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simply hand-me-downs from the Japanese home market. With the TR7500, you can enjoy mobile 2 metre-operation at its best. Need 520? turn the dial until display reads 20. Move to \$17? turn to 17, it's simplicity itself. Repeater operation is equally easy requiring only the touch of a switch to select either 600 kHz normal receiver up shift or reverse repeater operation as desired. Dial readout? You guessed, it's simply 7 for R7, 4 for R4 and so on.

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Full band coverage 144-146 MHz is standard on the TR7500 and as a final point to muse upon, consider when happens if we adopt 12½ kHz channels in Europe. With your 5 kHz step rig you are up ye creek without ye paddle but with Trio foresight, you are covered since the TR7500 is basically a 12½ kHz channel rig and 12½ kHz channel are available.

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£134 including VAT.
Big Daddy, the TL922 HF linear. Certainly the best HF linear on the market today, the TL922 covers 1-8-30 MHz operation using a pair of 3-500Z Eimac tubes running 2-5kW pep input. In real finger burning terms, that means 1000 watts output key down. Loaded with safety interlocks and time delay switch off systems, the TL922 is a superb animal and its low drive requirement (80W. for full input) makes it compatible with most HF rigs, not only the TS520S and TS820. Magnificent. TL922 is £763 inc. VAT.

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If your station is equipped for FM only, and you wonder where other 2 metre operators have gone when conditions are good-borrow a receiver and listen to the SSB around 144.3. D DX contacts with continental stations are commonplace because of the sheer distance covering ability of SSB. With the freedom from channel restrictions and the ability to have multi-station QSO's with ease, SSB capability can add a new dimension to your amateur radio 2 metre operations.

SSB and CW operation. Following the well deserved success of

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Combining high receiver sensitivity and clean transmitted signal, the TR7010 gives continuous frequency coverage from 144-2-1444 MHz to cater for all the DX activity. 48 synthesised 5 kHz channels with VXO and RIT ensure crystal controlled stability with the freedom to move around the band.



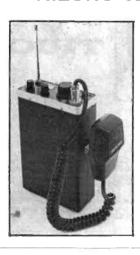
Design expertise. Both transmitter and receiver in the TR7010 are of the single conversion type using an IF of 10-7 MHz. This gives a clean transmitter signal and a receiver that is free from unwanted image problems. Double balanced mixing is used throughout the transmitter and the carefully tailored audio system in conjunction with a first class crystal filter produces that good signal quality for which TRIO equipment is renowned. The PA stage uses a 30W. transistor which is run at only 20 Watts input to give optimum linearity and protection against misuse.

The construction of the TR7010 follows the rugged reliable package style of the TR7200G—and fits the same mobile mount so that one can fit either rig in the same mounting slide.

Fixed (using the matching PS55 supply), or mobile, the TR7010 is the DX SSB/CW rig for everyone.

TR7010, £189 inc, VAT

### MIZUHO SB-2M THE ALL NEW 2M SSB PORTABLE



The SB-2M portable SSB/CW transceiver makes a welcome change from the procession of FM boxes and offers the user real DX performance in a small, easily carried package. Power output is around IW. pep (2-5W. input) and sideband generation is by 76514 double balanced modulator and high quality 9 MHz crystal filter thus ensuring very good carrier and unwanted sideband suppression. A further 76514 is used in the heterodyne mixer to guarantee not only a clean transmission but also a receiver free from unwanted spurious responses.

Frequency control is by a wide range YXO giving 50 kHz coverage from one crystal. As supplied, the SB-2M is fitted with four crystals giving a total tuning range of 200 kHz which is adequate for most operators' needs. Alternative crystals can be fitted by the user at any time without the necessity for realignment.

The receiver performance is really outstanding and we can normally hear the Wrotham beacon in Matlock using only the telescopic whip on the rig. As a mode comparison, we can seldom if ever, hear the London repeater GB3LO even using a IOXY at 40 feet and the most sensitive FM rig available. Real DX is yours with the SB-2M and SSB.

Current consumption is low enough to make operation from dry batteries perfectly feasible. However, a Nicad battery pack and charger are also available at modest cost.

The SB-2M comes complete with manual, microphone, carryin strap, etc., and is fitted with crystals to cover 144·1-144·3 MHz Other crystals will be available shortly.

Why not try sideband, you'll really enjoy it after a dose of FM repeater operation. After all, where does everyone on 2 metres vanish to when there's a lift? You guessed; they're working the rad DX around 1443 and you can join in with the SB-2M.

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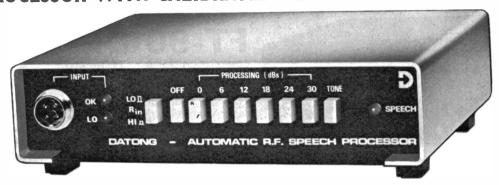
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- ★ Unique "TONE" button simplifies transmitter adjustment
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PUSH-BUTTON CONTROL

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Model ASP sets remarkable new standards of performance and ease of operation for speech processing equipment. As well as providing the genuine 6 to 10 dBs of talk power improvement without harmonic distortion which has made our Universal R.F. Speech Clipper world famous, Model ASP adds the ultimate convenience of instant pushutton selection of the degree of R.F. processing. This ranges all the way from 0 to 30 dBs in 6 dBs steps. Input level adjustments or meter watching are completely eliminated and the automatic control system ensures that you always get exactly the amount of processing that you want despite changes in voice level, or even despite changes in microphone.

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UNIQUE SET-UP AID
Having eliminated input setting controls, Model ASP goes even further

Having eliminated input setting controls, Model ASP goes even further and simplifies the setting of the transmitter microphone gain. Simply press the "TONE" button and the unit generates a sine wave with the press the "TONE" button and the unit generates a sine wave with the same peak-to-peak amplitude as the processed speech output. Once your transmitter mic, gain (or the preset output level control on the back of Model ASP) is set to give the desired peak P.A. current using this tone, it will be virtually impossible to overdrive the transmitter or to radiate a bad signal. The result is that you can always rest assured that your signal is exactly as you want it, without the need to watch meters or to carefully control your voice level.

your voice level.
TWO PROCESSORS IN ONE

TWO PROCESSORS IN ONE Model ASP really consists of two processors in one case. The first is an audio processor and the second is a true R.F. clipper. The audio processor is not intended to give any speech compression or talk-power enhancement; its job is instead that of an intelligent and unobtrusive yet thorough automatic peak level adjustor which ensures that the subsequent R.F. processor always has an accurately defined peak-to-peak input level. It is exclusively the job of the R.F. processor

peak-to-peak input level. It is exclusively the job of the R.F. processor to boost the talk-power.

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to the simultaneous increase in your average power level.

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- ★ Elegant appearance complements any rig

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### ACCURATE CONTROL

As well as being highly convenient to use, Model ASP gives a far more accurate control of the degree of R.F. processing than processors which ely on the operator controlling his voice level to "talk-tup" a meter to a degired reading. Moreover, the self-control needed for the latter method all too often evaporates in the excitement of DX operating. With Model ASP on the other hand, you can afford to get excited; the automatic control continues to look after your signal while you concentrate on the operating.

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As a further refinement, the "SPEECH" lamp should stay on only while speech sounds are present. If it stays on between words there is too much background noise at the microphone for good intelligibility, and you should talk closer to it. Even a control system with the wide range of Model ASP has its limits

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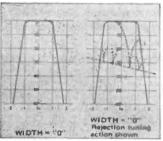
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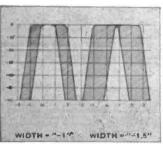
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8 ohms

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- \* Operate forward or reverse duplex from the keypad.
- \* Have remote readout of frequency in case you want to hide your rig in a cupboard!





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IC-280E

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### THE ULTIMATE IN 2m. FM SYNTHESIZED RIGS

For the man who wants all the channels in 2m. from 144–146 com-plete with digital readout of frequency ICOM have produced the IC-280E which has a few interesting extras not provided by the opposition. Such as :

- \* THREE memories programmable from the front panel (thus giving you four easy-to-switch-to channels without taking your eyes off the road).
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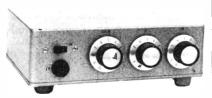
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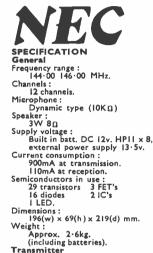
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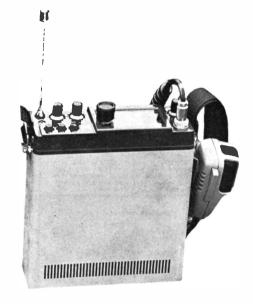
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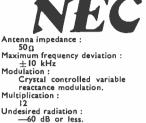
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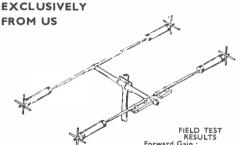
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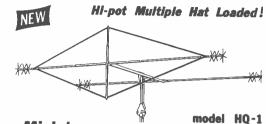
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### EDITORIAL

### Delay

We apologise to Readers and Advertisers for the late publication, for reasons entirely beyond our control, of this issue of *Short Wave Magazine*. The November issue will be a little late (owing to upset schedules), but the December issue should appear on time.

The A.R.A. Exhibition opens at the Granby Halls, Leicester, on 2nd November, and promises to be the most successful yet. As a showplace for finding out 'what's new' and an opportunity for meeting the people behind the well-known names (and for meeting your friends!) it is second to none, and we strongly recommend all those who have an interest in Amateur Radio, however mild, to pay it a visit. Short Wave Magazine will not have a stand this year as our policy is to exhibit every second year, but members of our staff will be attending, and we look forward to meeting many of our friends there.

It is with great sadness that we have to report the death of Tom Darn G3FGY. Apart from being Organiser of the A.R.R.A. Exhibition, Tom was a much loved and respected man in the Amateur Radio fraternity; he was always prepared to put in more than he got out, towards both individuals and the movement as a whole. An obituary will appear in an early issue.

