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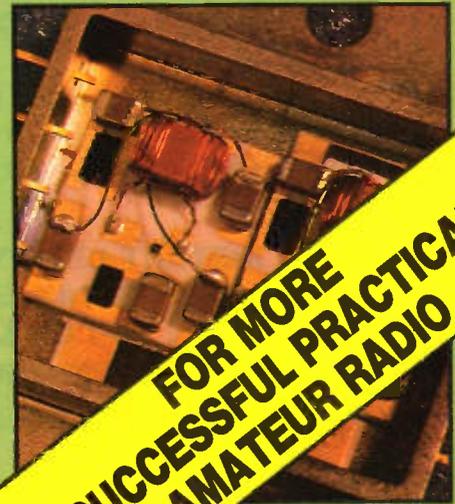
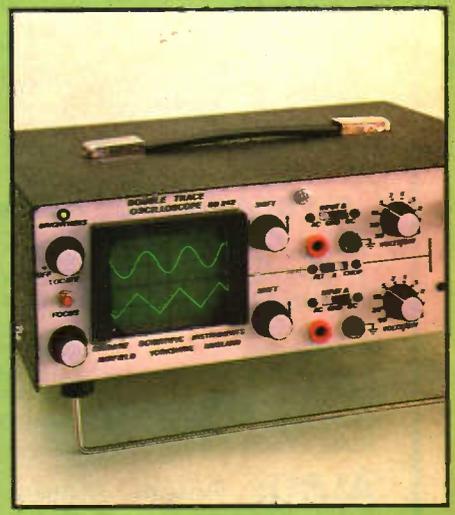
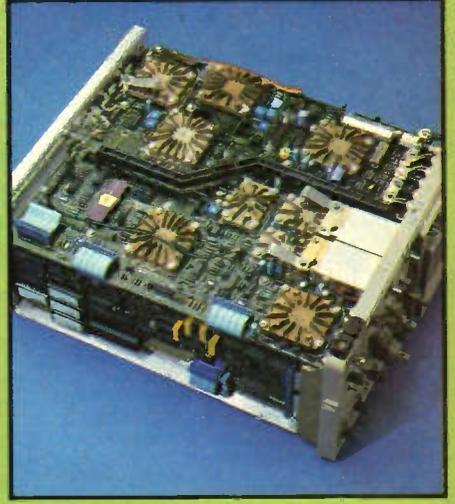
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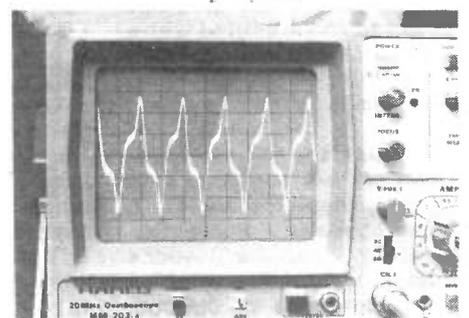
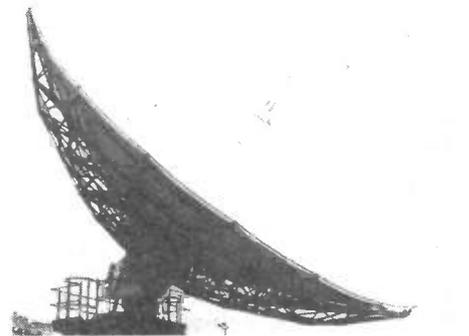
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BRITISH MADE FREQUENCY COUNTERS

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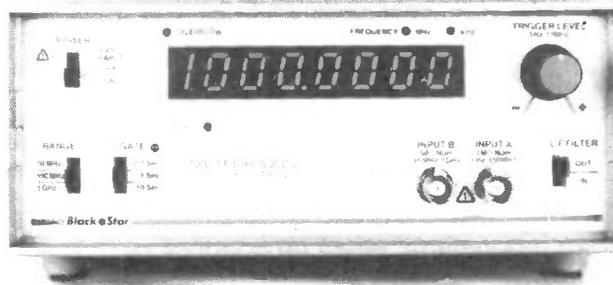
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have no through-plated holes. Also the cut-away moulded frame allows test probe access from both sides of the PCB. The contact material is brass plated gold on nickel.

*Thomas & Betts Limited,
Sedgwick Road, Luton, Beds.
LU4 9DT. Tel: 0582 597271.*

PROM REMOVAL TOOL

A new tool manufactured by the Swedish Company Owoco AB, who are already well known for the quality DIP-IN range of IC Inserters, is announced.

The PROM-OUT makes light work of removing 24 and 40 pin ICs from Proms fitted in sockets (as distinct from soldered to the PC board). Structural damage to the PC board or IC is avoided by the design of the PROM-OUT. The force is restricted to the top of the base of the socket avoiding damage by pressure to the board and IC.

Two models are available ex stock, No. 2428 PROM-OUT for 24 and 28 Pin IC and No. 3640 PROM-OUT for 36 and 40 Pin IC.

*Welwyn Tool Co. Ltd, 4 Black
Fan Road, Welwyn Garden
City, Herts. AL7 1EH. Tel:
(07073) 31111.*

SLOW SCAN TV

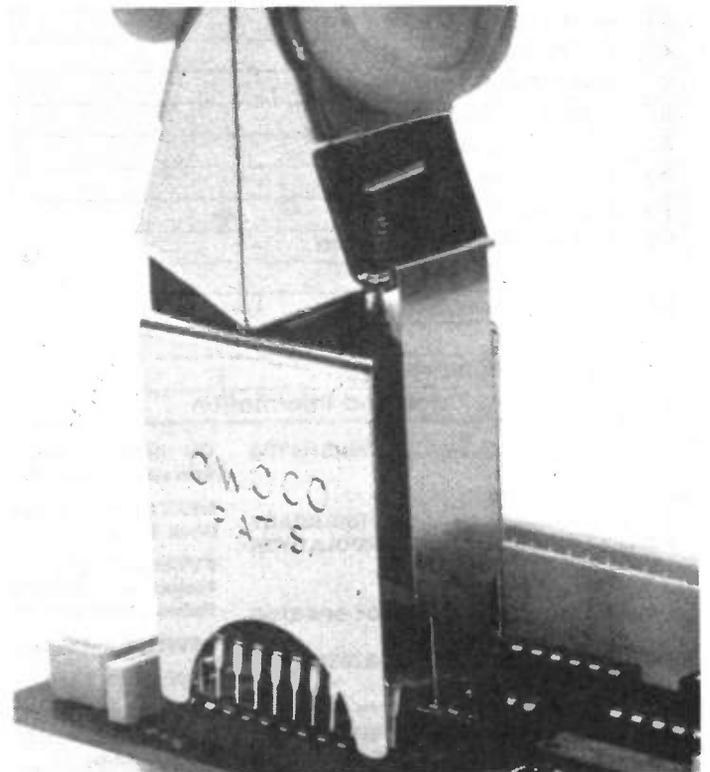
There is now a great interest in ham radio circles towards the reception of Slow Scan Television using computers and G3LIV and G8VEE have jointly designed a new add-on for the BBC computer which allows reception of ham radio video transmis-

sions to be displayed.

The BBC computer was chosen because of the high level of ownership in ham radio and short wave circles and the new unit is complete with software.

Many transmissions can be copied from all over the world using this system which has facility within the software to receive pictures from both 50Hz and 60Hz countries.

The rear of the hardware has a 20pin IDC connector which mates directly with the BBC computers I/O port. This cable carries all digital and power rails to and from the computer. The tape containing the program also has SSTV video pictures and test signals recorded on the reverse side. This facilitates setting up the converter as well as allowing the owner to become familiar in using the equipment.



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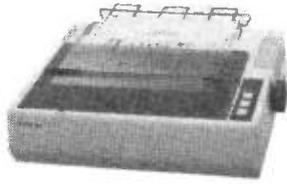
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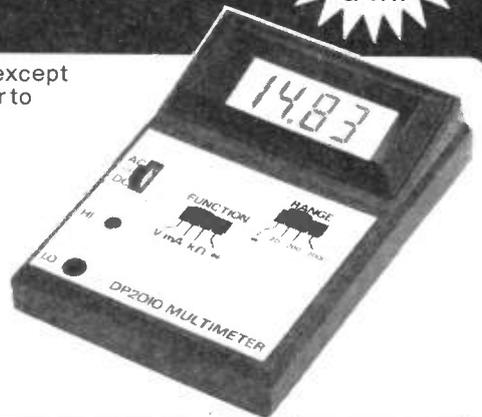
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With optional radial or axial cable output, these devices can easily be fitted to a shaft in place of an existing potentiometer to give a digital instead of an analogue output signal. Variants within the range include the TL (TTL - compatible) OC (open collector), PP (push-pull), PS (push-pull with short circuit

protection) and LD (line driver). The G61 series is a family of low-cost encoders with up to 1024 lines.

Applications include digital control motors in computer peripherals such as printers, control of tensile testing machines and cut-to-length machines.

G61M models are supplied as a 'kit' for OEM applications. However, Litton offer a fitting service and will fit these encoders on to customers' shafts for them.

The G61S models are supplied complete with housing.

A hand-operated dial with mechanical indent is an option available for both models and has been designed specifically for applications

where operator hand control of, say, CNC machines is required.

An additional feature of these encoders is that two output channels are provided so that both clockwise and anti-clockwise direction of rotation can be sensed.

Litton Precision Products International Inc, 95 High Street, Slough, Berks. SL1 1DH. Tel: 0753 77788.

SOCKETS & TERMINAL STRIPS

Robinson Nugent Ltd, announces a new range of strip sockets and mating terminal strips. Known as the SBQ series, the sockets are for .025in square terminals, feature beryllium copper contacts and are ideal for mother/daughter module connectors.

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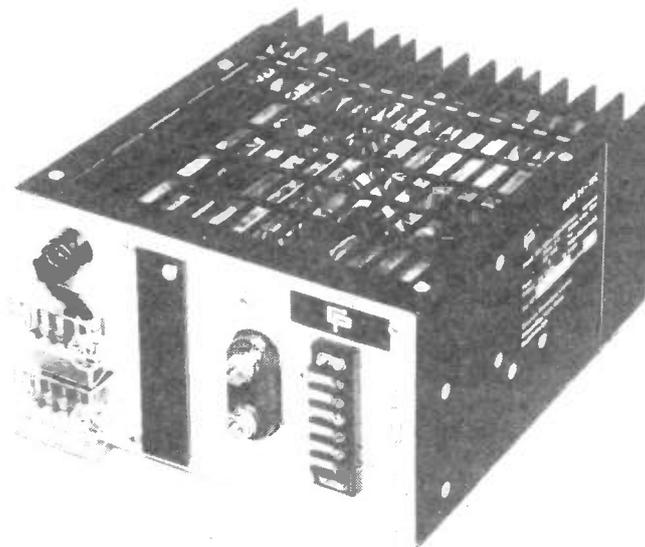
INSTRUMENT KNOBS

The Mentor range of top-quality instrument knobs, supplied by West Hyde, has now been extended to include three new products.

The first is a series of plastic collet knobs, featuring a raised, knurled band to ensure a slip-free grip and is available in black or grey in seven sizes from 10 to 50mm diameter. Collet knobs are now available with a black anodised finish in addition to the original silver version. They are machined from aluminium alloy and are suitable for use under the most arduous conditions. Both colours are available in seven sizes from 9 to 36mm diameter. These can be fitted with caps, dials, pointers and other accessories from the existing wide range.

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Nore Microwave Limited, 56 Towerfield Road, Shoeburyness, Essex. SS3 9SH.

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optional indicator line are also available to fit these knobs.

Knobs can be chosen to suit a wide variety of spindle sizes and feature a precision brass collet which ensures the maximum grip on the spindle.



West Hyde Developments Ltd, Unit 9, Park Street Industrial Estate, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP20 1ET. Tel: Aylesbury (0296) 20441.

WEIR SMM 100S POWER SUPPLIES

The Weir Electronics SMM 100S switched-mode power supply units are the latest in the SMM series to receive British Telecom approval to TG2 and TG26 specifications. This approval allows the use of these oem units in equipment which is connected to BT voice or data networks.

SMM 100S series are compact, high-efficiency, switched-mode power supply units, capable of delivering up to 100 W continuous power output. They are multi-rail units with output voltages particularly suitable for micro-computers, intelligent terminals, disc drives, tape-cartridge units, modems and other equipment employing TTL and CMOS technology.

This type of equipment is frequently connected directly or indirectly to BT lines, so that power supply approval is an important factor. SMM 100S power supplies are also designed to meet all relevant BS, IEC, VDE and ECMA safety requirements.

Basic models of the range combine a 5V, 10-amp main output with 12V 3-amp and 12V 1-amp outputs and a 5V 1-amp negative bias rail. The 12V 3-amp output can provide surge

currents up to 5 amps for DC motor starting. Five-output variants of these models include either an additional 12V or 24V output with peak current capability up to 2 amps.

WEIR ELECTRONICS LTD,
Durban Road, BOGNOR
REGIS, Sussex, PO22 9RW.
Tel: (0243) 865991.

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For systems designers the versatility of a plug-in DC/DC converter for standard Eurocard offers ease and simplicity of use. Available from Powerline the SW range of single output PWM switchmode converters is manufactured in Europe by Fabrimex.

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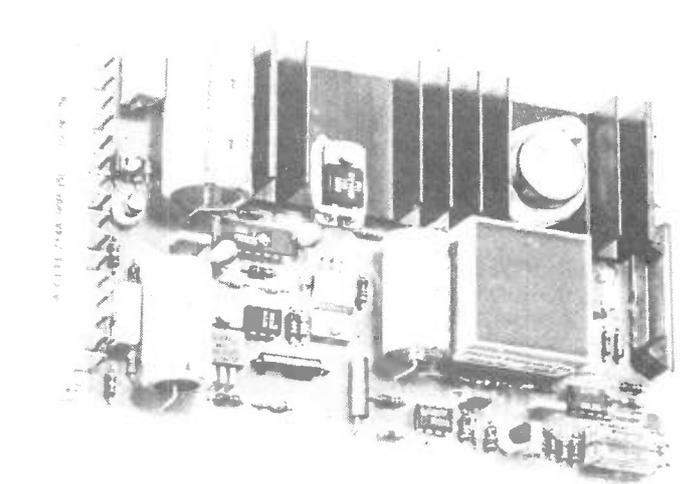
All models feature short circuit and overvoltage protection, together with input/output isolation of 500V. TTL-compatible inhibit is standard and all outputs are adjustable by $\pm 10\%$.

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P Sergeant (G4 ONF), 6 Gurney Close, Costessey, Norwich, NR5 0HB. Tel: (0603) 747782.

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Another example: if operation on 80 is not required, insulators may be used in place of the DYM-40 traps, in which case the aerial will provide dipoles for 10-15-20 and 40 metres.

G2DYM Aerials, 'Cobharnden Castle', Uplowman, Nr Tiverton, Devon.

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The motherboards for the ZX81 and the ZX Spectrum are now available, both offering space for for interface cards. They are provided with a 25

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Velleman (UK) Limited, P O Box 30, St. Leonards on Sea, East Sussex. TN37 7NL.

Tel: 0424 753246.

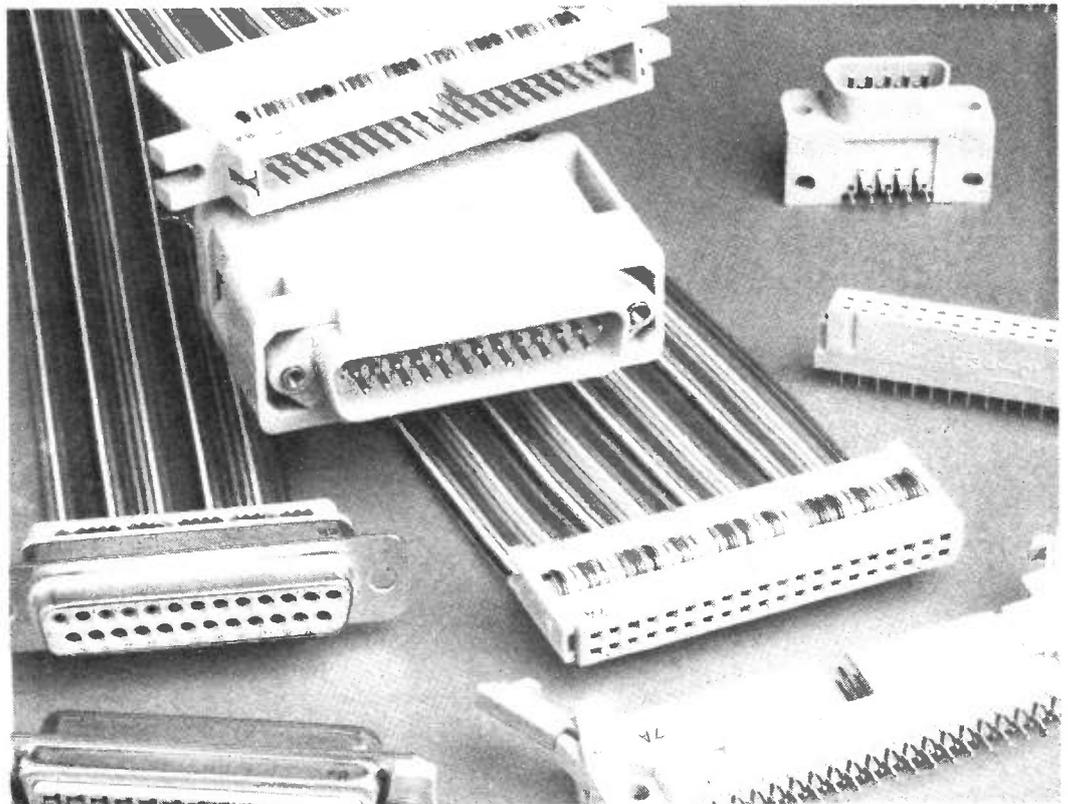
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BICC-Vero Electronics Ltd., Hedge End Industrial Estate, Flanders Road, Hedge End, Southampton, SO3 3LG Tel: (04892) 81424/5.



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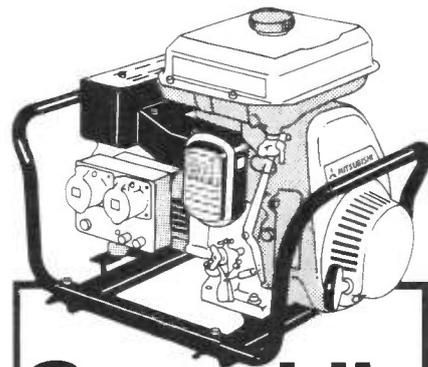
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BD 239A	40p
BD 239C	40p
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BD 240C	52p
BD 241A	40p
BD 241C	54p
BD 242A	42p
BD 242C	54p

BD 243A	55p
BD 243C	68p
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BD 244C	78p
BF 180	30p
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BF 194	12p
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BF 196	12p
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BF 198	12p
BF 199	12p
BF 200	12p
BF 224	15p
BF 244C	15p
BF 245	25p
BF 256C	35p
BF 256LC	35p
BF 257	32p
BF 258	32p
BF 259	32p
BF 336	36p
BF 337	36p
BF 338	36p
BF 457	40p
BF 458	37p
BF 459	37p
BF 494	12p
BF 595	15p
BF 596	20p
BFX 29	28p
BFX 30	28p
BFX 84	28p
BFX 87	28p
BFX 88	28p
BFY 50	23p
BFY 51	23p
BSY 82	22p
BSY 95A	23p
BU 205	140p
BU 206	150p
BU 208	140p
MJ 2500	235p
MJ 2501	235p

MJ 2955	90p
MJ 3000	210p
MJ 3001	225p
MJE 340	48p
MJE 350	70p
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MJE 521	68p
MJE 3055	68p
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MSPA 56	22p
MSPA 64	22p
MSPA 92	24p
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400 mW	
2V 7.36V	6p
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4V 7.51V	10p
C 106D	28p
C 116 D	70p
C 126D	90p
C 126M	90p
MCR 101	30p
MCR 102	34p
T 2800D	110p
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2N 5060	23p
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2N 5062	29p
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BRIDGE RECTIFIERS	
W005	18p
W01	20p
W02	22p
W04	24p
W06	28p
W08	32p
3A/50V	40p
3A/100V	42p
3A/200V	44p
3A/400V	46p
6A/50V	75p
6A/100V	80p
6A/200V	88p
6A/400V	94p
25A/100V	185p
25A/200V	198p
25A/400V	220p
LED's	
3mm red	7p
5mm red	7p
3mm green	10p
5mm green	10p
3mm yellow	10p
5mm yellow	10p
clips	3p
rectangular	
red	10p
Green	14p
Yellow	14p
CMOS	
4000	14p
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4501	16p
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100mA	30p
78L05	30p
78L12	30p
78L15	30p
78L18	45p
78L24	45p
1 A to 220	
7805	40p
7808	40p
7823	40p
7815	40p
7818	40p
7824	40p
5 A to 3	
78HO5	500p
Negative	
100 mA	
79L05	50p
79L12	50p
79L15	50p
1 A TO 220	
7905	45p
7906	65p
7908	65p
7912	55p
7915	55p
7924	65p
— Variable —	
LM309K	120p
LM317K	250p
LM317T	98p
LM337T	180p
LM350T	395p
LM723CN	35p
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OPTO	
TIL 32	55p
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TIL 78	50p
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CA 3160E	100p
CA 3161E	140p
CA 3240 AE	165p
CA 3260E	100p
CA 810QM	250p
LF 347	160p
LF 351	45p
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LM 301A	25p
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LM 386	125p
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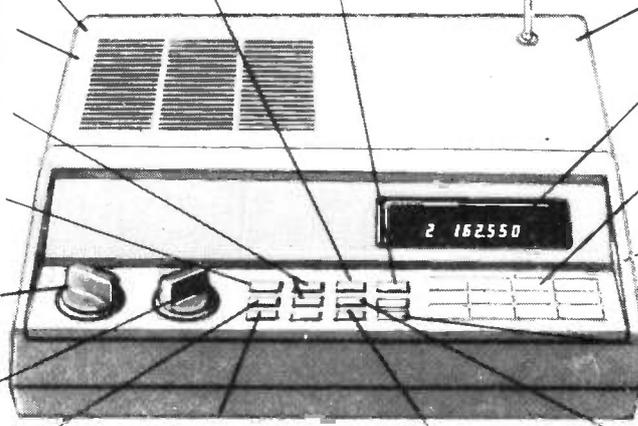
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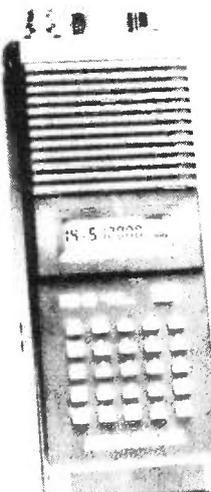


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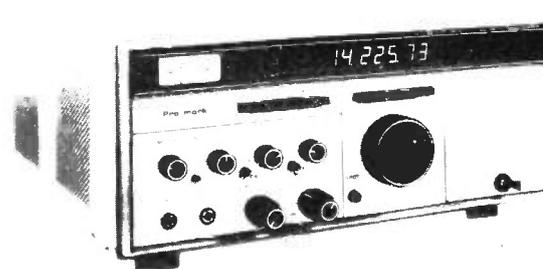


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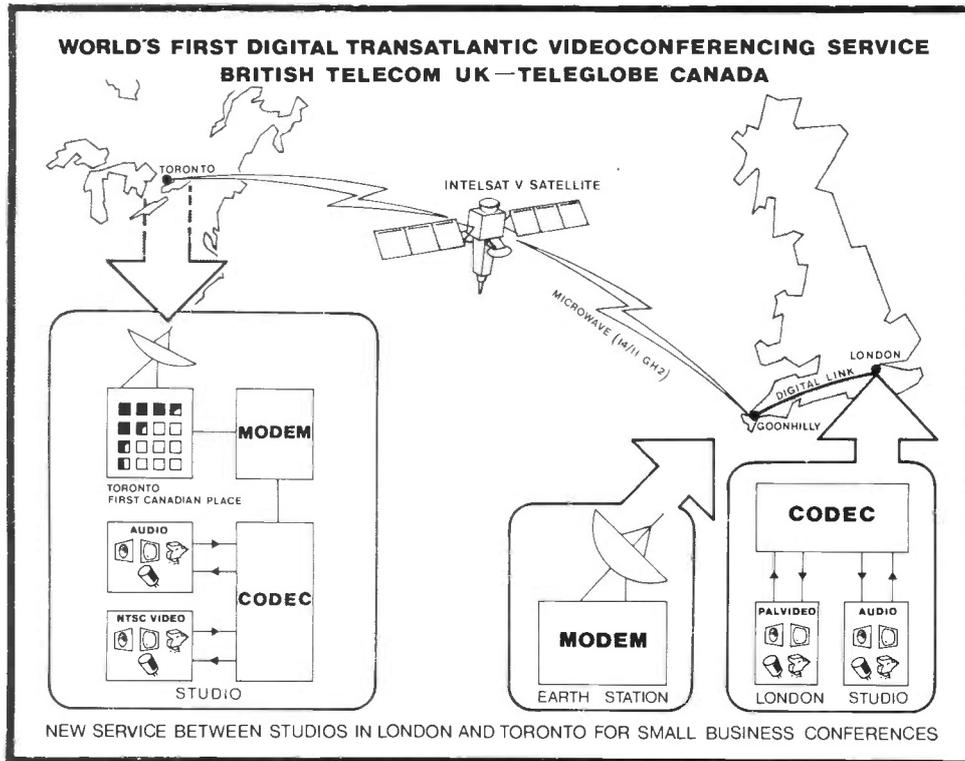
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First of its kind

A new generation of small dish aerials, with an improved performance that will enable more countries to use satellites for communications, has been successfully developed and brought into operation by British Telecom International

(BTI). It is the first of its kind in the world to go into commercial service.

It will soon be used to launch the world's first satellite based end-to-end digital transmission service across the Atlantic. To be called SatStream North America,

this service is now being set up by BTI and Teleglobe Canada.

The new aerial was developed jointly by BTI and British Telecom's research laboratories at Martlesham Heath, near Ipswich.

It has a 5.5m (18ft) diameter

dish and is known as an offset Gregorian antenna.

The first has been installed on the roof of a Telecom building in Ealing, West London.

It will work to an Atlantic Ocean Intelsat V Satellite.

Plessey reorganisation

As part of a programme of major investment and the reorganisation of its manufacturing facilities for telephone exchange and related equipment, Plessey Telecommunications Limited has announced a rationalisation programme at five of its plants in the North of England.

At three factories, programmes to accelerate System X and to progressively introduce other new product ranges will take place. These sites are at Edge Lane, Liverpool; Chorley, Lancashire; and Huyton, Merseyside.

At South Shields, where some 600 people are employed, the manufacture of exchange equipment will cease by the end of August 1984. Plessey Circuits Limited, employing 290 people and producing printed circuit boards on the same site, will not be affected.

Plessey's Lamberhead, Wigan factory where 240 people are employed will close by May, 1984.

The GIOTTO spacecraft

Further to all the information given about GIOTTO in last month's News columns of *R & EW* we now publish the following details from British Aerospace Dynamics Group:-

The Mission

GIOTTO is to be launched by an Ariane 1 from Kourou, French Guyana in the summer of 1985, to intercept Halley's Comet in March 1986, following an 8-month flight. Launch will take place in July 1985. Suitable conditions for the launch exist for 20 minutes or more every day during this period.

Following launch, GIOTTO will be released into an Earth geosynchronous transfer orbit. After a few revolutions in

this orbit, when near perigee, GIOTTO's solid-propellant motor will be ignited and the spacecraft will be propelled into a heliocentre trajectory towards Halley's Comet.

Interception will occur during the night of March 13/14, 1986, about one month after the comet's closest approach to the Sun. GIOTTO is being targeted to pass through the cometary atmosphere (coma) of Halley's Comet within 500km (310 miles) of its nucleus, on the sunward side. Allowing for orbital errors, GIOTTO is expected to penetrate within at least 2000km (1250 miles) of the nucleus.

During the critical final four-hour encounter, phase data will be relayed back to Earth in real time from the experiments carried on board GIOTTO. Completion of the mission occurs 15 minutes after GIOTTO has passed its closest point to the comet.

Ten experiments constitute the scientific payload of GIOTTO.

One of the sensors is a multicolour camera, which will obtain images of the comet's nucleus and the surrounding coma.

The other experiments are concerned with an examination of coma chemistry; analysis and the dynamics of the cometary plasma, and its interaction with the solar wind; and an investigation of mass, distribution and composition of the dust cloud associated with the comet.

GIOTTO will be controlled from the European Space Agency's Operations Centre at Darmstadt, West Germany. Experimental data relayed by GIOTTO during its encounter with Halley's Comet will be received via the 64m dish antenna of the Parkes Radio Telescope in Australia.

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Spacecraft Data

Height almost 3m; Diameter 1.84m; Spin stabilised 15 rpm; Orbit prograde-in same direction as Earth's Satellite fly-by velocity 68 kilometres per second; Data transmission - microwave in X and S bands; Transmitter power 20 watts; Antenna (on-board) 1.5 metre parabolic; Experiments 10; Experiments mass 56 kilogrammes; Launch - Ariane July 1985; Encounter - March 1986.

Command, control and data signals pass between GIOTTO and Earth via high gain dish antenna with an effective diameter of 1.47m. The antenna is despun and canted at an angle of 44.2° to GIOTTO's spin axis to maintain its line-of-sight to Earth during the comet encounter phase. The feed horns are carried on a tripod structure straddling the antenna. Signals will be relayed in either S-band (2.1GHz uplink, 2.3GHz downlink) or X-band (8.4GHz downlink). Antenna pointing accuracy is critical, especially for X-band transmissions (a 3dB loss occurs for 0.8 error in X-band).

In search of the space shuttle

The March 1984 issue of *73: Amateur Radio's Technical Journal* is devoted to coverage of the historic ninth mission of the Space Shuttle, in which an astronaut/ham radio operator received NASA's permission to operate from space for the first time.

Dr Owen Garriott (callsign W5LFL), on his second shuttle mission, verified ham radio's effectiveness in acting as the ultimate in backup communications systems. On prior missions, the aerospace administration feared that such communications would interfere with the electronics of the spacecraft, and with the astronaut's primary responsibilities. Garriott succeeded in laying those fears to rest and, in post-mission remarks at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, remarked, 'We accomplished everything we set out to do'.

73's 'In Search of the Shuttle: A Ham in Space,' recounts the efforts of twenty-one American ham operators, located from Maine to Hawaii,

who were specially recruited by the magazine on the basis of geographic location to communicate with the shuttle during its mission. The geographically distributed network of operator/reporters, the first such network ever established by an amateur radio journal, was the brainchild of *73's* executive editor, Jack Burnett. The project was the most expensive editorial undertaking in the magazine's history.

Both NASA and the ARRL (American Radio Relay League) cooperated in supplying information to Burnett. Since Garriott was only permitted to operate in his spare time, and since the orbital patterns of the shuttle would take it over different areas of the country at different times, the co-operation of NASA and the ARRL was crucial to the success of the project.

Garriott estimates that of the more than 100,000 operators who attempted to make contact, he heard three-hundred operators. Due to the tenacity of the operators' combined efforts and the organisational skills of the *73* staff, it is believed that several *73* reporters succeeded in getting through. Verification will be made after Garriott completes a review of the tape recordings he made onboard which document the contacts.

Robotics conference 1984

The 1984 ACC Micro-robotics Conference is to be held at Central Hall, Westminster, on 21 April. The venue is in conjunction with the Association of London Computer Clubs' Easter Fair, and many of the stands will have a Robotics flavour.

Subjects planned for the Conference range from hobby interests to commercial applications, with talks and demonstrations by representatives of some of the leading manufacturers. The Micromouse maze will be featured, and a 'friendly' competition has been arranged. Novice constructors are encouraged to see how their mice perform against the old hands. The Robot Arena will also be there, with demonstrations and advice for home constructors.

Circuit technology conference

LeaRonal (UK) plc will be displaying a comprehensive range of their latest processes and services specially designed for the PCB industry at the forthcoming Circuit Technology Conference to be held at the Kensington Exhibition Centre in London from the 3rd to 5th April 1984.

There are six items that will be of specific interest to Printed Circuit Board manufacturers. These are:- Copper Gleam 125, the new high speed acid copper plating solution; Ronovel N, the latest gold process from LeaRonal with British Telecom M468A approval; Pallamet 30 palladium-nickel process deposit meets the requirements of British Telecom M468A specifications when used in conjunction with a gold flash deposit (0.25 microns); Ronascreen resists and soldermasks, a new range of plating resists, etch resists, soldermasks and legend inks. They are available as thermal cure and UV cure products; the Solderon NF non-fluoborate tin-lead process which provides improved metal distribution, higher current density operating 'window' for given metal concentration and is a more stable alloy over wide current density range.

Ships at sea and information technology

Ships' crews and passengers can now plug into the world of information technology.

Ships which use British Telecom International's maritime satellite system (Inmarsat), can access a wide range of computers and databases round the world

through BTI's international packet switching service, IPSS.

The new service will provide packet-switched links to the UK's public data network, Packet SwitchStream (PSS), and also to more than 50 similar data networks in over 30 countries. It will enable shipboard users to call up data on a wide range of marine-related subjects, including meteorology, geoastronomy, oceanography, naval records, marine pollution and its control, ports and harbours, seaways and ocean mining.

For computer users, packet switching has several important features: It makes national and international data communications simpler to set up, quicker to connect and more reliable in operation. It provides a flexible and reliable way of linking different computers and terminals and enables terminals working at different speeds to communicate with each other. It automatically re-routes packets along different paths to avoid congestion or route failure.

Shipboard customers will be able to use synchronous character terminals generating data at 300 bit/s. They will connect to IPSS by dialling the London IPSS exchange. Ships in the Atlantic ocean would use BTI's earth station at Goonhilly Downs, Cornwall.

Once connection has been established to the IPSS gateway, the user gives his IPSS 'password' (network user identity) and then the 'address' of the computer to be called.

To gain access to particular databases, users will also need to make the necessary commercial arrangements with their proprietors.

Company News

Ambit move

Ambit International, the electronics components supplier to industry and the home electronics market, is to move its headquarters from Brentwood to Broxbourne in Hertfordshire, though it will retain a sales counter in the Essex town.

The move is being made, to

enable the company to maintain the present pattern of growth. Demand for Ambit's services has risen steadily to the point where the Brentwood premises can no longer provide the necessary facilities.

Ambit's new address will be *Ambit International, Park Lane, Broxbourne, Herts.*

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EN10 7NQ, the headquarters of its parent company, Cirkit Holdings PLC and sister company, Broxlea Limited.

Marconi changes dockland skyline

Engineers from Marconi Communication Systems Ltd, Chelmsford, are working on two projects that will bring the space age to London's dockland. Two separate sites, one on The Isle of Dogs and the other at Woolwich will be nearing the first stages of completion.

On the Isle of Dogs, Marconi is supplying Mercury Communications Ltd with two complete satellite earth stations that will be used to provide international links for leased-line and other switched services. A 13-metre dish will provide service to North America via the INTELSAT V satellite and an 8-metre station will provide services to Europe.

At Woolwich, Marconi is



The new London 1 Satellite Earth Station at Woolwich

supplying British Telecom International (BTI) with three 13-metre antennas which will also provide services via INTELSAT V and through the ECS satellite. The system is designed so that, by the substitution of a few components, either terminal may assume the role of one of the others.

Both projects are well in hand. At Woolwich, the first antenna and the container housing the ground communication equipment are in position and work has already started on the second antenna.

A fully duplicated system of ground control equipment is being supplied to both sites.

In addition to the London sites, Marconi has also received from Mercury Communications an order for the supply of a complete earth station for the first terminal to be built at a site near Kidlington, Oxfordshire.



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One Night's Work

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Two circuits

The two most common IFs are 10.7MHz and 455kHz, and so two circuits are given here, both using a 74LS00 TTL IC as the

oscillator. Very little need be said about the circuits, which are slightly different because the frequencies are so separated that a common oscillator circuit wouldn't really have been feasible. Both circuits have a 5.1V zener diode incorporated so that they can be powered from any voltage from approx 7-15V, the most convenient being a PP3 9V battery.

Though not tried in the prototype, it should be possible to use a ceramic resonator (cheaper than a 455kHz crystal) with minor modifications to the one circuit.

A DC blocking capacitor can be placed in the output if desired, eg. 33pf.

Veroboard or PCBs can be used, designs for which are given in the *Figures*. Mount all the components, taking care with the crystal leads. After checking carefully, switch on and adjust the trimmer to give 10.7MHz output. The boards were designed to mount on one side of the smallest standard diecast box, with a battery on the other side. The output, (pin 8) is connected to a short length of wire which projects through the one end of the case, otherwise the metal would effectively screen the oscillator and prevent any RF getting out. SW1 is a miniature push button mounted on the top of the case.

The 455kHz oscillator

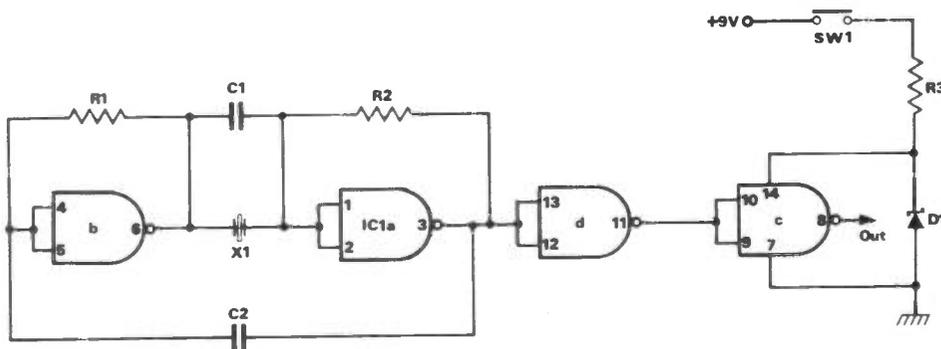
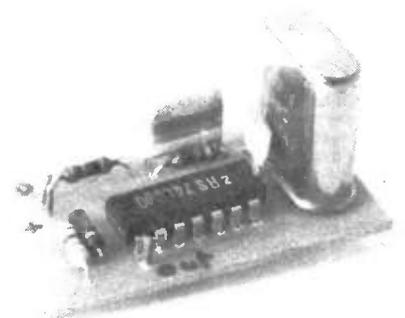


Fig 1a Crystal oscillator circuit



Assembly

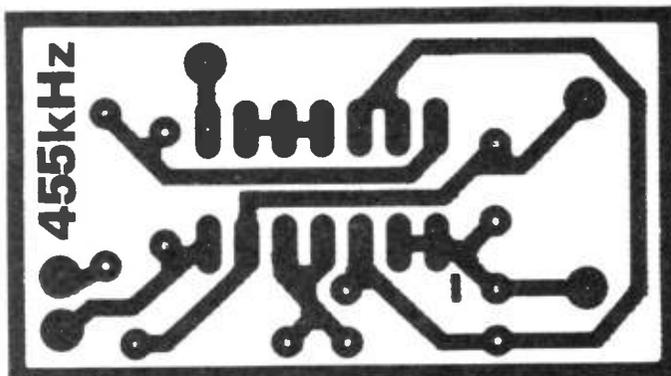


Fig 1b Foil pattern

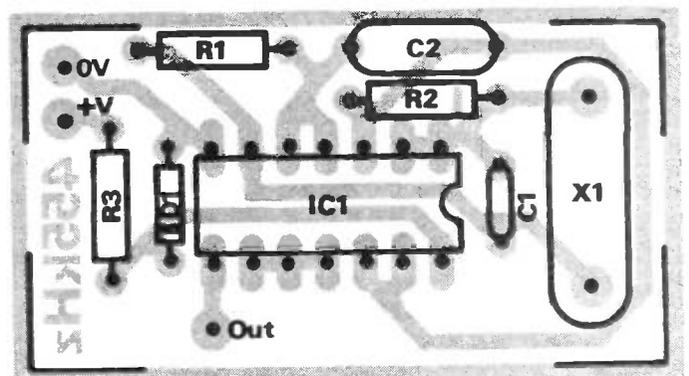
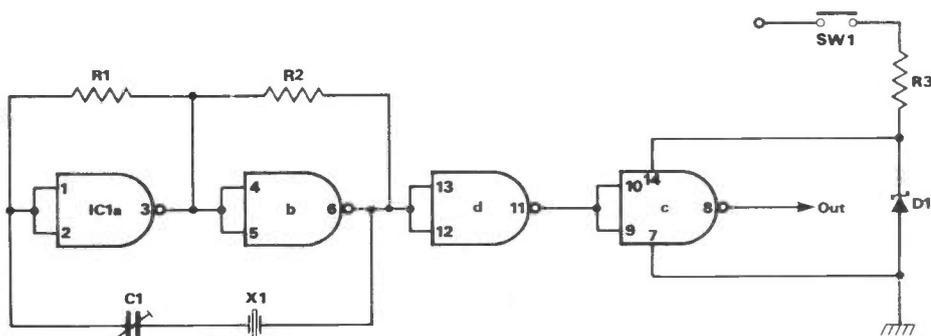


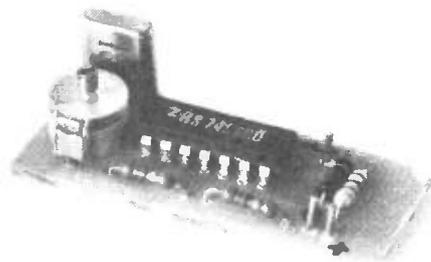
Fig 1c Component overlay

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Fig 2 the 10.7 MHz oscillator



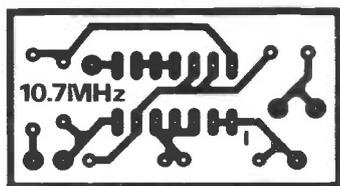
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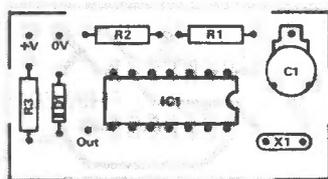
(b) Assembly

PARTS LIST

455kHz crystal oscillator	
R1, R2	1k Ω
R3	100 Ω
C1	220pF ceramic
C2	47nF polyester
D1	5.1V zener diode
IC1	74L 500
X1	455kHz crystal



(c) Foil pattern



(d) Component overlay

PARTS LIST

10.7MHz crystal oscillator	
R1, R2	560 Ω
R3	100 Ω
C1	5-60pF trimmer
D1	5.1V zener diode
IC	74L 500
X1	10.7MHz crystal

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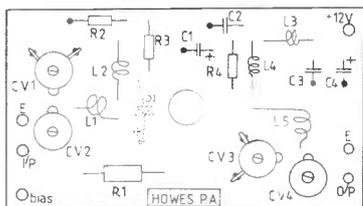
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HF Linear Amplifier

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Why use tubes?

