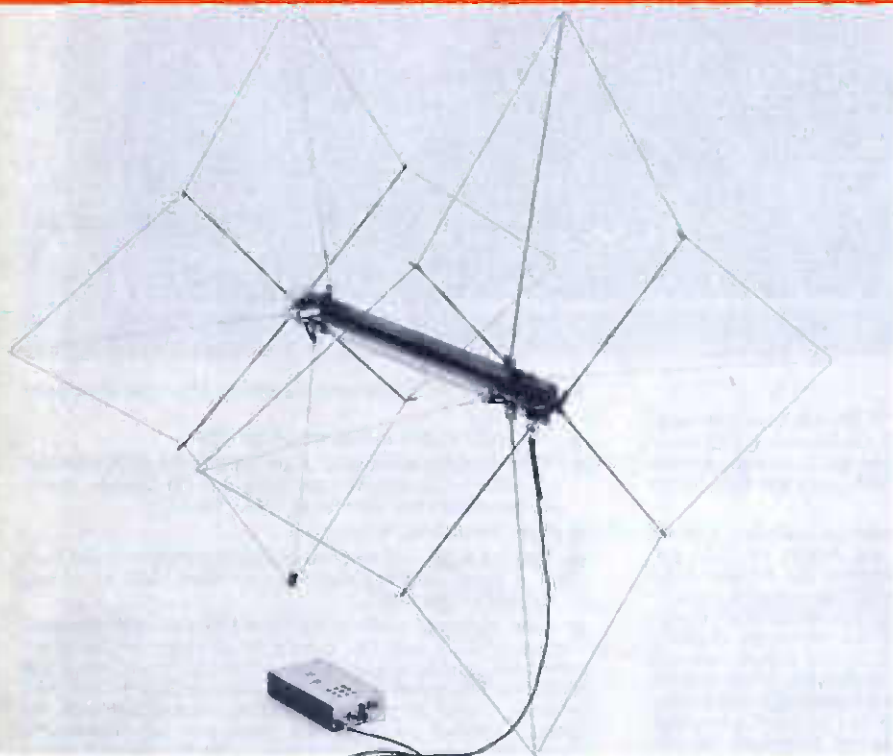




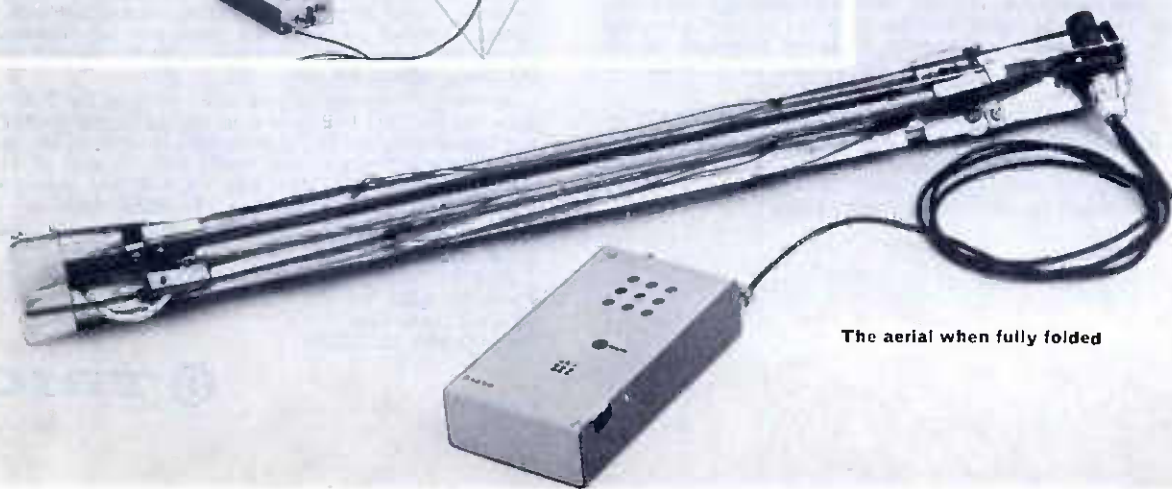
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The aerial when fully extended.
It is shown connected to a pocket
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THE G8ENN INSTANT BEAM

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TS-700G

In case you hadn't noticed, the TRIO TS-700 has a new look. Now updated and incorporating all the features which made it the most sought after transceiver on 2 metres, it now includes additional refinements which you, the keen radio amateurs, have requested.

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1000	3-6	G8ML, Cheltenham (SW England)
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	144-5	G8GGK, Croydon, Surrey (NE)
1015	3-6	G13GAL, Belfast (N Ireland)
	144-5	G13TLT, Bangor, Co Down (N)
1030	3-6	G2CVV, Derby (N Midlands)
	144-5	G4DCH, Burnham-on-Sea (NW)
	144-5	GM3UAG, Ellon, Aberdeenshire (SW)
	144-5	G3PWJ, Brierley Hill (NW)
1045	144-5	G8CDP, Middlesbrough (NW)
	144-5	G8GGK, Croydon, Surrey (SW)
	144-5	G8BHQ, Stockport (NNW)
1100	3-6	G5VO, Bridlington (NE England)
	144-5	G3PWJ, Brierley Hill (SW)
1115	3-6	G3LEQ, Knutsford (NW England)
1130	3-6	GM3EHI, Belshill, Lanarkshire (S Scotland)
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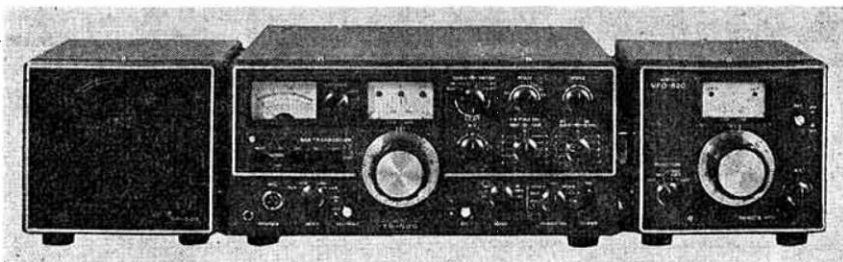
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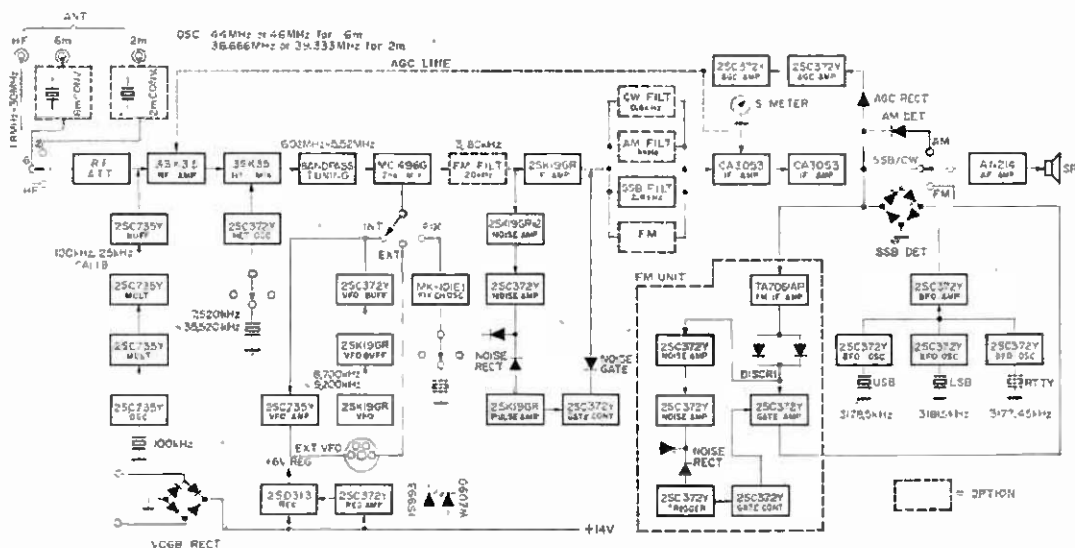
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FT-101E (EE-EX)

SENSITIVITY 0.3 μ V 10dB N + S/N

SELECTIVITY 2.4kHz (1.67:1)

RESPONSE 0.35-2.7kHz

AUDIO 3W (10% D)

IMAGE -50dB

INTERMOD -30dB

SIDEBAND -50dB

CARRIER -50dB

A.G.C. 3 μ V, 8mS ATT. 1.8S REL

260W P.I.P. A3j 180W A1 80W A3

13"W x 6(7)"H x 11½(14)"D

DC 20A TX, 5A S.B., 0.5A RX

STABILITY 100Hz/30 mins

1.8 to 30MHz (10MHz RX)

LINEARITY 1kHz

BACKLASH 50Hz

SEMI BREAK-IN CW

ADJUSTABLE SIDETONE

RIT WITH SEPARATE SWITCH

LED'S INDICATE VFO & RIT

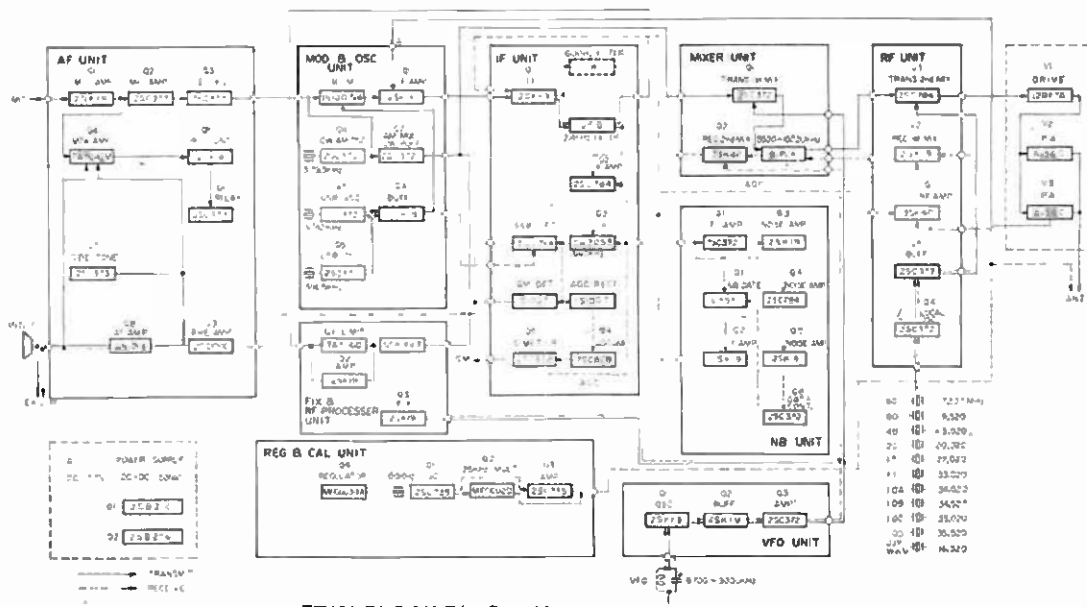
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LOW POWER OUTPUT SOCKET

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RLY Socket

Plug in boards

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Tone burst

Adjustable VOX

Mic Gain Control.



The FT221 design offers an unparalleled level of technical sophistication, whilst pertinaciously following the precepts of practicality, ergonomics, economy and reliability.

One look at the construction: plug in boards throughout (with presets positioned for easy access) one glance at the circuitry and you will be convinced that the FT221 may have rivals but no peers.

The final frequency is derived via a single signal frequency mix from 10.7MHz. The tunable component is produced by a 133MHz voltage controlled oscillator (VCO), phased locked to the sum of; the temperature compensated 8MHz VFO (or one of the 11 fix crystals) and the nonupled 14MHz band (or repeater shift) crystals. The DC control voltage from the VCO is applied to 8 varicap diodes in both the transmitter and the receiver effectively electrically ganging the RF tuned circuits to the VFO and Band crystals, thus both the transmitted and receiver are always fully on resonance even when using the repeater facility. This narrow band technique further improves the transmitter output spectrum and the receiver's immunity to overload, rendering continual tweaking of pre-selectors obsolete.

If for any reason, the VCO should not lock, an

indicator light flashes, the transmitter, and the receiver audio, being disabled.

The transmitter employs; a balanced FET mixer, RF derived ALC (which is fed to the two first mosfet TX I.F. amplifiers) preventing over driving and allowing operation at full rated output on low DC supply voltage and ends by using a BAM 20 (series modulated for true A.M.) to drive (a 40W P.E.P.) BAM 40 PA, rated by its manufacturer to withstand any VSWR irrespective of phase angle.

The sensitive receiver offers a remarkable immunity to overload, the mosfet RF stage is AGC controlled, the FET mixer feeds a transfilter then an I.F. amplifier. This band limited signal, of the correct level, is presented to the noise blanker gate (before any serious pulse stretching occurs) and hence to either the quality crystal filter on SSB, or the 455kHz mixer for FM.

Designed for the serious amateur, it also offers a unique double push tone burst, selcal socket, and linear amplifier provisions (relay make and break and ALC sockets) with the spectral purity that allows you to use one with a clear conscience.

"The rig here is a FT221 need one say more?"

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TEST EQUIPMENT



YP150

POWER METER/DUMMY LOAD

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MONITOR SCOPE

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YO100



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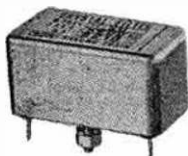
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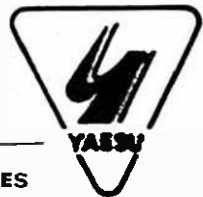
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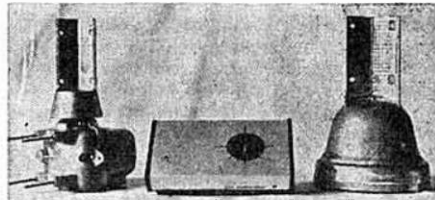
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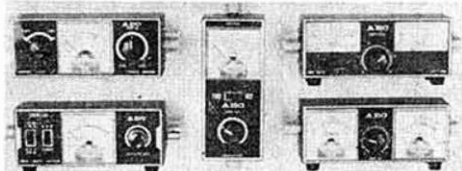
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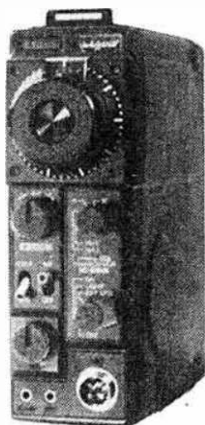
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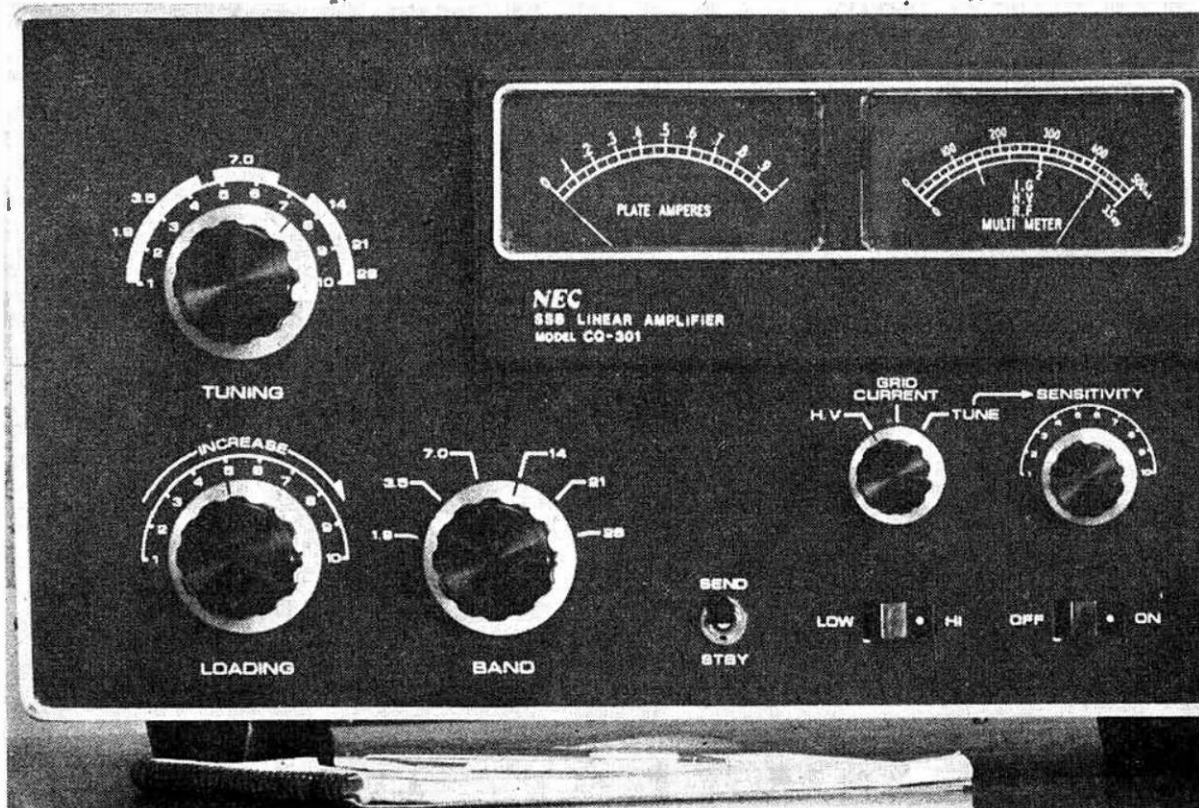


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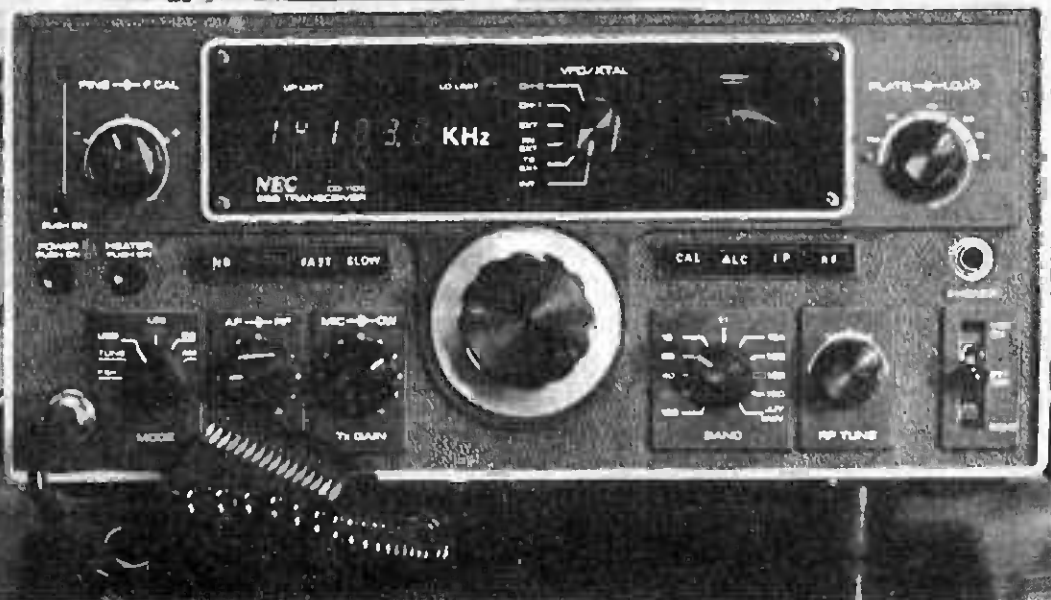
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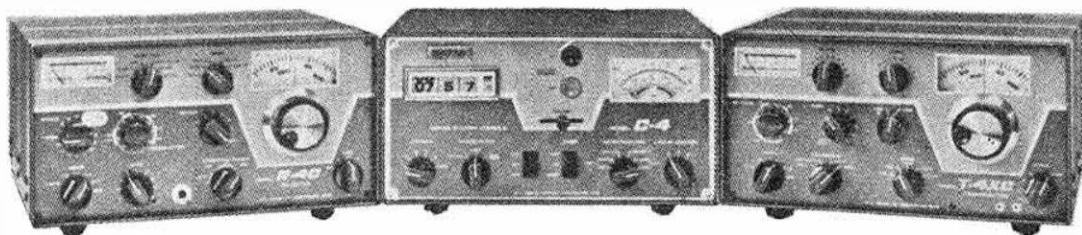
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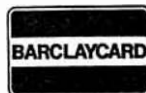
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Data processor

The response to the Honorary Treasurer's comments about a data processor for the Society that appeared in this space last month is most encouraging. Many members offered advice and/or assistance, and it is obvious that a number of these appreciate that we are moving into a more modern method of handling our members' subscription records and sales records.

By the adoption of a data processor, the fundamental aim is to save money in the long term by replacing the present labour-intensive manual system of members' records and book sales procedures with a modern system of great flexibility and ready access.

A study, extending over the past eight months, has been carried out by Society personnel into the various systems and alternatives that had been offered. From these the IBM32 is clearly the most suitable machine at present available for our needs and the decision to order one has been made following the advice of data processing consultants who, incidentally, also happen to be members.

Once we have an adequate membership record and accounting system functioning (with a saving of staff), headquarters will be able to concentrate its efforts on the "Society" aspect of work.

In view of the interest in this matter the Honorary Treasurer will publish a more detailed report on the project in next month's *Radio Communication*.

G. R. JESSOP, G6JP
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RSGB Radio Communication Exhibition

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The RSGB will be organizing and running this exhibition through its Mobile & Exhibition Committee, with Mr J. Hitchins, G8GBN, as exhibition manager.

Times of opening will be 1000-2000, 30, 31 July, and 1000-1600, 1 August.

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amateur radio news

GB2RS

The present frequency of 3.6MHz used for the Sunday news broadcasts lies in the segment of 3,580 to 3,620kHz, which by the IARU Region 1 band plan is the recommended segment for rtty. There have been reports of interference from ssb stations to rtty transmissions and with the start of the rtty news bulletin on 3,590kHz it is proposed to change the GB2RS frequency to 3,650kHz.

Monitoring of this frequency has not revealed any regular occupancy and the nearest scheduled transmission is the EI news bulletin on 3,630kHz. Members who consider that there are reasons why the change should *not* be made are asked to write to the general manager.

27MHz

Enquiries have been made to headquarters as to the views of the Society on the so-called citizens band activity in the segment between 27 and 28MHz. At the present time the opinion of the Council is that no support can be given to the establishment of a communications band in this part of the spectrum. In the UK all transmissions in this band comprise the use of tones, ie for paging and location and for model control. Reports of cb activities in the USA show gross violations of the regulations, leading in some cases to heavy fines and prison sentences. The Society has no desire to see the spread of these practices to the UK, particularly as in many cases press reports do not differentiate between the licensed radio amateur and the 27MHz users, most of whom are unlicensed.

Dollar parity

On 5 March the value of the pound sterling dropped to below USA \$2 for the first time. As this appears to be a permanent drop in the exchange rate the prices of all American books and magazine subscriptions will be increased in line with increased subscription rates as follows:

QST (includes ARRL membership)	£6.10
CQ	£6.10
73 Magazine	£5.80

Also from 7 April, would members ordering American books please add five per cent to the price of the book shown in the last "by post" price list.

Facts and figures

The Home Office advises that the following numbers of amateur licences were in force at 31 January 1976:

Class A	15,779	Class B/M	2,097
Class B	5,691	Class F/M	19
Class A/M	3,921	Television	304

The callsign record received from the Home Office dated 27 February 1976 gives the latest callsigns issued in the G4 and G8 series as G4ETZ and G8LFU respectively.