Moliens R3KFE.

# VHF BANDS

NORMAN FITCH, G3FPK

### VHF NFD

OVERALL winners of this year's VHF NFD were the March and District RAS folk with 3542 points. In second place were the Martlesham and Ipswich clubs with 3243 points, while the third spot was claimed by the Bracknell, University College of North Wales (Bangor), G4ERP Contest Group, with 2581 points. Individual band scores were as follows:

70 MHz: 1, GM3WOJ/P—1490; 2, G3UUT/P—1208; 3, GW4ERP/P—1127.

144 MHz: 1, G3PMH/P—5692; 2,
G4BPO/P—5493; 3, GW8BHH/P
—5027.

432 MHz: 1, G4BEL/P—1323; 2, G4CFI/P—1219; 3, G3NNG/P—1205.

*1296 MHz:* 1, G3DY/P—6783; 2, G3XDY/P—5565; 3, GW4BRT/P—4023

Congratulations to all concerned and acknowledgments to the GB2RS News Bulletin Service.

### VHFCC Awards

Another three readers have won 2m. VHFCC certificates this month. No. 301 goes to Len Bailey, G8NQU, from Wellingborough, who started as a short wave listener in the early 1950's with an ex-RAF receiver. His main interest initially was broadcast band DX listening but in 1976, Len bought a Yaesu FRG-7 Rx and began listening on the amateur bands. Reception reports produced a 95 per cent QSL return. In August 1976 a 2m. converter was bought and, after one evening's listening, Len was sold on the idea and took his R.A.E. in May 1977. The current station is a Trio TS-700G and 6-ele. quad at 22ft., but as he is studying CW, activity is limited.

Richard Hook, G8LVB, wins certificate no. 302, for operation

from Ash in Hampshire. Licensed in August 1976, he began with a Pve Cambridge FM10B, bought for £1.00, modified from low band for six channel operation. In February 1977, a Belcom Liner 2 was bought and the dipole changed to 4-ele. auad. In November 1977, his wife bought him a Yaesu FT-221R for his birthday and the aerial was then changed to an 8-over-8 slot fed vagi. Future plans include getting a G4 licence, and RTTY and SSTV. Richard is a founder member of the Surrey Police Radio Society and, on July 29/30 last he put on the first GB8 special event station, GB8SPF.

Julian Moss, G8ILO, receives VHFCC certificate no. 303 for operation from Thorpe Bay in He was first licensed in February 1974, the first QSO being a mobile one using a Hudson AM-108. Initial operation from the home OTH was on FM with all home-built gear to an indoor dipole. Hearing HG5AIR at S9-plus-40 dB in July 1974 convinced Julian that the only way to go was SSB, so a Yaesu FR/FL50B with QM70 transverter was acquired. This 2 watts provided the first continental DX using a 5-ele. indoor vagi. From October 1975, sessions at Lancaster University provided opportunities for portable operation from fell tops with an Icom IC-202 and Modular Electronics 25 watts linear. The present home station comprises an Icom IC-201, 50 watts amplifier with the 5-ele, beam now rotatable. outdoors, at 30ft. Some satellite operation on Mode "A" is indulged in using a 29 MHz quad aerial with the FRG-7.

### Beacon News

In the 23 cm. band the Edinburgh beacon is now operational on 1296-99 MHz. The e.r.p. is 25 watts to two corner reflectors beaming NE and NW. Reception reports should go to GM8BJF at 8 Corrennie Drive, Edinburgh 10.

### Two Metres Super DX

The article in the August issue on the transequatorial tests on 2m. between the Mediterranean and southern Africa has produced some further fascinating details. Roland Whiting, 5B4WR, reports that the tests have continued without a break but that, unlike the earlier

6m. tests, there does *not* appear to be any marked seasonal dependence so far. He writes:—"In signal reception since the end of May no significant *Doppler* shifts have been observed and I now consider this as a secondary and possibly equinoctial phenomenon and not directly related to the main mode of 2m. propagation, which seems to be dependent on a 'noisy' sun."

Openings between 5B4WR and ZE2JV occurred on June 12, and July 2, 7, 10, 15, 21, 22 and 30, while on July 12, there was a good opening between ZE2JV and SV1AB but with nothing heard in Limassol. ZE2JV was copied in Israel on July 10 at 1805-1845z.

In DUBUS Informationen issue 2/78, Edgar Mueller, YV5ZZ, writes that Joe Reisert, W1JR, and other U.S. experts suggest this long distance propagation is not via TEP at all, but by a new kind of propagation called "FAI" or Field Aligning Irregularities, not known until now.

Mediterranean readers should note that the ZS6LN beacon operates from 1200-1600z daily with up to 700 watts to a 48-ele., array on 114·115 MHz. ZS6DN operates on 144·130 MHz with 800 watts to a 48-ele. array, times being 0600-0900, 1500-1930.

### A New QTH Locator System

To the serious VHF/UHF operator, the familiar five-character QTH locator is as important as the callsign. However, it is not unique.

Consequently the idea of a world locator system is being discussed. The two systems being considered are first the *Georef Fields* wherein the primary squares are 15° by 15° and second the EA8EX one, modified by SM5AGM, in which the primary squares are 10° East-West and 5° North-South. To give examples, G3FPK's world locator in the *Georef* version would be MKQG5436, and in the EA8EX system, HST7LS.

Before examining these proposals further, readers' opinions are sought as to whether such a locator system is really necessary, bearing in mind great circle distances can only be calculated by reference to latitude and longitude in degrees. So why not use these in the first place in those few instances when these larger QRB's need to be calculated?

### VHF in Iceland

Alistair Simpson, GM8NCM, has sent a detailed account of the Glenrothes and District ARC's operation from Iceland. locations for VHF in the first week led to disappointing results, the first MS success being with G3POI on August 27 from a site near Revkjavik (PY72b). The next sked with G4DEZ was not completed in spite of a promising start. The next site near Hella in the southwest was another very poor location. first good one was RX06j where from they operated on August 1 and 2 and made complete MS OSO's with DK3XT (FN), DK3UZ (EO), DJ9CZ (DL), SM4FVD (GT), SM4DHN (GU), OZ1OF (EQ) and G4FUF (AL). The last QSO from here was with SK6AB (FR) before they moved to the final location in SY28j on August 3. That was a cliff top site on the southeast coast.

The first completed sked was with SM3BIU (HX) at the end of which a 15 minute aurora occurred (QTF 80°) during which they worked SM3FGL (HV) and SM3AKW (IW), then SM3BIU again. Thereafter MS skeds were resumed with DK5AIA (FL33b) at 2,100 kms. Later on the 4th they worked G3SEK and PA2DWH, ending up as they started with G3POI.

All this was the culmination of 57 skeds and some 117 hours of MS operation. During the trip, the boys visited the Icelandic Radio Association's club in Reykjavik and caused a considerable stir when they revealed working G the previous night. There is some 2m. activity through a local RØ repeater and it is to be hoped that some of the TF's might now try for some real DX.

Meteor Scatter Round Up Edmund Ramm, DK3UZ (EN20c) sent a list of 18 completed MS QSO's made between June 18 and August 3 in 14 different squares. These included RA3YCR (RN52f); 9H1BT (HV03f); LZ2JT (MD79h) and GM3YOR/TF (RX06j) which was completed in 45 minutes and gave Edmund 2m. country no. 35. But he complains, "... if only those QSL's would come in."

During the *Perseids*, Fausto Minardi, I4EAT (FE60f) worked SM3AVQ (IU27a); UK3AAC (SP); UA3LBO (QO21h) and F6EMT

(ZH) plus G8KRZ and G8LGL on Phil Johnson. SSB. random GJ8KNV, mentions contacts with II, OE, SM and YU stations in the same shower. The only successful sked for Paul Broadhurst, G8LGL (YL46c) was that with OE5VHL Those with I1KTC and (GI). I7DMP brought only a few short bursts and pings. The I4EAT QSO included a 40 seconds burst from Fausto, half of which was S9-plus.

Ken Osborne, G8KSS (Bristol). completed a Perseids sked with I4EAT in 1½ hours using 50 watts. He heard and called LX1DB, YUINAC, UR2RQ (30 sec. burst) and DJ5RO with many others heard. Ken complains of the poor timing of overs by some stations on the random frequency. Keen listener Mike Allmark from Leeds reminds us that the random MS calling frequencies of 144·100 for CW and 144-200 for SSB are used all year round and that tropo, operators The Perseids should avoid them. produced three new countries and 14 more squares for Mike bringing his scores to 33 countries and 151 squares. IT9TAI (GY) at 2,100 kms. was his best DX and other interesting ones heard included (NS); YO2IS (KF); UR2CV OH5NW (NU); YU1NPW (KE) and SM2CKR (KX).

Clive Penna, G3POI (AL51g), stuck to skeds in the Perseids and worked UR2NW (LT); SM2BYC (MZ); LZ2KBI (LD); SL2CU/2 (KC): UA3LBO: SM2IUE (IZ): SM4ANO (HU); SM3BZS (HY) and HBØQQ (EH68d) in Liechtenstein, which latter also worked G3SEK and GW4CQT. Clive's sked with SV1AB (LY) did not produce a QSO although George did get a 20 seconds burst from him. Indicentally, SV1AB does not make MS skeds any more. Gotaways were UA3LAW (PO) and ZB2BU from whom only two tiny bursts and two pings were received in spite of a prime time sked. Nothing at all was heard from UA3OG in UR15f but that was on the limit anyway.

General opinion is that this year's shower was not us good as that of 1977. Bursts were of shorter duration. G3POI says his longer distance skeds were quite rewarding but that results over the shorter distances were more disappointing. Another point was that some of the offsets for optimum

beam headings were quite large, a factor to be carefully considered when using very narrow arrays.