An amplifying device may be either a tube or a transistor (bipolar or fet). When the smallness of the transistor, its low voltage operation and absence of heater are regarded as deciding factors, there is no point in advocating the use of a tube. However, tubes do have distinct advantages of their own.

An important one is their better high frequency capability, particularly at output power levels of 50W and over. Examples are the VHF/UHF tubes such as the forced air cooled 4CX250B and its conduction cooled variants the CCS1 and CCS2. There is also the conduction cooled YL1550, which is used in the Clansman military communications system, to give a VHF output of 50W with a low power semiconductor drive circuit.

Glass envelope tubes have a particular advantage concerned with cooling. Transistors need to be conduction cooled and, if the heat has to be carried away by the chassis, semiconductors elsewhere in the circuit may suffer. A separate system of metalwork, thermally isolated from the chassis, can be used for cooling, but this may be bulkier than the tube which could be used instead. With adequate ventilation it is usually fairly easy to get the heat away from a glass envelope tube and a fan is sometimes used, especially when a large power handling capability is packed into a small space.

Although the linear amplifier is commonly used in conjunction with a pi-coupler output circuit, which is capable of good harmonic rejection, and further filtering is often added, it is worth noting

that a tube, because of its smoother characteristic, usually generates a rather lower proportion of harmonic output than a transistor. The tube's intermodulation products are also likely to be less, especially at moderate signal levels.

In the absence of faults, one may expect a transistor to have a longer life than a tube, but a tube will usually survive such contingencies as aerial short or open circuits, provided they do not last too long, whereas a transistor may well be burnt out by them. Also, in the event of a failure, a tube is often easier to replace.

Operating bands

The amplifier is suitable for single sideband transmitters giving a peak envelope power output of 220W at 3.5MHz and 130W at 30MHz from an ht supply of 1200V. Band switching is provided to cover the 3, 5, 7, 14, 21 and 28

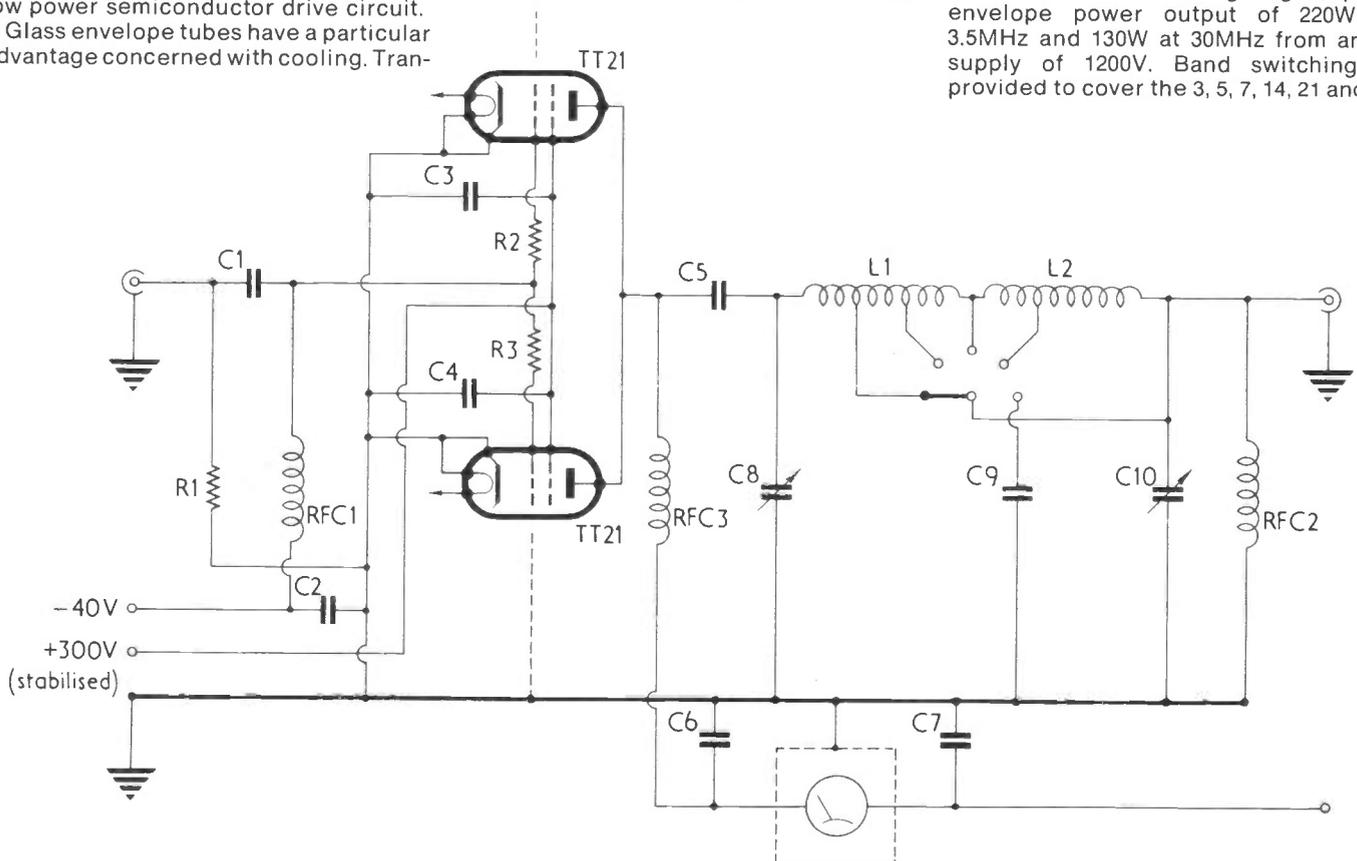


Fig 1 Circuit diagram 200W amplifier

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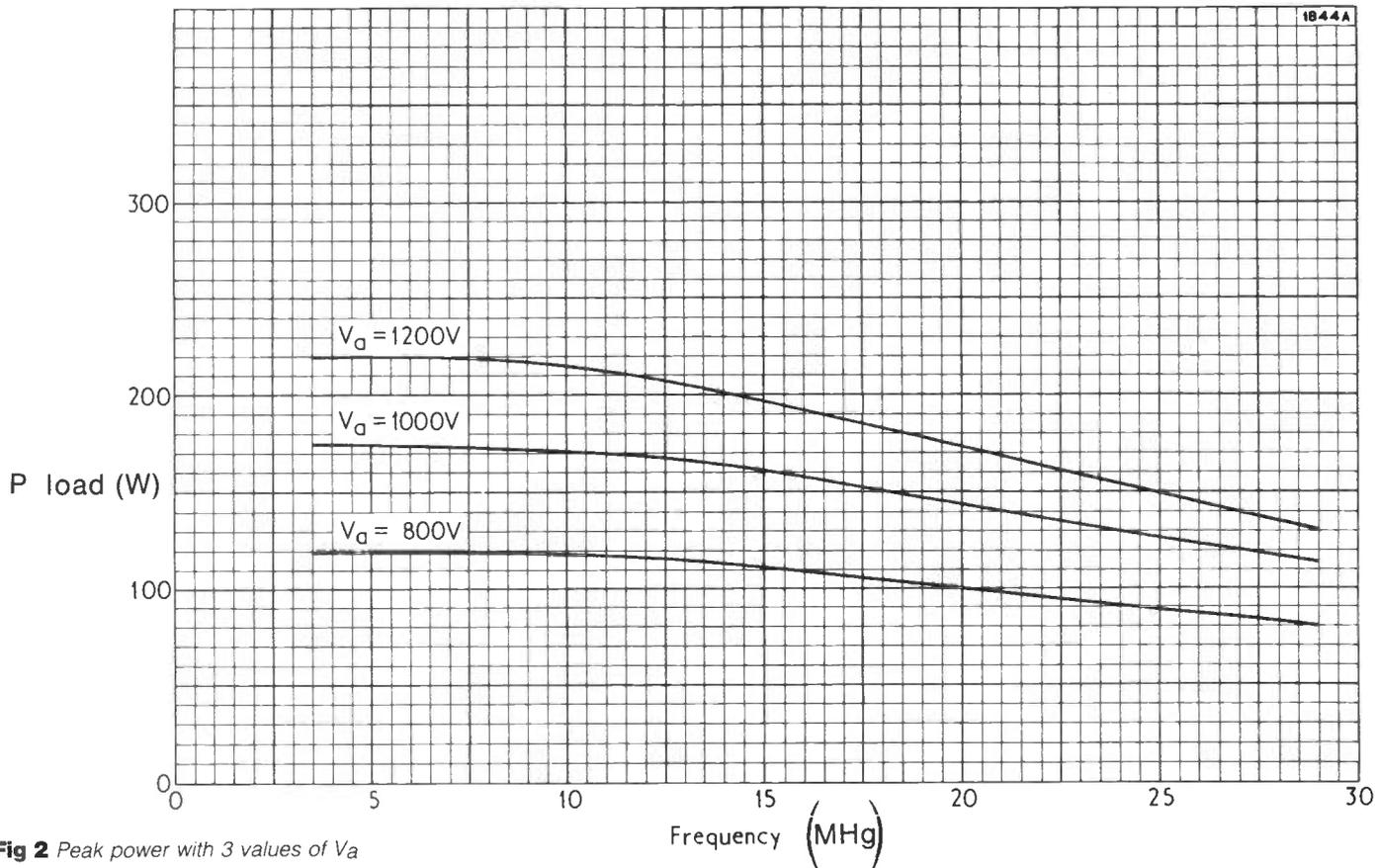


Fig 2 Peak power with 3 values of V_a

MHz amateur bands and could be readily adapted for other frequencies.

Circuit description

Two TT21 tetrode valves are connected in parallel to a conventional 'pi' output coupling system which provides adjustment for load matching. In order to ensure complete stability without the inconvenience of neutralising, the so called 'passive grid' input circuit is used, in which the input tuned circuit is replaced by a resistor, in this case of 1000Ω . This results in some increase of drive power requirements but the amplifier can be driven to full output with a drive of 5W at 30MHz. The TT21 valves are not driven into grid current and the drive power is dissipated in the grid input resistor and in circuit losses.

Operating conditions and performance

The peak envelope output power (PEP) obtainable at frequencies up to 30MHz is shown in Figure 2 for anode voltages of 800, 1000 and 1200V; the corresponding operating conditions are shown in Table 1.

It should be noted that continuous operation at full peak envelope conditions with an anode supply of 1200V is not permissible since the ICAS anode dissipation rating of 45W is exceeded. However, for modulation waveforms having a peak-to-mean ratio greater than 3:1, these conditions are permissible and apply to most practical systems of speech transmission.

The inter-modulation performance is shown on Table 2 under two tone test

conditions; third order inter-modulation of $-45dB$ and fifth order of $-46dB$ relative to either tone is obtainable without the use of feedback.

Table 2 Inter-modulation Performance

V_a	800	1000	1200	V
V_{g2}	300	300	300	V
$-V_{g1}$	34	37	39	V
V_{g1} (pk)	34	37	39	V
I_a (o)	94	75	65	mA
I_a (2 tone)	160	165	180	mA
I_{g2}	12	10	8	mA
I_{g1}	0	0	0	mA
P_{load} (2 tone)	60	87.5	110	W
D3	45	33	29	dB
D5	46	46	43	dB

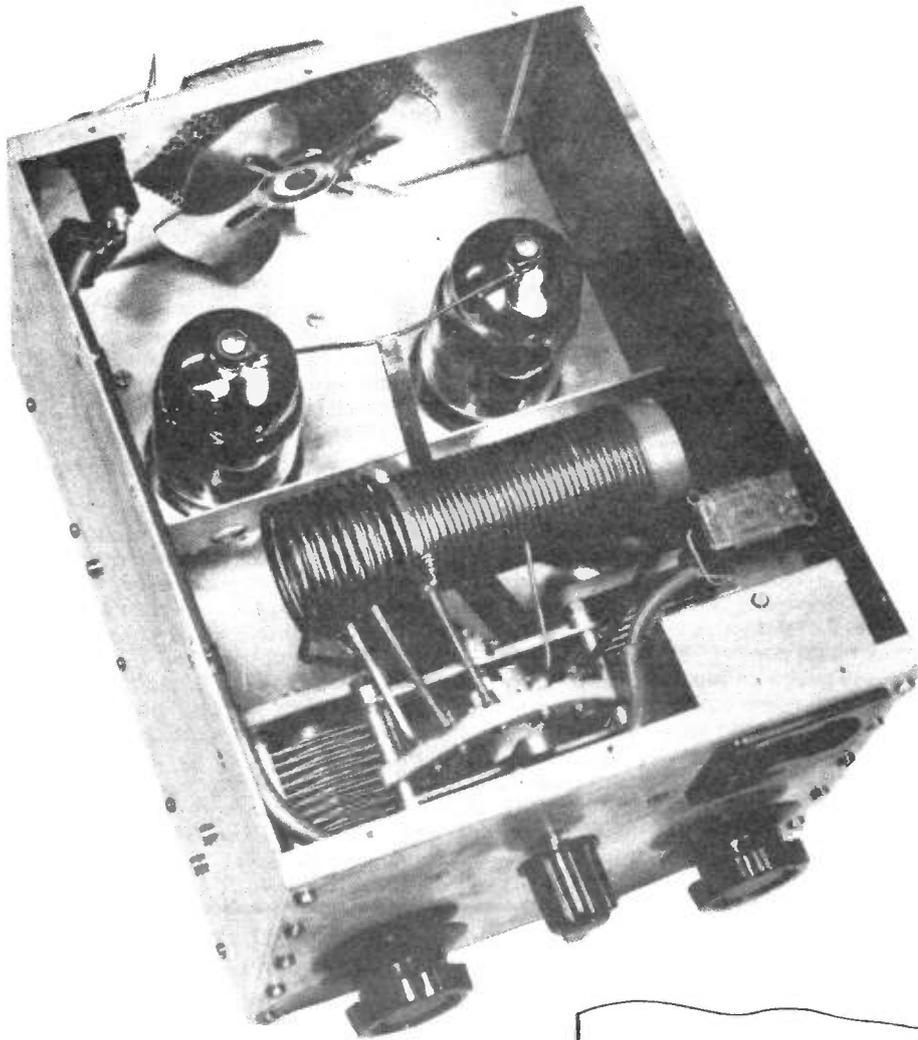
Table 1 Performance of Amplifier

Frequency	≤7	≤7	≤7	14	14	14	21	21	21	29	29	29	MHz
V_a	800	1000	1200	800	1000	1200	800	1000	1200	800	1000	1200	V
V_{g2}	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	V
* V_{g1}	34	37	39	34	37	39	34	37	39	34	37	39	V
I_a (o) (2 valves)	94	75	62.5	94	75	62.5	94	75	62.5	94	75	62.5	mA
I_a (max sig) (2 valves)	210	260	270	190	230	250	210	240	250	210	215	235	mA
I_{g2} (max sig) (2 valves)	19	18	18	16	16	14	16	16	17	16	16	14	mA
I_{g1} (max sig)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	mA
P_{in}	168	260	320	152	230	300	168	240	300	168	215	282	W
P_{load}	120	175	220	114	167	204	98	140	170	80	115	130	W
$P_{in} P_{load}$ (per valve)	24	43	50	19	32	48	39	50	65	44	50	76	W

*Adjusted to obtain the stated value of I_a (o)

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Top view of amplifier (cover removed)



Component Values

R1	1000Ω	2W
R2	100Ω	½W
R3	100Ω	½W
RFC1	2.5mH	
RFC2	2.5mH	
Meter	0 - 300mA	
C1, C2	0.01μF	500V (0.01μF disc ceramic)
C3, C4	0.03μF	500V (3 x 0.01μF disc ceramic)
C5	2500pF	2.5kV
C6, C7	2500pF	
C8	17 - 200pF	
C9	500pF	
C10	40 - 500pF	

Construction

The amplifier is constructed in an aluminium box 10½in x 8in x 6½in. Because of this small size, positive steps have to be taken to prevent over-heating. The inside faces of the box nearest the valves should be painted matt black in order to reduce reflected heat. The base and top plates and the intermediate shield should have a number of holes around the valves in order to assist natural convection. Some additional air movement is necessary and is provided by a small fan mounted through the rear wall of the box. Checks should be made on prototype equipment that the maximum bulb temperature of the valves does not exceed 250°C under the most onerous conditions of service. Temperature-sensitive paints are convenient for this purpose.

To prevent feed-back in common return circuits, a single earthing point should be established on the chassis midway between the valves (Figure 3). In particular, the two variable capacitors which make up the output tuning system should have their rotors connected to this earth point by a copper strap about ⅜in wide and should not be earthed at

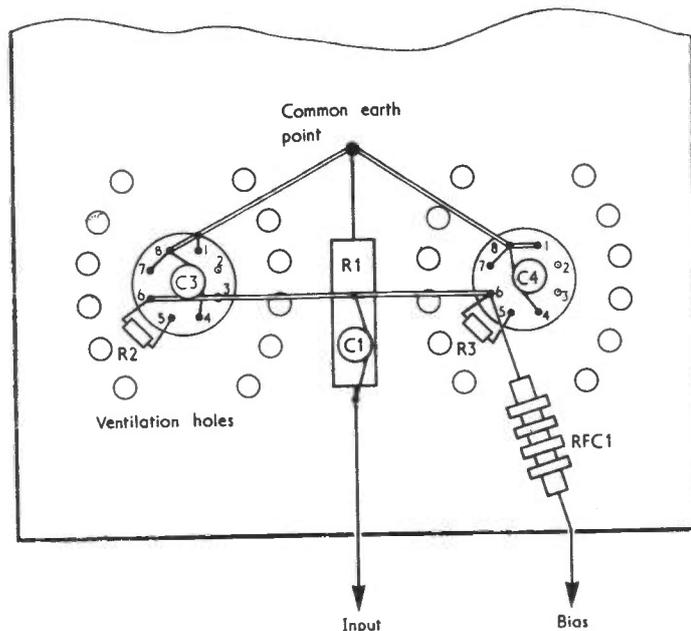
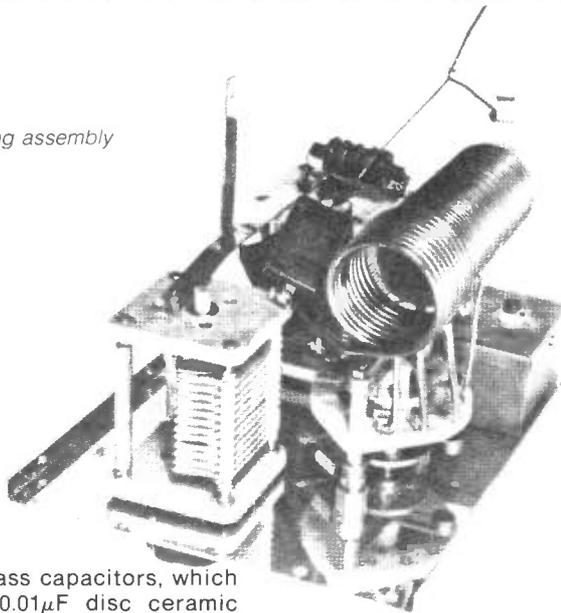


Fig 3 RF connections to valve sockets

any other point. The earthed side of the type N output socket should be similarly returned to the earth point even though it is earthed to the chassis by its mounting.

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Output tuning assembly



The screen by-pass capacitors, which consist of three 0.01 μ F disc ceramic types in parallel should be connected directly across the valve holder between pins 4 and 8, since they are concerned only with the rf circulatory currents associated with each separate valve. On the underside of the chassis, the cathode pins of the two valve holders should be separately connected to the earth point by a heavy gauge conductor.

Grid stoppers of 100 Ω are needed to ensure freedom from parasitic oscilla-

tion. These are connected between pins 5 and 6 of the valve holder, the latter pin having no connection within the valve. A heavy gauge conductor joins pins 6 of the two valve holders and the drive is introduced at the centre of this through a 0.01 μ F capacitor. With particular circuit layouts, further suppression of parasitic oscillation may be necessary; a 100 Ω 1/4W resistor overwound with 2 1/2 turns of

18SWG copper wire connected close to each anode cap will normally be effective.

Components

Anode Coil

This coil consists of two windings in series; L1 in the circuit diagram consists of 9 turns of 1/8in diameter copper wire with the turns spaced 1/8in and with an internal diameter of 1 1/2in. The entire coil is used at 14MHz/s and taps at 3 and 5 turns from the anode end are used for the 28 and 21 bands respectively. L2 consists of 31 turns of 16SWG wire wound on an epoxy resin former 1 1/2in diameter. The turns are spaced so as to occupy a winding length of 3 1/2in. For use at 7MHz a tap at 12 turns from the anode end is used.

Anode Choke (RFC3)

This choke has to have high impedance over the entire frequency range, since it is effectively in parallel with the anode-tuned circuit. A single layer solenoid 1/2in diameter close wound with 24SWG enamelled copper wire to a winding length of 2 1/2in is satisfactory. The connections should be designed to minimise shunt capacitance across the choke.

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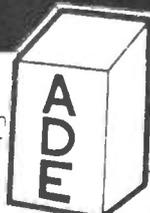
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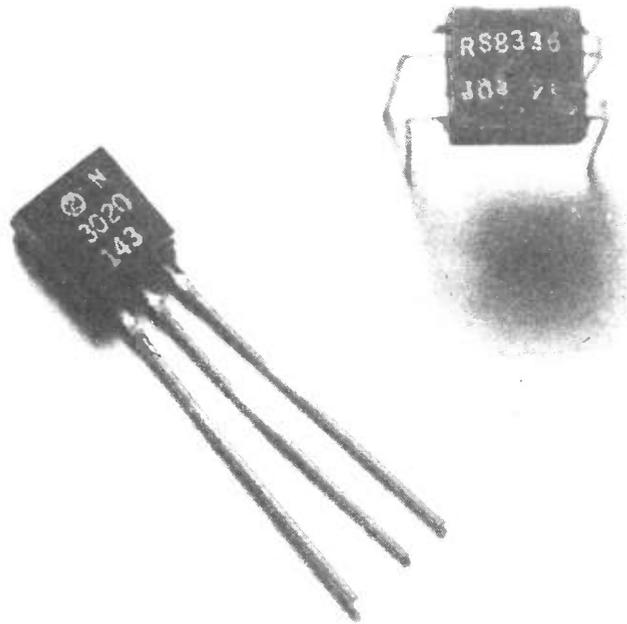
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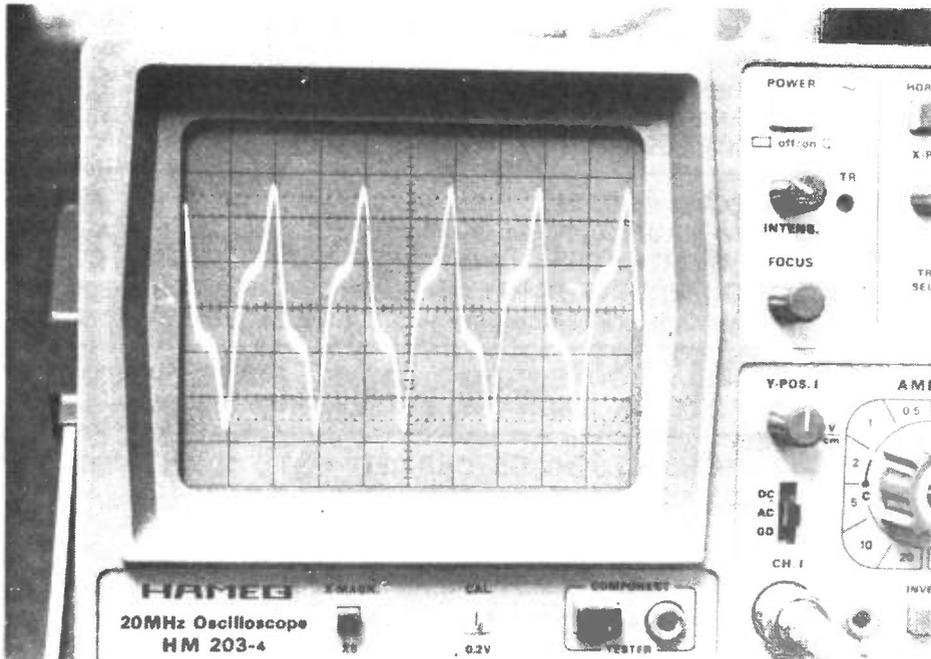


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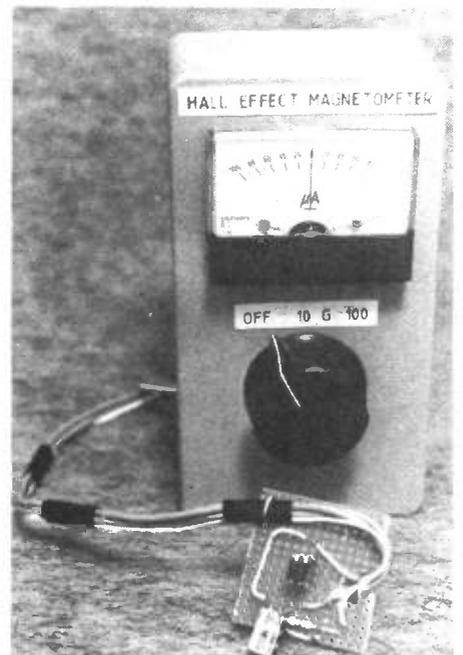
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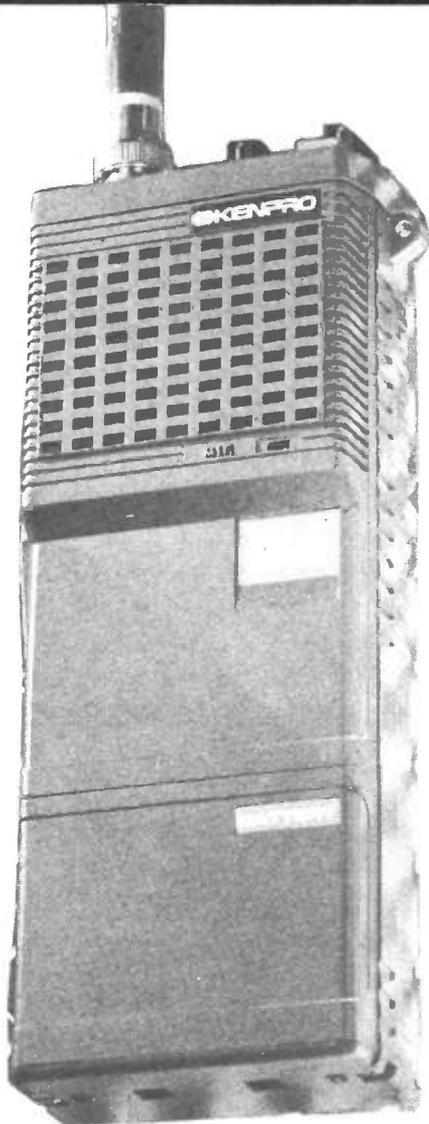
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result of the force on each electron manifests itself as a migration of the electrons to one side of the conductor. The surplus density of electrons on one side creates a potential difference across the sides of the current-carrying conductor when it is in a magnetic field. The phenomenon was discovered in 1879 by E H Hall, after whom it is named.

Figure 1 shows what happens. The force on the electrons acts orthogonally to the direction of the current and the magnetic field – so it pushes them to one of the side walls of the conductor. The charge builds up until the electrostatic force acting on like-sign carriers balances the magnetic force.

The magnitude of the Hall voltage is given by the expression:

$$V_{\text{Hall}} = \frac{BI}{nQW}$$

where B is the magnetic field, I the current, Q the electron's charge, n the density of charge carriers, and W, the width of the conductor.

Unit of flux density

For a given size of conductor, the Hall voltage can be optimised by increasing the current carried and minimising the density of charge carriers. Semiconductors are preferred because the carrier density is low – although high enough to allow suitable currents to be passed. While the Hall voltage is created by electrons in conductors, the dominant charge carrier may be positive or negative in semiconductors (depending on the semiconductor type) and hence the potential is signed accordingly. Typically, a small volume of semiconductor will generate a millivolt or so with a few milliamps of current per Gauss; conductors carrying a few amps only produce a few microvolts.

The Gauss is a convenient unit of magnetic flux density – the Earth's magnetic field is approximately 0.5 Gauss. Magnets around the home may have field strengths of several hundred Gauss. Perhaps the strongest fields are those around pulsars where incredibly high densities of matter support fields of one million million Gauss which are believed to cause electron-positron annihilation – one hypothesised source for the pulsar's electromagnetic emissions.

Devices

The Hall voltage may be measured by connecting wires onto the sides of the (semi-)conductor. Once brought outside the source, it may be processed as required. There are two common device types which use the Hall effect. The first is the magnetic switch, typified by the Sprague 3020 – a low-cost digital switch whose interior is shown schematically in Figure 2.

The sensor, amplifier, and Schmitt

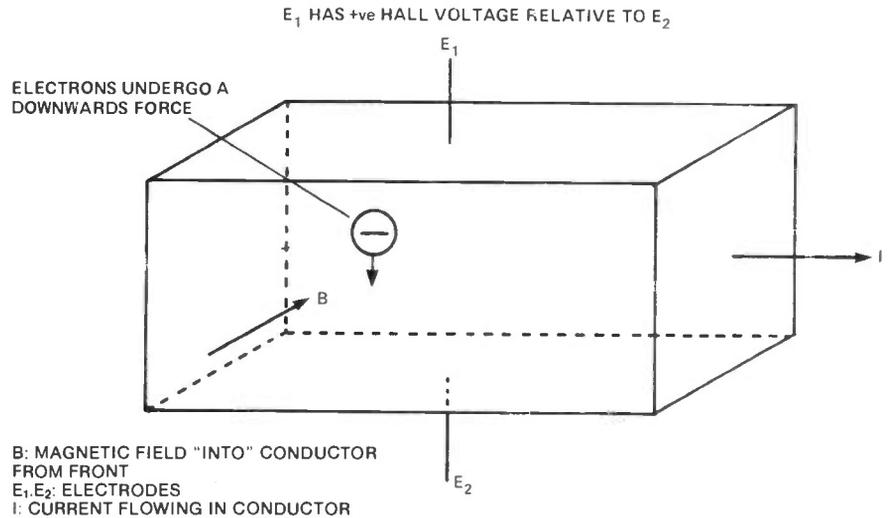


Fig 1 Schematic of Hall effect on current-carrying conductor

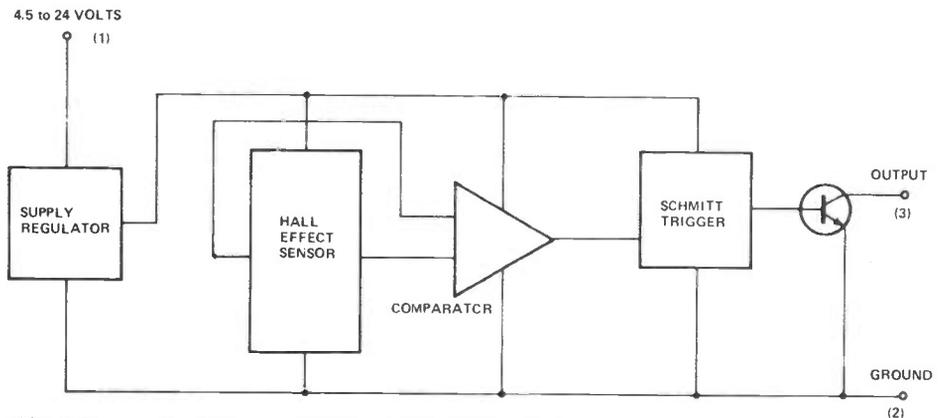


Fig 2 Schematic of Sprague 3020-type Hall effect switch

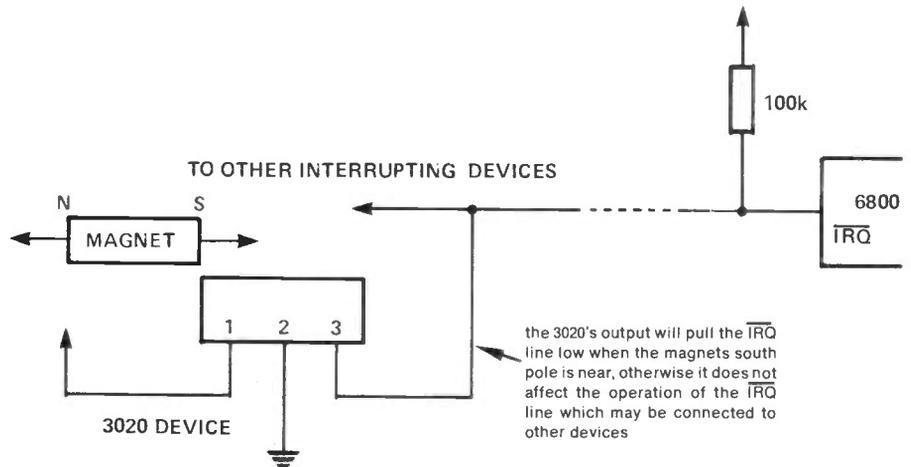
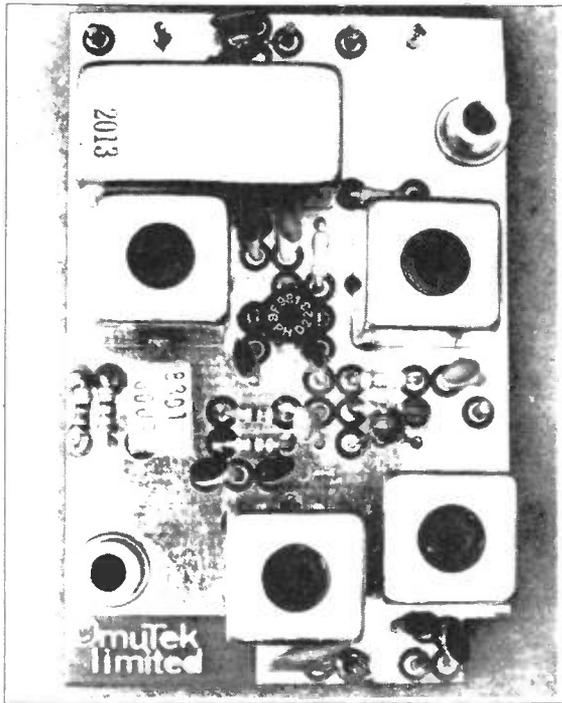


Fig 3 Using the 3020's open-collector output to drive a 6800 microprocessor's IRQ line

trigger are supplied via a voltage regulator to stabilise the switch against changes in supply potential. The amplifier magnifies the potential difference across the sensor and passes the amplified voltage to the trigger circuit to clean-up the level to digital '1' or '0' standards. The output is an open-collector transistor which is used as a current sink – simplifying connection to a bus, for instance. Figure 3 shows a typical application.

By fabricating the various sections on a monolithic structure the good matching of components obtained allows operation over a wide range of temperatures. The magnetic field required to operate the switch is (approx) 200 Gauss, with a hysteresis of a few tens of Gauss to prevent erroneous switching when the field strength is near the critical value. The Hall effect is sensitive to the polarity of the field, so it is important to use the correct 'end' of the magnet – with this



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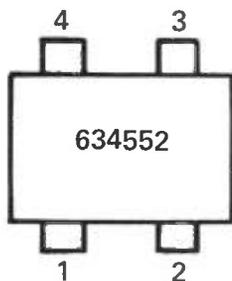
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Fig 4 634552 pin-out

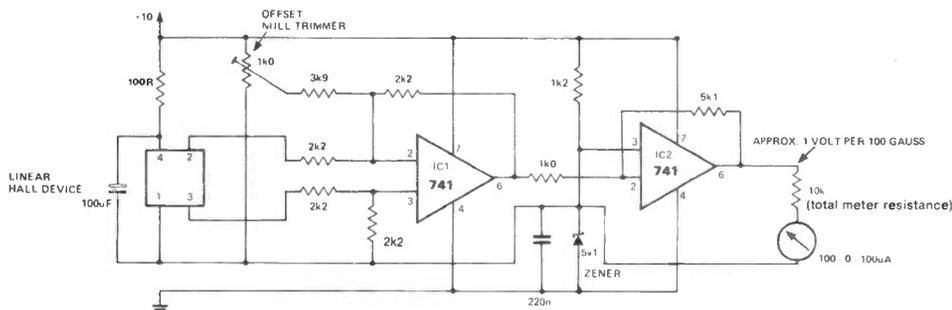


Fig 5 Simple DC amplifier for use with the 634552 device

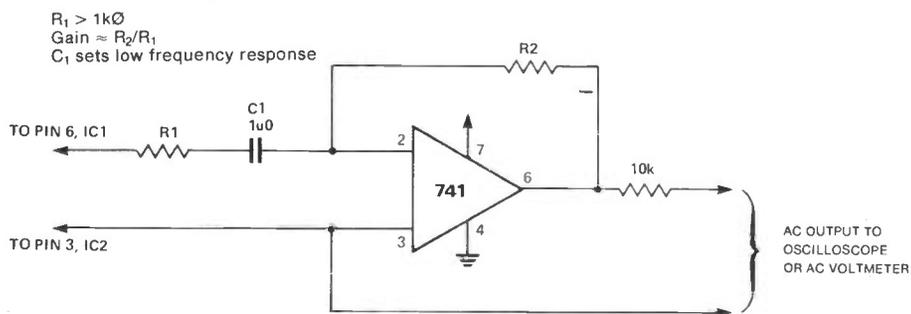


Fig 6 AC amplifier for oscillating fields

device, as the South pole of the magnet approaches the sensor, the output transistor is switched on.

