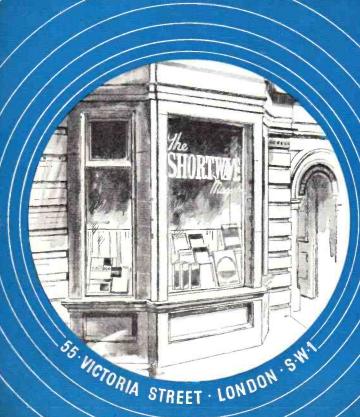


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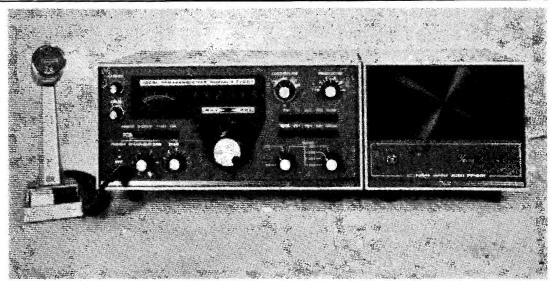


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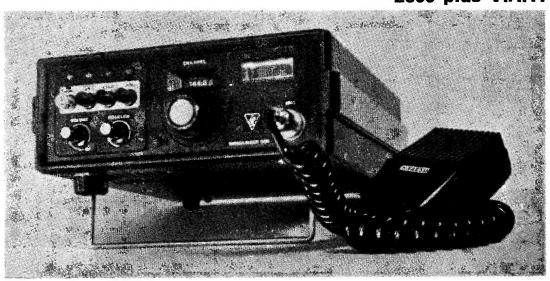


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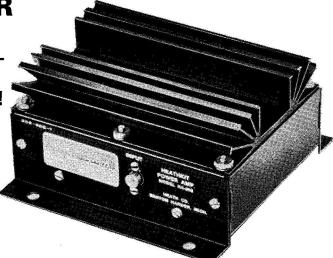
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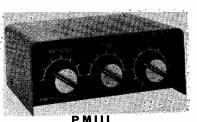
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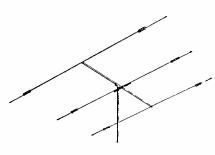
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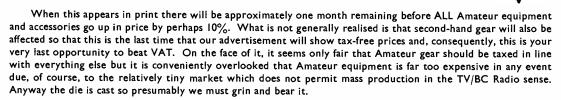
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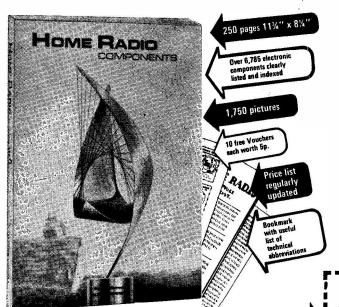
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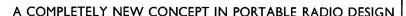
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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Walkie-Talkie Warning: We are informed by the Ministry that the imported Zodiac walkie-talkies—now being extensively advertised—would not be licensed for use by a private individual and that they would require modification (as to frequency) to make them suitable for operation in our 10-metre band by a licensed amateur. We understand that the advertisers concerned have been notified of this ruling by MinPosTel.

UHF Hazard: Several readers have queried our comment in the January issue Editorial regarding the regulations for the new centimetre-band at 24,000 MHz. The dangers are very real. The health hazard due to UHF radiation by direct exposure depends upon its intensity, *i.e.* power used and proximity, and can vary from mild skin irritation to blindness or severe damage to internal organs. It is a well-known hazard against which the proper precautions must be taken—hence the Ministry's ruling.

RAIBC Membership: The latest listings, dated December '72, show that the Radio Amateur Invalid & Bedfast Club now has a total of 421 members, of whom 165 are licensed amateurs and 256 are SWL's. They fall into various categories: Blind (76 Tx and 75 SWL); Permanent Invalid (84 Tx and 172 SWL) and others incapacitated in various ways, 14. This large family is in the devoted care of Frances Woolley, G3LWY, and her husband John Woolley, G3ESR. The object of their exercise is not so much charity (though a good deal of that is necessarily involved) but therapy, in the sense of helping members to enjoy Amateur Radio and thereby have a

positive interest in life—which is so very important for the blind or incapacitated.

VAT Exemption: The fees charged to candidates for the R.A.E. and Post Office Morse Test are exempt from VAT—so says a letter from the Radio Regulatory Division of the Ministry. We are glad to hear it!

Index: Each copy of this issue should contain, as a free loose supplement, the Index to the Volume just concluded. We now embark on Vol. XXXI—it cannot be said that we don't keep at it!

Photographs: In a twelvemonth we are offered a great many pictures "for possible publication"—the pity of it is that they are about 50% unusable, either because the quality is too poor to justify the expense of making a block, the subject is badly posed, the accompanying notes are insufficient, or instead of black-and-white prints of about postcard size, we are sent negatives clipped from narrow film strip, involving additional processing (very seldom justified). We pay for all photographs we use —and we need a good many for each issue. But there is no use offering prints that are not clear and sharp—or. in the case of groups and Club pictures, with half the company having their backs to the camera, or with one large bald head in the foreground-or the back of the print covered with a smeary ball-point pen scribble (all the notes should be on a separate sheet, with no ambiguity in the way callsigns are written). Pictures worth using must be of reasonable quality with (in the case of groups) faces turned towards the camera and correctly identified by callsign.

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COMMUNICATION and DX NEWS

E. P. Essery, G3KFE

 $T^{
m HIS}$ is perhaps as good a time as any to suggest that some of the local nets being taken on Two could well be transferred to Ten-a lovely band for ground-wave workingwhere simple aerials such as dipoles in the loft will suffice for both local natters and the odd DX contact on those occasions when the band does blossom out-and, you know, even at sunspot minima, Ten is likely to attract all the usual VHF-type forms of anomalous propagation, which give cover of much of Europe and N-S DX. Ten is not often as dead as many people suppose, but rather suffers from lack of real activity. What about coming on and giving a shout of CQ, at least once a week, day or evening, on around, say, 28.3 MHz, and just seeing what the result turns out to be-let us know what you work for the May piece, to give time for a bit of exploration.

G3NOF (Yeovil) reports little on the band, and when it was open, an S9 signal was liable to disappear as suddenly as though the aerial had fallen down. Mornings provided the odd African, if anything, and occasionally in the afternoon would creep in a weak-and-watery W—the only SSB contact was with RA6JAZ.

All is not lost, though, says G3USF (Keele), although even he is prepared to admit conditions are markedly poorer than they were, say, a year ago. G3USF heard the 3B8MS beacon, now on its permanent frequency of 28190 kHz almost every day, but the lifts have been both relatively brief and geographically limited—which is not to say they weren't useful to someone lying in wait. The usefulness of these lifts can be gauged from a list comprising (SSB) A2CEW, CR4BS, CR6AG, CR7AF, VR7CZ, CX1BB, CX6AM, ET3FF, ET3USE, SV1BV, ZC4DS, ZC4TE, ZE1AS, ZE1AV, TJ1JJ, TU2DD, ZD9BM, ZS6AD, ZS6CJ, 4Z4ME, 3B8DG, 3B8CV, 7Q7RF, the perennial 9J2DT, plus occasional W's and Russians. Beaconry is, of course, the way to assess conditions on this band, and apart from 3B8MS, there are VE3TEN, Ottawa, on 28175 kHz since January 2, and the ZC4CY beacon which should be operational in the very near future.

GW4BLE (Monmouth) has had the long-awaited visit from the Post Office-results, one hi-fi equipment back to the retailer for modification, one TV set back to the shop, four TV set owners given a month to correct faults in the sets themselves (and/or the TV aerials) until the completion of which by the TV viewers the GPO won't take any further action. GW4BLE has been given the go-ahead to operate after the month is up, regardless of whether the viewers have cleared their own This shows the very problems. fair and impartial attitude now being taken by the Radio Interference Dept.

On Ten, most days have seen the morning openings, East-West, plus the odd African at low strength. The first day of the ARRL DX Test produced W4's around tea-time, and a momentary appearance of VO1CU who was at a meter-S7 and then just dropped out in a few minutes.

G3VLX (Chislehurst) had a little dabble, which yielded CR7IZ, 9J2AY, ST2SA, 4W1BC and VP2LI, all on SSB.

The numbers of that group we described a couple of issues back as the "pirates of Penzance" seem to increase each month! Junior op.—sorry, Paul!—G4BKI reports only locals worked on Ten. But, on turning over the page we find another member of the group, this time Dad, G3DLH, on behalf of G4AMJ who had been despatched to school. Three of them in one household—it must be bedlam when they are all on Ten together!

Now Fifteen

G3FYR (Petts Wood) writes in another connection, and remarks that he has gone "with-it and really modern!" There is an FT-101, feeding through an E-Zee Match, K.W. Power Meter and SWR indicator, to an 8KW trap dipole. This has duplicated guy-lines, one kept slack, so that should a guy break, the reserve can immediately be tensioned up to take the strain a good idea. During the November openings, a VK in Melbourne was working lots of U.K. stations on SSB with just a five-foot whipa pity he chose to do so before G3FYR had mastered the art of driving his new machinery. However, such a gotaway is wonderfully encouraging, and contacts have since been made on Fifteen with W6MSM, W6QC and W6SO to prove it all works OK.

How nice to hear again from G3VLX (Chislehurst), writing in the main about an SWL of our mutual acquaintance. Deryck still has the FL-200B/FR-100B combination, now backed up by a TA-33Jr. on a tower at 40ft., heaved up by volunteer muscle-power. We imagine the volunteers were "amused" when, having got it all up, it was found that someone had connected the However, the balun incorrectly! average report has gone up a little, as given in QSO's on SSB with 9H3WPD, EL9C, VP2LI, VK6HE and A4FD.

Fifteen for G3ZPF (Dudley) meant quite a few contacts, among them VK3LM, OX3SL (who has now got SS/TV gear going), 9Y4EH, YV3BJ VP2VAM, VP1BH, 9J2HE, 9J2AY and, for a change from SSB, KP4USN on CW.

By the time G3NOF is ready to go to work at 0830, Fifteen has usually not shown signs of opening, but it is known that the JA/VK/ZL path has been giving around 0900, albeit signals have not been strong. A few short-path stations from S.E. Asia were heard around 1100, but little in the way of Africans appeared. QSO's were registered with VU2GJ, VU2TVA and some W's.

At this point G3RFG comes in with his usual long list; Stan has an even longer one on Fifteen because

this month he seems to have given Ten a miss. We notice CW contacts with HK2DP, K2QIL, K3USC, VE3AKW, VE3CTE, WNIQPC, W2WQ, WB2OZW, W3GFB, W3NBY, WA3PXA, WA3CSR, W4KN, WB5BLF, W6UA, W8JKM, W9BR, WB9IJL and ZF1SE.

Quite a shoal of stations fell into the clutches of G4BKI; CW accounted for Stateside stuff and 9L1MF, while the SSB attended to YN1URI, ZE8ZW, 9K2BQ, SV1FT, 5N2ABG, VU25MX, VQ9HCS, ZD8TS. HR3AC, EL7C, A4FD, SVØWU, VP2DH, EA8FH, VQ9R and ZD3D.

For G3VLX came this last-minute burst of activity: Fifteen gave CI1ADV on Prince Edward Is. and YV3VU, who was using two kilowatts to get his S9 report!

For GW4BLE we see SSB contacts all the way, with EL8G, FY7AE, EL9C, WB2JGD/KP4, 9G1FF, 5H3MT, LU7AJF, PZ1DR, ZB2CO, SV1GP, LU1DAB and 9J2DT.

Twenty

Has its moments. One of the nicest was when your conductor chipped into the Commonwealth Net—there was a UK2 who thought he was part of the British Commonwealth, and before that one was sorted out VK2AJH/P/VP9 popped up, which confused the issue still further.

The short spell G3FYR had on 20m. up to the time of his letter showed him working SSB with VK7CH, ZL3JC and JH6ALF on the trap aerial.

G3ZPF reckoned conditions were none too great, but he perservered, and came out of the fray with VP9GO, VQ9DC, CN8CE, VK6MK, VQ9HCS, JY9VO, YVØAA, VQ9MI, EP2DO, ET3USC, OD5GU, OD5FM and W1-2-3-9.

G3UZ (Goring, Sussex) does not believe in early rising nor yet in staying up late, so returned to his old love, CW with a Swan 350 at 150 watts to a dipole; George finds the callsigns came back better on the key-don't we all! He shows CW log entries against FM7WG, EA8IQ JY1FOC UA9AAC. UA9APP, UA9CMB, UA9HAD, UJ8AR, UL7GAA, UKØAAC, UK7JAA, VK2CX, VK3VC, VE2BAG, VE3UE, VU2IN. ZM2AJ, PY7VOU, VO1EV, plus numerous



DJ6NI is Gunter von der Ley, D-4320, Hattingen-Ruhr, Raabestrasse 42A, West Germany. His line of gear is Trio TX-599, FL-2500 and JR-599, into a two-element Quad for 20 metres. And he has a Morse key as well as the microphone.

W's and, of course, tons of Europeans. On a different point, George rubs home the necessity for correct addressing, when he mentions that a letter accidentally addressed to "Short Wave Magazine, Bucking-hamshire" came back "not known." Yes, it's a big shire! (The Post Office do usually find us but this would be a bit much for a main London sorting office!)

Apart from spending three mornings working traffic after the Managua 'quake, W6AM (Long Beach) seems to have given Twenty SSB a good old pasting, with VQ9R, 9K2AU, W6GLC (who had 7Z3AB in the shack), ST2SA, 4W1BC, A4FD, OD5TM and OD5HE, 9N1MM, YVØAA (worked from Aves Is. on 7-14-21-28 CW and SSB), ET3USA, EP2FB, and A2CCU.

For G3RFG, CW yielded pleasurable contacts with CT2BO, JA8ARA, JH1GRC, K2MH, LU9FAN, UA9LAC, VE3JE, VK3AWP,, W2WY, WA2BEB, W7ULC, W8GE, W8PBO, WB8AUH, W9BR and ZL2ASJ.

Around 0800-0830 has been "opening time" on Twenty, says G3NOF, starting with JA's followed quickly by VK and ZL's over the long path, although again signals have not been very strong; in the evenings, conditions to West Coast W and VE have not been much good, and the Africans too have been patchy.

Normally, by 1900 things have closed although there was the odd evening when the band stayed open till midnight, either to the States or just to Europe. G3NOF on SSB was heard by EA6BG, HK3CMH, HK3CUT, HR3AC, JA4ATU, K7RSC, KC4UST (McMurdo Bay), M1C, PZ2AB, VE7AAD, VP2KH, VK's, ZD3M, ZD7SD, ZS's, 5T5CI, 5U7AZ, 6W8AL, 8R1UGF, 9H4K, 9H5D, 9J2TC, 9L1VW and 9Y4PH.

G2HKU (Sheppey) has continued his regular morning sessions with ZL1FB, ZL1VN, ZL3RS and ZL3SE.

Twenty for G4BKI was not a great attraction, Paul obviously having a preference for Fifteen; but he did tangle with CT3AS, ZL4FR, 9Y4BH and CR7IZ, all SSR.

Piracy

One thought there were limits to everything, even the activities of pirates—but here we have a case of a pirate who will not be satisfied even with using a phoney call, but has to purloin a YL's — G3ZZZ (Hassocks) is the sufferer; José says she is being pirated on Top Band CW, for which she has no facilities. As a result, she is being snowed under with QSL requests. Any "G3ZZZ" appearing on Top Band is quite definitely a phoney—so tell him just what you think!

Another sufferer is G3EPU

(Wimbledon) who has not been on for a couple of years now; and when he was, it was mainly 160m. or 2m. phone. Ken is getting QSL's from all over the place, CW, AM and SSB, all bands, for contacts going back as far as 1966!

Here and There

Referring back to our note about HV3SJ last month, your conductor has since had a telephone chat with G3WET, just come back from Rome, where he spoke to Brother Ed. It in fact now appears that there is no intention to put HV3SJ off the air; all that has happened is that no more funds will be forthcoming for maintenance of the rig. Under the cir-

BRIEF DX DATA

Call Details VR1AA Dan is on Twenty SSB, can QSY to 7084 kHz at 0600, and to 3785-3800 at 0630 before QRT 0700z. XF4 Revilla Gigedo Is. Mar. 15-21, XEIIIK and others hope to be operational from Benito Juarez Island, and to have a special prefix for the ARRL DX Contest—6F, 6G, or 6J. XU1AA Tony has now completed the QSL chore, and the last few cards are being despatched. Anyone still short, write with details to Tony Kathro, 10 Erw Wen, Rhiwbina, Cardiff. Glam., South Wales. Ogasawara Is. Try 14170 JD1ACF kHz SSB around 0900. QSL via JA1AOF. IS1A Spratly. The operation has been postponed due to recent political events affecting the operator availability. It may have been operational, nevertheless, by the time this is in print. KA1CQ Iwo-Jima, Mar. with emphasis on 40-80-160m., and will be on all bands in the Contest. Look around frequencies 1900, 3537, 7080-7090, 14220, 21270 and 28520 kHz. This prefix is being used 4K1

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Reporting the HF Bands

cumstances, if anyone who has had QSO's with this friendly character (and hence worked a new country in the process) would like to offer a donation, large or small, towards the repairs required in the station, they should send their offering to G3WET, QTHR, who will do the necessary. It is, we understand, the case that U.S. amateurs will be doing something similar to the same end. (It could end up that the Vatican has more money for HV3SJ than it knows what to do with! These situations always work in extremes!)

