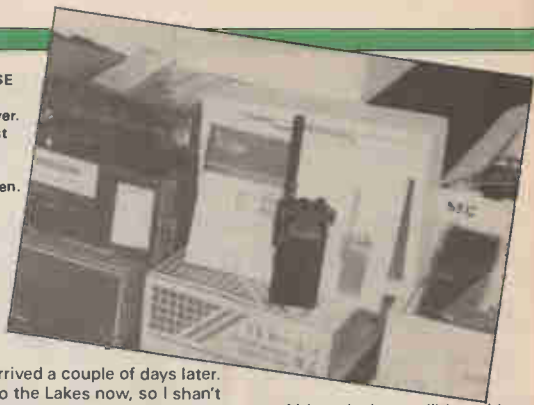


ARE had a magnificent spread of rigs including the little Yaesu FT470 and FT728, Kenwood TS680S and the magnificent Icom IC-R7000 which we wrote up in February, culminating in an embarrassing incident when the review model was apparently tampered with and beaten up on its way back to ARE. It makes a person slightly twitchy, knowing that things can be 'got at'.

Both R A Kent and G4ZPY Paddle Keys had a fine array of morse keys for the discerning (as well as G4ZPY's craft stonework for the mantelpiece) on display. Morse people will have seen Ian Poole's write-up of the Kent Straight Key in last month's HRT, and G4ZPY is already getting his Christmas special offers into gear (see *Radio Today*. Sorry, Gordon — almost exactly a month too late for the October issue, but you just caught the bus for November).

The IC4SE 70cm transceiver. This must be the smallest we've seen.



which arrived a couple of days later. I'm off to the Lakes now, so I shan't look at it till we get back. No point reminding myself what the weather can do when we'll be finding out soon enough!

Greetings both in advance and in arrears to anyone we meet On The Tops, by the way.

Although there will be a bigger roster of imported rig dealers (and nearly everything else) at Leicester in October, there seemed to be one of most items available at Woburn somewhere, and the sun and beautiful surroundings and easy parking made for a most pleasant day. Even with many of the side panels up it was hot inside the marquee, but think how much worse it would be in town in August.

The refreshments tent is never the strong point at Woburn — there's nothing wrong with the supplies, but there are no seats and the ground gets soggy with a toxic mixture of tea and lager even in dry weather. However, there are sources of food, drink and seating not far away in the grounds at reasonable prices, so the Tea Tent, which is right by the marquee, has an excuse for being minimal.

As the rustle of boxes and packing paper grew to a crescendo we grabbed the quiet moment to take our photos and left. People were trickling away slowly, so no traffic jams. Very pleasant. Thank you, RSGB.



Waters and Stanton field a fine array of books, as well as all the hardware.

Waters and Stanton confirmed that black box business had been good. They also had an impressive array of books on display, including Argus's *Scanners 2 — a VHF/UHF Listener's Guide*, and the international version, both by Peter Rouse GU1DKD. *Scanners 3* is due out soon. No sign of Chris Lorek's *Surplus 2-Way Radio Conversation Handbook*, so we reminded them about it. Argus started mail order sales last month as I write and it's doing well after only house advertising. They promised us a copy of their recent Ben Nevis Expedition loan video,

G1ZVB with the new Jupiter MVT500 scanner, 25 to 1300MHz in a hand held format.