At the end of February 1976 RSGB membership totalled 19,721, made up of 16,596 UK corporate, 1,113 UK associate and 2,012 overseas members.

RSGB Region 11 ORM & Mobile Rally

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Saturday 15 May 1976

PROGRAMME

11am : event opens
12.30pm : official opening
2pm : business meeting commences

The RSGB Council will be represented by the President, Dr E. J. Allaway, G3FKM; the Immediate Past-President, Mr C. H. Parsons, GW8NP; and the Zone E manager, Mr D. M. Thomas, G W3RWX

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IARU meeting

A conference of the Region 2 (N & S America) societies of the IARU will take place in Florida between 10 and 15 April 1976. Following this there will be a meeting on 16/17 April at which all regional associations of the IARU will be represented.

Regions 1 and 3 have already held meetings to determine future policies, particularly with regard to WARC 1979, and the Miami meeting will be a valuable opportunity to achieve worldwide agreement among national societies. It is anticipated that Region 1 will be represented by the chairman (PA0LOU) and secretary (G2BVN).

In connection with WARC 1979, both IARU HQ and Region 1 are circulating periodical WARC newsletters intended to inform all societies and others involved with frequency planning of the amateur service.

Stolen equipment

The following equipment has been stolen from Billesden, Leicestershire: ITT receiver 3LMUTA, transmitter 4LMWA, serial No 207; Pye transmitter T30AM/6392, receiver R7AM/33085; Pye transmitter T30AM/1291, receiver R7AM/1292, monitor receiver AM10FRX; Pye transmitter T30AM/3055, receiver R6AM/2234; Pye transmitter T470/1854, receiver R470/2214; Pye transmitter T470/1685, receiver R470/1870; terminating unit No 191. Any information concerning this equipment should be given to Uppingham Road Police Station, Leicester, or any police station.

Between 31 December and 2 January a Philips Westminster vhf transceiver, grey with a six-channel selector, was stolen in Farnborough, Hampshire. Any information concerning this equipment should be given to Farnborough Police Station, tel Farnborough 40661, or any police station.

The G8ENN instant beam

by D. A. TONG, PhD, BSc, G8ENN*

Introduction

This article describes the construction of a collapsible directional aerial which was intended primarily for use with the 144MHz transceivers described previously [1, 2]. Its gain compared with a $\lambda/4$ whip aerial is very roughly 6dB and is enough to give a useful increase in range. It has been in use by the author since 1971.

As indicated by the title, the emphasis is on portability, light weight and ease of use, otherwise the aerial would not be worth its carriage and the attractions of "foot-mobile" operating would be lost. In practice the aerial slips easily into a rucksack and allows full advantage to be taken of any lofty radio vantage point, without turning an outing into an exclusively "amateur radio" affair.

The aerial is based on the cubical quad in which the driven element is a loop with a circumference equal to one wavelength and the reflector is a similar slightly larger loop (Fig 1). Such an aerial is well suited to hand-held portable work since its radiation pattern is less affected by surrounding objects than the more usual Yagi array. Additional advantages over the Yagi in this application are that its width is only $\lambda/4$ rather than $\lambda/2$; it, and any bystanders, are much less vulnerable to accidental damage; it is easily held in one hand while in use. This leaves the other hand free to hold the radio.

As with the Yagi, one or more parasitic director elements can be added to the quad to give a corresponding increase in gain and directivity. The constructional method described below could easily be extended to provide a four-element beam but this was not done because the aerial would then become awkward to hold in one hand when deployed. The dimensions given in Fig 1 were taken from [3].

Basic design

Views of the aerial extended, half-folded, and completely folded are shown in the photographs. The main structural member is made from two pieces of aluminium angle glued together. Support rods are pivoted on to this "chassis" in such a way that they can fold down to occupy the volume defined by its cross-sectional area. This gives good protection to the rods when the aerial is folded.

In the deployed state the eight support rods are raised slightly past the perpendicular to the longitudinal axis of the chassis and provide anchoring points for the two flexible wire loops. A coil spring is attached near to the pivot of each rod so that when the rod makes an angle of less than about 45° to the chassis it is pulled down along the chassis, whereas

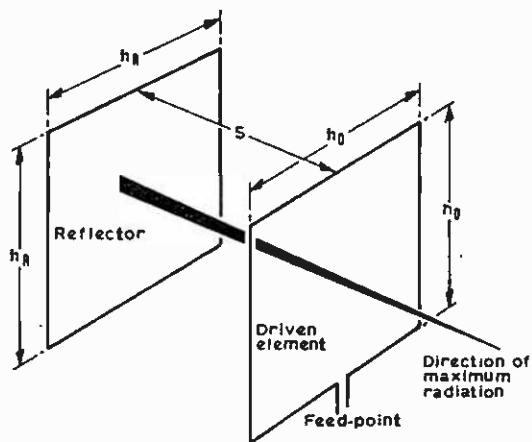


Fig 1. The basic configuration of the so-called cubical quad aerial. The driven element is a loop with a perimeter ($4h_d$) equal to one wavelength at the operating frequency and the reflector is similar except the perimeter ($4h_r$) is typically five per cent greater than that of the driven element. Dimensions used in the aerial described in this article were $4h_d = 80$ in and $4h_r = 84$ in. The separation between elements is typically $0.15 < s/\lambda < 0.2$ where λ is the operating wavelength. In this aerial the actual separation is about 18in (ie, 0.22λ). This is rather more than originally intended and results from the extra outward pull from the elastic. The difference in performance is very slight indeed.

when raised against the spring tension past the 45° point, the spring acts so as to pull the rod away from the chassis. Stops are used to define the rest positions of the rods when the aerial is deployed.

This mechanical bistable action makes a large contribution to the convenience of the complete aerial, but a further important improvement is obtained by stretching four pieces of elastic between the mid-points of opposite straight sections of the same loop. This is shown more clearly in the photographs. The elastic has three functions. First, it tensions the wire when the aerial is in use; second, it holds the wire in position close to the chassis when the aerial is folded and obviates tangling, and third, it forces the four supports of each loop to act in unison when the aerial is being erected or collapsed. Thus, to fold each loop it is necessary to move only

Note...The angled section of this hole is only used with the feeder support rod and allows the coaxial feeder to emerge

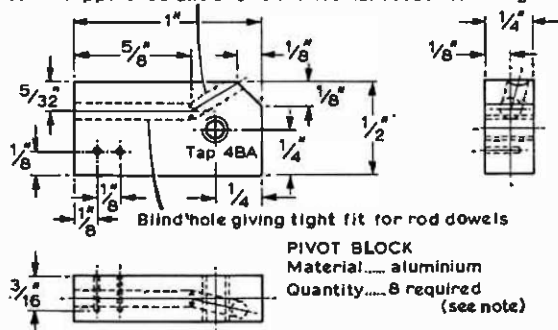


Fig 2. Details of the mounting blocks for the support rods

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one rod past the perpendicular, after which the four rods snap down to the closed position together.

The driven element is actually fed at a corner rather than at the centre of a side as shown in Fig 1. This has no adverse effect on performance but makes the feed point coincide with a support rod and is therefore superior mechanically. That particular support rod is hollow and the feeder cable passes through the tube giving quite a neat appearance.

Constructional details

Details of the various component parts are shown in Figs 2 to 5. Aluminium is used where possible for the sake of lightness. The choice of material for the support rods is rather difficult since they must combine strength and rigidity with a certain amount of flexibility. Metal cannot be used for all the rods otherwise severe losses are introduced. Ideally glass-fibre reinforced plastic rods would be used as in fishing rods, but no source of suitable material could be located. Split-cane rods have good mechanical properties initially but tend to distort with age. Wooden dowel ($\frac{1}{8}$ in diameter) has proved to be adequate but a little fragile.

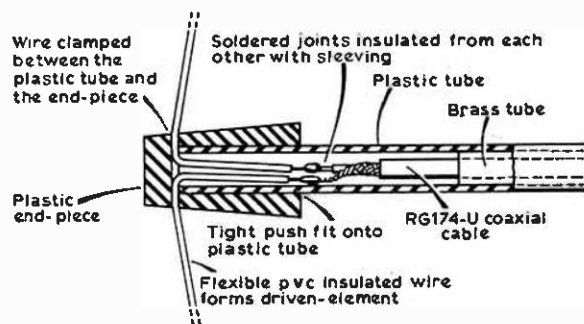
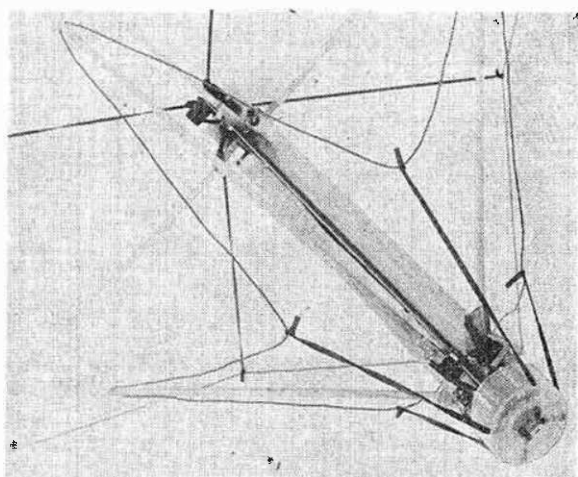


Fig 3. Details of the method of terminating the driven element and of joining it to the coaxial cable inside the support tube

Seven rods are push fitted into seven small aluminium blocks which form the pivots. Details of the blocks are given in Fig 2. The small hook is used to anchor the coil spring and is made from a piece of stiff wire from a straightened paper clip. The hook fits into two holes drilled into the block and is secured with Araldite or similar adhesive. It is strongly recommended that curing of the adhesive here and in the rest of the construction be carried out in a domestic oven at about 150°C. This ensures that the resin first becomes very fluid so that good wetting of the substrate occurs. Full strength is obtained after about 30min at this temperature. It is also very important that the metal to be glued is clean. A vigorous application of scouring powder such as Vim, followed by thorough rinsing, is effective.

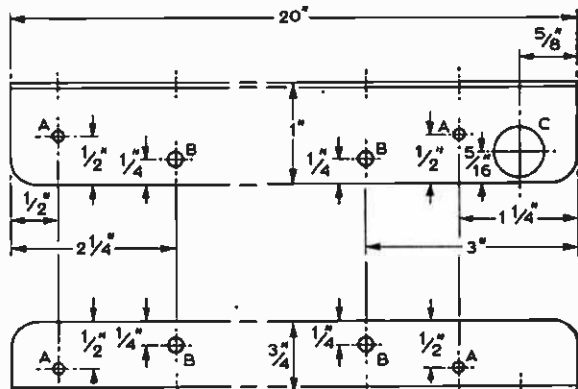
Four of the seven wooden rods are used to support the reflector element and are 14in long. This allows a penetration of 0.5in into the aluminium blocks. The other three rods support the driven element and are 13½in long. The fourth support for this element derives its strength from a 12in length of $\frac{1}{8}$ in diameter thin-walled brass tubing of the type used by model builders, which is glued into its specially drilled aluminium block in such a way as to allow the feeder cable (miniature flexible coaxial cable type RG174-U, nominal outside diameter 0.1in) to pass down the tube and



The aerial shown half-collapsed, seen from the pivot area of the driven element

emerge from the block. A plastic tube ($\frac{1}{8}$ in outside diameter and 12½in long) is slid on to the brass tube and carries the anchoring device for the driven element. This "device" consists merely of a plastic cap from a tube of Evostik drilled out as shown in Fig 3 so as to be a tight push fit on to the plastic tube.

The chassis is made from two identical pieces of 16swg aluminium sheet drilled and bent as shown in Fig 4. The two pieces are glued together, being clamped during curing by two nuts and bolts. The eight aluminium blocks (without the wooden rods) are then fixed to the chassis with 4BA bolts using large washers between the bearing surfaces. After carefully adjusting each bolt to give the best compromise between rigidity and ease of pivoting, the bolts are secured by applying one drop of an adhesive such as "Cyanolit" to the tapped hole in the blocks.



Holes 'A'... 8BA clearance 'B'... 4BA clear
'C'... 1/2" dia for coaxial socket on one piece only
CHASSIS PIECE Material... 16swg aluminium angle
Quantity... 2 required (one minus hole 'C')

Fig 4. Details of the two aluminium angle sections used to form the chassis of the aerial

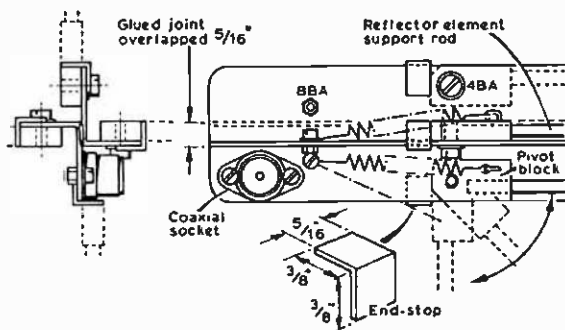


Fig 5. Details of the end-stops which define the angle made by the support rods relative to the chassis when the aerial is erected

The next step is to fix the end-stops (Fig 5) to each pivot in turn. They are positioned so as to allow the blocks to stand with the rod axis perpendicular to that of the chassis. Again Araldite is used, but time can be saved by giving only a 10min bake to each end-stop, ie just enough to hold it in position, with the full 30min bake applied when all eight stops have been fitted. After baking, the stops should be drilled and a 6BA bolt used to further secure each one. This ensures that if the adhesive bond fails, the aerial will still be usable.

The coil springs used in the prototype came from R. S. Components Ltd, but have since been dropped from their catalogue. Suitable springs can probably be obtained from other sources. The dimensions of those used were 1/4in by

1/4in and each had 63 turns. The springs are mounted by hooking one end on to the wire loops on the blocks and bolting the other end to the chassis with 8BA brass bolts. After mounting the springs the support rods can be fitted and the bistable action of each pivot checked.

The two wire loops are made from flexible stranded wire with pvc insulation, preferably in contrasting colours so that each loop is easily identifiable when the aerial is being opened. Suitable wire is R. S. Components type R. S. 7/0-2mm. Each loop is threaded through holes drilled 1/4in from the ends of the support rods, and after carefully arranging the wire so that each leg of the perimeter is of equal length, a drop of adhesive should be applied to each hole.

The final stage in construction is to fix the pieces of elastic. Material with a long "stretch" is required and the best has proved to be rubber used for model aircraft and with a cross-section 3mm by 1mm. The lengths of the four pieces (two to each loop) are a compromise between excessive distortion of the loops with bending of the support rods when the aerial is deployed, and tidy folding when closed. The arrangement is shown in the photographs; the centre points of each elastic strip should be anchored at the extremities of the chassis.

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NEW PRODUCTS

Auto intrusion alarm

The Heathkit GD-1157 is a solid-state vehicle intrusion alarm operated by bonnet, boot and door switches and using the existing vehicle horn for an audible warning. The electronics of the unit are contained on one pcb to be mounted in an aluminium chassis and cabinet which will usually be accommodated in the boot of the vehicle. In order to overcome possible difficulties with cars not having an accessible horn relay, this item can be obtained as an optional extra. Very full instructions are given in the assembly manual regarding this section of the installation. The alarm may be wired to existing door switches, or the push-button switches provided with the kit may be used.

There are eight circuits in the alarm, viz: regulator, exit delay, latch, enter delay, delay bypass, duty cycle, timer and relay driver. The entire system can be disabled by a hidden switch while exit and entry delay times can be set so that the car may be left or entered without triggering the alarm. When set, the alarm sounds immediately a door or the boot is opened, for a period of 2min, then resets and repeats the 2min alarm cycle until reset or the cause of the alarm has been removed. There is a tamper-proof circuit which ensures that once the alarm has sounded the arm/disable switch no

longer functions and access to the concealed control unit is necessary. Any attempt to enter also cancels the delay and the alarm will sound immediately upon driver entry thus warning that an attempt has been made to interfere with the vehicle.

The alarm is available for 12V negative earth systems only and the set and armed current is 28mA. Installation demands a fair amount of mechanical work in mounting switches and car wiring but the very comprehensive assembly manual should remove any problems. Protection of this type is particularly suitable for cars containing valuable radio equipment which is vulnerable to theft or vandalism.

The Heathkit GD-1157 is available for £18.80 (inc VAT), with the horn relay (GDA-1157-2) costing an additional £2.80, from Heath (Gloucester) Ltd, Bristol Road, Gloucester, GL2 6EE, or by personal callers only from the London Heathkit centre at 233 Tottenham Court Road (tel 01-636 7349).

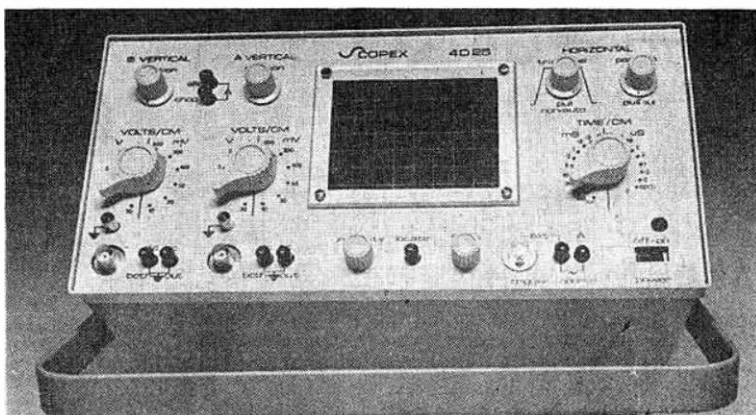
FT101 speech processing kit

Following the successful rf speech clipper produced by Holdings of Blackburn, a kit version is now available. The cost of the complete G3LLL kit is £29 but there are a number of options available for the purchase of individual parts. These are set out on a descriptive leaflet which may be obtained by sending an sae to the address below. The speech clipper was recently reviewed in *Amateur Radio (VK)* and attracted favourable comment. Further information may be obtained from Holdings, Mincing Lane, Darwen St, Blackburn (tel 59595). □

EQUIPMENT REVIEW

The Scopex 4D-25 oscilloscope

by R. O. PHILLIPS, G8CXJ*



IN the July 1974 issue of *Radio Communication* the Scopex 4D-10 oscilloscope was reviewed, and this review looks at another scope from the same manufacturer which is capable of providing dual-trace operation up to 25MHz. The instrument was kindly loaned for review by the manufacturers, Scopex Ltd of Letchworth, and is obtainable from them at a price of £225 plus VAT. A probe kit which provides X10 and X1 options is available as an accessory and costs £10 plus VAT. The delivery time quoted by the company is approximately four weeks.

Comments

The front panel of the 4D-25 is similar in all respects to the 4D-10 except that the timebase has an extended range down to 0.2µs/cm, which can be increased to 40ns/cm using the X5 horizontal magnifier. The only other visual difference between the two models is that the 4D-25 is 3in deeper.

Specification

The following details are quoted by the manufacturer

Sensitivity	A and B Vertical 10mV/cm—50V/cm ± 3% (12 calibrated ranges)
Bandwidth (3dB)	dc coupled dc to 25MHz ac coupled 3Hz to 25MHz
Input impedance	1MΩ ± 2% and 27pF approx
Rise time	14ns
Sweep speeds	Horizontal 0.2µs/cm to 200ms/cm ± 3% (19 calibrated ranges)
External sensitivity	1V/cm (200mV/cm magnified)
External impedance	1MΩ ± 10% and 20pF approx
	Trigger circuit
Sources	External input; Channel A; Power line frequency
Sensitivity	Internal: 3mm minimum from 10Hz to 5MHz rising to 1.5cm at 25MHz External: 200mV p-p from 30Hz to 5MHz 300m Vp-p from 5MHz to 25MHz
Input impedance	1MΩ and 20pF approx
Power requirements	210–250V ac 35VA
Dimensions	Height 6in, width 12½in, depth 17½in
Weight	9kg
Available from	Scopex Instruments Ltd, Pixmore Industrial Estate, Pixmore Avenue, Letchworth, Herts SG6 1JJ.

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Separate controls are provided for selecting the appropriate sensitivity for the Y-input amplifiers: 12 calibrated positions are available ranging from 10mV/cm to 50V/cm.

One of the outstanding features of the 4D-10 model was the ease of achieving trace triggering. This is also the case with the 4D-25 which uses a tunnel diode in the trigger circuit to provide very stable triggering at the selected point on either the rising or falling part of the signal waveform.

A comment that was made in the previous review was that under strong lighting conditions it became difficult to see the trace. This is also true for the 4D-25 version which could benefit from a light hood.

The 4D-25 oscilloscope functions very well and where measurement of level and frequency are required up to 25MHz it offers quite good value for money. However, even with VAT at 8% the price may be rather more than many amateurs are prepared to pay. □

CLUB LIABILITY

It has always been thought that many clubs and societies do not have adequate insurance to protect them against claims arising from injury to or damage to the property of members of the public. The RSGB takes this opportunity of reminding members that the consequences of a serious claim can be disastrous for an unincorporated club holding no capital, and these consequences may result in individual members being faced with liabilities quite beyond their means.

There is of course no need for any member to be exposed to such serious liabilities as insurance is readily available at modest cost. During the next few days club secretaries should be receiving a letter from our insurers, the Sun Alliance & London Group, giving details of a simple insurance scheme which we hope many will consider to be of value.

It is recommended that immediate and careful attention be given to this important matter.

COMPETING IN GM

Aberdeen RS competition

The annual Aberdeen RS building competition will take place in the clubroom behind 91 Crown Street, Aberdeen, on 7 May. Prizes: £10, £5 and £2; rules as last year.

technical topics

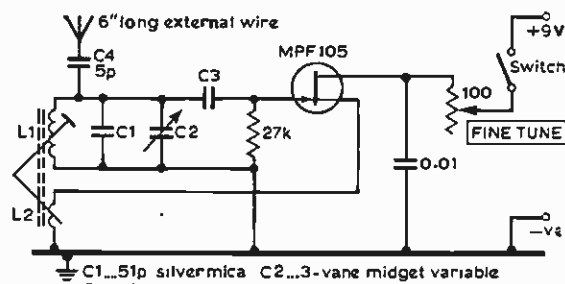
Pat Hawker, G3VA

AMATEUR radio sometimes seems prone to undersell itself. For example S. M. Dyke, G3ROZ, ("Your opinion" February 1976) in his interesting if rather bitter comment on the buying of boxes suggested that amateurs did little to pioneer ssb since it was already well-established in commercial usage in the 'thirties. Well, yes and no. Surely what was then in common use, at least on hf in the larger point-to-point stations, was ssb with a low-level pilot carrier used to provide afc in the receiver. What amateurs showed (and one must admit the bandwagon started rolling in the USA, with no great early enthusiasm in the UK) was that hf operation on ssb was possible without receiver afc and thus with carriers suppressed to the maximum possible degree. It was the amateur experience that led to the wide-scale adoption of ssb for commercial hf transceivers, mobile communications and the like; just as at present amateurs appear to be leading the field in the use of ssb on vhf and microwaves. Whether all this constitutes a "decline of amateur radio" must be for others to judge, but we doubt whether any decline in home R&D (if in fact this has occurred) can be linked either to a particular mode or even to the availability of commercially made amateur rigs. R&D depends much more on an attitude of mind.