WB2OZW (New Jersey) has a long and thoughtful letter on the subject of the relative signal strengths in the CW and SSB ends of the bands. Paul finds the general run of CW signals levels much lower, and when a Sidebander does turn to CW he stands out head-and-shoulders above the others. As Paul says, the name of the game is "Communication" and there is much scope for the chaps with QRP and "catch as catch can" aerials to improve their signal at the distant end, without compromising any principles dearly held. Reading between the lines, WB2OZW likes to ragchew, on CW or SSB, but many times finds it all but impossible to complete a QSO with the weaker U.K. stations because of the heavy local band occupancy over there—we tend to forget in our delight at putting 10 watts into the U.S. that the poor chap at the other end has to copy through QRM that can be stronger even than the Red Army Choir-the least we can do with our QRP is to radiate it efficiently.

G4ABS (Westgate-on-Sea) may have a new callsign, but he has been an SWL for 22 years and so knows the form pretty well. His particular moan is the state of the band on Eighty—not the DX Net question again, but the general phone section. He puts out a CQ, and when he goes over, this is what he hears: A German or two, possibly a Frenchman, a PA, maybe a Norwegian, all calling each other, a lonely cow (Aaaaah!) a blackbird and a canary,

a 'printer, a bit of chirpy CW, and finally under it all, a little weak signal calling him—which he cannot possibly copy through the noise! No doubt about it, Eighty has got much worse of late years. Maybe kindly MinPosTel would listen a bit more and give a few of them the chop, which would improve things no end. There is plenty of justification for drastic action, when one listens to much of what goes onbad language, blasphemy generally appalling behaviour in the operating sense outside the terms of the licence.

Forty Metres

This seems to be the band on which slow-scan television (SS/TV) goes on. Our earlier assumption (because of misleading information) that the Ministry automatically allows SS/TV transmission was wrong-the licence does not permit slow-scan television transmission on any amateur band without prior permission. operating conditions (which are complicated) will then be laid down by MinPosTel. There will be no difficulty about this provided prior application is made and, for U.K. stations wishing to transmit SS/TV, technical requirements are accepted and can be met.

SS/TV is at the present time such an esoteric exercise that we would doubt that more than a very few U.K. amateurs are interested in SS/TV transmission—the expense, the bother and all you get is a smudgy face or a blurred callsign, sideways on a mottled screen.

The theme of SS/TV has been plugged for at least the last ten years—the keen and capable types have produced remarkable results in the DX sense, but still no more than blurred callsigns on a smudgy screen. (Editor).

G3RFG paddles his key on all the bands which he reckons to be usable, and this month found Forty to give K2UZO, K3RDF, K4VE, PY7AWE, VK3MR, VEIBX and 8P6BU. On an entirely different tack, Stan worked W7WN, aged

67; W2WY, aged 77; and W5BSR who is 83—so who is the *oldest* active amateur in the world? It could, one thinks, possibly be a prize for the Russians, where there is one part of that vast country which seems to bestow enormous longevity on its inhabitants. However, any offers for the oldest active amateur?

Only one 7 MHz contact as such appears in the W6AM list, on CW with PZ1AH, although we do know he worked the Aves Is. expedition on both Phone and CW.

Old Timer G5ZN has retired to Withernsea, Yorkshire, where he looks out on to the sea and the winds; and where he can once again take up his favourite activity of bashing the key on Forty—old pals please to keep an ear open for Philip.

G2HKU has some very rude things to say about the BC stations intruding into Forty—we agree!—but still takes the odd little peek at things, and came away with CW bookings to PY7CD and PY7BJM, plus SSB to PZ1CU. Ted reckons things were much more fun when he was on DC mains, and there was no such things as beams for Top Band, Eighty, or Forty; nowadays, he reckons, the cheque-book is the dictator for DX success. Well, Yes and No.

Eighty

More reports on this band, for a change! G3RFG (Henlow) used CW as usual, and made it across to K3NPV, W1TM, WB2BGK, W3VA, WA3JYB, W5MCO, W8UM, WB8IJW and W9AC.

G4BKI gave the band a goingover, and emerged with SSB contacts with M1I, EA6BG, ST2SA, OHØMA, CT2BG and 7X2MD considered as worth a mention.

At GW4BLE, the contacts on Eighty included CI1UA (VE1UA with a special call), CT2BG, OHØMA, KV4AM, YV6AMW, VO2GD. ZB2CO. ZB2CF. ZL3KK/C (Chatham Is.), ZL4HJ, ZL4KF, PY4BTK, W1, W2, W3, W4, VE1, VE2 and VE3, despite restriction of operating to mornings before work on Eighty and weekends on the other bands. Nonetheless, GW4BLE is now up to 155 countries accounted for since he got his ticket, with the cards coming



For the Cornish Amateur Radio Club activity on the occasion of the Marconi 70th anniversary, Cape Cod-Poldhu, at the Cornwall end they ran Heathkit HW-100 and Yaesu FT-200, the operators shown here being G3UCQ, G3XFL and G2DUP.

in nicely, more than 50 of the total countries now being confirmed.

The next list set your poor old conductor's head buzzing! G3ZPW (Wombourne) runs a TS-510 into a linear amplifier at 350 watts, fed to a ZL Special at 47 feet, which went into operation on January 6, after trials with phased verticals, delta loops, two-element Yagis and so on. The list covers the 24 days after putting up this aerial, and runs to a total of fifteen pages of standard log sheets! One notes operating hours of, roughly, 2130, through midnight to 0230-0300, with the DX seeming to improve as the night wears on. Europeans are here aplenty, plus most of America, lots of Caribbeans, VP2, 6Y5, 8P6, KV4, KP4, and so on repeating time and time again, PJ2, YV's, ZB2's, ZL's, VP7, XE, EP2TW, ZF, an "MP4BFR" on whom some doubt is cast in the log, PZ, HKØ, TI2, KZ5, and HP1JS. Looking at these pages of the log, one notes for much of the time the G3ZPW inputs at the 120, 150 or 180 watt level, and still getting S9 reports, the linear being put on only when the going seemed tough. The aerial main beam direction shown in the

drawings is as near as makes no odds due West. It just goes to show what the DX exponents of Eighty can do, if they have the facilities to put up a decent aerial. Much of this stuff would have been workable on a properly arranged vertical, by someone who had the inclination to sit up late. One hopes G3ZPW will give us some more insight into the DX on 3.5 MHz, he having the courage to brave the QRM.

By way of VK6HD and GW3YGH, we get it that VK6CT is on most evenings, between 2100 and 2200z, around 3512 kHz, looking especially for GW, GC, GD, on CW.

Just a Footnote: We do not want to see voluminous photostated log entries, from which we are expected to extract the plums. The contacts that matter to us for mention in this piece are those that the correspondent himself feels to be most interesting. (Editor).

Now Top Band

Last month, at the time when he should have been posting his report, GM3YOR (Kirkcaldy) was in the midst of a Mountain Leadership course in the Cairngorms. However,

Drew did write, even though he missed the deadline, to add his final scores, and to mention his contacts with DL8PC, DK2QL, G3PKS, GM3BNX in Berwick, GW4BIF in Merioneth, shoals of OK/OL, and PAØRCH.

G3YMH (Staines) comes in from Cambridge University, with various matters of controversy. On the question from G2HKU about aerials, Ron has a 45ft. vertical, with a loading wire at the top running horizontally for 105 feet, to put the current antinode about 15ft. up the vertical section. For the earth side, there are copper stakes driven into the garden at 4ft. intervals, with a piece of 15 amp, copper wire brazed to the top of each one, right down to the end of the garden; all electrical joints are coated with grease and bound with tape to avoid corrosion and consequent noise. More radials are not found to be worth-while, as the site is on waterlogged soil near the Thames, and by the side of an artificial lake. G3YMH has found that there are two marked peaks across the Atalntic, one corresponding to dusk in the States and the other to dawn over here-for which the first opening needs a vertical for low-angle radiation, through at dawn here a higher angle of radiation does better. G3YMH goes on to mention his VK skeds, with VK3CZ; both sides have heard the other, but no complete QSO has yet resulted—all hearings corresponded to plus or minus 15 minutes of dawn in VK. VK3CZ also has heard G3TR, G3LIQ, G3IGW, G3YUV and has worked G3SZA and 4W1AE.

G3XAP (Stowmarket) is another one on the VK trail. Phil finds that while DX can be heard on a horizontal aerial, the stuff only started to be worked when he put up his vertical-60ft. high with sixty radials. Phil has had a "near miss' -he got reports both ways from a VK6 but just couldn't copy the chap's complete call. Phil emphasises his nine watts input-20 mA at 450 volts, and he has a SWL report from VK6, at least to convince him his signal was getting into VK6 receivers solidly enough.

G2HKU worked his CW with DL3MO, DLØRZ, OE5KE, and his SSB, as always, over to PAØPN. Ted is unhappy this month at the

number of stations to be heard operating in the Top Band "DX Window"—and who can blame him?

From Geoff Watts' DX News-Sheet, we notice "Firsts" being knocked up, among them 5Z4KL, who worked JA7AO for one of them, and listens on Thursday evenings, 2030-2130 on 1802 kHz for EU and JA stations, reserving the weekends for the Americans. EP2BQ was another one to knock up a "First," when he did the trick with ZL1BKX.

W1BB missed out on the best weekend of the season so far, and also the Aves Is. expedition, by way of a cruise in the Caribbean for a couple of weeks-nonetheless, Stew has so far worked 37 countries and 122 DX stations, as against 25/86 at the same stage last year. However, there are still problems with the DX-window concept over on their side of the Pond-the same difficulty as we have over here of chaps busting things up because they just don't know the form, and don't want to be told. He reports G3ZEM as having worked K6UA on December 10, the latter using two fulllength verticals! An interesting little snippet is that Paul Godley. who started it all back in 1921 by hearing the first amateur signals from over the Atlantic from his GM site at Ardrossan, is still interested in Top Band, still listens around the bands and can still copy good Morse at 40-45 w.p.m.

Yet another "First" comes up for mentions, this being the first GW/VK QSO on Top Band, done on January 7, by GW3YBH at 2110.

During the *CQ WW 160 Contest*, GW3YGH had aerial troubles, and so his only DX contact was EP2BQ, but he heard YV5CKR, PY1DVG, 5Z4KL, KP4AST and UB5WBN.

Culled from the Clip

The World Peace Day station, 9H3WPD, ran up a total of 1400 or so QSO's, with some 140 countries, using KW-2000B and KW-1000 gear into a switchable groundplane for the HF Bands and an 8KW trap dipole for 40 and 80 metres.

G2FWA has just completed a Heathkit HW-7, and is finding it a lot of fun working QRP CW, after six years during which Edgar succumbed to the lure of SSB. G8DV is another, local to G2FWA, who has built and is enjoying using one of these Heathkits.

G2NJ mentions the various QRP chaps he has worked during the month. There was André, ON4TA, worked eight times, with ON4TA's input on occasion as low as 160 milliwatts. GW5TW ran 3 watts for two contacts, and then dropped it to 800 milliwatts for a three-way QSO involving G2NJ and G2CAS. G3KPT was worked, when the latter



"... Our first eyeball together, I verily believe ..."

There are not many DX operators on the Island Republic of Dominica, in the West Indies—but here is one of them: Luis Caamano, HISLC, P.O. Box 88, Sto. D.60, Dominica. He has a nice range of modern gear.



was running three watts-G3KPT has got over to W1TW on Fifteen with only two watts. Then there was the contact G2NJ-G2FWA. satisfactorily concluded when G2FWA was running two watts, although there was all the rumpus of a major contest going on around them. To cap this one, we hear of GW5TW, with 400 milliwatts, making a successful OSO with ON4TA when the latter was running 160 milliwatts, through all the ORM on Forty.

G3DCS accounts for his absence from these pages of late by explaining that he is having a go at RTTY, for which he has bought all the essentials and now has to make it all work. Enver is not beaten yet—he has persuaded the printer to print "the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog"—but the difficulty is that whenever he settles on some RTTY signal, regardless, this is the message that comes out. Must be a gremlin!

Awards & Contests

The weekend March 24-25 is going to be a busy one for the contest hounds. For a start the CQ WW WPX Contest is on, rules for which are as in past years. Thirty hours of the 48 can be used for operating, the rest of the time being "rest periods." Double QSO points accrue for contacts on 160-80-40 metres and the prefix multiplier only counts once, not once per band.

Make sure your mailing address is one that will still be valid in a year from now, and send your entry to *CQ WPX SSB Contest Committee*, 14 Vanderventer Avenue, Port Washington, L.I., N.Y., 11050, U.S.A., to be postmarked no later than May 1, 1973.

The same weekend sees the BARTG Spring RTTY Contest, for which the exchange is to be time GMT, the QSO number and the RST. You may work 36 out of the 48 hours between 0200 on March 24. and 0200 on the 26th—just two hours later, start and finish, than the CQ affair just mentionedand in this one you can work 36 out of the 48 hours. Contacts within your own country count two, other countries ten points. Multiplier is the sum of countries worked. Logs to be in by May 31, to G8CDW, 89 Linden Gardens, Enfield, EN1-4DX.

March 10-11 is another somewhat busy weekend for the operating enthusiast. There is the YL/OM CW contest, the Israel International Contest, and the HF Phone WAB, all over the same weekend. And of course, March 3-4 is the ARRL DX Phone contest weekend, and March 17-18 is the ARRL CW—a major contest, or more than one, on every weekend of the month.

On a more local level, we have notes of the Grafton Top Band contests for this year. March 24 is the AM leg—March 31 the CW—April 7 the SSB—in each case running from 2130 to 0001z. Logs, postmarked not later than April 20, to B. Bond, G3ZKE, 86 Agar Grove, London, N.W.1 from whom also you can get copies of the rules and log sheets in exchange for an s.a.e.

An interesting award is the one being put out by A.R.I., for working a station in each of the areas where Marconi made his experiments—there are no less than forty of them, and in some cases it is necessary to have the card to specify the location, as G (Flatholm), U.K. (London), UA1 (Leningrad). This one looks like being a tough nut to crack—details from A.R.I., Via Scarlatti, Milano, Italy.

At the time this piece comes to be read, the University College of Wales have GB3UCW on the air to commemorate the College Centenary—the dates are February 26 to March 3. QSL's to: GB3UCW, University College of Wales, Aberystwyth.

Conclusion

There it is again; since all the "hard" news came in at the very last minute, apologies if anyone's pet snippet has had to be excised to get the late stuff into the space allowed. Keep 'em rolling, for a deadline of March 13, addressed "CDXN," SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, BUCKINGHAM.

ADAPTABLE 30-WATT TRANSMITTER

COIL DATA — VFO
COVERAGE — SETTING UP

Part II

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CONCLUDING from p.742, February, suitable coils are suggested here but there is no need that these should be exactly as given.

L1 has to allow coverage of the wanted band, or give this when V2 is doubling. L2 is broadly resonant in the wanted band, with stray circuit capacitances. Coils with adjustable cores, such as those mentioned, are most suitable. L3 can vary somewhat in length, diameter and wire gauge. Where an aerial will not load the PA correctly, a tuner or matching device should be added between Tx and aerial, in the usual way, or the length of a dipole be checked. With an end-fed wire, a tuner is useful to help reduce harmonics.

The Denco coils plug into B9A holders. For L3, two sockets are fitted to a strip of paxolin, and accept

wander plugs which are soldered to the ends of the PA coil winding.

PA grid current is higher when L1 is on the output frequency, than when V2 is doubling. Attempts to use V2 for greater frequency multiplication than 2x result in insufficient grid current.

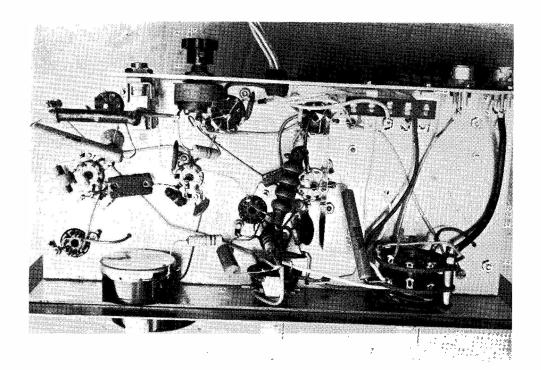
VFO Coverage

Where the full swing of VC1 covers too wide a frequency band, this can be reduced by increasing the value of C1 and reducing the inductance of L1, or by using a smaller value for VC1, or by taking plates off VC1. If wanted, further adjustment here can be provided by having a high-stability 50 $\mu\mu$ F or similar trimmer across VC1.

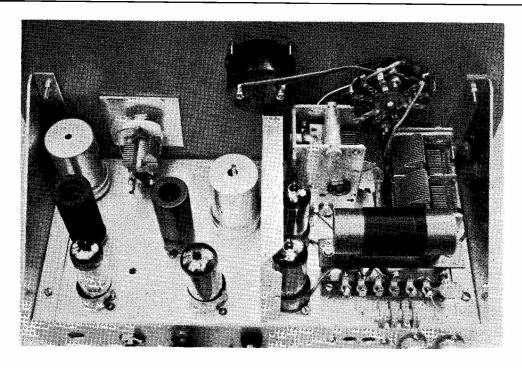
If much change is made from the values given here, note that oscillation may cease completely if the total of VC1 and C1 is too small. Also, should these values be too large, squegging can cause the VFO output to develop numerous frequencies which will be heard each side the wanted frequency. This is easily checked, if needed, with the aid of the receiver, with HT on V1 and V2 only.