Eric Grossmith, G3WOH (Merseyside), mentions a keen interest in 70 cm. MS along with Tim Hughill, GW4FJK (Dyfed). Eric points out that RF amplifiers for 432 MHz with noise temperatures of as low as 80°K are now available at about the \$40 mark, so the construction of a really sensitive Rx is that much easier now.

### Twenty-three Centimetres

Bob Short, G3GNR (Devon), would welcome skeds for 2000-2200 local time on the band, CW or SSB. The gear comprises a 2C39 high level mixer and 2C39 PA giving 25 watts output to a quad loop yagi 40ft. a.g.l. The site is 484ft. a.s.l. 14 km. NW of Okehampton. Bob's pre-amp. is a two stage affair giving 24 dB gain to a Microwave Modules converter. Stations worked so far include G3COJ, G3JXN, G3KMS, G8AGU and GW4ASR/P.

G3WOH is busy sorting out a low level mixer for the band. John Tye, G4BYV (Norfolk) took advantage of the lift on August 18/19 and worked PAØEZ in Hilversum at RS 59 as did G8EVU in Southend and G3ZEZ in Clacton, Essex. John got an S4 report from ON5FH in Sint-Amandsberg. The PAØHQN beacon in CM53i was audible both on 23 cm. and 13 cm. GJ8KNV has just started assembling gear for this band as a longer term project with 10 watts of solid state RF in mind. A 34-ele. O-L-Y aerial for the home station has been made. Finally, Arthur Breese, GD2HDZ, asks that Roger Taylor, G4BEL, reconsider his decision to drop out of the All-Time Table.

### Seventy Centimetres

Some paralysing radar interference has "clobbered" the band lately. On Aug. 23, GD8EXI reported it as originating off Anglesey and the following night Richard and Syd Harden, G2AXI (Hants.), calculated it was off the Lizard. County seekers will be glad to learn that Jerry Goldsmith, G4CJG, plans to put Durham on the 70 cm. map very shortly, both from home and -/P.

Colin Wooff, G3SPJ (London), has added Cheshire, G8AWS and Cumbria, G3JYP, to his score.

With G3OSS as "Ringmaster," Bill, G3JYP and Colin made it using 10 watts of CW. Alan Scott, G4BYP, writing probably for the last time from Liverpool, had not caught any lifts and hopes that the new and more elevated Cheshire QTH will reveal more activity.

During the Aug. 18/19 lift period, G4BYV worked DC2XK/OZ (ER) who was \$6 using just 10 watts and G8HVY/M in Dorset. On Aug. 27, Davidson operated Walt G3NYY/P from Lincolnshire in AN51f and gave this rare square to John Woodham, G8BKR, John Pilags, G8HHI and others. Tony Oakley, G8IWA (N. Humberside), was unable to work HB9AEN/P when the latter OSY-ed from 2m. to 70 cm. in the evening of Aug. 25. The ensuing pile-up and QSB made that impossible. However, he did work a couple of new counties for the table. The next day produced GM4CNV/P for another new county and square.

Paul Melbourne, G8GML (Cambridge) has spent much of this year getting going on 436 MHz fast scan TV "... on Channel 16\frac{2}{3} as we call it..." The PA runs 20 watts with a "Lynx" camera. He reports much increased ATV activity in the area and recently trapped 50 viewers at once at the Cambridge club, including the Lord Mayor of Cambridge and representatives of the Heidelberg club who were visiting during "Twin City" festivities.

Regarding interference from the *Syledis* radio location system, the licence requires that transmissions be screened from the land. The aerial has a 90° beam width.

### Two Metres

On tropo., Jack Kay, G3CO (Essex), sums it up when he wrote, . . . there have been one or two openings to the south east which have brought in one or two HB9 stations and southern French calls." Aug. 19-21 produced QSO's with HB9AMH/P (DH66c); LX1BK/P and HB9AMO/P (DG32a) as well as F's in AF, AG, BF, BH, DF, DH, DI and DJ squares. Mackean, G4HAO (Liverpool), found conditions quite good from Aug. 23 when he worked EI9Q. G8BKR's best DX were HB9AMO/P and F6CUR/P (DF11j) on the 26th. I4EAT (Faenza) confirms Sporadic

THREE BAND ANNUAL VHF TABLE
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Station	FOUR Counties	METRES Countries	TWO N	METRES Countries	70 CENT	IMETRES Countries	TOTAL Points
G3SPJ	58	7	64	14	38	6	187
G2AXI	43	7	54	14	30	7	155
GD2HDZ	45	5	54	10	32	7	153
G3CO	48	7	51	13	22	6	147
G4ERX	25	ı	53	14	24	9	126
G8ННІ	_	_	62	19	33	6	120
G8LEF	_	_	53	14	38	13	118
G8BKR	_		69	15	27	4	115
G4BWG	23	4	54	14	14	5	114
G8GXP	_	_	55	12	40	7	114
G3FPK	_	-	78	22	_	_	100
G8MFJ	_		61	14	22	2	99
G4DEZ			74	24			98
G4AEZ	23	4	36	10	19	5	97
G3FIJ	31	3	40	6	14	2	96
G4BYP	9	3	44	9	25	6	96
GI8EWM	_	_	60	11	17	6	94
G4GEE	_	_	54	8	29	3	94
G8KSS	_	_	69	17		_	86
GJ8KNV	-	_	43	17	14	8	82
G8APZ	_	_	57	16	4	1	78
G8KGF	_	-	60	16	_		76
G4HAO		-	62	12	_		74
G8GML	_	- [	31	8	25	6	70
G8ITS	_		43	6	12	3	64
G8JJR	_		51	10		-	61
GM4CXP	_		44	14	1	1	60
G8BIJ		-	50	9	_	-	59
G3KPU	-		51	8	-	-	59
G4GXT	_	-	51	8	_	-	59
G8GRT	_	-	35	4	15	3	57
G8MKW	_	-	47	9	-	-	56
GJ8ORH	_		30	15	4	5	54
G4FK1	6	1	29	6	9	1	52
G8NYS	_	-	44	8	-	-	52
G4GET	_		42	9		-	51
GJ8AAZ	_		31	6	7	5	49
G80GD	_	_	38	5	4	1	48
G8LHT	_	-	36	10	_	-	46
G8JGK	_		29	9	_		38
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E contacts on July 8 and 10 with GJ8ORH. G3IGV, G3CHN. G8KMH. GW8ELR, G8NEY. G8GHU and G8BKR GW4HDF heard on the 10th. Both Fausto and Steven Ruff, GI8EWM, confirm the latter's E's QSO with I4VOS/4 was on June 3 in a very short opening. G4HAO caught the very short E's opening on Aug. 18 from 1710 to 1720z hearing YUINPW (KE13j) and YU1CBX (KF24j). At the same time, G8KSS worked HG5AIR (JH47h) and heard OE3RBC and an OK3. In the E's event on the 8th. G8MFJ worked I4XCC (GD03d) at 1019z and heard other Italians plus the Gibraltar beacon, ZB2VHF, for three minutes at 1027 at S5. Your scribe managed a QSO with HG5AIR on the 15th and heard an OE whom others could have worked. had not a G station taken so long waffling on about his QTH being so many kms. from so-and-so!

During the Aug. 8 opening, Roger Thorn, G3CHN (Devon), copied the ISØA beacon (EA08a) in Sardinia from 1005 to 1036 but figures all the ISØ's were still in bed! SV1AB says he could not positively identify any British calls in the July 10 event due to the colossal QRM. He confirms that SV1KH worked G4BHL and that SV1DH worked GW4CQT that evening, but did not mention any SV/G QSO's on the 8th.

A very intense Aurora occurred most conveniently on Bank Holiday Monday, Aug. 28. First station heard at G3FPK was GM3JIJ (WS69c) whose "CQ" was answered at 1313z. The most southerly station heard was probably F6FHP (AE) and F1KBF in Paris was taped on SSB. Bob Nash, G4GEE, got a tip-off from an SM in the morning about the event via 20m. He was operating GB3TCF at Stoneleigh later and worked a number of U.K. stations on SSB and CW between 1343 and 1514z.

Bill Duckett, G8BKF (Salop) came in on it at 1335 and worked PAØFRE (CL03j); G8KSS; DB1BP (DN36b); DC9DX (FN53f) and PE1AIU (DN63f). QTF's were 45° but, although GB3VHF was copied Ar, GB3LER was not. G8BKR worked G8HPW in Tyne and Wear plus a few others. G8HHI logged the start at 1319 and worked several

G, GI, GM, GW and German stations at QTF's between 45 and 67°. F, EI and OZ were heard with fade-out at 1523z. G8IWA first heard GI8JPG, then worked DC1BP (DN36b) followed by DC5BP in EM25h getting RS 59A from each. Due to very heavy QRM, G8LGL only heard a GI and some Midlands stations in this affair.

GD2HDZ was pleased to work GM3JFG (XR40c) who is otherwise impossible to work via tropo. Art Smyth, **GM3XNE** (Ayrshire), "tripped across" his first Ar of the year having just hoisted a 6-ele. auad aloft. From 1458-1546, 14 CW OSO's were made including GU4EON (YJ48h) and GM3BOC/A (YS71e). Derrick Danse, GM4CXP (Borders), mentions GB3LER being Ar on Aug. 18 from 1850-1854z at OTF 25°, also on the 30th at 1630-1635 and 2350-0015z. LA8YB (FT13a) was worked at 0007z on the 31st (30°) and another phase occurred from 1555-1620z when G8BCL (ZN11d) and GW4GSS (YN75j) were contacted. (45°). Your scribe heard only GM8NCM at 1553 on the 31st and nothing after 1603z (15°). Incidentally the Aug. 28 Ar was heralded by the first ever morning Ar recorded from 0900-0945z. It started on 4m. around 0500!

