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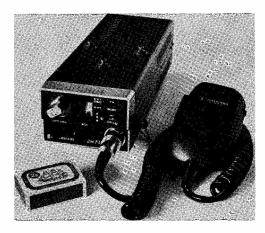
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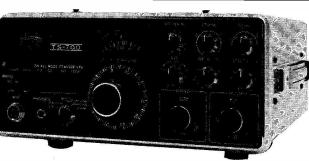
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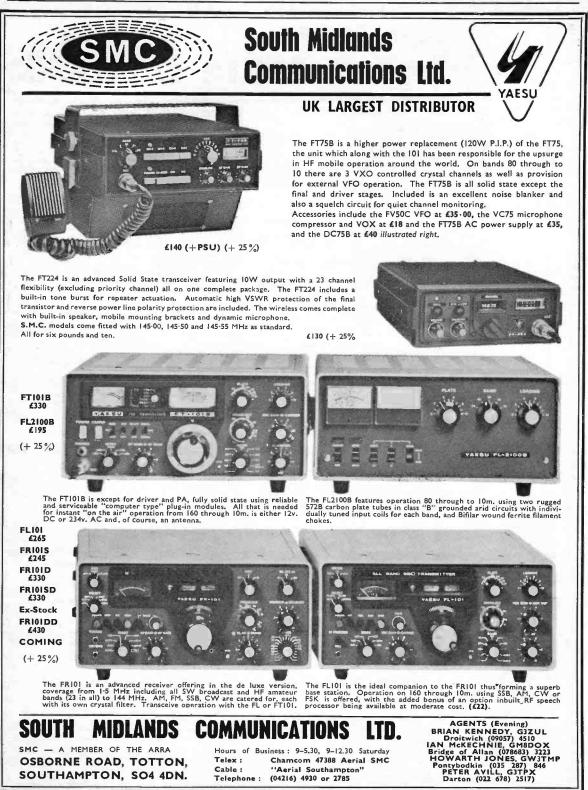
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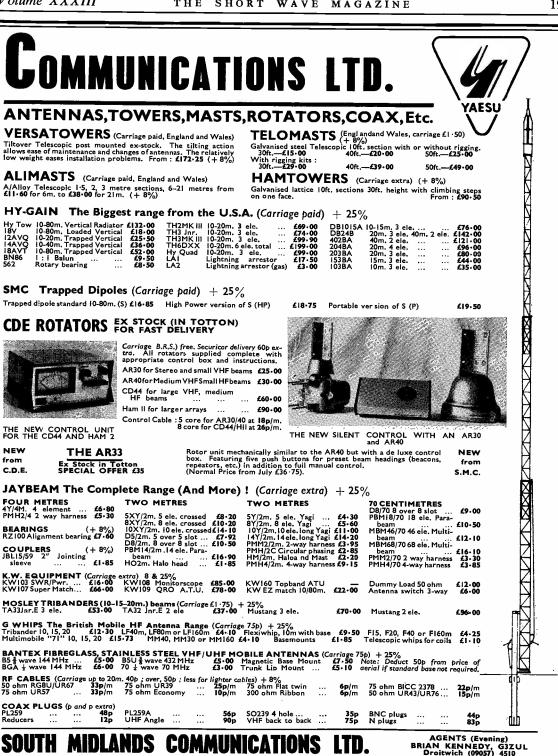
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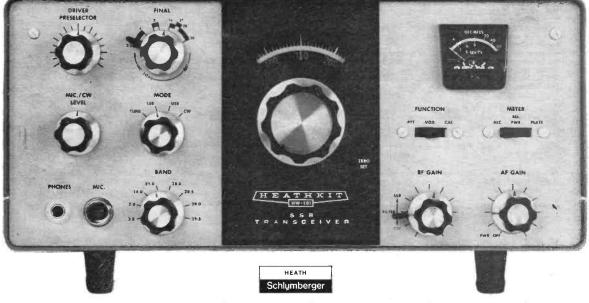
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THEFT OF MAIL - APRIL 30

On the morning of Wednesday, April 30, our mail box at 55 Victoria Street was rifled before arrival of staff. It would have contained material posted to us over April 28-29—that is, immediately following delivery to readers of the May issue, when we would normally receive a fairly heavy post. It is, of course, impossible for us to know what we lost in the way of book orders, subscriptions and such. Obviously, there is nothing whatever we can do about it without the co-operation of readers affected, who should let us know about any orders sent in dated April 28-29 which appear to be outstanding.

POSSIBLE PUBLICATION DELAY

We should warn readers that there is again some unrest in the printing industry, involving one of the key unions. It may be that appearance of the July issue (due on June 27) could be affected. Many other periodicals and provincial newspapers are in the same difficulty. Therefore, if the July issue of SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE is not with you on time, we would ask that this situation be borne in mind before ringing in or writing to us to complain. It can be taken for granted that we always do our utmost—and have done for more than 30 years—to publish on the due date, the last Friday of the month.

R.A.E. COURSES-1975-'76

As in previous years, we shall be listing, starting with the August issue, courses of instruction to be held for the Radio Amateur's Examination, Subject No. 765, City & Guilds. Course organisers are asked to let us have details as soon as possible, addressed "R.A.E." SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, BUCKINGHAM, MK18 1RQ giving, as well as the address for application, the fee to be charged, the name/callsign of the course instructor and any other relevant information. Uniquely, Amateur Radio is the only hobby activity for which an official examination has to be taken and passed!

RAOTA DINNER MEETING-May 16

The 17th Reunion of the Radio Amateur Old Timers' Association took place in London on May 16, about 60 members and guests being present under the chairmanship of Kenneth Alford, G2DX, the president. Among two-letter calls of early pre-War days there were G2AK, G2IY, G2UV, G5DJ, G5OX, G5RS, G5UK, G5YH, G5YN, G6CJ, G6JP, G6LL, G6MN and G6YP-all wearing their years well and still retaining their early enthusiasms. It is intended that next year's Reunion should be centred on a Saturday lunch-time session, rather than on a Friday evening. Qualification for membership of the RAOTA (started some 20+ years ago by the writer of this piece as the British Old Timers' Club) is the holding of a full U.K. licence for at least 25 years. The hon. secretary, RAOTA, is Miss May Gadsden, 79 New River Crescent, Palmers Green, London, N13 5RQ. There is a regular RAOTA net every first Thursday in the month, with G2FUX, QTHR, as ringmaster.

CORRECTION—"ORP on Eighty"

In this article by G3DNF, in the April issue, the 16 lines below Fig. 4 (p. 86) should be read as the caption to Fig. 5, p. 87. And also on p. 87, in the fourth line of text below Fig. 5, the capacitor should be " $\cdot 0015 \ \mu F$ polystyrene" and not as stated, the VC1 referred to being that of Fig. 1 on p. 85.

OBITUARY-David Corfield, G5CD

We much regret to have to record the passing of this well-known old timer, on April 16 at the age of 69. He was a professional of high standing in the field of radio engineering, and in the sphere of Amateur Radio pioneered the use of FM working and UHF transmission, as well as being an important contributor to the RSGB's *Radio Communication Handbook*.

Austin Forsyth G6F0

WORLD-WIDE COMMUNICATION

COMMUNICATION and DX NEWS

ONE may conceivably have noted a certain hint of disillusion with life on reading the preamble to this piece last month, possibly some sense that Dark Forces were sitting on your old 'KFE's aged head. You might be right at that—at *precisely* the time that a farmer's wife was embedding the front-end of her vehicle into this person's horseless carriage, some five miles away his previous car was being shunted up the hind-quarters; and, as if that were not enough, the son-in-law, driving the shopping-wagon, managed to dent a hub-cap in a car park. Whoever the guy is with the wax and pins—Lay Off!

In a general sense, there can be no doubt that those who, like G2BJY, believe we should all brew-up everything ourselves, must be laughing at those of us who might have been considering a change of commercial rig—the Chancellor's latest Budget has brought us a 'way from the old situation whereby one could buy a rig without any form of blood-money being involved.

The Bands

Rather like the curate's egg; but what more can we expect at the bottom of the sunspot cycle? However, regular monitoring of the bands has revealed activity, to a greater or less degree, on all of them, for the pleasure of the DX chaser or the plain communicator. Let us start at the bottom, with Top Band, if you read us!

Activity on 160m. may seem to be down on this band, as viewed by someone who has not listened for, say, ten years; but most of this activity which had disappeared was in the nature of local natters and nets. If one is in there for an interesting GDX or EDX QSO, either on CW or Phone, there is plenty going on.

Up in Kirkcaldy, GM3 YOR has been dipping his feet in the HF waters to the detriment of Top Band activity; and in his case, as he is well on with the easy ones, he is now scratching about a bit for some expeditions to fill up the difficult areas. In addition, changing over to shift work and the consequent opportunities to operate at "useful" times on the HF bands has had its effect.

G2BJY (Walsall) divided his time between Top Band and Forty, on the hunt for the "30" prefixes from OK, the end of which was a total of no less than 82 of them which may well make him the top scorer from G-land. And, we could remark, we go along with Geoff's feeling that the U.K. authorities could well have followed all the other countries who celebrated the end of Hitler's War-or, perhaps even better, the Battle of Britain 35 years ago-with a special prefix? On a different theme, G2BJY has been trying his hand at what might be called QRP reception! This by way of a 1-v-2 TRF receiver costing about 75p, using a 6AG5 RF stage, 6AG5 triode-strapped as the detector with reaction, and two more 6AG5's to bring signals up to speaker level. However, for serious use headphones are preferred, with an audio filter, and this Rx is being used on a short, about 20ft., aerial, even though OK's have been worked on the "big" wire. We could may be make the comment that if we add to the cost of 75p for the receiver, a power supply from the junk-box or Club junk sale, plus a couple of valves gleaned from the same source and turned into a transmitter (say, a pair of EF91's), plus a bit of wire aloft and a lot under the ground could, even at today's inflated prices it would get a keen chap on the air and able to enjoy contacts aplenty for well under a fiver!

Looking at the snippets at the bottom of Geoff Watts' DXNS, as regards Top Band, we notice that A2CBX is QRV on 1828-5 kHz weekends, between 0230 and 0415z—QSL to Dave Harris, P.O. Box 52, Gaborone, Botswana. KV4FZ worked TI9DX for his 100th country on the band since 1969, not to mention taking top place in the CQ one-sixty metre contest each year—W1BB had better look to his laurels by the sound of it! On a different tack, WB8APH has made a WAC using two-way SSB on One-Sixty.

Eighty Metres

We had hardly made that comment, last month, on the problems of unwanted noises generated in receiver front-ends and put the copy into the post, when the mail at the salt-mine produced a most interesting Siliconix Application Note, No. 48, referring to the advantages of suing a *double-balanced* mixer comprising four U310 FET's, or, better still, the U350 device which is four U310's in an optimum-shape 14-pin DIL package, with the four chips taken from the same wafer to give a quite remarkable degree of matching of the FET's and hence of balance. The note refers to the performance over the range 50-250 MHz, at which the device has a noise figure of 8 dB—more than enough to be used without an RF stage in, for

E. P. Essery, G3KFE

example, a direct-conversion receiver for Eighty of performance probably superior to *anything* on the market today. An interesting thought!

Two letters came in from G4DMN (Shrewsbury School), the second being a large amendment to the first and realising he had reported some stations twice; as if that were not bad enough, Richard addressed both of them to Justin Cooper of "SWL" from whom they had to be recovered by main force! To be serious for a moment, G4DMN has added an 18AVT/WB to the school aerial farm, and oddy enough finds it relieves him of TV as compared with the dipoles. On Eighty, the diople entrapped signals from VP2ABC, 8P6AJ and ZB2CJ, but the run up to A-levels is this term and so activities have been more academic than DX-oriented.

Next we have a brief letter and log from G3CED (Broadstairs) who seems to have varied his gear quite a lot from band to band, and also to have tried out a new type of ATU with his Joystick. On Eighty, it was either five watts or 750 milliwatts to a BFY52 doubler PA; the latter made contact on CW with DK6VF, F2WW, ON5RL, G3DBZ, G4AYG, G5JL, PAØFVL, TK8TM—the "celebration" prefix used by the FS—and G3WSZ, finding that going up to five watts made little difference to reports.

G2NJ (Peterborough) maintains his noon-time activity on Eighty QRP and had quite a crop of interesting QSO's, including G3FMW in Harrogate with two watts; G3CEL, Hyde, on five occasions, of which three were when he was /P from Pwllheli in Wales (with only 35 feet of wire and two watts); G2CAS using one watt from Harrogate; G8PG and G2DOJ, both running two watts; G3RJV, the QRP Club spark-plug, with four watts, plus many five and six watters in the Low Power contests.

Yet another QRP artist is G2HKU (Isle of Sheppey) who says his MFJ filter tacked on to the back of the Ten-Tec receiver is a great help with the winkling-out job, always provided the other bloke doesn't drift! 90 watts of SSB hooked W1WQC/P4 and 6W8DY who came back with a fast QSL via VE4SK and air-mail, while the QRP CW at one watt (those batteries getting flatter still?) made it to DA2SL, DK3PY, OK3ØDNJ, ON5GK and PAØFIN.

Forty

There are people who claim that DX'ing is best done on 7 MHz at this phase of the sunspot cycle, but it is certainly not for the fainthearts and refugees from the VHF telephone-links!