VFO Coil

For 160m., or 160m. and 80m. with V2 doubling for the latter band, L1 can be a *Denco* Yellow Range 3 coil, with point 1 to V1 tag 6, 9 to VC1, and 6 to 8



Layout under-chassis of the 30-watt transmitter—reference to the diagrams and the other photographs will help to identify items. The rear potentiometer is VR2, for clamp adjustment on V5. As shown by Fig. 1, p.741 last month, a 4-pole two-way wafer-type switch is needed for the on-off and change-over functions.



This picture should be read with Fig. 2, p.742, February, which will enable items to be identified in the correct positions. The two large cans to the left of the vertical screen are for the VFO and buffer coils.

joined. If VC1 is 75 $\mu\mu$ F and C1 is 150 $\mu\mu$ F 1% or 2% silver-mica, suitable coverage should require nothing more than adjustment to L1 core.

For 80m., L1 can be a Yellow Range 3 coil, with the small winding removed, and also 12 turns taken off the tuned winding. A 50 $\mu\mu$ F capacitor is now actually sufficient for VC1 with C1 alone or C1 and a parallel trimmer, making up a total of about 185 $\mu\mu$ F in addition. The 3·5-3·55 MHz sector of this band doubles to 7-7·1 MHz for 40m. If more bandspread is wanted for 40m. alone, VC1 must be of smaller value, C1 (or the pre-set) being increased to make up. It is not possible to use one inductor or set of capacitor values which will allow full coverage of 3·5-3·8 MHz yet give large bandspread on 40m.

Buffer Coil

For 160m., a *Denco* Blue Range 2 coil is suitable, with the small winding removed. Peak the core for maximum grid current at about 1.9 MHz.

For the 80m. band, a Red Range 2 coil is suitable, with the small winding removed, and also 28 turns taken off the tuned section. For 40m., a White Range 3 coil, without its small winding, can be used.

In case other coils are tried, Blue Range 2 and Yellow Range 2 coils are for aerial and mixer, while Red coils are for 465 kHz IF osc. circuits, and White coils are for receivers with 1.6 MHz IF. Pin connections are thus different, and in order that any buffer coil can be plugged in, wire the holders (or pins) to suit.

PA Coils

A dual-band winding for L3 can be 50 turns of 22g. enam. wire side by side on a 1in. dia. tube. This allows working both 160m. and 80m. if VC2 is 500 $\mu\mu$ F, without too much loss of efficiency. However, it is essential to check that the PA is being correctly tuned to 160m. or 80m. as the case may be, so that the PA is not being used as a doubler. Also, only a narrower band of impedances can be matched.

For 160m. only, 65 to 70 turns of 22g. enam. wire side by side on a 1in. tube will be suitable. For 80m., 35 turns slightly spaced can be used, or 30 turns side by side. For 40m., 18 turns of 20g. wire spaced to occupy $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. on a $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. dia. tube will be suitable.

Other windings, and sundry surplus coils, would no doubt be satisfactory.

Checks

With V1 removed, adjusting the core of L2, or VC2 and VC3/4, should not produce any change in meter readings at all, for either position of the meter switch.

When the transmitter is loaded, and the key is up, there should be *no* RF output and *no* PA grid current. If there is, the PA is probably oscillating by itself, due to stray grid-anode coupling.

A domestic lamp (say 25w.) is suitable for AM tests or tests when the Tx is not keyed, but is unsuitable with keying due to its difference in hot and cold resistance.

If a back is wanted on the case, this should be open wire mesh to allow adequate ventilation.

TWO AERIAL IDEAS

SIMPLE, PRACTICAL AND EFFECTIVE

THE current interest in Oscar VI has focused some attention—but not enough—on suitable receiving antennae for the 29.5 MHz "down", or return, signal. It seems that many people are losing chances by not taking enough care with the 10-metre aspect of the operation.

Herewith a crossed-dipole arrangement of proven worth. The sketch is self-explanatory—except that instead of laying the array out flat, the apex of the two dipoles is pulled (or pushed) up so that the arms make about a 45° angle with one another. This calls for less than 6ft. ground-spread all four ways with the apex at a height of 7ft.+—these factors depending, of course, on how high the apex can be set. Note, however, that great elevation is not really necessary, so long as the ends of the arms are a few feet above "ground" level. An indoor or roof-space assembly would be possible in many cases.

With this arrangement, the feed-point impedance will be relatively low compared with that of a single horizontal dipole, though 50-ohm coax will make an acceptable match; probably it could be lower even than this.

If you are really keen about getting "resonance at the frequency", a little juggling with a GDO would enable the arms to be trimmed, with your particular layout, to produce maximum aerial gain (pick-up) around 29.5 MHz.

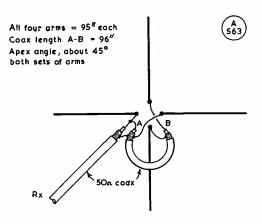
The advantages of this sort of 10-metre array are that it is polarised virtually both ways, horizontal and vertical, and is also omni-directional—that is to say, it is the nearest thing to a satellite-following aerial that does not call for physical manipulation to keep hold of the 29.5 MHz signal.

Whether it is an attempt to improve results, overcome some local difficulty, or just the fascination of trying "a new aerial," there is always something to be said or written or done in connection with that outside circuit on which at least 75 per cent of our reliance must be placed.

A particular problem is the multi-band aerial—something which will do well on several of our frequencies without a lot of matching and stubbing and tuning being necessary. Most of us know the usual methods of getting out on one or two bands, and there is very little difficulty about feeding a dipole on one frequency. But it is quite another matter to evolve a system which radiates reasonably well on frequencies lower than the fundamental, as for instance, 3.5 and 1.8 MHz when less than 100ft. of wire can be put out.

Look at p.27, showing a slight modification of the well-known Collins coupler.

The coil L is linked to the transmitter output tank and tuned with the two condensers C1 and C2, which are earthed at their mid-point, operation being as follows: With the link at the transmitter end disconnected,



Crossed Dipoles for 29MHz

the output stage is tuned to dead resonance in the usual way. With C1 and C2 at minimum capacity, the link is then put on and C1 gradually rotated towards maximum till the plate current begins to rise. As it comes up, C2 is adjusted to keep the circuit in resonance, i.e., minimum obtainable plate mA. Suppose PA plate current at dead resonance is 12 mA. On moving C1 it is pulled up to 35 mA; then by resonating with C2 it can probably be brought back to about 25 mA (on these figures). The process is continued till the normal loading of the PA is obtained, C1 being used to "draw," and C2 to "resonate." The degree of loading is thus controllable within very wide limits, a little preliminary experimental work with the links at transmitter and aerial tuner ends being desirable to ensure that there is enough coupling to allow the tuner to draw fully from the PA tank.

Of course, the usual precautions against overloading must be taken. The amount of draw should not be such as to "kill" the RF in the tank; the setting for highest output is where the RF as indicated by a loop-lamp or neon held near L is at maximum. If this is over the required input, either the links can be backed off or condensers C1 and C2 adjusted for lighter loading. It does not matter which, so long as resonance is maintained.

All the adjustments are made with the aerial on. Disconnecting the aerial after tuning will cause a large change in plate current—whether it is positive or negative depends upon the settings of C1 and C2 in relation to one another and the PA tank, and has no bearing on the operation of the system, since disconnecting the aerial puts the whole circuit out of tune. But the point is that there should be a change of plate current when the aerial is switched out—showing that it is taking load. Also, after having tuned the aerial side, it should be found that the PA tank condenser is still at dead resonance; that is, it ought not to be possible to reduce plate current any further on the tank side.

The theory of this system is simply that the circuit C1-C2-L can be made to match, within reason, any wire to any frequency. Our own tests shown that there is a certain amount of magic in the length of 85ft. Hundred-foot aerials do not take well to the higher

The Matched End-on terminating circuit. C1, C2, should be 500 pF for all-band operation, 1.8 to 28 MHz or 300pF for 3.5 MHz and upwards.

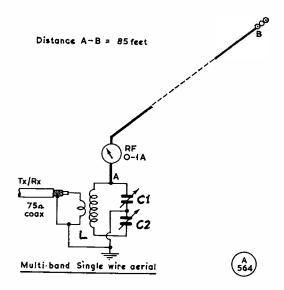
frequencies like 14 and 28 Mc, and 60-70 foot wires are difficult to load up on Top Band.

Values

The fact remains, however, that if one can get up 85 feet of wire and use it with this matching circuit, effective radiation can be obtained on all bands Top to Ten. As to values, if 160 metres is required, C1 and C2 should be 500 $\mu\mu$ F and of a good low-loss design, and the coil L as follows: 1-8 MHz, 24 turns, 4in. diam., link 5 turns; 3-5 MHz, 18 turns, 3in. diam., link 3 turns; 7 MHz 7 turns, 3in. diam., link 2 turns; 14 MHz, 4 turns, 3in. diam., link 2 turns; and 28 MHz, 4 turns, 2in. diam., link 1 turn.

The length of the earth lead affects these values to some extent, so that suitable coils which happen to be available can be used to determine the best ratio for any band by shorting out a section turn by turn and then making L up accordingly.

Since the system works by adding sufficient inductance to the aerial to make it quarter-wave, half-wave, three-half-wave, full-wave or five-half-wave, it follows that the RF ammeter will show different readings from band to band, since its electrical position will alter considerably. That these readings are high,



low or different is no indication whatever of the radiating efficiency of the aerial, and should only be used as a guide when coming back to a particular band setting.

AERIAL CURRENT METER

ADAPTING A STANDARD INSTRUMENT FOR RF

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THE non-availability of low current RF ammeters, the old 250 mA thermocouple type especially (and the sad end of the only one at hand, soon after the arrival of the licence) has led over the past six years to various methods of finding aerial current.

Of all those tried, the two shown here have proved the best. They are both empirical, but easy to build and operate. One uses the now ubiquitous toroidal core, the alternative being a $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch length of $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch diameter ferrite rod. In each case the detector and indicator unit is the same and is dealt with first.

Detector and Indicator Unit

This is shown in Fig. 1 and is straightforward, using a single germanium diode with an RF filter unit. Any length of 'wisted cable can be used between it and the indicator. The unit poses no special problems at all, except to keep the diode in an earthed box to reduce, as much as possible, any harmonic radiation as diodes are good multipliers and can cause TVI.

A 100 μ F electrolytic condenser is wired in parallel with the sensitivity control; this was an afterthought as the sound of the needle banging against the end of the

scale was annoying, SSB being used. The needle now falls rapidly to about one eighth scale and then slows down for the remainder of its traverse.

The meter used is a 19 Set instrument with the internal shunt removed—any meter of 500 micro-amp sensitivity would serve. The meter and sensitivity control can be mounted at the operating position.

Toroidal Transformer Unit

A Mullard FX-1593 toroid is wound with 12 turns of 22g. p.v.c. connecting wire spread evenly over the

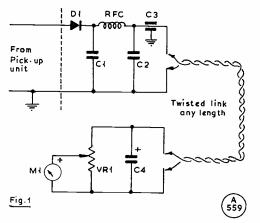


Fig. 1. Circuit of the RF meter, with indication remote from the pick-up point. Values can be: C1, .001 µF; C2, 0.1 µF; C3, .001 µF feed-thru; C4, 100 µF, elect. (see text). VRI, 10K linear; RFC1, 2.5 mH RF choke; D1, OA81 or OA79; M1, 0-500 microamp DC.

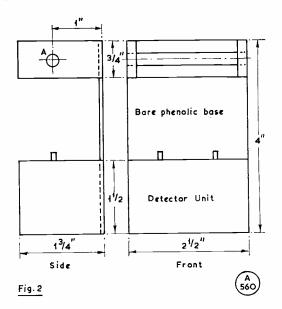


Fig. 2. General construction suggested for the mounting of the Unit—the indicator can be remotely located. Hole A 3-in. diameter.

circumference. This forms the secondary of the transformer, the primary being the aerial wire. This is not a whole turn, the toroid is simply slipped over the aerial lead. Any toroid of good frequency response will do for this purpose.

Ferrite Rod Unit

As toroids are not all that easily obtainable this pickup was tried as an alternative, and is equal to, if not slightly better than the toroidal unit.

A piece of ferrite rod $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches long by $\frac{3}{8}$ inch diameter is wound centrally with 15 turns of 24g. enamelled wire. In this case the primary is half a turn of p.v.c. covered connecting wire near the secondary coil.

Construction

The head unit is built on a piece of printed circuit board $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide by 4 inches long. The bottom $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches are left covered with copper, the rest being etched away except for two areas $\frac{2}{4}$ inch long by $\frac{3}{8}$ inch wide, to which the aerial lead is soldered. A box is constructed from printed circuit board on the copper covered area to hold the detector and RF filter. After completion and checking a top is soldered on to form an RF-tight enclosure.

The toroid is self-supporting and the wires are just soldered to the lead-throughs. The aerial is run through the toroid, soldering it to the patches of copper for support.

Fixing the ferrite rod is a little more difficult but basically the same. Two cheeks of Perspex sheet are cut as shown in Fig. 2, drilled to take the rod and "Araldited" to the base board. The connections are as before.

The unit described is simple to use. Just tune the ATU for maximum keeping the reading on scale by

reducing sensitivity. A deflection can be obtained, on maximum sensitivity, of the carrier leak-through from the Tx with full drive on Top Band.

No trouble has been experienced with TVI in a fringe-area for Ch. 4, though it must be said that most operation takes place on 160 metres.

COAX ADAPTOR FOR PLUG-SOCKET MATCHING

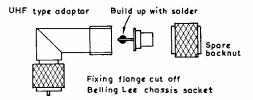
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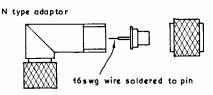
WHILE there is a complete range of inter-series adaptors available for the types UHF, N and BNC coaxial fittings, many amateurs still use Belling-Lee TV connectors. As a great deal of both Japanese and American equipment uses UHF types and some ex-Service units are fitted with N-type sockets it was felt that a simple adaptor to convert to Belling-Lee would be useful.

On the surplus market are available right-angle adaptors for both UHF and N-type connectors. These are the basis of the new adaptor, and should be converted as follows: Trim off the fixing flange from the chassismounting type of Belling-Lee coaxial socket; this will now fit inside a spare back nut of any PL259 or N-type plug.

For the UHF type build up the pin thickness on the BL socket to be a push fit into the socket end of the right-angle adaptor, screw on backnut and the new adaptor is completed. For N-type, solder a short length of 16g. bare wire to the pin of the BL socket; this will then push into the centre pin at the socket end of the N-type right-angle adaptor. Assemble as with UHF type.

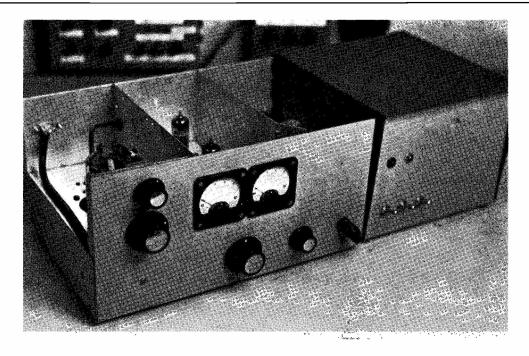
These simple adaptors will enable equipment with different coaxial fittings to be used with existing Belling-Lee type of installations. The adaptors can, of course, be used as they were originally because no alteration has been carried out. (See sketches below).





Expladed view prior to assembly of adaptor





SSB Transverter with PSU - general appearance

SIDEBAND TRANSVERTER FOR TWO METRES

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

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Part I

THE attraction of using a particular mode of operation for communication on two metres revolves around the type of contacts in which the individual operator is interested. If the band is used primarily as a "natter-channel" for local ragchewing then QRP, AM or FM equipment often suffices, but for the operator who wants to work DX, CW or SSB are required to achieve a reasonable degree of success.

Whilst the advantages of using CW for DX working are well known there appear to be comparatively few two-metre operators using this mode. Thus, the use of SSB may include a greater return of DX contacts. This is especially true in the remoter areas of England, Scotland and Wales where often the local terrain is an additional obstacle to be overcome.

The methods of generating SSB on two metres are, alternatively:

- (a) Special purpose single-band filter or phasing generator, or
- (b) The use of an existing HF band trans-

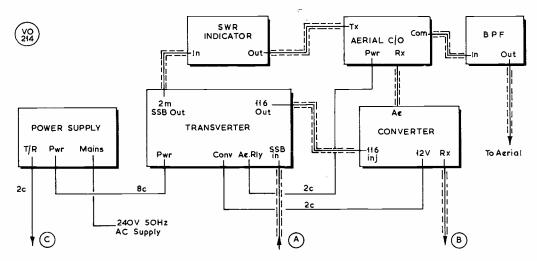
metter/receiver or transceiver and a transverter.

Alternative (a) assumes one has the necessary time and test equipment. While capable of producing excellent results it does imply single-band capability.

Alternative (b) calls for the construction of a relatively simple transverter, which requires only the use of the sort of test equipment found in most VHF stations, i.e., multimeter, absorption wavemeter and if possible a reflectometer or SWR bridge.