### Four Metres

The Contest on August 12/13th enabled devotees of 70 MHz to up their scores in the tables. Although conditions did not seem particularly good, G3CO added another seven counties and worked GD, GJ, GU and three GM portables. G2AXI GJ3WMR/P and worked GD2HDZ for two more countries and counties for 1978, plus G3FDW/P in Co. Durham. added seven more GD2HDZ counties in the contest and worked GM3JFG in the Aurora on Aug. 28, and GI3RXV, who is impossible to work on tropo. from Laxey. Angus McKenzie, G3OSS (London) was delighted to work GM3JFG in the Aurora over a distance of about 710 kms. It seems that Iain had literally just got his 4m. gear going.

### Contest News

Conditions in the 2m. Open on Sept. 2/3 were only fair with no great DX worked. GW8BHH/P

worked into HB and EA and EA3AIR confirms working some G and GW stations, while operating -/P from BC square from whence they scored 75,000 points. G3FPK was G3CWI/P's 700th contact at 1410 and G3PIA/P ended up with 581 QSO's and GW8BHH/P with 670. The Vange ARS used the call G4FUF/P and made 608 QSO's including HB and LX, and their correspondent Ray Elliott, G4ERX, says conditions to the SW were good.

Coming events: The first three legs of the 432 MHz Cumulatives are on Oct. 13, 21 and 29 from 2000-2230z. The 432/1296/2304 MHz Open is on the week end Oct. 7/8, 1600-1600z. The 70 MHz Fixed affair is from 0900-1700z on Oct. 22. Looking ahead to November, the 144 MHz CW event on the 4/5 week end from 2000-0100z takes place in the Marconi Memorial Contest, a CWonly clash of 24 hours, 1600-1600z. The scoring for the latter is one point per kilometre and only QTH locators need be exchanged in addition to the usual RST and serial number. In the 308 entries last year there was not one from the British Isles-shame!

### Satellite News

On Sept. 9 your conductor received news from AMSAT-UK Secretary Ron Broadbent, G3AAJ, that there must be no more Mode "B" use of Oscar 7 until further notice due to battery problems. Mode "A" use is not affected and it may be used when in this mode on days when it should be on Mode "B" apart from Wednesdays, of course.

Printed circuit boards for the 29 MHz pre-amp. are available from G3AAJ for 60p plus 9in. x 4in. s.a.e. Anyone wanting an Oscar 8 cursor for the polar projection map should send him 28p in stamps. (QTHR.)

### Finale

Sorry no Squares Table this month due to lack of space. Next month it will be order of 2m. scores. The deadline for November is Oct. 5 and for December, Nov. 2—very early so please mark it in your diary. Everything to: "VHF Bands," SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, 34 High Street, WELWYN, Herts., AL6 9EQ. 73 de G3FPK.

### LEICESTER, 1978

ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT AMATEUR RADIO ANNUAL EVENTS IN EUROPE

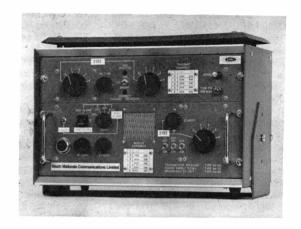
MANY of our well-known advertisers will be showing their wares at this year's National Amateur Radio Exhibition at the Granby Halls, Leicester (organised by the Amateur Radio Retailers Association). The event this year is on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of November.

Amateur Electronics UK of Alum Rock Road, Birmingham, who as main importers of Yaesu Musen, Swan and Atlas products will be displaying a large range of units by these three major manufacturers and featuring in particular a completely new line by Swan Electronics of Oceanside, California. The ever-growing Yaesu Musen range is, of course, well known to readers and this year in particular has seen the release of many new models. For the mobile operator the new Swan 100MX Transceiver will be of particular interest. Apart from the major equipment, a complete range of accessories and ancillary gear will be on display on the Amateur Electronics stand, and G3FIK points out that the Leicester Exhibition is also the highlight of the year for him as this is his main opportunity to meet many old friends.

Lowe Electronics of Matlock, the sole importers of Trio equipment, are showing as usual several interesting new products, but undoubtedly the star of their show will be the new Trio TR2300 two-metre portable FM Transceiver. For the dedicated HF man they will be showing the no-compromise R820 Receiver, designed to compliment the incredibly successful TR820 Transceiver. Also new from Trio, is the SM220 Monitor Scope, the outstanding feature of which being that it can monitor band activity as a "panadaptor," showing at a glance what's happening across the band in use. On the stand, you will find the new Mizuho 2-metre SSB portable, new Daiwa rotators, a new 50 MHz counter for less than £40, and a regulated 13.5v. power supply for less than

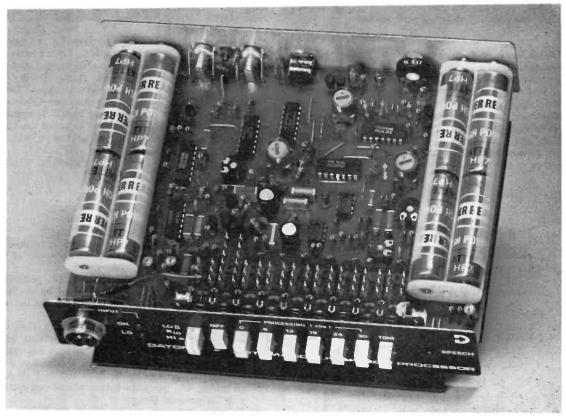


The new Trio SM-220 Station Monitor which will be displayed on the Lowe Electronics Ltd. stand



A fine-looking marine R/T from South Midlands Communications Ltd. See it on their stand.

£17. Much more to see, but simply be there and sample the delights for yourself-because there is no room to mention all that will be on show on the Lowe stand. Thanet Electronics of Herne Bay are introducing the new IC-701 HF transceiver, which is Icom's first venture away from the VHF and UHF market for many years. The IC-280 is their latest addition to the 2-metre mobile market (giving digital frequency readout) IC-RM3 which is the microprocessor-controlled remote controller for use with the IC-211E, IC-245E and the IC-701. There is also the IC-202S, a portable SSB rig, which will be very popular with those people who are interested in working through OSCAR. The IC-402S is the new 70cm, version of the IC-202, and no doubt this will be used by many who have caught the "SSB or 70" bug. Datong Electronics Ltd. of Leeds will have two new products at this year's show. As usual, this highly inventive firm will be running excellent working demonstrations of all their products, which include the Model FL1 Frequency Agile Audio Filter, the Model UC1 Up-Converter, the Universal RF Speech Clipper, the Datest 1 and Datest 2 Transistor Testers, and the Model AD170 Active Receiving Antenna. The major new product on show is the Model ASP: this, as far as we know, is the world's first RF Speech Clipper which is completely automatic and which therefore needs virtually no setting up for optimum results. The second new product is the Model IB5 Interface Unit for use with the Model AD170. S.E.M. from the Isle of Man have recently expanded their popular "Sentinel" range of receiver pre-amplifiers to include auto-models to cover the HF/VHF/UHF ranges. Aerial matching arrangements seem to go in and out of fashion, but there can be little doubt the "Z-match" circuit remains the primary one: S.E.M.'s Model SO-239 is their variation of the Z-match circuit, with an addition so that the circuit can either be balanced or un-balanced. This can be seen, along with the range of S.E.M. Converters, Transverters, Pre-amplifiers etc., on the stand of the Amateur Radio Shop (Huddersfield). Proprietor Jim Fish, G4MH, will also be showing his usual stock of equipment and accessories, plus large numbers of secondhand Transceivers, Receivers and ancillary equipment. An "Aladdin's Cave" for all amateur enthusiasts.



The inside of the new Datong Model ASP Automatic RF Speech Processor. Datong Electronics Ltd. Thave a well-deserved reputation for innovation and high-quality products, which will be enhanced by this latest addition to their range.

John Birkett of Lincoln will once again bring along one of the most popular displays at the Exhibition, and if you can get near enough you will find all those small components that you have been looking for, plus a fine range of test equipment, etc.

The FDK Palm 11 is a new hand-held two-metre transseiver at a size to suit both your hand and your pocket: this is being shown by Waters and Stanton Electronics of Hockley, Essex, the main importers and distributors of FDK equipment. Fast mail order service backed by large stocks have helped to bring this firm into the top league of Amateur Radio suppliers. Other items to be shown include the very best of British equipment, plus imported goods from around the world. Mini-Products antennas and the Dentron range of linear amplifiers and antenna tuners will all be on show on their stand.

Another popular stand is that of *B. Bamber Electronics* of Cambridge. They show a wide range of ancillary equipment including Weller soldering equipment, die cast boxes, vynyl covered and aluminium boxes, Eagle multimeters and test equipment, plus Spiralux and Draper tools for the electronics enthusiast. Their main attraction is, as always, their selection of surplus equipment—they are renowned for providing anything from a petrol generator to an RF transistor—and the friendly staff are always on hand to advise customers about the

bargain they wish to purchase. They will also have a large supply of Mail Order catalogues available.

Western Electronics (UK) Ltd. of Louth, Lincolnshire are one of the countries leading suppliers of Amateur Radio equipment. They carry large stocks of the famous Yaesu Musen range, plus many products which they have designed and produced themselves. Their test equipment is world famous and it's not unusual to hear that DX station say that he is using a Western tower and beam. We are promised new items at this year's exhibition, though there is no advance information—so be sure to visit their stand.

Yet another very popular exhibitor at Leicester is Stephen-James Ltd. of Liverpool. New products on show will be a three-band Solid-State HF Transceiver for fixed or mobile use, with an input of 250 watts p.e.p., a 2-metre tunable pre-amp. and a Solid-State AM Receiver. All this, plus the products of Yaesu Musen, STE Milan, Technical Associates, Barlow Wadley, etc., on the Stephens-James stand.