The other type of sensor allows the user to have access to the Hall voltage. The 634SS2, available from Maplin, RS Components, and other suppliers, has the pin-out shown in Figure 4. Two supply connections are used to provide the basic current from which the Hall effect is derived, and two signal connections allow extraction of the Hall voltage – one

output increases by approximately one millivolt per Gauss while the other decreases. The exact potential developed is dependent on the supply voltage and load on the outputs. The device is reasonably linear over a range of -400 to +400 Gauss. Note that the potential between the outputs is not zero for a zero magnetic field; offsets in Hall devices can easily be caused by the non-alignment of the Hall voltage taps on the sensing semiconductor.

Measurements

A simple circuit to measure the output is shown in Figure 5. The sensor is placed on a remote board to allow movement of the sensor – a calibration coil may also be attached to this board, and its construction is described later. Audio coaxial cable carries the transducer's output to the straightforward DC amplifier circuit. IC1 is a DC-coupled differential amplifier which nulls most of the bias voltage on the outputs; a potentiometer, VR1, is used to remove the remaining bias between the inputs which is present even when there is no external magnetic field. IC2 acts as a simple DC amplifier to multiply the residual signal from IC1. If only alternating magnetic fields were of interest, IC2 and its associated components could be replaced by the AC equivalent shown in Figure 6 with output to an oscilloscope.

The range of magnetic fields that can be measured (as calculated from the manufacturer's data) is 1 to 500 Gauss (approx). Because it is difficult to calibrate the instrument, the readings are best interpreted as a guide to the field strength – use of the probe shows how rapidly the magnetic flux from a simple bar magnet decreases with distance from the magnet; comparing the flux density at the transducer caused by a magnet physically touching the plastic package and that of a magnet with a package-magnet distance of 1mm, shows a 25% drop.

The Hall effect sensor and its circuit shown in Figure 5 may be roughly calibrated by passing a known current through a coil as shown in Figure 7. The magnetic field at the centre of a scramble-wound coil of minimal length may be shown to be

$$B = \frac{C Ni}{R} \text{ Gauss}$$

where N is the number of turns in the coil, i is the current, R is the radius of the coil, and C is a constant of value 6.282×10^{-7} . (MKS system of units)

A current of 25mA in a coil of 1cm radius should produce a field of 5 Gauss; as shown by the equation, the field scales directly with the current. Note that in order to achieve the correct coil geometry, fine wire (42 swg) should be used for the 250 turns used as the N in the above equation.

Applications

The Hall effect has found its uses in diverse situations. Perhaps the most common use is in keyboard switches. Normal conductive switches use the downward motion of the key to rub two contacts together, or flex a metallic dome onto another connector. With a magnetic switch, the key motion moves a small permanent magnet towards a Hall effect switch, like the 3020 described earlier. When the flux reaches a critical value, the electrical output is activated –

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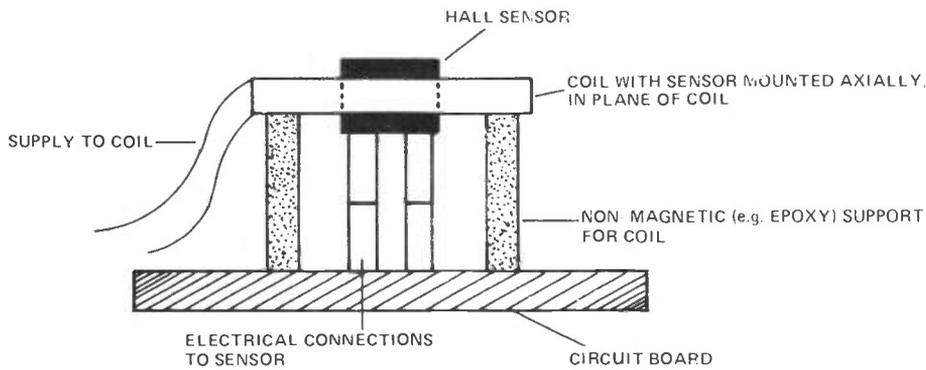


Fig 7 Location of coil and sensor

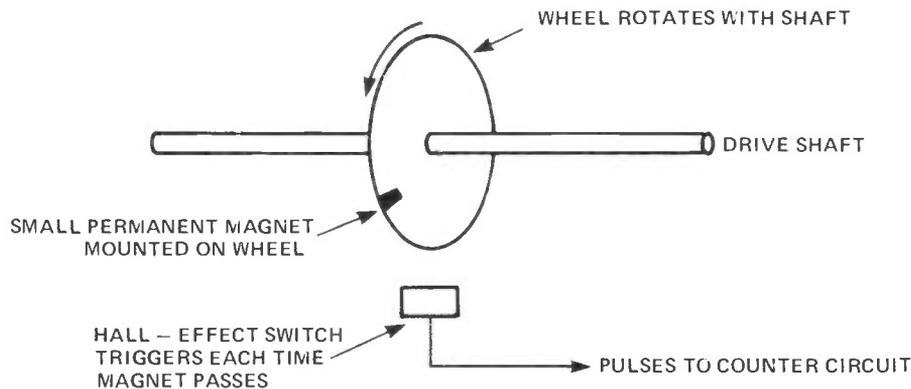


Fig 8 Simple revolution counter

owing to the sensor's hysteresis, there is seldom any problem with bounce.

Because there is no physical switching, there is no danger of a spark (however small) being generated. Hence, Hall effect devices may be used in hazardous environments where a spark could cause an explosion or where the environment may severely corrode any metallic switch contacts.

Linear and rotational motion can be sensed by placing a small permanent magnet on the moving object and siting the Hall effect switch in the object's path as required. Figure 8 shows how a revolution recorder may be made. There are many situations (in photographic equipment and astronomical instruments, for instance) where light in the visible or infrared parts of the spectrum cannot be tolerated – again the Hall effect switch makes a suitable alternative to the optical encoder or opto-interrupter whose light might stray.

Commercial magnetometers based on Hall devices typically cover field strengths from a few Gauss to a few tens of kilogauss with accuracies round the few per cent level. The Hall effect may seem an ideal method to use – but the flip-coil is still important. This has the advantage of being based on fundamental physical principles – a moving coil in a magnetic field can have its roots traced back to Faraday.



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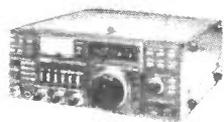




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A variety of interesting topics are presented by Dr Gee in this month's article

The British Amateur Radio Teleprinter Group (BARTG) celebrates its Silver Jubilee this year. Your scribe was a founder member of this Group and it seems incredible that twenty five years has passed since he made the first RTTY QSO's in this country with Bill Brennan, G3CQE.

Compared with the Microwave Modules Microprocessor Controlled RTTY-TV Converter – a small black box only 7 x 4½ x 2 inches in size – and its TV VDU

monitor, used by the writer now, the equipment used in those early experiments, which practically filled the shack, is nothing short of a miracle of miniaturisation.

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The shuttle

Postmortems on the Shuttle amateur radio experiment continue, with the amateur radio journalists vying with one another in their attempts to describe the exercise! We will say no more than we did before – it was Bedlam! However, five British radio amateurs are officially credited with contacts. They are – G4UYL, G6DEF, G6EGY, GM8NXC and GW60JK. Our congratulations to them.

The satellites

A new term has appeared in the satellite field, viz., the 'eclipse season'. As its name suggests, this is the period when the satellite is in the Earth's shadow for a sufficient period of time to affect its operation. The Earth's shadow is a variable feature because of its change in relationship between the earth and the sun, which of course is also responsible for our winter and summer seasons. It is even apparent on OSCAR-10, which was in an eclipse state for some weeks, but came out of it towards the beginning of January. Since then, the available solar energy has increased, so the battery state has improved. At the time of writing, OSCAR 10 has been 'turned off' from its position around its elliptical orbit (designated by the term 'Mean Anomaly:' from MA 40 to MA 220, which is about one third of its orbit.

The Russian satellites too have been affected by their passage into an eclipse, as we reported previously. They should



Part of the author's amateur radio station, G2UK, showing equipment used in the first RTTY QSO's to take place in this country 25 years ago

be out of eclipse shortly, but will enter it again soon, so it will be sometime yet, before we can enjoy the good service they provided earlier.

There is a rumour that the Russians are building two more satellites of the 'RS' type, ie., they will be in a low, circular orbit, with 29 MHz to 145 MHz transponders, similar to the present ones. The expected date of launch is for 1985.

The date for the launch of the University of Surrey's second satellite is around now, and much interest is being generated by this event. We wish them a successful launch.

Home computers

These really come into their own in the satellite field.

The 'bright boys' are coming up with all sorts of programs relating to satellites. Everything from orbital calculations to earth shadow patterns. A great variety of programs and tapes are now appearing which makes the application of this type of computer a most interesting field of activity. A recent survey of the makes of home computers used by satellite enthusiasts produced some interesting facts. ZX81's were used by 25%, 24% used the BBC Home computer, 8% used Spectrums, 2% used TRS80's and the rest 'others'.

Top band

DX on Top Band has been good throughout the winter months, which has resulted in a considerable increase in

activity. This band is a shared band and since the increase in activity some QRM has been caused to its other users. One of these is a French coastal services station on 1820 KHz, which has complained officially about this interference. Amateur operators are asked to be particularly careful to avoid this frequency.

Ten metres

The 10 metre band has been pretty well closed for long distance use throughout the winter but should open again soon. Before it closed some really good conditions were experienced. On one occasion, fourteen 10 metre beacons could be heard from all around the world.

50MHz experimental permits

The number of 50 MHz experimental transmitting licences granted by the Post Office is to be increased from the present forty to one hundred. New aspirants, and those who previously applied and were disappointed, should apply again by 31st March.

The experimental results being obtained by those using this frequency are justifying the extension of this facility. There seems to be a lot of scope still for the amateur radio enthusiast to take part in useful work in the sphere of radio wave propagation.

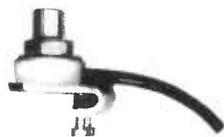
A good example of this is in relation to Sporadic-E propagation. Long distance communication by means of radio waves takes place because a layer of charged

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Many explanations have been put forward for their occurrence, but no really acceptable theory has yet been put forward. A major investigation is to be undertaken by the Radio Society of Gt Britain to try and throw more light on his phenomenon in which both amateur radio signals and BBC and other short-wave broadcasting station signals will play an important role.

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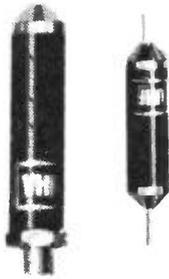
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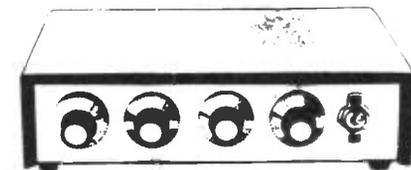
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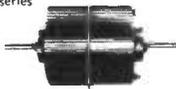
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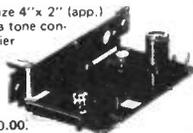
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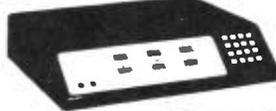
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DATA FILE

Ray Marston takes an in-depth look at CMOS bilateral switches and multiplexer/demultiplexer ICs in this latest edition of 'The File'

A CMOS bilateral switch or 'transmission gate' can be regarded as a near-perfect single-pole single-throw (SPST) electronic switch that can pass analogue or digital signals in either direction and can be turned on (closed) or off (opened) by applying a logic 1 or logic 0 signal to a single high-impedance 'control' terminal. Practical versions of such switches have a near-infinite OFF impedance, and a typical ON impedance in the range 90R to 300R.

Standard CMOS bilateral switches can be switched at frequencies ranging from zero to several MHz, and have a multitude of practical uses. They can, for example, be used to replace conventional mechanical switches in signal-carrying applications, the bilateral switch being dc-controlled and placed directly on the PCB where it is needed, thus eliminating the problems of signal radiation and interaction that normally occur when such signals are mechanically switched via lengthy cables.

At higher frequencies, CMOS bilateral switches can be used in such diverse applications as signal gating, multiplexing, A-to-D and D-to-A conversion, digital control of frequency, impedance and signal gain, the synthesising of multi-gang pots and capacitors, and the implementation of sample-and-hold circuits. Examples of most of these applications are shown later in this edition of 'Data File'.

Several types of CMOS 'multiple bilateral switch' ICs are available. These range from the simple 4016B and 4066B types, which each house four independently-accessible SPST bilateral switches, to the 4097B, which houses an array of bilateral switches and logic networks arranged in the form of two independently-accessible single-pole 8-way bilateral switches or multiplexers/demultiplexers. Before we take a detailed look at the range of such ICs, however, let's look at the basic operating principles and terminology, etc, of the bilateral switch.

Basic operating principles

Figure 1 shows (a) the basic circuit and (b) the equivalent circuit of a simple CMOS bilateral switch. Here, an n-type and a p-type MOSFET are effectively wired in inverse parallel (drain-to-source and source-to-drain), but have their gates biased in anti-phase from the control terminal via a pair of inverters. When the control signal is at logic level '0', the gate of Q2 is driven to VDD and the gate of Q1 is driven to VSS; under this condition both MOSFETs are cut off, and

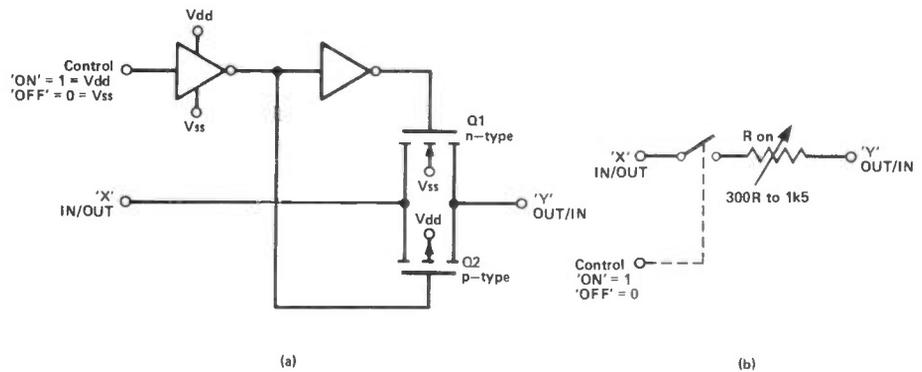


Fig 1 Basic circuit (a) and equivalent circuit (b) of the simple CMOS bilateral switch.

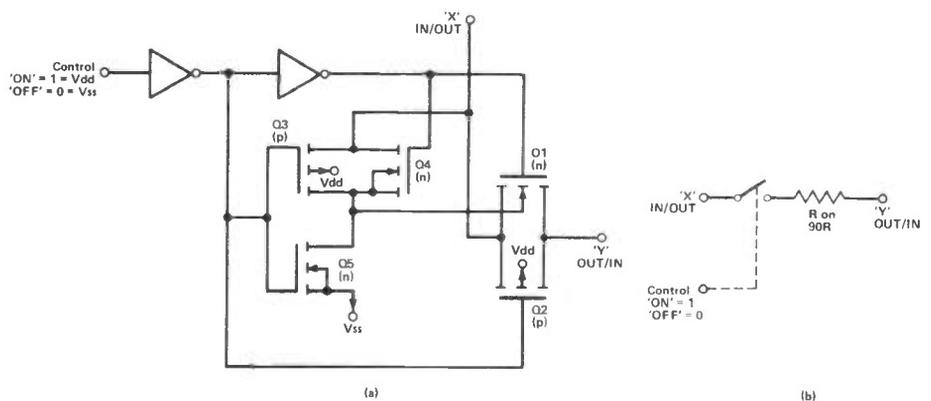


Fig 2 Basic circuit (a) and equivalent circuit (b) of the improved CMOS bilateral switch

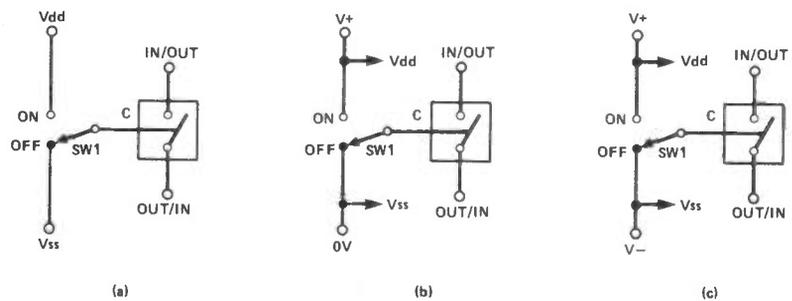


Fig 3 Basic method of turning the bilateral switch on and off (a), and power supply connections for use with (b) digital and (c) analogue IN/OUT signals

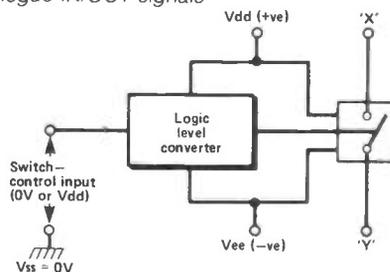


Fig 4 Some ICs feature internal 'logic level conversion', enabling an analogue switch to be controlled via a single-ended input

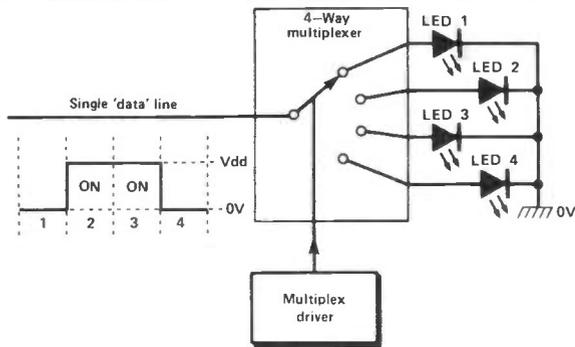


Fig 5 A 4-way multiplexer used to control four LEDs via a single DATA line

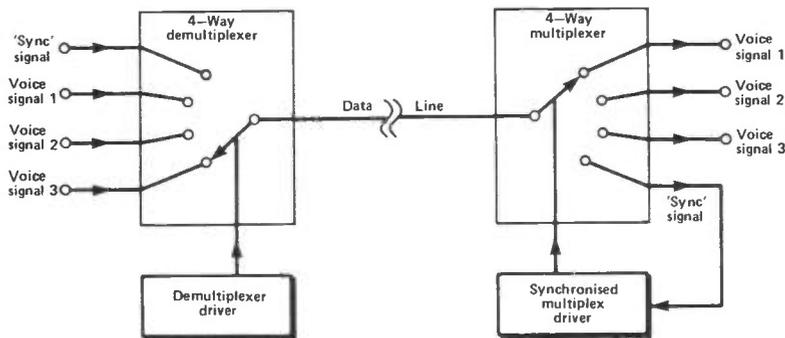


Fig 6 A 4-way multiplexer/demultiplexer combination used to feed three independent voice signals through a single DATA line

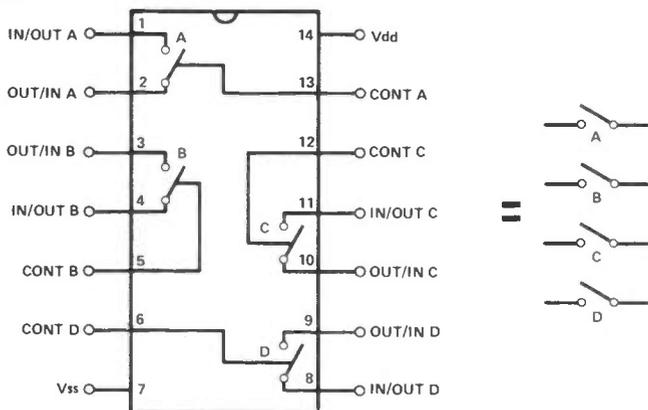


Fig 7 The 4016B and 4066B quad bilateral switches each act as 4 independent SPST switches

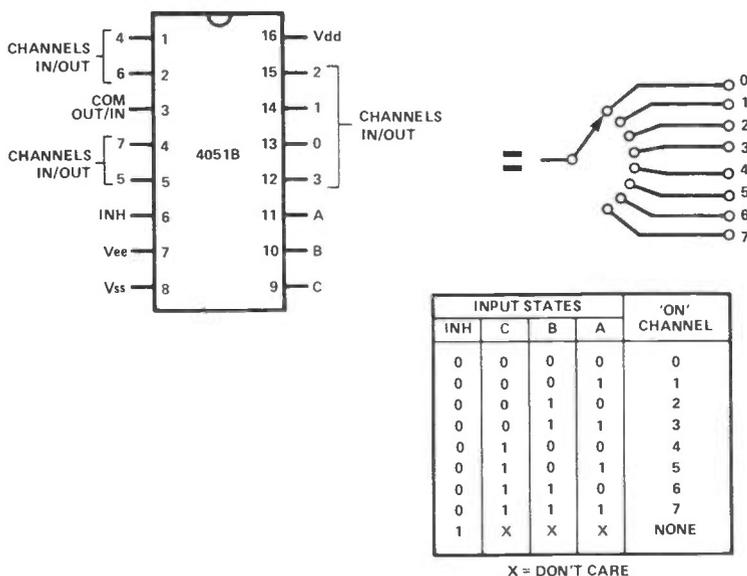


Fig 8 The 4051B 8-channel multiplexer/demultiplexer acts as single-pole 8-way switch

an effective open circuit exists between the 'X' and 'Y' points of the circuit. When, on the other hand, the control signal is at logic level '1', the gate of Q2 is driven to VSS and the gate of Q1 is driven to VDD, and under this condition both MOSFETs are driven to saturation, and a 'near short circuit' exists between the 'X' and 'Y' points of the circuit.

Note that, when Q1 and Q2 are saturated, signal currents can flow in either direction between the 'X' and 'Y' terminals, provided that the signal voltages on these terminals are within the VSS-to-VDD limits. Each of the 'X' and 'Y' terminals can thus be used as either an IN or OUT terminal.

In practice, Q1 and Q2 exhibit a finite resistance (R_{on}) when they are saturated, and in this simple circuit the actual value of (R_{on}) may vary from 300R to 1k5, depending on the magnitude of the VSS-to-VDD supply voltage and on the magnitude and polarity of the actual input signal. The simple bilateral switch can thus be represented by the equivalent circuit of Figure 1b.

Figure 2 shows an improved version of the CMOS bilateral switch, together with its equivalent circuit. This circuit is similar to the above, except for the addition of a second bilateral switch (Q3-Q4) that is wired in series with Q5, with the 'well' of Q1 tied to Q5 drain. These modifications cause the well of Q1 to switch to VSS when the Q1-Q2 bilateral switch is off, but to be tied to the 'X' input terminal when the switch is on. This modification reduces the ON resistance of the Q1-Q2 bilateral switch to about 90R and virtually eliminates variations in its value with varying signal voltages, etc, as indicated by the equivalent circuit of Figure 2b. The only disadvantage of the Figure 2 circuit is that it has a slightly lower leakage resistance than Figure 1.

Switch biasing

A CMOS bilateral switch can be used to switch or gate either digital or analogue signals, but must be correctly biased to suit the type of signal being controlled. Figure 3 shows the basic ways of activating and biasing the bilateral switch. Figure 3a shows that the switch can be turned ON (closed) by taking the control terminal to VDD, or turned OFF (open) by taking the control terminal to VSS.

In digital-signal switching applications (Figure 3b) the bilateral switch can be used with a single ended supply, with VSS at zero volts and VDD at a positive value equal to (or greater than) that of the digital signal (up to a maximum of +18 volts). In analogue switching applications (Figure 3c) a split power supply (either true or effective) must be used, so that the signal is held at a mean value of half-supply volts; the positive supply rail goes to VDD, which must have a value greater than the peak positive voltage value of the input signal, and the negative rail goes to VSS and must be greater than the peak negative value of the input signal: the supply values are

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limited to ± 9 volts maximum. Typically, the bilateral switch introduces less than 0.5% of signal distortion when used in the analogue mode.

Logic level conversion

Note from the above description of the analogue switching system that, if a split power supply is used, the switch control signals must switch to the positive rail to turn the bilateral switch on, and to the negative rail to turn the switch off. This arrangement is inconvenient in many practical applications; consequently, some 'multiple bilateral switch' ICs (notably the 4051B to 4053B family) have built-in 'logic level conversion' circuitry which enables the bilateral switches to be controlled by a digital signal that switches between zero (VSS) volts and positive (VDD), while still using split supplies to give correct biasing for analogue operation, as shown in Figure 4.

Multiplexing/demultiplexing

A multiplexer can be regarded as any system that enables information from a single 'Data' line to be distributed (on a sequential time/share basis) to a number 'n' of independent data lines. Figure 5, for example shows how a 4-way multiplexer (represented by a 4-way switch) can be used to control (turn on or off) four LEDs down a single data line.

In Figure 5, assume that the multiplex driver continuously sequences the multiplexer through the 1-2-3-4 cycle at a fairly rapid rate, and is synchronised to the 1-2-3-4 segments on the DATA line. Thus, in each cycle, in the '1' period LED 1 is off; in the '2' period LED 2 is on; in the '3' period LED 3 is on, and in the '4' period LED 4 is off. The state of each of the four LEDs is thus controlled via the logic 'bit' of the single (sequentially time/shared) DATA line.

A demultiplexer is the opposite of a multiplexer. It enables information from a number 'n' of independent data lines to be sequentially applied to a single DATA line. Figure 6 shows how a 4-way demultiplexer can be used to feed three independent 'voice' signals down a single cable, and how a multiplexer can be used to convert these signals back into three independent voice signals at the other end. In practice, each 'sample' period of the DATA line must be short relative to the period of the highest voice frequency: Period 1 is used to synchronise the signals at the two ends of the DATA line.

From the above description it can be seen that a CMOS 'n'-channel multiplexer can be regarded as a single-pole 'n'-way bilateral switch, and that a CMOS multiplexer can be converted into a demultiplexer by simply transposing the notations of the input and output terminals. An 'n'-way single-pole bilateral switch can thus be described as an 'n'-channel multiplexer/demultiplexer.

Practical ICs

There are three major 'families' of CMOS bilateral-switch ICs. The best

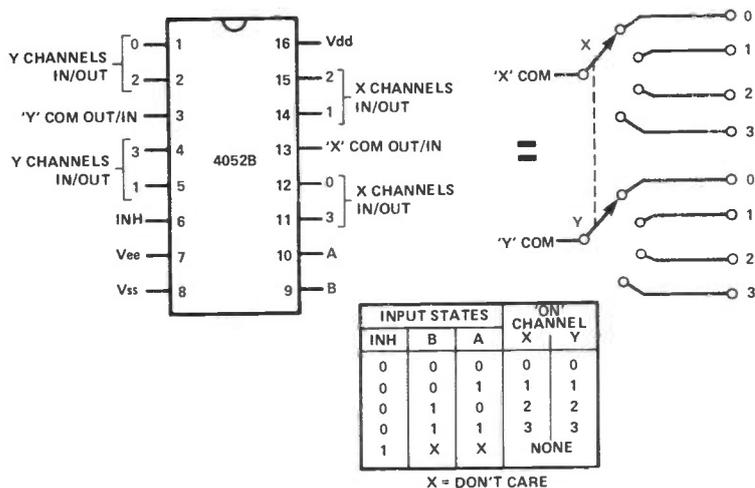


Fig 9 The 4052B differential 4-channel multiplexer/demultiplexer acts as a ganged 2-pole 4-way switch

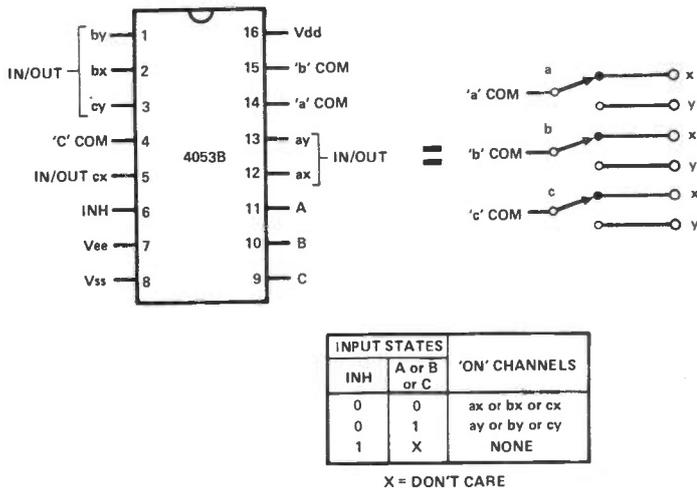


Fig 10 The 4053B triple 2-channel multiplexer/demultiplexer acts as three independent single-pole 2-way switches

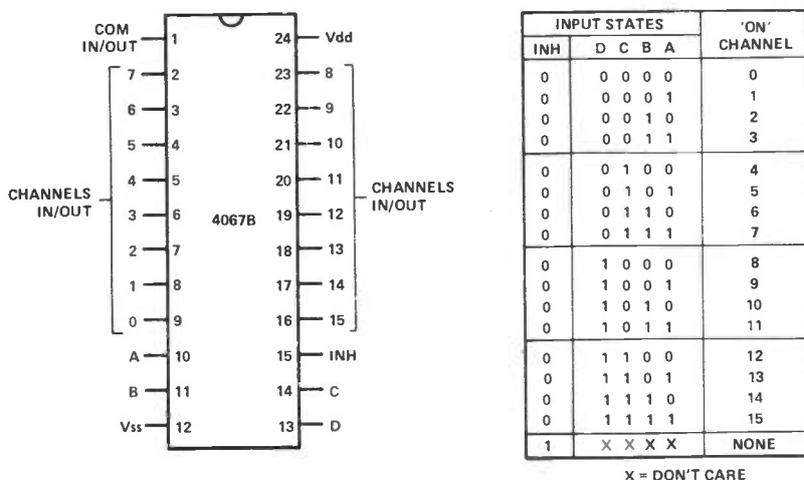


Fig 11 The 4067B 16-channel multiplexer/demultiplexer acts as a single-pole 16-way switch

known of these are the 4016B/4066B types. These are quad bilateral switches, each housing four independently-accessible SPST bilateral switches, as shown in Figure 7. The 4016B uses the simple form of construction shown in Figure 1, and is recommended for use in sample-

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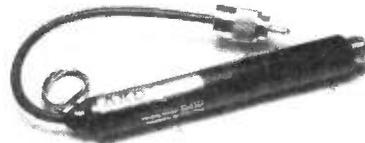
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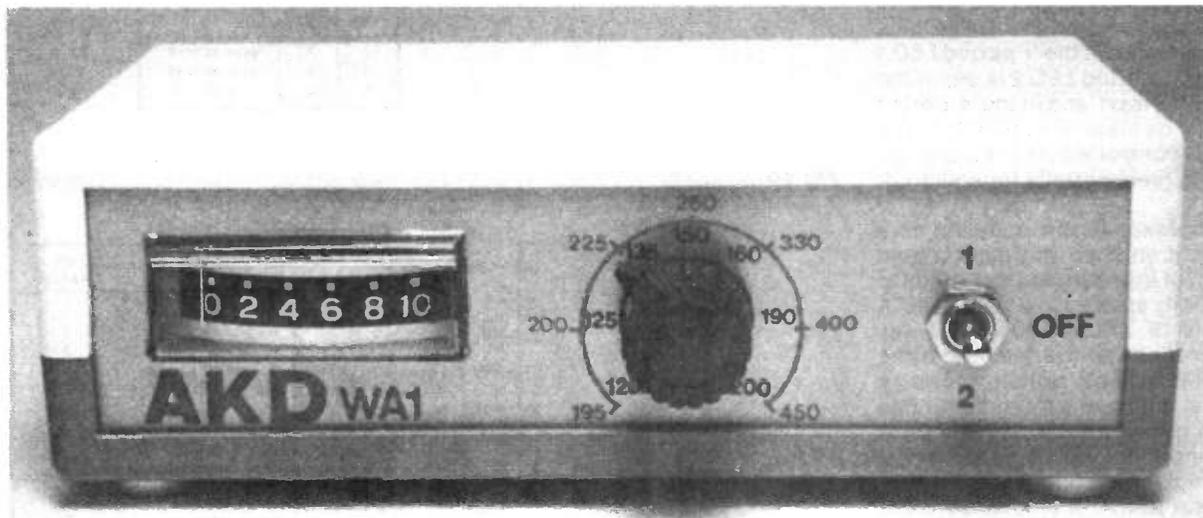


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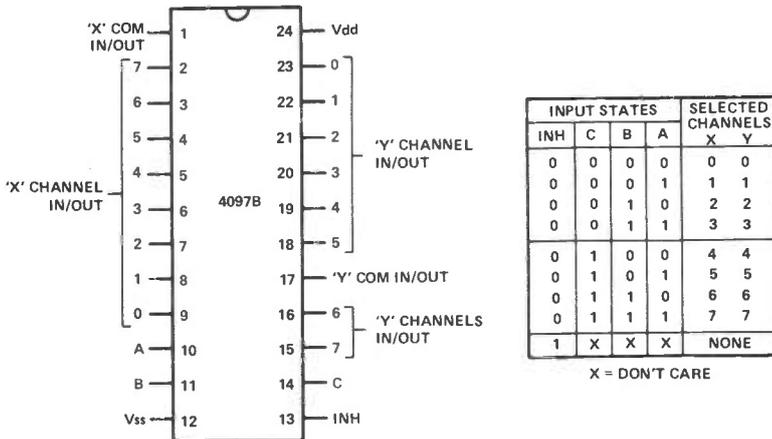


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0	1	0	0	4	4
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Fig 12 The 4097B differential 8-channel multiplexer/demultiplexer acts as a 2-pole ganged 8-way switch

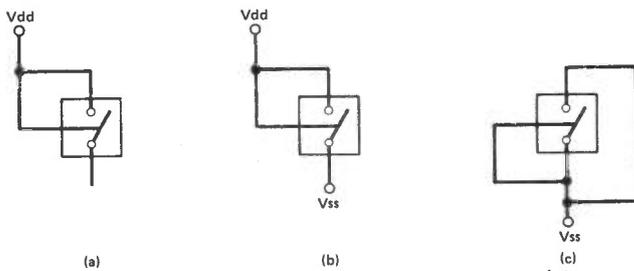


Fig 13 Unused sections of the 4066B must be disabled, using any one of the connections shown here

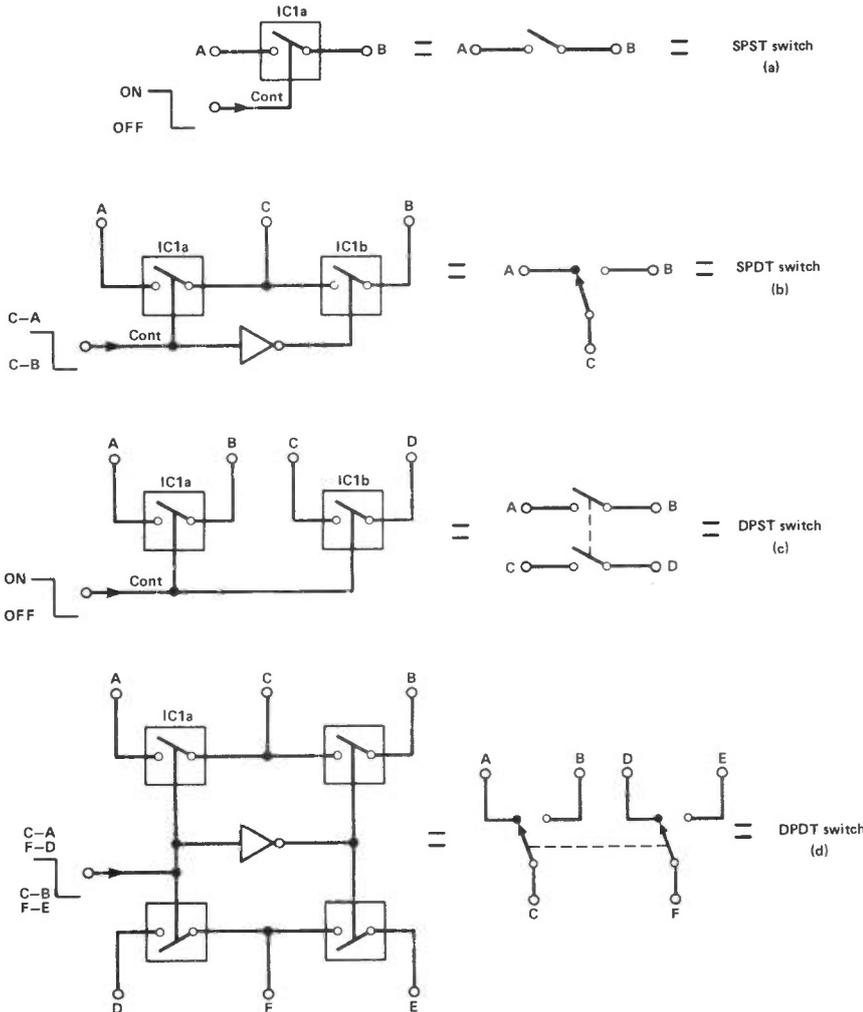


Fig 14 Implementation of the four basic switching functions via the 4066B (IC1)

The second family of ICs are the 4051B to 4053B types (Figures 8 to 10). These are multi-channel multiplexer/demultiplexer ICs featuring built-in logic-level conversion. These ICs have three 'power supply' terminals (VDD, VSS, and VEE). In all applications, VDD is taken to the positive supply rail, VSS is grounded, and all digital control signals (for channel-select, inhibit, etc) use these two terminals as their logic-reference values, i.e., logic-1 = VDD and logic-0 = VSS. In digital-signal processing applications, terminal VEE is grounded (tied to VSS). In analogue-signal processing applications, VEE must be taken to a negative supply rail; ideally, $VEE = -(VDD)$. In all cases, the VEE-to-VDD voltage must be limited to 18 volts maximum.

The 4051B (Figure 8) is an 8-channel multiplexer/demultiplexer, and can be regarded as a single-pole, 8-way bilateral switch. The IC has three binary control inputs (A, B, & C) and an INHIBIT input. The three binary signals select the one of the 8 channels to be turned on, as shown in the table.

The 4052 (Figure 9) is a differential 4-channel multiplexer/demultiplexer, and can be regarded as a ganged 2-pole, 4-way bilateral switch. It has two binary control inputs, which select the one of the 4 pairs of channels to be turned on, as shown.

The 4053B (Figure 10) is a triple 2-channel multiplexer/demultiplexer, and can be regarded as a set of three independently-accessible single-pole 3-way bilateral switches, each controlled via a single terminal (A, B, or C).

The final family of devices is the 4067B and 4097B multiplexer/demultiplexer types (Figures 11 and 12). These devices can be used in both analogue and digital applications, but do not feature built-in logic-level conversion. The 4067B is a 16-channel device, and can be regarded as a single-pole, 16-way bilateral switch. The 4097B is a differential 8-channel device, and can be regarded as a ganged 2-pole, 8-way bilateral switch. Each IC is housed in a 24-pin d.i.l package.

USING 4016B/4066B ICs

The 4016B and 4066B are very versatile ICs, but a few simple precautions must be taken when using them, as follows:-

(1). Input and switching signals must never be allowed to rise above VDD or below VSS.

(2). Each unused section of the IC must be disabled (see Figure 13) either by taking its control terminal to VDD and wiring one of its switch terminals to VDD or VSS, or by taking all three terminals to VSS.