This article describes the construction and operation of a two-metre transverter. The basic idea is to take the 10-metre output of an HF transmitter and with suitable mixing and amplification produce a SSB signal on two metres, the "receive" side being similar in that the incoming 144-146 MHz signals are heterodyned down to 10 metres where they are resolved in the normal converter/receiver set up. The choice of an HF band from which to start depends on the equipment available, although it should be noted that as high a frequency as possible should be used so that the difference in mixing and signal frequencies will be great enough to obtain maximum attenuation in the tuned circuits of the transverter.

The choice of 28-30 MHz as the SSB drive frequency was made to allow the facility of having VFO control over the whole of the two-metre band. However, 28-30 MHz is not the best area for minimising spurii and any would-be constructor is advised to choose 21 to 21.5 MHz and thereby reduce any possibility of inband spurii around 145 MHz.



BLOCK SCHEMATIC - INTERCONNECTION DIAGRAM

Block Diagram - interconnection of Units

Xtal Oscillator-Multiplier Chassis

This is a four-valve unit, comprising two voltage stabiliser valves, an xtal oscillator and frequency multiplier

Valves V1 and V2 are series voltage stabilisers and are included to regulate the HT feed to the xtal oscillator valve V3a and the frequency tripler V4. The tripler V4 was fed from this supply because it was felt that any variation in its HT would affect the loading on the xtal oscillator, thus introducing unwanted frequency modulation.

The oscillator V3 is in a conventional Miller circuit and has a typical frequency stability of 20 p.p.m. The xtal oscillator takes a 38·6666 MHz 3rd overtone xtal of the HC-6U variety. The point marked "x" on the diagram could be used to provide IRT/ITT or FM facilities by the inclusion of a varicap diode and suitable circuitry.

The output of the xtal oscillator is capacity coupled to V4, the frequency tripler, its 116 MHz output being inductively coupled to the balanced mixer and 2-metre converter.

Also included on this chassis is the T/R switching relay RL1/2 which is used for breaking the screen grid supply to the balanced mixer, buffer amplifier and PA stage. It could equally well be wired to apply a blocking bias to the PA stage should any unwanted hash due to PA shot noise be detected, also to provide a means of switching the SSB prime mover output from the converter on "receive" to the input network of the transverter on "transmit."

Due to lack of space on the balanced mixer-buffer amplifier chassis the 28 MHz SSB injection trimmer and input network are placed at the rear of this chassis; no problems have been experienced with this arrangement. The trimmer is used as the power level control and not the microphone gain on the prime mover, thus preserving the carrier suppression of the prime mover.

Balanced Mixer/Buffer Amplifier Chassis

The heart of any SSB transverter must be the mixer, for it controls the quality of the final signal. This transverter is no different from any other, so the choice of mixer was made in the light of others' experiences. Whilst single-ended mixers will work, the authors felt that the possible level of spurii would be difficult to remove and so the balanced mixer was adopted. The choice of valves for the job is yet another matter, the QQVO3-10 being a convenient type; at a modest cost it fits the bill and has performed well in this role. The balanced mixer V5 is fed with the 116 MHz from V4 via a 1-turn link and with 29.41 MHz SSB to its cathode to give 145.410 MHz SSB at its anode. (The choice of 28-30 MHz as the injection frequency has been covered earlier). However, there is a problem around 29 MHz since the 5th harmonic is 145 MHz; cathode injection is to be preferred to balance out this component at the anode of the balanced mixer.

The output of the mixer is inductively coupled to the input of the buffer amplifier V6, another QQV03-10 run in Class-A at 8-9 watts with an available output of 2-3 watts—more than enought to drive a pair of 4CX-250B's to one kilowatt input! Again, the output of the buffer is inductively coupled to the grid of the PA stage.

PA Chassis

The choice of PA valve is a matter for the individual but it was felt that from the availability, cost and optimum performance point of view the ubiquitous QQV06-40A has much to commend it. There are, however, other possibilities such as the QQV03-20A for inputs up to 50 watts p.e.p.—another possibility is the 4X150A or 4CX250B stage with the advantage of increased talk-

power.

With regard to the existing PA stage it is possible to run the QQV06-40A at inputs up to 200 watts p.e.p., providing caution is observed in the tune-up procedure.

Construction

The transverter was constructed in its present form as a result of experience with an earlier design. Each chassis is screened from its neighbour to reduce any unwanted coupling effects. (The chassis screens and wrap-over cover were made professionally, so much of the hard work was eliminated). There are other lay-out possibilities, but one word of warning: Good and effective interstage screening is a "must" if stability is to be maintained and spurii are to be kept at a low level.

The layouts (given in Pt. II) are as a guide for the would-be constructor. The main point to watch out for is the chassis hole that receives the QQV06-40A PA valve. To maintain stability this should be just right to allow the valve to be seated into its socket and for some cooling air to flow around the valve, a little over 2in. being the optimum size.

In the prototype it was found that the buffer amplifier was unstable and after a considerable amount of blood, sweat and tears had been shed the present design evolved. Grounding of the buffer cathode is to be preferred, the cathode being taken to earth by means of a tag adjacent to its valveholder pin.

The rest is straight forward VHF practice with the liberal use of $\cdot 001~\mu F$ disc ceramic capacitors with short leads, reducing long leads to a minimum and taking care to avoid any unwanted coupling between components. It cannot be emphasised enough that good quality components should be used, even if they are rescued from the junk-box. Clean off all leads even if the components are brand new as one bad solder joint can cause a considerable amount of trouble.

A large number of disc ceramics are used for decoupling; these have been included to prevent the possibility of unwanted coupling and should be wired as close to their associated stage as possible.

Alignment

With the construction completed a resistance check should be made to make sure there are no shorts. If all is well the valves can be inserted and the heater supply connected. Check the filament voltage of each valve at the pin itself—all should be 6·3v. A.C. Next connect the bias line to the —50v. rail and set the PA bias to —35v.; the buffer amplifier bias volts should be at least —21v. A slightly higher voltage will be necessary at anode voltages above 290v. in order to keep the anode dissipation within the manufacturers' limits; this can be corrected by increasing the value of R14 proportionally.

Then the 300v. supply can be connected. The stabiliser valves V1 and V2 should both strike and the HT across them measured; this should be a nominal 193v. The oscillator anode coil is then adjusted for maximum output, the core being set to ensure reliable starting. Check that the crystal is oscillating on its 3rd overtone; Tc2 should be peaked for maximum 116 MHz output by using a loosely-coupled calibrated absorption wavemeter.

Table of Values

Fig. 1. Circuit of the SSB Transverter

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VC3 = 5 + 5 \mu\muF, wide

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VC4 = 5-25 \mu\muF, wide
                         ·002 µF, disc
                        30 \mu\muF, s/m
   C3, C4,
C5, C6,
C7, C9,
                                                                                         spaced
180,000 ohms, 2w.
                                                                                          150,000 ohms, 2w.
                                                                            R3 = 100,000 \text{ ohms, } 1\text{w.}
                                                               R3 - 20,
R4, R5,
R11, R16 = 47,000 ohms, ½w.
R6, R12,
R13 = 100 ohms, ½w.
P7 = 3,000 ohms,
C30, C32,
C33, C34
C8, C10,
                                                                                        w/wound
1,000 ohms, 1w.
                        001 μF, disc
                                                                 R8. R10 =
                                                                R8, R10
R9, R18,
R19, R20
R14
R15
C14
C11, C12,
C18, C24,
C25, C27
                         ·047 μF, disc
                                                                                        120 ohms, 1w.
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                                                                                        2,200 ohms, 1w.
2,700 ohms, 1w.
10 ohms 5w.,
w/wound
                         470 μμF, disc
68 μμF, 8kV
wkng., disc
                                                                                  =
         C35
                                                                R17, R21 =
                                                                          VR1 =
                                                                                         5.000-ohm
         Ft1
                                                                                           w/wound pre-set
                         001 μF 500v. feed
                                                                           MS = Meter shunts, as
                           thru
                  = 3-30 \mu \mu F beehive
                                                                                           required
                                                                     required
RL1/2 = Relay, 12v. DC
coil, 2-pole c/o
V1 = OB2, 150v.
V2 = 85A2, 85v.
V3 = ECC81
V4 = EF184
V5, V6 = QQVO3-10
V7 = QQVO6-40A.
                          trimmer
                   = 5-50 \mu\muF trimmer
           Tc2
         Tc3,
Tc4
                    = 5 + 5 \mu\muF butter-
         7C4 = 5 + 5 \mu\muF butter-
fly

7C1 = 5-50 \muF, ins.

7C2 = 5 + 5 \muF butter-

7C2 = 5 + 5 \muF butter-
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Notes: All resistors 10% tolerance carbon, except where stated. C31, C35 high-voltage RS Components disc cap "ionisation free". Adjust R14 for anode dissipation of 8-9 watts. Wide-spaced capacitors VC3, VC4 should have plates at 045 in. spacing. Preferred crystal frequency is 38-6666 MHz, HC6/U or HC18/U type. RF chokes RFC1, 2, 3, made with quarter-wave (approx. 20in.) of 30g, enam. wound on 1K 1-watt carbon resistor body.

Circuit on p.p. 32 & 33

Table of Coil Data

L1 = 11 turns 30g. enam. close-wound on ¼in. dia. poly former with dust slug.

L2 = Three turns 16g.
L3 L4 = One turn 18g. loose-coupled to L2.
L5 = Filter suitable for 28-30 MHz.
L6 = One turn 18g. at centre L7.
L7 L8 = Two-by-two turns of 16g.
L9 = One turn 18g. centred on L8.
L10 = As L9, centred on L1.
L11 = Four turns 16g., centre tapped.
L12 = Two-by-two turns 16.g
L13 = One turn 18g. centred on L12.
L14 = Two turns 18g. centred on L15.
L15 = Two-by-two turns of 16g. connected directly across V7 grid pins.
L16 = Two-by-two turns 14g., wound to ½in, i.d.
One single turn at L16.

Note: Except where specified, all coils are half-inch diameter self-supporting, spaced one wire dia. between turns. Coils may need slight adjustment for resonance.

(To be concluded)

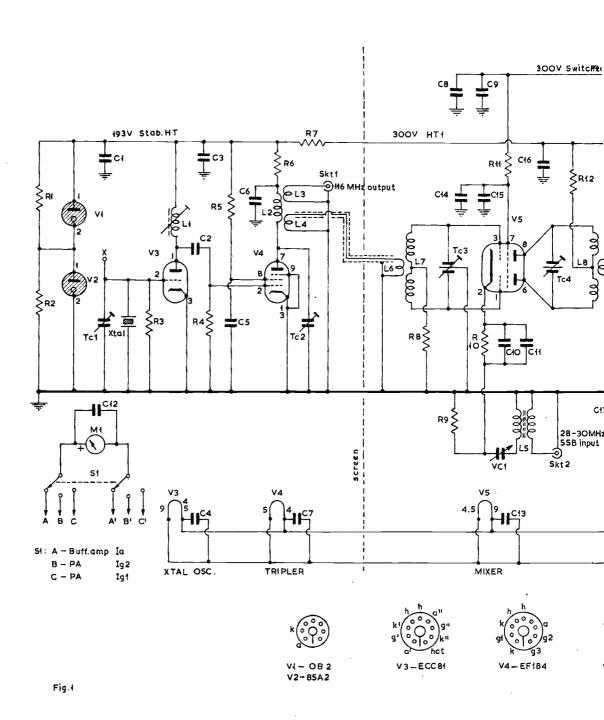
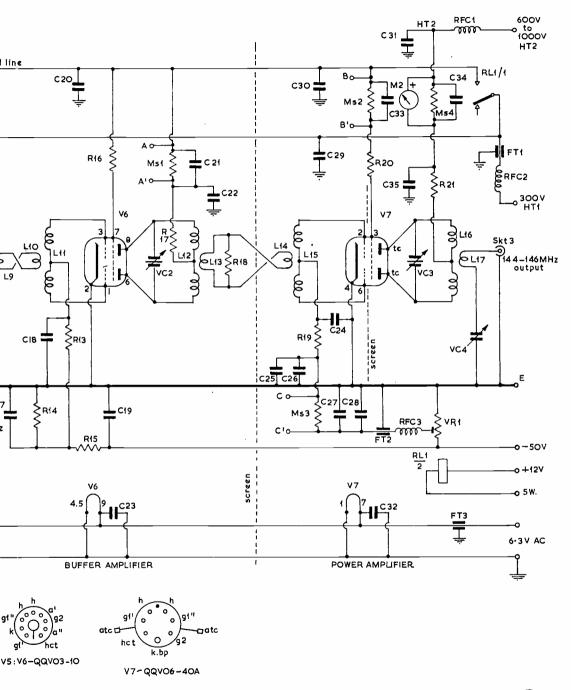


Fig. 1. Circuit of SSB Transverter, 28 to 144 MHz



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THE MOBILE SCENE

The Rally dates are filling up fast—we should be informed of further fixtures before March 13, for appearance in the April issue of SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE. Address to "Mobile Scene" on a *separate* piece of paper, please.

- April 1st: Annual White Rose Rally, at the High School, Ring Road, West Park, Leeds 16, junction of the A.6120 (ring road) and A.660, opening at 11.30 a.m.
 —R. J. Nettleton, 129 Stainbeck Lane, Leeds, LS27 2EB, for details.
- April 15: North Midlands Mobile Rally at Drayton Manor Park, near Tamworth, as last year.
- May 6: Tulip-Time Rally, at Sunfleet on the A.16, four miles north of Spalding, Lincs.—Information from R. Harrison, G3VPR, 38 Park Avenue, Spalding, Lincs.
- May 13: South Leicestershire Mobile Rally at Westfield Activity Centre, Rosemary Way, Hinckley, opening at 11.0 a.m. Trade stands are to be organised and applications are invited. Details from J. Elliott, G8CGW, 92 Hinckley Road, Barwell, Leicester.
- May 20: RAIBC gathering at the Fairground, Broadlands Estate, Romsey, Hants., in conjunction with the Southampton Group.—Mrs. Frances Woolley, G3LWY, Woodclose, Penselwood, Wincanton, Somerset.
- May 27: Hull & District Mobile Rally at Bishop Burton, near Beverley, Yorkshire. Organiser L. D. Colley, G3AGX, 13 Ferry Road, Wawme, Nr. Hull, HU7 5XU, East Yorks.
- May 27: Maidstone Mobile Rally at YMCA Sports Centre, Melrose Close, opening at 11.0 a.m. All main events under cover, talk-in by GB3YSC on 2-4-80-160m. Contact A. S. Walter, G3WXL, 4 Oak Farm Gardens, Headcorn, Kent.
- July 8: Upton-on-Severn Mobile Rally, organised by the Worcester & District Amateur Radio Club. Details: B. A. Jones, G8ASO, 12 Woodside Road, Larkhill, Worcester, WR5 2EG.
- August 12: Torbay annual Mobile Rally at Newton Abbot Rugby Club ground, with talk-in, the usual stands and competitions.—L. H. Webber, G3GDW, 43 Lime Tree Walk, Newton Abbot, Devon.
- August 26: Town & Country Festival Rally, National Agricultural Centre, Kenilworth, Warwickshire.
- August 26: Preston Amateur Radio Society Rally, details later.—G. Earnshaw, 12 Withy Parade, Fulwood, Preston, Lancs.

SOLO MOBILE EXPEDITIONS

It may be remembered that some years ago, at the suggestion of G3HBZ/M (Sunbury, Middlesex) we

sponsored Sunday-afternoon mobile operating periods—the idea being merely to go out, picnic-wise, and see what other /M's could be worked, perhaps from some static site on high ground, or however (p.107, April 1967 SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE refers).

There is no reason why we should not try this again, there having been many more U.K. mobiles licensed during the last six years. Accordingly, we suggest the following Sunday-afternoon dates (about noon to around 5.30 p.m.) during which this ploy might be tried: April 8, May 20, June 10 and July 8. If reports to "Mobile Scene" could be sent in immediately after these tests, results could be covered in the *Magazine* issue following.

We also have some other ideas in mind to encourage what might be called "mobile working with an objective", and generally more activity /M as between mobiles.

Anyway, try one or two of these Sunday jaunts, see what happens and let us know, giving own map location (if static) and callsigns and localities of mobiles worked. Use any band for which you are equipped /M. Write in to "Solo Mobile Expedition, Mobile Scene," SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, BUCKINGHAM.

SPECIALLY ON THE AIR

This heading covers those amateur-station activities involving a public appearance or demonstration of Amateur Radio, for which the Ministry will issue a special "for duration only" callsign, with a named licensed amateur as being responsible for the operation of the station. Such special-activity stations as are notified to us will be publicised in this space.

Please send in on a *separate* sheet, before March 13 for the next issue. We also need the name, callsign and QTH of the responsible contact-man.

- GB3STF, May 12-13: From the Grammar School, Priory Road, Spalding, Lines., by the Spalding & District Amateur Radio Society, running CW/SSB on all bands 10-160m. (and AM on two metres), all contacts to be confirmed by special QSL card—Details from R. Harrison, G3VPR, 38 Park Avenue, Spalding, Lines.
- GB2BWS, May 30-June 2: For the Bath & West Show, from the Shepton Mallet, Somerset, showground. Loan of equipment and operating assistance are solicited, conferring free admission for car and/or caravan. Anyone who can help is asked to get in touch with R. B. Holman, G2DYM, The Old Saw Mills, White Ball, Wellington, Somerset.
- GB2GB, August: Station to be operated from Brunel's old steamship *Great Britain*, now dry-docked at Bristol, for the City's charter anniversary celebrations. GB2GB will be available for operation by visiting licensed amateurs during the entire month. Contacts will be QSL'd by special card. Information from G. Mather, G3GKA, 8 Hills Close, Keynsham, Bristol.