Radio Shack Ltd. of London will be showing the full range of Drake equipment, plus equipment from many other manufacturers. Pride of place must go to the new Drake TR-7 Transceiver, which is surely one of the finest pieces of gear ever produced by Drake, and should be one of the stars of the show. Radio Shack will also have

on display products from, amongst others, Trio, Telex, Prestel, Cushcraft, Ten-Tec, Shure, Jaybeam and Hy-Gain.

What can be said about the stand of South Midlands Communications Ltd.? The line-up of new and established equipment is so impressive that it is impossible to list it all here. As a random selection, there will be a full range of Mobile Antennas, the new Telewriter, a 1296 MHz Transvertor, a new General-Coverage Receiver, many new items of test equipment, masts, rotators, Versatowers, and of course all the latest Yaesu Musen equipment, plus much more. With so much to see this stand could be an exhibition on its own! There will also be the

stand of their branch S.M.C. (Jack Tweedy) Ltd. Here again another wonderful range which will excite any radio amateur enthusiast.

Microwave Modules Ltd., Catronics Ltd., Amateur Radio Exchange, C.B. Electronics Ltd., Polar Electronic Developments Ltd., John's Radio, Hilomast, Crayford Electronics, Modular Electronics, Radio Society of Great Britain, International Short Wave League, Radio Invalid and Bedfast Club, British Amateur Television Society, RAEN, British Amateur Radio Teleprinter Group, and many more, will all be at Leicester this year. No doubt to see everything you will need to be there for all the three days of the Exhibition!

Advertising Feature

### AMATEUR RADIO— COMMUNICATION OR TECHNOLOGY, OR BOTH? PART VI

CONTINUING THE THEME
OF A RETURN TO HOME-BREW
WITH THE DESCRIPTION OF
A GENERAL PURPOSE HF
TRANSMITTER

N. H. SEDGWICK, G8WV

PRIME factor of home-brew activity is not to Awaste time and money on making something which is really not wanted, or which will not be adaptable to changing conditions or capable of reasonable modification to extend one's interests as they develop. On the bookshelf in this shack is a 1937 amateur publication which describes and shows photographs of an "ideal" 150-watt transmitter: it is built on a wooden baseboard with all controls mounted on individual pieces of Ebonite screwed to the edge of the board, with no screening whatever, or protection against the user killing himself by contact with high voltage. At the time this publication was in regular use for reference by home-brewers the writing was on the wall, for the BBC was already transmitting television on VHF from Alexandra Palace, and many London amateurs were already in trouble with TVI.

Times have indeed changed, and home-brewing of HF transmitters requires expertise in a number of techniques and crafts. A project needs careful thinking out as regards the operational and functional philosophies of the proposed device and the actual technical and mechanical design of it, before setting drill to metal. So let us go through the process of specifying, designing, and making the home-brew HF transmitter adaptable to developing interests in the various modes of operation in that field, and using straightforward non-gimickry components, choice of which may largely be determined by the fact that they are already in possession. First we do the thinking . . .

### Specification

- (a) To be capable of continuous-wave operation at about 150 watts input with Class-C operation of the PA for high efficiency.
- (b) To be switchable to linear operation, preferably Class-B since the drive power has to be available to meet requirement (a), and this mode has the best efficiency in linear modes.
- (c) To cover all the HF amateur bands. (Here the writer admits to regarding 28 MHz as a 'stunt' band requiring luck with sunspots rather than any degree of skill in working DX. Hence it has been omitted from the transmitter to be described, but there is no reason why the home-brewer should not include it in his personal design).
- (d) To have frequency agility within the bands, (i.e. provision for use with VFO).
- (e) To have an internal drive source for CW operation, but capability of being externally excited by other sources using any common narrow-band form of modulation—F1, A3j etc. and to permit mixing the external source with a VFO to produce the final radiated frequency, or to accept an external source at the final radiated frequency.
- (f) To be completely screened and protected from radiation of harmonics directly from the transmitter as distinct from the aerial.
- (g) To have fixed impedance coaxial output to permit use of low pass filtering in the output lead to reduce TVI risk.
- (h) To have pi output tank and aerial coupling circuit, thus ensuring that there is always a relatively high capacity in shunt to harmonics directly across the output.
- (i) To be 'modular' in construction to make easy major modification or repair of major faults.
- (j) To be of mechanical construction that can all be done in the shack using common hand tools and a pistol drill.
- (k) To be simple of operational adjustment.

The next step is to decide what valves and major components should be used, and this calls for a survey of what is already available. The PA valve determines how much drive is required, power supply, etc., so choice of that must be the first consideration.

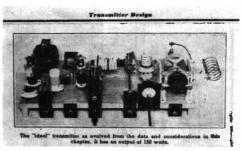


Fig. 1. The 'ideal' transmitter, 1937.

### Survey

1. PA Valve. There are lots of long established valves with the necessary power handling capacity that can be used, but most of them require anode voltage exceeding 1000 volts, which 'ups' the cost of all associated components. There are also lots of pentodes and tetrodes which can be used in parallel pairs or push-pull to handle the required power with anode voltages of the order 600-750 volts. Note that push-pull PA operation complicates pi-tank arrangements, and parallel operation is preferred nowadays.

Fig. 2 shows a selection of valves of the right sort of rating which were available in the shack at the survey. The Allies probably won the last war with the 807, and it is still one of the most rugged and reliable of valves. The 6146 has slightly higher ratings and is much shorter, although it takes up the same amount of chassis area; it is an expensive valve, particularly in the 'B' version, and less rugged than the 807, although the short electrode leads are an advantage in terms of stability. The EL38 was designed for video amplification and has very high mutual conductance which makes it well suited for Class ABI linear operation, but its high sensitivity also makes it liable to retroactive instability in HF use, where the practice is to use up to 750 volts on its anode, and it can die very suddenly in such circumstances; it is also rather tall with long electrode leads which do not help the stability problem. The 829B was originally the 'must' valve for VHF: it is a twin tetrode rather akin to two 807 valves in one envelope, but fat and short in build so that it does well in a transmitter constructed with the modern rather small components. The transmitter shown in the photographs uses an 829B and has a front panel only 51 inches high; it was really the shape and dimensions of the 829B that made it first choice.

2. Ratings and Tank Circuit. Choosing the PA valve sets the main HF voltage, and in the case in point it was made 650 volts which gives 150 watts input at 230 mA and the maximum permissible anode dissipation of 40 watts at 73 per cent efficiency. This is quite practicable in Class-C, but running CW in Class-B at 65 per cent efficiency requires reducing input to 114 watts to keep the anode dissipation at 40 watts maximum, in which case output will be 74 watts as against 110 watts for Class-C mode. The p.e.p. rating for SSB speech can be made higher than the Class-B CW rating, depending on one's brinkmanship, but in any case not so high as to run into non-linearity on peaks; this information fixes the output impedance and enables the

pi-tank circuit constants to be calculated. The method of doing this is given in both RSGB and ARRL handbooks, and there is no point in repeating it. However, the reactances of inductance and capacitances are the same for the impedance match into the load irrespective of frequency, so if L, C1 and C2 are worked out for 3.5 MHz they will be halved in value for 7 MHz, quartered for 14 MHz, and divided by 6 for 21 MHz. It is usual to work on a loaded 'Q' for 10 or 12 for the tank circuit, and this limits the frequency tuning range of any particular inductance/variable-capacity combination. This is no worry to the amateur as the bands are narrow and he expects to change tank coil for each band.

3. Neutralising. Although anode-grid capacity is quite low in the 829B at 0·12 pF, it will be doubled by using the two halves of the valve in parallel, and neutralising will certainly be necessary. There are cute neutralising circuits for tetrodes that rely on the cold end of a coil having a small RF voltage on it because the decoupling condenser has been purposely made a little small for the job; this allows quite a large feed-back neutralising capacitor to be used, but it has the disadvantage that it increases minimum anode tuning capacity and also the neutralising holds good for only one frequency band.

With a single-ended pi-tank circuit it is difficult to get an anti-phase RF voltage to feed back to the grid, so it is better to use a centre-capped grid coil tuned by a split-stator capacitor, and feed back to the anodes from the end of the coil opposite to the grid connection. This same end can be connected to the anode of the driver valve via a DC blocking capacitor to help balance the electrode capacities across each half of the coil; a neutralising voltage for the driver valve can then be picked up at the PA grid.

Neutralising for the PA is by a stout wire projecting from the driver coil through the chassis near to the 829B anodes (at a point well clear of the load end of the tank circuit) and cut to length to give good neutralising without any actual connection being made to the anode

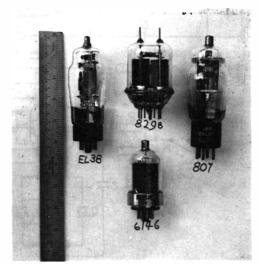


Fig. 2. Selection of valves of suitable rating for the PA.