Figures 14 to 19 show some simple applications of the 4066B (or 4016B). Figure 14 shows the device used to implement the four basic switching functions of SPST, SPDT, DPST and DPDT. Figure 14a shows the SPST

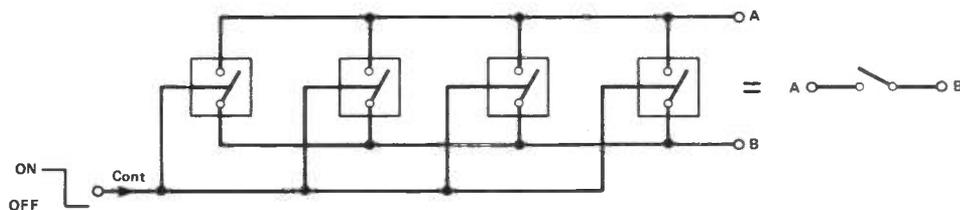


Fig 15 This SPST switch has a typical ON resistance of only 22.5 ohms

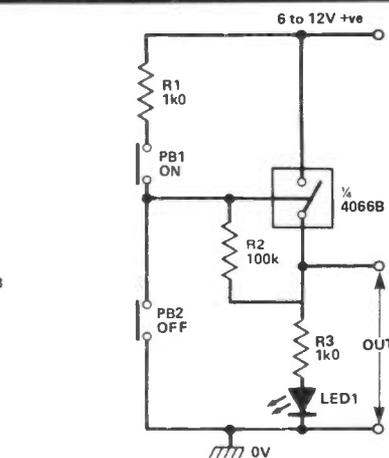


Fig 16 Latching push-button switch

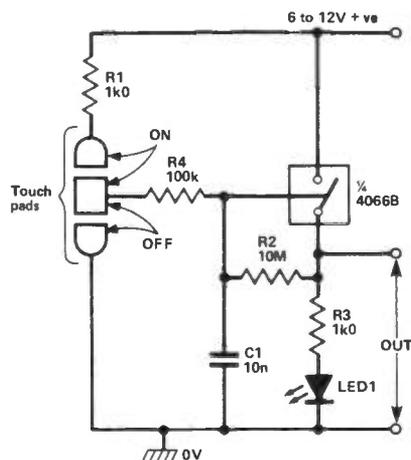


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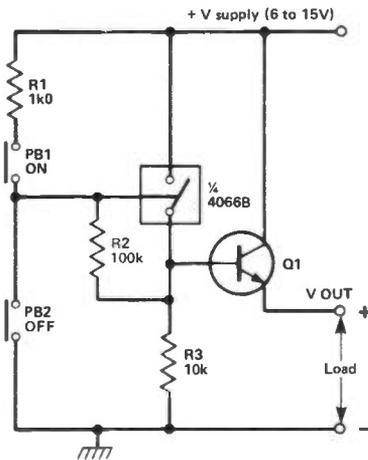


Fig 18 Latching push-button power switch

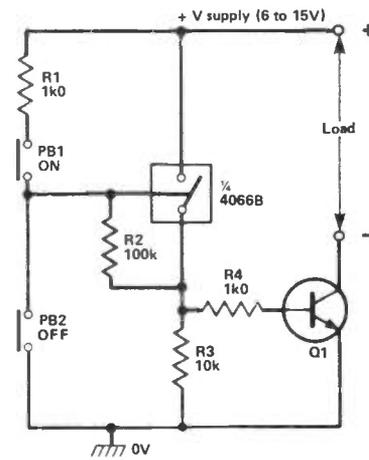


Fig 19 Alternative version of the latching power switch

connections, which we have already discussed. The SPDT function (Figure 14b) is implemented by wiring an inverter stage (a 4001B or 4011B, etc) between the IC1a and IC1b control terminals. The DPST switch (Figure 14c) is simply two SPST switches sharing a common control terminal, and the DPDT switch (Figure 14d) is two SPDT switches sharing an inverter stage in the control line.

Note that the switching functions of Figure 14 can be expanded or combined in any desired way by using more IC stages. Thus, a 10-pole 2-way switch can be made by using five of the Figure 14d circuits with their control lines tied together.

Each 4066B bilateral switch has a typical ON resistance of about 90R. Figure 15 shows how four standard switch elements can be wired in parallel to make a single switch with a typical ON resistance of only 22.5 ohms.

Figures 16 to 19 show ways of using a bilateral switch as a self-latching device. In these circuits, the switch current flows to ground via R3, and the control terminal is tied to the top of R3 via R2. Thus, in Figure 16, when PB1 is briefly closed the control terminal is pulled to the positive rail and the bilateral switch closes: with the bilateral switch closed, the top of R3 is at supply-line potential and, since the

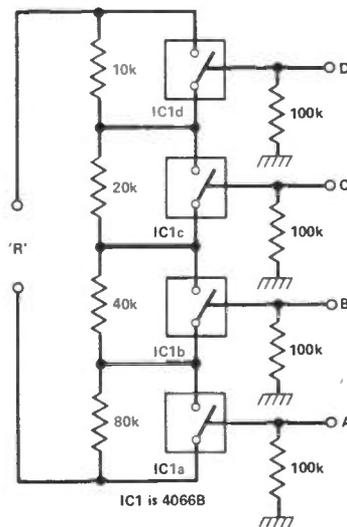


Fig 20 16-step digital control of resistance. 'R' can be varied from zero to 150k in 10k steps

A	B	C	D	'R'
0	0	0	0	150k
0	0	0	1	140k
0	0	1	0	130k
0	0	1	1	120k
0	1	0	0	110k
0	1	0	1	100k
0	1	1	0	90k
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1	1	1	1	0k

control terminal is tied to R3 via R2, the bilateral switch is consequently latched on. Once latched, the switch can only be turned off again by briefly closing PB2, at which point the bilateral switch opens and the R3 voltage falls to zero. Note in this circuit that LED1 merely indicates the state of the bilateral switch, and R1 prevents supply line shorts if PB1 and PB2 are both closed at the same time.

Figure 17 shows how the above circuit

can be made to operate as a latching touch-operated switch by increasing the value of R2 to 10M and using R4-C1 as a 'hum' filter.

Figures 18 and 19 show alternative ways of using the Figure 16 circuit to connect power to external circuitry. The Figure 18 circuit connects the power via a voltage follower stage, and the Figure 19 design connects the power via a common-emitter amplifier.

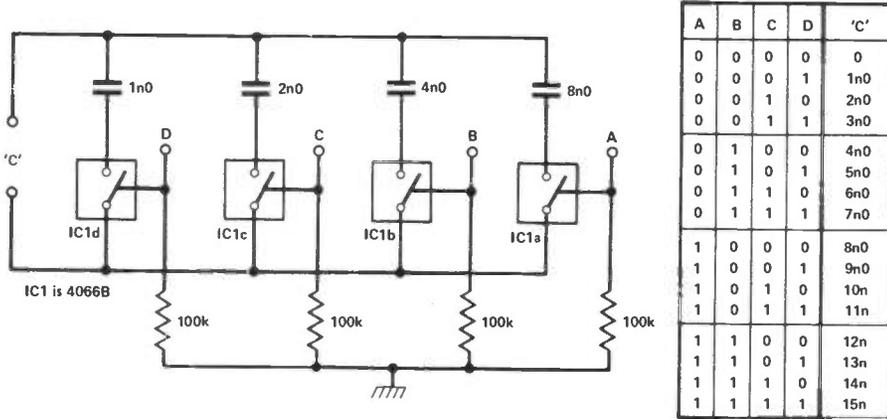


Fig 21 16-step digital control of capacitance. 'C' can be varied from zero to 15n in 1n0 steps

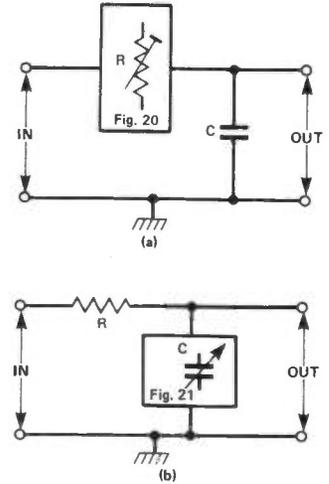


Fig 22 Alternative ways of using Fig 20 or 21 to make a digitally-controlled 1st-order low-pass filter

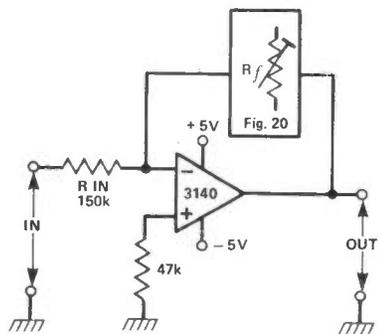


Fig 23 Digital control of gain, using the Fig 20 circuit. Gain is variable from zero to unity in 16 steps

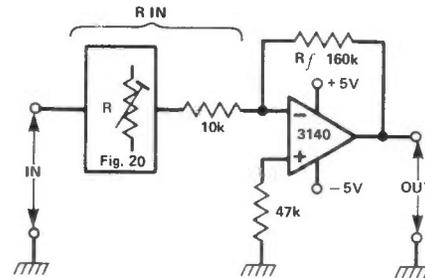


Fig 24 Digital control of gain, using the Fig 20 circuit. Gain can be varied from unity to x16, in sixteen steps

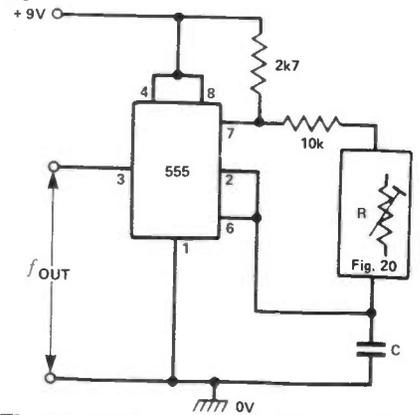


Fig 25 Digital control of 555 astable frequency, in sixteen steps

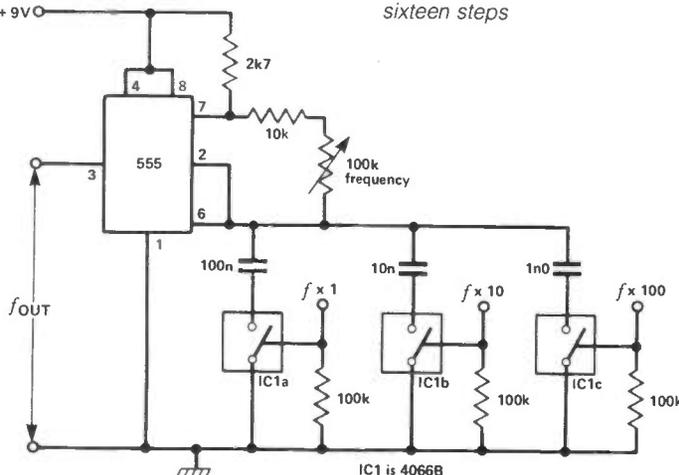


Fig 26 Digital control of decade range selection of a 555 astable

Digital control circuits

Bilateral switches can easily be used to digitally control or vary the effective values of resistance, capacitance, impedance, amplifier gain, oscillator frequency, etc, in any desired number of discrete steps. Figure 20 shows how the four switches of a single 4066B can be used to vary the effective value of a resistance in sixteen digitally-controlled steps of 10k each. In practice, the step magnitudes can be given any desired value (determined by the value of the smallest resistor) so long as the four resistors are kept in the ratio 1-2-4-8.

The number of 'steps' can be increased by adding more resistor/switch stages; thus, a six-stage circuit (with resistors in the ratio 1-2-4-8-16-32) will give resistance variation in 64 steps.

Figure 21 shows how four switches can be used to make a digitally-controlled capacitor that can be varied in sixteen steps of 1n0 each. Again, the circuit can be expanded to give more 'steps' by simply adding more stages.

Note in the Figures 20 and 21 circuits that the resistor/capacitor values can be controlled by operating the 4066B switches manually, or automatically via

simple logic networks, or by up/down counters, or via microprocessor control, etc.

The circuits of Figures 20 and 21 can be combined in a variety of ways to make digitally-controlled impedance and filter networks, etc. Figure 22, for example, shows two alternative ways of using them to make a digitally-controlled 1st-order low-pass filter.

Digital control of amplifier gain can be obtained by hooking the Figure 20 circuit into the feedback or input path of a standard op-amp inverting circuit, as shown in Figures 23 and 24. The gain of such a circuit equals R_f/R_{in} , where R_f is the feedback resistance and R_{in} is the input resistance. Thus, in Figure 23 the gain can be varied from zero to unity in sixteen steps of '1/16th' each, giving a sequence of 0, 1/16, 2/16, etc, up to 15/16 and (finally) 16/16.

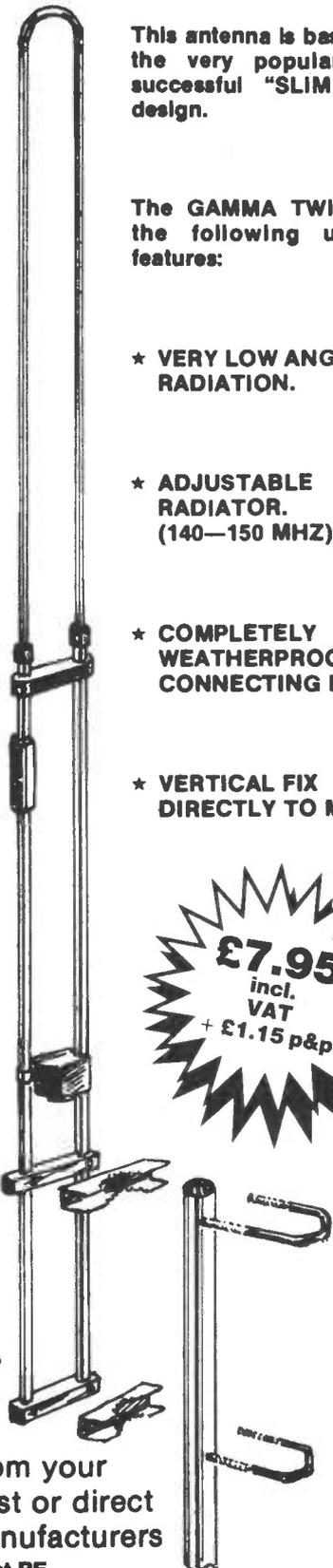
In the Figure 24 circuit the gain can be varied from unity to x16 in sixteen steps, giving a gain sequence of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, etc. Note in both of these circuits that the op-amp uses a split power supply, so the 4066B control voltage must switch between the negative and positive supply rails.

Figure 25 shows how the Figure 20 circuit can be used to vary the frequency of a 555 astable oscillator in sixteen discrete steps. Finally, Figure 26 shows how three bistable switches can be used

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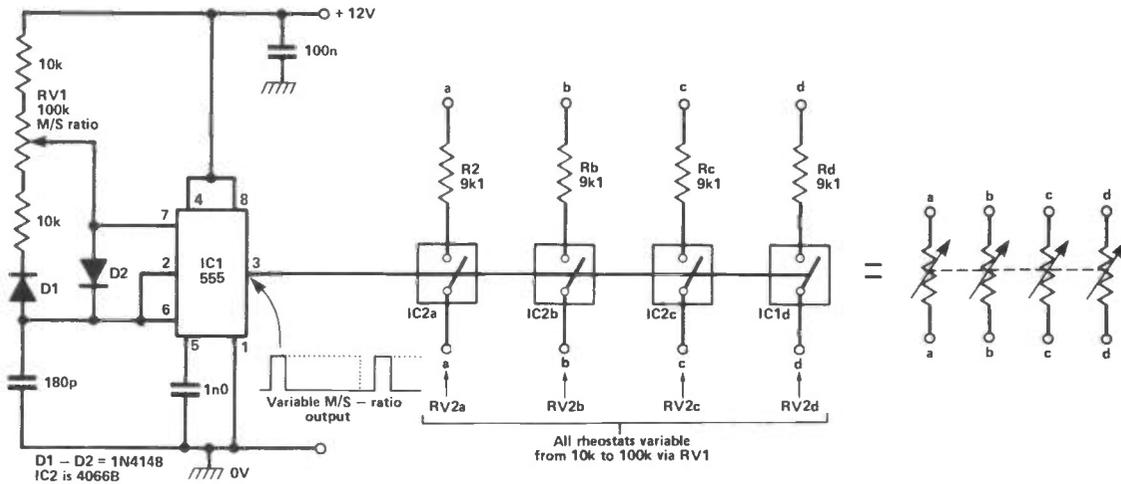


Fig 27 Synthesised precision 4-gang 'rheostat'

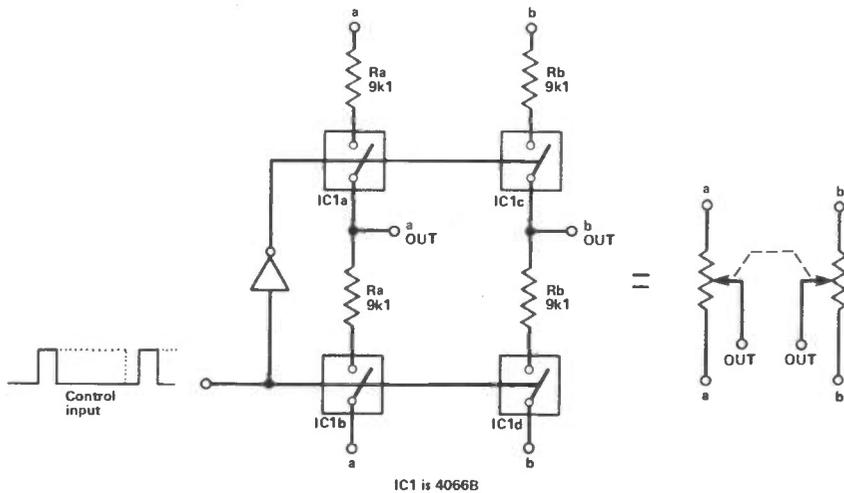


Fig 28 Synthesised precision 2-gang 'pot'

to implement digital control of decade range selection of a 555 astable. Here, only one of the switches must be turned on at any time. Naturally, the circuits of *Figures 25* and *26* can easily be combined, to form a wide-range oscillator that can be digitally controlled by a micro, etc.

Synthesised multi-gang pots, etc

One of the most useful applications of the bilateral switch is in synthesising multi-gang rheostats, pots, and variable capacitors in ac signal-processing applications. The synthesising principle is quite simple and is illustrated in *Figure 27*, which shows the circuit of a 4-gang 10k-to-100k rheostat for use at signal frequencies up to about 15 kHz.

Here, the 555 is used to generate a 50kHz rectangular waveform that has its mark/space ratio variable from 11:1 to 1:11 via RV1, and this wave-form is used to control the switching of the 4066B stages. All of the 4066B switches are fed with the same control waveform, and each switch is wired in series with a range resistor (R_a , R_b , etc), to form one gang of the 'rheostat' between the 'a' - 'a', 'b' - 'b', etc, terminals.

Remembering that the switching rate

of this circuit is very fast (50 kHz) relative to the intended maximum signal frequency (15 kHz), it can be seen that the MEAN or effective value of each 'rheostat' resistance can be varied via M/S-ratio control RV1. Thus, if IC2a is closed for 90% and open for 10% of each duty cycle (M/S-ratio = 9:1), the apparent (mean) value of the 'a' - 'a' resistance will be 10% greater than R_a , i.e., 10k. If the duty cycle is reduced to 50%, the apparent R_a value will double, to 18.2k. If the duty cycle is further decreased, so that IC2a is closed for only 10% of each duty cycle (M/S-ratio = 1:9), the apparent value of R_a will increase by a decade, to 91k. Thus, the apparent value of each gang of the 'rheostat' can be varied via RV1.

There are some important points to note about the above circuit. First, it can be given any desired number of 'gangs' by simply adding an appropriate number of switch stages and range resistors. Since all switches are controlled by the same M/S-ratio waveform, perfect tracking is automatically assured. Individual gangs can be given different ranges, without effecting the tracking, by giving them different range resistor values. The 'sweep' range and the 'law' of the

rheostat can be changed by altering the characteristics of the M/S-ratio generator. Finally, it must be noted that the control frequency of the M/S-ratio signal MUST be far higher than the maximum signal frequency that is to be handled, or the circuit will not perform correctly.

The 'rheostat' circuit of *Figure 27* can be made to function as a multi-gang variable capacitor by using ranging capacitors in place of the ranging resistors. In this case, however, the apparent capacitance value decreases as the duty cycle is decreased.

The *Figure 27* principle can be expanded, to make synthesised multi-gang pots, by using the basic technique shown in *Figure 28*.

Here in each gang, two 'rheostats' are wired in series but have their switch control signals fed in anti-phase, so that one rheostat value increases as the other decreases.

This basic circuit can be expanded, to incorporate any desired number of gangs, by simply adding more double-rheostat stages.

Miscellaneous applications

To complete this look at the CMOS bilateral switch, *Figures 29* and *30* show

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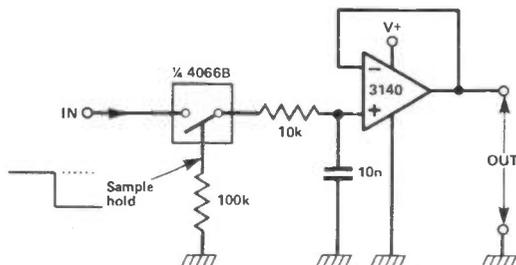


Fig 29 Using a bilateral switch as a sample-and-hold element

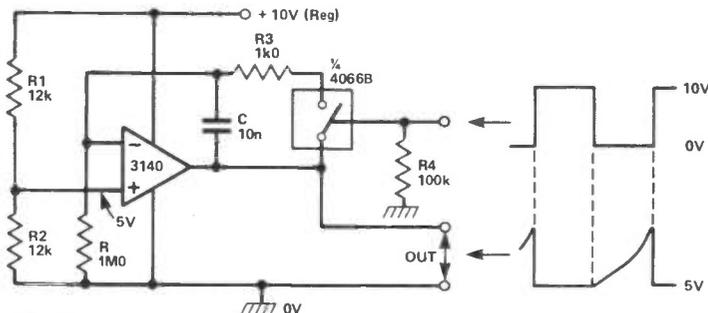


Fig 30 Using the 4066B to implement a ramp generator circuit

when the switch opens the prevailing capacitance-charge is 'stored' and the resulting voltage remains available at the op-amp output.

Finally, *Figure 30* shows a bilateral switch used in a linear ramp generator. Here, the op-amp is used as an integrator, with its non-inverting pin biased at 5 volts via R1-R2, so that a constant current of 5 uA flows into the inverting pin via R. When the bilateral switch is open, this current linearly charges capacitor C, causing a rising ramp to appear at the op-amp output. When the bilateral switch closes, C is rapidly discharged via R3 and the output switches down to 5 volts.

The basic *Figure 30* circuit is quite versatile. The switching can be activated automatically via a free-running oscillator or via a voltage-trigger circuit. Bias levels can be shifted by changing the R1-R2 values or can be switched automatically via another 4066B stage, enabling a variety of ramp waveform types to be generated.

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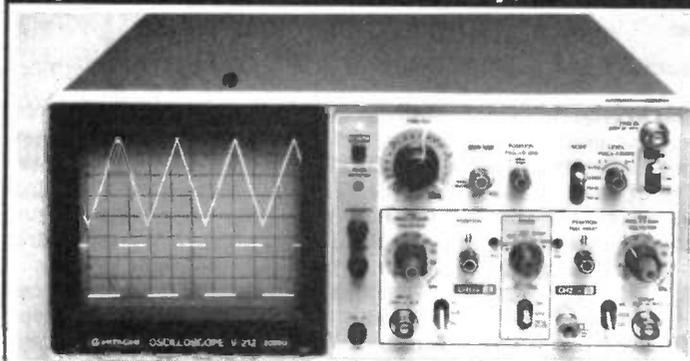
a couple of 'miscellaneous' fast-switching applications of the device. *Figure 29* shows how it can be used as a sample-and-hold element. The 3140 is used as a voltage follower and has a near-infinite

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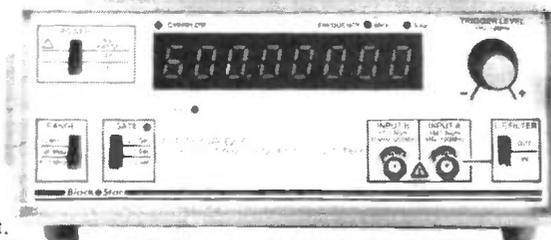
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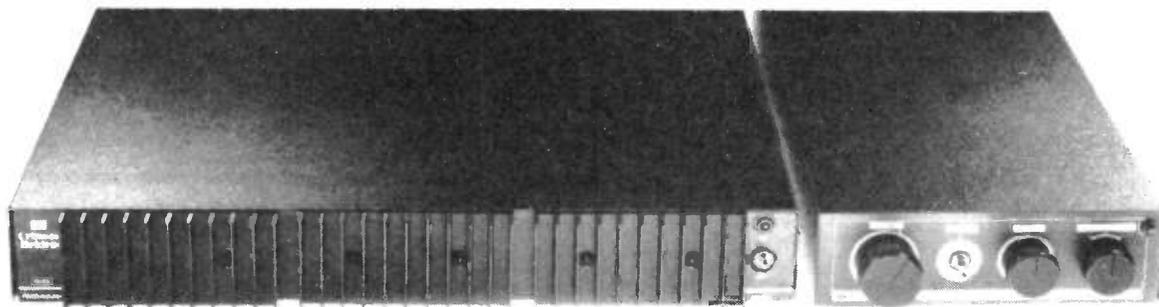
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hours of frustration and makes home listening really rewarding – as readers of previous editions have testified. This edition aims to save even more time, by indicating in its medium wave checklists the hours each station broadcasts and the period when (in SE England) it is worth searching for it.

Readers in the North, and on the continent of Europe, will also find a brief reference to the more powerful stations (on the fringes of our map) which they may expect to receive, though our portables here do not.

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Contents: 'Introduction' by J B Sewter, IBA's Assistant Director of Engineering (Network and Development); 'Why non-compatible high-definition television?' by T J Long; 'Signal processing for higher-definition television' by G Tonge; 'Extended-definition MAC' by Dr M D Windram, R Morcom and T Hurley; 'Consumer displays for hi-fi television' by Dr C A A J Grebe, L J van de Polder and S L Tan.

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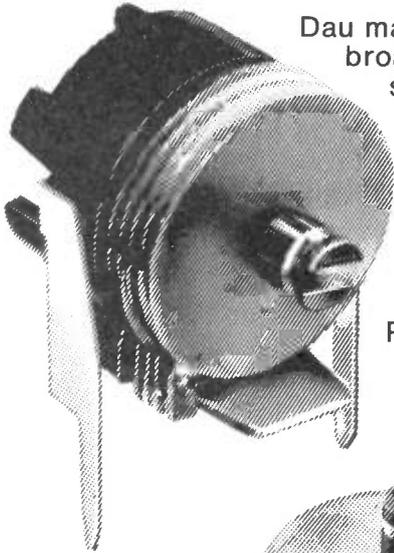
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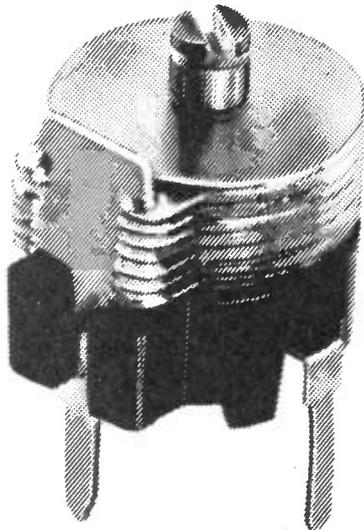
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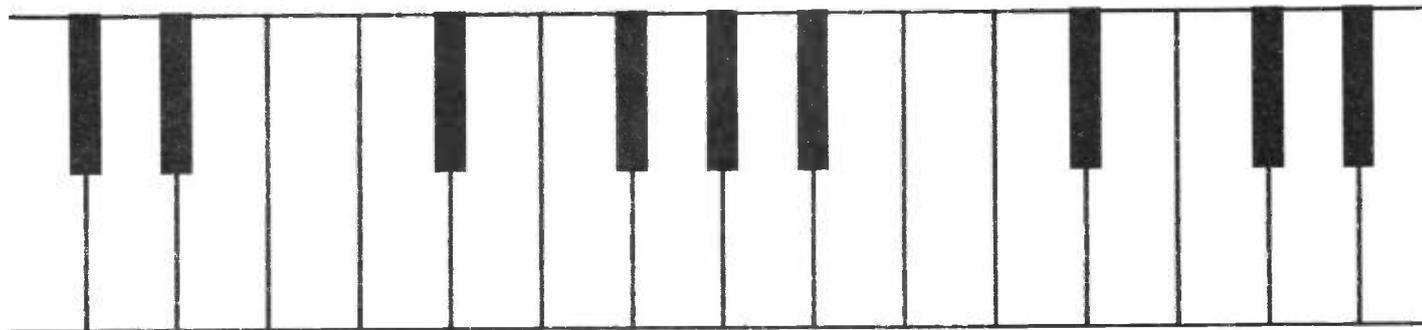
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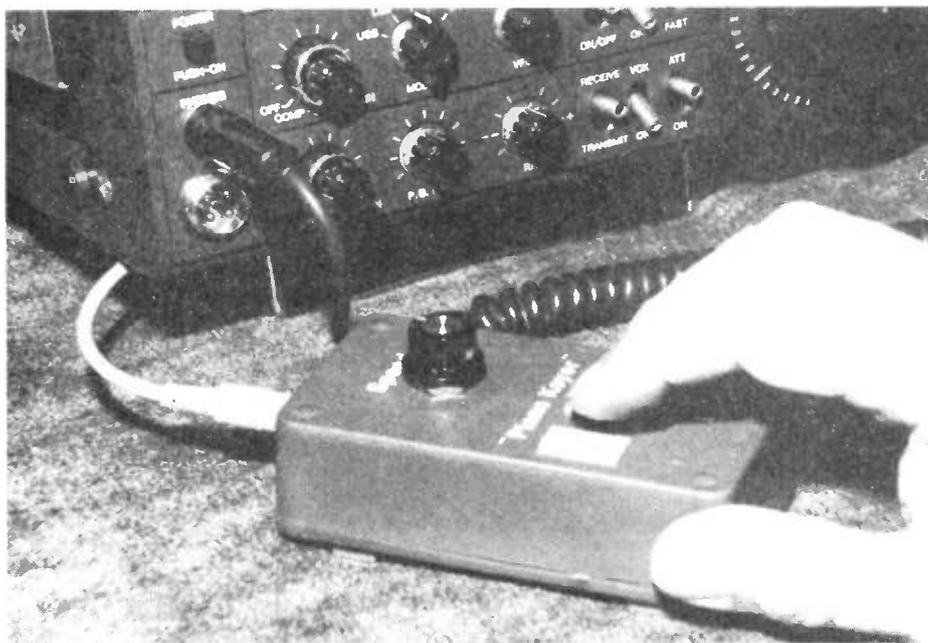
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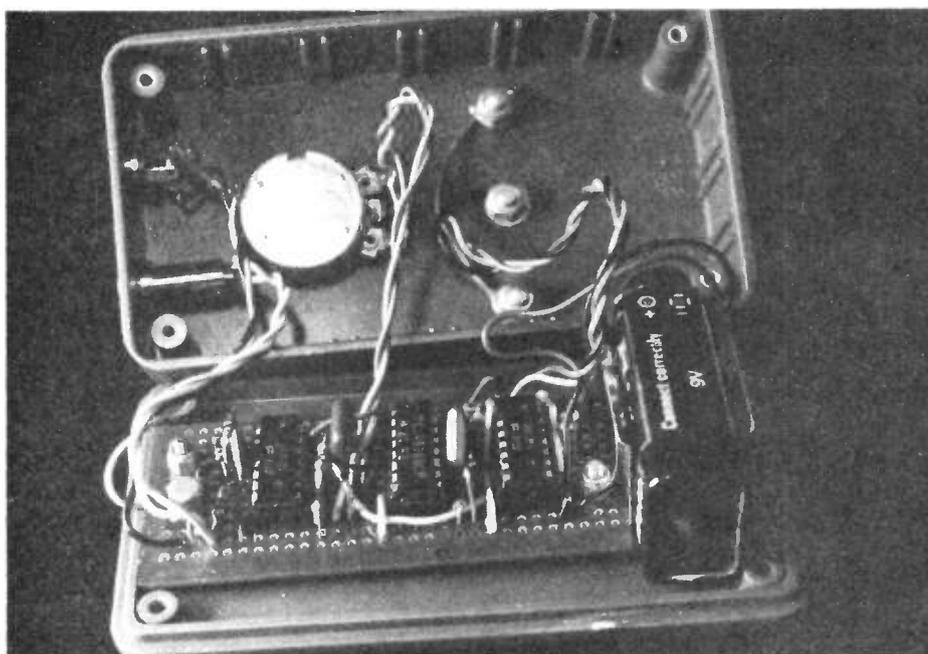


THE PIANO KEYER

For around a fiver you too can play perfect morse! G D Wilson, GM3NUF, describes how this can be done



The piano keyer in use



General view: in upper part of box, two output jacks, RV1, three key connections. Circuit board (left to right) TR1, IC3, IC2, IC1

The decision to develop and construct a fully automatic keyer was forced upon me after unsuccessfully trying to master a complicated semi-automatic bug key. This super-deluxe keyer cost nearly a week's pay (it was on loan, need I say!) It required several carefully set-up adjustments and it defeated my careful efforts to send correctly timed and spaced dots and dashes. One look at this chrome-plated 'mechanic's delight', (beautiful – but Heath Robinsonish), and it was immediately obvious that, with ICs at a few pence apiece, a cheaper and easier way to send perfect code would be possible.

Requirements

The main criteria for the new electronic keyer were:-

1. Self-completing dots, dashes and spaces, thus allowing one to send perfect code with an effortless and sloppy action!
2. Speed to be continuously operator-adjustable from about 10 to 30 words per minute.
3. Mechanically simple, i.e. no awkward paddle to construct with its attendant pivot, adjustable stops and tension springs.
4. Compatibility with positive keying line transmitters, but with the possibility of easy modification to relay keying and interfacing with any transmitter.
5. Side-tone monitor. Although most modern transmitters have side-tone monitoring, this facility on the keyer allows it to be used for practice purposes.

Of the above points, the mechanical keying arrangements gave the most cause for head-scratching, though the final solution is delightfully simple. Several simplified forms of paddle were considered, some using lever operated microswitches. However, by chance I was led to try touch-sensitive switches with such promising results that further attempts to construct a suitable paddle were abandoned. The touch-sensitive keys are very positive and keying is effortless at high speeds. The downwards pressure keying operation elimin-

PIANO KEYS

ates any tendency for the keyer to 'walk' across the table. Although the operation is very different from the old pump-handle brass-pounder, and the conventional bug key, only a few hours practice are necessary for keying to become almost instinctive.

Additional features

As well as the initial criteria the following advantageous features were also achieved:-

1. Electronically simple, – only 3 ICs and one transistor are the active devices.
2. Low power consumption – about 0.5mA when keying. No standby drain, no ON/OFF switch required.
3. Mechanically simple – no moving parts.
4. Pocket size and light weight. Ideal portability.
5. Low cost – about a fiver should cover it, assuming that you have a few bits and pieces in your junk box.

Morse code generation

The Morse Code timing is such that dot elements and element spaces are equal, and dash elements are equal to three dot elements, see Figure 1. A string of dots can be produced by a multivibrator (MVB) that has a 1:1 mark/space ratio. A string of dashes is more difficult as it must have a 3:1 mark/space ratio.

Some early electronic keyer circuits used two multivibrators with a ganged

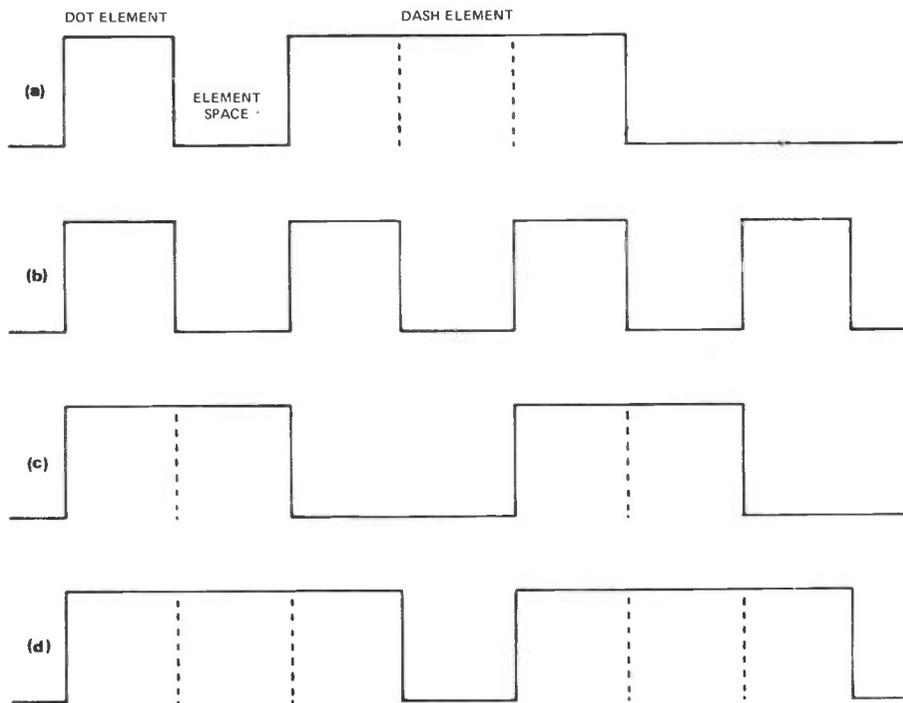
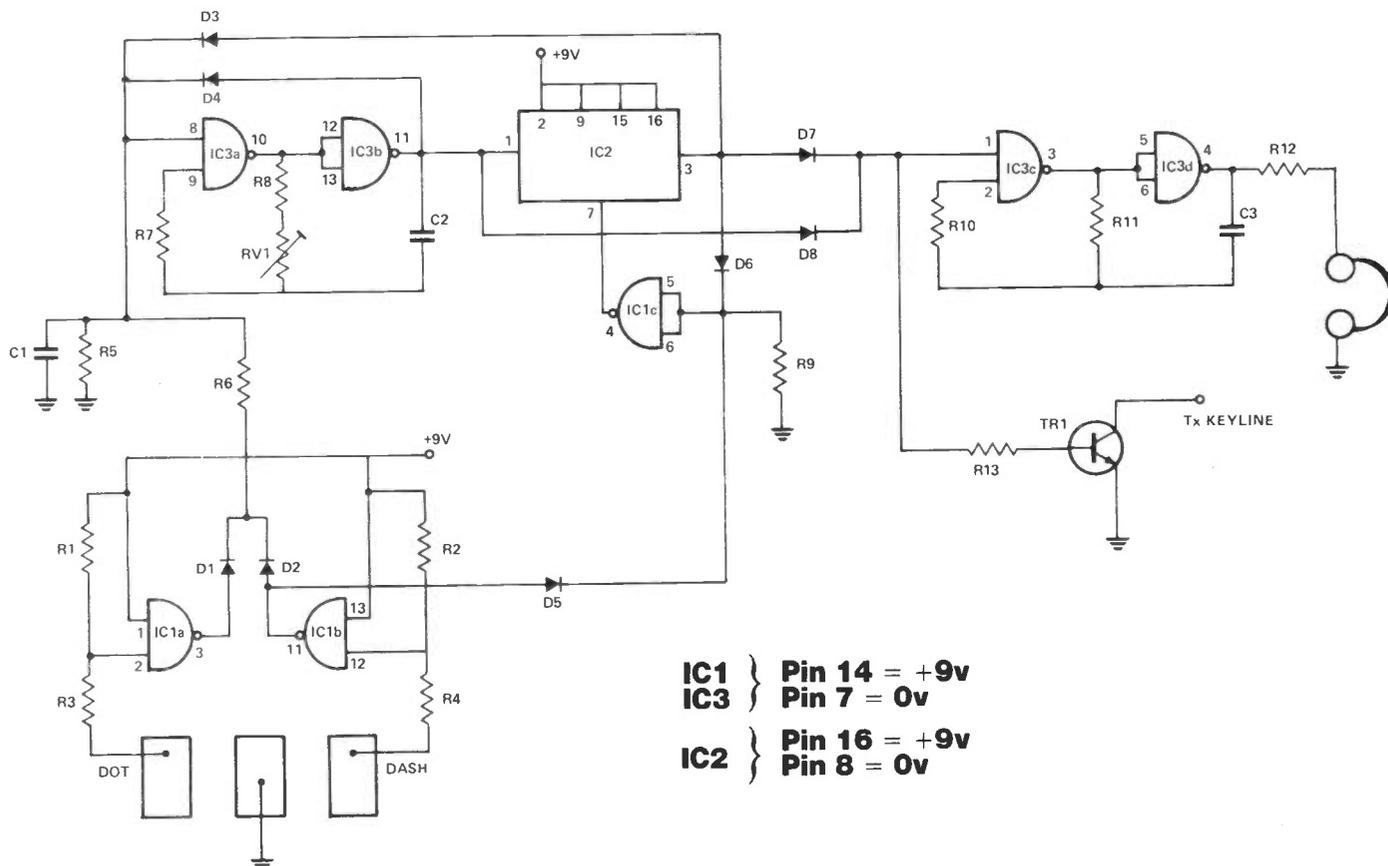


Fig 1 Morse code generation **a)** Dot and dash timing **b)** Dot MVB output **c)** Divider output **d)** b+c = dashes

speed control, but apart from the problems of achieving accurate tracking of both speed and mark/space ratio over the speed range, the transitional ele-

ment space when going from dot to dash, or vice-versa, was entirely dependent on the speed of the operator.