A. H. DORMER, G3DAH

Oscar VI

THIS has been another frustrating month for users of the satellite, with many predicted orbits inactive and many of those which have produced results difficult to work because of weak signals and much OSB. It is known that some of the trouble is due to a fault in one of the solar cell panels which has resulted in low battery voltages, but AMSAT have now announced that there is a mal-function in the satellite control system as well. In order to conserve power (and thereby relieve the frustration) they propose to switch the transponder off from 0001z on Mondays until 2359z on Thursdays. The 70 cm. beacon and the telemetry will be transmitted at the start of the first orbit after 0001z each day-well out of range of the U.K. Oscar VI may be heard between these times but operators are requested not to use it. In this way it is hoped that a full weekend service may be maintained.

Oscar CW procedures are being speeded up still further as operators become more familiar with working through it. Since most stations are listening through on 10m., it frequently suffices to send "BK", or just your call, or a string of dots to attract the attention of the calling operator, who then sends "K" and away you go. Neat? Adequate!

One might mention at this point that the plans for *Oscar VII* are well advanced. This will be a 2m/70 cm. transponder in a nearly synchronous orbit giving 180° coverage and should be on view for 10 days at a time.

Project "Moonray" is still on the stocks and should put a repeater on the moon in 1976, all being well.

Extracts from Reports

GW3FSP has now had 442 contacts via Oscar of which no less than 147 are with W/VE. He is finding it a bit of a job to work new calls now, and it seems to be the opinion of many that we are reaching saturation point. He has certainly been one of the most consistent performersone rarely hears a pass without Dewi's impeccable CW. He uses the Tx which was on display at the 1966 Exhibition at the Seymour Hall, with a pair of 4X150's in the PA, a 10-ele. J-Beam and a TH3J for 29 MHz. Rx is the HO-170A. He comments on the 2m. beacons which translate quite nicely to 29 MHz on some passes, thereby taking up band space and output power in the satellite, but short of switching them off during in-range passes, it is a bit difficult to know what could be done about it.

Another consistently good signal on most passes is that of G3JVL, with over 300 contacts with 106 different stations through the device. His comments are of great value, therefore. He runs a 4CX250 PA in the Tx and after many trials has settled on the following for the antenna systems: On 10m, he uses

a dipole of ½in, dia, aluminium tube at 32ft., and 5ft. below that, a 7-ele. Yagi tilted at 40° to the horizontal. The latter gives better overall results than the 2m. dipole, which failed for overhead passes, and better than the 10-ele, horizontal Yagi, Obviously in this, as in most cases where amateur operation is concerned, there is need for a compromise. The 10-ele. beam still gives the best results at the low radiation angles required for the more distant orbits, but the tilted antenna, with a broadened lobe in elevation resulting from a reduction in the strength of the ground-reflected signal, gives the best general coverage. Mike stresses the importance of the 10m. Rx. If galactic noise does not predominate, then the Rx or the antenna is at fault. A simple way to check this is to replace the aerial with a 50 or 75-ohm resistance and note that there is a substantial increase of noise with the antenna connected -in other words, that the only substantial noise-effect in the Rx is that produced by the aerial. The receiver must then "hear" any signal which is above Ae. noise. (And CW can, of course, usually be read under

De-sensitisation of the Rx by the 2m. Tx is also a factor, and using a low-pass filter between the antenna and Rx helps a lot here. G3JVL

OSCAR VI — Prediction Data Orbit Date Time (GMT) Postition Direction Mar. 3 0820 23°E 06°W 35°W 35°E 06°E 23°W 38°E 1015 1738 1210 1731 1741 1742 1926 1743 2121 0720 Mar. 4 0915 1110 1749 09°E 20°W 21°E 1755 2021 08°W 1911 0744 0939 Mar. 17 ŏ3°Ē 1913 1916 1134 1655 26°W 44°E 1850 2045 1918 0839 1034 1229 1750 1924 Mar. 18 1926 1929 30°E 01°E 1945 1931 2140

Notes (1) Times shown are for crossings at 52°N. (2) Orbits beyond 45°E or W are not included. (3) To calculate later orbits, deduct 5.15 minutes and add 1.29°E each 25 orbits. (4) Orbits shown are for weekend operations only in view of the AMSAT procedure, for which see text.

notes in passing that DJ2RE (with whom he has now had 16 QSO's) has had 620 Oscar contacts to date! In spite of his excellent set-up, 'JVL had yet to work GM!

G4AJC now has 20 countries to his credit, all worked with a QQV06-40A PA, a 2-ele. beam on 10m. and a tiltable 9-ele. on 2m. He finds that, on some orbits which are ostensibly beyond range he can still hear and indeed has worked some good DX. G4ATX has joined the ranks of the Oscar chasers (one doesn't hear too many G4/3's) and comes up with 13 countries in 26 contacts. He runs an 8-ele, beam on 2m, and a dipole on 10m. Tx is a QQV06-40A and Rx a Somerkamp FR-DX500. GM3ZVB uses a 10m. dipole and an 8-ele. beam, slightly tilted, for his Oscar contacts. He comments that for accurate netting an oscillator on 116.5 MHz and a mixer would bring up the 2m. signal on the correct 10m. frequency on the Rx. Very useful when one cannot hear one's own signal.

G5ZT notes that there appears to be an excessive time delay in the return of one's own signal on 10m. Has anyone else noticed this? E16AS reports that VE3QB is the Canadian control station for Oscar.

G3IOR has had some very fine DX—best to date with W5ORH at 4,556 miles and he is awaiting confirmation of a QSO with W7BBO at 4,741 miles. He has also heard some remarkably good stuff, including KL7, UAØ, JA9, HM, FY7, OX and XE. The gear runs 10 watts to a '320A with a 6/6 inclined at 7° to the horizon. The Rx has a really hot front end (0.05 μV for 3 dB sig./ noise ratio) and the 10m. antenna is a 3-ele. Yagi at 50ft. He recommends a simple FET pre-amp on the Rx rather than excessive power, and his list of countries heard seems to justify his comment.

The G3NHE total includes an unusual one in FC, which doesn't figure in any other list, and he has at last got his YU after spending much time calling (and who hasn't?) the gentleman in that country with the cloth ears. Martin makes a couple of interesting points. The first is the practice of tilting the 2m. antenna above the horizontal which must degrade the performance at extreme range. (Vide comments by G3JVL above). To coin a phrase, "Circum-

stances alter cases", and the results achieved are probably best evaluated empirically, since soil conductivity and wavelength above ground both play a part. The second concerns reception from beyond the horizon commented upon by several readers. He suggests that the mechanism is bending or refraction, and this seems very likely.

A very complete set of Oscar predictions comes from G3WPO, QTHR, who is prepared to send copies to readers each month on receipt of an s.a.e. To forestall the inevitable questions as to why they apparently conflict with our own predictions, it may be noted that the times and bearings given by G3WPO are for S/N equator crossings, whereas the Magazine figures are for transits at 52°N irrespective of pass direction. A correction factor applied to either set of figures will give the correct answers. With the predictions goes a set of tracking tables and a cursor which enable the elevation at any point and time to be computed. A very public-spirited gesture for which many thanks, The antennae in use at Tony. G3WPO are a bit complex, consisting of two, three-ele, phased beams at 60° to the horizontal and pointing South and North respectively and these, together with the 10-ele. Yagi, do the job very nicely, as the Table shows. Power used is varied to suit the conditions—it can be as low as 20 watts when conditions are right, but needs to be a lot more than that for some passes.

Finally, a report from SWL Gordon Smith of Aberdeen. Not only has he knocked up 31 countries heard, but he also advises that GM8FTJ is "Oscaring" on SSB and GM3AXE on CW. He uses two aerials, a long wire for East/West and a dipole for North/South coverage. His log includes GM and LX which do not often figure frequently in other logs.

Contests

It has hardly been the month for outstanding propagation during any of the VHF contests, although the 2m. SSB event produced some fair results, and the 2m. CW on February 4 saw a certain amount of EU activity.

70 cm. Cumulatives

That on January 4 was pretty poor, although G3KMS (Bolton,

Lancs.) worked G8AHF in I.o.W. and finished up with a total of 134 points including three 9-pointers and one 11-pointer. G8AWS/P was on from near Chester with SSB. Arthur is still in the forefront of 70 cm. activity, as witness the picture on "VHF Bands" last month. The GB3SC signal was very weak at this time. Propagation was average for the January 12 session, although G4AEO (Manchester) heard G3KEO in Surrey. Best score noted was G3KMS with 23 contacts for 132 points, others being around the 10-12 contacts mark. Activity was low, possibly due to the frost and snow, several stations reporting inability to get on the air due to aerial icing. The January 20 event was even quieter, again the bad weather may have had something to do with this. Things perked up a bit for January 28; for example, GD2HDZ was heard well in the Midlands, but scores still but rarely passed the 18-20 The February 5 contact mark.

OSCAR VI TABLE Operating Results

Operating Results							
Station	Countries	Prefixes					
G6RH	32	DL, DM, EA, EI, F, G, GI, GU, GW, HB, HG, I, LA, LZ, OE, OH, OHØ, OK, OM, OX, OZ, PA, SM, SP, SV, TF, UA, UG, UT, VE, W, 4X4, YU. (186)					
GW3FSP	32	DL, DM, EA, EI, F, G, GI, GW, HB, HG, I, LA, LZ, OH, OHØ, OK, ON, OZ, PA, SM, SP, UA, UB, UG, UK, UR, UT, UW, UY, VE, W, 4X4 (442)					
EI6AS	31	DL, DM, EA, F, G, GI, GW, HB, HG, I, LA, LX, LZ, OE, OH, OH θ , OK, ON, OZ, PA, SM, SP, UA, UG, UK, UR, UY, VE, W, YO, YU. (329)					
G3NHE	30	DL, DM, EA, EI, F, FC, G, GI, GW, HB, HG, I, LA, LZ, OH, OHØ, OK, ON, OZ, PA, SM, SP, SV, TF, UA, UG, UR, VE, W, YU. (335)					
G3BHW	30	DL, DM, EA, EI, F, G, GI, GW, HB, HG, I, LA, LZ, OE, OH, OK, ON, OZ, PA, SM, SP, SV, TF, UA, UG, UR, UT, VE, W, YU. (194)					
G3WPO	29	DL, DM, EA, EI, F, G, GW, HB, HG, I, LA, LZ, OE, OH, OK, ON, OZ, PA, SM, SP, UA, UF, UG, UK, UR, VE, W, YO, YU. (139)					

session was also bedevilled by poor propagation conditions in spite of the comparatively high pressure (1035 mB in Herne Bay).

Two Metres

The CW contest on February 4 saw some good EU/DX with DJ9DL and DC6EQ well to the fore, together with a handful of PAØ and F. although final scores did not seem to reflect intense activity. It looked as if the Midlands had it rather better than the South, the two Sheffield stations G3NHE and G3NEO being well up towards the end. The increasing use of the VFO was most noticeable during the contest, with co-channel QSO's very frequent. Little abuse of the method was observed.

The Grafton Radio Society VHF Contest was won by G8GHA/P with 254 points, the runner-up being G8GCS/P.

Four Metres

The last of the Four-Metre Cumu-

G3JVL	28	DL, DM, EA, EI, F, G, GI, GW, HB, HG, I, LA, LZ, OE, OH, OK, ON, PA, SM, SP, SV, TF, UA, UG, UR, UT, VE, W. (300)
G3IOR	26	DL, DM, EA, EI, F, G, GI, GW, HB, HG, I, LA, LZ, OH, OHØ, OK, ON, OZ, SM, SP, UG, UK, UR, VE, W, YU. (198)
G3COJ	23	DL, DM, EI, F, FP8, G, GI, GW, HB, HG, I, LA, LZ, OH, OK, PA, SM, SP, SV, UA, UG, VE, W. (?)
G5ZT	20	DL, DM, EI, F, G, GI, GW, HB, HG, I, LA, OH, OK, ON, OZ, SM, SP, UA, VE, W. (?)
G4AJC	20	DL, EA, EI, F, G, GI, GM, GW, HB, I, LA, OH, ON, OK, PA, SM, SP, UA, VE, W. (250)
G3DAH	18	DL, DM, EA, EI, F, G, GI, GW, I, LA, OH, OK, SM, SP, UK, UR, W, YU. (72)
G4ATX	13	DL, F, G, GW, HB, OH, OK, ON, PA, SM, SP, UA, VE. (26)

It is intended that this Table shall run for the duration of Oscar VI activity. When putting in a claim, please show countries worked in alphabetical order, as given here, with total contacts made via Oscar in brackets. To keep the Table up-to-date, claims should be made monthly. It is open to U.K./EI 2m. operators only and at present no award status for working through Oscar VI is contemplated. Contacts via Oscar do not count for VHFCC Awards. Claims for entry in this Table should be made to "VHF Bands", SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, BUCKINGHAM.

latives took place on January 14 and 28th. Here again, conditions were not very favourable for long-haul contacts. Best signal in the South was G3OHH (Mow Cop), a very reliable performer. Both the beacons were well down on both dates.

Forthcoming Events: March 3/4 for the 144/432 MHz Open and March 4 for the 144 MHz Fixed Station events. March 31/April 1 for the 432 MHz Open.

VHFCC Awards

Joe Ludlow, GW3ZTH of Bridgend, Glamorgan, heads the list this month with Award No. 176 for two-metre contacts. From his OTH at 450ft. a.s.l. four miles inland from the Bristol Channel, he finds propagation good NW-S-SE, average SE-E-NE and poor NE-N-NW due to the surrounding terrain. runs an FT-101 into a transverter with a '640A in the final, which gives him about 200 watts p.e.p. antenna at 30ft. is an 8-ele. Yagi, to be changed shortly for a 10-ele. Skybeam or something bigger, and this is fed from the Tx via an SWR bridge and a bandpass filter. The converter uses dual-gate mosfets (3N140's) in the two RF stages, with a 40602 mixer. Future plans include QRO operation with 4CX250B's.

There follows Mike Stevens, G8FBN (Freemantle, Hants.) who gains Award No. 177, also for two metres. He has been a keen SWL since he was 14 years old and recalls that his early Rx was a home-built job with plug-in coils! He was first licensed in August, 1971, and still runs an HW-17A with 8-10 watts output into an 8/8 at 45ft. He has an FR-DX400 and an Eddystone 870A against the time when his G4/3 call arrives.

From Luton in Bedfordshire, Mike Costello, G3YPP gains Award No. 178. He has been on 2m. for nearly three years now, and in the early days ran a QQV02-6 in the final but has changed this for a QQV03-10 with 15 watts into an 8-ele. beam at 36ft. The Trio Rx is preceded by a double-conversion, dual-gate mosfet converter. Mike is now at Swansea University and operates from there on the HF bands as GW3YPP. Whether he gets back on 2m. or not depends upon the breakthrough from GB3GW, as the beacon antenna sits on top of the shack, and this is going to present a few cross-mod. problems.

G8CLK is Ken Woollven of Aldershot, Hants, and to him goes Certificate No. 179. He is another HW-17A user, and runs this into an 8-ele. Yagi at 30ft. which also feeds the fet pre-amp, Nuvistor converter and a CR-100 Rx. He gets nearly 60% QSL return rate, and finds that the Class "B" operators are better at replying than the others. His 70 cm. rig is almost complete, and he hopes to take the Morse test later this year.

The Rectory in Poplar, London is the QTH from which Bob Royall, G8EBP/G4BOW gains Award No. 180. He runs 50 watts input to a '320A on 2m. and this feeds an 8-ele. Yagi at 50ft. rotated by a cowl gill motor. For reception he has a G8AEV converter and the Hammarlund HQ-170.

Double Top this month goes to G8EOP, Melvyn Jackson (Dewsbury, Yorks.) who claims both the 2m. and 70 cm. Awards-and gets them! Nos. 181 and 16 respectively. Initially, the 2m. gear consisted of a QQVO3-10 with 15 watts input and a home-built converter to a CR-100. but this has now been changed for 50 watts output with a mixer VFO. a pre-amp and a Microwave Modules converter to an Eddystone 888A. The 10-ele, beam at 35ft, remains unchanged. On 70 cm., Melvyn started with 25 watts input to a 320A tripler but now runs 90 watts input to a '640A. For reception he uses an AF239 pre-amp with another M.M. converter into the 888A. The beam is a 46-ele. job at 40ft. First licensed in February, 1971 he was QRV on the two bands without any delay.

A feature of these VHFCC Awards is the large number of G8/3's who claim compared with the small number of Class "A" claims, in spite of the fact that, with CW at their disposal, it should be easier for them to make the requisite number of contacts. Perhaps they have done it all before? Or perhaps we should publish the rules again? So, here they are. Your claims should be made for 100 contacts with different stations completed on one of the VHF bands (4m., 2m. or 70 cm.) from a fixed QTH, and which are supported by QSL cards. The lists, which should show the callsign and the date of the contact, should

include a description of your station and be sent to "VHF Bands", SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, BUCKING-HAM.