G2BJY found conditions for what he calls *real* DX were pretty poor, but noticed at the same time that often the Eastern Europeans were getting through when he couldn't, which told him the skip was not right—though some people would have ascribed it the easy way and said those same EU's were running over-power and umpteenelement beams! Nice to hear someone put a problem down to skip and not to crimes against the licence committed by "they"—whoever "they" may be. However, his "Pobieda 30" activities found quite a crop of odd prefixes of which Geoff candidly comments "their significance eludes me!" and a very nice QSO with DL6XT, Lake Chien, and a very rare one for DOK.

G4DMN did not brave the QRM on Forty, but he has now received his second call-sign, E11CV, on which he is restricted to 25 watts and CW on Twenty and Forty until he has held his G-ticket for a full year—but it'll be good practice, he reckons. For this old scribe to hear of a probationary period of a year attached to a U.K. licence brought back memories of twenty years ago!

G3CED/G3VFA did not risk his real QRP on the band, but went QRO to five watts() at which level he hooked HB9AAL, SM7FYK, EA2JJ, YU3UMC and F6AGH, all on the key —George is a dyed-in-the-wool key-basher *ex*-pro. operator.

As for G2HKU, Ted stuck to the Big Rig for this band, and CW, accounting for K2BT, KP4BJM, PY7ASY, PY7BPA, UH8AU (for a new one), VP9HP and YV4TI.

Comments

As always, lots of these, some grave, some gay, some quite unprintable! G2HKU kicks his off by wondering at the collection of funny noises infesting Top Band of late, and what they do—for instance does that "OSN41" thing serve any useful purpose beyond getting rid of surplus electricity?

G2BJY has been having some surprises at the way people keep their logs—stations operating Vox on Top Band and arguing as to the date they had their last QSO, as one end of the contact appeared Ernest Phillipson operates G3NVE at 67 Newport Street, Goole, South Humberside, running all bands Top to 10m. and VHF, with an FR-50B as main station Rx and a CR-100 as tunable IF for VHF. Antennae are a TA-32Jr., with beams for 2m./ 70cm. on a simple home-designed and built rotator and direction indicator. G3NVE was licensed in 1959 and his interest goes back to 1936.



not to have made *any* entry, even a wrong one, in his log, or the GW who claimed it was their first QSO but who seemed familiar it turned out their last contact was a fortnight earlier! As Geoff sees it, and your scribe agrees wholeheartedly, apart from the "licence conditions" aspect of the thing, well-kept old logs are a source of much pleasure to mull over when the band is flat, always bringing back memories of people, places or events.

From W1WY we have a Xerox copy of the results of the 1974 CQ WPX Contest, both CW and Phone, a full two months earlier than usual. Looking at the CW results which we have to hand, the U.K. representation was higher than for some years past. HC2YL was at seventh among the world-high scores all-band, ElØREI was top on Eighty, and GM4ASY on Top Band made third place. Of the U.K. entrants, G3FXB led the all-band with over the million points mark, ahead of sixteen other G's; GM3BCL led the Jocks home and GW3SLA did the same for the GW's; in the multi-op. single transmitter class the leaders were, by country, G3WYX, ElØGRC, G13FFF, GM3ZRC, and GB3MCG, competing in the multi-operator multi-transmitter class, racked up over the million points; the total U.K. and Eire entry was no less than forty-five stations—quite a livening-up of interest in the big contests!

Nice to hear again from W6AM (Long Beach) who has been on a Caribbean cruise, operated from five countries and visited 60 amateurs, including giving a lecture to the Radio Club of Venezuela.

G4AGM (London S.W.4) writes in to let us know he is back in the U.K. for a spell but will be in Brazil after December this year and, hopefully, licensed in that country; he already has VP8JR, DA2XW, DJØHY and G4AGM callsigns to his credit.

The Rhodesian Sunday Mail on March 23 gave ZE1CW a good write-up with a couple of pictures, one of the shack and the other of a fine Quad and crank-up tower, details of the requirements for a licence, the address of the licencing authority and of the Radio Society of Rhodesia; the clipping was sent in by G3MYF of Otley, to whom our thanks.

A.R.M.S. secretary, Norman Fitch, G3FPK, writes to mention the mobile calling channels. The HF net frequency is of interest to be mentioned in this piece—the Saturday members' net has moved down to 14-320 MHz, at 1330z, with the Club callsign G4AMS as the net control.

We live and learn! Last time round it was remarked about PA9 prefix that it might possibly be a /MM variant; now G8BBP/PA9AHY puts us right by pointing out that PA9 is the prefix for Dutch reciprocal calls—and Keith reckons it is pretty fair for a G8/3 to receive a PA9 ticket allowing 80-10 metres, 144 MHz and 432 MHz operation! Thanks for the information—and it's nice to know we have at least one G8 reader!

Some time back we mentioned the problems of G4BUE, about planning-permissions for his aerial—his employers solved that one by transferring him to Burgess Hill and requiring him to live in the area where he works! On a different tack Chris has a lot of fun with the Mid-Sussex amateurs calling themselves the "Channel Contest Group," and he sent us some colour prints of the members and their Club station during last year's CQ WW WPX, operated by them, as a DX-pedition, from Guernsey with much help from the locals there. The idea in the future is to operate in the contest from somewhere like Morocco and really make a killing. The group members are G3FXB, G3MXJ, G3XBN, G3ZQW, G4BVH, SWL Measor and of course G4BUE himself—quite a fund of DX and contest experience there!

Next we have WB2OZW/G5AUP, writing from Park Ridge, N.J., to comment on the recent review of the MFJ CW filter. Paul offers some findings of his own which will be of interest to any CW op. thinking of using one. First, he compared the filter against his previous passive devices, and found it no-contest-the CW out of the MFJ filter is far superior. However, he does make a couple of points of interest as to the best place to connect the box-not, as most of us do, putting it in the headphone leads, but between the slider of the receiver volume control and the grid of the first audio stage, where the level is at its lowest. A good point, at that, which Paul takes further in his Drake 2B by running his unit off a twenty-five volt line, divided down from the 60-volt rail in his receiver, so as to improve further the rejection of overload crud. However, while it is quite safe to do this, one must be sure that the HT never under any circumstances rises above thirty volts, which rather indicates the use of a zener diode to be on the safe side. Keeping the MFJ filter outside the receiver physically, but taking screened leads inside the receiver to the volume control slider, as just mentioned, means that you can control the receiver as normally without fear of overloading the MFJ unit, and also that you can use the receiver headphone jack and speaker in the normal manner. G3KFE has tried this and the improvement is quite noticeable.

The HF Bands

Broadly, things have been about what one would expect for the time of year and the sunspot cycle. Ten has had a few odd openings Southwards around noon-time, plus the occasional "VHF-type" opening. However, the greater interest in Ten at the bottom of this cycle as compared with the last two minima has resulted in more DX contacts being reported, by far—which just goes to show that, as we have so often remarked, *activity* is needed to detect an opening!

GM3YOR has been getting his feet wet on HF, and finding out about the required arts for raising DX---not necessarily quite the same as Top Band, he ruefully remarks of the ones that failed to come back! The FT-101B is hooked to a K.W. trap dipole at thirty-five feet and aligned SE/NW, which only made one contact on Ten apart from Oscar, which was to YU2BST, and even that needed a combination of SSB and CW to complete.

Just for a while, G4CXM is back at his Paignton home, and naturally enough he is enjoying it, although he will in due course be going away again, possibly to work in Bristol. Ray didn't see much activity on Ten, but usually there were at least stirrings around 1200-1400, with 9J2DT always to be looked for as a beacon.

G3NOF (Yeovil) dismisses the ten-metre activity as far as he is concerned in very few words. He noted a few openings into Europe, but made no contacts.

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Now we must look at Fifteen, and here our first exercise is the letter from G6AH (Burnham, Essex) who was stirred to write in by our comments on sunspots and the lack of them last month. Being retired, G6AH began keeping a daily watch in August '71, on 21 MHz for one hour, the chosen period being the first activity in the morning, moved in steps to coincide roughly with the seasons. The aerial used for these watches was a quarter-wave rod against ground or a ground-plane; results are expressed in terms of DX prefixes heard.

G6AH then totals up the DX prefixes logged in a given month, and divides the total to give a "per day" figure for each month. The highest per-day total was in February 1972 at 19·1, dropping more or less as one would expect to February 1975 with 3·6; April 1975 at 2·2 shows as the worst month since the watch started but November 1974 showed up as the best month since November 1972 and the fifth best since operations began in August 1971! In general, November seems to be the best month and April the worst, for DX, for some unknown reason. Further, the answer is not connected with the sunspot count, which was for October 74, 47; November, 25; and December, 20. Very odd, and very interesting! Rasearch along these lines is always rewarding, and we would like to hear of more.

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Fifteen for G4DMN meant contacts only with LU4MBI and 5B4BS, both taken on the 18AVT. On the other hand, GM3YOR used SSB for QSO's with CE3RC, CR7BU, OD5BV, VQ9HCS, and VQ9SS/C (Chagos), while the CW bait hooked EA8BK, LU1DNU, PAØWAY/MA (over the Persian Gulf), PY1DG, PY2FCF, PY2ZBU, MIC, YV4NB/MM off Gabon, 4X45T and 5B4RW.

On to G4CXM, who reckons that the band went well for him to the East and to South America, but not at great strength; CW was used to work YB0AB, but SSB came up with CV0Z, UF6FAD and XX60Z; but although he was a good signal inwards, the bait was dangled at FH8CY to no avail. The first couple of weeks of May saw conditions fall off, with little heard in the awy of DX; short-skip on some days, but on others almost dead—with an occasional burst of life for a few moments and then again silence. SSB contacts were made with CE3RC, CR6BY, CR6QU, TU2EI, VP8NK, VQ9J, ZS1EZ, 4Z4IX, SR4CB, 6W8BR, 9J2DT and 9J2WR.

How About 14 MHz?

Were Shakespeare alive today, it is sure he could have waxed eloquently on the distressing topic. But for the moment we must make the best of it.

To kick off the reports we have G3UOL (Coventry) who seems to have reacted to poor conditions by way of a linear not mentioned in previous reports; the K.W. Viceroy still gives of its best, and the two are coupled to a KW trap-dipole. Usage was confined to 14 MHz and SSB, conditions considered to be fair over the month of April; and it meant two-way contact with 9K2DI, VK's around 1300z and OE2SCL/YK for a new country; around 1800 he found TU2CJ and TU2DD, TG9PW, and during the evening-time there were HZ1AB, KG4FO, TR8RS, TR8WR, TU2EH, 5N2AAE, 5U7AW, 9G1AR, 9G1HX, followed at 2100z by FY7AN, HR3JJR, VP2AYL and ZPSSG.

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	Octobe	er — Septen	iber	
Callsign	AM	CW	SSB	Total
G2BJY	18	138	52	208
GM3YOR	33	126	47	206
GD4BEG	15	138	40	193
G4CBQ (Home)	56	46	55	157
G4AKY		94	24	118
G4CBQ (Univ.)	105	2	_	107
G4BWP	27	70	_	97
G4BOH	9	62	24	95
G4AYS (QRP)	_	76	_	76
G5BHP	3	32		35

Each county may be worked once in each mode. AM contacts score three points, CW two points, SSB one point. AM contacts made by changing over from SSB to AM are not allowed, neither are cross-mode contacts, saving that AM/SSB contacts will be counted as two points for the mode the station was using, i.e. the SSB end will claim his two points under the SSB heading and the AM end his two points under the AM heading. New U.K. County designations apply, as listed on p.97, April.

Starting date October 1, 1974, closing September 1975.

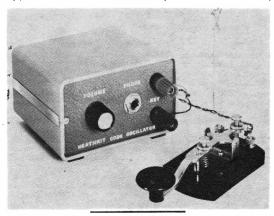
Reporting the HF Bands

There was a lot of 14 MHz operation, relatively, at the G3CED QTH, with inputs varying from the 750 milliwatt power doubler to two or even five watts input. The gnat-power device, coupled into an aerial, netted an R5-both-ways from W1TW—the aerial being of course, the Joystick, while UAICZ in Leningrad could hardly be regarded as a bad return to a CQ with such a power level either, come to think of it. Twenty QSO's with the little 'un, and a change was made to two watts for another twelve QSO's all round Europe; the five-watt "big rig" was not needed on Twenty, being reserved for the tough stuff on Forty and Eighty!

At G2HKU, the only SSB was with UD6CC, but CW raised UKØAAB and 9H1CH, who is perhaps better-known as G2BW, now living out there.

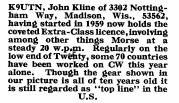
The letters from G4DMN indicate quite a lot of activity; on the dipole there were CR6XA, TA1HY, KZ5ED, C5AR, TU2EP, CN8AG, VP2LBR, FMØBQQ/FG; a switch to the vertical produced the desired exchanges with 9K2BR, WØNNY, 5Z4OG, PY6AM, VP1PKW, PY1RP, K2OAS/M, W1YZL (who was S3 running one watt of SSB), PZ1BW, PY7VKN, UP2AYL, 9Y4VV, HK3LY, YS1GMV, WSNVU, JA4HM/5, HM1AQ, JY3ZH, JY9MS, HZ1TA, KZ5BC, LU1ATQ, 9L1JM, LU8AAE and CE8DC.