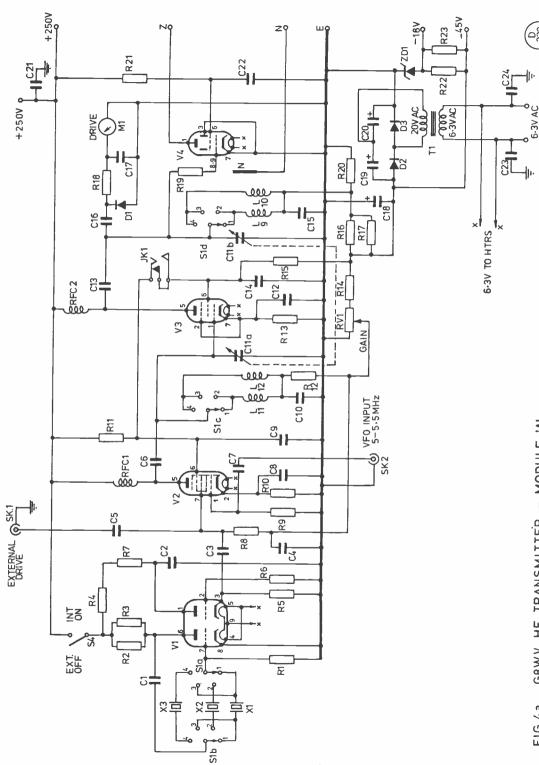


FIG.4a. G8WV HF TRANSMITTER - MODULE 'A'

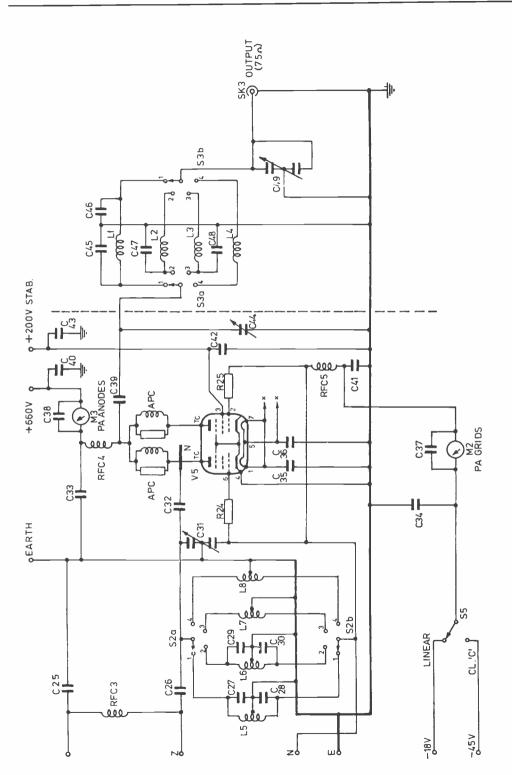


FIG. 4b G8WV HF TRANSMITTER - MODULE 'B'

### Table of Values

Figs. 4a and 4b						
R1 = 22K R2, R3 = 180K R4, R7 = 33K R5, R20 = 820R R6, R8, R9, R12 = 100K R10 = 150R	RFC2, RFC3, RFC5 = 1·5 mH RFC4 = 2 mH M1 = 200 \( \mu \) FSD M2 = 20mA FSD	C8, C9, C12, C14, C22 = 0·01μF C17 = 1000pF C26, C46 = 430pF C27, C28 = 150pF	X2 = 12·5 MHz X3 = 16 MHz SK1 = external drive SK2 = VFO input SK3 = PA output SI = 4-pole 4-way			
R11 = 10K 3W R13 = 68R R14 = 4K7 R15 = 330K R16, R17 = 8K2 R18 = 47K	M3 = 300mA FSD D1 = OA95 D2, D3 = OA202 ZD1 = 18v. 400mW RV1 = 5K variable T1 = pri. 6-3v., sec. 20v. C1, C5,	C29, C30 = 47pF C32 = 15pF C47 = 140pF C48 = 22pF C18 = $100\mu$ F, $100\nu$ , elec. C19, C20 = $15\mu$ F, 63 $\nu$ , elec. C21. C39 = $0.01\mu$ F 1kV	S2, S3 == 2-pole 4-way S4 == S.P.S.T. S5 == S.P.D.T. L1 == 7-4\text{\text{L1}} L2 == 3-7\text{\text{LH}} L3 == 1.85\text{\text{\text{L}}} L4 == 1.23\text{\text{\text{L}}} L4 == 1.23\text{\text{L}} L4 == 1.23\text{\text{\text{L}}} L4 == 1.23\text{\text{\text{L}}} L4 == 1.23\text{\text{\text{L}}} L4 == 1.23\text{\text{L}} L4 == 1.23\te			
$\begin{array}{c} R19 = 47R \\ R21 = 220R \\ R22, R23 = 10K \\ R24, R25 = 27R \\ V1 = 12AU7 \\ V2 = 6BE6 \end{array}$	C6, C7, C13, C16 = 330pF C2, C4, C10, C15, C23, C24, C25, C34,	C33 = 0·lµF lkV C40 = 0·005µF lkV C43 = 0·01µF 400v. C44 = 80pF variable C49 = 500 + 500pF variable	L9, L11 = $15\mu \dot{H}$ L10, L12 = $1\mu \dot{H}$ *L5 = $16\mu \dot{H}$ 48 turns 26 s.w.g. C.T. *L6 = $7\mu \dot{H}$ 32 turns			
V3 = 6BA6 V4 = 5763 V5 = 829B RFCI,	C35, C36, C37, C38, C41, C42 = 0·1µF C3, C45 = 220pF	C11, C31 = 125 + 125pF variable JK1 = Key Jack X1 = 9 MHz	$ {}^{26} \text{ s.w.g. C.T.} $ *L7 = 2·2 $\mu$ H 18 turns 26 s.w.g. C.T. *L8 = 1·34 $\mu$ H 14 turns 26 s.w.g. C.T.			

\* The two halves of each coil are bifilar wound; cores are 'Amidon' obtainable from T.M.P. Electronics. T68 = 2 cores.

circuit; this neutralising holds good over the complete range of frequencies because the neutralising capacity so obtained is directly equal to the anode-grid capacity of the valve. The system means that only half the RF voltage developed across the grid coil is applied to the PA valve grid/cathode circuit. However, ignoring circuit losses, the 829B needs less than one watt to fully drive it in Class-C, and a 5763 RF tetrode with 250 volts supply running in Class-A will give more than 4 watts and so easily provide adequate drive. Class-A operation is not very efficient DC-wise, but it allows the preceding valve to be simply a voltage amplifier, and so requires the least RF driving power of any of the modes.

4. RF Voltage Amplification and Keying. Having agreed that the preceding valve in the chain may be a voltage amplifier, that puts it into the receiving RF amplifying class, in which case a vari-mu type can be used and one can control the drive level to the 829B by varying the grid bias to this valve; it can be a 6BA6 or EF93, or similar type. One can also arrange to key this valve in Morse code operation by switching the screen grid voltage through the Morse key, and to make quite sure the valve is cut off when the key is at 'space' one can connect the screen grid via a high resistor (say 330K) to the negative bias supply so that it is biased well negative when the key contact is open.

5. Mixer. Preceding the voltage amplifier there must be a mixer to allow introduction of the VFO to give frequency agility. This calls for a pentagrid such as a 6BE6 or EK90 with the VFO connection to the normal oscillator grid and the signal source (modulated or CW) to the signal grid. The VFO voltage must always firmly exceed the signal source voltage, as otherwise modulation of the latter will be distorted when the peaks exceed the VFO voltage.

6. Tuning. Tuning of the anode of the mixer and anode of the voltage amplifier will provide sufficient selectivity to pick the right frequency out of the mixer, and the tuning of the two stages can be ganged. If the tuning ratio is set at just over 2:1 two ranges will cover all the HF amateur bands, and something like a 2-gang 150 pF

variable capacitor is required. This tuning cannot, however, be ganged to the grid tuning capacitor of the 829B as this will be a centre-tapped circuit requiring a similar capacitor arranged as a split-stator device, placing its two sections in series across the grid coils and thus halving the maximum capacitance across the tuned circuit.

7. Drive Coils. It is a good idea to use toroidal coils for the centre-tapped grid coils. These tend to be better balanced than straight former wound coils and have the advantage of a closed magnetic core circuit, so that the magnetic flux is contained within the coil and they should not need screening. However, they must be shunt coupled, for DC current in the windings will change the core permeability and alter the tuning.

8. Drive Source. If the VFO is 5 to 5.5 MHz, which is common for use with 9 MHz SSB exciters, one needs a 9 MHz oscillator to provide 3.5 and 14 MHz signals (9-5.5=3.5, 9+5=14), a 12.5 MHz oscillator for 7 MHz (12.5-5.5=7), and a 16 MHz oscillator for 21 MHz (16+5=21). These can be from fundamental crystals switched into an oscillator by the frequency band switch selecting the mixer and voltage amplifier tuned circuits. The oscillator can be a twin triode with separate cathodes, such as a 12AU7 valve with one half connected as a Pierce oscillator and the other half as a cathode-follower to provide a low impedance output.

An HT switch to the oscillator/cathode-follower can be labelled "INTERNAL/EXTERNAL" and the external drive input connected direct across the cathode follower output resistor. It will be necessary to unplug the external drive when the internal drive is used, and similarly to switch off the internal drive when the external drive is used; if this requirement is not acceptable it means an RF type switch to change the connection into the signal grid of the mixer, but it will still be necessary to have the HT switch to allow the internal oscillator to be switched off when not in use. The external drive frequency can be at a frequency suitable for mixing with the VFO in the mixer to produce the wanted radiation frequency, or it may be on the frequency to be

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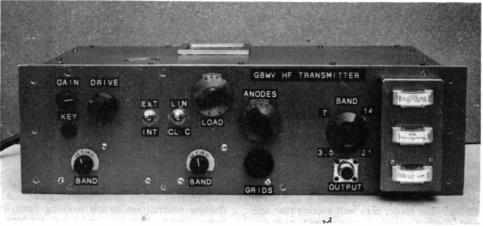


Fig. 3. The complete general-purpose HF transmitter.

radiated, when the VFO should be unplugged and the mixer used as a straight amplifier.

9. Monitoring for Tuning. It will be necessary to have a diode RF voltmeter to indicate RF peaking to the grid of the 5763 driver, as the 829B grids are separately tuned: the latter will be monitored on the normal grid current meter. Class-C operation requires 12 mA grid current and 45 volts of bias, and Class-B requires 18 volts of bias and grid current adjusted to give rated anode current. The grid current meter can be 0 to 20 mA and the anode current meter 0 to 300 mA. The initial drive meter needs no calibration as it is simply a peak indicator for tuning. The meters will need screening, as otherwise they make a large gap in the protection against radiation of harmonics and possibly TVI direct from the transmitter, thus bypassing the filtering in the output circuit and lead.