One soon arrives at the conclusion that



IC1 } Pin 14 = +9v
 IC3 } Pin 7 = 0v
 IC2 } Pin 16 = +9v
 IC2 } Pin 8 = 0v

Fig 2 The circuit diagram

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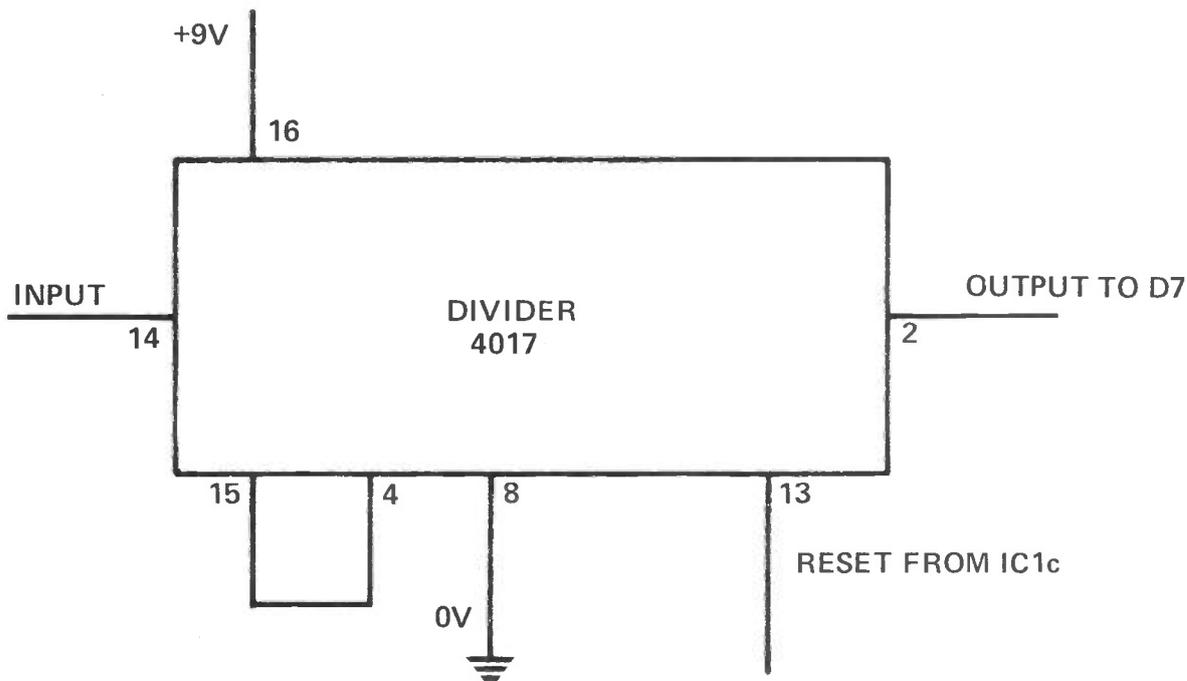


Fig 3 Alternative divide-by-two using 4017

with the third finger. The keyer is semi-ambic in that dashes can be produced without lifting the first finger off the dot contact.

Circuit description (refer to Figure 2)

In the circuit to be described the divide-by-two is performed by a CMOS chip, the 4518, a package which contains two independent decade dividers one of which is not used. The 4518 just happened to be in the junk box at the time, but another popular divider, the 4017, was later tried and found to be satisfactory. However an advantage of the 4518 is that the redundant half could be used to divide the initial multivibrator by two to ensure an absolute 1:1 mark/space ratio. Scope observations indicate that this is not necessary and so it was not done in my case. In the following a '1' refers to a high positive voltage, and '0' is zero or low voltage.

Dots

When the Dot and Earth keys are bridged by two fingers a '1' appears on IC1a pin 3, connected through D1 to IC3a, pin 8, the 'dot multivibrator/(MVB) enable'. IC3a & b form an astable multivibrator whose speed is controlled by RV1, and whose oscillation is dependent on a '1' on pin 8. The output mark/space ratio is as near as makes no matter 1:1, but this can be checked with a 'scope or a voltmeter. The dot stream passes through D8 and R13 to the base of TR1, the keying transistor. The dot element '1' drives TR1 ON and effectively grounds the TX keyline which is connected to the open collector of TR1. Within the keyer and up to the base of TR1 a '1' represents a key-down condi-

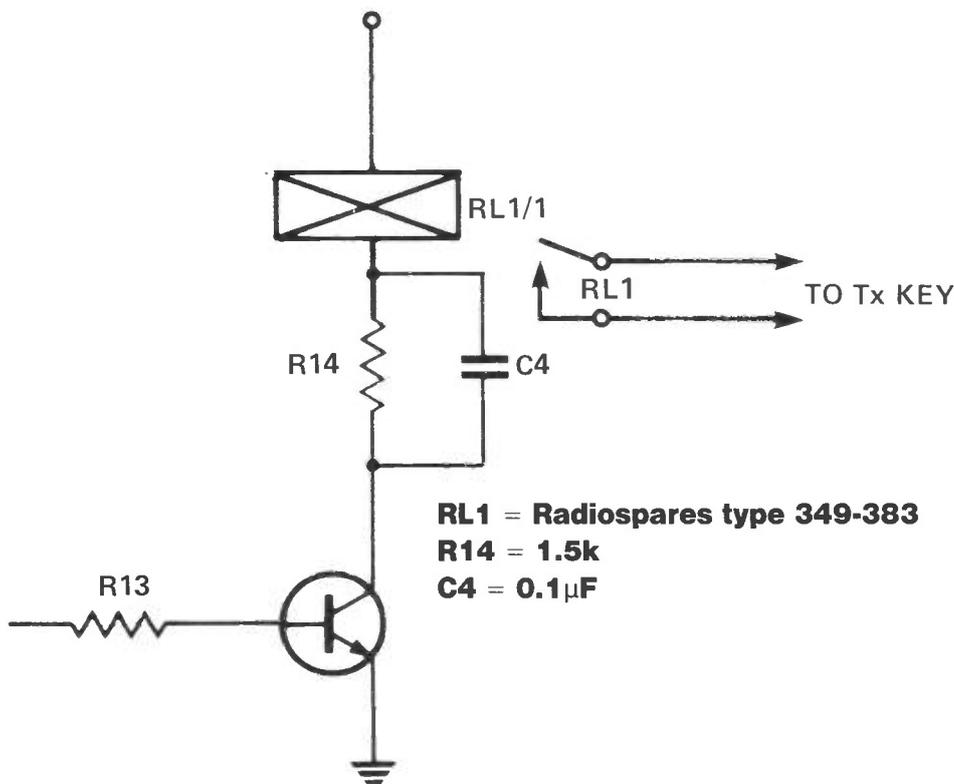


Fig 4 Alternative keying circuit using relay

the easiest solution is to have one multivibrator for dots and to produce dashes by filling in the space between two adjacent dots.

This is done by dividing the dot speed by two (doubling its length), and combining the two waveforms (Figure 1). This method ensures correct spacing

between elements within any one letter.

Keyer operation

To operate the keyer the middle finger is placed continuously on the Earth contact. Dots are produced by touching the dot contact with the index finger, and dashes by touching the Dash contact

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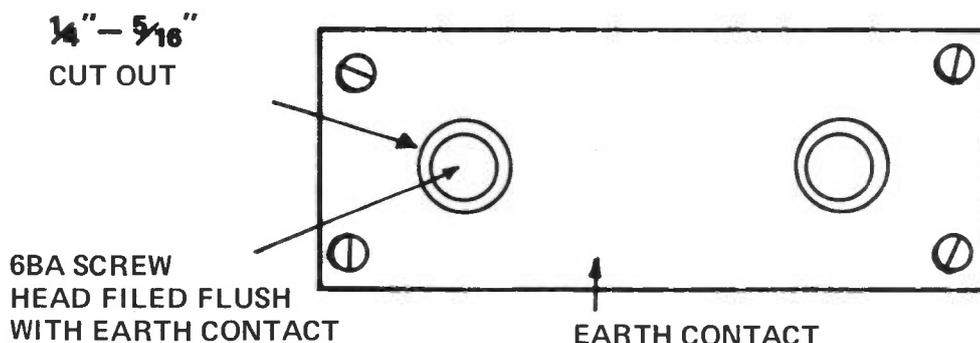


Fig 5 Suggested alternative keying contact which may be easier to construct than three keys

tion. Note that when dots are being keyed, IC2 (the divider) is prevented from operating due to the reset pin (7) being held at '1' by the inverter IC1c.

Dashes

When the Dash and Earth keys are bridged, a '1' appears on IC1b, pin 11, and the dot MVB is enabled as before. At the same time IC1c receives a '1' through D5 and puts a '0' on the reset pin of IC2, allowing it to operate. The output on pin 3 of IC2 is a half-speed version of the input on pin 1. This output is fed through D7 and R13 to the base of TR1. The second dot in the stream follows immediately afterwards thus completing a dash element equivalent to three dot elements. D7 and D8 form an OR gate to combine the dot stream with the output of IC2.

Audio monitoring

IC3c & d form an astable multivibrator similar to IC3a & b except that the frequency of oscillation is of the order of 600-700 Hz. It is enabled by a '1' on pin 1 so that a key-down condition causes a tone to be heard in the headphones. The square-wave output is not unpleasant and the level is suitable for sensitive headphones of the 'Walkman' variety.

Self-completing elements

Dots are self-completing due to the feedback action of D4 which holds the dot MVB enable at '1' regardless of whether there is a '1' coming from the key switch or not. Similarly, dashes are completed by D3 which keeps the dot MVB enabled and keeps C1 charged up, and also by D6 which, through IC3, keeps the reset pin at '0' until the output on pin 3 falls to '0'.

Capacitor C1 performs two functions in the production of dashes. Firstly, in conjunction with R6 it delays the start of the dot MVB until the capacitor has charged. This is only a question of 3 to 5mSecs and is not discernible to the operator. This delay allows the reset of IC2 to be at '0' (i.e. IC2 operative) before the '1' arrives from the dot MVB and ensures reliable switching of the divider. Secondly, C1 ensures self-completion of a dash when the key switch was only

momentarily operated. When the output of IC2 falls to '0' there is still one further dot element required to complete the dash. C1 holds the dot MVB enabled long enough to initiate this final dot, which is completed as before by the feedback of D4. If C1 were omitted, the dash would terminate after two elements only.

Alternative circuits

A 4017 can be substituted for the 4518 and the alternative circuitry is shown in Figure 3. Almost certainly other divider circuits may be used using flip-flops etc., but I have only tried the 4017 and 4518.

Transmitter keying

The circuit as described is suitable for my Icom IC701 and, I expect, for many of the current generation of Japanese transceivers with a positive keying line.

If the keyer is to be used with a variety of different transmitters, or to key currents in excess of, say, 20 milliamps, then it may be more practical to use a keying relay. The modified keying circuit is shown in Figure 4. TR1 now becomes the relay driver and R14 is a current-limiting resistor for battery economy. The Radio-Spares relay type 349-383 is a miniature type which mounts in a 14 pin DIL socket. Nominal operating current is of the order of 15 milliamps, so the battery consumption of the unit is drastically increased. However, reliable operation can be obtained at 4 to 5 milliamps if a speed-up capacitor is put across the current-limiting resistor. Assuming a 25-30% duty cycle during operating periods, the average battery current will be less than 2 milliamps, so several months reliable operation should be possible from one PP3.

Construction

The keyer is built into a plastic project box which is approximately 4.5 x 2.5 x 1 inches, Radio Shack part number 270-221. The two output jacks, the speed control and the key switch contacts are mounted on the body of the box. The battery and circuit board are mounted on the inside of the lid (as shown in photos).

The circuit board is 0.1in pitch Veroboard. Layout is not critical and, no doubt, interested constructors have

their own ideas on how to get the maximum number of components into the minimum space. There is not a lot of space left over and if it is intended to include the keying relay it may be advisable to start out with the next larger size of project box.

In retrospect, a different form of key contact may be easier to construct and may give more reliability in the case of operators with exceptionally dry skin (see Figure 5). The Earth contact has two circular cut-outs (say 1/4in-5/16in) into which the dot and dash contacts are concentrically mounted (6 BA screws may be used). The decreased contact distance, and hence decreased skin resistance, may result in more reliable keying although there is no evidence of erratic behaviour by the original model.

Conclusion

In digital logic terms there are several ways of achieving the same result, but this is the method I have used and because it worked, I have enquired no further.

Some basic corners have been cut in the interests of miniaturisation, e.g. the dot MVB is not buffered before going into the divider and the audio monitor is low level, LO-FI. However the underlying principle adhered to throughout is that the quality of the transmitted signal is the criterion that counts the most.

PARTS LIST

R1, R2	10M Ω
R3, R4, R6, R9, R11	100K Ω
R5	180K Ω
R7, R10	1M Ω
R8	330K Ω
R12	15K Ω
R13	27K Ω
RV1	1M Ω Lin
C1	0.47 μ F
C2	0.1 μ F
C3	0.01 μ F
IC1, 3	4011
IC2	4518
TR1	Gen purpose NPN, BC107 etc
D1 D8	Gen purpose Si IN914 etc

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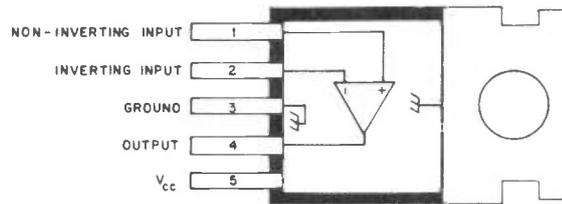
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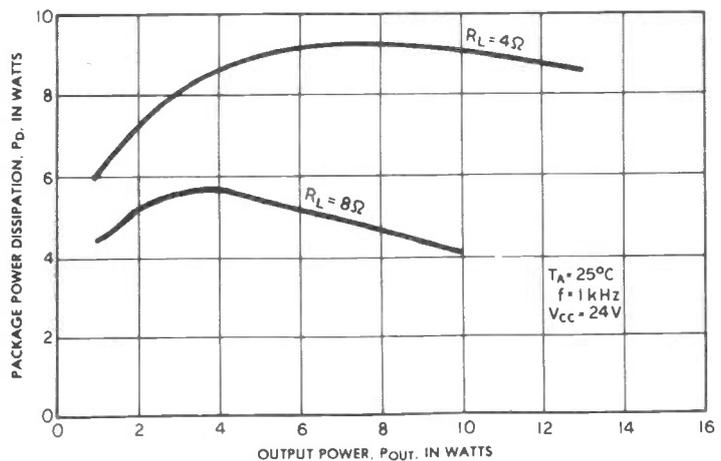
Applications

When using the device, the usual precautions concerning high gain, high impedance, wide bandwidth devices apply: they 'take off' unless correctly earthed and decoupled. The high frequency oscillations can sometimes melt the loudspeaker voice coil before you realize what's happening, although the low frequency motorboating effects that arise from a combination of high impedance earth and supply leads will only serve to wake you up rather rudely.

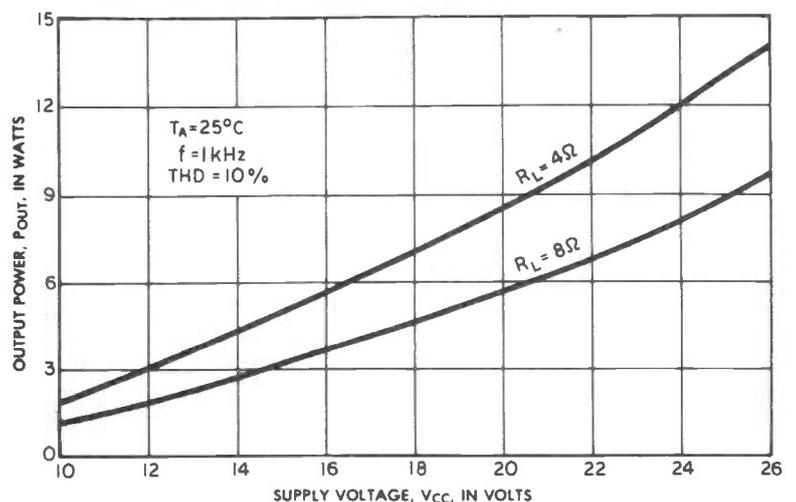
The 2002A may substitute the 2002 in any application, although the cost penalty is such it is only worth the extra if you specifically require the additional voltage capabilities.



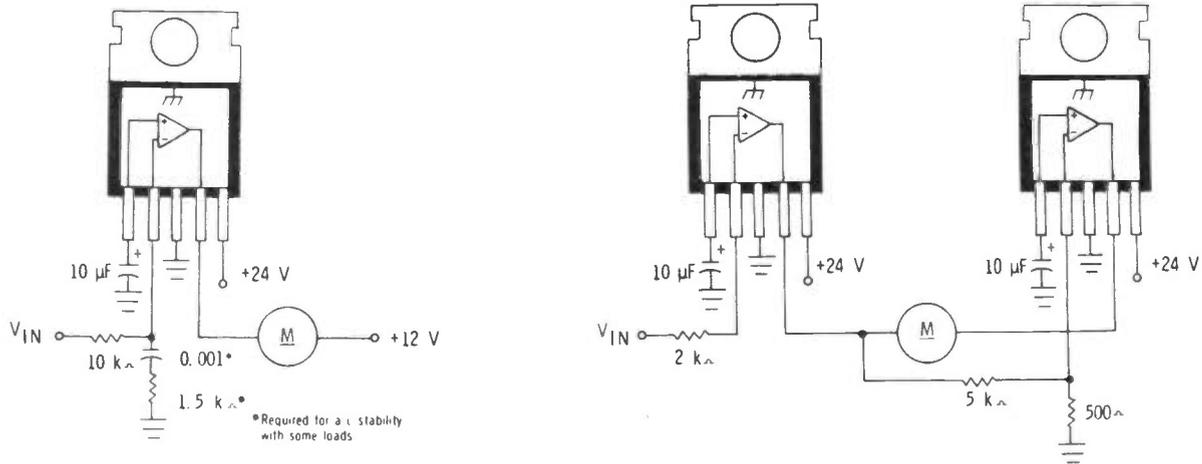
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Characteristic	Symbol	Test Conditions	Limits			
			Min.	Typ.	Max.	Units
Supply Voltage Range	V_{CC}		8.0	24	26	V
Quiescent Supply Current	I_{CC}	No signal applied	—	80	120	mA
Quiescent Output Voltage	V_A	No signal applied	—	12	—	V
Open Loop Gain	A_v		—	80	—	dB
Closed Loop Gain	A_c		39.5	40	40.5	dB
Total Harmonic Distortion	THD	$P_{OUT} = 0.05$ to 3.5 W , $R_L = 8\Omega$	—	0.2	—	%
		$P_{OUT} = 0.05$ to 5.0 W , $R_L = 4\Omega$	—	0.2	—	%
Audio Power Output	P_{OUT}	THD = 10%, $R_L = 8\Omega$	—	8.0	—	W
		THD = 10%, $R_L = 4\Omega$	10	12	—	W
Input Impedance	Z_i		70	150	—	k Ω
Power Supply Rejection	PSRR	$f_{ripple} = 120\text{ Hz}$, $V_{ripple} = 0.5\text{ V}$	30	35	—	dB
Equiv. Input Noise Voltage	e_n	$f = 40\text{ Hz}$ to 15 kHz	—	4.0	—	μV
Equiv. Input Noise Current	i_n	$f = 40\text{ Hz}$ to 15 kHz	—	60	—	pA
Input Sensitivity	e_{in}	$P_{OUT} = 0.5\text{ W}$, $R_L = 4\Omega$	—	15	—	mV
		$P_{OUT} = 0.5\text{ W}$, $R_L = 8\Omega$	—	21	—	mV
		$P_{OUT} = 8.0\text{ W}$, $R_L = 4\Omega$	—	71	—	mV
Input Saturation Voltage	e_{in}		400	600	—	mV _{rms}
Frequency Response (-3 dB)		$C_{in} = 0.039\mu\text{F}$, $R_{in} = 39\Omega$	40	—	15 k	Hz
Thermal Resistance	$R_{\theta JF}$		—	—	4.0	°C/W

'NOTES FROM THE PAST'

I have been greatly surprised at the very high proportion of hobbyists who, either by force of circumstances or choice, have a self-built workshop. They vary from lean-to's, erected against a blank wall and annexes tacked on behind the garage, to full-blown independent structures standing proudly in their own grounds.

A few years ago garden shedders were few and far between, although many handymen had some sort of outer-building used for storage, keeping the firewood dry, and rough or dirty work. Today's garden-shedders are in an altogether different category and sturdy modern buildings with space heating, strip lighting and curtained windows are apparently becoming commonplace.

With TV, FM etc., our hobby has become more and more complicated. The days have long since gone when one could get by with a soldering iron and a universal meter with the kitchen table as a workbench. Nowadays the keen types think nothing of carrying a comprehensive range of special tools and test equipment which would fill two sides of a medium-sized room.

Pre-war, too, one could practically build a set in a single evening, but a modern FM or TV receiver may well be several weeks in the making. Hence, it is nice to have a place where everything can be left undisturbed with tools and test gear right to hand.

Even those who in the past have been content with a spare corner in the house are beginning to turn to specially designed garden buildings. While a brick and concrete workshop is a mighty expensive proposition if a builder has to be called in, it is neither too costly nor beyond the capability of a versatile radio enthusiast (and most of us are that) especially if one can get the advice and assistance of someone in the building line. In fact, I have more than once been greatly surprised how economically it has been done.

Money for old rope

Although no one has written specifically on the subject, most correspondents in recent weeks have mentioned their complete agreement with my comments on many of the ITV programmes which spell utter boredom to the intelligent viewer. Whenever I seem to have a little time to spare for casual viewing the screen is filled with interminably dreary Westerns, American quickies and stale films. It is amazing that we should spend dollars on such stuff, and to make it worse ITV are asking

the Government for another 21 hours a week – an example followed less eagerly by the BBC.

Both authorities, especially ITV would be better concerned with putting out improved programmes in their existing hours. It would be nice to have a few 'sensible' programmes. I shudder to think what is going to happen during those extra hours and can only imagine that it will be more programmes suitable for backward adolescents just merely to fill out time in order to justify even more advertising.

More readers feel it would be better, too, if ITV put the money spent on bubble cars, stole wraps, washing machines, bedroom suites, etc., into the programmes. It is to attract the lower types of mentality that such prizes are lavishly distributed for answering questions which should present no difficulty to school-children?

With the BBC sometimes even out-doing ITV in finding some of the worst of the American bookings, many people besides myself, are humbly grateful that 'steam' radio nowadays still carries a satisfying proportion of worthwhile programmes during peak listening hours. And the pleasure is doubled when one listens to them on FM.

Incidentally, three of the ITV programme contractors are increasing their advertising rates by 10% in the autumn, and a fourth on 1st January, but they will charge 20% more during peak hours (7.30 to 10.30 pm). The increases are made on the grounds that the audiences are now much larger. With this swelling of revenue no doubt we shall see really big quiz prizes (if you can only answer such questions as 'Where does Jamaican rum come from?') instead of such trifles as refrigerators and TV sets!

Lucky for us

It is curious when you come to think of it that the additional TV hours now asked for exceed the total TV hours of a number of European countries. In Austria, for instance, they have three hours each evening except Tuesday, when there is no programme at all. A far higher proportion of their programmes are (if only for this reason) worth while sitting down to watch – instead of merely forming a background of time-filling trivialities which are allowed to drone on while various members of the family carry on doing something else and spare only an occasional glance at the screen.

It is nice, however, to think that we don't have to pay at the same rate for our TV. Their licences, which are renewable

every month cost fifty Austrian shillings (Exchange rate approx. 72 to the £1). Nor must it be overlooked that wages and salaries are considerably lower than they are here. Small wonder no one is expected to pay a year in advance at that rate, but even if one has got the cash a month is the longest period you can take.

Talking about money reminds me – suppose the BBC get the extra hours, where is the additional expenditure coming from? Surely the next move will be to put our licences up to a fiver!

I note also that the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee have turned their attention to ITA's huge profits and consider that future rentals should represent the contractor's full capacity to pay. At this, the Chairman of Associated-Rediffusion is reported as suggesting that if the commercial TV companies have to pay more rent, viewers will get inferior programmes. Which makes me wonder where they are going to find 'em.

Magnetic attraction

Old timers will recall how we were apt to regard the early permanent magnet m.c. speakers with some suspicion, and wondered just how 'permanent' the magnets would prove to be. Well, just recently I gave the magnet of a very old one to a youngster as a plaything. Later, when he knocked over a boxful of his mother's dressmaking pins he, childlike, collected them up with his magnet. From then on, of course, every time she picked up her scissors she found scores of pins clinging and dangling all over them! Which only goes to prove we needn't have worried about the permanence of those magnets after all.

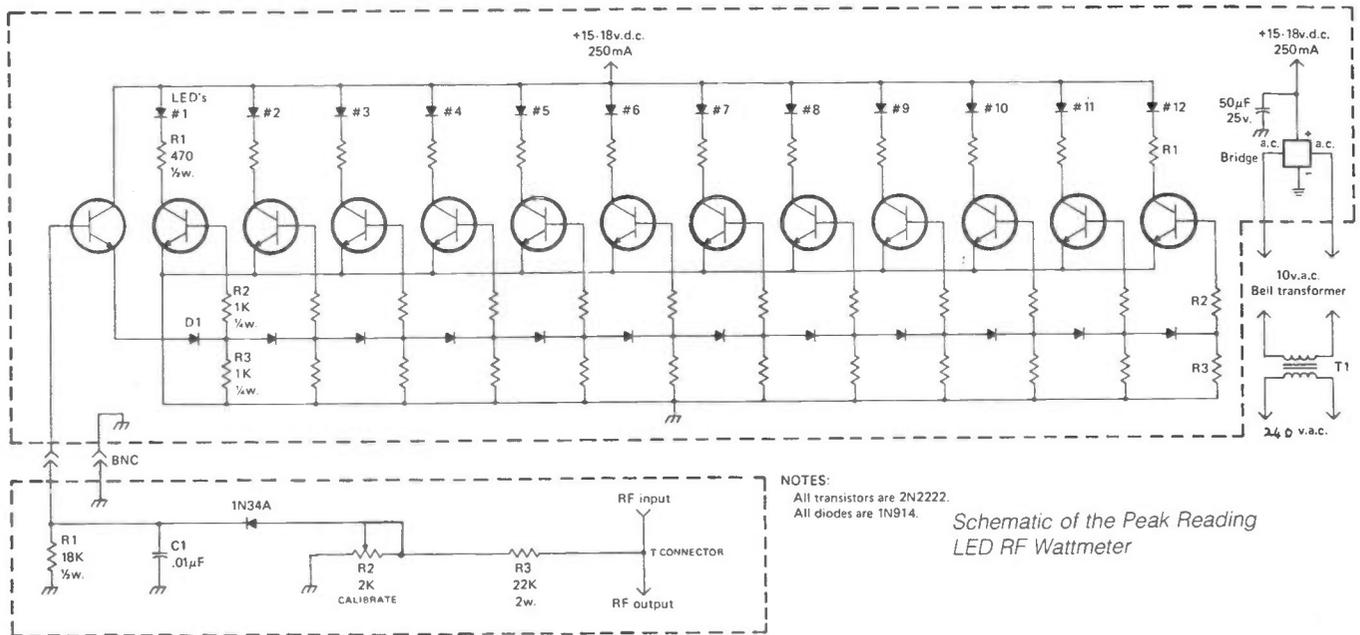
Origin of Wharfedale speakers

Finally, more old-time memories, this time from W.G.(Bradford 3), were revived by my reference to early loudspeakers. His father-in-law, who was bedfast, was adept at making pleated paper cones which he scored lightly with a darning needle, gluing cork to the centre (instead of the sealing wax I mentioned). Also, instead of using stiff wire between the reed and cork, he used a matchstick. He considers (as did many others) that these were the best thing of their time. Later he bought one of the earliest moving coil speakers from Mr Briggs, whose newly-started business was then in a city centre Bradford basement. This enterprise has now grown into the world-famous Wharfedale business. Incidentally, that speaker gave sterling service right up to the end of the war and after.

CONSTRUCT A PEAK-READING LED RF WATTMETER

This practical piece of equipment will make a good addition to your test gear

by R David Beard, WA4QGA



Schematic of the Peak Reading LED RF Wattmeter

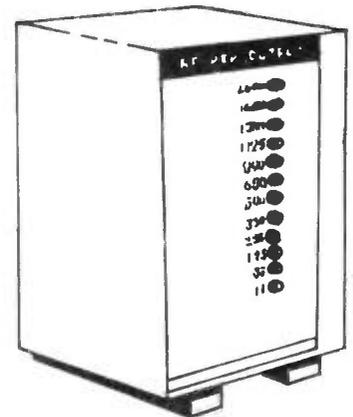
Have you ever wondered just how much power is actually travelling up the coax? The circuit diagram and following description will give you a device that is rugged, easy to build, simple to calibrate, and will tell you how much power you're running. The project is inexpensive to build and reliable in operation.

Circuit description

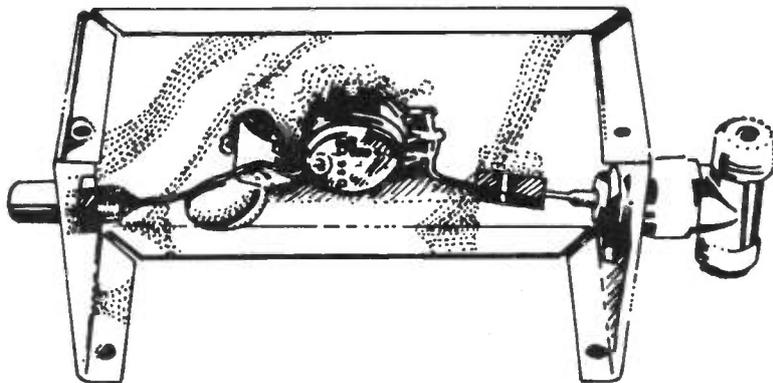
The circuit, *Figure 1*, incorporates 12 LEDs. Each LED is driven by a 2N2222 transistor. Practically any small-signal NPN transistor will do. For turning on each LED at discrete power levels 1N914 diodes (D1) are used. As the diodes are in series, the LEDs are turned on in sequence as each diode starts to conduct. Resistors R2 and R3 form a simple voltage divider, and resistor R1 limits collector current. Resistor values are not extremely critical as long as all

segments contain equal values. The values may be changed somewhat to accommodate on-hand junk-box values. Transistor types are also non-critical as long as all transistors are the same number.

The complete power meter is built on two separate chassis. One is the LED PCB and the other is the sampler unit. Transmission-line voltage is sampled via a 'T' connector connected to an SO-239 on a small chassis. The lower schematic enclosed in dotted lines is the sampler unit. The time constant of R1C1 is only critical in that if C1 is too large, the true peaks will not be indicated. If R1 is too large, the low-order LEDs will have a tendency to stay lit after the r.f. output has ceased, or the LEDs will have a tendency to glow upward as power increases instead of indicating discrete power levels.



Front view of the Wattmeter. You can dress up the completed project to suit your own taste



Interior view. Sampling is done via the T connector. Connection is straightforward and uses normally available components

As the unit is actually a voltmeter and we wish to read the output in watts, Table 1 is included to show the approximate power level each LED will indicate.

After the unit was built and calibrated, the LED display was compared to an oscilloscope (Tektronix 535) voice display on 20m, and true peak values of power were displayed by the meter. For ranges of 0-20 and 0-200 watts, the values of R2 and R3 in the sampler will have to be scaled to provide full-scale readings on the 20 and 200 watt levels.

Testing and calibration

To calibrate the unit you will need an accurately calibrated r.f. voltmeter or an in-line wattmeter. The single-tone (or two-tone) output level will be the same value displayed by the LEDs as by the RMS value indicated by the two above methods. Calibrate at the highest power level available if a full-scale value cannot be reached.

With no speech 'processing' or 'compression', the highest order LED should flash only on occasions when the peaks of your voice reach the peak limits of

your transmitter. LED flash should *never* indicate higher power output than that reached during carrier condition tune-up.

To test the completed display unit to see that all LEDs light, temporarily connect the input lead, through a 1kΩ resistor, to the positive side of the power supply. All LEDs should light to their maximum brightness.

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Table 1 – Relationship between LED numbers in the circuit diagram and the peak power output they reflect.

LED No.*	Power Output
1	14
2	55
3	125
4	225
5	350
6	500
7	680
8	890
9	1125
10	1390
11	1680
12	2000

*LED No. 1 is at the bottom of the display.
LED No. 12 is at the top of the display.

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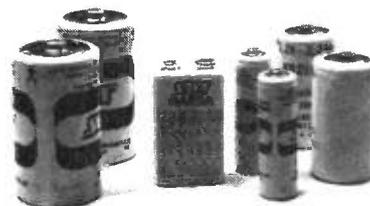


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				1-9	10-24	25-99
AAA	0.18	45.0	10.5	1.34	1.27	1.22
1/2AA*	0.10	18.0	14.3	1.58	1.50	1.44
1/2AA*	0.24	28.1	14.3	1.45	1.37	1.32
AA	0.50	50.2	14.3	0.90	0.85	0.82
AA*	0.50	50.2	14.3	0.96	0.91	0.88
1/2A*	0.45	28.1	17.3	1.53	1.45	1.38
RR*	1.20	42.1	22.6	1.70	1.61	1.52
C	2.20	49.7	25.9	2.40	2.30	2.20
D (sub)	1.20	60.5	32.9	2.40	2.30	2.20
D	4.00	60.5	32.9	3.50	3.32	3.15
D*	4.00	60.5	32.9	3.59	3.41	3.24
F*	7.00	91.3	32.9	6.85	6.50	6.20
SF*	10.00	91.3	41.7	10.50	9.50	8.90
PP3	0.11	49 × 26.5 × 17.5		4.35	4.10	3.85

* Denotes cell fitted with solder tags

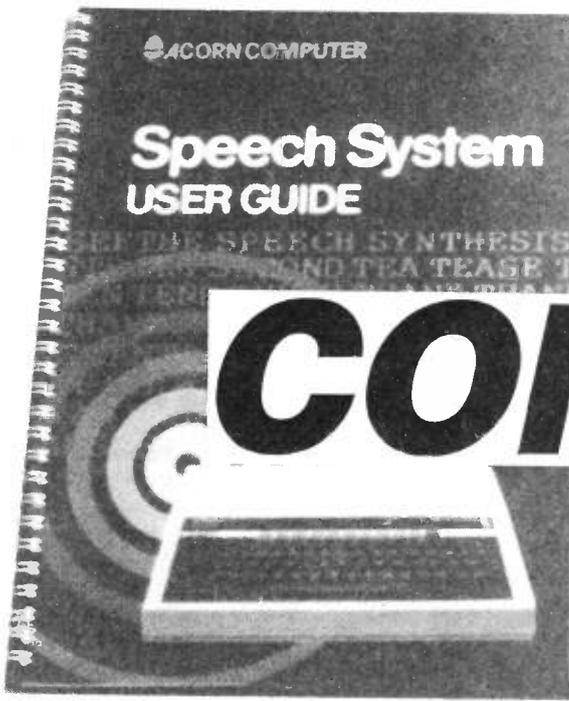
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SPEECH

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COMPUTER

In last month's issue, Terry Weatherley described the orbit of OSCAR -10 satellite. In this issue, the versatile Terry describes a method of making the Beeb computer articulate. What is the connection between these widely differing articles and why does he include the picture of his little daughter? For the answers to these two questions read on...



Exterminate! Exterminate! The harsh metallic voice of the Dalek is what most readily springs to mind when one hears the term 'computer - generated speech'. Until recently this was a fair reaction; beauty was to be found not in the eye but in the ear of the inventor - and inventors there have been.

In 1791 Baron Von Kempelen invented a speech machine in which bellows imitating the lungs forced air into a leather throat which was distorted by hand to make 'sounds'. It is even reported that Alexander Graham Bell was able to make his dog 'speak' by massaging the dog's throat while it growled. It was not until the 1950's that the first speech synthesizers were demonstrated.

Walter Lawrence in 1951 introduced PAT (Parametric Artificial Talker). Eight speech parameters were measured and their resulting waveforms were painted

onto a glass slide. This was scanned photo-electrically. Lawrence would control the pitch with a pot and was thus able to alter the emphasis.

There is a recording of a demonstration Lawrence gave of PAT in which PAT sang, Lawrence carefully twiddling the pitch control while PAT sang:-

(high) 'What did you say before'.

(lower) 'What did you say before'.

(bass) 'What did you say before that'.

It is easy to scoff at these early experiments but in their time they represented the state of the art. They also led directly to more academic research into the field of both human speech and speech synthesis. Interested readers are directed to two classic books 'Speech Analysis, Synthesis and Perception' by James Flanagan of Bell Labs in the USA and 'Speech Synthesis (1973)' by John Holmes of the Government Joint Speech Research Unit.

Natural speech

People speak by passing air from their lungs into the larynx causing the vocal chords to vibrate. The vocal tract from larynx to lips acts as a resonant cavity amplifying certain frequencies while attenuating others. During speech the tongue and lips are in constant motion thus altering the shape of the vocal tract and hence the position of the resonances.

The sound produced by the vocal chords is rich in harmonics. The larynx cavity produces energy peaks which are called FORMANTS. Figure 1 shows the energy spectrum of speech with three such formants. Formant one is around 500Hz, formant two around 1500Hz and formant three around 2500Hz. This model holds good for a held vowel sound like *aaah*, but in real speech the resonances are constantly changing as the vocal cavity alters its shape. Young

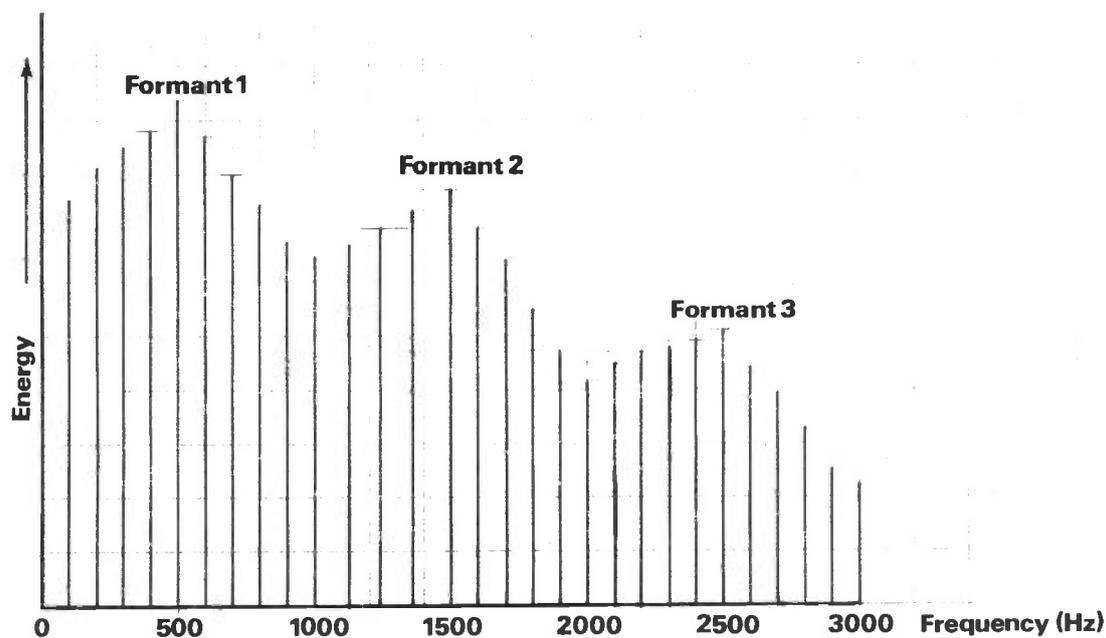


Fig 1 The energy spectrum of speech

children learn to speak by imitating the sounds they hear. (In *Photo 1* the young Miss Weatherley is imitating the sound of a train.)