Using "all-wave" receivers

The recent mention of the development of new-style "all-wave" broadcast receivers that provide at least some of the facilities and performance of communications receivers (*TT* February) has prompted Alan Gordon, G3XOI, to draw attention to some of the sets already on the UK market. He reports that his eldest son recently wanted a general purpose receiver at a modest price, and a search led to the acquisition of a transistor receiver marketed by W. H. Smith's, described as the "Multiband receiver Model 56". This covers six bands: 150-350kHz (long wave); 540-1,500kHz (medium wave); 1.6-4.4MHz; 4-12MHz; 12-26MHz; and vhf fm 88-108MHz. After fitting an outboard bfo the set was found to resolve ssb signals quite satisfactorily on 1.8 and 3.5MHz (not yet tried for ssb on other bands as this requires an external aerial). G3XOI feels that at £16.75 such a receiver provides a good starter for any swl prepared to roll his own bfo, providing both broadcast reception and a general coverage receiver for hf (though he does not mention if the problem of "image" reception which mars so many receivers has been satisfactorily overcome or whether this will need an external tuned pre-amplifier).

When considering the question of ssb and cw reception on all those models that do not contain a bfo, it is well worth remembering that carrier reinsertion is possible at *signal frequency* as well as by the more usual i.f. bfo. This can be provided by a small external oscillator with good bandspread tuning, and does not require any modification or wired coupling to the broadcast receiver. In these days of good



L1, 20 turns and L2, 8 turns wound on 1/4" dia slug-tuned former

Fig 1. Typical small external vfo arrangement used to provide carrier re-insertion at signal frequency to allow ssb reception on broadcast "all-wave" receivers or to improve ssb reception on communications receivers having too fast a tuning rate or lack of local oscillator stability. This design tunes 7MHz with a fine-tuning (clarifier) control provided by the variable resistor in the drain circuit. Harmonic injection allows the oscillator to be used also on 14 and 21 MHz. In practice any stable oscillator with easy tuning can be used for this application and should be adjusted to provide an rf input about 10 or more times the strength of the incoming signals, but not so great a signal that it swamps the receiver agc

fet oscillators it is not difficult to rig up a small tunable oscillator with its own 9V battery. It need only be placed within a few feet of the receiver; often the harmonics provide sufficient injection to eliminate the need for bandswitching. The main receiver is tuned to maximum "monkey-chatter" and then the speech resolved by carefully tuning the external oscillator. With this technique, the stability of the receiver's local oscillator is far less critical than when an i.f. bfo is used, since moderate drift will not affect reception unless the signal drifts right out of the passband. Carrier re-insertion at signal frequency was quite popular in the early days of amateur ssb though it is seldom mentioned today.

Almost any stable vfo-type oscillator is suitable: the one shown in Fig 1 stems from an article "Single sideband on the all-wave radio" by R. E. Baird, W7CSD, (*73 Magazine* April 1970) brought to my notice some time ago by Roy Stevens, G2BVN. The direct-conversion type of receiver has shown that sufficient stability for re-insertion at signal frequency is not too difficult. W7CSD reported that, using this approach, some of the better "all-wave" portable receivers gave results good enough for serious amateur reception. Once you get used to the two-knob tuning technique, signal-frequency injection can also provide excellent ssb reception on many of the older hf communications receivers where oscillator drift or insufficient bfo injection would otherwise mar results. Such receivers should be used with the bfo switched off.

It is usually much easier to build an external vfo with good stability and easy tuning than to improve the hf oscillator and tuning arrangements of the main receiver. You may be surprised at the results that are possible on receivers never intended for ssb.

Solid-state/valve interface 2

In *TT* (August 1975) details were given of a 2N2218 transistor interface stage used by Mike Small, G4DVI, between a SL611 ic amplifier and a grounded-grid 12BY7A driver stage. Fig 2 shows an alternative arrangement which Phil Horwood, G3FRB, reports to be capable of providing sufficient grid drive to be used directly with a power amplifier without an intermediate thermionic driver stage. The pnp

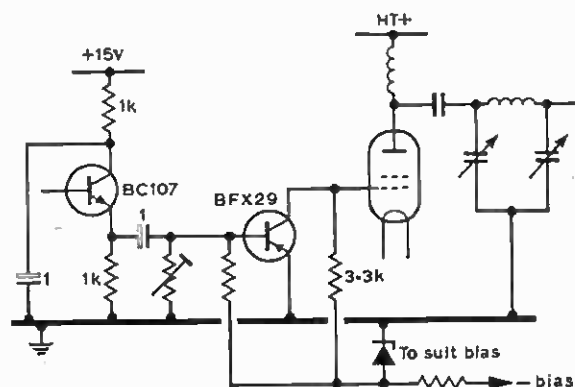


Fig 2. Method of directly driving a valve power amplifier from solid-state exciter without intermediate thermionic driver as suggested by G3FRB

transistor must be a high-voltage type chosen to suit the grid swing of the particular amplifier valve, but G3FRB says the BFX29 is suitable for use with an 807, 6146 or similar valve. The pre-set resistor is adjusted to provide the correct AB1 anode current for the output valve.

Wire-wrap tools

Tools that enable a home-constructor to achieve a "professional" finish always seem popular. In a recent *Electronic Design*, David L. Holmes describes two inexpensive manual wire-wrapping and unwrapping tools made from small-diameter nickel, aluminium or brass tubing available from hobby shops (outer diameter tubing of $\frac{1}{16}$, $\frac{3}{32}$, $\frac{1}{8}$, $\frac{5}{32}$ and $\frac{3}{16}$ in outer diameter, cut into 2in lengths is used; for the $\frac{1}{16}$ in and $\frac{3}{32}$ in tubing nickel is preferable as it is harder than brass or aluminium).

First epoxy the $\frac{1}{16}$ in tubing inside the $\frac{3}{32}$ in tubing to form two handles. Then, for the wrapping tool, form the stem by applying epoxy to a length of $\frac{1}{16}$ in tubing, insert it into the $\frac{3}{32}$ in tubing and carefully crimp one end of *only* the $\frac{3}{32}$ in tubing until there is a noticeable gap between the two tubes. Make the crimp roughly $\frac{1}{16}$ in long.

Select a drill bit about the size of the wire for which the tool is intended (an example is an 0.020in drill for 30 American wire gauge). Drill a hole through just the $\frac{3}{32}$ in tubing at right angles to the stem at the back of the crimp; then drill a hole through the gap towards the previously drilled hole (see Fig 3). With a file, shape the tubing at the drilled back of the crimp so that a wire inserted from the front slides easily out

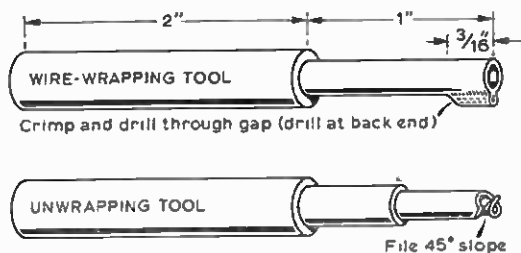


Fig 3. Wire wrapping and unwrapping tools to give a professional finish and made from short lengths of metal tubing. Described by David Holmes in *Electronic Design*

at the back. Finally epoxy lin of the stem inside the handle and allow sufficient time for curing before attempting to use.

The unwrapping tool is intended to remove right-handed wire wrapping. One end of a length of $\frac{1}{16}$ in tubing is filed to about a 45° slope. Then position the tube with the slope to your right and face it upwards. On the side of the tubing closest to you, at the mid-point of the slope, and perpendicular to it, file a notch halfway through the slope and form a counterclockwise groove that winds part way around the tubing. The groove depth should cut partially through the tubing at the start and taper off as it lengthens. Epoxy $\frac{1}{16}$ in of the square end of this $\frac{1}{16}$ in tubing into $\frac{3}{32}$ in and $\frac{1}{2}$ in of the $\frac{3}{32}$ in tubing into the handle, again allowing sufficient curing time before attempting to use.

David Holmes points out that with constant use the tools will wear but the faces can be reformed easily with about 5min work with a file.

"Melt Ohm" fuses and fire hazards

Protection of electronic equipment from fire risk is by no means simple and one still hears occasionally of equipment catching fire, even in the potentially dangerous situation of where it is not being operated. This can arise where components have overheated and then smouldered for some time before actually bursting into flame.

Electronics (22 January, 1976) reports that the Japanese firm Susumu have recently developed a new type of low-wattage, resistor fuse ("Melt Ohm") which fuses at 400°C instead of the more normal 2,000°C. It is claimed that this can be used to break circuits without risk of flaming or arcing. Resistance values are given as from 0.47Ω and 10kΩ, with wattage ratings down to 0.025W. The device will blow within 40-42s when three times the rated voltage is applied across it, or 5-6s at five times rated voltage. It operates without any rupturing of its outer coating so that it cannot, itself, produce risk of fire.

This type of component would thus seem to provide useful protection against equipment malfunctions that could cause fires, although it would still seem to leave a risk which can occasionally arise even when components are functioning normally, but overheating. This risk can of course be minimized by careful design and good quality components, including good ventilation. British domestic equipment manufacturers recommend customers not to obstruct the necessary all-round ventilation—a point to be considered when, for example, squeezing a transceiver into an enclosed space.

PSU for TR2200G etc

The current popularity of small hand-held and mobile equipments has resulted in a requirement for such ancillary items as mains power supplies and battery chargers.

Stephen Price, G4BWE, has sent along details of a simple power supply which allows him to use a Trio/Kenwood TR2200G transceiver from mains supplies and would also be suitable for many other units requiring 12V and which already have built-in voltage regulation.

In such units, which include the TR2200G, it is possible to dispense with zener reference diodes and such techniques as ic operational amplifiers or ic voltage regulation since the equipment can cope with moderate variations in supply voltage. He writes:

"In these circumstances an uncomplicated design has been

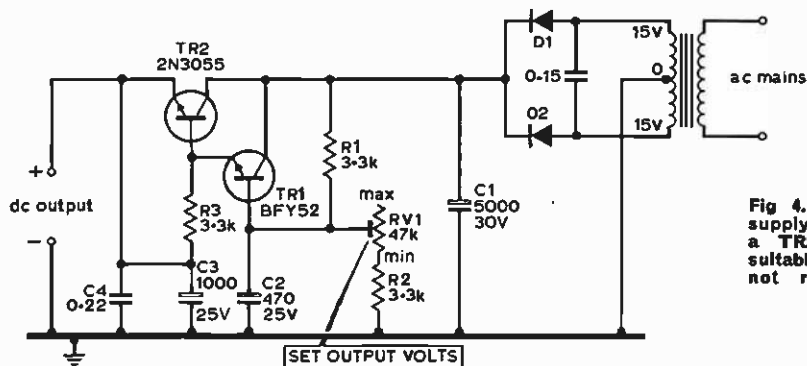


Fig 4. A 12V mains power supply as used by G4BWE with a TR2200G transceiver but suitable for other equipments not requiring full voltage regulation

evolved. The potential divider (see Fig 4) consisting of R1, R2 and RV1 determines the base voltage of TR1 and thus controls the emitter potential of TR2. The 470µF electrolytic (C2) ensures that the control voltage, and consequently the output, is free from ripple.

"RV1 is used to set the output voltage anywhere between 10 and 20V. This control should be positioned for minimum voltage before first connecting the TR2200G; the slider may then be slowly advanced, while keeping an eye on the 'battery check' meter.

"The TR2200G should draw just under 0.5A on transmit, so that for this equipment TR2 requires only a small heat-sink dissipation about 4W on transmit). However, if TR2 is mounted on a larger extruded heat-sink and TR1 is also provided with heat-sink cooling, then the supply should also be capable of providing the 3A or so needed to run a 10W transceiver.

"An alternative to the 15-0-15V transformer would be to use one with a single 15V winding in conjunction with a bridge rectifier."

VHF integrated power modules

Just over five years ago we noted (TT December 1970) that a new technique had been developed to simplify the design of vhf and uhf solid-state transmitters: the *broadband integrated power module*. The idea was to provide "packaged" power amplifiers consisting of several cascaded amplifier stages, correctly matched and forming the basis of a complete transmitter amplifier which might be expected to be less vulnerable to the various forms of parasitic oscillation and the other headaches that can still go with designing transistor transmitters. These modules seem to have been taken up for applications as airborne uhf transmitters and more recently for commercial mobiles. From an amateur viewpoint the only snag was that the cost was fairly high and many modules are designed for frequency ranges not quite covering the amateur bands.

John Wilson, G8KIS, has recently been testing a number of Mullard units and has found they do indeed cut out many of the headaches associated with pa design. He has found that the new Mullard 437BGY/A, for instance, although specified for 148 to 174MHz, will work very satisfactorily on 144MHz nbfn. The component is approximately 5 by 2 by 1cm and with a dc supply of 12V will deliver more than 18W rf output when driven by an input of about 200mW. In effect the device is a complete two-stage Class C power amplifier with input and output matching networks (to

50Ω) built in. Harmonic output is quoted as better than -25dB, though this means, as with virtually all transistor amplifiers, that a low-pass filter is needed. The only other requirements are a heat sink, pc board and decoupling. But, G8KIS comments, unless you cost your own time (or devices lost in the testing) the result is unlikely to be cheaper than building an equivalent transmitter using discrete devices.

He also notes that Mullard Ltd produce a similar unit covering 68 to 88MHz and have a longer-established range of units for 380 to 512MHz. So if you are in a hurry, do not have a ready-built pa available and want to avoid the problem of matching networks, these integrated modules can prove extremely useful.

Ni-cad constant-current charging

Last year (TT March 1975) some notes were included on the charging of ni-cad (nickel-cadmium) cells, along with the charger used by Ken Basterfield, G4BXP. Recently, Peter Martin, G4AZC, has described two adjustable arrangements which he has found useful in keeping in trim some surplus ni-cad cells which power his 144MHz hand-portable unit. He writes:

"These simple but reliable circuits may be of interest to others. The transistor can be any general-purpose type that is capable of carrying 50mA, for example the BC108 of Fig 5 or the pnp version BC308 as used in Fig 6. This series transistor is provided with a clip-type heat-sink.

"RV1 sets the charging current (at 45mA for AA/HP7 size ni-cads) and the light emitting diode acts as a reverse-polarity protection as well as indicating that charging is taking place. The two 1N4001 diodes act as a simple OR gate, allowing either batteries or mains-supply to power the equipment (via a simple regulator circuit to reduce the 20V

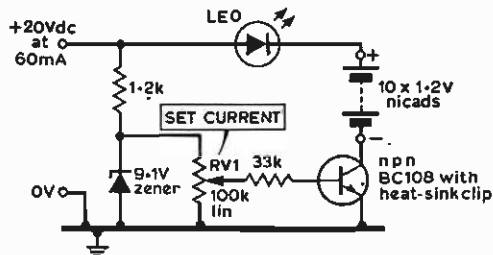


Fig 5. A simple ni-cad constant-current battery charger capable of charging 10 1.2V cells in series (G4AZC)

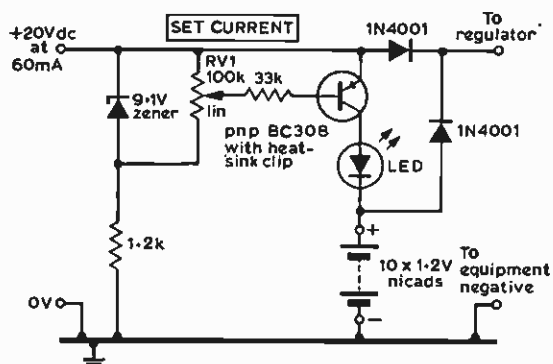


Fig.6. A re-arrangement of Fig 5 enabling the equipment to be used on mains while charging, with automatic switchover to batteries in the event of mains failure (G4AZC)

supply to 12V). In the event of mains failure the equipment automatically goes over to battery power, making the system ideal for such applications as Raynet.

"The components can be assembled on a small piece of Veroboard and mounted in a diecast box, enabling the handheld equipment to be placed on charge while still in operation."

Trimming aerials for resonance

Ted Cook, ZS6BT, was interested in the suggestion (*TT* January) that some of the older techniques used for matching transmitters to aerials possessed some useful virtues. He recalls a method commonly used in the 'thirties, in the "pre-gdo days", to adjust aerial systems—not just nostalgically but in the belief that the system can be updated and put to extremely good use. He writes:

"In my youth the method for finding aerial resonance was to disconnect the aerial from the feedline, insert an rf ammeter, then excite the aerial remotely from another temporary aerial some distance away, adjusting the transmitter and trimming the aerial while observing the rf meter through a pair of binoculars.

"Today we can still make use of this system but we no longer need to disconnect the feeders nor use binoculars; we can do the job from inside the shack by making use of the station's reflectometer.

"We still excite the aerial remotely but we reverse the reflectometer and connect the feedline to a matching dummy load (ie aerial to input of the reflectometer, dummy load to output). Then set the reflectometer to read a forward power of about 10W and vary the exciting frequency until the reflectometer peaks, indicating resonance.

"The explanation is that the aerial has now become the 'source of rf' and the power flowing down the feedline will deflect the reflectometer. But if we remember the rule that 'the coupling between transmitter and feedline cannot affect the match between aerial and feedline' but merely affects the amount of power transferred from the transmitter we find that we now have the power-transfer point at the aerial! The resistive feedline cannot affect the aerial and the aerial cannot react upon the resistive feedline. This means that a reflectometer peak indicates true aerial resonance.

"Imagine setting up and adjusting a tri-band trapped ground-plane by this method, adjusting for each band in

turn. But what about the radials? Of course we can plot the bandwidth of an aerial but what about the matching, especially of those radials?

"The answer is beautifully simple. If the radiation resistance does not match the (resistive) feedline we cannot transfer all the power induced. The reflectometer peak still indicates resonance, but the reading will be below maximum. So if we can find and hold the transmitter at the resonant frequency, we can then adjust the matching if this is a practical proposition. In the case of a ground-plane with radials we can alter radial length and compensate by re-resonating the aerial (as one possible approach). All the rest follows.

"An important warning, of course, is not to attempt to do these adjustments when the band is 'open' or is busy, or you will not be popular! Normally about 100W in the exciting aerial is needed to produce an induced power of about 10W.

"For an experiment, I took my multi-band double-zepp (open-wire feedline down to a Z-match aerial tuning unit) and excited it at 21MHz. Then I tuned it up for resonance and loading into the dummy. The transmitter was next tuned up on the dummy, and the double-zepp thereafter connected to the transmitter. It was so exact that I could not improve either resonance or loading.

"Adjusting a delta- or gamma-match by this technique is easy. It is an ideal way of ensuring that the aerial gets the maximum rf out of the transmitter, always provided that you are not using up lots of rf to heat up a ferrite balun."

A dual-band matching technique

W. A. Roberts, G2RO, has come across a simple but useful aerial matching technique which seems capable of a more general application than in the particular circumstances for which it was used. He has a buried 50Ω coaxial feeder which goes to the bottom of his garden and there connects directly to a grounded 7MHz aerial which is five quarter-waves long (about 165ft) and which has been carefully pruned to resonance so that it provides an excellent match to the feeder.

The availability of a long aerial which is high over most of its length seemed to invite its use on 1.8MHz but, being on this band a quarter-wave plus about one-sixteenth wave, it provides only a poor match to the feeder. However, it occurred to G2RO that if he used a series capacitor to "shorten" the electrical length of the wire to one quarter-wave on 1.8MHz, then the series capacitance likely to be needed would be of a value large enough to make its effect at 7MHz trivial. So it has proved.

The series capacitance turned out to be about 600pF. The match at 1.8MHz became virtually perfect while the difference in the already excellent match at 7MHz was barely discernible. The result is that G2RO now has a dual-band aerial consisting of a single grounded wire correctly and resonantly matched at both 7MHz and 1.8MHz from a single 50Ω feeder.

This dual-band principle, he feels, might be applied to any pair of frequencies separated by a ratio of four or more; examples would be 1.8/7, 3.5/14 and 7/28MHz bands. The same technique could also be equally well applied to centrefed aerials if the matching capacitor is repeated on each side of the feeder connection.

Feedback

John King, G4CFJ, apologises for an error in the item on an interference-free car regulator last month. The value of the resistor to the base of TR1 should be 220Ω, not 330Ω. □

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Martin Dann, G3NHE*

International VHF Convention 1976

It looks as though the move to Brunel University will add new dimensions to this major vhf/uhf event, the facilities being considerably improved. For example, excellent seating facilities, with tables, are available in the large room containing the bar, a special licence for which is being obtained. The lectures will be held in three 180-seat theatres which will be linked by closed circuit tv for the opening address and the talk about the state of the art.

Details of the convention, together with application form for tickets, appeared as a supplement to last month's *Radio Communication*, but one or two additional points are worth mentioning. All convention tickets are numbered and during the dinner there will be a draw for prizes which, if previous years are anything to go by, are well worth winning. Also, there will be the customary bring-and-buy sale, and on the Sunday the Pye group will be providing a range of test equipment to test various transmitter and receiver parameters.

With the opportunity to meet old friends, make new ones, attend one of the three lecture streams on Saturday and Sunday, and, for those who wish, dine and dance the evening away in convivial company, this is the vhf occasion not to miss—see you there!

Four metres

When Whitehaven was in the county of Cumberland, G3BW would have been a rarity on 70MHz, but even with G3VVT (Kendal) and G3JYP (Appleby) already active from Cumbria, Bill's appearance is most welcome from this sparsely populated area. Located behind the Cumbrian hills, and with the Pennines forming a further barrier to the south-east, G3BW welcomes offers of skeds and attention by county seekers.

From one rare county to another—John Baker, GW3MHW, of Castle Cacreinon in Powys, regrets the apparent decline of activity on this band. He recalls that in 1964 (before which the 70MHz allocation was only 200kHz wide) it was difficult to find a crystal frequency to clear other band users, but feels that ± 20 kHz of the calling frequencies is now more than adequate, except during some contests. Located 1,200ft asl, GW3MHW is already active on cw and ssb, but proposes to increase his power, aerial gain and aerial height as soon as he can, and hopes to be active on ssb from his old site in Cardiganshire (now Dyfed).

Drew Givens, GM3YOR, also finds activity low on 70MHz in Kirkcaldy, although he lists seven other stations active from Fife, six from Perth, two from Aberdeen, one from Alloa and seven from Edinburgh and the Borders. On several occasions he has heard good signals from GB3SU on an otherwise empty band, and suggests that 70MHz operators south of the border may get a pleasant surprise by looking carefully to the north more often.

Peter Brooker, G3WXC (Coves, IoW) describes himself as

a relatively recent migrant to the "sanity of 4m" but, like the other 70MHz correspondents this month, is concerned by the lack of regular activity. Apart from a lively fm group in Bournemouth, operating on 70.26MHz, Peter hears little in his part of the country. He finds it strange that the few kilohertz of 1.8MHz still capable of carrying amateur traffic are filled with stations making inter-G contacts over a range of 100–150 miles, despite the heavy QRM, while the wide open spaces of the 70MHz band remain almost deserted. G3WXC, QTHR, will be happy to arrange skeds with anyone wanting to work the Isle of Wight on 70MHz, Tuesday or Wednesday evenings being preferred times.

Two metres

After several unsuccessful attempts to work SP by meteor-scatter, GW3NJW (Cardiff) finally made his first Polish QSO on 11 January, not by m-s, but during the auroral opening. During another m-s sked with GM4CXP, Clive was amazed to get a report of 3½min of tropo reception by the Scottish station. GW3NJW's site is so poor to the north that it is some six years since he worked his only GM via tropo, and that was a well-sited portable station, which shows what can be done, with patience, from the poorest of sites.

Both G2AYQ (St Agnes) and G4DMY (Camborne) mention the lively state of 144MHz activity in Cornwall, making it well worthwhile turning the beam in that direction. There are an estimated 40 amateurs on the band, at least 20 of whom use ssb, and G4DMY makes the further point that holidaymakers visiting the county with vhf gear should certainly consider using sideband.