SSB in GM

SSB in Scotland, as in other parts of the country, has been given a lift by the number of "Liner-2" rigs now on the air, notably that operated by GM3SAN/P who seems to be laying down a respectable signal over much of Fife and the Lothians. How about getting some of them up on Oscar? Regulars are: GM6XI, GM6XW, GM3FGJ, GM3PQU, GM3BQA, GM8BJF, GM8DIJ, GM3SAN, GM3KXM and GM3ZVL among others. All good stuff, and likely to lead to more GM/G DX contacts during the GM3GUI is coming months. reported to be just about ready to go with an FL-500 and a transverter. His station was recently in the path of a 100 m.p.h. gale which bent his 3in, steel tube mast over at right angles! Sandy Lawrie, GM3PQU, runs an FT-200 with HB transverter to a beam at 80ft. above a block of flats and is able to work GM3KJF in Ayr with nae' bother in spite of the difficult path. He plans to enter the Oscar stakes. GM3ZVL has now completed his solid-state transceiver for 2m. and although he only has 200 mW out to the 8/8 is getting very fine reports. He plans a varactor tripler to go with it for portable operations. His former schoolmaster, mentor and friend, GM3BCD, must be nodding his approval.

There seems to be no holding the "Laird of North Berwick". Not content with the Parabeam at 70ft., GM3BQA has added an 8/8 slot-fed beam at 80ft. to the aerial farm and, having acquired a transverter from

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FOUR METRES

Station	Counties	Countries	Total
G5DF	52	6	58
G3OHH	51	6	57
G3ZMD	37	4	41
GD2HDZ	34	4	38
G3DAH	34	2 3	36
G2AXI	31	3	34
G3EKP	23	6	29
G3FIJ	12	2	14
G3POF	5	1	6
G3SMU	5	ĺ	6
GW3CBY	3	ī	4
G3YRH	2	i	3

GM6XI, is now blocking frontends over quite a large area with 2 watts of SSB. With the appearance in his shack of some 4CX250B's it does not need a Sherlock Holmes to divine his next move! How about Oscar, Jim?

GM8BJF has recently obtained a 9 MHz McCoy filter and is planning a rebuild, mostly solid-state, of his SSB rig, and the other Brian, GM8DIJ, already QRV with SSB on two metres, intends an onslaught on 70 cm.

Portable Occasions

The School of Engineering Science, U.C.N.W., Bangor, will be operating portable in Denbigh during the 144/432 MHz contest over March 3/4. Site is 1,850ft. a.s.l. and they will have 50 watts of AM on 145·35 MHz and 100 watts p.e.p. on SSB into a 10/10. And 80 watts on 432·75 MHz into a 46/46 at 50ft. will also be available.

Phil Edwards, GW8FJK, will be on from Brecon each evening from 1930z onwards during the first two weeks of March. Rig is HW-17 and an 8 ele. Yagi. Skeds to: P. Edwards, 1 Matthew Terrace, Penrepiod, Pontypool, Mon., with s.a.e. He has been doing very well from the site recently, having worked a string of F's and a PAØ and heard two EA! He points out that not all GW's hibernate after VHF/NFD!

Queen's University Radio Club will be heard from the Mull of Galloway between 1800z on March 16 and midnight on the 19th. They will have 4m. and 2m. and will use the callsigns GM3LLQ and GM8FQB. If anyone will twist their arms sufficiently, and will guarantee to keep a sked, they are prepared to take 2m. RTTY with them. An s.a.e. to GI3XGI, QTHR, will bring you the info.

The West Kent A.R.S. intend to be in Rutland during the March 2m/70 cm. contest. QRA ZM2Id, 6 km. SW of Oakham. They have AM/CW/SSB on 2m. to an 8/8 phase fed antenna and AM on 70 cm. with a 46-ele. Yagi. The callsign on both bands will be G3WKS. Further details from G3YOU, OTHR.

The Swindon District Club will be operating as GW3FEC/P from their Foel Grach QTH in Snowdonia for all the major 2m. and 70 cm. contests during 1973. For VHF /NFD they plan to have GW3ZVC/P on 432 and 1296 MHz and GW4BDW/P on 4m. from the same site. They also envisage a trip to Arran over July 7/8 with 400 watts p.e.p. SSB and 150 watts of AM and CW to a 14-ele. beam on two metres. It is interesting to record that they made contacts with 7 countries and 36 counties during the recent 2m. SSB event.

Annual VHF Tables

A gratifying start to the new Tables so early in the year. Just to remind you how they work: They show claims for contacts made from permanent locations between January 1, 1973, and December 31, '73. From time to time, the composite Table will be broken down into bands to show results separately on 4m., 2m. and 70 cm. in descending numerical order. Your claims should be sent to: "VHF Bands", SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, BUCKINGHAM. The initial claim should consist of a list of counties and countries worked. with callsigns and dates, and thereafter monthly additions should be submitted giving similar details, and also the new totals claimed, the latter to provide a cross-check. The leading station overall at the end of the year will receive a free subscription to SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE for one year.

If is regretted that the final 4m. Table for 1972 had to be omitted from the last issue, but space considerations did not permit its inclusion.

News Items

SSB: G3XDY (Cleethorpes) is now on 2m. SSB and puts in a plea for the allocation of a band of frequencies for that mode rather than the present arrangement of a single calling channel and a spread-out from there. The increase in SSB operation would certainly seem to justify such a move, and a 100 kHz sub-band would just about fit the case, judging by the traffic during the last contest, and the vast increase in this mode of operation following the introduction to this country of the ubiquitous "Liner-2". It would also help to resolve the AM/FMon-SSB-calling-channel problem.

Discussing SSB, G3BW of Cumberland is enchanted with the mode and the DX it brings. He quotes F6BCK causing QRM to GW3NNF

THREE	BAND	ANNUAL	VHF	TABLE

January to December, 1973

Station	FOUR Counties	METRES Countries	TWO N	METRES Countries	70 CENT Counties	IMETRES Countries	TOTAL Points
GD2HDZ	3	1	36	5	8	2	55
G3DAH	7	1	36	6	2	1	53
G3NHE	-	_	34	6	7	1	48
G8FUI	_	_	34	4	6	1	45
G8EOP		_	13	2	20	2	37
G3BW	-	_	32	5	_	_	37
G3DXY	-		27	7	_		34
G4AJE		_	28	5			33
G3OHH	16	2	2	2	8	2	32
G4BKG		_	25	4		_	29
G3FIJ	7	1	13	1	6	1	29
G8DOT	_	-	20	3	_	_	23
G8CBU	_	-	17	2	3	1	23
G8DGR	_	_	11	1	6	1	19
G8BKR		-	13	2	2	1	18
GM3ZVB		_	15	3	—	_	18
G8GXE	_		12	1		_	13
G3EKP	4	2	2	1	2	2	13
G8GBV		-	11	1	_		12
G8GJB			10	1		_	11
GW8CGH		_	7	2		_	9
G8COG			2	2	-	-	4

as an example of its potency. By careful selection during the recent contest, he was able to amass a score of 62 contacts from his rather remote QTH which yielded nearly eleven points per contact! And that's a bit better than is usual with AM /FM!

GD2HDZ reports the advent of another SSB operator on the Island. This is GD3TNS who runs a "Liner-2" from Douglas, and who has been getting out well in spite of the rather poor conditions of late. His name is also Arthur—just to confuse the issue.

70 cm.: G4BKG (Tunbridge Wells) hopes to be up on 70 cm. shortly with a Multibeam at 55ft. from a good VHF QTH. G8GBV (Derby) is also just about ready to go on the band with 20 watts to a QQV03-20A and a Multibeam. GD2HDZ has been finding 70 cm. a bit difficult recently. During one session of the

Cumulatives he was unable to raise a single station! G8DGR (Newbury, Berks.) derives his 70 cm. output from a tripler driven by an HW-17A. The unusual thing about this is that he uses the base/collector junction of a 2N3375 as a varactor and finds that he gets more output that way than if the 3375 were used as a normal transistor—and you don't need a power supply! Just the job if you have a pile of VHF transistors with blown base/emitter junctions!

General

Many operators are faced with the problem of QRM from very local stations, and this is the case with G8DOT in Tiptree, Essex, who has five other 2m. stations within a quarter of a mile of him! Their solution has been to QSY on to the frequency of the DX and call as soon as the QSO with the

neighbour has finished. This has been found to be the better solution rather than trying to operate at different ends of the band, apart from the fact that it called for outof-Zone operation.

G8GXE is looking for 2m. skeds on Sunday mornings with Essex and Oxfordshire. The address is: Stag End, Farthing Green Lane, Stoke Poges, Bucks.

Congratulations to G2DQ, Harry Collin of Chelmsford, who this year celebrates the 50th Anniversary of his first licence.

The Gibraltar 4m. beacon, ZB2VHF, is again in operation. Frequency is 70·26 MHz with 20 watts to a beam directed to the North. It has already been heard in this country (on January 2) by G3MD (Wickford, Essex).

J-Beam, Ltd. have been appointed sole U.K. agents for VHF Communications and all subs. and orders for equipment should now be addressed to them.

Conventions and Meetings

Just a reminder that the 1973 VHF Convention is to be held at the usual venue, "The Winning Post" Hotel at Whitton, on April 7. Tickets are £2.25 for all day on Saturday, £2 for the dinner only, 50p for the Saturday lectures only and all for free on Sunday morning, when discussion groups will cover a variety of subjects.

The U.K. FM Group (London) will hold an FM Convention on February 24 at Brooklands Technical College, Weybridge, Surrey. The afternoon lecture session is followed by a buffet supper and AGM. Tickets and further details from G8CKT, QTHR.

All future meetings of the South East UHF/VHF Group are to be held in the Electronics Building, University of Kent, Canterbury. Meetings programmed at Wye College have been transferred thereto. The next meeting is on March 2 at 1930 hrs. when Dr. Dain Evans, G3RPE, will be talking about microwave techniques.

Deadline

Deadline for the next issue is March 9. The address for news, views and comment is: "VHF Bands", SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, BUCKINGHAM. Cheers for now and vy 73 de G3DAH.

THE MONTH WITH THE CLUBS

By "Club Secretary"

(Deadline for April issue: March 9)

(Please address all reports for this feature to "Club Secretary", SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, Buckingham.)

THE story of Amateur Radio is one of Communication—at least, it ought to be! However, one wonders occasionally whether some of the newsletter compilers ever think of their task in these simple terms. For example, one Club who shall be nameless has a prize pessimist and groaner as its Newsletter producer and, to be fair, he does a grand job most of the time. However, he writes a regular preample, and always lays it on the line that the Club is "on the floor" for want of a bit of help from members at large for the hardworking committee men. They had to move to a cheaper Hq. because the members didn't come through with their subs-just two people undertook all the work for the Mobile Rally and so on interminably, month after month. It's a marvel, after so much brainwashing, that they have any members left at all!

But this happens to a greater or lesser extent in lots of groups, who thus seem to go out of their way to give themselves a thoroughly bad image. If a prospective member sees one of those newsletters he is instantly *lost*—and that can't be the objective, can it?

The one hard remaining fact—and it ought to have been brought out in last month's Editorial—is that the progress and success of any Club depends primarily on a keen, hard-working and conscientious secretary, whose only interest is to make the Club "go". If yours is one such, cherish him dearly, for they are not thick on the ground.

The North

A larger proportion than for some time past hail from Aurora Borealis country, if one takes into account that some more groups reported have found their way into the "Short Notices" section as their turn has come up.

Mexborough are, at the time being, still in the process of getting the programme knocked into shape for the rest of the year, although we do know that moves are being made to set up a permanent Club station with own call. For the rest, we have to refer you to G4BMJ, see Panel, who assures us the lads welcome visitors to their gatherings.

Another to make a point of offering visitors welcome is York, who are to be found in the British Legion Hq. at 61 Micklegate every Thursday evening.

Possibly the largest gain over a year ever to be brought to the notice of your conductor is that of **Spalding**, whose numbers have risen from 19 to 54! No wonder the lads re-elected the existing committee *en bloc* at the recent AGM. You can find them at the Holland Teachers' Centre, Knight Street, Pinchbeck, on March 23; the start is at 7.30, to hear a talk on "Improving Your Receiver."

Every Wednesday members of the Star clan head for the New Inn Hotel, Bramley Town Street, Leeds—some by way of the transport which is laid on from City Square for members and visitors. The first Wednesday in the month is usually a Film Show, and the last Wednesday a Bingo Night with prizes pertaining to Amateur Radio. On the third Sunday, transport is available for some sort of outing. Details from G4BUU, as in Panel, p.42.

We see marks on the calendar against March 14 and 28, when we look at the **Grimsby** letter. March 14 is devoted to a talk on Fault-Finding, and the 28th sees them entertaining a lecturer. To find them, look for Grimsby Community Centre, Duncombe Street; the start is 8.0 p.m. on the specified evenings.

No doubt about the matter to be dealt with on March 22 by Solway—it's the AGM. It is understood the lads have weekly get-togethers at the Educational Settlement, Castle Hill, Maryport, to which they welcome visitors and potential members.

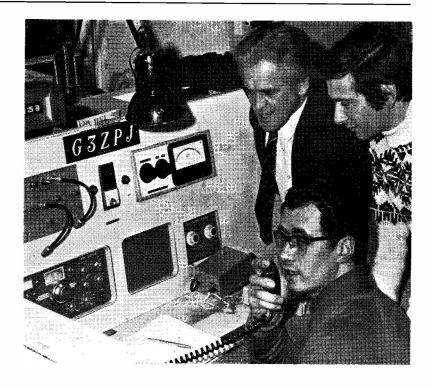
On Sunday, March 11, starting at 2 p.m., Scunthorpe have a Hamfest, with films to be shown, a special show for the distaff side, and tea laid on—also a licensed bar. The charge will be 50p. The venue for this Hamfest will be Grange Farm Hobbies Centre, Franklin Crescent, Scunthorpe.

The **Border** group also favour Sundays for their regular sessions; to be more precise the last Sunday in each month at 3 p.m., at the Tweed View Hotel, **B**erwick-on-Tweed.

It's all there, on the front page of the **Bury and Rossendale** *Newsletter*—the date, the venue, the Hon. Sec's name and address, the Lot! Good for them, making your scribe's job a bit easier. March 13 is down for a tape-and-slide lecture, at the George Hotel, Market Street, Bury.

Somebody has a lot of work to do at West of Scotland where the activities cover every Wednesday and Friday of each month. Basically, the pattern is that the Wednesdays—March 7, 14, 21, 28, are all down for VHF activity, constructional, and problem-shooting—while for Fridays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, there are lectures, discussions, CW classes and similar activities.

The Cornish Amateur Radio Club, covering such a wide area with a large membership, is having to hive-off into groups for local centres of activity. Hence, the West Cornwall Radio Group has recently been formed for the Penzance district. Here we see G3ZPJ on the gear at the inaugural meeting, with (standing, right) G3UCQ—who for many years has been Cornish's hon, secretary—and G3HFS, local chairman of the new group.



For Glenrothes, we do not have a note of the Hq., for which we must refer you to GM3YOR—see Panel. However, we can say that the date to book is March 4, when GM3OXX will tell the story of his VHF portable expedition around the Scottish mountain peaks.

At Hull the Hq. in 592 Hessle Road is open each week—for March there is a talk on Aerials on the 2nd, a visit to Hull Power station on the 9th, G2ABR on Old Times should be interesting on the 16th, and the month is rounded off by a session on members' modifications to the Pye Sets.

Nationals

A.R.M.S. first; they cater for the /M interest, by way of various activities, an information service, their Mobile News and awards for mobile operating. The current month's issue contains a most interesting article on Aerials of a type giving low-angle radiation from hotel rooms, which at a pinch could be used by travellers—and anyway gives food for lots of thought!

As ever, R.A.I.B.C. look out for the invalid and blind in our Amateur Radio community, both listener and licensed. As a direct way of helping in the running of the group, any reader who has old copies of the international Call Books for disposal could well send them to G3LWY—see Panel—who could find eager recipients for them among her members. We also gather that their member John Moxham is trying to get an R.A.E. class organised in Wells—he has six takers but needs a minimum of eight to make the course a "goer." Anyone interested please get in touch with John direct, at 40 Roman Way, Glastonbury, Somerset.

Midlands

And, oddly enough, we find Midland on the top of the clip. Their Hq. is at the Institute in Margaret Street, and here, on March 20, they will hear G3CNV talking about Raynet activities.

Nice it is to know of a Works Club prospering—which is what is happening at the **Joseph Lucas** group of factories in Birmingham, where the next meeting is as far ahead as April 10, in S4 Conference Room, Well Street, Hockley—all the important details can be obtained from G3GVN, address as Panel, p.42.

It is quite a while since last we heard of the Wirral DX Association, but we are assured they are very much alive and kicking. They meet in each other's homes on the last Thursday in the month, which means that any intending member should get in touch with G4AHC, see Panel, to clear the courtesies first. Visitors are certainly welcomed.

Mondays are VHF Nights at Greeba, Shady Lane, Manchester 23, and Fridays the main meetings of the South Manchester group at Sale Moor Community Centre, Norris Road. The programme for the latter is: March 2, G3FNM on "Safety in the Shack"; March 9, G8ENC and others, looking into the Pye Cambridge; March 16, a talk by the firm of Microwave Modules; March 23, the Club QRP transmitter project reviewed; and to wind up on March 30, a "mystery lecture" by G3HZM.

Slade is the name of a very old-established Midlands Club now based on Hq. at Church House, High Street, Erdington, Birmingham—Slade was one of the original amateur scientific societies. The lads can be found here on March 9 and 23, the former date being for G3JZF to lead the inquest on VHF NFD, and the latter for an illustrated talk entitled "With a Camera in the Alps" —keeping to Slade's tradition of taking in everything of amateur scientific interest.