Computer speech

The complex waveforms of speech are examined using a sound spectrograph. Typical output is shown in *Figure 2*. It is from such analysis that computer speech is derived. Data from either whole words, allophones or phonemes, the latter two being variations of the basic sounds that make speech. The well known vowel sounds - *aa, ee, ii, o, eau* - are allophones, while the different 'a' sounds in the words *ha, mat, taught, rage, army, about* and *hair*, are all phonemes.

Current speech systems for popular micros using allophones are the Currah Microspeech unit for the Spectrum and the Adam Speech Synthesiser for the VIC 20. The Chatterbox which is available for most popular computers uses phonemes. Both systems have, in theory, an infinite vocabulary but it is up to the user to break the word up into its sounds and using the allophones or phonemes recreate it.

The Acorn Speech System for the BBC Computer uses another route. Speech data from individual words is held on one chip and passed through a 'vocal tract' held on another. The 'vocal tract' is a speech processor which contains a digital filter and requires a large number of parameters to produce the sounds necessary for making speech. Acorn provide a dictionary chip PHROM A (PHrase Read Only Memory) with the parameters of 160 words spoken by Kenneth Kendall the former BBC newsreader.

The speech data is obtained by dividing the speech into frames each

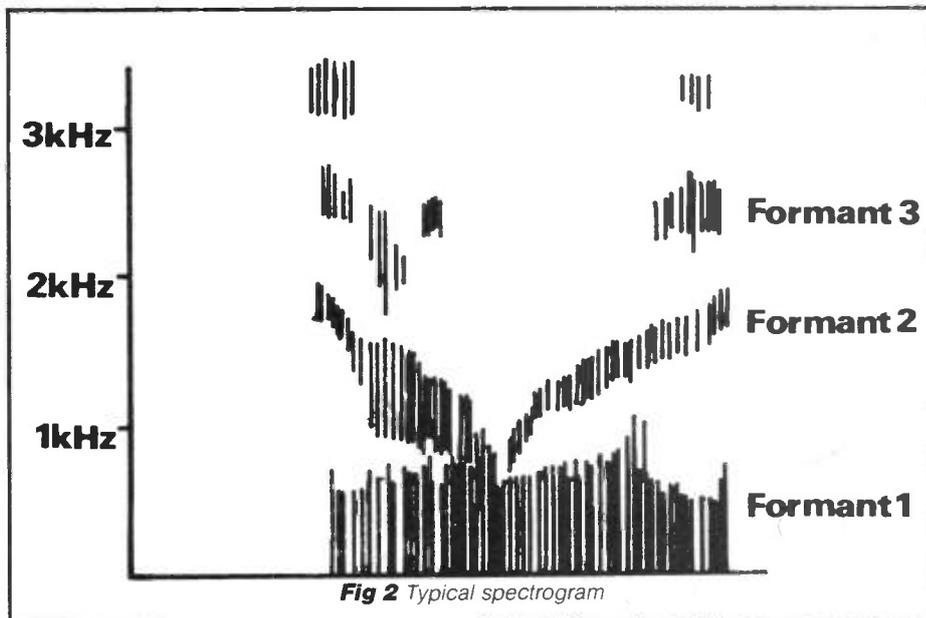


Fig 2 Typical spectrogram

$\frac{1}{40}$ th of a second long. Each frame consists of a number of parameters, the maximum being one energy parameter, one pitch parameter and ten reflection coefficients. The list of words and word parts available in the PHROM is given in *Table 1*. It will be seen that various compound words can be made from the words provided thus increasing the maximum vocabulary. Both chips are made by Texas Instruments. TMS 6100 is the memory PHROM and TMS 5220 is the voice synthesis processor. Data Manuals for both these chips can be obtained from Texas Instruments Ltd.

Beeb speech upgrade

The fitting of the speech upgrade to the Beeb is usually done by the dealer as it is fiddly and may require the cutting of

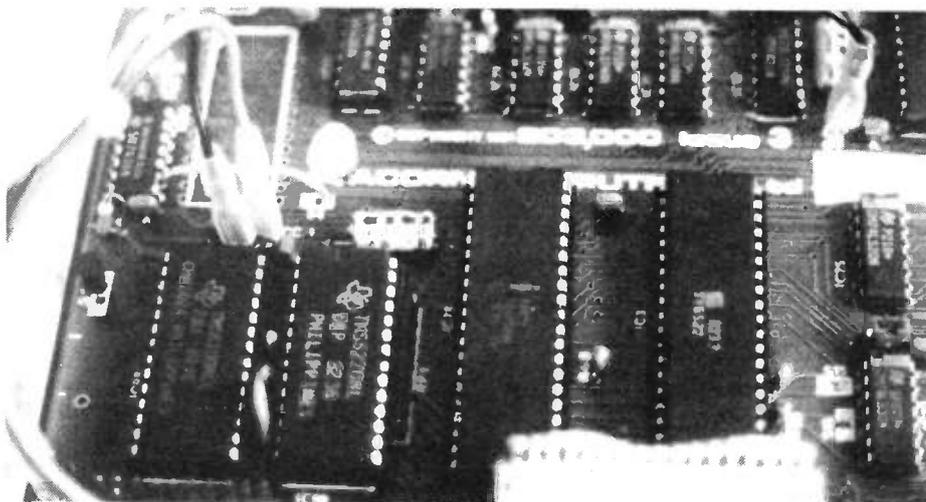
tracks on the main circuit board, this being dependent upon the issue number of the printed circuit board. If, however, like the writer you are some distance from a main dealer offering this service, then it is possible to fit your own.

It should be remembered that taking a track cutter and soldering it on to your computer is not to be undertaken lightly. Experience in soldering tiny electronic components, keen eyesight and a steady hand are essential. It must be remembered that fitting the upgrade yourself will almost certainly invalidate any warranty. Having said that, it is fair to say that the speech upgrade kit comes with an excellent step-by-step guide rather in the 'Heathkit' style and, if followed to the letter, no problems should be encountered.

SPEECH AND THE COMPUTER

TABLE 1

Word No	Word	Word No	Word	Word No	Word	Word No	Word	Word No	Word	Word No	Word
131	-D	158	NIN-	185	DOLLAR	211	K	238	P	265	THANK
132	-ED	159	A			212	KEY	239	PARAMETER		
133	-ING	160	ACORN	186	DON'T	213	L	240	PENCE	266	THAT
134	-S			187	DOWN	214	LARGE			267	THE
135	-TEE	161	AFTER	188	E	215	LAST	241	PLEASE	268	THEN
		162	AGAIN	189	EACH			242	PLUS	269	THIRD
136	-TH	163	AMOUNT	190	ELEVEN	216	LINE	243	POINT	270	THIS
137	-T	164	AN			217	M	244	POSITIVE		
138	-	165	AND	191	ENGAGED	218	MANY	245	POUN-	271	TIME
139	ZERO			192	ENTER	219	MINUS			272	TRY
140	HUNDRED	166	ANOTHER	193	ERROR	220	MORE	246	PRESS	273	TWELVE
		167	ANSWER	194	ESCAPE			247	PROGRAM	274	TYPE
141	THOUSAND	168	ANY	195	F	221	MUST	248	Q	275	U
142	ONE	169	AVAILABLE			222	N	249	R		
143	TWO	170	B	196	FEW	223	NAME	250	RED	276	UH
144	TWEN-			197	FILE	224	NEGATIVE			277	UP
145	THREE	171	BAD	198	FIRST	225	NEW	251	RESET	278	V
		172	BETWEEN	199	FOUND			252	RETURN	279	VERY
146	THIR-	173	BOTH	200	FROM	226	NO	253	RUN	280	W
147	FOUR	174	BUTTON			227	NOT	254	RUNNING		
148	FOR-	175	C	201	G	228	NOW	255	S	281	WANT
149	FIVE			202	GOOD	229	NUMBER			282	WAS
150	FIF-	176	CASSETTE	203	H	230	O	256	SAME	283	WERE
		177	CHARACTER	204	HAVE			257	SCORE	284	WHAT
151	SIX	178	COMPLETE	205	I	231	O'CLOCK	258	SECOND	285	WHICH
152	SIX-	179	COMPUTER			232	OF	259	SMALL		
153	SEVEN	180	CORRECT	206	ILLEGAL	233	OFF	260	START	286	X
154	SEVEN-			207	IN-	234	OLD			287	Y
155	EIGHT	181	D	208	INPUT	235	ON	261	STOP	288	YEAR
		182	DATA	209	IS			262	SWITCH	289	YES
156	EIGHT-	183	DATE	210	J	236	ONLY	263	T	290	YOUR
157	NINE	184	DO			237	OR	264	TEN	291	Z



The two speech chips TMS6100 and TMS5220 in their sockets

Included in the kit are the edge connectors etc, enabling the famous 'hole in the keyboard' to be activated and a plastic cover fitted. The job is very fiddly and the cutting of the correct tracks which are very, very finely etched on the main board could be difficult. A lino knife might slip, but a 'veroboard' cutter is difficult to locate on the correct track.

Checking the PHROM

Once fitted, the PHROM can be checked out. Each word in the PHROM

can be 'called' in various ways, by a word number, by its ASCII code number if it is a letter, or by its absolute address. To use the data for the letter 'A' there are three alternatives. The word number is 159, the ASCII value is 65 and the absolute address (in HEX) is B5D. In order to check out the upgrade, the following is typed in with the computer in command mode:- REPEAT:SOUND-1,GET,0,0:UNTIL FALSE. As each key is pressed the GET command returns its ASCII value and thus calls the sound from the PHROM. Lower case letters return

associated words, thus pressing 'p' and 'r' causes the computer to say 'Press Return'.

To add speech to a program, a PROCspeak might be:-

```
1000 DEF PROCspeak
1010 REPEAT
1020 READ A%
1030 SOUND-1,A%,0,0
1040 UNTIL A%=127
1050 ENDPROC
1060 DATA 284,209,267,271,127
```

This should result in the computer saying, 'What is the time'?

The speech is very clear and bears more than a passing resemblance to the data source. Apart from the novelty value it is a useful facility. The Writer's satellite programs need many numbers to be entered and it is very useful to have the computer repeat each digit as it is entered. The educational applications are many. In one program for young children it is essential that they 'press return'. The 'voice' can be made to prompt this after a suitable delay. In all, the Acorn Speech upgrade enhances what is already an excellent machine.

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Speech Upgrade Instructions - Acorn Computers.

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The general interests of some of our readers are shown below. If you have similar interests why not establish a point of contact at the time and on the band indicated

G8YOX:

Usually available early evenings on most days on 2m, 23cm and above. Uses phone, RTTY with computer, SSB, ATV. Equipment includes, Trio TR1010 SSB TXCOR, H/brew linear, H/brew FM Synth Rig, 9ELE Tonna, 24ELE Quad (23cms) and his special interests include VHF/UHF DX, meteor-scatter micro-wave propagation, homebrew equipment and computer-aided communication. Most interesting contact to date was made with Karl OK1KH/P. Czech 2m SSB.

GAONF:

Available evenings after 19.30 on HF, 15, 20, 40 and 80 metres, CW only. Uses FT102 equipment and his special interests include DX (Award Hunter). Fifty-nine countries confirmed CW and 3 confirmed SSB. Most interesting contact to date was regular QSO with

VP8APQ during the Falklands War.

G6LUY:

Usually available Wednesday and Thursday evenings between 19.00 and 20.00 and on Sunday mornings between 10.00 and 11.00 on 2m. Uses phone. Equipment includes TR7500, TR2200GX and TR2100M. His special interest is DXSSB.

G2DHV:

Usually available most days during the afternoons on 160-80 (A3E/A1A), 20/15/10 (A1A), 10 (F3E) and 4/2 (A1A/T3E) and can be contacted mostly by CW and, occasionally, phone. Equipment is mostly home converted gear plus MX4-MX2-TR2100M, and his special interests include DX, AMSAT, VHF/UHF, Micro-waves, ATV/SSTV propagation, aerials, construction, mobile, satellites and contests (VHF). Most interesting

contact to date: QTH AL41F-JOO1F.

G6YAK:

Usually available daily except Sundays between 09.00 and 18.00 on 70cm (RB2, GB3 05) using phone. Equipment includes Trio TR9500. His special interests include Amsat, Slow Scan and RTTY.

G1CMZ:

Usually available most days on 2m FM. Equipment includes Yaesu FT-208R (2.5W/300mW). Indoor $\lambda/4$ antenna. Special interests include Raynet.

G2VF:

Usually available most afternoons and evenings on 40, 15, 20 and 10m (CW only). Equipment includes Heathkit HX1681 and DX100 transmitters, HF loop antenna. Special interests include loop antennae for HF bands. RSGB QSL awards. Bureau Sub Manager.

Had an interesting contact with OR4VN during the Antarctic expedition of 1964/65.

G3AKG:

Usually available Monday to Friday: 08.00-09.00, 09.30-10.30, 15.00-17.00 on 10, 15 and 80 metres. Uses CW and SSB. Equipment includes FT101E (modified), Standard C8500 and Datong downconverter. Special interests are various nets, 80m, KSG, BTI, RNARS and RAOTA.

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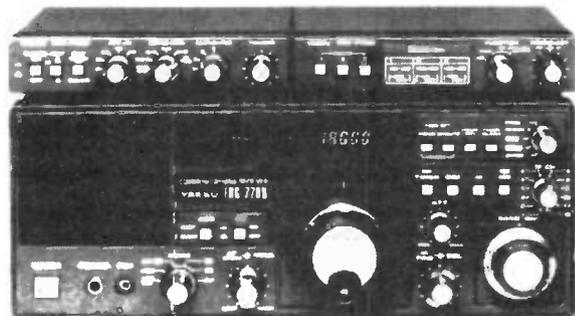
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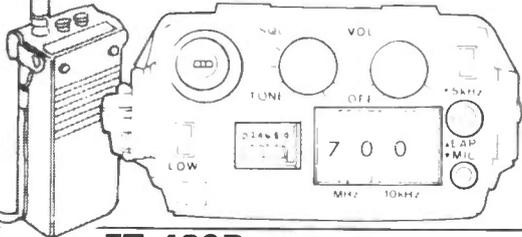
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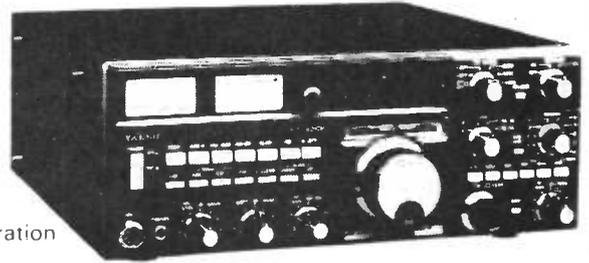
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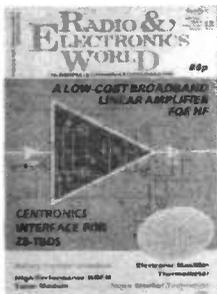
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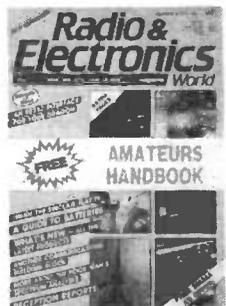
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Projects — Max/Min Thermometer; 4 Channel Audio Mixer Morse Key Oscillator; Wideband FM Stereo Tuner Module I; Rotary Encoder Interface (to Control TTL); Centronics Interface for Z8-TBDS (Parallel printer interface); Linear HF Power Amplifier; **Features** — Weather Fascimile Reception; Zilog Z8000; Data Brief 1-ZN419CE Servo IC



OCTOBER 1983
Designs — Modular Communication Systems Part 1; 4 Channel Audio Mixer Part 2; Tone Bursts; PF70 Conversion. **Features** — Noise Blanking Techniques; The Lambda Diode; A Guide to HF Coils Part 1; The Chromicro (Colour Processing); Timeplex; Data Brief — The NEC PC1037H Double Balanced Modulator; Amateur Radio World. **Reviews** — Tandy VSC-1000 (Variable Speech Control); Yaesu FT-77 (Solid State HF Transceiver)



NOVEMBER 1983
Designs — Communications Building Blocks (Front Ends); Poor Man's Spectrum Analyser; Wideband FM Stereo Tuner Module Part 2; 4 Channel Audio Mixer Part 3; Three Digit Timer. **Features** — Squelch Systems; Expansion Bus (First add-on — A light pen); A Guide to HF Coils Part 2; Data Brief — NE564 PLL Tone Decoder. **Reviews** — Meteor 100, 600, 1000 (All-British Frequency Counters); Personal Pearl (For text and information manipulation)



DECEMBER 1983
Designs — Poor Man's Spectrum Analyser Part 2; Communications Building Blocks Part 2; A 4001/4011 Tester; Continuity Tester. **Features** — Inside the Sinclair Flat TV; An in-depth probe; A Circuit Designers Guide to Batteries; Data File on Op-Amps Part 1; Metal Detectors in Warfare; Data Brief 1-LM1821S Video IF PLL Synchronous Detector; Data Brief 2-SL6270 Gain Controlled Audio Amplifier; An RS232C Interface for Your Dragon 32. **Reviews** — ALDEN Weather Chart Recorder Kit; Dighurst MicroSight 1.



JANUARY 1984
Designs — Communication Building Blocks (Active Antennae); FAX Receiver; RGB Interface for the Ferguson TX-90; A Couple of Voltage Detectors; LCD Capacitance Meter; Cymar Q-meter (An aid to winding coils); Zener Diode Checker; A Drinker's Delight; LCD Display Option for the Rewichron II. **Features** — A Novel Receiver (Sony); Capacitors for Coupling, De-coupling and Filtering; Data File on Op-Amps Part 2; Farewell to Test Card 'F'; A Soundboard for the Jupiter Ace; Data Brief — MC1377 Colour Signal Encoder.



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Designs — Switched Mode Power Supplies; Crowbar Protection Circuit; Switched Step Attenuator; Universal NiCad Charger; Communications Building Blocks (IF Amplifiers); Real Time Calendar Clock. **Features** — Data File on Op-Amps; Six Antennas from Three Wires (Double your directions without doubling your cost); Designers Update (Helical Filters); Moving Pictures from Wax — 'Phonovision'; Computers, Communications and Applications; Data Brief — Low cost, wide range varicap diodes.



MARCH 1984
Designs — Modifying the Pye PF1 Pockettone Receiver; Communications Building Blocks (IF Amplifiers); One Night's Work (Audio-Amp); 200W PEP Transmatch. **Features** — Sony ICF 7600D Receiver; Data File on Op-Amps; UOSAT-B; AKD Absorption Wavemeter; Data Brief — Hitachi HA 1197 AM Tuner; Oscar 10 and its Orbit Parameters; Programmable Sound Generator (the AY8910 family); Random Morse Computer Program; ICOM World Clock.

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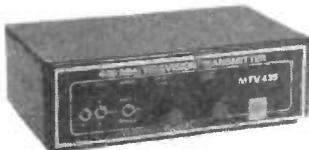
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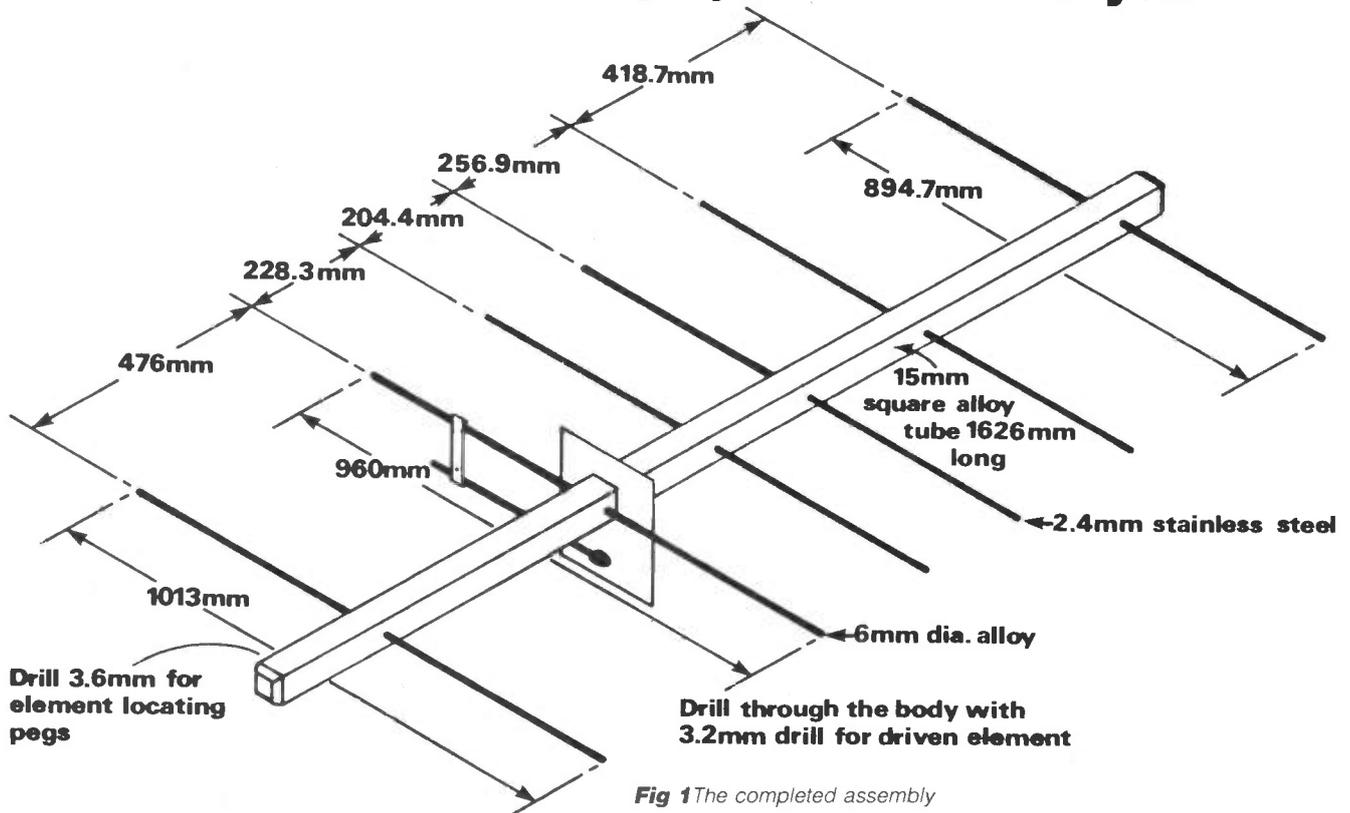


Fig 1 The completed assembly

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Construction

In order to construct the Tiger LY6 antenna, I purchased some components from Ant Products. This company make all the parts for their antenna range available as spares and taking advantage of this fact makes construction very simple, particularly for constructors with limited workshop facilities.

Figure 1 shows the antenna dimensions, boom length, element length and where to drill the holes, etc. The boom is cut from a length of high quality square

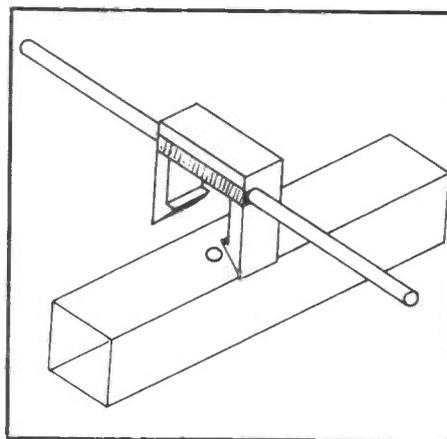


Fig 2 Fitting the element in plastic clip and mounting the clip on the boom

section aluminium tube. Taking care to avoid injury to oneself, deburr the sharp ends and then fit suitable plastic plugs. These will stop water ingress and wind from blowing into the boom. The author's antenna made quite a noise when the wind blew across the ends of the boom.

Care should be taken when marking out the hole positions on the boom and a little time spent in making sure that the holes are drilled in the centre of the boom will prevent difficulty in fitting the

plastic clips that hold the elements in place. Once the boom has been drilled it can then be placed to one side until the elements are cut and fastened into the plastic mounting clips.

As the four directors are all of the same length, a simple jig can be used to mark and cut the stainless steel rod, thus ensuring uniformity of length (see Appendix).

Fitting the elements

Having cut all the stainless steel elements it is now necessary to fit them into the groove in the plastic clips (Figure 2). It is important that the element is centred accurately in the clip and again the jig can be used to mark the element centres. By utilising the cutting jig and using a felt tip marker pen, the element centres can be easily and quickly marked. Using the mark as a guide, the element is then pressed into the clip using a pair of bull-nosed pliers. A broad-bladed screwdriver can be carefully used to make sure that the element is firmly seated and, if desired, a spot of adhesive can be applied to ensure security, but in the author's case this was not required.

The driven element is the last element to be made and this is cut from a length of aluminium rod 6mm in diameter. First cut

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the element to length and deburr the ends, then find the centre of the rod and mark this position. It is necessary to drill through the rod at this point and to thread the hole to suit a 4BA bolt. Support the rod with a V-block, then using a 2.9mm drill, bore through the element. This drill is the correct tapping size for a 4BA thread.

Method of tapping

When a pedestal drill is available for use, it is possible to ensure that the hole is squarely tapped by using a method employed by the author. Replace the drill in the chuck with a 4BA tap and with the power switched off, enter the tap into the hole in the rod. Rotating the chuck of the drill by hand will enable the tap to be started and run square. Leave the tap in the hole and release from the drill chuck so that the operation can now be finished by using a tap wrench in the normal way. Clean and remove any burrs from around the hole and check that the element fits into the boom, making a good fit, and will be secure when the fastening screw is tightened.

Heat shrink tube

The 9.5mm diameter heat-shrink tube is cut to a length of 125mm and then placed over the driven element as shown in *Figure 3*. Ideally a hot air gun should be used to shrink the tube onto the element (the wife's hairdryer could be tried) but a butane gas blow lamp flame can otherwise be used if care is taken not to burn the heat-shrink tube.

Support bracket

A bracket to support the SO239 single hole mounting socket is required. Mine was made from a piece of scrap alloy sheet, punched with a hole 16mm in diameter, then bent through 90° and fastened to the boom with two self-tapping screws or pop rivets. The bracket for the socket should be mounted to the boom before the SO239 socket is fitted, otherwise the socket obstructs the fastenings holding the bracket.

Gamma rod and clips

The gamma rod is made from 8swg copper rod 225mm long, hammered flat at one end and drilled to suit the pin on the socket (*Figure 4*). Slip the end over the centre pin and solder so that the gamma rod lies parallel to the driven element and is on the same side of the boom as the heat-shrink tube. Make sure that the rod does not short to the body of the socket and when this is done, the assembly should look like the drawing in *Figure 5*.

It now only remains to make the gamma clip and then the assembly of the antenna can be completed by fitting the elements. The gamma clip is made from 13mm wide, 24 or 26swg brass or copper strip (*Figure 6*), wrapped around a piece of 6.3mm diameter rod to form the large end, and the small end formed around a piece of 3.2mm diameter rod. A hole is required in the flap part of the gamma

Fig 3 Heatshrink tube and method of fastening driven element

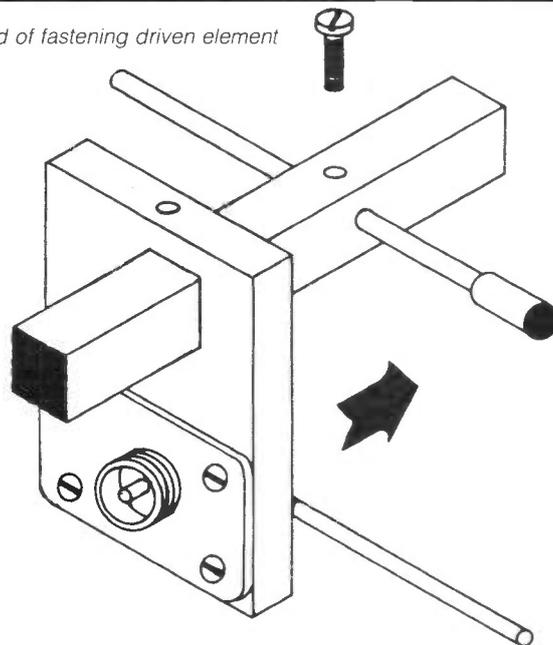


Fig 4 The gamma rod

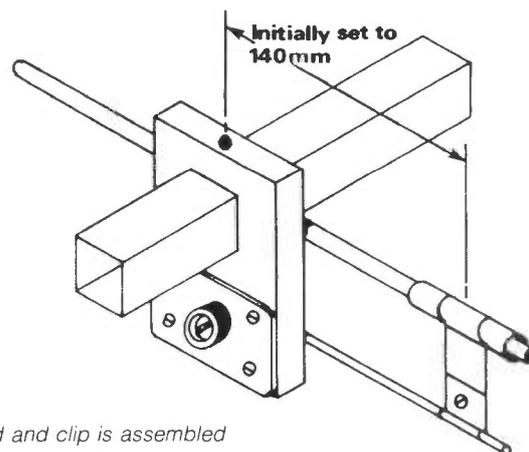
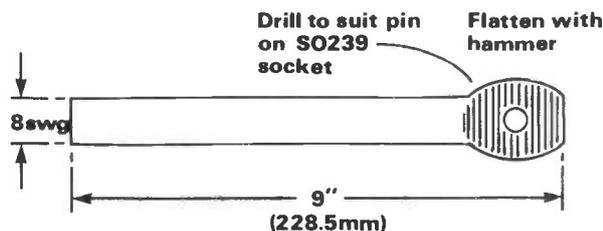


Fig 5 How the gamma rod and clip is assembled

clip so that a 4BA nut and bolt can be used to tighten the small end onto the gamma rod, or it may be better to make the small end of the clip over-tight and then later, after adjustment has been made and the antenna is on tune, solder the clip to the gamma rod. If securing with nut and bolt take care when drilling the thin metal because when the drill breaks through it tends to snatch and result in damaged fingers. Once the correct tuning point has been found, it should not need to be adjusted again, unless major changes are made to the design of the antenna system.

Assembly and tuning

Fit the driven element and SO239 socket bracket first, then put the SO239 socket into the hole in the bracket and

secure with the nut provided. Discard the solder tag connection ring as it is not required in this application. Fit the gamma rod and solder to the pin on the socket. Put the gamma clip onto the element and slide down towards the boom. The clip should be a snug fit over the heat-shrink tube, sliding smoothly without sticking. Push the smallest end over the gamma rod and adjust to a position about 140mm from the boom. This is the starting point for adjustment. Fit the other elements and then fasten the completed antenna to a support so that it can be held three or four feet from the ground and pointing at the sky. Wooden step ladders are a good support for this exercise.

Opinions on how to set up and tune the antenna differ. However, the following

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Fig 6 Gamma clip details

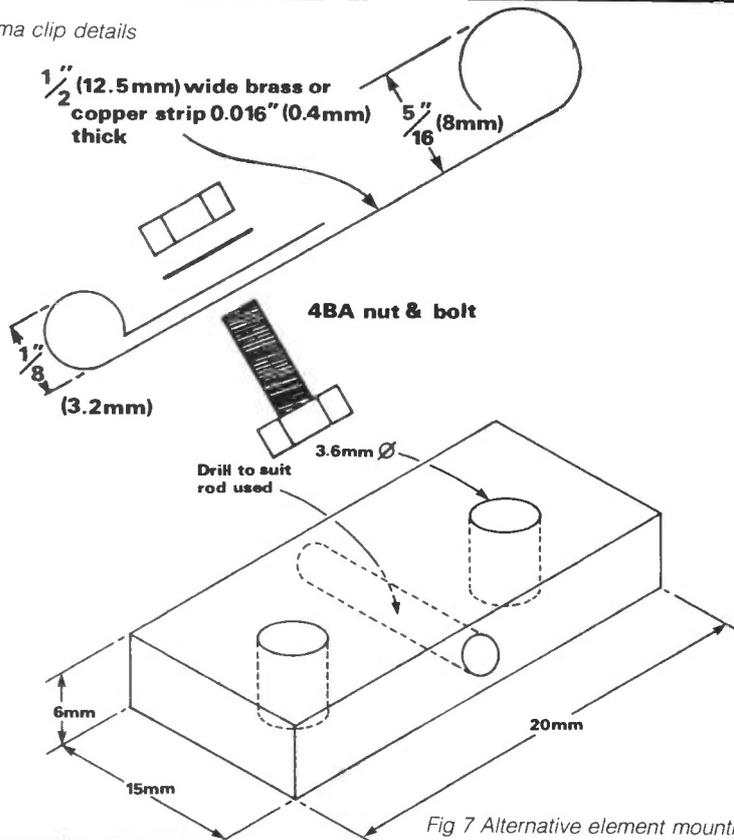


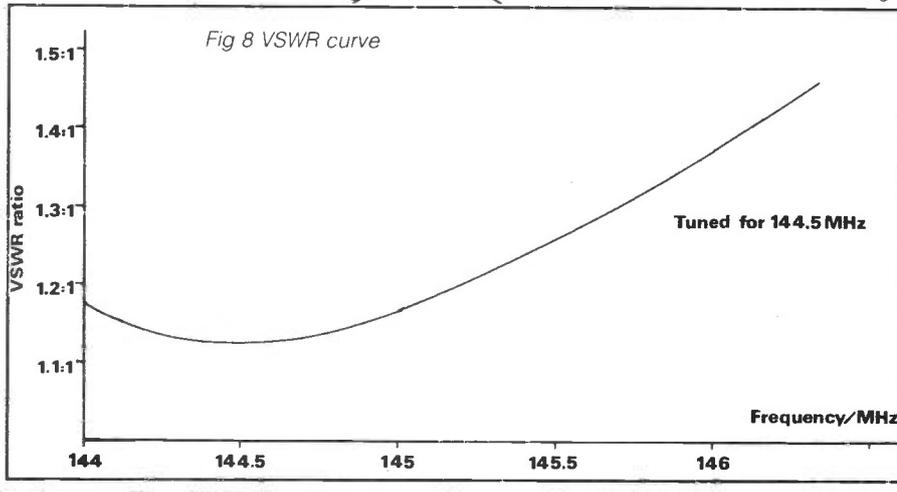
Fig 7 Alternative element mounting

from Ant Products, I will describe an alternative method of mounting the elements.

A 20% diameter variation is permissible and because the antenna dimensions are calculated for elements that do not go through the boom but are insulated from it, insulating fastenings must be used (Figure 7). Small blocks made from perspex or polyvinylchloride (PVC) can be drilled to hold the elements and the blocks are secured to the boom with self-tapping screws. As long as the diameter of the elements does not vary too greatly from the design value, then no corrections for length/diameter ratio will be necessary.

When the antenna and cable is set up, the clip should be moved towards or away from the boom in small amounts until the point of minimum VSWR is found. This should be better than 1.2:1 but may be higher. This is due to the difference in dielectric constant of the heat-shrink tube causing the capacitance value to be wrong. It may be necessary to increase or decrease the amount of capacitance needed by altering the width of the strap used for the clip. The size shown was correct for all of the antenna that I have built, using the specified heatshrink tube. Using the full length of the cable has the advantage that after adjustments are completed, the VSWR bridge can be removed and the cable plugged into the rig with the knowledge that the whole system VSWR is satisfactory.

Fig 8 VSWR curve



explanation and method is suggested by the author.

First a little transmission line theory. It is well known that a transmission line that is a half wavelength long will repeat any impedance that is placed at one end at the other end, regardless of its characteristic impedance. Therefore, if we take a length of co-axial cable that is a multiple of a half wavelength long and terminate one end with the antenna, we would expect to find the same value of impedance at the antenna repeated at the other end. Because a radio wave propagates more slowly in cables than in free space we must take this into account. The velocity factor, as it is known, affects the tuning frequency and in this case gives rise to the difference 145.5MHz to 144.5MHz, ie a difference of 1MHz.

However, the results will be similar whichever frequency is chosen, because the antenna tuning is very broad across the band. The main difference will be that the VSWR curve (Figure 8) will be lower at whichever frequency is used for setting up.

Back to our co-axial cable. All this means so far is that we can choose where we wish to make our VSWR measurement, either at the rig or at the antenna. My preference is to use a short length of cable three or four halfwave lengths long, not forgetting to include the length of the pin on the PL259 plug. This means that I can make adjustments at the antenna and see the VSWR bridge at the same time.

Because some constructors may have alloy or brass rod available that is not of the right diameter to fit into the clips

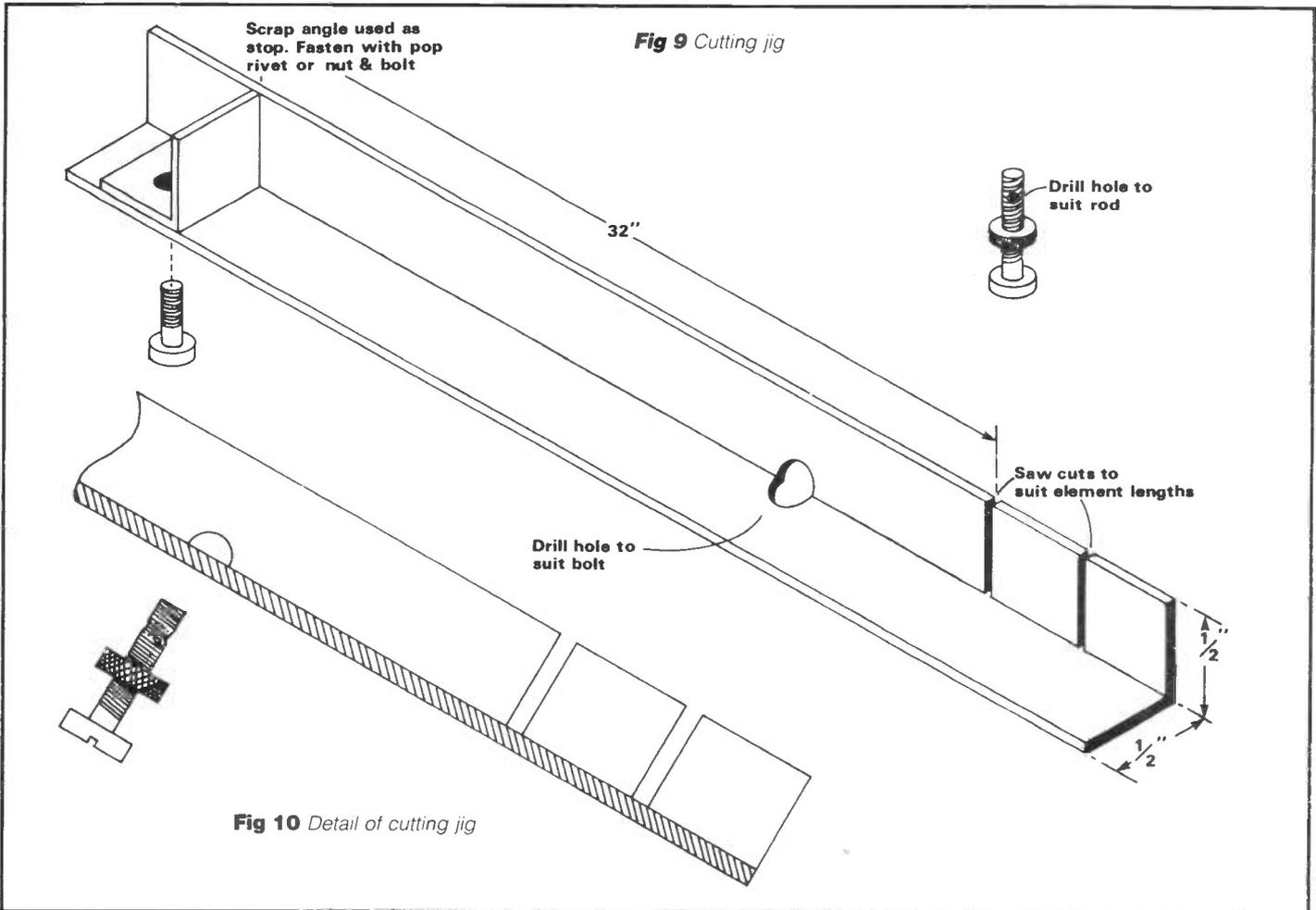
Weatherproofing

Because the parasitic elements are made from stainless steel no special precautions need to be taken to weatherproof them. However, the alloy and copper parts will deteriorate in time, making the antenna visually unattractive; corrosion may weaken the boom making the joint between the driven element and the boom unsound, and chemical action caused by adverse climatic conditions acting on the aluminium may affect the antenna performance. The SO239 socket is not waterproof and water may migrate into the plug and then penetrate the co-axial cable.