GM3YOR finds activity very spasmodic on 144MHz, with little happening except during openings, auroras and contests. He gets the impression that there are a great many "licensed listeners" on the band who only appear for the exception rather than the norm.

Seventy centimetres

Anyone requiring Cumbria on 432MHz will find G3BW willing to oblige if possible, and he is always prepared to arrange a sked. Bill is active on the band every evening, having a nightly sked with G3AUS in Devon at 2215gmt, followed by a get-together with GD2HDZ and G3KMS (Bolton), all beams pointing south-east. G3BW wonders what has happened to all the activity on 432MHz, having been told of the days (before ssb, Multibeams and the like, and when a '3/20 tripler was the order of the day) when activity was at a level difficult to imagine now.

Moonbounce

Following the report of the G3VZI/WA6LET contact during the November 1975 e-m-e tests on 432MHz, we have now received news of results at the Californian end of the tests. G3VZI was, in fact, the only UK station contacted, but the Stanford Research Institute's team had a total of 91 two-way QSOs, 14 on ssb, during the 31 October and 23 November sessions: they worked 63 different stations in 20 states, 11 countries and 5 continents. In view of the possibility that future tests might include 144 and 1,296MHz, it is interesting to note the estimates made by WA6LET of the equipment capability required on the different bands. The necessary erp to be heard at the institute's 150ft dish is given as 10kW for 1,296 and 432MHz, and 20kW for 144MHz, while the necessary aerial gain minus noise figure to hear them is 20dB for 1,296, 10dB for 432 and 16dB for 144MHz.

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DX news

There is no exceptional dx working to report at the time of writing, although there was a spell of reasonable tropo conditions towards the end of February. The south of the country seems to have been more favoured than the north, and the best dx heard of so far was a couple of HB9s who appeared on 2m ssb. G3DAO reports that DL, PA0 and F were audible in Selsey at good strength, and Peter's best dx was DF5FQ/P in QRA EL38a on 144MHz cw. This was on 25 February, but with G3DAO the lift started on the 23rd.

Mike Connah, G8IMF, also found conditions on 144MHz good on 25 February, working F1DBN (AK19c), PA0GNK (CL80j), ON1DG (BL79g), DJ7CL (EI13j), DB4FO (EK65g) and LX1SI (DJ22g). Mike also comments on the mini-auroral opening of 7 February, just 28 days after the good opening in January. He first heard Tone A signals at 1812gmt, and the event was still in progress when he had to go QRT at 1902. No ssb was heard, but Mike did manage to log cw from GM3UKG and GM3JFG, both on beam headings of 25°.

BR34348 of Chatham was listening during the late February opening and heard many Dutch, Belgian and French stations. Few of these, however, were as good dx as G3BW (Whitehaven) who was heard by Harold during the 432MHz Open Contest on 8 February, despite conditions which, he felt, were below average.

Amateur tv sound on 144MHz

The VHF Committee has agreed that, as such operation is usually localized, and on fm, a sound frequency in the upper part of the 144MHz band should be used: if, however, the sound mode is A3j then a frequency in the ssb segment should be selected.

Facsimile on 2m

What may well be the first two-way fax contact on 144MHz took place between G8LHB in Elm Park, Essex, and G3LRO in East Ham. The contact, which took place at 1840gmt on 17 February 1976 was also copied by another West Ham amateur, G3ZZ. Good signals were received in both directions on a frequency of 145.1MHz, but in future, to comply with the band plan, the fax calling channel will be 144.7MHz.

Filling the gaps

Jack Hum, G5UM, was pleased to see that his thoughts on the filling of the empty areas of 144MHz attracted some comment, but regretted that some had taken the suggestion as a resurrection of the old fm versus a.m. argument, which he had not intended. We often receive excellent reasoned arguments for one mode or another, and most of them are perfectly valid, but from different viewpoints such as efficiency, cheapness, convenience, simplicity, aural aesthetics etc. As G8ILJ points out in a balanced argument in favour of ssb, fm and a.m., our vhf/uhf bands are still amply wide enough to accommodate all modes.

Expedition news

Cornishmen G3CZZ and G4DMY will be making the short trip from Cornwall to the Isles of Scilly in April, and between the 10th and 17th will be active on 144MHz ssb. A two-day trip last year resulted in only 12 contacts, but better things are expected this year as a result of much improved equipment.

Finally copy for the June issue should reach G3NHE by 5 May. □

microwaves

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Microwave data sheets

In order to speed the circulation of design information, the Microwave Sub-committee has arranged the distribution of data sheets which summarize current developments. Information sent in on a particular topic will be given on a single A4 sheet; there will consequently be little room for other than essential constructional details, but these will probably be sufficient for all but the least experienced amateur. In due course the data will be written up formally and these versions will also include additional information on reproducibility or improvements that has been fed back to the originators. This "pre-publication" of data seems to be a useful method for reducing the risks usually associated with the "one-off".

The data sheets already available are as follows:

- No 1. G8AGN 384/1152MHz tripler using a BXY35A varactor.
- No 2. G3WJG 70 or 500mW 384MHz crystal-controlled source.
- No 3. G8AGN 1152/3456MHz tripler using a BXY28E varactor.
- No 4. G3WJG 384/5760MHz varactor multiplier and waveguide filter.
- No 5. G8AGN 3456MHz interdigital filter.
- No 6. G3RPE summary of 10GHz information in *Radio Communication*.

The data sheets may be obtained by sending a large sae to Ann Hayter, G3JHM, QTHR.

From "DUBUS-INFO"

The number 3 1975 issue of *DUBUS-INFO* (obtainable from GW3NJW) contains a troughline 2.3GHz converter by DL7QY which is fitted with an integral BFR34 preamplifier; and also a varicap-tuned indicating absorption wavemeter due to DJ2HF and DC0DA which covers 70-1350MHz. The following issue contains details of PA0VV's version of the G3LQR 1,152/2,303MHz multiplier which is claimed to be significantly more efficient. Using the nomenclature of the June 1975 *Microwaves* note on this design, the modifications suggested are:

- (a) Change the length of the main trough to 59mm and increase L1 to 52mm and L3 to 22mm.
- (b) Connect the input directly to L1 at a point 13mm from its cold end.
- (c) Increase the coupling between L2 and L3 by reversing the tab.
- (d) Mount the output connector 9mm up from the cold end of the circuit.

By reducing the length of L3 to 13mm, this line will then tune 3.4GHz.

The fifth microwave round table

The report on this event has, unfortunately, had to be held over because of shortage of space—Ed □

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UHF repeater planning in the UK

BEFORE 1975 the number of repeater proposals received had been relatively small and the task of administration was divided between the VHF Manager, VHF Committee, Telecommunications Liaison Committee, Telecommunications Liaison Officer and RSGB HQ. However, during the first six months of 1975 the number of repeater enquiries increased to such an extent that it was decided to carry out the main administrative work and co-ordination from RSGB HQ.

As a first step to improving communication with the growing number of repeater groups, a meeting was held at Brunel University in October 1975 in order to set up the Repeater Working Group (RWG) as a sub-committee of the VHF Committee to which it delegated future repeater developments. A large number of groups attended this meeting and a report was published in the December 1975 issue of *Radio Communication*. The Home Office had agreed to answer written questions put by the repeater groups, and their replies were read at the meeting. Arising from the questions, the Home Office invited the Society to formulate an overall plan for a uhf repeater system, which would become the basis for negotiations between the Society and the Home Office for the licensing conditions of future 70cm repeaters.

At the first formal meeting of the RWG in November 1975, the task of preparing the 70cm plan commenced and subsequently hundreds of man-hours were spent on the plan both in full committee and by individual members of the group at smaller informal meetings. The overall plan was completed in time for the RWG meeting on 7 February 1976 at which the Society's general manager, G6JP, and the Telecommunications Liaison Officer, G2BVN, were briefed so that they could present it to the Home Office at a meeting held on 12 February.

The plan

At the first meeting of the RWG several alternative approaches were considered and after much discussion it was concluded that the following criteria should be used when formulating the plan (not necessarily in order of importance):

- (1) UK population distribution;
- (2) The location of affiliated societies and RSGB groups;
- (3) The location of electronics industries and institutions;
- (4) Location of repeaters already proposed;
- (5) Terrain;
- (6) Typical uhf repeater coverage.

In trying to determine the most likely areas where a repeater should be located, the group used these criteria for the following reasons; (1) Overall population distribution should indicate amateur population distribution; (2) affiliated societies would probably compose the core of potential repeater groups and hence be a guide to future repeater locations; (3) in areas where electronic research, development and manufacture are undertaken it could be expected that a viable repeater group had been or will be formed; (4) those repeater groups would have already produced acceptable proposals; (5) it is likely that two closely-spaced communities would not be served adequately by one uhf repeater because of intervening high ground; (6) as a result of the experimental data derived from the GB3PY experiment, tests at other sites, and data obtained from a professional report on uhf path losses, typical repeater performance was established.

Calculations showed that a 75 per cent coverage area of a 10W erp transmitter over average terrain to a mobile station does not normally exceed the equivalent of a 35km square. Thus it was decided to construct a 33km square grid covering the UK. The agreed criteria were applied in each square to determine the likely repeater requirement.

Location

The map shows the likely uhf repeater locations and, as it is in part a projection of the requirements for the foreseeable future, it was necessary to consider three time scales.

Phase 1—The 21 proposals submitted to the Home Office on 12 February 1976.

Phase 2—The repeaters likely to be proposed within the next two to three years (the most likely to be considered are those indicated).

Phase 3—Those repeaters likely to be proposed from three years hence, including possible special installations.

The actual repeater position within each grid square will be determined by terrain and other local conditions. Thus for grid squares with projected repeaters the actual position in the square shown on the map need not necessarily be correct.

Frequencies

Because two factors primarily determine the number of repeater channels; minimum geographical spacing consistent with an acceptable level of co-channel interference under normal propagation conditions, and minimum number of crystals required, five channels were considered to be the optimum.

A plan for 70cm which already existed was that recommended by IARU Region 1 at the 1975 Warsaw Conference, in which repeater inputs were from 433.00–433.225MHz, with output frequencies 1.6MHz high in frequency [1]. The group decided that this plan was not suitable because (a) the UK allocation 430–432MHz was not being fully utilized; (b) the plan may not be the optimum for compatibility with ATV operation; (c) it was thought desirable that it should be possible to monitor repeater output frequencies within the range normally covered by tunable receivers.

The RWG considered an alternative plan which would have used a national output band from 433.225 to 433.40MHz and two input bands, one for the restricted zone (see map) with inputs 1.6MHz high, and 2MHz low in all other areas. It was hoped that the restricted zone transmitting limitations would be lifted and the low frequency input channels would be adopted nationally. The Society contacted the Home Office to see if these transmitting restrictions could be lifted, but was advised that this would not be possible for many years. As an alternative the Society suggested the use of two spot frequencies within the restricted zone, but this was also ruled out.

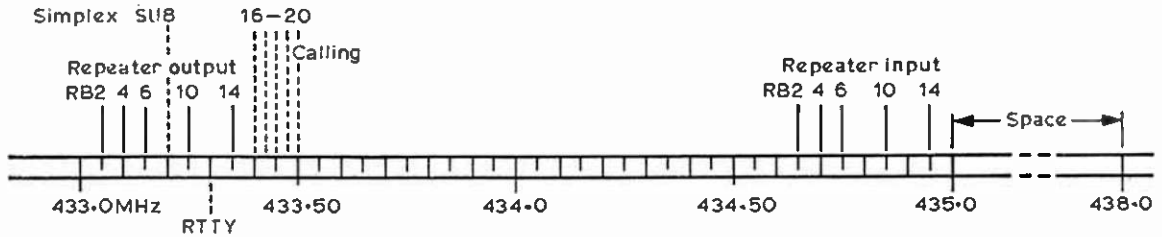
The RWG was then faced with a very difficult decision; should there be a split input system for an indeterminate period of many years or should it propose a single national plan? It was decided that the latter was preferable, and other interested parties were then consulted. Almost all agreed that this was the best solution, and the proposal adopted is shown in the table.

Channel No.	Repeater output frequency (MHz)	Repeater input frequency (MHz)
RB2	433.05	434.65
RB4	433.10	434.70
RB6	433.15	434.75
RB10	433.25	434.85
RB14	433.35	434.95
Simplex channels		
SU8	433.20	Working channel
SU12	433.30	RTTY
SU16	433.40	Working channel
SU18	433.45	Working channel
SU20	433.50	Mobile calling channel

A 50kHz system has been recommended to ensure compatibility with existing equipment. It is envisaged that a 25kHz channel spacing system could be used at some time in the future.

The Home Office has already approved in principle the RWG plan, and following a further meeting it is anticipated that a block licence will be issued shortly.

70cm REPEATER BAND PLAN



Summary of repeater locations April 1976

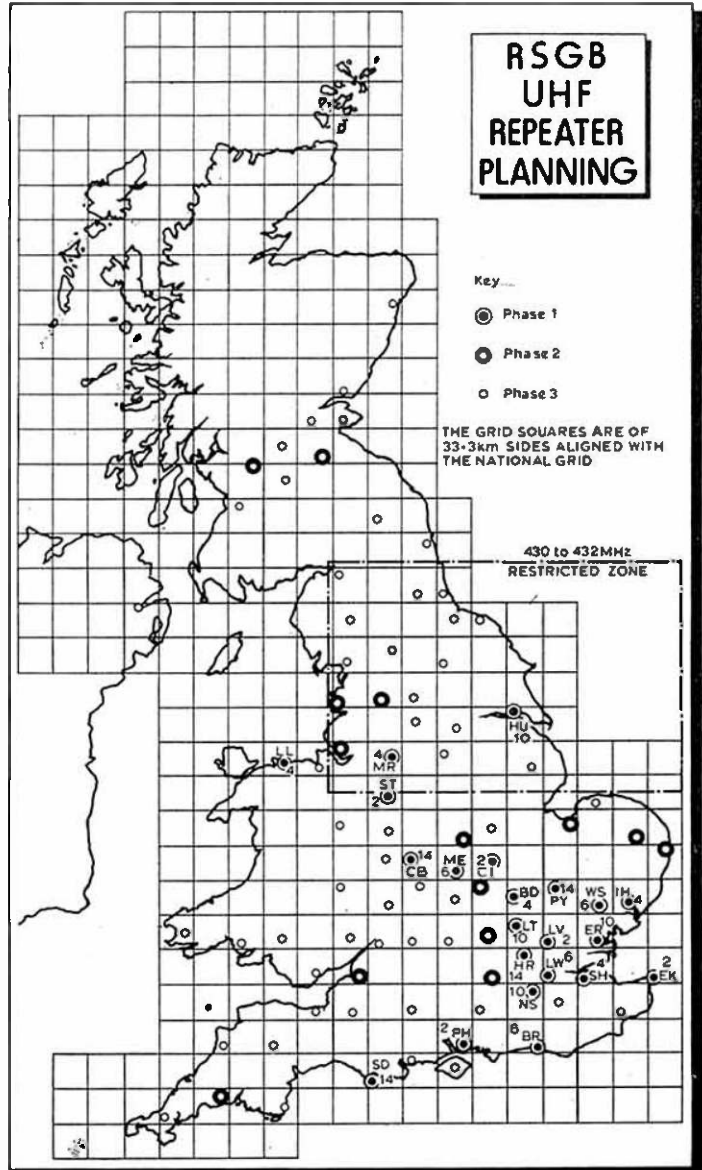
The last two letters of the repeater callsign are shown on the map together with the channel number.

PHASE 1

- GB3HU—Hull
- GB3MR—Manchester
- GB3LL—Llanddulas
- GB3ST—Stoke on Trent
- GB3CB—Birmingham
- GB3ME—Rugby
- GB3CI—Corby
- GB3BD—Bedford
- GB3PY—Cambridge
- GB3WS—Sudbury
- GB3IH—Ipswich
- GB3LT—Luton
- GB3LV—Cheshunt
- GB3ER—Danbury
- GB3HR—Bushy
- GB3LW—Central London
- GB3EK—Margate
- GB3NS—Banstead
- GB3PH—Portsmouth Hill
- GB3BR—Brighton
- GB3SD—Portland
- GB3SH—NW Kent (Final location as yet unknown.)

PHASE 2 (+ allocated channel)

- GB3ED—Edinburgh RB14
- GB3GL—Glasgow RB14
- GB3FC—Fylde Coast RB2
- GB3PF—Pendle Forest RB6
- GB3LI—Liverpool RB6
- GB3LE—Leicester RB10
- GB3KL—King's Lynn RB4
- GB3NR—Norwich RB2
- GB3YL—Yarmouth area RB14
- GB3NH—Northampton RB14
- GB3HP—Aylesbury RB2
- GB3BS—Bristol RB10
- GB3BN—Bracknell RB4
- GB3CH—Caradon Hill RB2



A copy of this map measuring 9in by 15½in is now available from RSGB HQ, price 29p incl p & p.

the month on the air

John Alloway, G3FKM*

IT is calculated that there are about 400,000 licensed amateur radio operators in the world at the present time, and that the total number will reach one million by 1981-2. The amateur radio service will be pressing for extra frequency space at WARC 1979 and it is most important that we are seen to be using what we already have to the fullest extent during the next three years. The current silence on 21 and 28MHz could very effectively be broken by their use for local contacts at times when no long-distance propagation exists.

10m activity day

A second 10m activity day has been arranged for 11 April 1976 (0001 to 2359). Any mode may be used and all amateurs are asked to take part. Listener reports will be appreciated, and in order to stimulate interest participants are asked to exchange reports and serial numbers (from 001). This is not a contest but an exercise to study propagation at the bottom stage of the present sunspot cycle, and also an attempt to increase the use of this band, bearing in mind that the WARC will be considering the level of amateur usage of all our bands in 1979. Please send reports and opinions of band conditions to the organizer—D. Whitaker, BR525429, c/o RSGB, "Hillcourt", 57 Green Lane, Harrogate, N Yorks.

Top band news

The latest letter from VK3CZ details European signals heard or worked during the four weeks ended 26 February. He only missed three mornings and his loggings were as follows: 30 January G3ZYY at 1919, 7 February DJ3CY at 1942, 8 February GD4BEG at 1947 followed by a contact with G4AEH and hearing PA0RYS. OK4NH/MM was heard on 12 February at 1943, OH2BM on 17 February at 2002, and G3ZYY on 21 February at 2004. DHJ was heard each day except 6 February. Arthur says that he will use 1,803.2kHz in future to avoid VK5KO who usually uses 1,802kHz, and whose sunrise is about 30min later.

9G1LZ reports hearing G3SZA, G3KMI, GD4BEG, other Gs, GWs, GMs, EI0CL, PAs, DLs, OKs, W6BYB/VE1 and W1,2,3,4 and 8 plus KV4FZ between 0100 and 0200 on 24 January. VK6HD heard DL0KS, DJ0YD and GM4AHY.

It is believed that ZL stations may now use 1,803 to 1,813kHz. ZL2BT reports that this is much better than the former segment around 1,875kHz.

DX news

Recent changes in former Portuguese colonies in Africa have meant sadness and suffering for the holders of a number of well-known call signs. It is believed that CR6LF lost his home and all his belongings (but not his log books for the period 1965-75) and is now in South-West Africa. He may be reached at the address given in *QTH Corner*. In Mozambique C9MIZ, C9MBU, C9MFO, C9MIC and C9MRV all

had their equipment confiscated by the police on 20 December.

VK6RU, who is QSL manager for both VK9XI and VK9XW, says that both stations are frequently to be found between 14,225 and 14,235kHz on Mondays from 1300 to 1500.

ZD7SD, Bill, and his wife Sybil, ZD7SS, are reported to be active on 3.5MHz ssb between 0500 and 0900, and on 7MHz from 0930 to 1200. ZD7SS is often to be found between 14,215 and 14,255kHz at weekends between 2000 and 2300.

As from 1 February the rule regarding submission of QSL cards for DXCC credit for those with at least 250 confirmed was changed, and they may now submit cards once a year regardless of number.

VE1BFV has been active on 14MHz ssb. He is located on Sable Is and says that he will be there for another five months. He works at the weather station and he has another amateur with him. At the time of writing they had an FT101 and long-wire aerial, but it was hoped that a linear and beam would be available soon. W3HNC has been quoted as QSL manager.

Guy, FR7ZL, says that he made 2,509 contacts from Glorioso during his 97-day stay. He expects to be going to Europa Is in June—this island counts as Juan de Nova. His stay should last until August.

The latest schedule of operation by LUIZA in the S Orkneys is as follows: 0100-14,060kHz, 0200-14,330kHz, and 0400-7,003kHz. Those who would like a contact with the S Shetlands might be interested to know that a new station—CE9AV—has been worked around 14,209kHz at 0030.

Recent discussion concerning the possible separate DXCC status of Walvis Bay was followed up by your scribe. In a letter to G3FKM, Garth Grobbelaar, ZS3AA, confirms that the area, although belonging to South Africa, is in fact administered by South-West Africa so cannot be counted separately from the latter.

The exhibition station from the Third Ghana International Trade Fair operated as planned using the call sign 9G1TF from 31 January to 15 February. Sixty-two countries were contacted, and visitors included Col I. K. Acheampong, the Head of State.

Expeditions

JA0CUV/1, JA2PJC and JA3KWJ started a Pacific expedition on 23 March. They were due to visit Nauru and the Gilbert Is, and then spend two weeks on Tuvalu (commencing 23 March), followed by three days each at Fiji, New Hebrides, Solomon Is, and Nauru again on their return journey to Japan. JA0CUV/1 and JA2PJC already hold the calls VR1AJ and VR1AK. Likely frequencies to be used are given as 1,803/1,826, 3,505, 7,005, 14,005/14,025, 21,005/21,025 and 28,005/28,025kHz for cw operation, and 3,775, 7,095/7,150, 14,195, 21,300 and 28,600kHz ssb. QSLs should be sent to JA0CUV/1 with IRCS and SAES (see *QTH Corner*).

Another Japanese activity—by the Kanagawa Sea Exploration Team, who will be visiting Parece Vela during April or May. They will have two licensed amateurs with them and it is possible that they will be active as JD1YAH/JD1E. Parece Vela was not given DXCC status when last considered a few years ago.

9L1JM will visit Turtle Is (off the coast of Sierra Leone) for one day—possibly on 10 or 11 April. He may use the call sign 9L3JM.

Bill Rindone, WB7ABK, was leaving on a major expedition in mid-March, going first to Tonga, and then through the

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QTH Corner

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CSAJ via DL7AH, Cronstettenstr 62, 6000 Frankfurt 1, W Germany.
CSAM Fr M. Cleary, Box 463, Banjul, Gambia.
ex-C0M1Z via REP Bureau Rua D. Pedro V 7-4, Lisbon 2, Portugal.
ex-CR6LF PO Box 21543, Windhoek, 9100 South-West Africa.
ex-CR6Z J. Fidalgo, Rua Marques de Pombal No 4, Tomar, Portugal.
JA0CUV/1 Teck Kumagai, Box 22, Mitaka, Tokyo 181, Japan.
K860V/K86 via K56FF, PO Box 1618, Pago Pago, American Samoa, 96799.
PJ8CO via W1VE, C. O'Rourke, Apple Lane, Roxbury, Ct, 06783, USA.
PJ0USA via K2FJ, E. Palmer, RFO 3-Williston Rd, E. Aurora, NY, 14052, USA.
PY0BXC J. Faria, Rua Cel Joaquim Calvacante 393, 5300 Oitinda, PE, Brazil.
PY0PO J. Alexandre F, Rua A. Novais 174, Gracos, 50000 Rocife, PE, Brazil.
VU7AN1 F. W. Burn, Chatham PO, Pl. Bialr, Andaman Is, via India.
7P8AG } via SM3CX5, J. Svansson, Berghemsv 11, 86021 Sundsbruk, Sweden.
7P8AH }

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Pacific to Asia and Africa. Most stops will be in rare countries, and he expects to activate a new one. Both cw and ssb will be used, and frequencies will be about 25kHz above the lower band edge on cw, and ssb just below 7,100, 14,200, 21,300 and 28,600kHz. Equipment includes a TS520 plus TA-33 beam and dipoles.

