex Go Bust

We regret to say that the company Scopex, who made a number of oscilloscopes including what was possibly the first high-frequency LCD scope, the Voyager, have gone into receivership.

A new company will undertake repairs of Scopex instruments, and they offer free estimates on repairs. The company is called Mendascope Ltd, and it may be found at Otter House, Weston Underwood, Olney, Bucks, telephone Bedford (0234) 712445.

New Communications Receiver

We have received a press release from Cravenminister Limited, who have the trade mark Uniace, about their new Uniden CR 2021 communications receiver. Receiving a press release about a new product which is written up in glowing terms is not an unusual event around here, but the purple praise in this particular missive will take some beating. For example: "The CRC 2021 — a pathfinder for the new generation of compact, technologically advanced, highly portable RXs. . .".

Anyway, the main drift is that it is small (32 by 155 by 65mm), has good sensitivity (claimed better than 0.4uV for 10dB S/N on SSB), and offers AM/SSB/CW coverage from 150kHz to 30MHz and FM VHF from 76 to 108MHz. Inevitably, it is microprocessor controlled.

The Rx costs £199.95 and is available from Uniace Telecommunications, Unit 8, Industrial Estate, Glan Conwy Corner, Llandudno Junction, Gwynedd, North Wales, telephone 0492-61 3232. Unfortunately, they neglected to send us a photograph of the beastie, so we can't show you how pretty (or otherwise) it is!