From where we sit, it looks like March 5 and March 17 for the **Worcester** chaps, although the copy of their *Newsletter* to hand does not extend thus far in advance. The venue, we understand, is the Shakespeare Hotel, Angel Street. Further details can doubtless be obtained by getting in touch with G8ASO—see Panel, below.

As usual, Coventry have a full programme for March. The 2nd is a film show; March 9 and 23 are to be Nights on the Air with the Club station; and March 16 a Space lecture. For venue, times and other details omitted by G3TFA, chase him at the address in the Panel! (Sorry, but we can't dream it up!).

Westerns

The City of Belfast YMCA group celebrates its golden jubilee this year and to mark it, they are setting up

an award available to both transmitting amateurs and SWL's. For details of these and the Club activities, refer to GI3NQH, as Panel, hereunder.

Rhondda are also looking ahead, to April 26, when the RAFA Club, Treorchy, will be the scene of a social evening to which amateurs all over South Wales are invited. Club Secretaries with groups of members wishing to attend are asked to give lists of names to the hon. secretary of the Rhondda Club by April 1. Tickets at £1·50 cover the dinner and the dancing later, and the bar will be open till 11.30 p.m.

One always likes to hear of a Club which has been in the doldrums climbing back to top form, and there seems little doubt that **Hereford** are in that category. The date of the next get-together, at the County Control, Civil Defence Headquarters, is March 2, but as the AGM is due about the time these words are going down on the typewriter, we cannot expect to give details of what will happen—however, we will bet they have something to offer!

Having successfully passed the thing called Extra-

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YORK: K. R. Cass, G3WVO, 4 Heworth Village, York. This picture is of the Glenrothes Amateur Radio Club, who came first for Scotland and 6th overall in the last MCC, signing GM3FXM/A. Callsigns identified here are GM's '3YBQ, '4BFQ, '3OLK, '4AQO, '3YOR (back row, right, hon. secretary and a well-known Top Band operator) and seated front l. to r. GM3ZAP, GM3PFQ, GM3FXM and GM4ALK.



ordinary General Meeting in January, Cornish are forging ahead. For the meeting booked at the SWEB Room, Pool, Camborne, on March 1, the main gathering will hear a talk by G3THT on the activities and doings of the Newquay group—who can be found at Treviglas School, Newquay on alternate Wednesdays. We also hear that a Penzance group is in formation—and we would think that old friend Bob Albright, G2JL, would have something to do with that.

South and East

First we have a note of a proposal for a new formation, at Shelburne Youth Centre, Benwell Road, London, N.7. Anyone interested apply to The Warden. One has to admit to a sense of surprise at such a Club proposal, almost on the Grafton doorstep, but nonetheless we wish them every success.

Barking have moved to new Hq. at Westbury Recreation Centre, Ripple Road, where they meet every Thursday evening with, in addition, a Tuesday evening Morse class. Among the highlights of the coming month is a talk by G3GJW.

Chineham House, Popley, is the location for the Basingstoke group, where they can be found on the first and third Saturdays in each month. The former date, for March, will be Beginners' Night and a talk on Station Operation, and the latter is for G3JHM to come along to talk about—and, doubtless, demonstrate—VHF equipments.

A double bill appears on March 1 at Cray Valley, where G3WVP will discuss the impact of VAT on we radio amateurs, followed by a group of members who will hold forth on Contest Operating Procedures. Then on March 15, there will be the usual Natter Nite—both these gatherings at the Church Hall, Court Road, Eltham, London, S.E.9.

Horsham have March 6 at the Guide Hall, Denne Road for G3WPO to talk about aspects of receiver design. In addition, there is the informal at the "Star" in Roffey; both meetings start at 8.0 p.m.

Unfortunately, the **Southdown** *Newsletter*, although it mentions the Victoria Hotel as the venue, has nothing in the way of dates given. This being the case, we can only indicate the Hq. is in Eastbourne area, and for the rest refer you to G3ZQB, address as Panel, opposite.

We are also a bit up against it over the **Medway** report. This says the lads foregather every Friday but omits to say where exactly. Once again, the answer is to contact the hon. secretary, as Panel.

March 6 at 8.0 p.m. should be of great interest to Reigate—G8AMU is to give an illustrated talk on his recent holiday in Russia, at the new meeting place, Church Hall, Birkenhead Road, to inaugurate this new venue. Ladies are invited. Informals are taken on the third Tuesday in each month, at the "Marquess of Granby," Redhill, in the saloon bar.

A definite change of venue for the **Thames Valley** lads, who have, for the March and succeeding meetings, moved into the small hall, St. George's Halls, Esher, where there will be all the conveniences. The next date, the first one at the new place, is March 7, but at the time of their letter the programme was not finalised.

At **Bishops Stortford**, the March get-together is on the 19th, for G3VVS to talk about and hopefully, demonstrate Spectrum Analysis. This one is in the British Legion Club, Windhill.

West Kent have a couple of dates at the Arts Centre, Monson Road, Tunbridge Wells, on March 2 and 16. The earlier date is down for a talk about a digital calendar clock, while on the 16th there will be a visit by K.W. Electronics.

There is not much dead time in the Worthing syllabus with weekly meetings coming up at the Rose Wilmot Centre, Littlehampton Road, Worthing; March 6 is a report on the VHF/UHF contest activity, and March 13 an SSB demonstration. A Ragchew on March 20 is followed up by an evening on the Club project on the 27th.

The Staff canteen at Youngmans, Ltd., on March 7 will be the scene of the Junk Sale for Crawley, kickoff at 7.45 p.m. Back to the normal Hq. at the Church Hall, Ifield, Crawley, on March 28, when there will be a Constructional Contest and film show.

The **Dunstable Downs** group go from strength to strength—119 members and friends sat down to the recent dinner. They can be found on any Friday at Chews House, 77 High Street South, Dunstable, between 8.0 and 10.0 p.m.

The Ernest Turner works, Totteridge Avenue, High Wycombe, is the home of the Chiltern lads. March 13 is

SHORT CLUB NOTICES					
CLUB NAME	HEADQUARTERS LOCATION	MEETING MONTHLY			
Acton, Brentford & Chiswick	66 High Road, Chiswick	March 20			
Bedford	"The Dolphin," The Broadway	March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29			
Crystal Palace	Emmanuel Church Hall, Barry Road, S.E.22	March 17			
Derby (Nunsfield House)	Nunsfield House, Boulton Lane, Alvaston	March 4, 9, 16, 23, 30			
Edgware	145 Orange Hill Road	March 8, 22			
Lincoln	Lincoln Astronomical Society, Westcliffe Street	March 7, 14, 21, 28			
Northern Heights	Peat Pitts Inn, Ogden	March 14, 21, 28			
Nottingham	Woodthorpe House, Mansfield Road	March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29			
Reading	White Horse, Emmer Green	March 13, 27			
Scarborough	Technical College, Scalby Road (Lecture Room)	March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30			
South Birmingham	Hampstead House, Fairfax Road, West Heath	March 7			
Southgate	C.D. Hut, Bowes Road	March 8			
Torbay	Bath Lane (rear 94 Belgrave Road,) Torquay	March 31			

N.B.—In each case the Secretary's name and address appears in the Panel on p.42.

an informal; the programme for March 28 is not yet announced.

Brighton Technical College is in Richmond Terrace and there on March 3, the Club station, G3TCB, will be on the air, at an open meeting in Room B.7. March 19 should be interesting to the CW types as G3YY will be talking about his experiences with foreign Morse codes.

Amateur TV comes up for discussion on March 12 at Echelford, with G6AHO/T doing the talking. On March 29 there comes the all-important Annual General Meeting. However, the venue is not mentioned, and for that we have to refer you to the hon. secretary—see Panel. p.42.

At Shefford the weekly sessions are held in the Church Hall, Ampthill Road, every Thursday. G8AEL has March I, for a demonstration of RTTY; on the 8th comes a session on workshop practice, with circuit diagrams and layouts; March 15 is for an out-of-the-way topic, namely G8DUY talking about Maps and the Radio Amateur. The R.A.E. Q. and A. evening comes up on March 22, and on the 29th, G3VMI tackles Phone and CW operating procedures.

The third Tuesday in every month is the routine for Sutton and Cheam; and they are to be congratulated on making sure they get their information out on time. This means we can say, with no "scratching around", that the March 20 meeting is a Surplus Equipment Sale and that it is to take place at "The Harrow," Cheam.

Once in a while we seem to get out of phase with Mid-Sussex—their current *Newsletter* does not carry the needed information for March, so we have to refer you to Panel. The Hq. is at Marle Place, Leylands Road, Burgess Hill.

March 21 is the date to book if you want to visit the **Verulam** lads, who are, for the moment, using the Market Hall, St. Albans, which is near Town Hall, in the Market Place. The time is 7.30 for an 8.0 p.m. start.

Closing Date

For the next issue is March 9, addressed "Club Secretary", SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, BUCKINGHAM. Dates forward to catch this feature are April 6 and May 4—and we do mean to catch this feature.

Much regret that too-late reports were received from Cheltenham, Kingston, Solihull and Surrey Radio Contact—in order of opening after last month's deadline. We just cannot take in late reports after the feature has been composed for the printers.

When the London FM Group held a two-metre "fox hunt" on Esher Common recently, ten teams set out to find G8AMG hidden in a wood near Ashtead, Surrey. The object was to train members in VHF D/F. Some of the results seemed a bit odd to those who did not succeed in finding fox-G8AMG—the spread in terms of distance travelled was ten to 28 miles. Here we see the scene at the start, with G8CKT explaining the rules.



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SHORT WAVE LISTENER FEATURE

By Justin Cooper

POINTS OF INTEREST FROM A HEAVY MAIL

— QUERIES AND THEIR ANSWERS — NEWS
AND COMMENT — ANNUAL HPX LADDER
CLOSES, AND OPENS FOR 1973

THE subject of aerials and planning permission is one that often seems shrouded in mist and uncertainty; what is the only solution to be acceptable to one council is the only unacceptable one to another. Many SWL's—and indeed many licensed types—make do with far less than the minimum standard of aerial merely to avoid conflict with the authorities.

There is much which can be done with thin wire, particularly by receiving set-ups, over and above the simple end-on arrangement fed against an "earth" consisting of a couple of two-foot stakes knocked into the soil coupled to the receiver through a bit of 22g. wire. For example, beam arrays do not have to be rotatable; they can do much good by being fixed for a period of time and aimed at an area of interest. As an example, for long enough, J.C. has had a ten-metre beam comprising a folded dipole and a director aimed on U.S.A. and Central America, up in the loft. Recently, this was removed and replaced by another beam for 21 MHz, this time aimed on Africa, also in the loft—this one is a bit long in the elements to be fitted in the loft, so the ends have been turned down vertically and symmetrically. It shows appreciable gain in the desired direction, as compared with a simple dipole.

HPX Ladders

This month sees the last showing of the 1972 Table. Our congratulations to *N. Gerdes (Basingstoke)* on emerging as the leader on this occasion. All scores made should be recorded somewhere for later use in the *All-Time Post War Table*. Next time we begin all over again, as from January 1st, 1973, with the usual requirement to hear at least 200 prefixes to make a start on the Table. Let battle commence!

The Letters

W. B. Taunton (Meopham) says his Echo 8G aerial is in fact at ground level. However, the main thing is clearly that it works!—and, at that, without offending the eye of the neighbours.

Quite a few people have queried various IV5 callsigns; they have all originated from Viareggio (North-West Italy) in connection with some special-event activity. This answers the first question from *P. Barker* (Sunderland); his second is about M1B, the M1 prefix being shown as unofficial in the Prefix List. A good point this—in fact, as far as the writer is aware, the M1 calls are quite OK in that they are duly allocated by the San Marino authorities, who do not use, for some reason

of their own, the ITU-allocated prefix of 9A.

N. Callaghan (Cardiff) has his nose right down to the grindstone, with his O-Level preliminaries on top of him, so he has to be content with a brief note and two more prefixes.

A much more unusual reason for inactivity is given by *J. Woods* (*Woodbridge*), who has occupied his time making a sixty-foot, tilt-over, crank-up tower which works just like the book said—*good*!

M. North (Bath) has the best possible news—he passed the R.A.E., for which our congratulations. As for Morse, he has it at 10's at the moment, so practice will soon bring its own reward. On the debit side, the receiver is suffering from hiccups on Fifteen although all is well on other bands. Apart from telling it to hold its breath we don't really know what to suggest, although, since the fault must lie in the few components which are only involved for 21 MHz, it shouldn't take too much finding.

On to S. Noakes (Cranbrook) who claims to be quite content to be an SWL, and has some sensible comments on the place of the SWL in Amateur Radio—even if its just to phone some local who is calling CQ and getting nowhere, to let him know that at lease he is getting out!

As often remarked, there are so many different interests within the broad definition of Amateur Radio that it is often difficult to advise the novice about, for example, equipment. This is brought home by the letter from S. Scott (Stockport) who has slithered from VHF right down to Top Band in his interests, leaving on the way a half-built DL6SW converter.

The Bingham boys, Dad, Billy and Joe, of Carrick-fergus have split up the work in a different manner, to make life easier for Dad, we suspect! Be that as it may,

ANNUAL HPX LADDER

(Started January 1, 1972)

SWL PREFIXES SWL PREFIXES PHONE ONLY PHONE ONLY N. Gerdes (Basingstoke) P. Barker (Sunderland) R. Smye (Parkgate) W. McFaul (Londonderry) R. Griffiths (Ventnor) 458 430 M. J. Stringer M. J. Stringer
(Southend-on-Sea)
A. Milner (Grantham)
C. L. Lee (Ilford)
R. H. McVey
(Weston-super-Mare)
K. Williams (Scripton) P. Newman (Thame)
R. Philpot (Shenfield)
D. Churchill (Bexleyheath) 300 270 405 P. Jerromes (Newton Abbot) 398 B. Stone (Penzance) 385 K. Williams (Swinton) Mrs. R. Smith (Nuneaton) 380 D. Harris (Telford)
R. F. McLeod (Glasgow)
G. Collins (Skegness)
K. M. Rogers (Ullesthorpe) R. Williams (Swinton)
R. Sharpe (Orpington)
W. Stallard (Cardiff)
S. Hurst (Sheffield)
S. Scott (Stockport)
N. Callaghan (Cardiff) 357 347 W. J. Smith (Benfleet)

Above is last showing of the Annual for 1972. New Table opened w.e.f. January 1st 1973, first appearance to be in May issue. Starting score, 200 prefixes to be already logged since 1st Jan. before claiming. Rules as for HPX, see p.420, September 1972 issue.

they have dug up 53 new ones to bring them much nearer the top of the Table, although we have to doubt the "SY1MA" they logged, at a time when the real SY1MA was not there.

An interesting experiment is going on at the QTH of M. Stringer (Southend) who uses a Cubical Quad on 144 MHz. Your J.C. has always felt that the performance of the Ouad in terms of side-lobes should be better than a normal Yagi, although VHF buffs often say differently —we must wait and see how the experiments pan out.

As always, H. Alford of Burnham-on-Sea (whose picture appeared on p.555, November) has points of interest in his letter. This time there are two; one on the lack of home-construction effort among the SWL's of today; he does not agree that there is any shortage of components (the usual reason given for buying) but rather a matter of pure laziness. He might be right at that! His other points concerns the unpredictability of the bands—for example, one morning he switched on to 21 MHz at 0940z, with ideas of logging the odd JA or two. In the event there were none, but as consolation there were VK4KW (working DU2EL) ZL3 and XW8, all quite readable. The interesting bit is that an hour later, the band was dead to all but Europeans.

Another point crops up in the letter from G. Thompson (Birmingham) who stresses the need for knowing when and where to look for your DX, as for instance the almost daily appearance of the VK/ZL stations in the mornings. On a different tack, he has an 8-ele. Yagi, sitting only two inches above the garage roof, and eight feet above ground, which has produced its fair share of DXclearly said roof is not metallic!

J. Cowan (Rochford) presses on with his commercial radio-operator course, which takes up all his spare time as well; but when it is safely in the bag, John intends to have a bash at R.A.E., and come on Fifteen SSB, for which he wants a cheap transmitter-easy, build one!

Those O-Levels! L. Tarassenko (Dorchester) has no less than eleven of the brutes in the way of his SWL'ing and R.A.E. studies. As if that were not enough, remains the problem, in the license context, that he is not yet a British citizen. On the brighter side, our correspondent is one of the few home-constructors about these days; he has his receiver finished and working on Eighty, to his satisfaction, and next step is to get it going on the other bands—a W3DZZ trap aerial is going up soon to help with the good work; and with any luck, by next time there will be an entry to put in to HPX.

Thirteen or not, and one of our youngest SWL's, M. Peters (Newbury) has his ideas sorted out on Prefixes, although he is bothered a bit by "9H5," as indeed are one or two others. It is quite genuine, and covers British Forces in Malta.

Shift work interferes with the listening of W. Wellington (Whitley Bay), who has a Trio 9R-59DS for generalcoverage, and G3KGN's front-end and IF/AF strip as written-up in the SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, September 1957 and May 1958, for amateur-band coverage; this Rx was built originally by G3FPE, who is R.A.E.-course king at Gosforth. SWL Wellington has had one go at R.A.E. and come unstuck, and is still trying, whenever the XYL relents over the paint-pots. We know the

Anyone know anything about the R.1481? If you do, you might share your information with R. Leslie (Bridge of Weir) who has one and wonders what he can do with it. Write to him direct at Windyridge, Kilborchan Road, Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire.