HC1XG hopes to be active from the Galapagos Is as HC8XG between 25 April and 9 May. He may use cw only, but may also be accompanied by one or other operators who will use ssb.

International Amateur Radio Hds

G3YBH (P. Storey, 29 Chalfont Rd, Liverpool 18) has recently been appointed British co-ordinator for this organization, which is similar to the "Ham-Hop Club". Interested readers are invited to write to Phil for details (see page 5). The club exists to help those going overseas to get into contact with amateurs in the areas they will visit, and to arrange sightseeing and/or accommodation. It covers 19 countries at the time of writing and more helpers in the UK would be very welcome.

Contests

Helvetia XXII Contest

1500 1 May to 1700 2 May.

1-8 to 28MHz, cw and phone—the same station may be worked on each band for QSO and multiplier credit, but only on one mode. Exchanges consist of RS/T followed by serial number (from 001), and Swiss stations indicate their canton with a two-letter suffix. Each contact counts three points and the multiplier is the sum of cantons worked on each band added together. Include a summary with log and also a signed declaration that the rules of the contest and local amateur radio have been observed. Post within 30 days to: USKA Traffic Mgr, Rene Oehninger, HB9AHA, im Moos, 5707 Seengen, Switzerland. This contest is an excellent way of making contacts to qualify for the beautiful "H-22" certificate.

WAB Contest (LF phone)

0900 to 2100 4 April.

1-8, 3-5 and 7MHz. Exchange RS/QSO number/WAB area/county/WAB book if any. Send logs to G4BFY, 10 Toll Bar Av, Bottesford, Nottingham, NG13 0BB.

The Bermuda Contest

0000 24 April to 0200 25 April (Phone).

Full rules were given on page 216 of March *Radio Communication*. Please note that it is not permitted to contact USA/Canadian stations transmitting outside the Region 1 section of the 7MHz band (above 7,100kHz) in the phone section of this contest.

The PACC Contest

1200 24 April to 1800 25 April.

1-8 to 28MHz. Please avoid lower 10kHz of cw bands, and upper 25kHz of phone bands in accordance with IARU recommendations. Single- and multi-operator sections. Exchange RS/T plus serial number (from 001). PA/PE/PI stations will also give a two-letter code which indicates their province. Each QSO counts three points and stations may be worked only once per band—either cw or phone. No cross-mode contacts are permitted. The multiplier is the total number of provinces contacted on each band added together (maximum 72). Logs should indicate date and time, station worked, number sent and received, if multiplier, points claimed. They should be posted before 30 June to: VERON Contest Manager, PA0DIN, PO Box 1166, Arnhem, The Netherlands. A signed declaration that the participant has observed the contest rules and also the amateur radio regulations in his country must be enclosed. Listeners may take part and should log PA/PE/PI stations only, noting the code group given by them and the call signs of the stations being worked. Each station counts one point, the multiplier being the same as in the transmitting section.

In the 1975 PACC Contest UK scores were as follows: GM3KLA (5,628 points), G3ESF (4,284), G3TXF (825), GW4DOO (540), G3MCA (510) and G4BBA (40).

Band reports

No reports of any signals being heard on 28MHz have been received this month; correspondents will no doubt hope that the forecast of the beginning of the next sunspot cycle later this year is correct.

Many thanks to the following for data used in preparing this section: Gs 2HKU, 3HB, 4RZ, 5JL, 6GH, 3KSH and 3UOL, BRSSs 17567, 31301 and 35608, and As 7056, 8312, 8428, 8713, 8783, 8946 and 8961.

Stations listed in italics were using ssb, the rest cw.

1-8MHz. 0100 W4BVV, PY1RO. 0400 K1PBW, AC2PV, A4EAS, 0500 W2HCW, W3WJD. 0600 EA8CR, W8HIO. 1900 VK3CZ, VK5KO. 3-5MHz. 0000 EA9FE, VU2GDG. 0100 FG7AR/FS7. 0200 A4XF. 0300 EP2SN, PZ9AB, VE1BFV (Sable Is), VP2s. 0400 VP1DW. 0600 HI, HR, XE. 0700 C6ABA, F77AW, VE2ASQ/TG9 (QSL to VE2KQ), ZL2-3-4, ZL3NR/C. 1700 HZ1SH, ZLs 2BT, 4KE, 3D2KG. 1800 DE8DK/YK, Z66JL. 1900 J01AKE, JH0BQL. 2000 JAs, ST2SA, 575CJ, 5X5HK, 9M8HG. 2100 FP8FU, ZB2A, ZSs, 5Z4LW, 9K2DR, 9X5PT. 2300 HZ1PT, YB0ABV, ZD7WT.

7MHz. 0700 VKs, ZLs. 0800 JAs, VKs, ZLs. 1600 9V1SR. 1800 457DA. 1900 FL8SD. 2000 9K2DR. 2100 A9XU, YB0ABV, 9L1BH. 2200 CE8AA, TU2EF, 8P6DW. 2300 FG7AM, JA6YG, KP4s, PY0PO, ZD7WT.

14MHz. 0000 KC4AAC. 0700 A9XT, J71s AH, AQ, ST2SA. 0800 AP2AC, JAs, SV1HA/P (Corfu), ZLs. 3D2KG, 5N2s. 0900 JAs, JH1KSB/JD1, WB9REK/KL7, KX6LX, P29KE, PY0PO, VR4DX, 9N1MM. 1000 DU1EJ, 3D2AJ (QSL to W6SC). 1200 J71AK, KC6AA, V56BL. 1300 VK9s, XI, XW, 9N1MM, 1400 9M8HB. 1500 YB8ACK. 1600 KL7IEH, VQ9P, 9M2s. 1700 FG7AR/FS7, 9L1BH. 1800 3B8DA. 1900 KH6CF, KL7PI, VP8NK, ZD7WT, 4K1A. 2000 KC4USG, VP1PTL. 2200 LU, VP2s. 2300 CEs, LUs, PYs, ZD7FT.

21MHz. 0900 5T5ZR, 9V1SH. 1200 VP8LP, ZD7WT, ZPs, ZSs. 1300 FR7BB. 1400 F6DKJ/FM7, F77AW, 3B8CV, 5U7BA, 5V7WT, 9L1BH. 1500 FB8ZG, K3HVG/HR6, ST2SA, ZD7FT. 1600 CE8CH, 9G1LZ. 1700 KC4AAC. 1900 CPs, D4s, DAs, VP2s.

Many thanks to all correspondents, and also to the following for items extracted from their publications: DX News Sheet (*Geoff Watts*), the 29 DX Club Newsletter (*VK6RV*), Long Skip (*VE1ALJ3*), the West Coast DX Bulletin (*WA6AUD*), DX'press (*PA0TO*), CQ Magazine (*WIWY*), and the Ex-G Radio Club Bulletin (*W3HQO*).

Please send all items for May issue to reach G3FKM no later than 5 April, and for June issue by 5 May. □

Propagation predictions

As sunspot activity is still low, the propagation predictions are much as they were last month. The change from winter to summer conditions, which occurs during April, will lead to a worsening of already poor conditions on 21 and 28MHz. 28MHz will be of no practical value to dx, but short-skip conditions will live up this band as well as 21MHz over distances of about 700-1,800km. Traffic with North America and Japan will be almost impossible. Traffic with Africa and South America will be possible only for very brief periods.

As the season advances, 14MHz will remain open noticeably longer than in previous months, while traffic with Australia will become more difficult during the afternoon. During June and July the favourable conditions for traffic with Australia are on 14MHz before noon. The times for traffic with Japan will change during the course of summer from mid-morning to afternoon, and in high summer there will also be a chance of contact during the early hours of the morning. Traffic with KH6 will be possible on days with average MFUs from about 1630 to 2100 gmt on the direct and from 0530 to 0700gmt via the indirect path. On the whole, chances for dx via the indirect path on 14MHz during April will be relatively poor.

Shorter nights and rising F2 night frequencies will lead to an improvement in traffic with North America on 7MHz during the second half of the night. Traffic with South America and South Africa will also improve as the month goes on. The F2 daytime frequencies are mostly well below 7MHz, causing interruption of local traffic by the dead zone.

On 3.5MHz, dx traffic will be possible if the whole of the path lies in darkness. This applies even more to this band than to 7MHz. The advancing summer and increased static will shorten the distances covered. Local traffic will seldom be interrupted by the dead zone.

14 MHz		APRIL 1976																				
USA-East W1-4	S																					
USA-West W6,7	S																					
Caribbean 6Y5,FM, TI	S																					
Brazil PY	S																					
South Africa ZS	S																					
SE Asia HS, 9M2	S																					
Australia VK	S																					
Japan JA	S																					

Time (GMT) 00 02 04 06 08 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24

21 MHz		APRIL 1976																				
Caribbean 6Y5,FM, TI	S																					
Brazil PY	S																					
South Africa ZS	S																					
SE Asia HS, 9M2	S																					
Australia VK	S																					

Time (GMT) 00 02 04 06 08 10 12 14 16 18 20 22 24

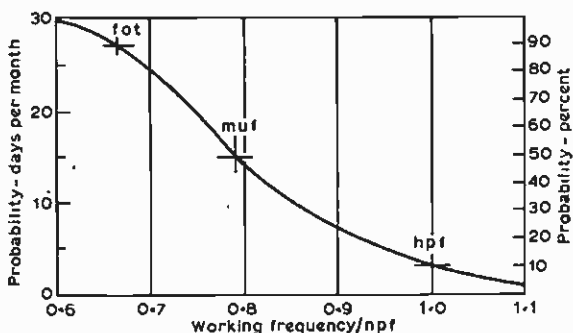
S... Short path 1-5 days 6-20 days
 L... Long path Openings on more than 20 days in the month

HF propagation study

THE RSGB Propagation Studies Committee (formerly known as the Scientific Studies Committee) proposes to publish additional hf propagation predictions for the next 12 months, as part of its study programme. The predictions, supplied by Cable & Wireless Ltd, show the highest probable frequency (hpf) in megahertz times 10, at two-hourly intervals of gmt, for up to 50 different routes to/ from the UK. The predictions for Suva, Sydney and Wellington are shown for both the short (s) and long (l) routes.

Since the standard muf is based upon monthly median values of ionospheric characteristics, the probability of a sky-wave path for this frequency is assumed to be 50 per cent. The frequency that would have a 90 per cent probability of propagating (fot) and the frequency which has 10 per cent probability (highest probable frequency—hpf) is obtained by multiplying the median standard muf by an appropriate factor. In the prediction tables an hpf/muf factor of 1.27 has been used for all routes at all hours.

The reason for quoting hpf's in these predictions is to indicate at a



glance the highest frequencies on which operation is likely to be possible. This is to cater for the avid dxer and those wishing to make optimum use of the available hf spectrum, for example during contests. The communication probability on any band can be determined by finding the hpf from the tables, calculating the ratio of frequency band/hpf and applying this to the graph.

As an example of use of this month's tables, suppose it is desired to communicate with Nairobi on 28MHz. There would be little probability of doing so when the hpf is less than 28, so the best time is between 1400 and 1700. At 1600 the ratio 28/hpf is 0.94 giving, from the graph, a probability of five days; while on 21MHz, the ratio 21/hpf is 0.7 giving a probability of 25 days. On this basis it might seem that communication on 14MHz is a certainty; however, absorption and noise are inversely proportional to frequency so although the propagation probability is high the signal level will most likely be well below noise level. As a rule-of-thumb guide, the two amateur bands immediately below the predicted hpf will be the ones most likely to provide communications.

Reports of conditions would be welcome on as many of the routes as possible, in the form of an extract from the station log, giving date, frequency band, callsign, time worked/heard and whether short or long path (where appropriate). These will be evaluated in conjunction with the predictions, and, periodically, appropriate modifications will be made to the route hpf factor where necessary, thus improving the accuracy of the predictions. Reports should be sent to G4AQ, QTHR.

GMT	Predicted hpf's (MHz x 10) for April 1976																									
	00	02	04	06	08	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	00	02	04	06	08	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
Aden	120	120	144	201	235	246	258	272	275	188	135	117	120	110	119	108	68	208	246	244	275	291	322	249	149	110
Ascension	125	125	152	199	224	230	239	248	247	200	158	120	125	125	125	152	199	224	230	239	248	247	200	158	120	125
Barbados	115	102	97	87	115	192	215	215	233	230	235	194	115	115	94	92	82	101	159	197	199	214	205	208	174	115
Bermuda	112	97	92	96	120	154	211	211	227	221	225	165	112	111	114	102	112	121	228	229	247	263	263	257	171	111
Buenos Aires	108	122	106	181	230	253	260	265	291	270	195	128	108	115	125	158	199	221	220	227	237	220	138	122	186	115
Cape Town	116	115	129	178	209	213	218	232	232	224	213	124	116	105	115	105	122	196	241	237	260	275	288	251	186	105
Dakar	122	102	97	83	94	100	144	164	171	181	172	149	122	125	121	120	131	128	131	134	141	149	143	143	136	125
Denver	111	114	105	119	144	224	233	233	272	272	257	164	111	73	83	72	102	131	152	153	157	168	168	162	103	73
Fairbanks	98	84	135	174	191	195	196	178	139	129	135	105	98	98	84	135	174	191	195	196	178	139	129	135	105	98
Falklands	128	120	119	129	141	129	122	111	143	159	157	139	125	117	95	97	98	115	140	199	202	216	211	214	165	117
Gibraltar	110	117	107	158	221	253	257	254	298	338	194	114	110	98	112	96	114	174	210	210	223	232	238	227	150	88
Hongkong	115	106	98	100	130	112	219	226	241	238	247	182	115	124	105	100	100	93	81	114	158	172	176	168	147	124
Los Angeles	88	97	88	133	164	178	181	191	195	196	185	110	88	117	100	124	156	234	247	265	274	277	225	172	130	117
Malla	119	95	92	97	115	114	101	181	202	192	190	182	119	84	68	108	144	163	174	173	174	178	167	149	101	84
Mauritius	119	116	121	197	239	253	271	281	298	260	168	115	119	117	114	161	188	209	210	211	216	216	145	131	124	117
Mexico	119	110	97	86	98	145	191	183	200	199	197	153	119	98	92	145	162	180	161	176	158	121	122	122	111	98
Moscow	122	125	158	199	220	220	183	140	135	138	135	122	122	111	114	103	117	119	234	232	252	272	271	258	194	111
New Delhi	116	115	116	195	238	256	271	289	304	324	223	129	116	117	114	161	188	209	210	211	216	219	183	171	107	117
New York	124	122	122	141	162	173	174	149	125	130	149	129	124	103	119	108	153	150	121	120	121	128	121	215	138	103
Oaska	98	84	156	174	191	189	143	145	147	140	122	108	98	114	107	100	102	148	108	108	102	97	102	172	167	114
Perth	125	112	108	122	106	103	133	150	161	147	157	143	125	115	110	128	152	168	147	136	136	145	114	145	125	115
Rio de Janeiro	111	114	103	119	219	234	232	252	272	271	258	122	111	101	116	105	128	117	97	103	112	117	114	171	150	101
Sallebury	116	115	116	195	238	256	271	289	304	324	223	129	116	116	115	116	195	238	256	271	289	304	324	223	129	116
Singapore	117	114	161	188	209	210	211	216	219	183	171	107	117	125	112	108	122	106	103	133	150	161	147	157	143	125
Suva (s)	103	119	108	153	150	121	120	121	128	121	215	138	103	115	110	128	152	168	147	136	136	145	114	145	125	115
Suva (l)	98	84	156	174	191	189	143	145	147	140	122	108	98	114	107	100	102	148	108	108	102	97	102	172	167	114
Sydney (s)	125	112	108	122	106	103	133	150	161	147	157	143	125	115	110	128	152	168	147	136	136	145	114	145	125	115
Sydney (l)	115	110	128	152	168	147	136	136	145	114	145	125	115	101	116	105	128	117	97	103	112	117	114	171	150	101
Wellington (s)																										
Wellington (l)																										

council proceedings

A brief report of the Council meeting held on
23 January 1976

Present: Dr E. J. Allaway (President, in the Chair), Messrs D. J. Andrews, R. J. Baker, P. Balestrini, J. O. Brown, D. Byrne, D. S. Evans, R. W. Fisher, W. F. McGonigle, C. H. Parsons, D. M. Pratt, W. A. Scarr, R. F. Stevens, G. M. C. Stone, C. J. Thomas, D. M. Thomas (members of Council) G. R. Jessop (general manager), A. W. Hutchinson (editor), D. A. Evans (minutes secretary).

Apologies for absence were received from Mr A. W. Smith, GM3AEL. The President welcomed the new Council members to the meeting and reminded all present that Council meetings were of a confidential nature.

Election of Executive Vice-President

Mr Stevens said that just as in 1970 and 1973 when Dr John Saxton had been a prestige President it was desirable to have a similar President before 1979. Several members of Council had considered this and Lord Wallace of Coslany had been asked if he would be prepared to stand for nomination for President in 1977. Mr Stevens said this offer had been made on a very tentative basis and that Lord Wallace very promptly replied in the affirmative. In addition, Lord Wallace had intimated that he wished to become involved with the Society during 1976 so that experience could be gained prior to 1977. As Lord Wallace could not be appointed Executive Vice-President for 1976 Mr J. O. Brown agreed to assist the Society by accepting this office.

"Council proceedings"

Considerable discussion took place on expediting the publication of "Council proceedings". It was decided that for a trial period it would not await approval by Council but would be approved by the President and the general manager for publication in the earliest possible issue of *Radio Communication*.

Financial report

Mr Brown said it was too early to give complete results for the first six months of the financial year 1975-6. He summarized the position by saying that the deficiency was less than the amount budgeted, main points being that book sales and advertising revenue were more than budget, while subscription income was below budget.

Mr Brown read a letter from Halsey, Lightly & Hemsley (Solicitors) stating that Mrs Shirley-Price, widow of the late Mr D. R. Shirley-Price, G8SP, had left the sum of £4,292.50 to the Society. This legacy was largely the result of out-of-office activities by Mr A. Othen in connection with the disposal of deceased amateurs' equipment. In the case of Mr Shirley-Price, G8SP, his widow had obviously been grateful to Mr Othen for the work done, and had thus made the legacy to the Society.

Purchase of a data processor

Mr Brown said that this matter should be fully discussed and a decision made at this meeting; there being three main alternatives for the long-term future of the Society and its membership records:

- (1) The records could remain as at present with the necessity of employing more staff at higher inflating salaries. For book despatches extra ancillary equipment would have to be purchased to make the operation more efficient.
- (2) The Society could look at a computer bureau solution to membership records, but because of the lack of control and dubious staff savings he did not favour this approach.
- (3) Purchase a mini office processor such as the IBM32 to do both membership and book sales accounting, which could be paid for over a period of some years.

Mr Brown said he favoured the IBM32 processor and reported his conversations with other IBM32 users.

Mr Jessop presented a diagram showing present staff, and predicted staff if the IBM32 were purchased. He saw a saving of at least two or more staff if the IBM32 were integrated correctly into the Society's operations, and the saving of staff salaries would be substantial.

Mr Stevens asked if the Society could really afford the new

VHF/UHF Manual, the new *Radio Communication Handbook*, a processor and a deficit at the same time.

Mr Brown reported that with possible bank assistance the Society would certainly not run out of money.

Mr Jessop asked that revenue items and capital items should not be confused, but considered separately. Both books would earn the Society revenue in due course.

Mr Parsons said that the Society's problems had to be solved and these included the book sales as well as the membership records and that the IBM32 appeared to be the right solution.

Mr Jessop explained some of the problems with the subscription records and the Elliott system at present in use, which was laborious and time-consuming.

Mr Byrne said he did not see how the Society could proceed without a modern system and advocated the purchase of the IBM32 system.

In reply to a suggestion by Mr C. Thomas, that the ICL2903 machine was a cheaper alternative, it was stated this had been fully investigated but on several grounds it was unsuitable for the Society's use.

Dr Dain Evans asked if annual estimates of cost savings had been made.

Mr Jessop replied that between £5,000 and £7,000 should be saved annually and that these savings would result in considerably better membership services.

Mr Pratt asked about operation.

Mr Jessop said this would present no real problems and several members of the existing staff would be trained in specific routines.

Mr Baker said he was one hundred per cent behind the project but queried the cash flow position.

Mr Brown said that the bank would assist the Society if required and that for this reason it was important not to delay the project.

Mr D. Thomas thought the project was very well worth looking at and that he had explored a time-sharing system. Mr Jessop reported that the costs of this system had been received and examined at headquarters. The relative costs of the time-sharing and other systems had been compared but the former were not attractive.

Mr Andrews said he did not advocate a bureau or time sharing system because of the one major disadvantage, lack of rapid access to one's own data records. Mr Andrews suggested staff savings would be difficult with a bureau or time sharing system and said that an in-house processor offered a lot of savings.

Mr C. Thomas asked if other programs could go onto an in-house system. An answer in the affirmative was given.

Dr Dain Evans said that in his experience bureau data retrieval was very slow and if the information was incorrect the system became unworkable. The advantage of an in-house system was immediate data recovery and feedback.

Mr Stevens said that as it seemed the Society would require a data processor, and that as an order placed now could be cancelled within six months if it was finally decided not to proceed, there would be nothing to lose by placing an order and thus allow time for further consideration of the project. This course of action was adopted as a proposition, seconded by Mr Brown and accepted by Council.

Membership and representation

The following summary of membership increase during January-November 1975 was accepted:

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov
New members	135	186	183	230	121	248	140	73	218	357	302
Total losses	27	16	78	48	34	9	20	39	33	7	59
Nett increase	108	170	105	182	87	239	120	34	185	?	243
Total increase	108	278	383	565	652	891	1,011	1,045	1,230	1,587	1,930
Annual rate	1,296	1,668	1,532	1,695	1,565	1,782	1,733	1,560	1,640	1,904	2,105

It was resolved:

- (i) to accept reduced subscriptions from 23 members;
- (ii) to waive the subscriptions of five members;
- (iii) to grant affiliation to the University of Warwick Amateur Radio Society, and the Coulsdon Amateur Transmitting Society (previously Purley & District Radio Club).
- (iv) to approve the appointment of Mr D. H. Plumridge, GM3KMG, as area representative for the Mid-Lanark area of Region 14.

Mullard Award

The Mullard Company had agreed that this award should be continued, the value to be £50 per annum. The award to be presented annually to a member or group of members of the RSGB who, in the opinion of the RSGB Council, has made a significant contribution to, or new innovation which furthers the art of radio communication, Council accepted this award and the terms of reference.

Appointment of committees, honorary officers and representatives on outside bodies

The composition of committees for 1976 was considered and certain additions and amendments agreed. Two amendments to the list of honorary officers were agreed. It was agreed that the title of the Scientific Studies Committee be changed to Propagation Studies Committee.