Rather than extend the meters and their screens back through the panel it will be very convenient to mount them in a small die-cast box and to screw that box onto the front panel, so grouping the meters and screening them very successfully. A fortunate advertisement in Short Wave Magazine offered 200 micro-amp. edgewise meters at 90p each, and these turned out to be of German origin fitted with dB scales which dropped into slots in the plastic frame. The scales were easily removed and replaced by hand-written ones on slips of cartridge paper and stuck into place. The necessary shunts for the grid and anode meters were wound in Eureka wire on carbon resistors of much higher value, and set by trial and error with a battery, variable resistor, and universal meter. These meters were one of the few purchases made specially for the transmitter in the photographs, and they were well suited and very cheap at £2.70 for the three!

10. Bias Supply. A small 6 to 20 volts 50 Hz transformer came to light in the survey. This is a typical example of adapting design to what is available, and certainly there would have been no point in having such a thing specially made for this job. There are many ways of producing the bias voltages, but it so happened that the 6 volts AC was in the transmitter for the heaters, and the 20 volts AC fed into a voltage doubler consisting of two OA202 diodes and two 15 mF 63 volt electrolytics; this

produced just the 45 volts needed for Class-C operation, and when loaded with a resistor and 18 volt Zener also produced the Class-B bias, and two resistors in a voltage divider circuit produced the 7.5 volts bias for Class-A operation of the 5763. It was a gift from the junk box! However, such gifts can lead to later sorrow if the rare and unexpected component becomes faulty and the design of the home-brew device has been centred on it, so that replacement is essential and probably very expensive as a special one-off to order job. It is often better to leave one's options open and stick to readily obtainable stuff, but in this case rewinding a small transformer with low voltage primary and secondary winding in fairly thick wire by hand is quite practicable, and the beauty of iron-cored transformers is that the cores never catch fire, so they can always be rewound! 11. Chassis and other Metal Work. The remains of an old Government surplus power supply unit yielded an alloy panel kin. thick and measuring 19 x 14 inches, and it was possible to cut a relatively hole-less panel measuring 16 x 5½ inches from it for the transmitter front panel. This factor clinched the choice of the 829B as PA valve as it was just the right height, and suggested the use of two die-cast boxes each measuring  $6\frac{3}{4} \times 4\frac{3}{4} \times 2$  inches, which were already in stock, to serve as very robust chassis for the two modules: one housing the low power stuff up to and including the 5763 valve, and the other housing the PA valve and its circuitry (except that the tank coils assembly and rotary selector switch were mounted directly to the front panel at the side of the PA module).

A second small die-cast box was screwed to the rear panel behind the tank coils assembly, and the power supply cable entry made into the transmitter behind that box, in which each lead was decoupled by suitable capacitors before the supply leads enter the body of the transmitter. Some 18 s.w.g. aluminium panels were bought quite cheaply from radio components specialists to form sides, back and top and bottom panels; these were cut to size and half-inch flanges bent along their edges as necessary to allow them to be screwed together to form the outer screening box with the front panel. Strips of ½in. aluminium angle ¼in. thick were screwed

along the rear top and bottom of the front panel to provide the flanges to which the top and bottom panels could be screwed (the aluminium angle was found in a model shop and one would not wish to buy much of it at the price!).

Self-tapping screws Size 4 were used throughout on the outer screening, and another piece of 18 s.w.g. aluminium was fitted to serve as a screen between the two modules. Air circulation about the 5763 and 829B valves was arranged by cutting holes directly above and below the valves in the top and bottom panels, and covering them with perforated metal sheet rivetted to the panels and firmly clamped around the perimeters to ensure complete electrical bonding to earth.

All these details had to be thought out during the survey to get the size and positioning of components, etc., just right and to make use wherever possible of materials already available. The reader may well assume that no piece of metal, however small, is ever thrown away at G8WV!

12. Painting. It is so easy these days to buy an Aerosol paint spray at a garage, and the metallic finishes are excellent for amateur radio equipment. Before painting make sure all the necessary drilling is done, assemble the metal work as far as possible, clean off grease and dirt, and then spray evenly. Once sprayed it should be left to harden for at least twenty-four hours before handling. Use of undercoat, etc., is advised on clean metal, but if the metal has been cut from existing equipment and has been commercially finished there is not much point in priming it.

14. Labels. The XYL's Dymo machine used to label the 'specials' in her greenhouse will also produce most of the stick-on labels for the front panel, though it will not do labelling that needs setting on an arc to denote rotary switch position functions. These latter can be done on coloured card with mapping pen and indian ink, and stuck to the panel with impact adhesive.

That concludes the survey. Whilst most technologists will accept the fact that the choice of final amplifier for an amateur 150 watt transmitter still lies with valves rather than semi-conductors, there are sure to be some eyebrows raised at the low-level stages of the transmitter being valved in this article. Consideration was given to hybrid design, and in fact the crystal oscillator was initially made with a transistor followed by an FET untuned amplifier. It worked all right, but needed its own 12 volts supply which was obtained from a voltage doubler rectification circuit working from the 6 volts heater supply, but any accidental earthing of either side of the heater wiring immediately burned up some of the doubler diodes. Agreed, it was the method of providing the 12 volts which was the trouble, but any alternative method would require an isolating transformer. Looking into this problem, it was noted that the biggest thing about the oscillator circuit was the switch wafer selecting the crystals, and this would be the same for valve or transistor circuitry. Supplies for a valve existed in the module and there was plenty of room, so a twin triode was the obvious answer. There was simply no merit in using semi-conductors in the circumstances so they were replaced by the valve.

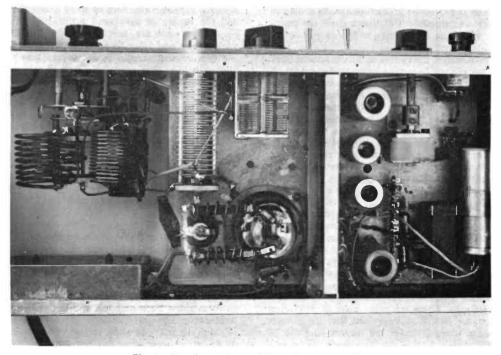


Fig. 5. Top view of the modules and tank assembly.

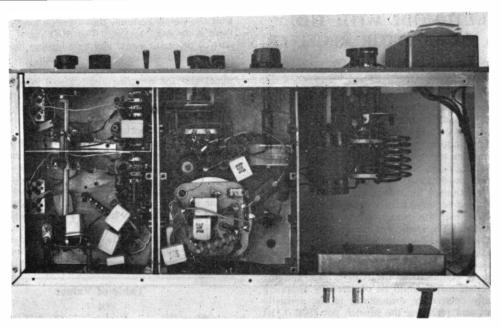


Fig. 6. The transmitter from underneath, with bottom plate removed.

Had the remainder of the low power module been transistorised the argument above would have been reversed, but use of a transistor driver to the PA had been considered and rejected for a number of reasons. First it would have required a 'high power' transistor to serve as driver (which would have run pretty hot and dissipated its heat into the chassis), and the output impedance would be very low and a considerable transformation upwards would be needed to satisfy the grid drive voltage needs of the PA valve. The 829B input capacitance of 29 pF shunted across a fairly high transformer untuned secondary impedance (remembering that the impedance ratio is the square of the voltage ratio in a transformer) would cause a falling-off of the drive voltage as frequency was increased. This could be prevented by tuning the secondary so that the valve input capacitance is lumped into the tuning capacitance, but this would immediately introduce neutralising problems for the driver transistor as its input would also be tuned.

Secondly, the low gain of RF amplifying high-power transistors (5 dB minimum in case of BLY84) would necessitate more than one amplifying stage inserted between mixer output and driver input; the couplings between them would need to be tuned because of the multiplicity of signals at the mixer output arising from sum and difference mixes from fundamentals and harmonics of the frequency sources, and the high harmonic content present in the outputs of transistor big-signal RF amplifiers. Tuning of the couplings would involve tapping or double winding of coils and so additional

switching requirements, and also neutralising of each amplifier stage. Controlling the gain of the amplifier to provide correct drive for the 829B whilst retaining linearity for SSB at all levels could also give trouble.

The case for valves with their high impedances directly suited to the tuned circuits, internal screens between input and output circuits, high gain compared with RF power transistors in practical applications, and no real worry about heat generation, given air circulation, seemed overwhelming in the context of 'shack' manufacture. It is conceded that hybrid construction using a solid state module to drive a valve module may have merit for commercial products because of the suitability of solid state devices for mass production techniques, but the high degree of design and production development work required for such purposes is quite inappropriate to one-off model-shop productions, which is really what home-brew amounts to.

There is more to be written concerning such matters as marking-out and bending sheet metal, the making of holes both large and small, the relationships of holes and screws and taps, and the horrible fact that there has emerged a metritocracy that would discredit the inch and the vulgar fraction and make obsolete such life-long friends as our micrometer, steel rule, and the ARRL formula for the length of a half-wave dipole! Tracking of ganged circuits, the delicate and maddening art of neutralising tetrodes, and the insidious infiltration of parasitic oscillations have all played their parts and will be offered for your consideration.

to be continued

## MULTI-MODE WITH THE NR-56 FM MONITOR RECEIVER

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A FTER some years of inactivity the writer decided to investigate the possibilities of 2m. mobile operation, and to assess the situation the NR-56 monitor receiver was installed in the car. Before long, though, it was smuggled back indoors and the idea of using it to resolve SSB transmissions emerged.