Once again K. Kyezor (Perivale) is about to be sent into the wilds where receivers are an unheard-of luxury; he has organised things so that an adequacy of letters containing "nil" reports arrive chez J.C. to keep him in the Table—good show.

T. Vale (Abingdon) has a KW-202, ATU to suit, TA32 at 28 feet, and a long-wire running NNE/SSW. He thoroughly recommends the KW receiver which has bumped up the DX heard quite considerably. One query was a station working VK3NR and giving just " as the call. Probably he was VK9LC if the "9LC truth were known, but we must regard him as doubtful on the evidence presented.

E. Paterson (Pinner) has been off SWL'ing for quite a while now, but has just returned to the game by way of a Heath GR-78, after a sickening series of mishaps had confused the issue for quite a while.

Life is real, life is earnest, says A. West (Herne Hill) because his 144 MHz converter switches itself on

HPX LADDER

(All-Time Post War)

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R. Shilvock (Lye)	1320	R. Pullen (Crawley)	720
S. Foster (Lincoln)	1301		712
T. Rootsey (Ilford)	1242		706
A. W. Nielson (Glasgow)	1131	W. B. Taunton (Meopham)	703
J. Fitzgerald		C. K. Verstage (Old Basing)	671
(Gt. Missenden)	1107		671
K. Kyezor (Perivale)	1082	S. Wessely (Sheffield)	669
W. Bingham		B. Thomas (Pontefract)	668
(Carrickfergus)	1053	D. A. Shepherd	
W. Edwards (Tadworth)	976	(Brierley Hill)	651
I. Brown (Newtownabbey)	972	A. West (Herne Hill)	644
R. Carter (Blackburn)	957	A. Judge (Bishops Stortford)	641
A. Mercer (Wigan)	922	O. L. Cross (Bexleyheath)	614
H. Alford (Burnham-on-Sea	917	J. Woods (Chillesford)	606
M. J. Quintin		L. Thomas (Castleford)	604
(Wotton-u-Edge)	912	M. Cuckoo (Herne Bay)	586
B. Hughes (Worcester)	877	J. R. Cowan (Rochford)	578
D. Rodgers (Bolton)	863	K. C. Webb (Reading)	571
N. Askew (Coventry)	821	H. Stephenson	
K. Plumridge		(Newcastle-on-Tyne)	569
(Southampton)		M. North (Bath)	530
N. Henbrey (Northiam)	818	M. Kitchener (Hitchin)	523
J. H. Sparkes (Trowbridge)	816	CW ONLY	
S. Proud (Letterston)	814	A. Glass (Plymouth)	896
G. W. Raven		G. Proud (Letterston)	666
(London, S.E.13)		T. Rootsey (Ilford)	652
M. Fisher (Bradford)	779	W. B. Taunton (Meopham)	600
P. L. King (Emsworth)	775	A. Rowland (BFPO 53)	438
L. A. S. Poole		D. Rodgers (Harwood)	388
(London, N.21)	774	R. Mortimore (Cardiff)	324
H. M. Graham (Harefield)	733	J. Whitington (Worthing)	316
M. Williams (Sleaford)	727	J. Dunnett (Liege)	311
E. W. Robinson			

Starting Score 500 for Phone 200 for CW. Listings include only recent claims. Rules for HPX—see Panel, p. 420, September 1972. DX Zone Map with latest Prefix List 85p post free (Prefix List alone 23p post free) from Publications Dept., Short Wave Magazine, 55 Victoria Street, London, SW1H-OHF.

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and off at regular intervals. This sounds as though the converter has a stage that is squegging—if it worked OK before, and it is a valved device, you could do worse than go through the thing with a soldering-iron for dry joints or broken wires.

A change of receiver is reported by *H. Glass (Plymouth)* this time, Bert having now gone to a FR-DX400, which enables him to hear *Oscar VI* goings-on. So far, Oscar has stumped up with 27 countries, and four new prefixes, which is good listening.

R. Shilvock (Lye) mentions the "DX Information Net" on around 3780-3790 kHz at 2030 each evening as a useful source of gen. His HPX total shows no less than fifty increase—doubtless extra work undertaken to make sure of tipping S. Foster off his seat at the top of the Table!

Perhaps the understatement of the month comes from W. Stallard (Cardiff) who says he heard a "chap signing a GW9 and this seems strange to me." (Strange to us, too!) Bill was lucky at Christmas, with a nice shiny 9R-59DS receiver, very much approved of.

Another one who has been shopping is M. Cuckoo (Herne Bay) who has come home with a Yaesu FR-DX400, but because of domestic chores has not really been able to exercise it much yet.

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During the compilation of this piece, the news broke across the country that the December R.A.E. results were through; one who was still waiting at the time of his letter was *K. Plumridge* (*Southampton*), who was the more on edge as this was his fourth stab at it.

K. Williams (Swinton) comes in with a first entry; he uses a Trio 9R-59DS or an HR-10B, coupled to a PR30 Preselector, and a Joymatch ATU, the latter being fed from a TD-3Jr. trap dipole and a Joystick in parallel.

A prize combination of circumstances conspired to keep the total down for *R. Carter (Blackburn)*. For a start, conditions have not been marvellous on the bands anyway, as for example the Commonwealth Net had not been heard since before Christmas at his time of writing. On top of that, the BFO valve in the receiver expired—luckily a spare was found around the house—and to crown it all along came a "bug" and laid Ben low. No wonder the score is also a bit low!

E. Parker (Hove) wants to know how high we rate his chances in the R.A.E., at age 58—Ernie has already made a start once but was brought to a stop by illness. One would think it will be a bit tough going, but there is no reason at all why a pass should not be obtained at the first sitting—many readers have passed R.A.E. as prelude to a retirement hobby. (In fact, each year R.A.E. candidates are aged 17 to 70).

R. H. McVey (Weston-super-Mare) has the advantage that his father used to be G3GMC in 1955, and has decided to re-activate, starting with the purchase of an FR-50B receiver; a couple of thirty-foot masts are next in prospect, to have eighty feet of wire strung between them.

Another father-and-son team are the Smye family, of whom *R. Smye* (*Shrewsbury*) reports. The winter gales have done the big-stick an injury, reducing it to half its designed height. On the other side of the book, Dad has received his pass-slip for R.A.E., to their pleasure.



As the result of a road accident some years ago Brian Hartley, 23 Hastings Road, Thornton Cleveleys, Lancs. is confined to a wheel chair at the early age of 24 years — but he has a very fine SWL station as some consolation. It includes Yaesu FR-DX400, Collins 75S-3B and Drake R-4B receivers, with various two-metre Rx units and a Robot SS/TV monitor. Antennae are beams for 2-10-15-20m. on a tilt-over Versatower, with rotator unit, a 70ft. Tavasu whip for Top Band and a trapped inverted-Vee for 40-80m. The earth system involves about 200ft. of wire. He holds 18 listener awards, does all his own repair work and is going for the R.A.E. We wish him every possible success in Amateur Radio.

W. J. Smith (Benfleet) has taken the game up again after a lapse of 45 years, by way of a Zenith receiver given to him as a retirement present. The stimulus is such that active thoughts are being turned to R.A.E.—one thing is that, although rusty, his Morse has not been entirely lost and should therefore be of adequate standard by the time the R.A.E. pass is obtained. On a different tack, W.J.S. mentions that the 9C9 prefix hailed from EP-land, as a special to mark the anniversary of the "White Revolution."

V. Porter (Barnet) has some points on the CQ and ITU Zone scheme. Basically, the CQ Zones are forty in number, divided up arbitrarily to make an interesting chase working them-for instance, Zone 23 comprises part China, Mongolia, Tibet, and a bit of UAØ, just to make things less easy. On the other hand the ITU Zone system was generated comparatively recently to enable data to be reduced to statistics which would aid in propagation and other such research, and is based on the ITU zone system for the administration of BC stations; thus it has no particular relevance to Amateur Radio. Vernon is one of the select band of SWL's who have been at the game for years without serious thought of a and he has logged all 40 Zones—so in his retirement days he is going to leave the complexities of the ITU Zone scheme well alone.

A nice long letter from R. C. Woolley (Ashbourne) raises lots of questions about the business of getting started in the hobby. However, suffice it to say that Richard hopes to have a "proper" receiver working by the time this reaches print, always assuming he gets the

XYL's new kitchen finished first—we sympathise!

R. Pullen (Crawley) comments among other things on the local interest in using the FT-2F, and indicates that he may well follow the trend when he has passed the R.A.E. Talking about that, Ross says he has had quite a bit of help from his course tutors, and from his boss at work who is G3ZWS.

For what must be the first time ever, S. Foster (Lincoln) writes in to offer a nil-report, Stew having been pretty busy with other matters. This settles it, and means R. Shilvock passes Stew's total at the top of the Ladder. However, Stew has made his plans, and we wait to see how the battle will go!

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Ouite a few points crop up in the letter from D. A. Shepherd (Kingswinford). First, he wants to know how to D/F some pirates on Top Band who are annoying his locals. What one wants is simply a portable receiver with an in-built ferrite rod aerial (which they mostly have, anyway) to tune Top Band. The null will be found to be along the line of the ferrite rod, and should be used in preference to the peak which is wider and made more so by the effect of AVC. Then take a series of shots from different points and plot them on a suitable map, in both directions since you have no "sense" arrangement. In the small area where your plots cross would be "the spot where the body was found." (In fact, this same technique can be used to pin-point almost any sort of QRM). The other question is drift with an 888 receiver. J.C. has one, admittedly not now in constant use, but it is fed from a constant-voltage transformer off the mains, which gets rid of mains-voltage effects on both heaters and HT lines.

A keen Top Band addict is A. Judge (Bishops Stortford) who for long complained of an "impossible" aerial for that band but now finds he has hooked such as KV4FZ and W1BB/1 on it. Tony has fifteen countries up, with "local" gaps such as 4U1ITU, OE and GC Jersey to be filled in yet.

Sad to say, for A. W. Nielson (Glasgow) the move to a new QTH has so far been a total disaster radio-wise. Until quite late in January, the receiver was not even plugged in, and when it was conditions were foul. Then he got 'flu, which was still holding him down at the time of writing.

A short list this time is explained by *M. Williams* (Sleaford) as being due to his pre-occupation with Eighty to the exclusion of DX on the other bands. However, although there has been plenty enough DX on Eighty of late Maurice has still not snagged a ZK1 to put in the log

A long letter from *H. M. Graham* (*Harefield*) who seems to have been really "going to town" one way and another. First, there is the purchase of an FR-50B, then the move of it and the EC-10 to a new base of operations upstairs, in a room which has also to do duty as a storeroom, spare bedroom, and darkroom when not used as a shack. However, all the apparatus seems to be "perking" in its new home. Hearing all the talk about Ten, Maurice has spent some time in monitoring the band during daylight at weekends, and over a period of several weeks there has always been something to be

found, usually in a North-South direction as is always the way on 10m. when the MUF is low.

Congratulations to *R. Mortimore* (Cardiff) who has his R.A.E. pass in the bag at the ripe old age of fifteen—and he did all the work for it by self-tuition, at that. The Morse test had been taken the day before his letter, (and, one would have guessed, passed, if his CW HPX score is a guide) so Richard expects to be able to tell us his call next time round.

G. Collins (Skegness) sent an entry in to HPX last time which would appear to have gone astray; which is our cue for rubbing home the need for accurate addressing, in a readable script. Such a simple error as writing, for example "Buckinghamshire", in place of Buckingham can make a whale of a difference—just compare the county with the town in either area or population, to see the point! To revert to Graham; he has a Trio 9R-59DS and an R.107, plus a 16ft. whip at 45 feet, and a long-wire round the garden. He has tried Two, using an FET converter, but without much success so far.

Wow! The pile of paper about half-an-inch thick wrapped in a letter signifies that P. L. King has rewritten his complete list since he got to Emsworth. What a task, checking a claim for 775 prefixes! However, it has to be admitted, ti's a lot easier when done à la King, and nicely readable.

Lady Luck has been working overtime for him, avers R. F. Philpot (Shenfield). First, he made a straight swop of his HA-600 for a Trio JR-500S, and then he managed to get a good 18AVT/WB, second-hand but perfect, for £20, to the great benefit of the scores. All the existing gear, 9R59, ATU's, VHF converters and so on, are still in the shack and in use.

Reporting

Last time out we had a letter from 9M2DQ on the subject of QSL's; this time another comes in from G3BHK, who is perhaps best known for his work in the Scout Jamboree-on-the-Air context. Les was involved with GB3BIC last year, and received 65 SWL reports. On his analysis, some of these optimists didn't even have the sense to mention in their "reports" such vital details as the date, the time or the band! Then there were others who had the cheek to send neither an s.a.e. or IRC, nor even a stamp, and yet almost demand a card!

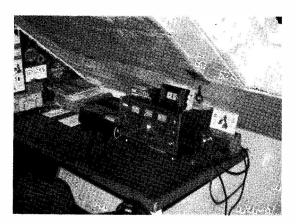
Perhaps we should lay down some ground-rules for SWL reporting, along these lines: (a) Always make sure the report is being correctly addressed; it's not much use sending anyone a report direct, if he only QSL's via a manager, (b) Make sure your report has, as the very minimum, at least the date, the time, the mode of transmission, the frequency as accurately as you can read it, and the signal report at which you are hearing him. Again, a report is the more appreciated when the "target" is, for example, calling CQ with no reply-your report then tells him at least that his own gear is not at fault; (c) Send an s.a.e. or IRC—and for Pete's sake, don't forget that it's no good putting a U.K. stamp on an s.a.e. aimed at, say, a JY station; you have to go to the local stamp trader and get mint JY stamps of the appropriate value for your s.a.e. (this where the IRC comes in-you buy it at your local Post Office) whether for air or surface mail; (d) If you can possibly give a period-report over several operating sessions, do so; and if any of his QSO's commented on his signal quality adversely, it will help if you, for example, can say that he sounded quite OK (or the other thing!) to you at the same point in time.

The letter from J. Fitzgerald (Gt. Missenden) looks back and forward. In the forwards direction one is pleased to note the odd CW logging, indicating that John is slowly working towards a pass in the Test; as for the backwards look, there is now a total of 153 countries all-time, logged on Eighty. And, note it you moaners about the QRM, most of them heard on an arrangement of two transistor portable sets!

M. Cornwall (Harefield), on the other hand has found Eighty pretty uneventful of late, and has been tuning a Cossor portable radio down on to Top Band for a look there. Results have been quite reasonable so far. On the aerial front, great things are hoped for from the multiband trapped dipole arrangement soon to be put up.

Full of questions is C. Verstage (Old Basing)! First, Chris is looking for suggestions for a good aerial for Eighty and Forty—you could do worse, if you have the room, than use dipoles, as high as you can get them. Where to listen on Eighty and Forty for DX, next. Eighty SSB is all up at the 3795 kHz mark on the dial, but you will almost certainly find you can't hear it until you reduce RF gain considerably and run up the AF to compensate. As for Forty, if might be anywhere in the band, but again, reduction of RF gain is essential with most receivers. Last question is more technical—how far apart should four and two-metre beams be, mounted on a common mast? As far apart as possible, and both aerials pointing in the same direction.

How to you measure the input impedance of your receiver? So asks D. Churchill (Bexleyheath). You don't—youlook it up in the handbook! General-coverage receivers are often 400 ohms, amateur-only ones 50 or 75 ohms; but these are only norminal and wander widely as you tune the bands. What is more important is

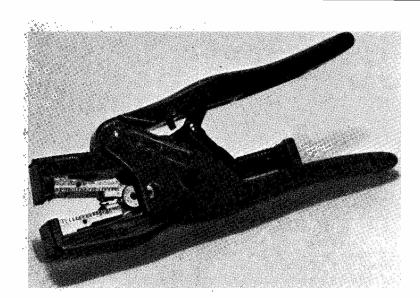


SWL Graham Armstrong, Harestanes, Ancrum, Jedburgh Renfrewshire, Scotland is a 160-metre specialist, for which he has a Trio 9R-59DS and 550ft. of wire out at 50ft. up-also a 220ft. aerial and a 14ft. roof whip. At one time interested in the HF bands, he has altogether abandoned them and is learning CW to catch the 160-metre DX.

to tune out the reactance presented to the receiver by the aerial. The practical approach is to knock up an ATU and to fiddle with it till one gets the best signal-transfer—best S-meter reading—on a particular band, using a signal in ground-wave range as one's reference. This should take care of all the variables, and you can have it going quicker than you can do the sums.

Conclusion

That's it, once again. For the next piece, the deadline will be more like normal, to arrive first post on March 22, addressed "SWL," SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, BUCKINGHAM. And don't forget, we're getting into the DX season, so things should be humming!



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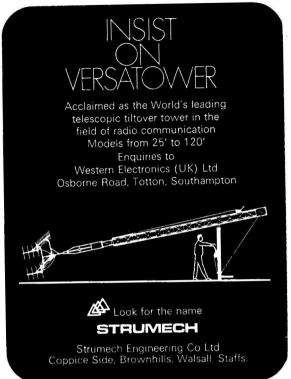
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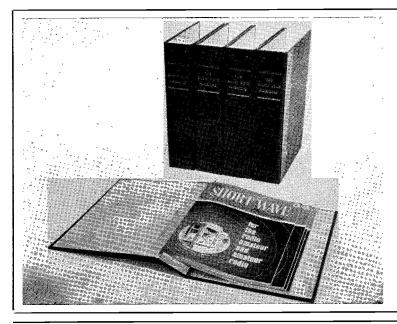
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