Committee minutes and recommendations

Council accepted the minutes of the following committee meetings: Interference (24.10.75 and 11.12.75), Scientific Studies (11.11.75), VHF (13.11.75), Repeater Working Group (6.12.75), Finance & Staff (18.11.75 and 18.12.75), Education (22.11.75), Educational Visits Scheme (15.11.75), Membership & Representation (24.11.75), Mobile & Exhibition (25.11.75), Technical & Publications (9.12.75), Telecommunications Liaison (27.11.75).

Mr Stevens reported that the Telecommunications Liaison Committee had discussed the monitoring of the amateur bands in order to improve the image of amateur radio prior to 1979. It was proposed that a system patterned on the lines of the ARRL monitoring system should be instituted as a service to members which would ultimately be of benefit to everyone. It was agreed that the committee be asked to produce an outline of the proposed system.

Mr Andrews raised the subject of amendments to the rules for HF NFD to bring them more into line with present day conditions. After discussion, the new rules were accepted.

Repeaters

It was reported that an application from the Burnley Repeater Group, GB3RF, had been resubmitted to the Home Office on the grounds of terrain and that the HO had now decided that this repeater could go ahead in principle; and that the first Raynet exercise through a repeater had taken place and very good co-operation had been established.

obituaries

The Society records with regret the deaths of the following radio amateurs:

Mr D. Abbott, G6TA

Douglas Abbott died on 10 February aged 69. An active amateur from the early days, he constructed all his own equipment to professional standards. He was among the first to work 2m and ssb, and held many certificates for working dx, mostly on 14MHz, including the first CQ USA-WPX-76 awarded to a UK amateur.

Mr E. Eamer, G3XCM

Eric Eamer died on 18 February. He was a founder member of the Horsham ARC and was formerly a member of the Cray Valley RS.

Mr F. J. Finn, G6UF

Francis Finn died on 28 January aged 75. A keen dx operator, he had been licensed for over 50 years and was an active member of the Barnsley ARC.

Mr J. E. Jeckway, G3ODJ

John Jeckway, who died on 13 February aged 63, was first licensed as VS5CL in 1951. He was chairman of the Lymington & DAA and a member of RNARS, and until recently was active on the hf bands with ssb.

Mr J. B. McCall, G3GHO

"Mac" McCall died on 15 February aged 63. He was a well-known operator during the early days of 2m, and in recent years was active on 80m.

Mr C. K. W. Peakin, G8JFO

Bill Peakin died on 26 February aged 77. Although his interest in radio dated back to the early days, he was one of the oldest RAE entrants when he obtained his licence a few years ago. He was a member of the Yeovil ARC and was RSGB area representative for SE Somerset.

M A. Pettitimberty, F9HK

Auguste Pettitimberty, who died on 20 February aged 64, was first licensed as F2AT in 1927, and during the 'thirties operated from China as XU2AT. An excellent speaker of English, he was well

known on 80m. In 1972 he founded the Radio Club of Bondy near Paris and remained its president until his death.

Mr W. F. Swain, BRS31270

W. F. Swain, who died recently, was secretary of the St Lawrence Hospital, Bodmin, Amateur Radio Section, and a keen radio amateur.

Mr F. Tee, G3VLY

Fred Tee died on 28 February at the age of 76. He was a very active amateur on all bands and in local activities. He was a founder member of Fareham & D ARC and was its vice-president when he died, and he was a member of the Royal Naval ARS.

Mr J. H. Thomas, GW8444

Jack Thomas died on 23 February, aged 50. He was a keen swl and QSLd all over the world, as well as stimulating much local interest in radio construction and operation.

Mr S. Trengrove, G3OJN

Stan Trengrove died on 13 February. He was a regular member of the Cornish net on 80m.

your opinion

The Editor

Radio Communication

Sir—Like G6XM ("Your Opinion," February) I too feel constrained to top-up my life membership and have pleasure in sending a cheque for the same amount (£25) as he did.

Little did I think when in 1929 I commuted two weeks' take-home pay towards my life membership that what was then a considerable sum would become chicken-feed in the economic conditions that were to prevail 47 years later and which have wreaked such havoc on our Society's finances.

It is a sobering thought that if only 1,000 of the Society's 19,000+ members could each bring themselves to write out a cheque for £10 to donate to 35 Doughty Street this havoc would be largely remedied.

Just one further point: if other British magazines catering for the amateur radio interest could bring themselves to pay some heed to the RSGB and its good works, they would by persuading those outside to come in, strengthen the Society and its ability, adequately funded, to fight the battles of the future. Without this capability, the future of Britain's amateur radio movement is bleak—and so is that of the journals and the advertisers which cater for it.

Jack Hum, G5UM

The Editor

Radio Communication

Sir—With reference to the continuing debate on repeaters, the letter by G3IOR seems to us more of a personal attack on Mr Tye than any constructive criticism. Furthermore, he seems to be guilty of the same fault as that with which he accuses Mr Tye, i.e. that his opinion is that of the majority. The figure of "300 possible users" seems highly unlikely in the Norfolk area, especially as our recent inquiry of the Norfolk ARC elicited only lukewarm enthusiasm for the Bacton repeater.

As to "having difficulty with propagation well understood by the experienced radio amateur", we hardly think that, since Mr Tye can be heard working dx regularly on 2m, 70cm, 23cm and 13cm, such criticism seems distinctly silly.

In contrast, the comments of G13XZM seem on a more rational level. While appreciating the effort some amateurs have put into the Bacton repeater, and their corresponding feeling of being let down at the refusal, we (dare I say among others?) do not support it as we feel it is not truly amateur radio activity, although we can see it is very useful for emergency service, such as Raynet. We agree with G13XZM that an increasing number of appliance operators is not in the amateur spirit, and the growth of repeaters would greatly proliferate the large amount of commercial repeater equipment now available.

However, our main aim in this letter is to point out that enthusiasm in the Norfolk area for the Bacton repeater is not widespread, and look forward to other comments.

P. Le Fevre, G8AWZ; R. Chiddick, G8AUN;
S. Webb, G4BEW; R. Reed, G3ZIG;
C. Black, G8ECN.

The Editor
Radio Communication

Sir—The pen is only normally used at this QTH for filling in the log and claiming rate rebates, but I have now decided it has one more task.

There is little wonder that the column once known as "Letters to the Editor" has changed to "Your Opinion". I would imagine the editor wants to keep his title as remote as possible from some of the unconstructive feuds which have recently been witnessed in this column. The British amateurs who have recently been contributing to these running battles, pro or anti repeater, with long or short hair, should remember that *Radio Communication* has a world-wide circulation. I wonder what strange pictures the amateurs abroad are forming of these strange warlike "G" persons. A computer print-out from the Volcan-British dictionary could define "Radio Amateur, British, 1975" as "very exothermic life-form with decreasing mind-width".

Gentlemen, are there not sufficient facets on each of our numerous amateur allocations to occupy us in a civilized manner without any one individual claiming to operate Supermode on "the" band. I have held a Class B licence and now a Class A licence for some years. Until reading recent arguments I have enjoyed every minute of amateur radio, this enjoyment has been attained while being both a first- and second-class citizen (depending on how and which way round one interprets the artificial A-B barrier). I do hope that during this time I have not offended anyone sharing this excellent hobby by operating any band, at any time, on any mode, by natural or artificially assisted methods of propagation.

Consider the freshly-licensed amateur running 1W fm with one set of crystals on his local repeater frequency. Even if his 1W rig is ex-Tokyo and he has very little knowledge of how it works, then the personal enjoyment he is experiencing is probably greater than the personal enjoyment of the hardened pre-war licensee having his 7,400th consecutive early-morning sked with VK, or that which is experienced when one gets one's first eme contact on 1:3GHz. If our 1W fm operator was not attaining the enjoyment he requires from the hobby he would damn well change.

Can we then operate how and when we want within the limits of our licences, allowing others to do similarly, and refrain from criticizing those who do not think in the same way as we do. It would be very boring if we all thought alike.

Philosophy over, I must now prepare to read, hopefully, more constructive letters in future issues of *Radio Communication*, perhaps they will be more lighthearted and that we can carry on laughing at ourselves in our hobby. The day we stop laughing at ourselves will be a catastrophic day for amateur radio.

M. I. Sneap, G3ZYC
(Fellow of the Human Race)

The Editor
Radio Communication

Sir—May I draw your attention to the increasing intrusion of telephony, mostly a.m., into the portions of the bands reserved by general agreement for telegraphy only.

This is particularly prevalent on 80m. Recently I was in QSO on 3:576MHz, when a group of mainly a.m. stations settled on the frequency; these I can usually cope with, by using crystal and audio filters, but it seems they attract another group, who spend time and effort trying to jam the phone stations and make them move up into the phone section. This kind of QRM renders part of the band an absolute bedlam and reflects no credit on amateurs.

The disturbing thing is that the intruders are mostly old-timers, by their call signs, apparently members of the RSGB, the RAOTA, and their local clubs, judging by their conversation.

Are they not competent to carry on their group QSOs in the phone section in face of ssb competition (groups, as they seem unable to net) that they have to intrude on the cw section, or is it plain selfish disregard of the accepted norms? It seems to me that these "gentlemen" would have been the first to complain some years ago about this sort of thing; in some cases I have written personally to the persons concerned, who say their licenses permit operation from 3:5 to 3:8MHz, so what am I complaining about.

The RSGB supports the IARU band plan. The hf bands seem better regulated, by the general disapproval, plainly demonstrated, in many cases, of "hiddery"; but 80m seems to be the worst band in this respect. I think it is time something definite was done to restore some semblance of order to our bands, primarily by the RSGB, by exhortation, by public disapproval of offenders, by members similarly expressing their views direct and by post, but not by senseless QRM, and even more by the fuller use of A1.

J. Douglas, G2CAS/ON4ZD



G3UEU (foreground) and G4BLL/P on the summit of Pen-y-Ghent, 2,273ft asl, with sstv equipment on 2m consisting of a Linc 2, 8-el beam, 16ft portable mast, Venus monitor and Honda 300W generator. Video source was a pre-recorded tape recorded from a flying-spot scanner. Their best 2m dx to date has been two-way sstv with ON5QF. Schedules over the coming months would be welcomed

The Editor
Radio Communication

Sir—G3ROZ would appear to imply that he is ashamed of being associated with today's amateur radio movement ("Your Opinion" February). If this is the case then I sincerely hope for the sake of the future of amateur radio that G3ROZ is not "your average old G3 - -".

As a wet-behind-the-ears G4 + 3, I for one, and I hope there are many more who share the same sentiments, am proud to be part of the modern amateur radio scene even if I do operate "black boxes", albeit in my case satin chrome and grey. There is still room for development and home construction even in this scene, and I would refer, for instance, to my own particular interest in slow scan television (no doubt there will be some scathing comments lurking in the wings regarding this "modern" mode of transmission).

Please, please, do not print any more letters selling amateur radio down the drain, and I would venture to suggest that this is perhaps where any such letters ought to be re-directed in the future.

P. Burnett, G4BLL

Sirs—On 11 June 1975 you were kind enough to elect me as a corporate member of RSGB, waiving the annual subscription. This, because I am a blind person.

During a recent visit to St Dunstan's I was made aware of your financial position.

It is with pleasure that I enclose a cheque for £8 to cover the year 1975-6, and shall do this annually—the next subscription being due on 11 June this year.

Thank you for your kindness.

Duncan Sutherland, G4DJJ

Looking ahead

25 April—Northern Radio Societies Association Convention and Exhibition, Belle Vue, Manchester.

8-9 May—International VHF Convention, Brunel University, Uxbridge, Middlesex.

15 May—Region 11 ORM and mobile rally, Royal Lido, Prestatyn, Clwyd.

30 July-1 August—RSGB Radio Communication Exhibition, Alexandra Palace, London.

26 September—Welsh Amateur Radio Convention, Oakdale Community College, Blackwood, Gwent.

28-30 October—Amateur Radio Retailers Association Exhibition, Granby Halls, Leicester.

contest news

7MHz Contest results

There is no doubt that conditions were excellent during the cw weekend, reflected in the very big increase in logs received. Unfortunately things were not quite the same for the phone section, but judging from the comments all contestants enjoyed the contest and appreciated the rule changes. Once again aeriels seem to be the deciding factor, with more ambitious systems going higher each year. The winners in both sections were using 2-el Yagis between 90 and 120ft. Regrettably both stations lost their towers during the severe storms in January. The listings this year have been shown in three sections, British Isles, Europe, and rest of the world. The standard of log keeping generally was very high indeed, but please read the rules! Next year points will be deducted for log entries not including a multiplier check list and again stations not completing a declaration form will be used as check logs. Congratulations to the leaders in each section and we look forward to hearing you again next year.

Just a few comments from the logs... What a contest—don't change a thing... heard LNS giving serial number 600 but didn't believe it... Nice opening to USA... Don't change the rules... For me not an enjoyable contest—details please of aeriels used by leading stations which enabled them to give 589 to stations I couldn't hear!... Didn't start until after "Kojak" then spent evening

UK CW TRANSMITTING

Posn	Callign	Points	Posn	Callign	Points
1	G3LNS	23,575	21	G3XWZ	2,095
2	G4BUE	12,915	22	G3MWP	2,060
3	G3ORH	11,300	23	G3JZG	2,020
4	G8CJ	10,640	24	GMSYEH	1,855
5	G3VMW	9,385	25	G3ZZD	1,515
6	G3SXW	8,270	26	G8D1	1,465
7	G4BEG	8,145	27	G4DBW	1,325
8	G3SEF	7,090	28	G2AJB	1,275
9	G3TXF	5,910	29	G3UYM	1,180
10	G2QT	5,800	30	G8KU	1,160
11	G3HMA	5,620	31	G3YMW	1,050
12	G3JAS	4,305	32	G5ASY	965
13	G3YHC	4,220	33	G3SWX	865
14	G4OOD	3,615	34	G3WJS	705
15	G3CFS	3,295	35	G4ODL	625
16	G4OIX	3,290	36	G4DNV	450
17	G3UBH	2,675	37	G3JFY	365
18	G4BXT	2,605	38	G3JKY/A	310
19	G3VDL	2,240	39	GW3XNS	25
20	G3KSH	2,100			

UK CW RECEIVING

Posn	Station	Points	Posn	Station	Points
1	BR515822	4,535	3	A8277	1,195
2	A8312	1,900			

EUROPE CW TRANSMITTING

Posn	Callign	Points	Posn	Callign	Points	Posn	Callign	Points	Posn	Callign	Points					
1	SP8XA	790	25	PH1PT	500	49	HA3NU	385	73	OH8BN	235	97	OK1DAV	135		
2	UK2GAN	710	26	OZ4HW	495		DL1YA	385		YZ1NZW	235		DK6RY	135		
3	DL1BLJ	700	27	DL3ZR	485	51	OK1IAS	370	75	OK2PGU	230	99	UA4SM	130		
4	Y21SCO	700	28	OH4XG	480		OK2PCN	365		UBSLCN	225	100	UP2BF	125		
5	PA0TAU	685	29	UBSWAL	475	52	UP2BDF	365	76	UA1GW	225		UC2AW	120		
6	DJ8Z	680		OZ1W	475	54	DK8FO	350		OH2LU	225	101	OK2SPS	120		
7	UP2BAO	660	31	DK5MP	470	55	UY5CW	335	79	OZ2OI	215		UA3WAF	110		
8	OK2BLG	660		DK5SN	460	56	FGXJ	330		OH281	215		UP2BBF	110		
9	HA0KLE	640	32	DL2US	460	57	UA1AMM	305	81	HA3QV	195	103	OK1KZ	110		
10	UR2ROQ	630	34	OK1VP	455		SM0BDS	300	62	UB5FOV	195		UB5OCR	110		
11	DK9FE	615	35	OK1DKR	450	58	UP2OU	300	83	OH2DN	190	107	UA4HAG	100		
12	UA1ADG	610		OK1DAV	445		OK2SL5	300	64	UA3DOP	190	108	UB5QDU	90		
13	UB5ZAT	600	36	DF1SV	445	51	SM0GGM	295		DJ8QD	175	109	UK1NAA	85		
14	UB5FI	590	38	OK9EG	435	62	YZ1NFR	275	85	OK2YX	175	110	UC2WAS	75		
15	UA4HOV	570	39	UP2BAS	425	63	OK3YD	275	87	UA2FAT	170	111	SP8FNA	55		
16	F8PK	565		PA0DJN	425		UA6LHA	160		UA6LHA	160		Check logs received from:			
17	DK5SN	560		UA3OAO	420	65	OZ2NM	270		UQ2JG	160		SP9CAV	PA0HOP	OK3CFA	
18	OK4SY	555	41	UA4HDX	420		UP2GM	265	88	EA2JJ	160		OK2BSA	PA0OV8	UA3FCL	
19	OJ4AN	545		UK2GAT	420	66	UK50E	265		OH2SO	160		HB9CK	UA3VAQ	UA1SW	
20	UA5LAB	525	44	E18F	415		EA4BV	265		UP2BAZ	160		PA0HRM	UA4YAH	SP2GUB	
21	DJ8WD	520	45	UB5MET	410	89	UA3AFQ	260	93	UQ2GFA	155		SP4GHT	UK2GAM	G30YY	
22	DJ6OZ	515	46	OH8WL	405	70	UP2BCR	250		OH1VF	150		UK2FAA	UL7NAF	UK6LAZ	
23	HA1SB	505	47	PA0JR	400	71	OK1MSP	245	94	UA3IAK	150		UK5WAS	UK4YAN	UK3DCC	
24	UP2BAR	505	48	PA0V8	395	72	UB5UAE	240	96	OK2BEF	140		UK4HBB			

building tv filter!... Thoroughly enjoyable contest never heard QRM from dx like that before... I appreciate the sensible starting time... I didn't know that 40 was so good... my ageing 50 watter had to fight for them!... wait until I get my vertical back up next year!... Please keep this contest as it is... Not one of my better contests, 449 from a very strong HA0 was the last straw!

Finally, the adjudicators would like to thank contestants for all the comments and assure them that all are considered when compiling the rules for next year's test. HCT/IKM

REST OF WDRLD CW TRANSMITTING

Posn	Callign	Points	Posn	Callign	Points
1	K1RQE	3,520	16	UK9WBD	1,000
2	EP2TW	2,980	17	UA9CFV	960
3	UA9WS	2,560	18	WB4HYN/4	900
4	UV9AX	2,240	19	W3ARK	870
5	UK9SAY	1,880	20	W2JDC	850
6	PY7SR	1,860	21	XN1AW	830
7	W40MW	1,790	22	W8VSK	760
8	W8SZR/3	1,720	23	UJ6JAS	700
9	UW0WL	1,670	24	JA4FHE	650
10	XJ3EJK	1,400	25	UL7PQ	630
11	W44MIX	1,380	26	WA2JZX	580
12	W44FCT	1,350	27	WA3YIV	540
13	UK9HAC	1,210	28	UL7EAM	340
14	UA9FAJ	1,180	29	C9MIZ	140
15	UL7GBO	1,120	30	JA5GPR	70

REST OF WORLD CW RECEIVING

Posn	Station	Points
1	BERS-195	600
2	UA9-185-822	410

EUROPE CW RECEIVING

Posn	Station	Points	Posn	Station	Points
1	OK1-18558	735	5	HA7-008	435
2	DZ-OR-1815	645	6	UP2-038-453	210
3	OL-KLAUS	560	7	OK1-13188	205
4	IS0-87850	445			

UK SSB TRANSMITTING

Posn	Callign	Points	Posn	Callign	Points
1	G3WJN	4,285	10	G48YY	895
2	G3KMA	3,250		G4APL	895
3	G3TOE	2,055	12	G3JAS	970
4	G2QT	1,895	13	G4BYN	835
5	G4ALG	1,790	14	GW4CYD	750
6	G3TXF	1,340	15	G3SWX	725
7	G3KSH	1,315	16	G3EBH	625
8	GW4BLE	1,130	17	G3YIZ	615
9	G3VLX	1,120	18	G4BYA	285
			19	GW3XNS	230

UK SSB RECEIVING

Posn	Station	Points	Posn	Station	Points
1	BR530225	2,555	7	A8890	1,420
2	BR54032	2,425	8	A8949	1,410
3	BR526431	2,270	9	A8524	1,345
4	A8312	1,740	10	BR526249	1,215
5	BR515822	1,645	11	BR525429	1,125
6	BR528198	1,590	12	A8379	390

EUROPE SSB TRANSMITTING

Posn	Callign	Points	Posn	Callign	Points	Posn	Callign	Points	Posn	Callign	Points	Posn	Callign	Points
1	DLBJS	865	12	DF1KT/A	490	23	{3REH	310	33	P11ARS	210	43	{OK3YCA	80
2	DKSVO	785	13	DK1IU	480		{F3HL	310	34	OZBOI	190		{UB5GBD	80
3	DK3LM	770	14	I3BBZ	460	25	OKIOWA	305	35	UK3VAC	185	45	UB5JOL	60
4	DK8BI	620	15	YU3TJA	435	26	DL1QU	285	36	{SP3CQC	175	46	OK1JVT	25
5	UK4HBB	615	16	UP2PN	430	27	UP2OU	270		{OH7NW	175			
6	UP2ER	590	17	DK5AZ	415	28	DK5KJ	260	38	LASC	155			
7	DL8FE	571	18	UR2RJ	390	29	OZ8VO	250		{UK2GJB	145			
8	{DJ6OZ	530	19	UV3FD	375	30	{OK9FE	230	39	{UB3IAA	145			
	ONS5G	530	20	ON5WL	340		{UR2QA	230	41	UK1ZA A	135			
10	PA0TAU	605	21	DN4XG	320	32	DL1YA	215	42	OK1KZ	105			
11	DK5SG	500	22	PA0HTR	315									

Check logs received from:
 UK2GAB, UV3DN, GM4EHB,
 UA3TN, UA9ADF, G8KLO,
 G13285, REF27460, UA3TAQ.

Leading station details

EUROPE SSB RECEIVING

Posn	Station	Points	Posn	Station	Points
1	I2-14713	840	13	HE9-1LN	435
2	OZ-DR1815	785	14	OK-1-5635	400
3	I4-82155	665	15	UA9-101-045	365
4	I0-58479	605	16	I0-57699	338
5	I3-60767	585	17	I2-12496	300
6	I1-12387	675	18	UP2-038621	285
7	DL-ANTON	490	19	I5-50661	280
8	I0-58101	485	20	I2-58844	220
9	DL-JANKER	475	21	I2-59920	215
10	I4-20681	460	22	I5-57718	170
11	{I0-54651	450			
	{DL-F01-148965	450			

REST OF WORLD SSB TRANSMITTING

Posn	Callign	Points	Posn	Callign	Points
1	EP2TW	3,370	8	9Y4LA	720
2	UL7OAO	1,350	5	UA9WS	650
3	UA1CBO	800	8	UW9SG	260

REST OF WORLD SSB RECEIVING

Posn	Station	Points
1	UA9-166-622	800

G3WJN, RX: Drake 4C. Aerial: 2-el Yagi.

QSOs: 393

Bonus: SM, DL, ON, PA0, IOK, YU, SDF, OH, YL, IS0, CTI, HA, OZ, HB9, LX1, CTZ, EA, LA, OE, UP2, UL7, UJ8, UA, UB5, UQ2, UA9, URZ, 4X4, ED, VK8, HK, YV, 9Y4, VU, CO, PY, ZP, CE, ZL1, ZL2, ZL3, CP, 5L2, LU, VVK7.