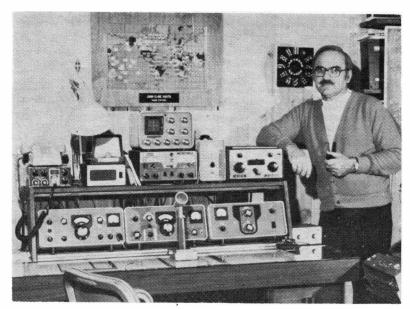
GM3YOR found he was gradually learning his way about the band, and his success ratio improved over last month, with eight new ones booked in, by way of CE, CR7, HC, HK, M1C, VQ9, VQ9/C and 9K2. CW saw off HC1XG (who is otherwise G3HVG)





(Upper) The Heathkit HD-1416 Code Practice oscillator, which operates from a 9v. supply, and comes complete with key and phone jack, in a home-constructor kit costing 27.000. (Below) The Heathkit HD-1410 electronic keyer, with adjustable dotdash paddles for speeds from 10 to 35 w.p.m. It can be AC or DC powered and costs £29.70 in kit form.





and SSB did the rest, with CE2PC, CT2AK, FY7AQ, HV3SJ, HP2KP/MM (in the Persian Gulf), JY9MS, HK3BGN, UK9CAE, UK9MAA, VERCS, WB2ZHN, WA5OQZ/MM and 9K2DR.

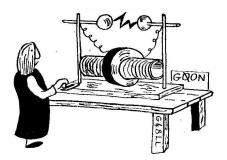
An April Fool's Day special? wonders G4CXM of his contact with QQØAA who was worked although no-one appeared to be able to extract a QTH out of his phonetics! However, more likely candidates for the log were, on CW, FM7WH, UL7AFA, VO1HP, UF6FAY, UI8AP; SSB, VP5GT, LU4DSZ, YV3AGG, YV2AMG/3, 9Y4PH/P, 9Y4VU, OD510, 4U1ITU, HK31YH, VK2PA, VK4NE, VK2LW, VS5DB, VS5MC, VS9MB, PY2HY, A4XFX, M1D, OE2SCL/YK, UA9VH/JT1, STSZR, VU2RG, CT2AC and UK9's.

The best of a bad lot, opines G3NOF, who found conditions on 20m. poor for the week prior to his letter, and occasionally disturbed earlier in the month; but he still manages to get around, and so his log entries include A4XFE, A4XVF, CR6MX, DU1DCC, DK6PN /A6, EASES/9 (Rio de Oro), EP2DB, H18HJD, HP2KP/MM, JH3PNR, JY9MS, K6MOO, KZ2PTF, OE2SCL/YK, SU1MA, JH3PNR, JY9MS, K6MOO, KZ2PTF, OE2SCL/YK, SU1MA, UA9VH/JT1, VK2TG, VP2LBR, VP2MGB, VP2MW, VSSMC, VS5MAS, VU2CK, VU2MX, WA7MKI (Nevada), YBØABV, 4S7AW, 5B4CA, SN2NAS, 5Z4GK, 5Z4OG, 9G1HX, 9J2KP, 9L1JM, 9M2AP, 9M2CJ, 9M2CX, 9N1MM, 9V1SG and 9Y4VV but the gotaways included DU1JMG, DU3BS, FG7AN, KG6JAR, VS6DO and 9M8VLC.

Snippets

It looks as though there will be no more AC3PT contacts in the foreseeable future, as Indian troops occupying the Royal Palace seized the AC3PT rig; Sikkim has for all practical purposes been annexed by India and will become an Indian state.

VS5MC's Spratly expedition was lucky to have, as it were, come unstuck—since then, between April 14 and 29, the Viet-Cong occupied



"... Am on all bands here ... "

all its islands of Song Tu Tay, Son Ca, Nam Yet, Sinh Ton, Truong Sa and An Bang, so Maurice seems to have achieved a near squeak. Also in this troubled area, we hear that XU1DX has left Phnom Penh and sent his last logs on to W1YRC. And rumour has it that XU1AA, Vong Sarin, is under arrest—we must hope this is unfounded.

Cocos Is. seems to have raised a mighty hou-ha one way and another. First there were TI9DX pile-ups to be worked through, this being the group of TI2 operators led by TI2WD, and then the TI9FAG expedition by some HB9's came on the air. Since then we have a letter from TI2WD, published without comment by West Coast DX Bulletin. The gist of this is that when the TI2's heard the HB9's had got a licence to operate from Cocos, they went to their P. & T. people and had it cancelled. This bit of pettiness resulted, on TI2WD's own showing, in the HB9's reacting by asking TI2FAG to get a licence for TI9FAG operation, bringing him into the party and going on and operating, successfully as we all know. TI2WD once again went to his authorities, with the end result that TI9FAG licence was voided, as also was TI2FAG's own licence, and letters were being sent to IARU, ARRL and the HB9 authorities by, again, this same TI2WD, all this being unsupported by any word other than that of TI2WD! This is a pretty disgusting display of mean and childish behaviour on the part of the TI2WD group, which does them no credit at all! Had Aldo Diener not applied to activate Cocos, one seriously doubts whether this Costa Rican party would even have thought of going to Cocos. This is the sort of petty spitefulness that in children results in a slap; and it is to be hoped ARRL, IARU and the HB9 authorities administer the equivalent!

Something rather more savoury to look forward to: Ed de Young, ex-KH6GLU, VK3JW, and VK4WS are set to leave Mooloolaba at August-ehd, to activate three spots for which they hope to obtain DXCC country status, then on to Mellish, another reef, and finally, Willis Island before returning. This one sounds to be pretty firm.

If you have been listening for those "ITU" calls, and ran across KY1ITU during May 10-17, you were hearing our old friend W4WFL, who was going to "work it over" quite firmly during the week's operation. After that, by the time this reaches readers, Morgan will have, as it were, changed his spots, and will, hopefully, be signing GSAYL once again, this time for several days, and drinking English ale as well.

Some changes are afoot, we hear, which will change the face of DXCC; negotiations are reported to be going on between Iraq and Saudi Arabia, which may lead to a settlement and the abolition of the 8Z4 Buffer Zone formerly considered to be necessary between these two "allies." Heading southwards, we hear that Transkei and Qwaqwa are likely to become independent soon, which will generate a couple of real new countries.

By mid-June, 3B8DL should be away from Mauritius and in to Rodrigues were he hopes to remain for about three weeks; it is understood INDXA are shipping him a rig which will enable him to operate SSB rather than use the crystal-controlled outfit with which he has previously been content.

If you are a keen type and after the DX on Top Band—and it is a rather specialised sort of DX'ing, it must be admitted—then you might like to help W4BRB help you; the Top Band Association will accept five-dollar donations with a view to funding Top Band activities at DX, for example by freighting gear out to CEØAE, Fr. Reddy on Easter Island.

If you heard your old scribe out /M on Two since last you picked up the *Magazine*, please take note it does *not* mean he has gone off his rocker—far from it, but he was in fact going on a cruise of part of the narrow-canal system, and it seemed the only way to run a reasonable aerial system was to go VHF for a change, it being held that a TA33, a mast and a rotator, were not really *practical* aboard a 24-foot craft! So, a Liner-2 and four elements on Two it was, thanks to G3LWM of *RSL Components* who offered his own gear when it transpired our chosen piece was sold out right across the country until weeks after the holiday.

A final snippet provided by G4DMN, who must spend at least a few minutes occasionally watching TV—he spotted, in a Walt Disney cartoon, the bee escaping from Donald Duck while sending a CQ with its sting, Crikey!

QSL Addresses

G3NOF sent the following ones for the QSL-less; FG7AN, to WA3EDS; DU3BS, to Box 74, APO San Francisco 96298; 9L1JM,

* * * THE MOBILE SCENE * * *

REPORTS, PICTURES AND EVENTS

The first Rally event of the season—staged in Leeds on March 30 by the White Rose Radio Society, as last year—was again an unqualified success. They had no less than 24 trade stands, offering a wide variety of interesting items, from shiny boxes to trays of components. The one complaint registered was that it was "all too crowded," there being a larger attendance than for any previous White Rose occasion.

An interesting result on the /M side was that while more than 40 mobiles were worked on two metres, very few turned up on Top Band—this being a pointer to the fact that, there being no commercial gear generally available for 160m. mobile, few /M's build for this band nowadays. Indeed, it is probable that there is more /M activity on 80m. than on Top Band.

The White Rose report remarks that "though the cost of organising the Rally was astronomical, every single item being at least 25%up on last year, it is hoped to hoist Club funds up a notch or two." Good for them!

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For the well-known (and well supported) Spalding Tulip Time Rally on May 4, some interesting statistics are available: Between to W4BAA; 9M2CX to SMØBYD, these to be direct only with s.a.e. and IRC; PZ9AA to P.O. Box 1810, Moengo; 5Z4OT to VE2GS; EP2FR to W3YMB; KZ5BC to W4YWX; DUIJMG, to Box 1881, Manila; VP2MGB, c/o Bethel P.O.; 9Y4VV to K9KXA; VQ9J to Box 4, Mahé; HZ1AB to DJ9ZB; HZ1TA to OD5FH; 9X5PT to VE3BO2; DK6PPI/A6 to DK3NK; VS9MAS to G3LQP; YBØABV to W3KT, VQ9GP to Box 235, APO NY 09030; KC4AAZ to K7ODK; VP8NK to P.O. Box 55, Falkland Islands; EA5ES/9 to Antonio, Aridal 5, El Aiun, Spanish Sahara; DLØOC to DF4GX; V56DO to K4CIA; KG6JAR to Box 133, NCS, APO San Francisco 96630; OD5IO to P.O. Box 4201, Beirut; A6XB to K1DRN, and VP2LBR to K2GW.

And, as a very final-final, it will be recalled that Fred Laun was wounded and kidnapped when he was held by bandits last year when he was LU5HFI; he is now W9SZR/3 and ran into the second place in the 1974 CQ WW Phone contest to take the U.S.A. Trophy while operating single-op. all-band as W3AU. More recently he has been worked by G3NOF.

Sign-Off

That is about it for another month; for next time the deadline will be, as usual, 17 days before publication date, the last Friday in the month, which gives you June 10 for the July issue. Address as always is "CDXN," SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, BUCKINGHAM, MK18 IRQ.

11.0 a.m. and 3.0 p.m. they had in 961 people in 374 cars, of which 121 were fitted mobile—104 on two metres, four on 4m., ten on Top Band and one each on 80m., 70 cm. and all-band. Hard figures of this sort are extremely useful in fndicating trends, in this case showing quite positively the move to VHF so far as mobile operation is concerned—unless a very large turn-out of mobiles is expected, it seems that providing talk-in on the other bands is hardly worth while, and that it might even be necessary to have more than one two-metre talk-in, perhaps fairly remotely located from the Rally site to avoid too much mutual interference. Anyway, it is more than doubtful whether one two-metre talk-in station could cope with all the traffic offered during the peak arrival period.

The Spalding bring-and-buy stall record is also interesting—more than 100 items changed hands, to the mutual satisfaction of all concerned (you get your price for what you offer and pay fairly for what you want and the Club gets a percentage of the gross).

Once again, this was a very successful undertaking by the Spalding & District Amateur Radio Society, and they had fine and sunny Wx for it.

THE RALLY CALENDAR

Forthcoming events on the Rally scene are given in detail herewith there being some additions to the earlier list.

June 1: Royal Naval Amateur Radio Society Rally at H.M.S. Mercury, near Petersfield, Hants.—Fleet/CRS M. J. Matthews, G3JFF,



For the White Rose Rally, members of the Sunderland Amateur Radio Society got together to hire a mini-bus for their trip to the first Rally of the Season. This was a well-organised outing, enjoyed by them all—but what a crowd when they got there!

R.N.A.R.S., H.M.S. Mercury, East Meon, Petersfield, Hants., GU32, 1HE.

- June 8: Sixth Mobile Rally at Elvaston Castle Country Park, south of Derby, off the B.5010.—P. Neal, G3WFU, QTHR.
- June 29: For the 18th West of England Rally at Longleat House, Warminster, Wilts., the under-cover accommodation will be spacious marquees, with trade stands, a raffle, bring-and-buy stall (no rubbish, *please*), refreshments available on site and talk-in by G6YB/P (1920 kHz), G3JMY/P (3775 kHz) and G3TAD/P on 145-5 MHz/VFO. There is something for everyone here, including the House itself and the magnificent wild-life park, overnight camping (from 6.0 p.m. on the Saturday) and plenty of space for parking and to picnic. There is an admission charge, as this is one of the "stately home" sites. Further information from B. Croker, G3ULJ, QTHR.
- July 6: Worcester & District A.R.C. Rally event at Upton-on-Severn, as in previous years.—B. Jones, G8ASO, QTHR.
- July 20: Cornish Radio Amateur Club 12th Annual Rally at the Technical College, Redruth, Cornwall, with talk-in on Top Band, 80m. and two metres, from 10.0 a.m. There will be trade stands, a raffle with radio and non-radio prizes, and refreshments arranged at the College. Details: W. Locke, G3NKE, QTHR.
- July 20: Anglian Mobile Rally at Stanway School, Colchester, Essex (exit A.604 off A.12), with ample car parking, trade stands (usual and unusual), family attractions, undercover accommodation, bring-and-buy stall, refreshments and talk-in on 2m./80m by GB3AMR.—T. Mills, G3YAI, QTHR.
- August 10: Mobile Picnic at Avoncroft Buildings Museum, Stoke Heath, Bromsgrove, Worcs., B.4091/A.4024, admission payable, free parking and picnic site (bring your own sustenance), bringand-buy stand and talk-in on 2/80/160m. Information: J. K. Harvey, 22 Elm Grove, Bromsgrove, Worcs., B61 OEH.
- August 17: Derby & District Radio Society annual event at Rykneld School, Bedford Street, Derby, as in previous years. Details later. Information from T. Darn, G3FGY, 1 Sandham Lane, Ripley (2972), Derby.