A lesser known fact is that an antenna detunes low in frequency as the driven element corrodes and this reduces the gain of the assembly. This may be as much as 3dB at 144MHz. Tests carried out on new antenna compared against an old antenna (more than six months in use outdoors) show that a popular 19 element antenna lost nearly 2dB of gain and the frequency of resonance dropped by nearly 100KHz. Fortunately, many of these problems can be avoided by taking the time and trouble to use a good quality varnish, painting the antenna carefully using two coats.

However, be warned that some types of varnish are actually quite lossy at two metres and even more so at the UHF frequencies. 'Evostick' is a very good product for insulating and waterproofing the back of the SO239. This product dries

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quickly and leaves a tough rubbery coat, very effectively sealing the back of the connector.

Silicone grease inside the plug and shroud will also help to prevent water getting into the co-axial cable.

Performance

When assembled, adjusted and used in operation, the performance of this aerial compared very favourably with those of a commercial 8-element unit and checks with the beacons showed a noteworthy increase in signal strength. The specification for the 2-metre Tiger is as follows:-

Boom length	1613mm
Weight	0.7Kg
Elements	6
Wind loading	0.5 sq ft
Gain	9dBd
Bandwidth at 2:1 VSWR	2MHz
Beamwidth 1/2 power points	50° 'E' Plane
Front-to-back ratio	20dB
Parasitic elements	Stainless Steel
Driven element	Aluminium
Connector	SO239
Feed	Universal Gamma Match

Appendix

Anybody who has tried cutting stainless steel will know how difficult it can be

and using the jig described simplifies the operation.

The jig, almost a constructional project in its own right, consists of a length of 13mm x 13mm x 1.6mm steel angle iron with a stop fitted at one end. This stop is made from an off-cut of angle iron and fastened with a pop rivet or nut and bolt (see Figure 9).

It is necessary to obtain a brass or steel OBA bolt and for a hole to be drilled through the bolt a short distance from the end. This hole should be slightly larger in diameter than the stainless steel rod used for the element. A nut should be screwed onto the bolt so that the bolt can be passed through a hole drilled in the bottom of the Vee of the angle iron, about 32 inches from the stop. This will enable the stainless steel rod to be held securely in the jig.

Carefully mark the angle iron the required distance from the stop to suit the director length and then carefully cut, using a fine bladed hacksaw, halfway through the angle as shown in Figure 10. Do the same for the reflector length.

If care is taken, the jig can be used again and again to produce enough elements for several antennae. To use the jig, pass the stainless steel rod through the bolt and butt up against the stop. Tighten the nut onto the angle iron and this will have the effect of clamping the rod in place, thus preventing it from turning or slipping whilst you are cutting.

PARTS LIST

Boom 15 x 15mm square alloy tube 1626mm long.

End plugs to suit.

5 metres of stainless steel rod 2.4mm diameter type 308.

5 plastic clips or perspex sheet (see text).

1 metre of 6.3mm diameter alloy rod for driven element.

1 SO239 signal hole mounting socket.

1 length of copper rod or tube 8swg for gamma rod.

Short length of brass or copper strip 13mm wide, 0.4mm thick.

200mm length of 9.5mm diameter heat-shrink tube (Radio Spares).

Nuts, bolts and screws.

1040mm length of 13mm x 13mm angle iron for cutting jig.

1 mounting clamp.

1 plug shroud.

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A2134 14.95	E1524 6.95	EF183 0.85	HBC91 0.80	PCF800 0.40	QY4-250 65.00	U05 2.50	2J42 93.00	6BA7 4.50	6SA7GT 1.00	30FL14 1.25
A2293 6.50	E1524 6.95	EF183 0.85	HF93 0.75	PCF801 1.35	QY4-400 71.95	U07 8.00	2K25 24.95	6BA8A 3.50	6SC7 1.50	30L1 0.45
A2521 21.00	E1524 6.95	EF183 0.85	HF94 1.50	PCF802 0.80	R10 4.00	U08 9.00	2K26 95.00	6BC8 1.00	6SG7 1.20	30L15 0.60
A2599 31.50	E1524 6.95	EF183 0.85	HL2K 3.50	PCF806 1.00	R17 1.50	U11 2.50	2K26 95.00	6BD4 1.50	6SH7 1.20	30L17 0.80
A2900 11.50	E1524 6.95	EF183 0.85	HL23DD 4.00	PCF808 1.25	R19 2.50	U14 3.00	2K26 95.00	6BD6 1.00	6SJ7GT 1.20	30P4MR 1.00
A3042 24.00	E1524 6.95	EF183 0.85	HL41 3.50	PCH200 1.50	R20 1.20	U15 0.70	2K26 95.00	6BE6 0.72	6SK7 0.80	30P12 1.00
A3283 24.00	E1524 6.95	EF183 0.85	HL41DD 3.50	PCL202 0.85	R21 2.50	U235A/1K 250.00	2K26 95.00	6BF5 1.00	6SK7GT 1.20	30P18 0.60
AC/V14 4.00	E1524 6.95	EF183 0.85	HL42DD 3.50	PCL84 0.70	R22 1.20	V241C/1K 195.00	2K26 95.00	6BG6 3.20	6SL7GT 0.85	30P19 1.00
AC/TH1 4.00	E1524 6.95	EF183 0.85	HL90 0.70	PCL85 0.80	R1169 4.95	V246A/2K 315.00	2K26 95.00	6BH6 1.95	6SN7GT 0.69	30P21 0.60
AC/TP2 4.00	E1524 6.95	EF183 0.85	HL92 1.50	PCL86 0.85	RG1-240A 14.50	V339 3.50	2K26 95.00	6BH8 1.50	6SO7 0.80	30P22 1.00
AC/S2PEN 4.00	E1524 6.95	EF183 0.85	HR13/DD 3.50	PCL200 1.65	RG3-250A 3.50	V48 1.50	2K26 95.00	6BJ6 3.20	6SS7 1.95	30P24 1.00
AH231 8.50	E1524 6.95	EF183 0.85	HR22 4.00	PCL805 0.90	RG3-1250A 82.50	V52 7.50	2K26 95.00	6BK4 4.00	6U4GT 1.75	33A/158M 1.75
AH238 39.00	E1524 6.95	EF183 0.85	HY90 1.00	PCL805 0.90	RG3-1250A 82.50	V52 7.50	2K26 95.00	6BK7A 1.95	6UG5 1.50	44A/158M 19.50
AL60 6.00	E1524 6.95	EF183 0.85	K391A 1.00	PD500 3.50	RK2-250 10.00	V52 7.50	2K26 95.00	6BN4 1.65	6V8GT 0.85	35A 4.50
ALN1 14.00	E1524 6.95	EF183 0.85	K3118 88.00	PD510 3.85	RK2-1000 12.00	V52 7.50	2K26 95.00	6BN6 1.85	6V8GT 0.85	35LGT 1.00
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BL63 2.00	E1524 6.95	EF183 0.85	K3118 88.00	PD510 3.85	RK2-1000 12.00	V52 7.50	2K26 95.00	6BR8 2.15	6V8GT 0.85	35LGT 1.00
BS450 67.00	E1524 6.95	EF183 0.85	K3118 88.00	PD510 3.85	RK2-1000 12.00	V52 7.50	2K26 95.00	6BR9 2.15	6V8GT 0.85	35LGT 1.00
BS810 55.00	E1524 6.95	EF183 0.85	K3118 88.00	PD510 3.85	RK2-1000 12.00	V52 7.50	2K26 95.00	6BR9 2.15	6V8GT 0.85	35LGT 1.00
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CK3A 18.00	E1524 6.95	EF183 0.85	K3118 88.00	PD510 3.85	RK2-1000 12.00	V52 7.50	2K26 95.00	6BR9 2.15	6V8GT 0.85	35LGT 1.00
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CK1134 32.00	E1524 6.95	EF183 0.85	K3118 88.00	PD510 3.85	RK2-1000 12.00	V52 7.50	2K26 95.00	6BR9 2.15	6V8GT 0.85	35LGT 1.00
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CK1534 32.00	E1524 6.95	EF183 0.85	K3118 88.00	PD510 3.85	RK2-1000 12.00	V52 7.50	2K26 95.00	6BR9 2.15	6V8GT 0.85	35LGT 1.00
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CC3 2.00	E1524 6.95	EF183 0.85	K3118 88.00	PD510 3.85	RK2-1000 12.00	V52 7.50	2K26 95.00	6BR9 2.15	6V8GT 0.85	35LGT 1.00
CC Nos Prices on request	E1524 6.95	EF183 0.85	K3118 88.00	PD510 3.85	RK2-1000 12.00	V52 7.50	2K26 95.00	6BR9 2.15	6V8GT 0.85	35LGT 1.00
D63 1.20	E1524 6.95	EF183 0.85	K3118 88.00	PD510 3.85	RK2-1000 12.00	V52 7.50	2K26 95.00	6BR9 2.15	6V8GT 0.85	35LGT 1.00
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DAF91 0.70	E1524 6.95	EF183 0.85	K3118 88.00	PD510 3.85	RK2-1000 12.00	V52 7.50	2K26 95.00	6BR9 2.15	6V8GT 0.85	35LGT 1.00
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DF96 0.65	E1524 6.95	EF183 0.85	K3118 88.00	PD510 3.85	RK2-1000 12.00	V52 7.50	2K26 95.00	6BR9 2.15	6V8GT 0.85	35LGT 1.00
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DL63 1.00	E1524 6.95	EF183 0.85	K3118 88.00	PD510 3.85	RK2-1000 12.00	V52 7.50	2K26 95.00	6BR9 2.15	6V8GT 0.85	35LGT 1.00
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DL91 1.50	E1524 6.95	EF183 0.85	K3118 88.00	PD510 3.85	RK2-1000 12.00	V52 7.50	2K26 95.00	6BR9 2.15	6V8GT 0.85	35LGT 1.00
DL92 0.60	E1524 6.95	EF183 0.85	K3118 88.00	PD510 3.85	RK2-1000 12.00	V52 7.50	2K26 95.00	6BR9 2.15	6V8GT 0.85	35LGT 1.00
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DL94 2.50	E1524 6.95	EF183 0.85	K3118 88.00	PD510 3.85	RK2-1000 12.00	V52 7.50	2K26 95.00	6BR9 2.15	6V8GT 0.85	35LGT 1.00
DL96 2.50	E1524 6.95	EF183 0.85	K3118 88.00	PD510 3.85	RK2-1000 12.00	V52 7.50	2K26 95.00	6BR9 2.15	6V8GT 0.85	35LGT 1.00</

DX-TV RECEPTION REPORTS

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With 1983 now firmly behind us perhaps a brief resume of DX conditions during the past year is in order. It was full of surprises with several tropospheric openings occurring during the early part but few enthusiasts thought the trend would continue. The more notable lifts appeared towards the end of August and during the final week of October when Spanish Band III and UHF signals arrived in the UK.

Sporadic-E (SpE) was unpredictable and produced a short but hectic summer season. However, from September onwards, Band I livened up and throughout October and November there were days when summer-like DX conditions returned. During the main SpE season conditions favoured countries in south-eastern Europe such as Italy, Yugoslavia and Rumania. The latter was a regular visitor during the year. For the lucky few, trans-Atlantic DX was a reality with 525-line signals from the West Indies on channels A2, A3 and even A4. Reception from the Middle East was noted on several occasions from Dubai by Hugh Cocks in East Sussex. Some enthusiasts noted mysterious unidentified signals emerging from darkest Africa but most of us were content with the sight of the Jordanian test card from JTV Amman as our 'exotic' of the season.

Interference

Coping with interference problems caused by itinerants in Band I, such as illegal cordless telephone users, proved a headache especially for enthusiasts without any real knowledge of interference reduction techniques or those using receiver systems with insufficient selectivity. A few CB experts operating screwed-up rigs caused problems at times for some, but fortunately this form of CB activity seems to be on the decline.

Having reviewed the rest of 1983 let's now concentrate on December. There were two tropospheric openings during the month, one at the beginning and one at the end. Neither was spectacular since the number of transmitters logged was small, but the few that were noted provided excellent quality colour signals at consistently high levels. The 'usuals' logged here at Derby included Belgium and the Netherlands in Bands I, III and at UHF, North-East France (UHF) and West Germany in Band III and UHF from NDR and WDR.

Sporadic-E improved from the 20th producing a mid-winter peak which is often present around the festive season. One signal of note which appeared here for a few minutes on the 21st was a Finnish transmitter on channel E3 radiating the 'YLE TV 1' FuBK test card. The outlet is situated at Tervola which is almost within the Arctic Circle.

Meteor Shower (MS) activity caused a few 'pings' in Band III on channel E5/R6 on several days but nothing was positively identified. Perhaps the Quadrantids during early January will be better.

Reception reports

Deryck Fentem (Mickleover, Derbyshire) noted several West German ZDF transmitters during the morning of December 4th with an orchestral concert.

BBC-1 North West and Granada TV could have fierce competition from TDF-France around the Wigan area. At least that is how it appears according to Andrew Webster's DX-TV report for the first few days of the month. His location is apparently good for reception of French TV stations and also British ones operating in the south of the UK.

A French ATV station was seen on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd using a pattern similar to

the Philips PM 5544 with the call-sign F1 EDM (Le Havre). Andrew's reception was in PAL colour but the red was missing at times. The TDF 'tf 1' (1st Network) PM5544 was noted on the 2nd during an experimental test transmission in Band III using line scrambling techniques. Details about this new system were given in last month's column. Other trop signals over the period came from West Germany at UHF and Band III and also Belgium, notably BRT on channels E10, E43 and E46. The latter was from the Egem transmitter which radiates the BRT 2nd Network.

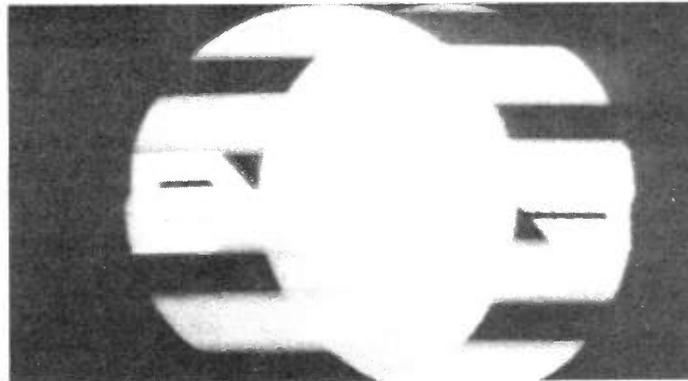
Outstanding results

The Geminids meteor shower provided Clive Athowe (Blifield, Norfolk) with some outstanding reception in Band III. On the 12th he noted the TSS announcer with the familiar digital clock in the lower left-hand corner of the screen on channel R6 at 2105GMT. TSS were again seen on this channel with a globe caption on the 14th at 2000 and earlier in the day radiating the colour electronic test card. Other Band III MS successes included ORF on E5 (the signal also appeared on the more usual channel E2a) and Sweden on the same channel. Clive is delighted with the results obtained from his new aerial system. He now has a vertically polarised XG21K array which enabled him to watch AFN-TV from the channel E34 outlet at Shape in Belgium. On the 29th the signal remained strong during the evening and he noted 'Dynasty' at 2010GMT. The programme was on the 525-line standard with 4.5MHz sound/vision spacing (transmission system 'M'). During the early hours of the following morning (Clive had fallen asleep in his shack!) he awoke to note several British Forces Broadcasting Service transmitters on the air at around 0200. They were radiating the PM5544 test card with the identification 'BFBS COLOUR'. In fact, Clive logged no fewer than 14 transmitters!

Simon Hamer has once again been very active with DX-TV at his farm near Presteigne in Powys. On the 23rd he noted the Norwegian PM5544 test card carrying the identification 'NORGE HEMNES' on channel E3. The following day reception was enhanced by a lift in trop which resulted in RTB:F on E3 and E8, BRT TV2 on E46 and E62 and NOS. The mischievous antics of Loeki the Lion were seen between Dutch commercials



One of the announcers at the American Forces Network in Berlin. AFN-TV uses the 525-line standard



Identification caption used by the British Forces Broadcasting Service in West Germany

on E5 and E29. The West German TV services of ZDF, Westdeutscher Rundfunk and Hessischer Rundfunk were also well to the fore on UHF. Amongst some of the programmes logged were the ZDF news programme 'Heute' and ARD's news bulletin 'Tagesschau'. On the 29th Simon received several ATV signals but they were too weak to positively identify. On the radio front, BFBS were romping in on 96.5MHz and managed to swamp the BBC Radio Derby programme which he was trying to listen to. 1984 Started well for Simon as he received a programme from Italy on the RAI channel IA at 2200 on January 3rd. There were also several unidentified stations received in Band I during an SpE opening.

Upon returning home at 1600 on the 28th Cyril Willis (Little Downham, Cambridgeshire) found the UHF band literally crammed with DX. He reports excellent ATV conditions with signals from 19 operators located throughout the UK, Belgium, France and the Netherlands. Two mystery broadcast TV services were also noted. The first consisted of colour bars with 5.5MHz sound from 2050 GMT until the early hours on channel E56. The second mystery was seen from 0030 onwards on channel E34 and was evidently a Dutch pirate station showing an English film with Dutch subtitles. The station closed at 0050 with the identification 'VCN'. It is thought that the initials stand for Video Centre Nederland.

Log for December

Meanwhile, here is our log for December:-

2/12/83: NOS-1 (Netherlands) Lopik channel E4, Roermond E5 and Smilde E6 on PM5544 test card; ZDF (West German 2nd Network) on E33 from Ostfriesland and E35 (Wesel) both on FuBK test card with 'ZDF' identification; WDR-3 (West Germany) E48 from Wesel on Schools-TV programme caption via early morning tropospheric reception. All these transmitters were also noted during the evening radiating programmes with the following additions: BRT (Belgium) channel E10 from Wavre, NOS-1 channel E39 (Wieringermeer), E47 (Smilde) and NOS-2 E45 (Wieringermeer), RTB:F 1 (Belgium) on E11 from Anlier.

3/12/83: Early morning tropes (0730 until 0830 GMT) consisting of the following:- DDR:F 1 (East Germany) on E11 from Schwerin on test card; NOS 1 and 2 on E4

and E6 together with most UHF outlets using the EBU Bar pattern; NDR-1 (West Germany) from Lingen on E41 using the FuBK without a circle; ZDF E33, E35 and E37 on FuBK pattern with 'DBP ZDF' identification; WDR-1 Teutoburger Wald on E11 with programmes; programmes on channel R1 in Band 1 VHF via Sporadic-E. During the evening amateur TV activity was noted with PE1 DWA from the Netherlands showing a caption and a modified version of the BBC Test Card 'C'.

4/12/83: BRT E10, E43 (Egem) and E44 (Genk) on 'BRT TV 1' PM5544 test card; ZDF E34, E35 and E37 with a music programme; NDR-3 E40 (Hamburg) on progs; TDF (France) E42; Dutch ATV stations PE1 1XK and PA3 310.

7/12/83: Unidentified signals via MS on channels R1, R2 and E3 all with programme material.

8/12/83: CST (Czechoslovakia) R2 using the 'RS-KH' EZO test pattern; ORF (Austria) on E2a transmitting the PM5544; RTB: F 1 E11 showing pages from their teletext service called Percival, noted via weak trop.

12/12/83: Geminid MS activity noted in Band III with the PM5544 on E5 from an unidentified source.

13/12/83: Unidentified E5 signal via MS with the PM5544 at 0828 GMT, also programmes via MS on E5/R6 at 1755GMT.

14/12/83: MS activity noted between 0730 and 0845 as follows: R2 and R6 programme for approx. 10 seconds; TSS (USSR) on R2 using the 0249 monoscopic test card at 0843 GMT.

17/12/83: Short SpE opening at 1322 consisting of ice skating on R1 and unidentified signals on R2.

18/12/83: NOS-1 E5 on PM5544 via weak tropospheric scatter; MS activity noted on R1, R2 and E5/R6 throughout the day; TSS R1 and R2 with the clock caption and progs via SpE in the late afternoon; DR (Denmark) E3 with clock caption and programmes via SpE at 1815.

20/12/83: CST R1 on 'RS-KH' test card; SR-1 (Sweden) E3 radiating the 'TV 1 SVERIGE' PM5544.

21/12/83: YLE (Finland) on E3 from Tervola on FuBK test card via SpE; DDR: F 1 test card on channel E4.

22/12/83: CST R1 and R2 with the EZO test card.

23/12/83: DR E3 with the 'DR DANMARK' PM5544; NRK (Norway) E3 on PM5544. A late afternoon SpE opening produced

CST on channel R2 with 'Bratislavsky Magazine'; TVP (Poland) R2 on 'TP 1' caption and programmes; MTV (Hungary) R1 with a quiz prog; unidentified programmes on E3 via SpE which are thought to be of Yugoslavian origin.

24/12/83: Unidentified MS activity on R2.
26/12/83: TSS R2 using the electronic test card; unidentified colour bars on R1 at 0956.

27/12/83: TVP R1 on PM5544 which has a darker background than normal; enhanced tropes gave RTE (Eire) on channel IH and TDF-2 on E39 from Dunkerque-Mont-des-Cats; BRT E10 on progs until closedown at 2205 GMT with very strong signals' RTB:F 1 E8 and E11 until closedown at 2230. The E11 outlet then radiated the PM5544 test card with 'LEGLISE CANAL 11' ident.

28/12/83: NRK E3 from Bagn using the PM5544; DR E3 on test card; early evening tropes consisting of BRT E10 and TDF on approximately channel E11 showing colour bars with text traversing the screen.

29/12/83: Excellent tropospheric lift during the evening producing BRT E10, NOS E4 and E5 (the latter was very strong from 2000GMT), RTB:F 1 E3 from Liege plus channels E8 and E11 until closedown at 2225. TDF were seen on E34, E39 and E42 and ZDF appeared on E35 and E37. First Network programmes from West Germany were received from 2200 on E5, E6, E9 and E11 plus a mystery channel located between E5 and E6.

30/12/83: SR-1 E2 on test card; unidentified programmes on R2 and R3 via meteor showers.

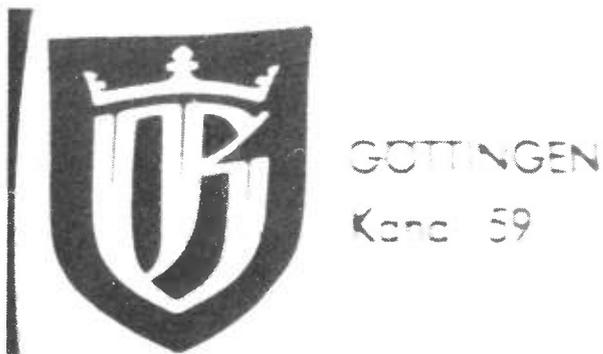
31/12/83: RTE from Gort on channel IB via MS; TSS R1, R2 and R3 on progs. Weak tropes from Belgium were noted on E3, E8 and E11 from the 1st Network of RTB:F and on E10 from the BRT service.

Service information

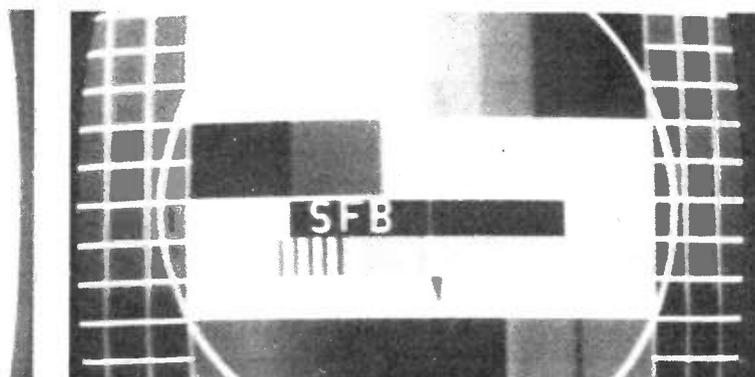
Denmark: Danmarks Radio (DR) started an experimental regional TV service last October via the 60kW channel E7 transmitter at Sonderjylland. The service is known as 'TV-SYD'.

Hungary: There is a new 9kW outlet in service at Csavoly on channel R7. It is vertically polarised and radiates the 1st Network of Magyar Televizio (MTV-1).

Netherlands: The American Forces Radio & Television Service in Europe (AFN-tv) is expected to bring a 5kW



Transmitter identification caption shown in West Germany from Goettingen on Channel E59



FuBK test card radiated by Sender Freies Berlin. Photo courtesy of Juergen Klassen in West Berlin

transmitter into service at Soesterberg. It is anticipated that programmes will be received in colour (NTSC) at a distance of up to 15km from the base. It will broadcast on the American channel 82 which corresponds to an 'E' channel of 71/72 and therefore lies outside the standard UHF range.

Czechoslovakia: CST have a new method to indicate the TV network when radiating the EZO-type test card. CST-1 remains unaltered but CST-2 has a white square towards the top right-hand corner.

There is a new UHF transmitter on channel R22 located at Roznava. It has an ERP of 100kW.

Luxembourg: The channel E7 System B



Identification caption used by three of West Germany's TV networks

outlet at Dudelange has been seen with new identification on their Philips PM5534 test card which is transmitted by the new German language service at certain times of the day. The inscription 'KANAL 7' appears at the top and 'RTL-PLUS' at the bottom.

Turkey: The FuBK test card minus the circle has now replaced the Telefunken TO5 test card following the introduction by TRT of colour programming using the PAL system.

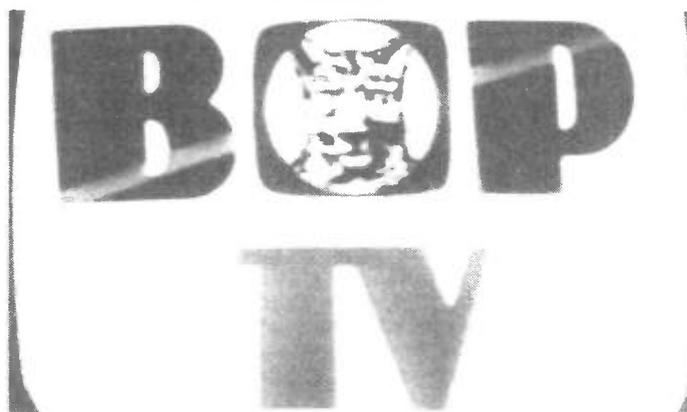
South Africa: A new independent television service began on January 2nd of this year in one of South Africa's provinces. BOP-TV now beams programmes to black townships near Johannesburg and is the only rival in the country to

the main State-owned TV service operated by the South African Broadcasting Corporation.

BOP-TV radiates the PM5534 test card with identification and the opening caption is shown in *Figure 1*

Romania: Yet another colour electronic test card is in use prior to the start of programmes. It is the FuBK with the identification 'TVR BUCURESTI' across the centre. The old monochrome EBU Bar is still radiated. Incidentally, the other new colour test card featured in the February issue of R&EW was inadvertently shown upside-down.

Our thanks go to Clive Athowe and Goesta van der Linden (Netherlands) for supplying most of this month's Service Information.



Opening caption of South Africa's first independent - BOP-TV. The first programme to be shown on January 2, 1984 was 'Woody Woodpecker'

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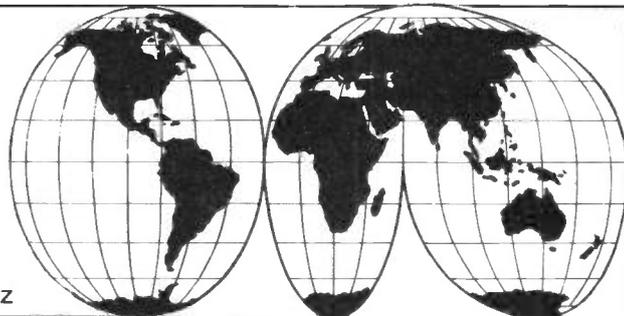
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16 March	BSC/Computing Award Winner	Lancaster Polytechnic	BSC, Coventry Branch
18 March	4th Annual Components Fair	Carleton Community Centre	A Mason G4TGU
	SWL night	Pontefract	N Whittingham G4ISC
21 March	Annual General Meeting	S Bristol A.R. Club	G8XIH/G4OPQ
28 March	Computer Night	Lincoln Short Wave Club	Pam Rose G4STO
1 April	White Rose ARS Rally	S Bristol A.R. Club	Terry G6SVR
3 April	Microcomputers as applied to amateur Radio - talk by A Butcher G3KPJ	University of Leeds	A Bramley G4NDU
4 April	Lecture - Data Comms RS232-X-25	Chelmsford A.R. Society	J Martyr G3PMX
6 April	Talk by visitor from Leighton Club	Marconi College	AC Mead G4KGB
7-8 April	Amateur Radio Exhib on computing and electronics	S Bristol A.R. Club	Steve G4MCQ
11 April	Lecture-UHF then and now with a look at RSGB Metre- Wave Awards System HF night	Dunstable Downs Radio Club	P Seaford G8XTW
	HF night	Northern A.R. Society Assocn	P Denton G6CGF
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1 May	R F Power Transmitters talk by Dick Brocks G3WHR	Dunstable Downs Radio Club	P Seaford G8XTW
2 May	Lecture - 23 cms operation	NEC Birmingham	RSGB Potters Bar 59015
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SHORT WAVE NEWS FOR DX LISTENERS

by Frank A Baldwin

All times in GMT, **bold** figures indicate the frequency in kHz



It is during this month that the 'season' for the reception of comparatively low powered Far Eastern and South East Asian transmitters on the LF bands closes. But with luck you may hear some of the stations listed here in frequency order, all in the 60-metre band. (**4750** to **5050**).

At the extreme low end of the band may be found the Tibetan transmitter of Xizang PBS (Lhasa) with programmes in Chinese and Tibetan. Opening at 2300 and finally closing at 1545, it is just prior to these times that the DXer should tune to **4750** in order to log or tape the announcements and identification.

Yunnan PBS in Kunming operates on **4763** opening at 2150 and closing at 1600. This is Yunnan 1 which operates, of course, in Chinese.

On **4770** you may be fortunate enough to log Radio Pyongyang. When operating it is scheduled from 1200 to 1300 and from 1500 to 1555.

Radio Thailand, Bangkok, on **4830** is often reported in the SWL press, being on the air from 2245 to 0700 and from 1000 to 1600 with a power of 10kW. Best time to listen for this one is around the 1530 mark according to my experience.

On nearby **4835** you may be lucky enough to hear the signals from Radio Malaysia, Kuching in Sarawak. This one opens at 2200 and finally closes at 1600, the main language being Malayan. With its 10kW signal it is often heard here in the UK.

Tuning to **4840** around 2130 may result in entering into your log the details appertaining to Heilongjiang PBS, Haerbin (Harbin) with the Domestic Service 2 in Chinese and relays of Radio Beijing (Peking). It opens at 2055 (May to October from 2000) and finally closes at 1355. Final closing times are mentioned here for the reasons that (a) they are favourable for reception here in the UK, and (b) like many stations from this general

area of the world operating on the LF bands, they are on the air for two or more differing time-slots. Haerbin, for instance, is scheduled from 2055 (May to October from 2000) to 2300, from 0155 to 0500 and from 0850 to 1355.

Kuala Lumpur on **4845** provides programmes for the local Indian community but you are hardly likely to be confused as the nearest Indian transmitter is that of AIR Bombay on **4840**. Radio Malaysia has a power of 50kW and so is often heard here in the UK. It opens at 2130 Sunday to Friday and at 2200 on Saturday. It closes at 1530 except on Sunday when the sign-off is at 1500.

If you would like to have a go at Mongolia then you may care to tune to **4850** at which point on the dial is to be found Ulan Bator with the Home Service 1 programmes and including some Foreign Service transmissions in Russian and Chinese. For the Mongolian presentations listen at the opening and closing times of 2200 and 1600 respectively. The power is 100kW – and that helps!

Newcomers to the DXing game on the LF bands who have not, as yet, logged a Chinese station would be advised to set the dial pointer to **4865** where will be found the most often reported Gansu PBS in Lanzhou with the Domestic Service in Chinese and some relays of R. Beijing 1. It opens at 2115 and finally closes at 1600, featuring English language lessons weekdays from 0000 to 0030 and daily from 1330 to 1400.

The foreign Service in Mongolian and Russian of Radio Beijing operates on **4883** but is seasonal in that it is on the air from October to April inclusive, opening at 2200 and finally closing at 1600. For some reason I haven't managed to log this one so far this year, probably I have missed the favourable reception periods. Oh well, there is always the next season.

How about Papua New Guinea? Well, you could have a try – it has been reported from time to time by UK DXers. The channel is **4890** and it opens at 1930 and is scheduled through to 1400 continuous. The power is 10kW and probably the best time would be around 2030 and let's hope that the Senegal-based transmitter at Dakar on the same channel is not also making the trip.

Guangxi PBS at Nanning is fairly often heard on its **4915** channel where it opens at 2110 and finally closes at 1605. This is Guangxi 1 in Chinese and dialect, also relays of Radio Beijing 1.

Another Chinese transmitter is that of Qinghai PBS, Xining, on **4940** opening at 2220 and finally closing at 1520. This is the Domestic Service 1 but also has local programmes and some English language lessons, one of these being from 1400 to 1430.

On **4950** there is the often reported Radio Malaysia transmitter at Kuching in Sarawak from where it operates from 2200 to 0100 and from 0830 to 1600 in English and Chinese. The power is 10kW.

Not quite so often logged is Radio Malaysia, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah on **4970** which operates in English and Malayan from opening at 2130 and finally closing at 1600, also at 10kW.

The Chinese station sited at Hunan on **4990** (Hunan PBS, Changsha) can sometimes be heard when conditions are right. This one opens at 2120 and finally closes at 1600.

On **5005** the Malaysian station at Sibul, Sarawak radiates programmes in a local language, opening at 2200 and finally closing at 1500 with a power of 10kW. There is a snag, however, with this one in that it is mostly covered by signals emanating from Radio Nepal, Katmandu on the same channel, opening at 0020 and finally closing at 1720 but with a power of 100kW.

A good general 'marker'

enabling the judging of reception conditions for signals from the Far East and South East Asia are those from Radio Singapore. The language used is English – being directed towards West Malaysia – and the late afternoon programme is usually of pop records with a YL announcer. If you can hear this station at a fair signal strength then usually it is the case that other transmitters in this part of the globe may also be logged – QRM permitting. Radio Singapore opens at 2230 through to 1610 continuous, the power being 50kW, the frequency **5052**.

At the high end of the band is the Chinese transmitter Xinjiang PBS at Urumqi which features both the R. Beijing and local programmes in Mongolian, opening at 2330 and finally closing with this language transmission at 1700. It also features the R. Beijing Foreign Service transmission in Russian from 1800 to 2055 but this, of course, is jammed.

AROUND THE DIAL

This month, a commencement is made by presenting some times and frequencies that may interest DXers who rove over the 90-metre band.

AFRICA

Ghana

Ejura on **3350** at 0604, OM with a talk in vernacular – probably a newscast in the Home Service 1 which is scheduled from 0530 to 0800 (Sunday until 0900) and from 1530 to 2305. The power is 20kW and this station is on the air irregularly.

Accra on a measured **3366** at 0608, OM with a newscast in English. On this frequency, Accra is scheduled from 0530 to 0800 (Sunday until 0900) and from 1530 to 2305, the same as Ejura but with a power of 10kW.

Liberia

ELWA ('Eternal Love Winning Africa') Monrovia on

3230 at 2156, OM with a talk in vernaculars. This is the Home Service entirely in vernaculars and on the air from 0600 to 0800 and from 1805 to 2230 with a power of 10kW. Programmes are mainly religious.

LBS (Liberia Broadcasting System) Monrovia on **3255** at 0603, OM with a newscast in English. This 25kW transmitter is on the air from 0458 (Sunday from 0558) to 0700 and from 1830 to 2400.

Malagasey

Tananarive on **3287** at 1656, YL with a song in vernacular complete with local orchestral backing. Earlier in the month however Tananarive was logged on a measured **3285.8** at 1754. It is timed as operating from 0300 to 0500 and 1500 to 1900 in Malagasey and from 1900 to 2100 in French. The power is 100kW.

Malawi

Blantyre on **3380** at 1750, OM and YL with announcements, OM's with songs, all in Chichewa. The schedule is 0255 to 0530 (until 1110 from April to September) and 1745 (from 1300 April to September) to 2215. The Foreign Service in English is from 1600 to 1700 and the power is 100kW.

Namibia

Windhoek on **3270** at 1743, OM with announcements, OM with songs in vernacular. This is the SWABC local languages service which operates 0400 to 0515 and 1600 to 2200, at which latter time the SABC All Night Service commences and continues to 0400. The power is 100kW.

SWABC Windhoek on **3295** at 0140, YL with a pop song in English in a relay of the SABC. All Night Service timed from 2200 to 0400 which is in parallel with that mentioned above. The remainder of the schedule is from 0400 to 0615 and from 1600 to 2200 in English, Afrikaans and German. The power is 100kW.

Nigeria

Lagos on **3326** at 0554, YL with songs in vernacular, OM with announcements. 'Radio Nigeria' is scheduled from 0430 to 1000 and 1700 to 2310 with a power of 50kW.

South Africa

SABC Johannesburg on **3250** at 0156, pop records with announcements by OM in English during the All Night Service programme timed from 2200 to 0300. The 'Radio

5' schedule is from 0300 to 0545 and from 1530 to 2200. The power is 100kW.

Togo

Radio Difusion de Kara on a measured **3222** at 0559, OM's with a song in vernacular backed by a rhythm section local-style. OM with station identification and announcements in French at 0600. This 10kW transmitter is scheduled from 0530 to 0830 and from 1630 to 2305.

AMERICA-SOUTH

Brazil

Radio Riberao Preto on **3205** at 0050, YL with a talk in Portuguese then OM with folk songs. On the air from 0800 to 0400 at 1kW. Radio Cultura, Araraquara on **3365** at 0242, OM with a talk about local events - mostly sports. In Portuguese from 0800 to 0300 at 1kW.

Ecuador

Radio Iris, Esmeraldas on a measured **3381** at 0153, OM with a talk in Spanish this followed by some local-style music. The schedule is from 1000 (Sunday from 1100) to 0400 variable and the power is 10kW.

Sistema de Emisora Atalaya, Guayaquil on a measured **4792** at 0232, OM with a sports commentary in Spanish with much trilling of the R's - an accomplishment greatly admired in Latin America. The power is 5kW, the schedule 0100 to 0455.

Peru

Radio Inca, Lima on a measured **4762** at 0225, YL with a talk in Spanish about the Peruvian President ('Presidente') followed at 0230 by OM with station identification and Andean pipe music. R Inca is on the air from 1000 to 0500 but has been reported varying the closing time up to 0600.