G2KMA, RX: KW2000A. Aerial: Inverted-V al 50ft.

QSOs: 380.

Bonus: DL, SM, PA0, ON4, EA, F, DM, CTI, OZ, HB9, LX, LA, EI, OK, OE, SP1, YZ, O4, YO, SV, IS0, HA, UA, UP2, UB5, UQ2, URZ, UL7, UA9, UO6, 4XK, CT3, VK6, VK7, EP2, LU, HK.

EP2TW, RX: Drake 4B. Aerial: half-square at 40ft.

QSOs: 63

Bonus: G2, 3, 4, 8, G1, 3, 4, 5, GM3, 4, GW3, 4.

G3LNS, RX: Drake 4C. Aerial: 2-el Yagi.

QSOs: 715.

Bonus: YZ, DJ, UP, UB5, UQ2, UA, UAZ, UL7, DK, DH, UR, UA9, OZ, HA, F, DM, SP, PA0, JA, W1, W4, W8, VE1, EP, VK3, EA, LZ, W3, LA, W2, W9, VE2, CX, PY, VE3, W5, FY, W7, W0, W5, KP4, YV, 9Y4, ZL1, 2, 3, 4, CT1, EA8, VKZ, VK7, UC, SM, YO, ON4, H1, HB9, 1, E1.

G4BUE, RX: FR101 + 80Hz filter. Aerial: five switchable sloping dipoles at 60ft.

QSOs: 460.

Bonus: UA, YU, HA, OL, OH, UQ2, DM, UB5, OK, SP, UP2, E1, HB9, URZ, LZ, W1, CT1, W4, W3, VO1, W2, VE1, VE2, UAZ, SM, FY7, PY, VE3, W8, UA9, W0, W5, W7, EP, W6, VE4, UL7, VE7, VE5, ZL3, ZL4, F, DA0, YO, EA, OZ, ON.

January 1976 70MHz CW Contest results

As might have been expected, the weather could have been better, but nevertheless several portable stations braved the elements. Generally the timing and duration of the contest was about right, but there were several pleas for more 70MHz contests. There were suggestions of auroral conditions and unusual solar noise. Congratulations to the winner and runners-up.

G4BWW

Posn	Callign	Score	QSOs	QTH	Best dx	Km
1	GW3WRA/P	365	51	YL06	G3DAH	285
2	G3NHE	314	48	ZNS4	G3DAO	290
3	G3UKV/P	302	45	YM28	G3DAH	288
4	GW3XBYP	289	39	YM28	G2DAH	330
5	G3RJX	280	42	ZM31	GM3YOR/A	410
6	{G4DGA/A	242	48	ZL59	G3BW	448
	{G3VPK	242	40	AL14	G3AUS	330
8	G3SNN/P	228	38	YL39	G3JYP	330
9	{G3JYP	226	25	YO38	G4CWH/P	438
	{G3PFM/P	226	37	YK09	G3PWK	290
11	G3KMI/P	215	37	ZK04	GM3JNW	525
12	G4CWH/P	213	41	ZK10	G3JYP	425
13	G3ZMO	191	45	ZL08	G3JYP	321
14	G5DF	171	33	ZL45	G3JYP	375
15	G3LVP	163	37	AL33	GW3XBYP	275
16	G3DAO	155	36	ZK16	G3NHE	280
17	G4ALG/P	147	39	ZL35	G4AIR	200
18	G3FJE/A	132	30	ZM79	G3BW	304
19	G3TAL	129	25	ZK14	G3NHE	275
20	G5UM	119	26	ZM35	G3JYP	235
21	G4DKX	116	20	AM76	GW3WRA/P	284
22	G3NPI	110	32	ZL48	G3NHE	210
23	{G3SPG/A	105	33	ZL30	GW3XBYP	230
	{G3ZKE	105	30	ZL40	GW3XBYP	235
25	G3OZT	104	24	ZK13	G3UKV/P	215
26	G3TWG	102	33	ZL37	G4AIR	220
27	G3ROZ	93	31	ZL50	G5HD/P	260
28	G3WXC	81	19	ZK24	GW3XBYP	233
29	G5HD/P	70	10	YL72	G3VPK	315
30	{G3XDY	60	12	AM77	G3PFM/P	278
	{G2WS/P	60	12	YL57	G3VPK	243
32	GM3JNW	55	7	YP19	G3KMI/P	535
33	G3YOW	50	12	ZL70	G3NHE	264
34	G3PGN	40	14	AL22	G3PFM/P	260
35	GM3YOR/A	38	6	YQ64	G3RJX	420

1976 RSGB Direction Finding Contests

The full programme of eight qualifying events is published in "Contests calendar". No changes are being made in the rules, and the Final will be organized by the High Wycombe group. Details of the first three events are given below.

DF Qualifying Event Rugby

Date: 2 May 1976.

Map: OS Sheet 152 Northampton and Milton Keynes.

Assembly: 1300bst for start at 1320bst.

Location: Lay-by on A413 1/2 km SW of Akeley, NGR 702372.

Intending competitors requiring tea are asked to notify Mr D. Newman, Haynes House, 78 High Street, Whittlebury, Towcester, Northants, (tel 0327-857350) not later than 25 April.

DF Qualifying Event Dartford Heath

Date: 16 May 1976.

Map: OS Sheet 188 Maidstone and the Weald of Kent.

Assembly: 1300bst for start at 1320bst.

Location: Forecourt of the Hop Pocket public house, Paddock Wood, on B2160, NGR 669454.

Intending competitors requiring tea are asked to notify Mr F. G. Wells, 25 St David's Road, Hextable, Swanley, Kent, (tel 0322-62726) not later than 6 May.

DF Qualifying Event South Manchester

Date: 6 June 1976.

Map: OS Sheet 109 Manchester.

Assembly: 1300bst for start at 1320bst.

Location: Car park at Heaton Park on A665 about 100yd north of its junction with A6044, NGR 826033.

Intending competitors requiring tea are asked to notify Mr D. C. Holland, 32 Woodville Drive, Sale, Cheshire, (tel 061-973 1837) not later than 31 May.

National Field Day

Groups intending to compete in this year's NFD are reminded that properly completed application forms must be sent to G3NKS, QTHR, by 30 April.

144MHz Portable Contest rules

1600-1600gmt, 22-23 May

All entries and checklogs to: VHF Contests Committee, c/o G4CUT, 59 Harewood Road, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 3DH.

The following general rules, published in the January issue of *Radio Communication*, will apply: 1, 2, 3, 4d, 5a, 6a, 7a, 8a, 9a, 10a, 11-22.

144MHz Open CW Contest rules

0800-1600gmt, 23 May

All entries and checklogs to: VHF Contests Committee, c/o G3FZL, 11 Liphook Crescent, Forest Hill, London SE23 3BN.

The following general rules, published in the January issue of *Radio Communication*, will apply: 1, 2, 3, 4a, 5a, 6b, 7a, 8a, 9a, 10a, 11-22.

International Amateur Television Contest results

Of the 52 entrants in this contest, six held "G" calls and occupy the following positions in Section A of the contest: 16, G6AHT/T; 21, G6ALC/T and G6ALH/T; 22, G6GDR/T; 23, G6ALQ/T; 27, G6AFF/T. The next contest will take place on 11-12 September 1976.

IARU Region 1 co-ordinated vhf/uhf/shf contest dates and times

There is a standing agreement between IARU Region 1 member societies to organize or participate in vhf/uhf/shf contests on the first weekends of March, May, July, September, October and November. The dates in 1976 are:

6-7 March	1600-1600gmt	144MHz, 432MHz, 1.3GHz
1-2 May	1800-1800gmt	144MHz, 432MHz, 1.3GHz
3-4 July	1600-1600gmt	144MHz, 432MHz, 1.3GHz
4-5 September	1600-1600gmt	144MHz only
3-4 October	1600-1600gmt	432MHz and above
1-2 November	2000-0800gmt	144MHz, 432MHz, 1.3GHz

The contests in September and October are internationally judged by member societies in rotation. The RSGB VHF Contests Committee plans its own contests calendar to embrace these dates within the annual programme.

Contests calendar

11 April	3.5MHz LP
24-25 April	1.3GHz Open (Trophy) (Rules in March issue)
24-25 April	PACC
24-25 April	Bermuda Phone
1-2 May	432MHz Open & Listeners (Trophy) (Rules in March issue)
2 May	DF Qualifying Event Rugby (Rules in April issue)
8-9 May	Bermuda CW
16 May	DF Qualifying Event Dartford Heath (Rules in April issue)
22-23 May	144MHz Portable (Rules in April issue)
23 May	144MHz CW Open (Rules in April issue)
6 June	DF Qualifying Event South Manchester (Rules in April issue)
12-13 June	HF NFD (Rules in March issue)
19-20 June	Microwave
20 June	DF Qualifying Event Chelmsford
26-27 June	Summer 1.8MHz
3-4 July	VHF NFD & Listeners (Rules in March issue)
11 July	DF Qualifying Event Coventry
18 July	3.5MHz FD
18 July	DF Qualifying Event Oxford
25 July	144MHz QRP
1 August	DF Qualifying Event Salisbury
7-8 August	70MHz Portable & Listeners (Trophy)
22 August	DF Qualifying Event Slade
4-5 September	144MHz Open & Listeners (Trophy)
4-5 September	SSB FD
12 September	DF Final High Wycombe
2-3 October	UHF/SHF
9-10 October	21/28MHz
16-17 October	7MHz CW
24 October	70MHz Fixed
Oct-Nov	432MHz Cumulatives
6-7 November	144MHz CW
6-7 November	7MHz Phone
13-14 November	Second 1.8MHz
5 December	144MHz Fixed

Mobile rallies calendar

- 25 April—North Midlands Mobile Rally, Drayton Manor Park, Tamworth. Details from G8DEM, QTHR.
- 2 May—Spalding Tulip-time Rally, Glead Boys School, Halmer Gardens, Spalding. All the usual attractions. Talk-in on 2m. Details from G3VPR, QTHR.
- 2 May—Cardiff RSGB Group Mobile Picnic, Porthkerry Park, Barry. Commences 1pm. Details from GW3GHC.
- 23 May—Welsh Mobile Rally, Barry Rugby Football Ground, Barry, S Glamorgan. Trade stands, raffles, club bar. Talk-in on 2m-320, via GBSBC on R6 and ssb 144.3MHz.
- 23 May—Northern Mobile Rally, Victoria Park Hall, Keighley, W Yorkshire. Talk-in on top band 1.910MHz; 2m a.m. 145.000MHz; 2m fm 145.525MHz (S21); 2m ssb 144.250MHz; 70cm fm 433.200MHz; lectures on "Practical vhf aerials" by E. Ashby, G3HCW, and "FM repeaters" by the UK Northern FM Repeater Group. All the usual attractions. Rally opens 11.30a.m. Organized by the Otley RS. Details from G8BZY, QTHR.
- 30 May—Hull & D ARS Mobile Rally, College of Agriculture, Bishop Burton, near Beverley. Details from G3AGX, QTHR.
- 13 June—Elvaston Castle Rally, near Derby. Further details from P. Neal, G3WFL.
- 13 June—Goole & D ARS Rally, High School, Goole.
- 20 June—HMS Mercury Mobile Rally.
- 27 June—Longleat Mobile Rally, Longleat House, Longleat, nr Warminster, Wilts. Talk-in stations operational on 160, 80 and 2m, 1,820, 3,775, and 145.50kHz plus vfo (callsigns to be announced later). Rally opens 10am. Walking df hunt starting at 3pm on 160m, all members of the family can take part. All the usual attractions. No charge for entrance to the rally, but visitors must pay for entrance to Longleat Park. Car parking available. Overnight camping from 6pm, Saturday 26 June. Details from G3ULJ, QTHR.
- 4 July—Upton Mobile Rally. Exhibition space and further details from G3TQD, QTHR.
- 18 July—Cornish Radio Amateur Club Rally, Cornwall Technical College, Camborne (venue to be confirmed). Details from G3NKE, QTHR.
- 15 August—Derby & D ARS Rally, Rykneld Schools, Derby. Details from G3FGY, QTHR.
- 22 August—Preston & ARS Mobile Rally, Walton-le-Dale County Secondary School, Preston.
- 29 August—Torbay ARS Rally. Newton Abbot Rugby Ground. Details from G3GDW, QTHR.
- 26 Sept—Harlow & D ARS Rally. Venue as last year. Details from G3WUX, G8JXU, G3YDI, QTHR.

Special event stations

GB3RN, 16-25 April

The Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society will be active from HMS *Beifasi*, Pool of London, between 16 and 25 April. Operation will be on 1.8 to 28MHz and 144MHz.

GB3WI, 17-19 April

Operational during "Hobbies for all" exhibition organized by the Rolleston-on-Dove Women's Institute at the Forest of Needwood High School, Rolleston, Burton-on-Trent. Exhibits will include amateur radio, model railways, aircraft, boats, collections, handicrafts, photography and sports. Details from G4BPW, QTHR.

GB2SW, 1-9 May

This station will be set up in the market square during the annual Stow-on-the-Wold Horse Fair to mark the quinqucentenary of the granting of the fair's charter. It will be under the direction of G2AOK and other local amateurs. Operative from 9am to 7pm on 160-10m. Special QSL cards. Other entertainments will include an ox roast, a mediaeval market, exhibitions, carnivals and a fun fair. From 10 to 31, May the station will be located at 6 Church Street, home of G2AOK.

GB3MRC, 15 May

The Solway Radio Club will operate this station on the Maryport Rotary Club Field Day. It will be active on the 80, 20 and 2m bands. 2m Scottish contacts especially welcome.

members' ads

These subsidized flat-rate advertisements are accepted as a service to members of RSGB. They must be submitted on the Members' Ads order form printed in alternate issues of *Radio Communication*, or on a postcard similarly laid out. Each must be accompanied by a recent *Radio Communication* wrapper addressed to the advertiser, as proof of membership, and a remittance by postal order or cheque for 50p (stamps not accepted). They will not be acknowledged. Those not clearly worded or punctuated will be returned. No correspondence concerning this service can be entered into.

The closing date for each issue is the 1st of the preceding month, but no guarantee of inclusion in a specific issue can be given. Valid advertisements not published in the issue following receipt will be held over until the next issue.

Trade or business advertisements, even from members, will not be accepted for Members' Ads but should be submitted as classified or display advertisements in the usual way. Traders who are members must enclose a signed declaration that the items for sale or wanted are part of, or intended for, their own personal amateur station.

The RSGB reserves the right to refuse advertisements, and accepts no responsibility for errors or omissions or for the quality of goods offered for sale. Advertisements may be edited or abbreviated as necessary.

Post to: MEMBERS' ADS, "RADIO COMMUNICATION",
35 DOUGHTY STREET, LONDON WC1N 2AE.

FOR SALE

Hudson FM208 tx/rx working 2m, £22. Same with remote control box and mobile bracket, £28. Heathkit vvm, similar IM18, £20. All ono. G3GIC, QTHR. Tel 01-567 6389.

QQV06-40A h/b linear, rack mounting with blower and tuned lines, £18 ono. PSU, 12V 1p to drive above at up to 200W dc input, £15 ono. Mains psu, APT-506, 200-500V, regulated rack mounting with neg 50V o/p added, £10 ono. G8CHE, QTHR. Tel 01-953 2030 ext 3278, 9-5 only.

Heath SB230, latest silent 1kW linear, 10-80m, inspection/demonstration London, offers over £200. Brand new HZP 1 : 1 balun, £3. Shure 401A hand-held mic, £7. EHT transformer, 840V, rms, 500mA, £5. R. J. Toby. Tel 01-727 5641 ext 25 (daytime), 01-560 3046 (evenings).

Linear 2, 144-1-144-33, good cond, recently checked over by suppliers, £130. Cousins, G8FCU, Wylholme, Gorefield Road, Leverington, Wisbech, Cambs.

Trio 9R-59DS communications rx, manual, etc, £45. Also with tape recorder, £5. PR40 preselector for rx, £5. Prinztronic mini scientific calculator, trig ratios, memory logs, square roots, etc, £13.50. 1MHz xtal calibrator, £2.50. Tel 021 747 3998.

RTTY Creed 7E page printer, with 85R for spares, Marconi HU11 terminal unit and spare, also a few rolls of paper, £25 the lot, or why? Consider rx, vertical antenna, atu, etc. Buyer collects. Tel 0709-551626 (Yorkshire), weekends only.

9MHz xtal filters, XF9B, £23. QC1246AX, £20. Both with carrier xtal. PSU, 0-3kV, 300mA, plus 600V stab, 24V, dc bias, £25. 4m linear, pair QY3-125s and heater transformer, £15. QM70, 70cm converter, 28-30MHz, i.f., £12. QV06-40A, £3. Tel Chilbolton 244.

SB/M printing reperforator, £27. 8-track cartridge mechanism, £9.50. Stereo car cassette player, £12.50. Telefunken tape recorder, £36.50. G3TGF, QTHR.

Linear 2, immaculate cond, as new, with preamp, also Asahi diamond whip, complete, £135 ono. LO/Z Joymatch atu, as new, £8 ono. G4BOJ, 223 Upperthorpe, Sheffield 6. Tel 686263.

Storno Viscount xtals on S23, £32. AM10D tuneable rx, £30. Telford TC9 a.m./f.m. tuneable tx, £50. KW Vanguard with 160m, £20. Pye Vanguard L/B, £10. Pair Pye Compacts on 433-2 with charger, £90. All ono. G8HPE, QTHR. Tel Romford (Essex) 45733.

Trio QR666 rx, gen coverage, as new, in original packing, little used, £125. Davis, 34 Sims Lane, Quedgeley, Glos.

Heath RF1U, 100kHz to 100MHz, rf generator, vgc, £20. Joystick vfa, with 3A tuner, £10. APT 12V 5A stabilized psu, £5. Heath HD10 electronic key, £20. Murphy AP100335 m/hf rx, less case, £20. Shaw, 16 Deansfield, Four Spires, Cricklade, Wilts.

HW7 tx/rx, HWA71 psu, £50. Katsumi EK108A keyer, £25. Items absolute new cond and perfect. Jones, G3RCU, QTHR. Tel 093-67 4117.

2m a.m. tx, £10. Storno base station, 3ch, 2m, fm, £30. Would exchange for low band Vanguard with controls and xtals, or fb low band Cambridge with xtals. Bean, G3TJQ, QTHR. Tel 01-679 1089 (evenings).

Linear 2 with PA3 mics, mobile mount, etc, £125 ono. Pye Cambridge AM10B xtals for 145, £30. G3TIN, QTHR. Tel Bloxwich 403145.

Minimitter top 2-7 a.m./cw, 24W, 160-40, regular use, £15. Wanted: DX40U or similar tx for hf bands. GWSHJ, QTHR.

Xtal filter, monolithic type in HC-18U, 10-7MHz-15kHz bandwidth at -3dB and 50kHz at -20dB imp 3kΩ, £2. M. Nakane, 2-5-7 Teraya, Tsurumi-ku, Yokohama City, 230, Japan.

CD44 antenna rotator, less than year old and under dealers' warranty, £49. Cushcraft ARX2 2m antenna, omni-directional and very low angle radiation, virtually new, £14. G2KF, QTHR. Tel Par 2337.

TA33JR 3-el triband beam. Could deliver if not too far off beaten track. G3XHK, QTHR. Tel Bourton on Water 20606, ext 202 or 235.

HQ11 mini-beam, good cond, £35. Pair TT21, new, £5. Buyer collect. G3TFO, QTHR.

Facsimile Muirhead type 900 tx/rx, power unit, beautiful cond, £250. AR88D with matching spkr, 1000kHz marker unit, 12V power unit, spare valves, original handbook, realigned and in exc cond. Buyer collects, both or vno. James. Tel 0362-2437 (Norfolk).

Grundig Satellite amateur 210 rx, amateur bands 10-160m, mw, lw and vhf, ssb unit instruction manual and circuit diagrams, £95 ono. Tel 01-764 3288 after 6.30pm.

Dash Cambridge, tx as FM10, rx a.m./fm, xtal'd for S0, S20, S22, R6, 1,750Hz tone, £32. Pocketphones, 433-2, rechargeable. Tx/rx, mod for long life, PP3, £26. G3USE, QTHR. Tel Luton 20312.

Antenna, 10XY beam, 1/2 whip, Bantex with magnetic mount, both almost new, offers over £25. Dexteam DB3, 3-el beam, £15. 22 Manor Gardens, Buckden. Tel Huntingdon 810569.

Yaesu FR50B rx, mint, with box and manual, £70. Would consider exchange for TR2200G, KP202 or similar 2m tx/rx. W. J. Cowell, 35 Bare Avenue, Morecambe, Lancs. Tel 412831.

Drake 2B spkr-calibrator and multiplier, manual, exc cond, £85. Also Heathkit HW7, factory aligned, £35. Buyer inspects and collects. G3ZDR, QTHR. Tel Gravesend 63284 (evenings).

Eddystone 649 and Codar preselector, 1.8-30MHz, fitted slow ssb tuning, manual, £22. PCR3 + psu, 3 band mw + 2-23MHz, fitted bfo, rf, gain for ssb and cw circuits, good cond, £18. G3FWA, QTHR. Tel 0234 854687.

Mosley TA32Jr, 10-15-20m, new cond, £12. Three-band G4ZU Minibeam three-element array, £12. 1in longplay tape, 5in spool, 50p. 931A photomultipliers, 2 only, £3. G4DRH. Tel St Annes 722081 (Lancs).

Linear 2 with pre-amp, cw mod, and R115E psu, £120. 1C22A, 2 months old, with time out indicator, £135. Microwave Modules, 70cm converter, 18-20MHz i.f., £9. HRO with 6 coils and psu, £14. G4DSC, QTHR. Tel Ripon 2230.

BC221-T frequency meter, original calibration book, stabilized mains psu, original spares, valves, headphonses, canvas carrying bag, mint, £25. Cossor gauging oscillator. BBC radio bridge rx. Offers? Wanted: R1155 rx in good cond (unmodified) for ATC. G3JFC, QTHR. Tel Crayford 522489.

Heathkit dc psu HP13B, used one week only on bench, never mounted in vehicle, £50 ono. Pye Vanguard AM25T tx, converted 2m, £12. 2m 4 element Yagi J-Beam, £2. G4DMS, QTHR. Tel 0327 50632.

G3ZVC 9MHz tx/rx, built and working on usb, £50. FT-ZF, unmodified, with additional channels 145-50MHz and 145-80MHz, £100. R. T. Payne, GM4AWA, 65 Durlay Dene Crescent, Bridge of Earn, Perth PHZ 9RD. Tel Perth (0738) 21241 ext 238 (office).

Hewlett Packard HP45 advanced scientific calculator, includes 48 pre-programmed functions, 9 addressable memories, 15 digit readout, rechargeable internal ni-cad, mains adapter charger, £60. V. Yelland, 20 The Mile End, Walthamstow, London E17 5QE. Tel 01-553 3794.

RAE complete ICS course, all manuals, £20. Henderson, 53 Dumyat Drive, Falkirk, Scotland. Tel Falkirk 25559.

144MHz mostet converter, MMC144/28, £9. Dan Guile, 29 Lymington Close, London SW18 4QL.

Mosley TA32 Jr, high power version plus balun, three months old, unused. Also CDE AR40, unused, with control cable. Offers please. Medco 75Ω low pass filter, £4. G4DXG, QTHR, with sse or tel 01-679 3215 after 7pm.