- A commercial mobile installation as supplied by Redifon Telecommunications to the Nigerian Police Force. A 100-watt SSB set for HF working, it has been tested under location conditions to give ranges up to 900 miles or so.
- August24: Torbay Amateur Radio Society Rally at Newton Abbot Rugby Club ground, as in previous years.—L. H. Webber, G3GDW, QTHR.
- September 28: Harlow & District A.R.S. event at Netteswell School, Harlow, with bring-and-buy and Trade stands, refreshments, free admission and parking. Details: C. West-Bulford, G8JXU, hon. secretary, Harlow Amateur Radio Society, Mark Hall Barn, Harlow, Essex.



For the White Rose Rally at Leeds the hall was "jam-packed solid" before lunch-time! This is a general view, with the crowd milling round the stands. The White Rose group could well feel that this year their Rally was almost too successful!

INTRODUCTION TO MOBILE WORKING

SOME OF THE PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS

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HENEVER mobile operation is discussed there is often doubt as to what is actually regarded as mobile operation or a "mobile QSO." Driving along the M1 at seventy whilst in QSO is clearly "mobile," whilst parked in a field using a Quad on a 40 feet mast is clearly portable. Doubt is raised when the vehicle is stationary and the equipment, including the aerial is self-contained in or on it. The generally accepted definition is that if, at any time during the QSO, the operator can drive the vehicle safely away, and maintain the contact, it is a "mobile QSO." The writer does not regard stationary CW operation as true mobile, in that the vehicle cannot be said to be driven safely if the driver is also keying. (It is a different matter, or course, if a passenger in the car is operating the key). The question of CW operation whilst mobile is very controversial amongst mobile amateurs and there are widely differing opinions.

Having established what a mobile QSO is, the next step (after obtaining the mobile licence) is to decide on what bands and modes it is intended to operate. The writer's experiences have been on the HF and LF bands, with the exception of 40 metres. For some reason mobile amateurs in England avoid Forty, whereas in France it is the most popular band. What follows is intended primarily for those proposing to try the 10-160m. bands, but much of what is said equally applies to VHF/M.

Whatever is decided, membership of The Amateur Radio Mobile Society is recommended. Members are very experienced in all aspects of mobile operation and are only too willing to assist others interested. An excellent information service is maintained through which particulars are available on all aspects of vehicle suppression and reciprocal licensing. Various achievement awards are offered and a monthly news bulletin is published. Full details about ARMS and membership are available from the hon. secretary, Norman Fitch, G3FPK. *QTHR* and reports appear regularly in "Month with The Clubs" in SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE.

Safety

The aspect of safety cannot be emphasised too greatly. It is to the credit of mobile amateurs that no record can be found of road accidents that have occurred through operation of their equipment. Although there is no law forbidding radio transmissions being made by the driver of a motor vehicle, it is an offence to "drive without due care and attention." The ideal arrangement is to be able to transmit with both hands on the wheel. This can be accomplished by using a headphone and/or mike boom arrangement. Although the danger of wearing headphones must be considered, most can be worn in such a way that external noises can also be heard. Alternatively a neck fitting can be worn to hold the microphone. The push-to-talk switch can be a push-button mounted on the steering wheel or direction indicators depending on the make of car. This arrangement then only necessitates a hand being taken from the wheel to adjust the VFO, once initial tuning has been carried out. Better still, by using Vox control, greater safety can be ensured. It is very noticeable that even police officers in their vehicles still use old fasioned hand sets with manual changeover. All controls should be reached in comfort from the driver's seat. The SWR bridge, if used, needs to be mounted so it is clearly visible. The comfort of others using the car should be taken into consideration, as should the mounting arrangements for the gear that could affect the re-sale value of the car. If a domestic car radio is fitted, its speaker can also be used for the amateur-band receiver, by a two pole/two way switch to enable either Rx to be selected.

If "stationary-mobile" operation is envisaged to any large degree, the fitting of auxiliary batteries is recommended. With more than one extra battery, switching should be arranged to break the connection between them, when not in use. A battery charger is used by the writer to keep the three auxiliary batteries right up by charging them *in situ* in the boot of the car over night.

The Rig

The question of the rig to be used mobile is often determined by that available in the main station (FT-101 in the writer's case). If a new rig is to be purchased for mobile use, the advantages of transistors over valves (to conserve power) must be considered. Apart from home-built equipment, the FT-101, FT-75, KW-2000 and TR4 probably account for the majority of commercial mobile rigs in use today. It has to be borne in mind that those which require an external DC power supply take up more room than those which are self-contained.

Mounting the gear in the car is mainly a matter of initiative and ingenuity of the amateur himself. (A mounting kit is available for the FT-101 which can be modified quite easily to fit most makes of car).

Suppression

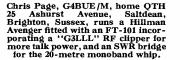
Unless steps are taken to suppress ignition and other noises, the S-meter will register a permanent reading of about S8 or S9, making it impossible to copy all but the strongest signals. A summary of the steps taken on the writer's car (a 1971 model Hillman Avenger), is as follows:

(1) 0.5 μ F coaxial (or feed through) capacitors are fitted from: (a) SW terminal of the coil to earth; (b) "D" terminal of the voltage regulator to earth; (c) "A" terminal of the voltage regulator to earth; (d) "D" terminal of the dynamo to earth.

(2) A 5-ohm resistor (about 2 watt), in series with a $\cdot 0047 \ \mu$ F mica capacitor from the "F" terminal of the voltage regulator to earth,

(3) A 15 K in-line resistor in the HT lead between the coil and distributor, as close to the coil as possible,

(4) The HT leads were replaced with screened leads made up by using lengths of UR-57 (or UR-67) coax screening, with the original HT lead inside. The screening should be kept within three quarters of an inch from each end to avoid shorting between the screen and the wire





itself. An earth lead is taken from each screen to the car body.

(5) A Dot Line C.B. 330 tunable filter was purchased (from *Radio Shack*), and tuned to 20 metres, found to be the worst band for interference. It was then fitted between the "D" terminal of the dynamo and the 0.5 μ F capacitor, the other side of the capacitor going to earth.

(6) A filter was fitted in the power supply to to the rig itself, consisting of two coils in series with the supply cables, with disc ceramic capacitors to earth. (The one actually used was as fitted as standard in the Pye "Cambridge" VHF equipment).

(7) Lengths of earth strapping (old coaxial cable screening) were fitted between the car body and bonnet, boot, dynamo case and engine block. In some cases an earth strap from the exhaust system to earth also helps prevent interference.

A range of suppression equipment is manufactured by Lucas, but this is mainly for use on military equipment. It should be possible virtually to eliminate *all* noises, although the level of noise will vary with band conditions.

The Aerial

The aerial is what usually determines why one mobile station performs bettern than another. Whereas at home, full size directional aerials and linear amplifiers can be used to give a big signal, the /M operator is very restricted both in terms of the overall height of the aerial, and the practical problems of mounting (and keeping) it on the car. Although the law does not restrict the overall height of a motor vehicle including attachments, safety *does*, and thus the mobile aerial, with the exception of ten metres, normally has to be considerably shortened. This means a loading coil, usually mounted at the centre or base of the aerial. There are several excellent commercial designs on the market, but as is the case with all multi-band aerials a compromise has to be made. A monoband aerial is the way to obtain the best efficiency, and many amateurs have achieved excellent results on simple home-made whips. The text books describe the methods of constructing mobile whips, and the 20m. aerial in use by the writer was constructed by taking the best ideas from a number of such books, the cost of the job being about 35 pence. On-the-air tests show it to perform better than commercial aerials. Full-size quarter-wave whips are being experimented with at present for 10 and 15 metres, but it is too early to assess results.

Positioning of the aerial on the car is also important, and after having tried the front and rear wings, the writer has settled in favour of the centre of the roof. Anywhere near the engine compartment is to be avoided as this encourages interference. Fixing the aerial to the roof has been by using a roof rack with a sturdy metal plate at the centre, making a flat platform. The roof rack is earthed to the body of the car by attaching two earth straps from the rack to the gutter of the roof. The whole thing can be easily removed, leaving only two small holes in the gutter, which can be filled and painted over any time. In the case of the 20-metre whip, four thin nylon guys are attached to the corners of the rack by using old fashioned picture hooks. Although this arrangement causes heads to turn, the aerial is very safe, and the car may be driven at normal speeds. If the aerial is mounted on a rear wing or bumper, a piece of cord should be run between the aerial and the rear side window to prevent the aerial being bent backwards when the car is driven at high speeds. Care should also be taken to see that it does not sway from side to side. It is debatable as to whether a mobile whip performs efficiently in anything but the vertical position.

Operating

If it is intended to work DX, similar tactics have to be adopted as used by the QRP operator. Calling CQ

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can result in working Europeans on 20 metres, but the DX generally has to be called. However, the mobile suffix very often stands out in a pile-up, resulting in the DX station saying, "Go ahead the mobile." Once a DX contact has been established, the fact that one is mobile very often results in a much longer QSO than one would have had from the home QTH. The writer's experiences have been limited to the last two years, and the full offerings of 15 and 10 metres have not yet been experienced. Most of the countries worked have been on 20 metres, but when the upper bands are open, it appears a lot easier to work DX on them. Recently the writer

MORE QRP CIRCUITS

SIMPLE TRANSISTOR ARRANGEMENTS

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THERE is a lot of interest in running low power say under two watts—either to find what it can accomplish, or for easy portable operation. Low power is often used on 160m. but the circuits here have been tried exclusively on 80m., where a good 100-mile contact with under one watt is not exceptional—provided the aerial is effective, and conditions reasonable.

For simplicity, and because crystals were to hand from earlier valve equipment, crystal control is used. Crystals also give an assured logging frequency.

Oscillator

Fig. 1 is the circuit of this stage, which has always proved to operate satisfactorily, using various transistors, crystals, and supply voltages. The transistor recommended is a BFY51. It is cheap, has a total dissipation rating of 800 mW, operates readily at the required frequencies, but is less likely to function at very high frequencies, unlike some VHF types.

This stage alone, keyed and with L1 coupled to the aerial, would form a QRP transmitter. R4 (to decouple when later stages are present) is then unnecessary. The supply voltage is quite flexible, but a meter should be clipped in one lead, when first testing the circuit, or making adjustments. A 9v. to 15v. supply is recommended. Provided current is kept under 80 mA with the 9v. supply, or under 50 mA with 15 volts, dissipation will be inside the 800 mW limit, even with no RF output. The actual current, when used as an oscillator, will lie more in the 10-20 mA region.

There is no particular reason why any of the values R1, R2, R3, or C1 should not be modified, if this gives improved results. C2, with L1, naturally depends on the operating frequency.

When testing this part of the circuit, a 6v. 04A bulb, fed from a 4-turn loop around L1, is a useful RF indicator. L1 has to be adjusted for reliable starting, and near maximum RF output—at 9v. this is not sufficient to light the bulb brightly.

With this circuit, and indeed with all oscillators or finished transmitters, a check should be made with the receiver. With some crystals and settings of L1 core it has been chasing DX on 80 metres, with surprising results.

Phone contests are a very good way of testing the mobile rig and building up the countries score. The newcomer will be very surprised at what can be accomplished. WAC/Mobile can be obtained by a good mobile station without too much difficulty, though DXCC/ Mobile is a different matter.

For a mobile, the final compliment is when the station being worked refuses to believe you are mobile because of your good signal strength—and this can happen in a surprisingly high number of cases.

may be possible to produce RF at an unwanted or unexpected frequency. When the circuit is correctly set up, the receiver will locate the carrier at almost or exactly the crystal frequency, and small movements of L1 core will have no apparent effect on the frequency.

As Tr1 case is common to the collector, it should not be too near other components, or actually touch any parts. If Tr1 is hot to the touch after being on for some time, the power it is dissipating can be checked as described for the PA stage—see later.

For bands other than 80m., L1 would have to be changed; also possibly C2, as well as C1.

Single Transistor PA

Fig. 2 shows the circuit for this, L1 being the oscillator stage coil L1 as in Fig. 1. Tr2 draws no current in the absence of drive, so tune-up is now for maximum current in this stage, while obtaining full RF output by adjusting L3 as well.

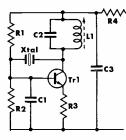
A good way to test this stage is to load it with a 6v. 0·1A bulb, fed from L4, as this will take up to 600 mW, and is then a load of around 60 ohms. This is nearenough that of a dipole not to cause trouble when the aerial is substituted. (End-fed aerials will need some other form of adjustment, such as a mini-ATU to present about 60 ohms to L4, or variable coupling of L4, or other similar measures.)

For L2, eight turns should be satisfactory, overwound on the battery-positive end of L1, but the effect of varying coupling by moving L2 or changing the number of turns can be tried if the whole circuit is not giving what is expected of it. With a 9v. or 10v. supply, there should be enough RF to light the bulb fully, and it will probably prove wise to employ a larger bulb. A pair of $6\cdot3v$. $0\cdot15A$ bulbs in series will take $1\cdot8$ watts or so and be about 80 ohms when lit.

PA Ratings

As with valves, if a lot of DC is put in, a substantial level of RF should be got out. Otherwise, the difference is wasted as heat in the PA. If this exceeds the safe level, the transistor is destroyed. The worst conditions for Tr2 is with high drive causing a heavy DC current, with L3 mistuned or not loaded.