Colombia

La Voz de Yopal on **5050** at 0200, OM with station identification in Spanish then a long talk about local politics with several mentions of Colombian place-names. The schedule is from 1030 to 0400 and the power is 1kW.

EUROPE

Denmark

Copenhagen on **15165** at 1058, interval signal then OM with station identification in English and target areas.

Chimes for 1100 then into the Danish transmission for Greenland and the Pacific, timed from 1100 to 1150.

Greece

Athens on **11645** at 1140, YL with a newscast in Arabic to Egypt and Libya, scheduled from 1130 to 1150.

Spain

Madrid on **9650** at 0832, OM with announcements in the Spanish-language 'Programa Mundial' (Worldwide Programme) scheduled on this channel from 0600 to 0930.

Switzerland

Berne on **25780** at 1030, 'pips' time-check, YL with station identification in English followed by the Music Programme for Europe and Africa, timed from 1030 to 1100.

Vatican

Vatican City on **11700** at 2055, OM with an English transmission to Africa. The daily schedule being from 2045 to 2100.

FAR EAST

China

Jilin PBS (People's Broadcasting Station) on **3310** at 2202, OM with a talk in Chinese. Jilin is on the air from 2050 to 0530 and from 0850 to 1500. From 2100 to 2130 there is an English language lesson and also from 1330 to 1400 but this one is unlikely to be heard here in the UK.

Radio Beijing (Peking) on **3220** at 2206, OM with a talk in Chinese in the Domestic Service 1 Programme from 2000 to 2330 (November to April until 2300) and 1400 to 1735.

MIDDLE & NEAR EAST

India

AIR (All India Radio) Lucknow on **3205** at 1520, OM with a talk in Hindi scheduled from 0025 to 0215 and 1215 to 1740 with a power of 10kW.

AIR Gauhati on **3235** at 1534, OM with a newscast in English. The schedule is from 1230 to 1700 (Saturday until 1740) and the power is 10kW.

AIR Madras on **4920** at 1527, YL with a song in Hindi, some local-style music. YL with announcements and station identification, 'pips' time-check at 1530 then OM with the local news in English.

Madras is scheduled from 0025 to 0215 and from 1200 to 1740. The power is 10kW.

Israel

Jerusalem on **7410** at 2230, OM with station identification and the news at the start of the English transmission to Europe and the Americas, timed from 2230 to 2300.

Pakistan

Karachi on **21800** at 1100, OM with station identification, time check as '1600 hours Pakistan time' then the news in English at dictation speed, scheduled from 1100 to 1115.

SOUTH-EAST ASIA

Australia

ABC Brisbane on **4920** at 1950, OM with announcements in English during a programme of local and UK pop records. Scheduled from 1900 (Sunday from 1930) to 1402, power is 10kW.

INDONESIA

RRI (Radio Republik Indonesia) Tanjung Pinang on **3225** at 1528, OM with songs in Indonesian. This one closed at 1555.

RRI Banjarmasin on **3250** at 1526, YL with a song then some Gamelan music. This transmitter closes at 1520. Power is 10kW.

RRI Bengkulu on **3265** at 1533, OM with a talk in Indonesian. At 10kW, 'Bengkulu signs-off at 1600.

RRI Padang on **4002** at 1553, YL with songs in Indonesian. Padang is off at 1600 (Saturday at 1700) power is 10kW.

RRI Medan on **4764** at 1549, YL with a talk in Indonesian. Medan signs-off 1700 and has power 50kW.

CLANDESTINE

Voice of the United Muslim Fighters of Afghanistan' on **15305** at 1552, OM with fiery sounding announcements in Pashto or Dari, I'm not sure which, OM with a quotation from the Holy Quran.

NOW LOG THIS

Radio Nepal, Kathmandu on **3230** at 1524, YL with songs in Nepali, local-style music. Closing at 1720, it is in parallel on **5005** and the power is unknown but the latter frequency is listed as 100kW.

NOW HEAR THESE

Turkish State Meteorology Service, Ankara on **6900** at 1530, YL with a local pop song then some Turkish-style music. This one is scheduled from 0358 to 0600, from 0700 to 0840 and from 1100 to 1550 with a power of 2.5kW. The address is Post Office Box 401, Ankara.

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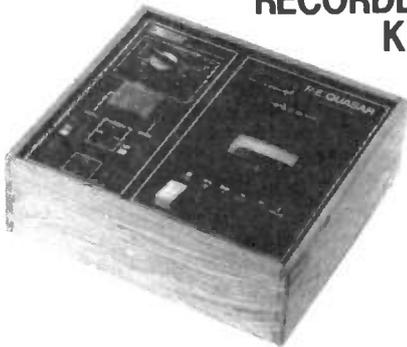


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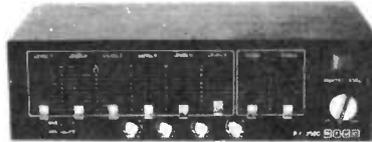
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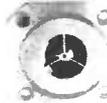
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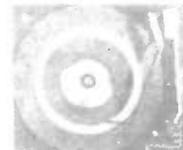
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Fine magazine. Can we have some DIY aerials? HG V/UHF etc.

Ron Patchitt, Immingham

Editor's note: The February issue gave details for extending the use of Beverage aerials. We include a constructional project for the 2 metre Tiger in this issue and a feature on a J-stick will appear in the near future. More later.

'I was amazed'

Recently I saw *R & EW* magazine in WH Smiths. Quickly going through the pages, I found many items of interest and I purchased it. At home and reading *Part 3* of the *Amateurs Handbook*, I was amazed at the information given.

For four years I have had an SRX 30 receiver (shortwave), but just trusted to luck what I might receive. Now, from *Part 3* of your *Handbook*, I know what to do and where to listen. I am an SWL and now feel so much more interested.

Is it possible still, to purchase *Parts 1 & 2* of the *Amateurs Handbook*?

I will certainly buy *R & EW* magazine each month in future.

H Plaice, Swansea

Editor's note: The December 1983, and January and February 1984, issues of *R & EW* which contain the *Amateurs Handbook* supplements, are available from us at £1 each.

Amplitude modulation transmissions

Arthur Gee, in his column in your February edition, says 'and why not AM, you may ask?' in his attack on that mode's use on 80 metres. I most certainly do ask.

Dismissing the real issue in the single

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throw-away word 'overmodulated', not referred to again, he criticises amplitude modulation for being old, associating QRM to the mode itself rather than the way it is applied.

As a modulation system AM is indeed old, highly successful and undoubtedly the most widely used form of modulation world-wide below about 50MHz. It is not precluded either by licence regulations or the UK HF band plans. A correctly set up AM transmission, whose spectrum (given a well designed modulator) can closely approach its theoretical minimum, is a much more comfortable neighbour to have in the next street than an SSB station (whose spreading is always well beyond the theoretical minimum).

Technical arguments aside, the most offensive aspect of the attack is the almost direct statement that amateurs have no right to use AM on 80 metres or any other crowded bands. This is a truly appalling thing for an amateur of G2UK's experience to say.

To refuse a legitimately licensed amateur this right, is virtually to forbid the newcomer to amateur radio to come

on the air using equipment he has built himself. The sophisticated equipment needed to compete in the rat-race, which this hobby has become, is well beyond the capability of most newcomers (and many old-timers) to construct and probably also to afford.

Most of us started with AM equipment and I, for one, benefitted far more from that experience than from buying black boxes and learning jargon. This is what amateur radio is for (according to the licence, anyway,) and I welcome the news that someone has the originality to use it in this way. What on earth are things coming to?

If Arthur Gee dislikes things that are old, to such an extent, he should perhaps be aware that the term Kc/s became obsolete nearly 20 years ago.

A J Henk, Epsom

I am sorry Mr Henk found my comments on amplitude modulation 'offensive'. They were certainly not meant to be and if he found them so, my apologies to him. Apart from that, I agree with the sense of his letter, if not the detail. My point was that there is a 'time and place' for everything, and Sunday morning is not the time for amplitude modulation transmissions on the 80 metre band. Any beginner trying out his home-built AM transmitter then and there, is likely to quickly give up amateur radio very disillusioned!

He is, of course, quite right about 'Kc/s'. However, he cannot deny that the term has become part of amateur radio's jargon and is likely to remain so for a long time yet.

I love old things — in the right place. I even run a steam launch!

Arthur C Gee G2UK

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ATV on the Air

Presented by Andy Emmerson, G8PTH

I heard a story recently which is possibly apocryphal, but it went along the lines that there was a guy at the Radio Regulatory Department whose job was to log and study anomalous propagation conditions ('lifts' to you and me). The bottom line was that in the last year there had been more openings than in all the previous years that they had been recording, which in fact was not very long. I have not bothered to check the accuracy of this little tale, but I can certainly say we have been well blessed in 1983. In fact, I knowingly *missed* more openings last year than I have ever worked in the past.

Returning to the theme of putting slides on video here is a neat gadget from Canon. If you have a lens which will focus down to 1.7cm (0.7in) this DP-10 adaptor will enable you to film 35mm slides. This adaptor will work with the lenses of several cameras (I use one with a JVC G-71 camera) but the somewhat similar adaptor made by Olympus will not

This is the test signal radiated by Rod G8VBC, from Woodville, south of Derby. Rod is very active on 24cm as well as 70cm

Why this should be I am not sure. It may be that we are keeping better watch for unusual conditions, or possibly we have more sensitive receivers these days and see more of what's going on. Anyway, I don't think anyone is complaining – not on the ATV front. There are usually a few muffled complaints from 70cm repeater users about strange buzzing on their audio, but fortunately these people tend to stay on their repeaters and dismiss it as atmospheric (sorry folks, only joking!).

What are the signs for a useful lift? Probably not found by monitoring the calling channel, 144.750MHz. This is said

for two reasons, firstly, because one is always waiting for the other guy to call CQ, and secondly, because the lift may not favour two metres.

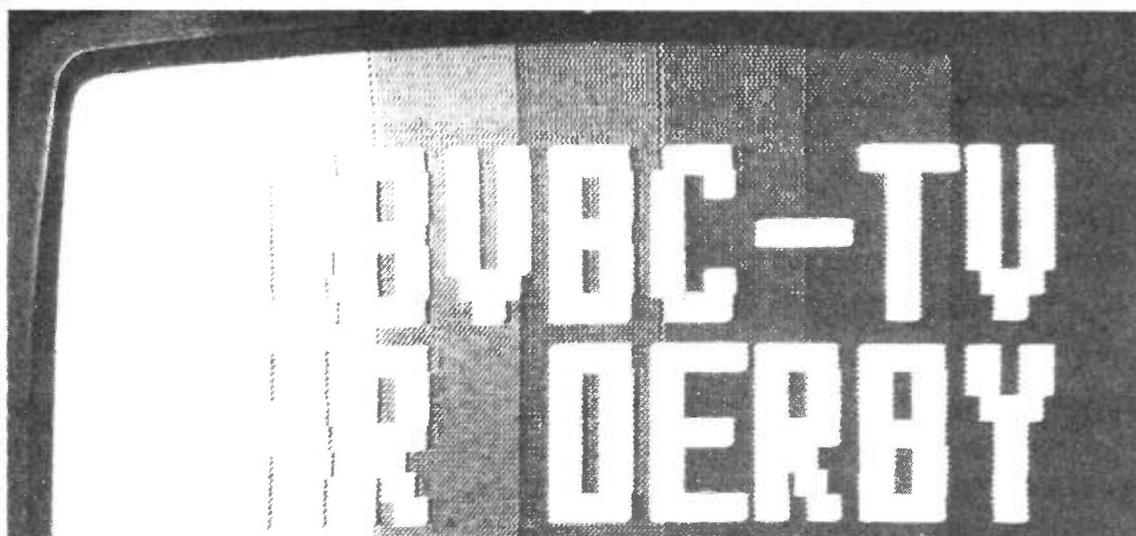
An example in point occurred just after Christmas, on December 29th. A local amateur telephoned and asked me if I could identify the 'distorted' picture on 70cm.

Well, it was F3LP in Le Havre, sending positive modulation (the normal French broadcast standard). But there was no French talkback audible on two metres.

UHF openings

Even more frustrating was when Rod Timms G8VBC later on saw F3LP on 24cm with P5 – perfect quality – pictures, way up near Derby. But there was no way he could raise F3LP on two metres, and for a number of reasons he was unable to contact F3LP. Rod is now threatening to compile a list of French stations and telephone numbers, so as not to miss out on two-ways in future!

On the same evening, I heard my first ever QSO on 934MHz, so it is clear that



ATV ON THE AIR

conditions favoured the UHF's that evening and not VHF. I think I have remarked before about a 70cm TV QSO with a Dutch station; grade four pictures but not a peep on two metres. We had to resort to writing with felt pens on the back of test cards to pass over names and reports!

The safest means of catching UHF openings is, therefore, to monitor UHF. If you have a scanning audio receiver it would be worth putting a distant beacon frequency into the memory bank. I tend to monitor broadcast TV; if there is noticeable patterning on a local or medium distance transmitter I know things must be lively on 70cm. I live at Northampton and the Channel 4 transmissions from Sandy Heath are regularly knocked out by Antenne 2 from Lille when conditions are good. Another indication is multipath distortion and/or deep fading on a normally good but distant UHF transmitter, also 'freeze frames' on live TV broadcasts. What is happening here is that the microwave studio-to-transmitter links (STLs) are dropping out - e.g. grazing the ground due to bending - and a framestore makes good the instantaneous loss of picture. Good fun for us but not for the professionals...

Video tapes

This column is called ATV on the Air, but I think that many ATVer's are also

interested in video as well. So I have no apology to make if I include a bit of video technology now and again. One of the essentials of video is video tape and I was thinking to myself the other day how the price of this stuff has dropped. Remember when some shops charged £12 for a three hour tape? It wasn't so long ago, and in those days there were a lot more 'pirate' brands of blank tape too. Most were pretty poor, some really abominable, and a few were quite good. At least one of the good ones has now gone legitimate and obtained a licence from JVC. With the price of brandname tapes down to £6 for a three hour tape there is no excuse for buying cheap horrors now.

From time to time, though, there are shortages of blank tape and wholesalers are then forced to import tapes originally destined for the USA and Japanese home market. VHS tapes for 525-line countries are prefixed T instead of E (eg T-120) and play on our machines for almost a third longer. This is because our TV field rate is 50Hz rather than their 60Hz, and the tape moves past the record/playback heads at a more leisurely pace in European machines. So a T-120 plays for around 2 hours 40 minutes. These tapes are quite all right to use despite some silly scare stories you might have heard, though the picture quality may be marginally worse. One tends to find that HG or premium grade

T-series tapes are equivalent to our ordinary grade. If you look at some of the prerecorded tapes on sale or rental at your local shop you will discover that some have been put onto T-127 blanks, so they can't be that bad.

You often get more tape than you pay for, which is useful if a TV programme overruns or starts late (BBC-2!). Experience shows that Scotch tapes give you an extra minute, while JVC and Thorn can have up to 5 minutes to spare. The RCA VK-250 tapes are the most generous, offering an extra 10 minutes.

Survey of video tape users

Not everybody uses the full length of their tape anyway; a survey commissioned by Scotch showed that 55% of users did not use all the time on a tape. A large number wasted 15 or 30 minutes of recording time per cassette. This is probably true; I know I do it myself; usually you can't help it - if a programme lasts 100 minutes you have little option but to use a two hour tape.

The same survey, which was directed at VHS users, purchased only the E-180 length but just 20% bought the E-120 size (film pirates?) and the remaining 15% purchased selectively according to their requirements. I must say that I tend to get only E-180s; they offer better scope for re-recording and cost little more than the E-120 size, often less in fact when they are on special offer.

CORRECTIONS AND MODS

Whilst every effort is made to minimise errors in diagrams we will correct these as they come to our knowledge and we also appreciate the co-operation of our readers in notifying these.

We occasionally receive suggested modifications from readers who have constructed projects from **Radio & Electronics World** and we will publish those that would interest other readers.

For example, it may be possible to extend the use of a particular item by minor circuit changes or re-arrangement only. If this can be done for minimal cost and the idea has been proved in practice, others may benefit from the information.

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Oscar-10 (March 1984 issue)

We regret that the computer printout (Figure 5) on the right was omitted from the article.

'Direct video interface' (Nov '82) and 'Direct RGB interface' (June '83) projects

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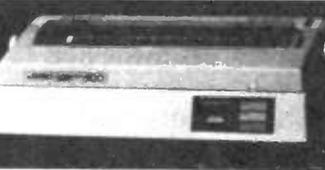
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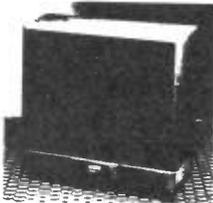
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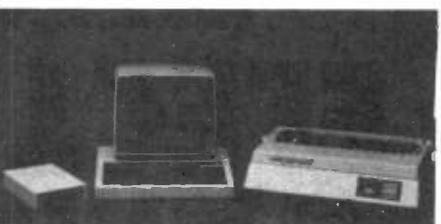
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BARTG celebrates Silver Jubilee

In 1984, the British Amateur Radio Teleprinter Group (BARTG) celebrates its Silver Jubilee. The Group has come a long way since those days in 1959 when a few pioneers got together to exchange ideas on what was then the new technique of amateur RTTY. Today, it caters for most forms of data transmission, ranging from RTTY, AMTOR, FAX, weather forecasting, satellites and telemetry, to the more advanced techniques of digital repeaters, packet radio, computer-to-computer communication, and so on.

The BARTG Newsletter is published quarterly, and contains around 60 pages of technical, constructional and theoretical features, together with news and items of general interest. The Newsletter also carries a schedule of the RTTY News Bulletin service, which has recently been expanded. The bulletins are broadcast from stations all over the UK on Sundays on 80m, 2m and 20m. Test transmissions are also radiated regularly, to allow amateurs to check their receiving equipment. Bulletins are transmitted in RTTY at present, but AMTOR and ASCII will be added in the near future.

Another service offered by BARTG is the sale of publications and specialist RTTY components. One of the most popular books available is 'RTTY The Easy Way' which describes the equipment required to operate RTTY (with full details of terminal units, tone generators, and ancillary equipment), and has been responsible for many amateurs starting in this mode. The book is available from Mr Ian Brothwell, G4EAN, 56 Arnot Hill Road, Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 6LQ, at £1.15 including packing and UK postage.

Current membership is around 1300, and is expected to grow rapidly in the next year as interest in data transmission increases, particularly in the microcomputer field. Membership costs £5 per year, in return for which the member receives the Newsletters, and can take

advantage of discounted prices of publications and components. In addition, several trade suppliers offer discounts to BARTG members. A SAE for membership details to: *John Beedie, G6MOK, 161 Tudor Road, Hayes, Middlesex, UB3 2QG. Tel: 01-561 0010*

Chelmsford Amateur Radio Society

Future meetings planned are—March: Steve Oakman of Marconi Instruments Ltd. April: 'Microcomputers as applied to Amateur Radio' by Arthur G3KPJ. May: 'RF Power Transistors' by Dick G3WHR. June: Constructors Competition. Remember this year there is an extra prize for the first time winner. Details later.

The rally season is fast approaching and several members have enquired as to the possibility of running a coach/minibus to various events. We could run a trip to the RSGB National Amateur Radio Exhibition at the NEC, Birmingham, on 28th or 29th April or the National VHF Convention at Sandown Park Racecourse on 24th March if we have your support. I am starting a list of those interested, so please tell any of the Committee if you would like to go.

The long warm summer days seem a long way off but now is the time the Society must plan for our NFD entries. In addition to our customary HF activity on the 2-3rd June we would like to participate in the VHF activity on the 7-8th July, to give the class B licensees a chance to organise their own fun weekend. Two Committee members have volunteered to coordinate these events:— Dick Brocks G3WHR for HF NFD, and John Donnithorne G8MKX for VHF NFD. Names as soon as possible to these members for the planning groups to be formed.

Biggin Hill Amateur Radio Club

The Club was founded at the beginning of 1982—one of the results of the Morse classes held in the winter of

1981/82 by Roger Jones (G3YMK) and Jim Burr (G3CTI). There are now over fifty members and we usually meet on the third Tuesday of each month for lectures or demonstrations of interest to licensed amateurs, SWLs, and all those concerned with the technicalities of radio and television. We also arrange sales of surplus equipment, which are always well attended.

To join, let me have a cheque for £5 payable to the BHARC with your name, address, phone number and callsign.

On March 20th we are planning to bring in some test equipment for you to check the performance of your rigs. For April 17th we've invited a Kent dealer to demonstrate his wares, and on May 15th we're planning a talk on ORP operation. Another junk sale is in the diary for June 19th.

The dates for the rest of the year are: July 17th, August 21st, September 18th, October 16th, November 20th and December 18th. Probable subjects include a construction competition, antennas, a live demonstration of RTTY, a DF hunt, and a visit from the leadership of the RSGB.

Ian Mitchell, Greenway Cottage, Tatsfield, Westerham, TN16 2BT. Tel: 376

British Amateur Television Club

The BATC has installed a news 'Hotline' service controlled by a telephone 'answerphone' machine. The programme is updated at least every week or as often as necessary.

Up to the minute news and information will be included as well as essential details about the BATC.

The Hotline is located in Leicester so that it is as close as possible to everyone. The Hotline is open 24-hours a day. Tel: 0533 600108.

The Club is negotiating the acquisition of the use of a number of pages on the PRESTEL data service. As with the Hotline this will carry the very latest news concerned with amateur TV as well as details on the Club itself.

Further details on these services will be included in the next issue of CQ-TV magazine.

The British Amateur Electronics Club

The BAEC started in Penarth, South Glam, in 1966, is the only national amateur electronics club in the UK. There are now many members from beginners to experts in all age groups all over the country, and also overseas.

The BAEC newsletter is the key to the club's success and is sent to members quarterly. It contains letters and articles covering all aspects of electronics, and the sections Help Wanted, Sales, Exchanges and Requirements are popular. A Members List is circulated so that members can contact other enthusiasts.

The Club has a special responsibility to assist all who are learning about electronics. Help is freely given, and important aids to practical work are available.

The library contains many technical books and electronics magazines, all available to members on loan. The selection includes British and American publications, some of which are difficult to obtain elsewhere. Except for postage, the library service is free for UK members, but special arrangements have to be made for members overseas.

Special concessions have been arranged with well-known suppliers of electronic components and equipment, and free BAEC labels help to obtain good service from these companies.

The BAEC Amateur Electronics Exhibition is held in Penarth annually, and members contribute their electronic projects and games for it.

The Membership fee for UK and Eire members is £5.50 sterling per year, and overseas fees are £7.00 sterling per year for Newsletters to be sent by surface mail, and £8.50 sterling for Newsletters to be sent by airmail outside Europe (£7.00 for Europe). All payments from overseas, including Eire, should be made in sterling. The BAEC year starts on January 1st, and all new members receive all the Newsletters for the year,

regardless of when they join.
*Mr J G Margetts, Hon Sec,
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 dean, Hants PO8 0ER.*

Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club

Our club is holding its third Mobile Rally on Sunday 15th April, 1984, at the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen, starting at noon. The hotel is located on the shores of Lough Erne, hence the name of the club. We are having all the usual trade stands plus a large 'Bring and Buy', all items not sold will be auctioned at the end of the day (with owner's permission of course).

The Hotel is offering an attractive Mini Weekend from £30 per person. We welcome all those interested in radio communications and electronics to come along.

Admission will be £1.00 and full hotel facilities will be available. All the usual attractions - Boat Trips, Pony Rides for the kids, Jaunting Car Trips etc.

Glenrothes & District Amateur Radio Club

Work on the alterations taking place in the clubrooms is slow due to lack of commitment by club members. Within the clubrooms the main tasks are joiner, electrical and paintwork, along with a general clean out and re-organisation of the facilities. Until all internal work is completed, it is unlikely that work will begin to re-instate the antenna installations on the roof of the clubrooms. If you can spare some time, notify either Jim GM4TNP or Drew GM3YOR, who are co-ordinating the work.

It is hoped to resume work on the 70cm Repeater GB3FE club project as soon as the internal work on the alterations to the clubrooms is completed. If you would like to assist in the work required to complete this project, notify Jim GM4TNP.

An article about the club was carried in both the Dundee Courier & Advertiser and the Glenrothes Gazette in January. Copies of both articles are available to members.

Les Hamilton, GM3ITN, has taken over as QSL manager for all GM series call signs. His address for sending self-addressed, stamped envelopes for the return of cards is

*Halls Land, Hardgate,
 Clydebank, Glasgow G81
 6NR.*

Dave, VP8AQA, brother of club chairman Jim GM4TNP, who is in Antarctica with the British Antarctic Survey Team, has ceased amateur radio operations prior to his return to Scotland.

Seven operators participated on the club's behalf in the 1984 Affiliated Societies Team Contest. Claimed scores were:

GM3YOR Drew, 1430 points, 143 contacts
 GM3OLK Dave, 1290 points, 133 contacts
 GM3ZSP Ken, 960 points, 96 contacts
 GM4EJL Gavin, 880 points, 88 contacts
 GM4SJL Steve, 730 points, 73 contacts
 GM3PFQ John, 550 points, 55 contacts
 GM3YBQ Ken, 330 points, 33 contacts

The top five scores will be combined to give the club's score in the contest.

ARTAC International

ARTAC (Amateur Radio Third Party Action Committee) International is a group of Australian Radio Amateurs who consider it time that a number of countries, especially Commonwealth countries, were encouraged to follow Australia's lead in allowing members of their Amateur Radio Service to use third-party operation, thereby removing a long standing, most unnecessary and highly 'political' strangle-hold on the Amateur Radio Service.

In some countries the third-party restrictions are so severe that it is illegal for members of the Amateur Radio Service who are operating within a legal radio network to relay messages, or even signal reports, to other amateur stations in the net who are having difficulties in receiving certain stations due to interference or poor conditions. It is therefore, illegal for stations under these rules to become involved in International 'DX' nets.

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RSGB NATIONAL CONVENTION 1984

NEC, Birmingham PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME SATURDAY 28 APRIL

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11am and 3.45pm "An introduction to amateur radio" by the RSGB Education Committee.

2.15pm Discussion with RAE tutors at which a representative of the C & GI will be present

ROOM 2

11am-12 noon A lecture by the RSGB EMC Committee

1pm-3pm Raynet symposium by the RSGB Raynet Committee

3pm-4pm "Patterns of hf propagation - or the shape of things to come" by Ray Flavell, G3LTP

ROOM 3

1pm-2pm "Introduction to the vhf bands" by the RSGB VHF Committee

2pm-3pm "Getting the most from your vhf station" by the RSGB VHF Committee

3pm-4pm "An introduction to microwaves" by Charlie Suckling, G3WDG

HF CONVENTION (Pendigo Suite)

12 noon "Operating as a dxpedition" by the RSGB HF Committee

1pm "Linear amplifiers" by Peter Chadwick, G3RZP

2pm Home-constructors forum. Talks by members of the G-QRP Club. Panel of experienced constructors and writers. Chaired by Rev George Dobbs, G3RJV

3.30pm Presentation of hf awards and trophies

4pm HF forum. Panel of members of the RSGB HF and HF Contests Committees, chaired by the Society's hf manager, John Allaway, G3FKM

SUNDAY 29 APRIL

ROOM 1

Two one-hour sessions commencing at **11.15am** and **2.15pm** for the beginner: "An introduction to amateur radio" by the RSGB Education Committee.

ROOM 2

11am-12 noon "Aspects of propagation studies as they affect the radio amateur" by Ray Cracknell, G2AHU

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conveyed over the air. This restriction is so severe that the licensee of the station may expect to receive an infringement notification from the authorities for having his microphone gain set a little too high, thereby allowing unlicensed background noises and voices to be transmitted.

These restrictions are unnecessary and insulting to the Amateur Radio Service which is a responsible organisation. Members are always ready and willing to provide their skills and equipment free of charge for the benefit of the community and, internationally, the Amateur Radio Service provides one of the stabilizing factors for world peace, breaking down political, racial and prejudicial barriers.

BATH & DISTRICT AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The Club will hold its AGM on Wednesday, 18th April, at 8pm. The venue is The Englishcombe Inn, Englishcombe Lane, Bath.



For further details, please contact:-

Colin Ashley (PRO) on Frome 63939 or Mike Mason (Sec) on Bath 311046.
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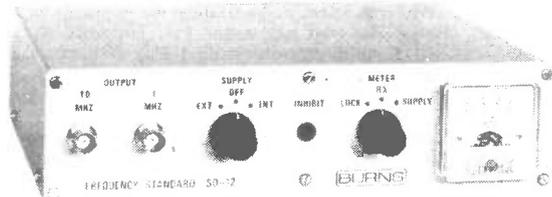
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3. F0???. operating from Normandy Beach-head with G6APD/G4RTT/G6IZN supported by F6FLB and local French amateurs. VHF station.
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- Creed 7B/RP and 6S6 tape recorder. Both perfect working order. Complete with full Creed maintenance manuals. Also details from Comput-

- ing Today on using above as a computer printer. Offers please. Buyer collect or haggle on delivery. Tel: 0543 472054.
- Tandy DX302 general coverage receiver, 30 bands digital readout. As new condition. Original packing. Surplus to requirements. First sensible offer secures. Also have 8 element 2 metre Jaybeam and Araki 2 metre 3/4wave GP Co linear. Offers for any or all of above. SAE or phone for further details. J Peerless (G3JPJ), 157 Fairmead Crescent, Edgware, Middlesex. Tel: 01 958 6887.
- Stalker ST-9FDX-10W AM/FM 20W-USB ILSB-320FCC channels plus all 27MHz UK FM channels. Owner now licensed amateur. Boxed and in excellent condition £80. Also contra CP-163X HF Linear amplifier plus preamp input 0.5W/5W/10W. Output 20/50/100W. AM/FM, 40/100/200W SSB power supply 13 8Vdc. Suitable for mobile use. Frequency range 3-30MHz £80. Tel: 0789 295915.
- Pye 'International', 11 waveband, High performance receiver, 11m to 2000m. Perfect £30. Vidor battery eliminator 90V HT, 1.5V LT for valve portables £10. Pye Vanguard AM 25/B High band radio-telephone, mint £25. Admiralty wavemeter G56 (15KHz to 24MHz) with new calibration curves £20. VCR 131 Electrostatic CRT (12in version of VCR 97) £10. Collection of 1922-1939 wireless magazines. Send for list. K W Clark (G3WIF), 16 Goldney Rd, Clifton, Bristol. Tel: 0272 293738.
- Brazenose stereo h/phone/speaker or both, junction box £2.50. Three pairs plastic tweezers 50p. RAE manual by Benbow, 10th edition, 1982/85 syllabus £2. Electronics Digest, volumes 2 and 4, mint £1.50. Service manual for Phillips B & W video LDL1000/LDL1002 £3.50. Reel tape, spare spool for LDL1000/2 £1.50. P W Hill, 38 Old Hall Rd, Tingley, Nr Wakefield, West Yorks WF3 1QE. Tel: 0532 524108.
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- Journals RSGB radio 'Com' good condition. 1978 and '79 to '83, 12 copies each. Offers please. Buyer collect. Tel: Southend 68254.
- Two Meter multi-palm II Transceiver, six channel. R0, R6, 14, 19, 20, 22, Ni-Cads and charger £50. Heathkit linear HA202 50W 12V £45. 10m linear, new, unused 140W SSB. 240V AC input £69. Maxcom 7E as new, in case, 4W including mag mount £45, as new. Tel: 0872 862575.
- 144MHz 2m linear amplifier, with integral PSU and coding £95. 2m 10-element Yagi £12. Tel: 0733 232769.
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- New, unused DC lead for FT101 MK1 to E £5. Tandy CB home base TRC 3000, 3 months old, as new, boxed £55. Tandy 40ch portable, TRC 1001 £35. No offers. GM4DHJ QTHR. Tel: 041 889 9010.
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- Collector's item. Several early post war radios. All cheap to clear. Space needed. P W Hill, 24 Gordon Rd, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh, Hants, SO5 1AN Tel: 04215 3920
- Teletype model 33 with stand, tape punch, reader, dust cover, set manuals, £20. Buyer collects. Chris Marshall Tel: Witney 4867
- Labgear aerial. AMP group C/D inc PSU (16V) 1 year old. Offers Tel: Dursley 0453 842238 (evenings)
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- Sony VP-1000 low band U-matic player complete with handbook. New heads fitted recently. £250. Would exchange for 2mtr multi mode base station TS700 or similar. Write Mr Bushnell, 12 Grange Close, Fyfield, Andover, Hants. SP11 8DX. Tel: Weyhill 3141
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● Motorola Design 5 IVE 68705 single chip micro-computer. Designer's kit. Contains nine special chips including 68705P3L micro-computer, A to D, D to A, timer, Ram etc. All data sheets, circuit diagrams and Motorola software. Unused competition prize but owner too busy to build kit. Cost price £604. Asking £45 ono. Your only chance of your own powerful homebrew micro at such a low price. R Swale, 616 Reading Road, Winnersh, Berkshire. RG11 5HE Tel: (0734) 784035

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● Eddystone 5 band midget communications receiver type S870A, 130KHz-24MHz perfect £38. Tel: 01-902 6437

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Langlois, GJ40DX, Merchant Navy College, Greenhithe, Kent DA9 9NY. All replies answered.

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● Icom R70 receiver unused and boxed. £420. Tel: Richard (0223) 312624

● AM SSB CB and 28MHz transceivers at keen prices. Also 2nd hand CB rigs and accessories. Contact Sean McAteer, 82 Woodlands, Gilford, Craigavon, Co. Armagh, BT63 6JP. Tel: 0762 831569

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● Sir Douglas Hall offers modification or development details of 13 of his constructional designs appearing in volumes 27 onwards of Radio and Electronics Constructor for 25p and S.A.E. He will also reply free to requests for advice, not involving circuit modifications, about any of his designs published in that magazine, but please send S.A.E. Douglas Hall, Barnford, Ringmore, Kingsbridge, Devon

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● Sony ICF 2001 FM 76MHz 108MHz. AM 150kHz 29999kHz mains unit. Maker's packing. Offers or part exchange offers. Tel: Bradford 676556 (after 6pm)

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● Yaesu FRV7700 Model F converter. Little used. Under guarantee £55 ono. Thompson Leitholm, Tunstead Rd, Hoveton, Norwich. Tel: Wroxham 2109

● Nascom 2, 48K ram, NAS-SYS3 Zeap, NAS-DIS/Dee Bug graphics, parallel printer, cable, £250. Tel: Ian 087255 2121

● Collins KWM 380 HF transceiver general coverage on receive. Extra CW filters £15 ono. Yaesu FT225 RD with Mutek Board - offers. Trio/Kenwood 2kW linear TL922 £450. Yaesu FT77 £375. Atlas 180/215. Tel: David Cole 01-594-3495

(office hours).

● Exchange Icom IC-25E 25W 2m FM transceiver, mint condition, mobile mounting bracket etc. For good condition SX200W scanning receiver. Ian. Tel: Shepshed (Leics) 0509 502989.

● Racal RA17L communications receiver, 5-30MHz. Excellent condition with handbook £165. Bob. Tel: 0953 604019.

● Eddystone 730/4 Gen. cov. receiver, good condition £80. Tel: 058 083 326 (evenings).

● Tungar 50V 6amp Tapped charger. PSU rack mounting. Ex WD geiger counter. Obsolete valves new. Meters 0-50 microns. 0-10 microns. 0-20 amps M/iron. 0-1 M/iron 0.200V cased. Others. Large vintage round panel meters Volts amps. All very cheap. Blackburn, 57 Friern Watch Avenue, Nth Finchley, London N12 9NY.

● Yaesu FC 102 Antenna tuner £130. TONO 9000E communications terminal RTTY ASCII CW Word processor etc. £500. Middleton, 49 Wolseley Road, Stafford, ST16 3XW.

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● Canon 110ED, flash, leather case £40. Minox B £45. Polaroid 350, portrait kit 581A, flash gun 268 £95. Audio/Visual IFR training course, FAA approved, manuals, projector, player £100 cost £400. SM-D100 stereo mic £15. Philips ultrasonic burglar alarm £10. Ameco (USA) tuneable pre-amp 1.8-54 MHz, 240V £15. FT101, unmodified £200. Woodpecker blanker AEA WB1A £40. SX200N scanner RX £175. FT101 Workshop manual £15. May, Upper Durford, Petersfield, Hants GU31 5AN. Tel: Liss 2143.

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● New CR 2021 Uniden world radio. Offers or will consider part exchange Marine radio R1000 etc. Tel: 0274 676556 (after 6pm).

● IC280E 2m mobile FM with remote mounting kit, 3 memory channels £120 ono. G4TAW. Tel: 0689 30334.

● Yaesu FT227R 2m FM mobile, plus 5/8 whip, Magmount, 8ELE Yagi and downlead, SWR-25 Meter, base station colinear plus pole and downlead, RSGB VHF/UHF manual £150. Also Heathkit GR-64 HF receiver (valves), recently rebuilt and professionally realigned, £35. With original manual. Jim Cook, Jars Cottage, Charlton, Worcs WR10 3LE. Tel: Evesham 0386 860120.

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● Collectors' items, several early post-war radios, a few pre-war. All types. All cheap to clear, space needed. Pat Hill, 24 Gordon Road, Chandlers Ford, Hants SO5 1AN. Tel: 04215 3920.

● Sony ICF2001 keyboard entry receiver, perfect condition, boxed as new, with full instruction book £99 ovno. A. Dermont (686GT), Burghfield Common, Berks. Tel: 073 529 2592 anytime.

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● Morse programme for VIC-20, sends random letters and numbers, speeds 1 wpm upwards, will get you your class A Licence £3. Roden, 126 High Street, Lye, Nr Stourbridge, West Midlands.

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● 70301 brand new, but dusty because original packing missing. Complete with all cables and handbook. Prefer buyer collect, but could deliver 50 miles Slough, £120 ono. Telequipment S52 scope identical X-Y amps, fitted orange filter for long persistence screen, ideal for slow scan TV, or change filter to blue for Standard scope DC, 3MHz complete with handbook £35 ono. (G4CRW), Slough. Tel: 0753 42301.

● Yaesu FT 200 SSB transceiver, with matching PSU and speaker, in superb condition £230. Tel: Wolverhampton 750497 (daytime).

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● Electronics Today International, first issue April 1972 to December 1983. Complete £25. ASR33 Teletype Westrex with tape reader, punch and on pedestal £50. Tel: Slough 45939.

● Blank and assembled electronic music printed circuit boards. 2102 Rams. S Singh, 5 Llewellyn Road, Leamington Spa CV31 2BJ.

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● Rascal RA17 MkII RX with case. Perfect £150. Tel: 0772 600239.

● 1000 Valves, Octal, UX, 4-pin, 5-pin, pre-war British and American types. SAE for lists. 150 240V 12V 2 amp Sec. screen Pri. Sec £1 each, plus postage 30p. Offers for all 150 Transformers. A E Jeffrey, 42 Dennis Road, Padstow, Cornwall PL28 8DF. Tel: Padstow 532723 (after 6.30pm).

● Realistic DX 302 Receiver, 10KHz to 30MHz, LED digital readout, six bands, tuneable preselector, as new £125. Serpent CB rig, legal FM, very good condition £20. Mr Barnett, 137 Ringinglow Road, Great Barr, Birmingham B44 9BN. Tel: 021 360 6510.

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● LS102 Belcom 10-11 meter mobile transceiver with power supply, £185. Tel: 0734 883418, after 8 pm.

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● Yaesu FR 100B 80-10m, 100 KHz calibrator, mechanical filter, R.F. antennator, good condition, handbook £65 ono, carriage extra. Tel: Bexhill 215619.

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● Newnes 'Radio and TV Servicing' manuals in 16 vols 1953 to 1969. 'FM Servicing Handbook', G King. 'TV Servicing Handbook', Price/Patchett. 'Practical Electrical Engineer' 5 Vols Newnes. Transistor Pocket Book. Heathkit OS1 Oscilloscope requires attention. Sensible offers please. Tel: Birmingham 021 458 5374. (Evenings only).

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