Keyer ETM3, £30. 9D0 Heath, £15. AV07, £10. Stellaphone recorder, working, needs attention, £10. G3MEA. Tel 01-254 2747 evenings.

Swop approx £150 of SLR camera and lenses, f2, 1/1,000-1-2 secs, auto/man, Pentax body, for fm gear. For sale: 40 copies *Ham Radio*, first serious offer secures. 1MHz xtal, £1.25. G3AAJ, QTHR. Tel 01-989 6741.

Trlo 2200G, R6, R7, S20, S22, perfect cond, £75. *Wanted*: hf vertical 18AVT/14AVQ, why? Must be in good cond, could collect if necessary. GW4BCD, QTHR.

FT101 Mk2 80/160, £250. Europa SP640, fitted blower, £80. Linear FL2100, new, £200. Pye Pocketphones, conv 433-1MHz, 2 pair with batt, £20. Sony 405 camera, £30. With tripod, BC221 mains, charts, £18. Will deliver 50 miles. GM4DAE, QTHR. Tel 041-778 5040.

IC210, as new, £175. Belcom LA106 amplifier, £140. Belcom scanning rx, fitted 6ch, £60. ITT Startone, a.n., 12kHz, high band, £50. Digital multimeter, £25. *Wanted*: hf band tx/rx, IC22, or standard C828. G6JDS. Tel Terrington St John 401 daytime.

Cambridge pot volt box, advance of generator type H, Airme 10kV ionization tester, Bruel and Kjaer automatic vibration exciter, control type 1019, offers. G3FAU, QTHR.

9R59DE plus spkr, works well, i.f. output for scope, with h/b 2m converter i.f., 1-8-3-8MHz, sell together or split, £35. G4ARG, QTHR. Tel 686 1756.

Digital watch, Sinclair kit, unopened, £15 inc post. Ian Davey, New Street, Hinckley, Leics. Tel 0455 32173.

813s, £4. 832A, £2. 829, £2. 5763s, £1. For callers only—Bendix 2m pa PN-8-A, uses pair HK24Gs with spares, £10. Quad fm tuner with decoder, £15. Labgear psu, mod for LG300, £20. Rough but working, 1kW linear and psu, £30. G2PU, QTHR. Tel 0223 870454.

Multiscript 3, 21 range taut band meter, 0-1-500V dc, 10-500V ac, with integral 3-speed paper strip recorder, BC221 AH, acpu, original charts, mint. Startronic Starpack dual stap. Psu, 0-3V dc, 500mA, limiter. Offers? Byrne, Alverstone Manor Hotel, Shanklin, toW. Tel Shanklin 2586.

NCX5 with Mk 2 mod, plus ps, £150. Top band to 20m transverter, £20. Reliable performers both but must make way for modern equipment. G2DMR, QTHR. Tel Burgh Heath 58729 evenings.

Heathkit Mohican rx, Stellaphone ST459 spool recorder, Swan 350C Versatower, SP60, AR22, TA33 Jr, Sensible offers invited. G3MTX, QTHR. Tel 0424 210177.

FT200, FP200, perf order, recently realigned, SMC, full 10m, YD846 mic, £210. 7200G Autotone, complete, £105. Will haggle. G8HVV, QTHR. Tel 04447 2893.

Four 400A valves, £10 each. Three ht smoothing chokes, 50p each. Buyer collects. G3UXV, 189 Ongar Road, Brentwood, Essex. Tel 0277 221604.

2N3055 with sockets, 3 for £1. Transformer 425-0-425V, 120mA + 275-0-275V, 65mA + LTO, £4. Transformer 4kV, 10mA, £4. Sealed audio filters, cw/rty, £2.50 post paid. Sae details. 19 x 10in case, free caller. *Wanted*: A2293, E180F valves. G3SBA, QTHR. Tel 05827 4815.

Frequency meter TS174U, 20-250MHz, £30. Yaesu FL2100, new, unused, in box, £200. *Wanted*: Trlo TS200. Tel East Horsley (Surrey) 4805, weekdays 9-7.

2N6084 12V 2m power transistor, as used in *ARRL Handbook*, 10W in, for over 50W out, £9. *Wanted*: uhf base and chimney for 4CX250. Swap for above transistor or pay cash. G8HPE, QTHR. Tel Romford (Essex) 45733.

Trlo VB2200 2m pa, Jaybeam 8XY/2M, Stolle rotator, Mosley "Atlas" 4 band vert. Offers. *Wanted*: HA350, T388 companion tx or FR100 rx. Lockwood, G3XLL, QTHR. Tel 408685.

Pye Bantam, Ultra Cub or similar high band hand portable suitable for conversion to 145MHz. G8LAE, 10 St Andrews Close, Old Windsor, Berks SL4 2QU.

HQ1 minibeam, hybrid quad aerial for 20/15/10m, in working order although slightly damaged, easily repairable, £30. Bargain, no offers. Heathkit spectrum analyser, exc cond, hardly used, £65 ono. G3UCT, 91 Kings Ride, Camberley, Surrey. Tel Camberley (0276) 21702 evenings.

Europa 2m transverter, exc cond, with built-in relay, £75. 80m coil for G3FIF mobile aerial, £2. Antec 1th ground plane, £6. Astro compass in original box, £3. G3JURE, QTHR. Tel 089 426 5311 (day), 3044 (evening).

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Yaesu FT200 tx/rx with psu spkr, mic and blower, exc cond, ready to go, £180. RadCom, complete years 1970, 71, 72, £2 per year. Spare valves HRO, MX, offers? Steve, G3ZZD. Tel Tunbridge Wells 34117.

XF9B filter with both carrier xtals, £17.50. 65-00, 65-50MHz HC6U xtals, £4. All post paid. G3TDJ. Tel Bude (0288) 3701.

Heathkit GR64 gen cov rx, 550kHz-30MHz, 4 bands, as new, £30. G8JBS, QTHR. Tel Locks Heath 3684.

SSB xtal filters, Cathodeon 1-4MHz usb, bandwidth 6dB 2-35kHz min, 60dB 4-1kHz max, terminating impedances 1k Ω /15pF, requires carrier xtals 1-400MHz usb, 1-403MHz lsb, unused, £5 each, post paid. Blowers, filters, servo motors, xmrs, etc. SAE list. G3YLO, QTHR. Tel Luton 25595.

Xtal calibrator outputs 1MHz, 100kHz, 10kHz to above 2m, built-in deac, £6. Xtals 10X 100kHz, 500kHz, HC6U 8-118MHz, 14-438MHz, HC25U 26-682MHz, 28-805MHz, 27-098MHz, 50p each. H/B 2m fet converter, 24-26MHz i.f., £5. 2200 xtals 144-72, 145-32, offers? G8DLT, QTHR.

TS510 with ac psu, £200. DX150B cc rx, mint, £60. Phones, £2 pair. MM 2m converter, 28MHz i.f., £12. TE20D signal generator, £15. SMC trap dipole, new, £15. Micronta testmeter, £2. Tel Fergus 0782 617106 evenings.

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Microwave Modules 4m converter, 28MHz i.f., mint cond, £14. Pye base station, low band, £10. Trio 9R-59 gen cov rx, handbook, as new, £18. Class D wavemeter, £5. P. Moss, G3ZHU, QTHR. Tel Luton 33666 (office).

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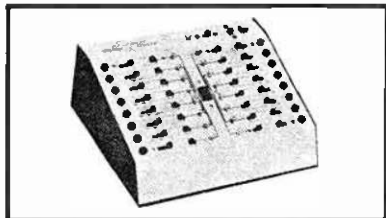
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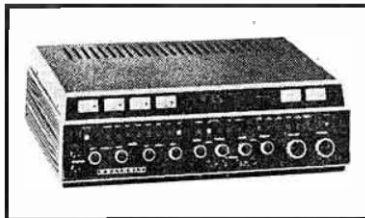
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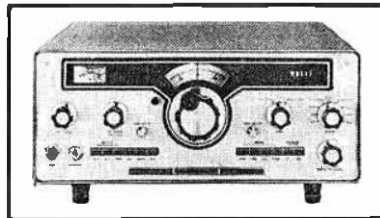
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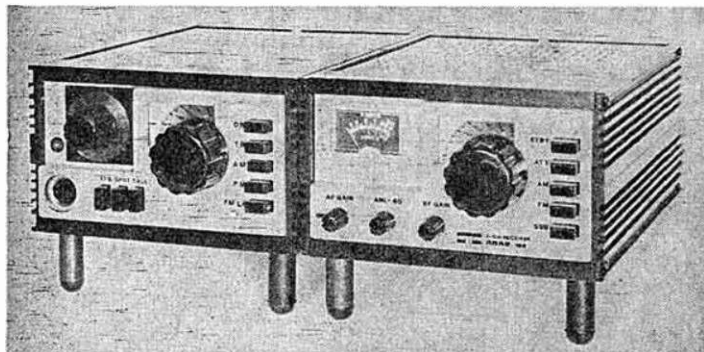
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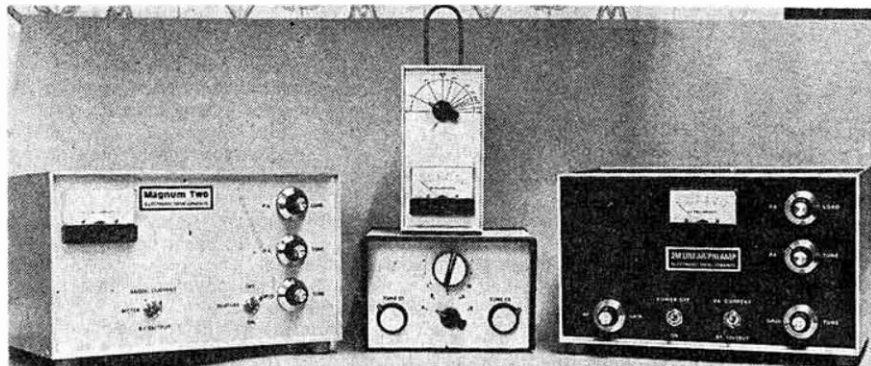
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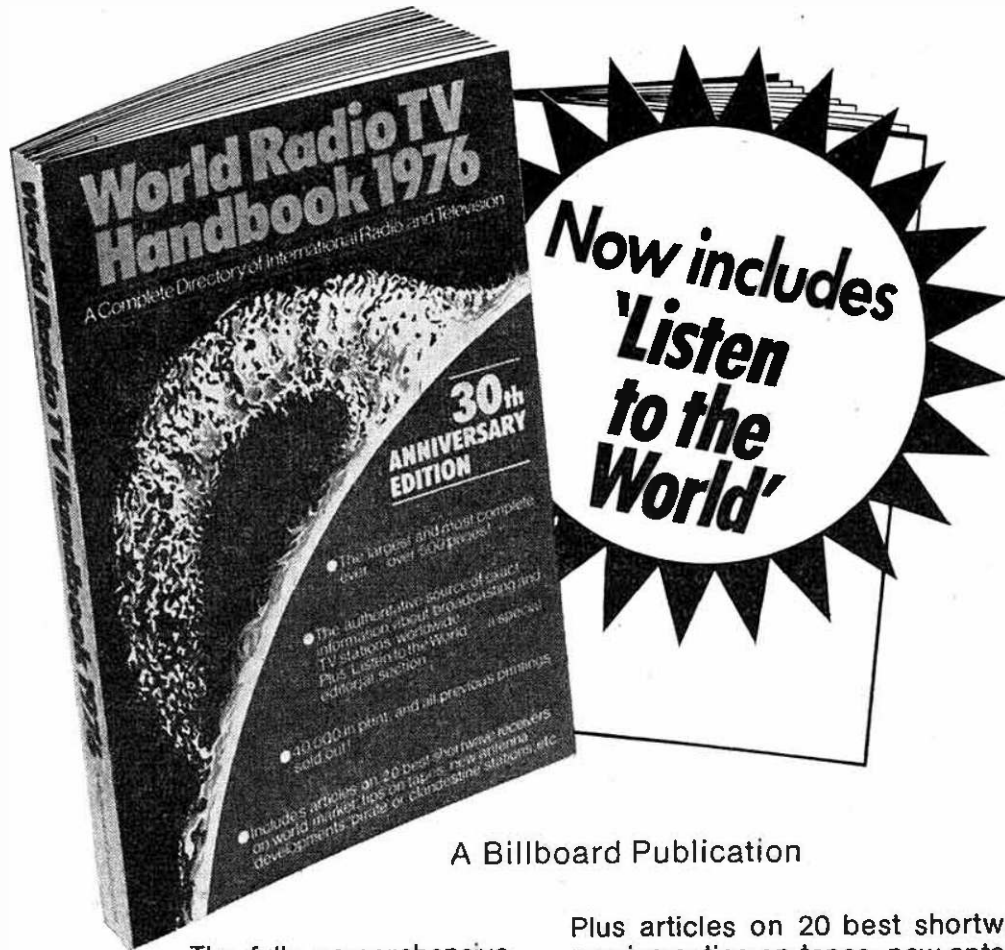
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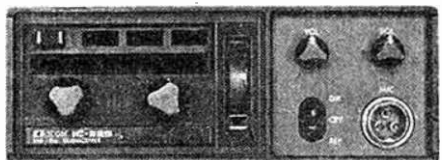
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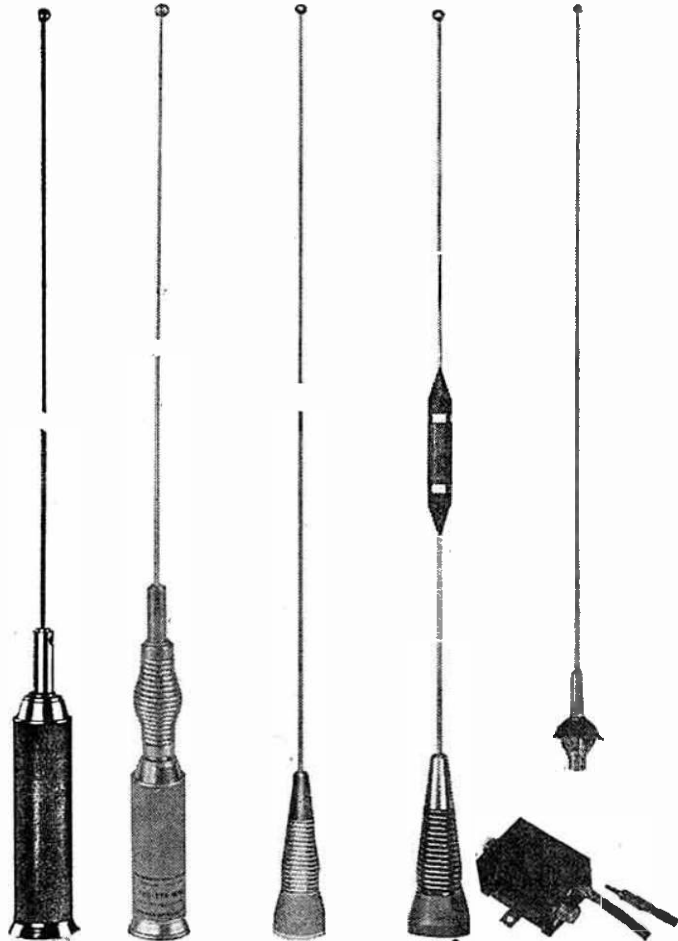
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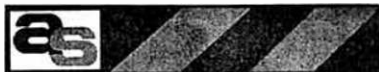
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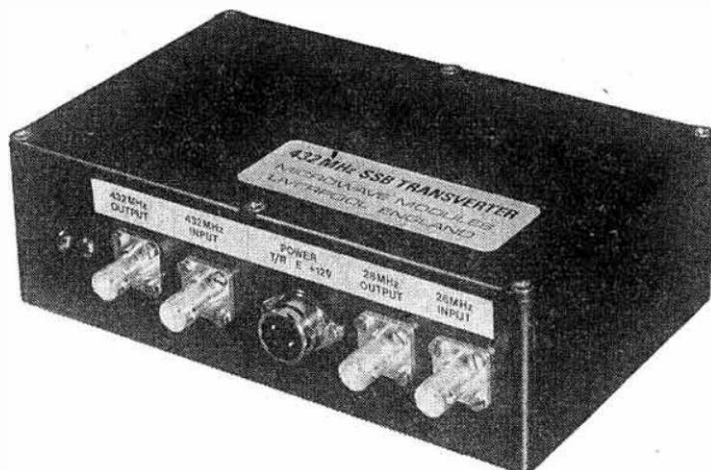
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SPECIFICATION

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Current consumption
Power output
Drive requirements at 28MHz
Level of spurious output
Receive converter gain
Receive converter noise figure
Power socket
RF input/output sockets
Size
Weight

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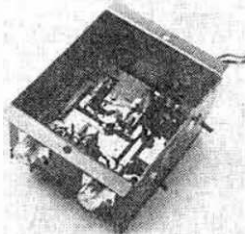
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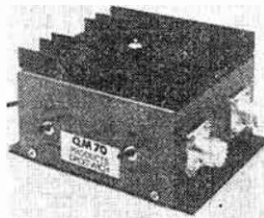
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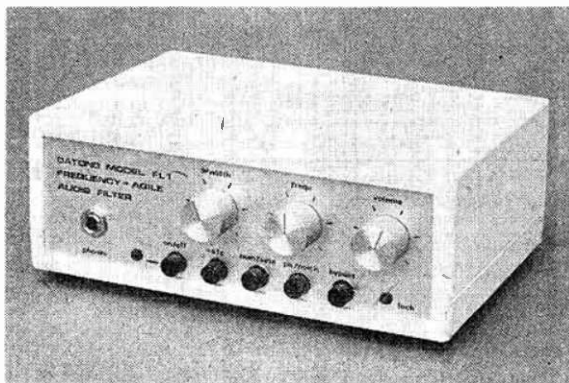
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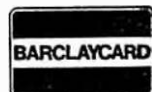
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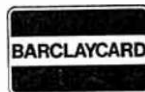
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N-Type Skts. (4 hole chassis mounting, 50ohms, Small coil lead type) 50p each.

Greenpar (GE30015) Chassis Lead Terminations (These are the units which bolt on to the chassis, the lead is secured by screw cap, and the inner of the coil passes through the chassis), 30p each, 4 for £1.00.

PL259 Plugs (PTFE) Brand new, packed with reducers, 65p each or 5 for £3.00.

SO239 Sockets (PTFE) Brand new, (8 hole fixing type) 50p each or 5 for £2.25.

25-way ISEP Plugs and Sockets 40p set (1 plug + 1 skt) Plugs and sockets sold separately at 25p each.

Andrews 44AN Free Skite (N-type) for FH4/50B or FH4/50L cable £1.00 each.

Bulgin Round Free Skite, 3 pin, for mains input on test equipment, etc. 25p each.

SO239 Back to Back Sockets £1.25 each.

BNC Insulated Sockets (single hole type) 65p each.

Bulgin Flat 2 pin Flex Connectors. Non-reversible. 40p each.

TRANSISTORS

QC200 Transistors, 6 for 50p.

PNP Audio Type TO6 Transistors, 12 for 25p.

BYX1 Transistors, 4 for 60p.

BYX 38/300 Stud Rectifiers, 300V at 2.5A, 4 for 60p.

BCY7Z Transistors, 4 for 50p.

BSX20, 3 for 50p. (VHF osc/mlt.)

BC108 (metal can) 4 for 50p.

PBC 108 (plastic BC 108) 5 for 50p.

BF152 (UHF amp/mixer) 3 for 50p.

BA121 Varicap Diodes, 4 for 50p.

ALL BELOW—ADD 8% VAT

Miniature 50ohm coax, high quality, PTFE insulation and blue PTFE cover, solid silver plated inner, and silver plated braid, approx 3mm. overall diameter. (ideal for unit wiring of RF stages up to 23cms, etc.) 4 metres for 50p.

SPERRY 7-SEGMENT P.G.D. DISPLAYS, digit height 0.3in red, with decimal points, 150V to 200V (nominal 180V) operation. These are high-volt industrial type, and therefore brighter than normal displays. All brand new. AT THE BARGAIN PRICE OF 50p PER DIGIT. TYPE 332 (two digits in one mount) £1.00 each. TYPE 333 (three digits in one mount) £1.50 (Sorry no single digit available.)

MOBILE CONVERTERS, 24V DC, input 13.8V at approx. 3.4A DC output, fully stabilised, £3.50 each.

PKts. of 2BA NUTS (The self-locking ones with the nylon insert) 100 for 50p.

Coils on 1/2" dia. 1 1/2" long paroxin formers, 5 for 20p.

Valveholders, mixed bag of 10 for 50p.

Springs, 1" long x 1/4" dia. per pack, 25p.

LF chokes on 1/2" x 2" core, 5 for 20p.

2-6pF, 10mm circular ceramic trimmers (for VHF/UHF work), 3 pin mounting, 5 for 50p.

TO3 transistor Insulator sets, 10 for 50p.

PC Board Withdrawal Handles, mixed coils 3 for 50p.

Solder, 20SWG, 60/40 alloy, approx. 6yds 25p.

Multifid Tubular Ceramic Trimmers, 1-18p1, 6 for 50p.

ICs, some coded, 14DIL type, untested, mixed, 20 for 25p.

1 1/2" Polythene chassis mounting fuseholders, 6 for 30p.

LES Lamps, 24V 1-2W, 10p for 40p.

Multiturn Pots, 10 turn, 1/2" spindle (ex-equip) following values available, 2kohm, 5kohm, 40kohm. £1.00 each.

Lead suppressors (10kohm) for mobile plug loads, 4 for 50p.

ALL BELOW—ADD 25% VAT

TV plugs (metal type) 5 for 50p.

TV sockets (metal type) 4 for 50p.

TV line connectors (back-to-back skt) 4 for 50p.

3 pin DIN plugs, 4 for 50p.

Din 3 pin Line Sockets, 15p each.

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Din Sockets 5 pin, 270 deg, 4 for 50p.

Din Speaker Skts, 2 pin, 4 for 30p.

I.F. Cane 1/2in square, suitable for rewind, 6 for 30p.

Miniature earphones with min. Jack plug, 2 for 60p.

1 Meg. 1in pots, 1/2" plastic spindle, 2 for 50p.

50kohm 1in pots, 1/2" plastic spindle, 40p each.

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TWIN IF CANS, approx 1" x 1/2" x 1" high, around 3-5 to 5MHz, 2 separate transformers in one can, internally screened, 5 for 50p.

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DuBilier Electrolytics, 60µF, 450V, 2 for 50p.

DuBilier Electrolytics, 100µF, 275V, 2 for 50p.

Plessey Electrolytics, 470µF, 63V, 3 for 50p.

TCC Electrolytics, 1000µF, 30V, 3 for 60p.

Plessey Electrolytics, 1000µF, 180V, 40p each, (3 for £1.00).

DuBilier Electrolytics, 5000mfd at 35V, 50p each.

DuBilier Electrolytics, 5000µF, 60p each.

DuBilier Electrolytics, 8000mfd at 70V, 65p each.

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NIXIE TUBES similar to Mullard ZM1080, side viewing with wire ends character height 1/2" only amber ones left. Brand new 60p each, 10 for £4.50, 25 for £10.00, 100 for £26.00.

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MULLARD semi-airspaced 1.4-5-5p1, 2-10p1, 2-22p1 all 8p each.

CERAMIC 10mm dia. x 6mm high. VHF/UHF type 2-5p1, 3-10p1, 4-20p1, and 10-40p1, all 6p each.

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NKT233D, NKT214, NKT212, 2G339, BC172, BC172A, all 18p each.

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BA220

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