As example, assume a 6v. 0.1A bulb coupled to L4 lights as brightly as from a 6v. battery. About 600 mW RF is thus being obtained. If Tr2 were drawing 100 mA at 12v. this would be $0.1 \times 12 = 1.2$ watts. As only 0.6w, output is obtained, power dissipated in Tr2 is *Input*



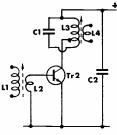


Fig.1 Crystal oscillator

Fig. 2 5ingle Transistor PA

Table of Values

Fig. 1. Oscillator Stage 150 μμF C1 =**R**1 33,000 ohms $C2 = 470 \ \mu\mu F$ $C3 = 0.1 \ \mu F$ Tr1 = BFY51R2 R3 10,000 ohms 18 ohms = _ Xtal = 80m. $L\bar{l} =$ 32 turns 32g. enam. side-byside on 5 mm. cored former. Fig. 2. Single Transistor PA

470 μμF BFY51 C1 $\mathbf{\tilde{I}} \mathbf{4} =$ 4 turns on L3. $Tr^2 = L3 =$ Tap L3 7 turns 24 turns 26g. from positive enam. side-byend. side on 11 mm. 0.1 µF cored former. 1.2 -8 turns on L1

less Output, or 600 mW.

It is thus necessary to watch the input with a meter in the supply circuit. For initial tests DC input can be kept down by reducing the voltage, or including a resistor in the supply to this stage.

Fig. 3 will give a more accurate indication of any improvement in output than does the bulb. The loop can be one or two turns near L3, and the output indicator a multi-range test-meter on a 1 mA or other sensitive range, if no other instrument is to hand. This will in any case be useful when L4 is coupled to the aerial, and the bulb is discarded.

The *dip* in PA current, corresponding to correct tuning as obtained with a valve PA, must *not* be expected. It is more a matter of adjusting drive (tuning of L1) and tuning of L3, for best RF output, while keeping DC input to the limits necessary.

The maximum collector-emitter voltage for the BFY51 is given as 30v. If the RF waveform excursion is from zero to twice the collector potential, this limits DC input to 15v. However, some manufacturers list a 60v. rating here, which would permit 30v. DC input. More than 15v. has at no time been used in these circuits, and to date no transistor has been destroyed.

When the dissipation in the transistors is at all excessive, they will be hot to the touch, and though a heat sink is not essential for the oscillator, it should be provided for the PA. The finned, clip-on type was found satisfactory.

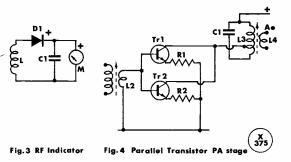


Fig. 3. RF Indicator: L = 2 turns insulated wire $\frac{1}{2}$ in. diameter; D1 = OA81, etc.; C1 = 0.001 μ F; M1 = 100 μ A, ImA, or other sensitive meter.

Fig. 4. Parallel PA Stage : L2, L3, L4, C1, as Fig. 2 ; Tr1, Tr2, BFY51 ; R1, R2, 2·2 ohms.

Keying

As removing the crystal or stopping Tr1 will cause the PA collector current to fall to near zero, some circuits with this type of PA key the supply to the oscillator. This can be done at R4, Fig. 1.

If a key is put in one supply lead to the whole transmitter, it does leave the complete transmitter "off" with the key up, and this may be felt of advantage.

Keying Tr2 alone is of little use. Remember that L1 will need to be slightly off-set from maximum RF drive, for proper starting.

Modulation

The temptation to modulate these little circuits to get AM phone has resulted in several circuits being tried. As the modulation cannot properly be applied to the oscillator (because it is crystal controlled), and there is no driver to modulate along with the PA, leak-through in the PA gives an impression of not very adequate modulation. Trying to boost this by increasing the AF results in severe distortion. But if these points are kept in mind, reasonable speech quality can be obtained by a series Class-A modulator, transformer coupled Class-A modulator, or push-pull stage giving a watt or so.

Remember that with many systems the collector voltage of the PA will be swung from zero to twice the normal voltage, so that further reduction in supply voltage is necessary, if peaks are not to be higher than the base-collector rating.

Parallel

It was found that Fig. 1 provides adequate drive for a pair of transistors in the power amplifier. Fig. 4 is the PA circuit used. The emitter resistors are to equalise currents, so that one transistor does not have to sustain most of the input.

Changing Fig. 2 to this requires little else than the extra transistor and resistors, followed by re-tuning. It was rather more susceptible to the production of "whiskery RF"—it is essential that all RF output is cut off when drive is removed, and that a check is made up and down the band, with L4 feeding a bulb, before putting the signal into an aerial.

MAINS PSU FOR THE LINER-2

SUITABLE FOR BENCH OPERATION

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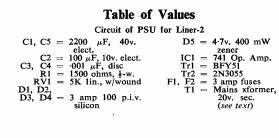
THIS power supply was built to enable the "Liner-2" to be operated from the 240v. AC mains, and was prompted by the cost of the matching commercial supply unit, together with the fact that the author's shack is also his bedroom, hence lead-acid accumulators are not favoured. There is no reason why this PSU should not prove suitable for running ary of the 10-watt output transceivers requiring 13.8v. DC at approximately two amps, or as a variable voltage, stabilised bench supply. Requirements were that the unit should be inexpensive to build compared with the commercial counterpart, that it should provide the nominal 13.8v. DC with good regulation and low ripple at load currents of up to approximately 2.5 amps, and that it should be possible to make it physically small.

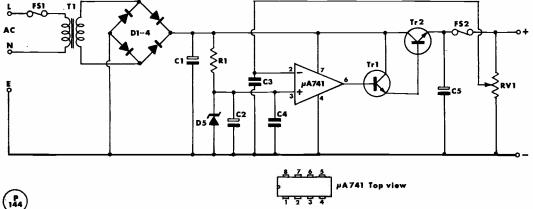
The circuit, for which no originality is claimed, is shown in Fig. 1 and uses a readily available operational amplifier (Op. Amp.) as a voltage comparator driving a Darlington configuration series stabiliser, which is fed from the smoothed, unregulated DC supply.

Circuit Operation

The step-down mains transformer feeds a full-wave bridge rectifier which is followed by C1 as smoothing in the form of C1. This forms the unstabilised source which supplies the Darlington pair and from which the zener diode, D5, providing a reference voltage for the op. amp., is fed via R1. C2 ensures that this reference voltage is free from ripple. The unstabilised source also produces the supply for the op. amp. (the stabilising performance of which is not significantly affected by itself being fed from an unregulated supply) and in this circuit need not be balanced with respect to earth. The op. amp. is basically a high gain DC-coupled amplifier having two inputs termed inverting and noninverting, denoted by — and + respectively. If the noninverting input is made positive with respect to the inverting, then the op. amp's. output goes positive, as it also does if the inverting input is made negative with respect to the non-inverting. The non-inverting input is fed from the zener reference voltage, whilst the inverting input comes from a potential divider across the output of the supply. The two inputs are decoupled to RF by C3 and C4.

In order to understand the stabilising performance, suppose that the output voltage of the supply is such that the voltage at the wiper of the potential divider is equal to the zener reference voltage. Under these conditions the op. amp's. output is zero. Now suppose that the output voltage starts to fall (e.g., by placing a load on the output). Then the voltage at the wiper of the potential divider and hence the voltage at the inverting input of the op. amp. will fall. So the potential at the inverting input becomes negative with respect to that at the non-inverting input, and the output of the op. amp. goes positive. This drives the Darlington pair harder so the output voltage of the supply rises and with it the voltage at the inverting input, this reducing the op. amp. output-and so on. Thus stabilisation is achieved. The range of RV1 enables the output voltage to be set anywhere between a minimum of the zener reference voltage and a maximum of approximately that of the





Circuit of the Power Supply Unit

unregulated source, though towards the maximum-voltage end regulation is impaired.

Construction

This may take any convenient form but several points are worth watching. The 741 op. amp. is most frequently encountered in 8 pin DIL configuration and it is suggested that an IC socket be used. Tr2 requires a heat sink of at least 120 sq. cm. and Tr1 one of the small, clip-on style TO-5 heat sinks. The transformer used in the prototype is rated 20v., 2 amp. Whatever type of transformer is used, its secondary voltage should not exceed 22v. r.m.s. (the op. amp. will not tolerate a supply of more than 30v.) and should not be less than 15v. r.m.s. If continuous currents of approximately 2.5 amps are envisaged, rather than the current peaks of 2.5 amps drawn by the Liner-2, then a 3-amp transformer would be required. The electrolytic smoothing capacitors used were Mullard types having a high capacitance to volume ratio and a ripple current rating of 2.9 amps.

If the supply is used to feed its equipment along a lengthy cable, resulting in significant voltage drop, this may be compensated for by placing RV1 at the load

BOOK REVIEW

"RADIO AMATEUR'S HANDBOOK"—ARRL 52nd Edition, 1975

What is this *ARRL Handbook*, of which we hear so much? What does it cover? And being American in origin, what meaning has it in the U.K. context? As an active and progressive radio amateur, reading all I can get hold of about Amateur Radio, is there anything it can teach me? On the other hand, as a beginner, in what way can the *Handbook* help me with the theory and practice of the subject?

It would take a great deal of space to answer these questions fully—and we certainly could not, in what must necessarily be a brief review, digest fully about 700 pages of a manual that for the best part of 50 years has been dealing with every aspect of Amateur Radio in the context of its time—theory, design, construction, operation and the process of getting a station on the air.

The fact that the ARRL Handbook is American in origin in no way makes it "strange," because fortunately we all speak, in English, the same radio language, so that whatever is said in the ARRL Handbook has basically the same meaning for any U.K. amateur.

What the ARRL Handbook does is to teach the fundamentals and the practice and establish the principles on which the techniques of Amateur Radio are founded, in all their various aspects.

As a standard text covering "how and why it works, how to make it work, how to put out a signal, how to make that signal effective" it is an obvious "must." The latest *ARRL Handbook*—the 52nd of a long line in a successful series—is the bookshelf "bible" on the end of the cable and running an additional wire back to the supply from the wiper of RV1. If this is done the regulation will take into account any voltage drop along the cable and the voltage at the load end will remain constant.

As it was not thought likely that, under normal conditions, the output would be short-circuited, no protection was built in other than the fuse F2. This will usually save Tr2 in the vent of such a mishap.

Performance

Regulation is such that, with a voltmeter connected across the output and the Liner-2 "talked up" to approximately 2.5 amps peak current *no* variation of output voltage could be detected on the meter. Using a digital voltmeter, regulation was measured as approximately 2% for a 2 amp load. The same basic circuit, but with the op. amp. driving four Darlington pairs *via* two pre-drivers, together with a more substantial transformer and rectifiers, has been used to build a 13.8v. 15 amp supply suitable for ex-commercial radiotelephone equipment. The regulation of this is also approximately 2% for a 15 amp load.

subject of Amateur Radio. As such, in its 700 pages, it is a practical guide to everything to do with Amateur Radio, from basic theory to the latest techniques in HF, VHF, UHF, Antennae, Frequency Measurement, Power Supply, Workshop Practice for the amateur, and much else besides.

Of course, because the ARRL Handbook is an annual compilation for all amateurs, new or old, it cannot offer entirely fresh material in every edition—because there is a large volume of technicalia which is not alterable if it is to retain its status as a standard text. What the Handbook does attempt is to keep up-to-date, which involves constant revision—and this is what makes any issue different from that of, say, three or four years ago.

There are drawings or illustrations on practically every page, with a general index running to twelve pages, and the numerous data and tables include 26 pages on valve and semiconductor characteristics, with connection diagrams.

Since its inception—and the earliest copy we have is of the 3rd edn, dated 1928—more than $4\frac{1}{2}$ million copies of the ARRL Handbook have been sold! They have gone not only to radio amateurs throughout the world but also to professional radio men at all levels, for the Handbook is essentially practical and written in straightforward language.

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The Warsaw Conference

THE IARU Region I Conference in Warsaw during April, 1975 covered a tremendous amount of ground in the time available to them, and it is not possible here to do more than to condense those decisions which are of more immediate application to our VHF bands.

- Steps are being considered to seek an allocation of 220-225 MHz for amateur use in Region I, which may alleviate some of the congestion on 144 MHz,
- (2) Based upon a paper by G3RPE and G3HWR, it has been decided to go for new allocations in the 30-300 GHz band which will be in harmonic relationship with established lower frequency amateur bands,
- (3) After the recent changes in our VHF band plans it is hardly likely that further extensive modifications would be welcomed or universally complied with. However, such a state of affairs was recognised and has been avoided. Amendments have been limited to:
- (a) CW calling frequency-144.05 MHz,
- (b) SSB calling frequency-144.30 MHz,
- (c) Random M/S SSB calling frequency-144.20 MHz,
- (d) The upper limit for SSB is to be 144.50 MHz and, by implication, FM/AM transmissions should be kept above this frequency,
- (e) Regional beacons of greater than 50 watts e.r.p. to be centred on 144.90 MHz. Low power beacons will not be subject to such planning,
- (f) SS/TV calling frequency—144-50 MHz and FAX calling on 144-70 MHz.
- (g) CW may be used anywhere in the band but 144-0-144-15 MHz is allocated exclusively for CW.
- (h) Other allocations, such as for RTTY, repeater input and output channels and FM simplex remain as at present.

If 432 MHz and 1296 MHz are substituted for 144 MHz in the above, the pattern is much the same for those bands also, with the addition of 432.00-432.01 MHz and 1296.00-1296.01 MHz for E-M-E working,

- (4) Repeater channels have been allocated in the 70 cm. band as follows: Prefix RU, 0-RU9 for input channels with 25 kHz spacing from 433 0 MHz to 433 225 MHz Output channels in every case are 1.6 MHz higher. Simplex channels bear the prefix SU, 16-SU23 for frequencies spaced 25 kHz intervals between 433-40 MHz and 433:575 MHz, while 433-50 MHz has been designated as the International Mobile calling channel and 433:575 MHz.
- (5) Considerable emphasis was placed upon the study of anomalous propagation at VHF. The co-ordinator for Sporadic-E phenomena is Serge Canivenc, F8SH, 6 rue de Pont-Hélé, 22700 Perros-Guirec, France, while our own Charlie Newton, G2FKZ, QTHR, co-ordinates auroral observations. Widespread reports to these two centres are likely to improve our image vis-à-vis the outside. world, and national administrations in particular, and may form a vital bulwark in the defence of amateur frequency allocations at forthcoming conferences,
- (6) Although we can hardly claim that the comments made in this Column recently about the desirability of agreement on a common speed for RTTY forced the issue, this has now been achieved. BARTG

VHF BANDS

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recommended 50 bauds, but there was no support for this idea from other representatives and, by common consent, 45-45 bauds was adopted as the standard for HF/VHF/UHF operation. This will entail winding down the governor, recutting gears or going to electronic conversion in the case of the popular Creed 7B printer if it is synchronous on 50 bauds. Space frequency is 1275 Hz and Mark 1445 Hz for narrow band 170 Hz operation, and 2125 Hz for 850 Hz shift.

On balance, it is fair to say that we have gained more than we have lost at this Conference in that more of the British proposals were accepted than were rejected. Whether we like it or not (and there are some who would prefer that we go our own, isolated way) some measure of standardisation in Region I is a "must" if mutual interference between diverse modes of operation is to be avoided and if we wish to continue to work our Continental neighbours. The days when one could roam at will over Megahertz of VHF/UHF are over.

Twickenham Convention

Attention was slightly down on last year, but the event was, nevertheless, well supported by both the Trade and amateurs generally. The lecture session opened with a report on the Warsaw Region I Conference with its impact on band planning and was then divided into two streams, one with a UHF bias and the other covering subjects of more general interest. Perhaps the most controversial episode was the confrontation between the VHF Contests Committee and a fairly critical section of contest-minded amateurs. A determined attempt was made to get agreement to submitting the three best scores out of four on the bands used in VHF/NFD, but this was resisted on the grounds that such a sweeping change would require opinion from a larger cross-section of active contest groups than was present. The thought behind this suggestion was that the present arrangement was unfair to operators in the North of England and in Scotland who were penalised by the small amount of 23 cm. activity up there. They can't all live in holes in the ground, there are some reasonable hills around, and the remedy for lack of area activity surely lies in the hands of the locals and visiting groups. One would imagine that a "CQ" call on 23 cm. from a GM/P would attract a fair amount of interest as well as a goodly number of points! Other lectures included reviews of propagation media and practical

demonstrations of operation and measurement on the UHF/SHF bands.

The Sunday morning session was devoted to a presentation by Pat Owen, G3IOR of the AMSAT U.K. Group. on Oscar operations. Of particular note must be the plans for a satellite in a highly elliptical orbit, an apogee of some 22,000 miles and a perigee of about 200 miles, which will dwell in the Northern hemisphere for some 80% of the orbital time and which will make possible longer distance trans-equatorial contacts than can be made via Oscars VI and VII.

Following the dinner came the presentation of Awards. The 1962 VHF Committee Cup for home-constructed equipment went to G3WJG for his 10 GHz, medium power source using a Gunn diode and the John Rouse (G2AHL) Cup to G8FNF for his 2m., FM synthesiser, as joint winners. The Fraser Shepherd Prize for work on microwaves went jointly to GM3OXX and GW3BPM (the Barry Radio Club) for their outstanding achievements on 3 cm.

Hardly surprising was the comment made by several of the traders present that the volume of business was comparatively small in relation to that of 1974, but what with the 25% VAT, and the fact that many of them had sold just about everything they had before the Budget, such a result was perhaps inevitable.

Beacons & Repeaters

At the high end of the spectrum, the 3 cm. beacon in the Isle of Wight, GB3IOW, is now active. The service area should extend well North into Hampshire and, if you are within 30 miles or so, have a look for it during the 3 cm. contest over May 31/June 1.

Another new beacon is GB3GEC, radiating on 432-1 MHz from Boreham Wood, Herts. (The beacon is new even though the callsign is not). Output is five watts into two 18-ele. crossed Yagis giving circular polarisation. Initially, an 8/8 may be used. Beam headings are NNW and ESE. There are plans to include a pair of BLX69's in the output stage to bring the power to 25 watts or so. G4CYR, *QTHR*, would be pleased to receive reception reports. Signals are RST 549 in Herne Bay.

On 2m., the first reception report of ZB2VHF on 144·145 MHz comes from G4CXL (Weybridge). Peak signal on April 23 was RST 429. This beacon, which was constructed by members of the Surrey Hills Contest Group (G4DGA), runs 15 watts to a 4-ele. Quad located on the North side of the Rock, and beams to the U.K. Report to Box 292, Gibraltar, please.

The change of antenna system associated with the Sussex beacon, GB3SX on 4m, has certainly improved reception in the Midlands and the North—G3OHH (Mow Cop) reports it at RST559 on the evening of April 23—although the fact it is now radiating somewhere near the published frequency of 70.685 MHz (it is on 70.687 MHz) has perhaps contributed to this result. GB3SU, the other 4m, beacon, has been a bit erratic of late but seems to have settled down again at the time of writing. G4BYP, Liverpool, recorded reception of ZB2VHF on 70.263 MHz at RST 559 at 8.30 p.m. on May 7, and this looks like the first report of the new season.

On the repeater front, GB3LO now radiates a "busy" signal if the input channel is jammed. There is still some nonsense going on on the input channel but, by and large, the repeater is working well and certainly does not lack users. GB3SN is still in trouble and the latest buzz has it that this is associated with the common antenna system. (Suggestions that there has been a move afoot to make it difficult for "outsiders" to get into the device have been denied!). The 70 cm. repeater, constructed by the Pye Group at Cambridge, is now operational on 431-35 MHz In and 433-35 MHz Out. Callsign is GB3PY and access tone is 1750 Hz. It is reliably reported that GB3PY will also go to 1750 Hz access tone, which will be a boon to many.

A new repeater has been set up near Antwerp which should be workable under lift conditions. Callsign is ON6DH and it is a dual-channel job with input on 432.15 MHz and output on 144.558 MHz or input on the two-metre frequency and output on the 70 cm. channel, NBFM only.

A Western FM Repeater Group has been formed (hon. Sec. G3LEQ, QTHR) to sponsor a 2m. repeater in North Wales at Moel-y-Parc, initially on 2m. but later on 70 cm. also, and interested Clubs are asked to appoint representatives to the committee. Application has been made for the call GB3MP to be operated on Channel R6. With GB3RF, which it is hoped to site on Hameldon Hill, near Burnley, this should give the same coverage facilities in the NW as are available in the South.

It is reported that the difficulties, which need no elaboration here, associated with the proposed repeater at Martlesham Heath have now been resolved, and that it should not be too long before GB3PO is on the air.

DX-Peditions

The Cambridge University Wireless Society are mounting an expedition to Angus, Kinross and Perth/Fire, June 9 to June 14. They will be running high power SSB/CW on 2m. and 4m. and medium power on 70 cm. They will operate on 70.20 MHz during 0800-0900z each morning and on 144-17 MHz ± 10 kHz SSB and 144.050 MHz CW each evening over 2000-2300z. The 70 cm. frequencies and operating times will be announced on 2m. Skeds for 70 cm. and 4m. may be arranged by s.a.e. to Ken Vickers, G3YKI, Trinity College, Callsigns are GM6UW/P Cambridge. on 2m., GM4CIK/P on 4m. and GM4CDF/P on 70 cm. It you don't work them in Scotland, they will have SSB mobile on the way there and back using the call G(M)8IBP/M.

Peter Wallis, G3YJI, will be on from Guernsey during July 5-17 with both 2m. and 4m. SSB.

Contests

Reports: Conditions were generally very poor for the 1296 MHz Open on April 27 although G3JVL managed to make 15 contacts for 1550 points which is the highest score heard to date. His best DX was with G3KMS at 332 km and G3DY and G4BEL, both at 200 km. The below-par conditions on 70 cm. didn't help with the establishment of contacts on the higher-frequency band.

Things were not much better for the 70 cm. Open on May 4. An outstanding signal in the South was that of GW3UCB/P in Wrexham and G8AGU/P from Lynton, Devon, was a welcome contact for many. One cannot help being surprised yet again at the lack of CW activity on this band when conditions are as poor as they were. Your scribe put out 46 CW calls altogether with one reply only, from G3FIJ, and 'DAH is not running a transistor in the PA either! Phone activity was nearly all SSB, as is becoming usual on this (and other) VHF bands.

Forthcoming Events: May 31/June 1, 144 MHz Portable. June 21/22, Microwave Field Day (23 cm and up). June 22, RSGB Region 1 VHF Contest, and July 5/6, VHF Open and SWL. Scottish Scene More microwave exploits by the GM3OXX team. George climbed Ben Ime

GM30XX team. George climbed Ben Ime (3318ft.) with GM8GEC (who unfortunately damaged his Tx during the ascent) and made a 3 cm. contact with GM8BKE and GM3DXJ located near Dunbar. The QRB was 151 km. and the signals were S9 both ways. The equipment both ends consisted of a Gunn

THREE BAND ANNUAL VHF TABLE

January to December 1975

Station	FOUR I Counties	METRES Countries	TWO N Counties	AETRES Countries	70 CENT Counties	IMETRES Countries	TOTAL Points
G3DAH	31	3	47	8	32	7	128
G3ZMD	23	2	54	12	28	7	126
GD2HDZ	28	4	47	10	21	5	115
G4BWG	30	3	55	11			99
GM8FFX		_	74	14	2	1	91
G3FIJ	32	2	37	8	3	4	86
G4BYP	24	3	45	9			81
G8EOP			40	12	20	4	76
GM4CXP	12	4	42	11	3	2	74
G3BHW			38	9	19	7	73
G4CZP			58	14			72
G3BW			48	10	10	3	71
G8BKR	-	-	49	7	5	2	63
G4AJE			35	8	15	3	61
GW3KGD			50	9	—		59
G8FMK	-	-	26	2	25	4	57
G8ABH	-		29	4	17	5	55
G8FWB	-		47	8	-		55
G4DNJ	—	-	45	8			53
G8GHZ		_	42	6	3	1	52
G5DF	29	3			17	3	52
G8IAT	-		38	9	-		47
G3FPK	-	-	40	7			47
G8GII/P			42	5			47
G2AXI	26	2	-		13	3	44
GW8HVP	-	_	35	7			42
G4AEZ	2	1	9	7	14	4	37
G4AIR	29	4	2	1			36
GW8GLG		-	28	3	-		31
GI3JLA		-	16	5			21
G4AGE			10	4	5	1	20
G3EKP	3	1	6	3	—		13
G4BKY		-	8	2	_		10

The Table shows claims to date from January 1, 1975 and will close on December 31, 1975. All claims should be sent to: "VHF Bands," Short Wave Magazine, Buckingham, MK18 1RQ, as soon as possible after the start of a new month.

TWENTY-THREE CENTIMETRES

ALL TIME TABLE					
Station	Counties	Countries	Total		
G4BEL	28	7	35		
G3DAH	23	3	26		
G3JVL	21	4	25		
G3OBD	20	3	23		
G8ARM	20	2	22		
G4BYV	16	6	<u>,</u> 22		
G3JXN	18	1	19		
G4ALN	16	3	19		
G3COJ	15	3	18		
G3NHE	15	3	18		
G8AOD	11	2	13		
G5DF	11	1	12		
G8FMK	11	1	12		
G8FJG	7	1	8		
G8ABH	7	1	8		
G8AII	5	2	7		
G8EOP	2	1	3		
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diode with 10 mW output to a 2ft. dish. At one stage, 'OXX removed the dish and continued the QSO using only the open waveguide! One waits with bated breath to hear what the team accomplish during their trip to the Isle of Man at the end of the month when they are attempting contacts with GI, EI, GM, GW and G to repeat, indeed to extend, their previous success. Congratulations and good hunting, chaps!

Activity on 70 cm. is increasing in the Edinburgh area. Now on the band are GM3BCD, GM6XI, GM4DIJ, GM8BJF and GM8BPL, most of whom are active on Tuesday evenings from 1900z.

GM3EDL has made a welcome appearance on 2m. using a transverter and an FT-101. He will be remembered as a pioneer of the SSB mode. An engineer specialising in microwave entennae and solid-state power supplies, his advice has been sought, and freely given, on behalf of the repeater and microwave groups.

GM3BFE in Rosyth has acquired a Liner and a Belcom linear, and the reported high quality of his signal suggests that he is not one of those who will tweak for maximum smoke regardless of the distortion products produced thereby! GM8JKG is also a newcomer to the band and uses a modified ship/shore rig which is switchable for AM/FM. GM8BZX also uses the Liner to good effect. Further North, in Aberdeen, Charlie Sherrit, GM3EOJ, is now pumping out some potent RF with the mobile rig. GM6XI and GM8IAP have both worked G4BWW in Southport from Edinburgh using low power mobile gear with 5/8 whips. GM8FJM (Cumbernauld) is putting out a fine signal from the OTH in a 12-storey block of flats. Congratulations to GM3YEW whose efforts have resulted in the Perth Technical College now having their own

radio society, callsign GM4EAF, and so increasing 2m. radiation from the fair city. GM8BJF has now completed the solid-state linear for the mid-Scotland repeater and it is undergoing the usual 'BJF stringent soak tests.

On 4m., GM4CXP now has 50 watts available and GM3BQA in North Berwick has SSB oa this band from a *Europa* transverter and an FT-101.

VHFCC Awards

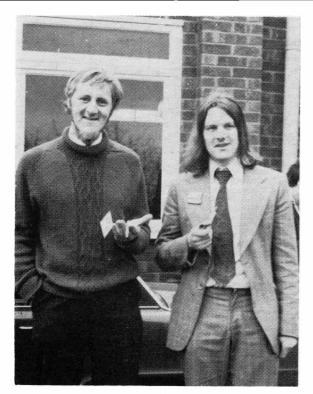
A very well-known callsign on 2m is that of Steve Marsh, G4BWG (Peckham, SE London), and we are pleased to send him Award No. 239 for two metres. The equipment used to achieve this has varied considerably, but most of the contacts were made using an FM-208 followed by a QQV06-40A in conjunction with an HRO Rx. Latest situation is that 130 watts of SSB are available from a pair of 4CX250B's to feed the 14-ele. Parabeam at around 50ft. and the HRO has been replaced by a *Trio* JR-599 with a *Burns* converter. Steve is also active on 4m. with a "Cambridge" on 70-26 MHz and a 4-ele. beam, and has plans for SSB on 70 cm.

Bob Matthews operates as G3ZNZ from Driffield, N. Humberside and gains Award No. 240 for his 2m. work. The interesting thing about his list of 100 contacts submitted was that every one was with a separate county or country—and you don't get many like that! He runs an FT-DX401 and a Europa transverter, and this feeds that 5-ele. Cubical Quad of his. To confirm that he is not in the least parochial in his outlook, Bob has gained the PA25 Award and wants but four more for the PA100 Award. He was the first British station to gain the "DLD 1000" certificate for working 1000 different DOK numbers in Germany. He has made the appropriate contacts for the "VHF DLD," but is waiting for the QSL cards to come in.

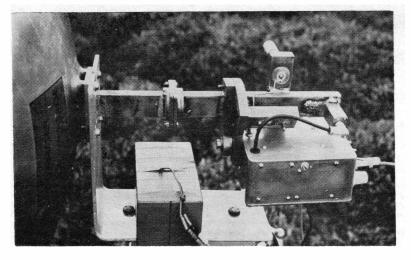
News Items

Four Metres: G4BYP is still very active on this band in spite of the S6/9 noise level caused by thermostats in adjacent blocks of flats and the proximity of the Radio Merseyside and Radio City transmitting masts. He can frequently copy the Sussex beacon now, so the Rx should be OK, but he apologises to those who may call him and get no reply. In spite of this handicap, he made it with G13JLA (ex-E16AS) of Co. Tyrone on 2m. and has skeds laid on for 4m. G2AXI (Basingstoke) is now fully equipped with 120 watts p.e.p. input on 4m.

A call over the PA system at the Drayton Manor Rally recently for a "70 MHz Corner" produced 14 replies and a great deal of discussion—mostly about the lack of 4m. contests. Of the 14, seven were known to operate SSB on this band which is yet another sign of the times. G31JE (ex-GW31JE) is in Northwich and has some good SSB going



Among the VHF fraternity at the Drayton Manor Rally on April 20 were Mike Foster, G8AMG (left) and G8AMD—both are concerned with beacon design, G8AMG having produced the digital circuitry for GB3LO, while Hayden Bate, G8AMD, has it in hand for GB3BM, Birmingham.



At left, showing the mechanics of the GM30XX 3-centimetre gear, using a Gunn diode producing about seven milliwatts RF into a 30in. dish. (Below) GM8GEC with the same 10 GHz rig as set up, with which new records were made for the 3 cm. hand, as reported in these pages last year. Much good line-ofsight GDX has been worked with this equipment.

from a ground-plane which is due for replacement by a four-ele. Yagi.

Don't forget the G3VPS/P trip at the end of May. Details were given on p.156 of the May issue of SHORT WAVE MAGA-ZINE.

Two Metres: G4DOJ of Cheadle, Cheshire, reports that his call is being pirated-so watch out if you want a QSL card. GW8HVP spent Easter in Malta and reports that 9H1CD and 9H1BT are getting ready for the Sporadic-E season with 2m. SSB using a QQV06-40A in the PA with the possibility of adding a 4CX250B linear later. G4CXL worked into Italy on the night of April 23 and was a bit mortified when he learned later that the same station had been worked from a mobile! Did anyone else manage an Italian contact that night? G3JVL (Hayling Island) made it with ON and DC the same evening. GM8FFX, who is such a big signal on 2m. SSB, is pressing on under the tutelage of GM3ZBE with the CW test and will be coming on 4m. and 70 cm. with high power shortly.

This month again, several readers have commented on the misuse of calling channels on this as well as on other VHF/UHF Major trouble arises when two bands. mobiles get going and fail to QSY once contact has been established. It is quite likely that the channel may appear clear to them, but a fixed station with a horizontally polarised antenna, and no cross-polarisation loss therefore, may be trying to copy some weak DX through the QRM and finding the situation rather trying to say the least. G3FPK writing on this subject suggests that one should try and avoid 144-19-144-21 MHz so that any really weak stations calling CQ are not clobbered by strong locals slightly off-channel. This applies in areas of high density traffic only, of course. GW8GLG finds the situation aggravated by chaps who will tune up on the calling channel as well as operating on it. It may be added here that your scribe does not subscribe to the allocation of 2m. calling channels except for the more esoteric forms of communication-M/S, RTTY and the like-since band occupancy is such that they are really quite unnecessary these days and their nominated function is so frequently ignored. Incidentally, G3FPK is radiating a very nice, clean SSB signal from Purley, Surrey and attributes



some of this to the dodge of eliminating residual carrier in the USB mode at the expense of a little more in the unused LSB mode. A useful tip. He runs the *Europa* with HT-46 as the prime mover. Norman is trying to get an ARMS net going on Monday evenings at 1930z on 144-275 MHz. Members are welcome to join in.

Report has it that we may shortly be hearing news bulletins on Sunday mornings on RTTY on 144 6 MHz, and perhaps also on GB3SX on 70.685 MHz.

Seventy Cm.: G2AXI is now fully operational on this band from Basingstoke with 25 watts p.e.p. to a QQV03-20A driven by a QQV02-6 mixer which accepts an injection frequency of 362 MHz on the screens and SSB on the grids from the 4m. transverter. The aerial is a 46-ele. Multibeam.

GM8FFX and G3WSN are both on with SSB now, the former with 500 mW at present, to be increased to 50 watts in the near future, but he was able to work GM4CXP in Roxburghshire with this flea-power.

Twenty-Three: G4BEL and G3LQR are not by any means strangers to this Column, but of interest is that they both worked into DL during the opening in April. Nice going! GD2HDZ has had more cross-band QSO's with G3KMS near Liverpool, but is not at present ready to transmit on the band.

G3JVL draws attention to a new frontend device for 23 cm. This is the DC5402 manufactured by AEI which out-performs the BFR91 at these frequencies as the gain is much higher. He has been testing with Paul Widger, G8AGU/P, up on Dartmoor with good results and says that Paul should be putting Devon on the map regularly. 'JVL runs skeds with G3KMS (Liverpool) on 432-2 MHz, with G3Y to 23 cm., when Cdz are good, at 2300z each night; with G3OBD (Poole) on 1296-2 MHz at 2230z; and G6XM (Swindon) on 1296-4 MHz at 2200z. The PAØSSB sked on 23 cm. has been dropped pro tem as Jan has been concentrating on E-M-E.

Deadline

All correspondence by June 7 please, addressed as usual to: "VHF Bands," SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, BUCKING-HAM, MKI8 IRQ. Cheers for now and yy 73 de G3DAH.

THE MONTH WITH THE CLUBS

By "Club Secretary"

(Deadline for July issue: June 5)

PERHAPS this month we should start by giving a sort of "perpetual deadline" which will enable Club scribes to know their deadline for months ahead.

Everything is geared to publication day—the last Friday in the month, e.g., May 30 for the June issue, June 27 for the July issue, and so on. Come back twenty-two days, and you get May 8, which was the deadline for this piece, and June 5 for the coming crop; so it runs every month without fail, saving only that such an arrangement of necessity goes by the board at times of "industrial unrest" such as printing disputes or that which might arise if a power stoppage becomes a fact in the next few months. At such times arrangements may well have to be changed and we might even lose an issue.

National/International

First in the clip is the Royal Navy group, with their members scattered over the four corners of the earth and a Newsletter full of assorted varieties of entertainment, awards to be obtained, a QSL dept. and various other items of interest. As well as their Mobile Rally at Petersfield on June 1, planned events include G3BZU/A on the air from there for the Lee-on-Solent Air Day, July 26, and GB3RN activated from Portsmouth Dockyard over August 23-25 for this year's Navy Days. For the R.N. or old-sailer type this is the one to join. No doubt G3MTP would be pleased to give you all the details; his address appears in the Secretaries Panel.

The activities of the G-QRP Club are more or less explained by the title; this one is for the many amateurs who find satisfactionin operating on real low power and seeing what can be achieved with it, on any band. Apart from a couple of awards—one aimed at SWL's, who by the way can also become members—the *Newsletter* and the series of bulletins which are sent out between the Newsletters are in themselves well worth keeping as a digest of QRP ideas and circuits. Details from G3RJV at the address in the Panel.

A.R.M.S. enfold the interests of the /M operators, both SWL and transmitting, at home or abroad. They have designated certain channels on which members may look out for others with like interests: At 1330z G4AMS is the control for their international net, while on two metres Channel S20 (145.5 MHz) is the international calling frequency, and S21 for Southern working (145.525); S22 for London and the Home Counties (145.550), S23 at 145.575 Midlands working, and S24, 145.600 MHz which is the working channel in the North.

Limassol is situate in Cyprus, and they write to advise of a new forwarding address, as shown in the Panel, to which should go all enquiries.

Up North

Here our first call should be to the Star lads at the New Inn, Bramley Town Street, Leeds. It may be recalled that last time they reported they were searching for a new place as their Hq. was to be demolished—well, they duly got their notice, but they now are happy to say they have a reprieve at least until 1976, which will give them a breathing space. Another important point is the change of secretary's address, duly noted in the Panel.

Sunderland give details of their July activities instead of June; July 3, nothing firm arranged, and July 17, the Annual General Meeting—visitors and new members welcome to both. No doubt the hon. secretary would be only too pleased to hear from you should you want to join during June—his address appears in the Panel.

One thing always stays the same at Northern Heights—G3MDW is always announcing "this is his last year," and he always remains in office! Lucky Club to have such a stalwart, and how he manages year after year to generate his programme is amazing. For June 11, the group are "away" for a quiz against, and at, Denby Dale, and June 25 is a ragchew session at Hq.; it should also be noticed that the lads are out again on July 2, this time "hunting treasure"—Wot, no pirates?

Any Thursday you can meet the York group, in their Hq. at the British Legion Club, 61 Micklegate. They are definite now that GB2NRM will be operational at the opening of the new National Railway Museum, for a week commencing September 27. GB2TS is another of their callsigns, this one for the Tollerton Show, and there is a plan afoot for a talk/demonstration at York University. A little oddity in its own way is that their Morse class is conducted, not by any of the licensed chaps but by SWL Daniel, who is credited with the best fist around for teaching Morse.

The QTH 83 Town Street, Armley, Leeds is home for the White Rose Club, every Wednesday evening, and from 10.30 to lunchtime on the first Sunday morning in each month; the evening affairs open at 7.30 for an 8 o'clock start to the lecture. In June also we notice they are out for NFD, the weekend of June 6-7, and on June 15 they have a "family luncheon date" at the Red Lion Hotel, Burnsall.

Midlands

Bury & Rossendale foregather informally in the Mosses Community Centre, Cecil Street, Bury every Tuesday, while making the second one in each month into the "proper" one with lecture, film show or whatever. In addition, of course, summer tends to bring on the outside activities, details of which G&ECM would be pleased to provide, either at a meeting or from his address in the Panel. The second week of June sees them being instructed by G4BVI on the subject of Basic Logic—a facet of electronics that offers more outlets for hobby projects, quite apart from its use in devising sophisticated control and keying arrangements in the shack.

At Nottingham there has been a change of staff, with G8IPH now doing the secretary chore. For June, he reports the group will have June 5 for a Forum and NFD preparation, June 12 for president G2FUB to talk about the $\pounds 1.80$ Electronic Keyer; on June 19 there is the preparation for the GB3RHR activity which takes place on Victoria Embankment, Nottingham at the Vintage Transport Rally. Finally, June 26 is down for a talk, topic not specified.

Wolverhampton have a fine Newsletter from which we learn that the Hq. is at Neachells Cottage, Danescourt Road, Stockwell End. The issue currently to hand covers all the programme from April to the beginning of June, when on the 2nd there is a talk on Marine Radio by G3IGK, an ex-professional in that game who still "does a bit" for holidaying. It seems, basically, that the Hq. is open on Sundays and Wednesdays for normal activities, and then on Thursdays there have been the R.A.E. sessions which by now will presumably have been dropped until September.

If you are a member or intending to visit Midland you should book the date June 17, subject not finalised at the time of writing. Venue, of course, is the Midland Institute in Birmingham—any Brummie should know where it is!

G8IJP writes to say he has been shotgunned into the secretary's job at Bristol; the Club have their premises with the University Settlement, Barton Hill—more details from G8IJP at the address in the Panel.

Now to Bromsgrove where they assemble at the Avoncroft Art Centre, on the second Friday in each month. This gives them June 13, at which time they will be hearing from G4AAL, all about Closed Circuit TV. Looking ahead, and thinking about the holiday season, we notice a Natter Nite set for July 11.

At Derby, the Hq. is at the Top Floor, 119 Green Lane, Derby, every Wednesday. Programme for June says a Surplus Sale on June 4, and a Film Show on the 11th. D/F Practice takes up June 18, and Technical Topics fill the 25th. And, oh, couldn't we wish other scribes would follow the practice of their G3VGW—he has it all there, never a waste word, gets it cleared up and leaves the chat till he has disposed of all the business.

This QRP lark is definitely getting a grip in U.K., and we notice that now South Manchester include a talk on the subject by G3FNM on May 30, our publication day. Then May 6 is down for the Technical Forum, and on the 13th the talk is on Modern Telephone Exchanges, by G4AUR. A "Mini D/F Contest" fills June 20, and then on June 27 there is a Night on the Air. Sale Moor Community Centre sees these Friday activities, and on Mondays the VHF and D/F element get

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Closing dates for this feature for the next few months will be: June 5, July 3 and August 7. These are final dates after which material cannot be taken in but will be held over for the month following.



Radio Mobile Society.



together at the shack at "Greeba," Shady Lane, Manchester 23.

That address in Gaol Street for Hereford should not worry anyone -we have no reports of members being locked up! Expanding a little, the place to look for is actually the County Control, Civil Defence Hq. The date is June 6, and we would expect the activity to be not unconnected with NFD which is down for the next couple of days.

The first and third Wednesdays are booked at Wirral, although our current copy of their Newsletter cuts off giving detailed gen from the end of May. The venue will nevertheless still be the normal one at the Sports Centre, Grange Road West, Birkenhead.

Solihull are pleased to announce that Dud Charman, G6CJ, will activate his famous Aerial Circus for them; the venue is the Physics Lecture Room at Birmingham University-other Clubs are invited to attend, but will secretaries of these please write to Solihull's G4AEJ with an indication of the numbers likely to turn up. All we need to add is that if you haven't seen Dud's lecture, you really must make the effort to get there-he doesn't do it so often of late years since he retired to his DX hide-away in Dorset.

Mid-Cheshire have a place at the rear of Verdin Buildings in the Technical Activities Centre of Verdin Comprehensive School, Winsford, where they can be found on the following dates: June 11, a talk on D/F Techniques, and details of the Club D/F Contest, times and frequencies; and on June 22, the Club D/F Contest proper. In addition, they put the Club rig on, on most Wednesday evenings, and would like someone to come back to G3ZTT's CQ's!

Gone West

The "brains trust" theme is revived at Cornish, though we doubt whether either Professor Joad or Commander Campbell will be appearing. The date for this one is June 5, and it will be at the SWEB Clubroom, Pool, Camborne.

The letter from Bath set your old scribe a bit of a problem; their Secretary writes very nicely, but just one word was a bit indistinct-Murphy's Law says it just had to be the important one! June 14 and 15 are the dates in question, when GB3CTR will be operational, from the Steam Traction Engine Rally at Camerton. Normal Club meetings are every Monday evening, starting at 8.30. Head for Coronation Avenue, Oldfield Park, Bath.

A new Hq. address is noted for Exeter, who are now quartered at Combe House, Coombe Street, South Street, where they foregather

The cities of Leeds and Dortmund (West Germany) are 'twinned,' as is the civic fashion these days. Here we see Connie Wade, G4CUY, of the White Rose Radio Society, presenting the Lord Mayor of Leeds with an "honorary White Rose award" after a successful link-up with Dortmund by Amateur Radio.

on the second Monday of each month-albeit there is a hint of a possible increase in the monthly ration of meetings. Over the weekend of June 21-22, they will be running GB3ESE for the Exeter and District Scout Jamboree.

At Torbay things are obviously going well as the entire slate of officers were re-elected en bloc, and they now have 100 members. The Hq. is Bath Lane, rear of 94 Belgrave Road, Torquay, and the date Saturday June 28, for a talk and checkover for the NFD effort.

Southern England

As usual, this is by far the largest heap of reports, although the density of the amateur population and so the number of radio clubs is probably higher in the Midlands and North-puzzling.

Newbury have pole position, and they announce that their gettogether is on June 2, at South Berks College of Further Education, 7.30 to 9.30. G4DGU will be talking about a 70 cm. exciter and an eighty-metre transceiver; quite a contrast!

At Bishops Stortford, it was mentioned last time that they were a bit disorganised owing to letting in an extra-special even to the programme and the general change-round resulting. This continues, the May meeting having been fitted up with a talk and demonstration of Amateur TV by G8AZM; this transfers the hiatus to June, so it must be accepted that on June 16 they will have to listen to colleague G3KFE rattling on about something-or-other.

Colchester seem to be quite happy with their new Hq., which is at Stanway School, Stanway, near Colchester, where they meet every Wednesday evening, Much of the activity at the time of their letter was being devoted to the Anglian Rally preparations.

The contribution by G3LXP in the current Verulam Newsletter would bring back happy memories for all the older members-he discusses the activity of NFD in terms of those years just around Hitler's War when things were so much simpler technically and the fun of Field Day that much greater. Talking of "more technical" we note that Verulam's meeting on June 18 will be devoted to SSB on VHF and UHF, as seen by G8DKK.

Emmanuel Church Hall, Barry Road, London S.E.22, is the venue, on Saturday June 21, for a talk on the GB3LO repeater, by way of both talk and demonstration of its use. The group-Crystal Palace.

At North Kent the current copy of the Newsletter recounts the adventures involved in getting the Club's assets from the old to the new Hq., at St. Mary's Institute, 2 North Cray Road, Bexley; the dates at the new place are given as the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, with, at the time of writing, nothing finalised as far as the June dates go.

June 17 is the date for Acton, Brentford & Chiswick at their usual Hq., which is Trades and Social Club, 66 High Road, Chiswick. It is understood G4DLK is to talk about the FR400-FL400 rig.

The third Tuesday in every month is the date they book at Sutton & Cheam; we can't tell you what will be taking place at the June get-together if only because the AGM has just been taken and the new committee have not had time to sort anything as this is written-no doubt something will have been arranged for the night. The venue is the Library, Cheam.

Meetings of the Echelford group are held at St. Martin's Court, Kingston Crescent, Ashford, Middlesex, on the second Monday and the last Thursday of every month, giving us June 9, for a "Chairman's Evening" and June 26 for a Transmitter Appreciation Evening.

For Farnborough we have no data on the June doings; but we can say that the dates are the second and fourth Wednesday in each month, at the Air Scouts Hut, Rectory Road, Farnborough, Hampshireno doubt G8ECO would be pleased to give the latest gen, if you contact him at the address in the Panel.

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Another lot who like to keep their activities a deep secret is at Southgate—here we have to tell you that it is always the second Thursday in the month, and if you go to the Scout Hut, Wilson Street, Winchmore Hill Green to visit them, keep off the grass! It seems some twit parked on the grass, and in trying to get off again made a prize mess of the lawn, which nearly made the Scouts refuse further use of their place. And who can blame them?

Now to **Bedford** who have a two-metre D/F contest on June 5, with announcement of the results on the 12th. A guest speaker comes on June 19, to talk about Radio Control of Models, and on June 26 they will be readying for SSB Field Day, and listening to a minilecture: Hq. is at the United Services Club, The Broadway.

Cheshunt are, as it were, "reformed" characters; they now operate on a weekly basis, every Wednesday evening at Rosedale Sports Club, Andrews Lane. June 4 sees G3GBL talking about Aspects of Various Bands of Operation, and on June 11 there is, first, Morse, and second R.A.E.—this repeats on June 25. The interverning June 18 date is filled by G4DCP on Digital Logic.

Every evening of the week between Monday and Thursday the Barking lads have something going on at Westbury Recreation Centre, Westbury School, Ripple Road, with Wednesday evenings devoted to Closed Circuit TV activities. More details can be obtained from the G8JEG, as Panel.

From where we sit, it looks as though Cray Valley have booked the first and third Thursday at Eltham Urited Reformed Church Hall, I Court Road, S.E.9 but it is suggested you check first because this is not explicitly stated in the *Newsletter* we have to hand. Neither, come to think of it, do we have the programme for which we must refer you to the hor. secretary, G3YWO.

June at Chiltern means the 10th for an informal, and the 25th for the lecture—Telefax, by G8GGU. Both are at the Ernest Turner works (in the canteen), High Wycombe.

Lots of activities are available if you are in the Maidstone YMCA group, at the Sportscentre, McIrose Close. On June 6, there are, naturally, things to be done in preparation for NFD, and on the 13th there is a Beginners' Class, aiming at R.A.E. and Morse. The YMCA Convention on June 28 at Tonbridge will be prepared for on June 20, and on the 27th G3REM will be demonstrating and talking about "Tools and Materials used in Amateur Radio."

West Kent are based on the Adult Education Centre, Monson Road, Tunbridge Wells, and on June 13 they will be wheeling and dealing at the Junk Sale. Simple Test Equipment, its Construction and Use, will form the diet on June 27. In addition there are informals op June 3, 17, and July 1, either for nattering or construction work, which will be based on the Drill Hall, Victoria Road, Tunbridge Wells.

The FT-220 transceiver will be the talk-and-demonstration by G3ZLQ at Maidenhead on June 5, while on June 17, G3VCT will discuss the business of Speech Processing. Both are at the British Red Cross Hall, The Crescent.

The weekly doings at Dunstable Downs are set down by the "temporary" hon. secretary, who realises he has probably been lumbered with the chore for good! Map-reading is on June 6, out on the Dunstable Downs, or, if wet, at Hq. A general natter-session appears on June 13, and on the 20th the St. Johns people will come along and demonstrate how they deal with electricity, or, rather, its consequences. Finally, on June 27, comes the half-yearly get-together for which one brings a YL or XYL. Hq. is at Chews House, 77 High Street South, Dunstable.

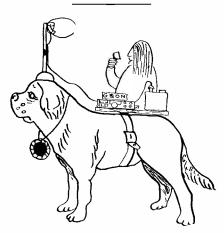
After forty years of continuous activity, Surrey are still going strong, says the secretary after he was re-elected at the AGM. They have a Constructional Contest on June 17, at the Ship Inn, 47 High Street, Croydon.

Epilogue

Which is where we sign off the programme for another month. Next time, we want the news for "Flaming July" with dates, venues, details of what goes on, secretary's address and phone number, and all the chat after the vital stuff, by June 5. Send it to "Club Secretary," SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, BUCKINGHAM, MK18 IRQ.



One of the Trade stands at the White Rose Rally, Leeds, was that of Mike Hawkins, G3ZNI, Cobham, Surrey, doing a very nice line in callsign badges, car emblems and station plaques, in various sizes and designs. He produces a good job.



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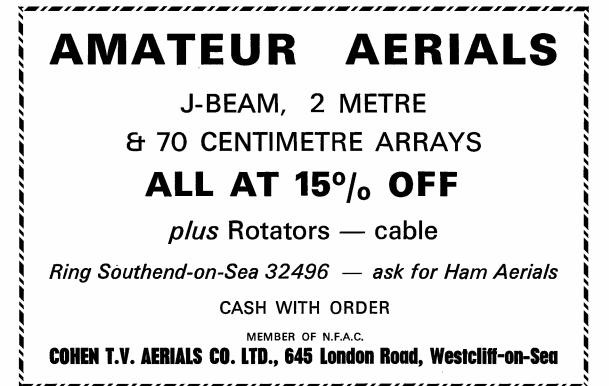
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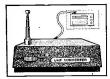
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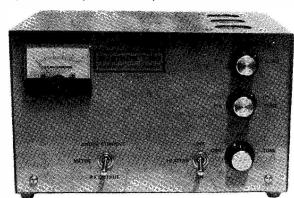
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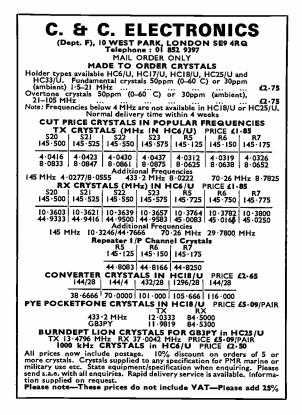
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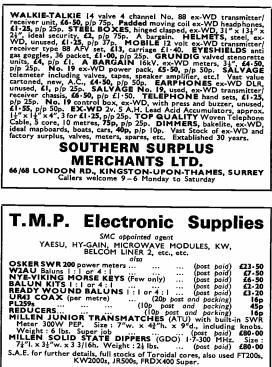
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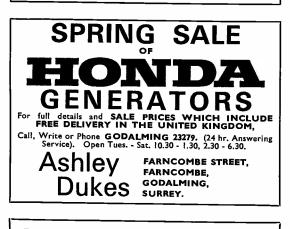
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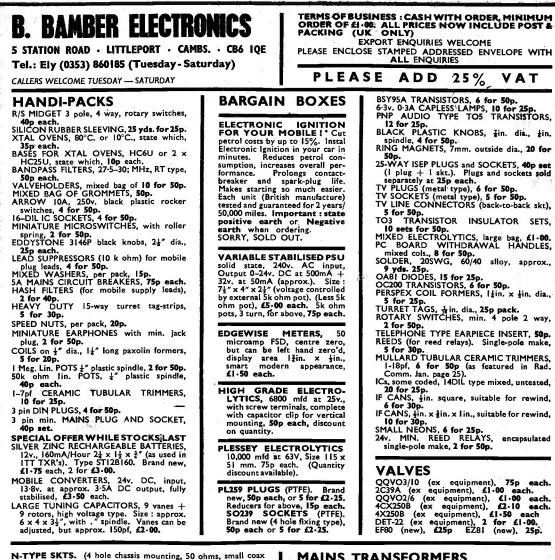
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