The 455 kHz second IF lends itself to a simple BFO incorporation, but the integral FM limiter and discriminator are not optimised for side-band! Obviously some modification was required but the thought of butchering new, tidy equipment was enough to provoke a search for another option. The result was the scheme described. which is in the nature of an add-on unit, with connections to the power feeds and transposition of audio leads (the only changes to the basic equipment). Nonetheless, the unit is totally contained in the receiver case and the outboard mode-switch could be obviated by swapping the normally open relay connections to the normally closed ones and replacing the squelch pot (10K LIN) with a component including an on-off switch which breaks the relay supply line when fully counter-clockwise. The squelch action, although audio-derived, is of little use on SSB anyway.

Fig. 1 shows the circuit of the converter which is completely straightforward. The Ferranti ZN414 microradio IC is used as IF amplifier, demodulator and audio drive to convert a 455 kHz SSB signal to AF applied to the NR-56 volume control; the BFO circuit is standard, and this stage and the 'receiver' both used IF transformers from a junk-box portable as their tuned circuits. The potential 72 dB gain of the ZN414 depends on the exact supply voltage applied, and the input signal con-

trols the supply current—thus through load resistor R7 there is an AGC system. The BFO signal constitutes part of the input signal and by adjusting the degree of injection and the signal pick-up from the NR-56 IF strip, optimum results may be obtained on an SSB signal and the resulting audio signal maximised.

The construction of the unit is on the copper side of a piece of printed circuit laminate nominally 50mm. x 25mm., cut to fit in the available space against the channel oscillator socket in the NR-56.

The IF transformers are attached to the board by spot-soldering their cans flat to the board, one at each end, so that with the board vertically fitted the adjusting slugs are accessible through the hatch in the NR-56 base panel. Most of the components are soldered direct to the IFT pins or to the decoupling capacitors, which may be soldered flat to the board and serve as stand-off mounts. Supply and coupling components may be mounted with their leads through holes in the board, the copper lamina cleared with a *Vero* spot-face cutter or small drill; all leads must be kept short to prevent

## Table of Values

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Fig. 1
     R1 = 27K

R2 = 5K6

R3 = 1K
                                               C5 = 25 \mu F 25v.
                                                         electrolytic
                                               C6 = 0.1 \mu F, polyester
C7 = 1 \mu F 3v., tantalum
     R4 = 1K8
     R5 =
             100K
                                               Č8
                                                   = 10 \,\mu\text{F} \,6\text{v}.
     R6 = 10K
R7 = 820 ohm
                                                         tantalum
                                               C9 = 25 \mu F 25v.
     R8 = 220 ohm
R9 = 22K
                                                         electrolytic
                                              TRI =
                                                        PBC108
    R10 = 560 \text{ ohm}
                                                   = Ferranti ZN414
                                             HCL
      (all 1w. 10%)
                                                        general purpose
C1, C2
                                                         silicon
C3, C4 = 0.01 \muF, min. disc
                                            7ener
                                            diode \rightleftharpoons 8.2v.
              ceramic
1FT1, IFT2 = Miniature 455 kHz IF transformer, interstage,
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1FT1, IFT2 = Miniature 455 kHz IF transformer, interstage, single-tuned (from 4mbit International or surplus)
 RLA = 2-pole changeover, 12v. operation
 S1 = on/off switch, single-pole
 Copper laminate, screened lead, Blu-Tack, etc

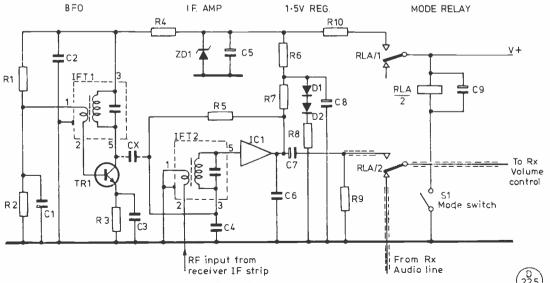
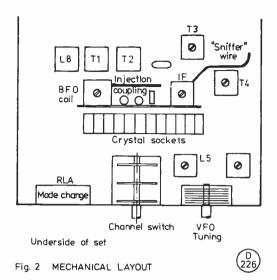


FIG. 1 CIRCUIT DIAGRAM OF ADD-ON LE UNIT



instability particularly around the ZN414.

Wire spills (surplus resistor leads) are soldered to the top corners of the board and spiralled around the screened lead audio output and the supply leads for support purposes. The control relay is attached with impact adhesive to the back of the front panel in the large space provided.

To gain access to the innards of the receiver the cadmium-plated underside panel is detached by removing the four black screws (two each side) and one cadmium plate close to the front panel: the base panel is now carefully levered clear and the speaker-lead clips may be detached from the board. To remove the p.c. board and front panel from the remaining casing the two bright screws at the rear of the board are removed, plus the pairs of black screws into the panel and one on the topside of the case. The aerial connector and power leads should be carefully unsoldered. A twisted pair of red/black connecting wires may now be attached to the board, and the grey screened lead from the volume control disconnected as shown. A suitable extension length of screened wire is attached to the audio IC and both screened leads and the power supply wiring led to

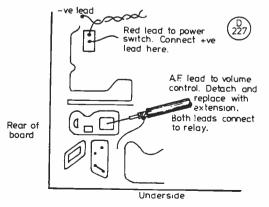
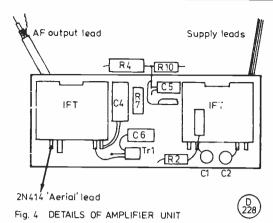


Fig. 3 ELECTRICAL CONNECTION TO RECEIVER BOARD



topside of the board. See Fig. 2. The board and casing are now reassembled and reconnected: with the screened leads connected, function should be as normal.

The power supply and audio leads may now be connected to the relay as necessary and the audio switching of the relay checked; the completed amplifier/BFO board may be checked for short circuits etc. and then mounted as shown using impact adhesive or Blu-Tack. The supply leads and audio output lead should be connected to the relay, and a suitable switch on flying-leads may be used to check the relay function and the switching of supply to the add-on unit.

To set up the SSB function assuming no DC faults have arisen, the receiver is switched on and the relay activated when the white noise from the loudspeaker will reduce in volume; the squelch control should be backed-off to non-function position.

The 'aerial' lead from the ZN414 input coil is now tucked into the NR-56 IF, as depicted, to pick up 455 kHz signal and the input coil is peaked for maximum noise from the loudspeaker; stray BFO injection may 'flatten' the ZN414 characteristic and so whilst setting up the amplifier tuning, the beat oscillator should be well off-tuned. The oscillator is now tuned-in when noise will reduce, since the BFO tends to operate the AGC of the ZN414; the stray capacity coupling may be adjusted by length and positioning of the pick-up wire. Optimum setting is determined by listening to an off-air signal or the main-station Tx running into a dummy load (the minimum junction consistent with demodulation is the setting to aim for). Wax may be used to seal the coil cores and wire locations.

The writer found that the BFO tuning range was inadequate since the IFT integral capacitor when in parallel with transistor capacitance shifted the resonant frequency too far LF. This problem was remedied by carefully cutting away the screening can-top to permit the core to be further unscrewed.

The final work is to mount the mode-change switch on a suitable bracket located with the panel side-screws.

In use the modified receiver works quite well, with the slight oscillator pulling when in VFO mode being tolerable. For a small cost the basic receiver has been made multi-mode to enhance its usefulness as a standby; and, of course, in use with the main rig it permits monitoring of all operational modes as required by the Licence!

## THE MONTH WITH THE CLUBS BY 'Club Secretary'

PERHAPS our first task is to mention with sorrow the early death of G3VAD, Robin Sinclair, as a result of a mishap on the road to work from his home in Hatfield Heath, not far from Bishops Stortford. Robin was never a chap to shirk his part, and had served the Harlow club as Hon. Sec.; and like all intelligent men he had several interests, in all of which he served by putting more in than he could expect to take out. His daily lot was in the field of Education, and there he dispensed not only the set syllabus, but led his students into the beginnings of his own wisdom—something so much more important than mere knowledge.

## Help!

We have a letter from Mr. R. D. McClelland, of 257 Causeway Road, Currysheskin, Bush Mills, Co. Antrim, N. Ireland, who wishes to get in touch with any clubs within striking distance of his home. Would the Hon. Secs. of any clubs meeting this requirement please get in touch with reader McClelland at the address above.

#### The Mails

Here we must note that the recent delays in the postal system resulted in a few clubs being missed from the piece last month, as they came to hand after the copy had gone off for setting. These appear this time.

#### Westerly

There has been a club at Rhyl for long enough, but it has had, perhaps, more share of the ups and downs of life than one can consider reasonable; but we hear that they are now booked on the fourth Thursday at the Ambulance Rooms, Rhyl Fire Station, Coast Road, Rhyl; and on the other Thursdays there is a local net on 145 MHz. For October 26 there is to be a demonstration of Slow Scan TV. Let us hope they are on the way back up, and can attract all the missing faces and more back into the fold.

Now we turn to **Cornish** who are at the SWEB Clubroom, Pool, Camborne on the first Thursday in each month. It is interesting to notice that they can show, for the July meeting, an attendance of fifty-five members. That is a fine measure of the amount of organising ability they can call on, and it also means that they have something set up for every meeting—the next one being October 5.

Back over to the Emerald Isle again now, to IRTS Region 1, who have a concentration of Dubliners in its committee and hence a club Hq. in Dublin—not to mention a very good newsletter which notes the activity in all parts of the country. For more details, contact the Hon. Sec.—see Panel.

Hereford seem to have come a long way since the time when they were doubting their ability to survive unless attendances improved; they now have quite a gathering on the first and third Friday in every month at the Civil Defence headquarters in Gaol Street; by the time this reaches you they hope that the modifications to the

building which have been going on for a while now will be completed so that they can have a good clean up of their rooms. For more details of their doings, contact the Hon. Sec. at the address in the Panel

## Scotland, North and Midlands

All lumped together this month, and the top of the pile is the letter from Northern Heights where they have just elected G3MDW as their third Hon. Life Member as a gesture of thanks for all the years he served them as Secretary/Treasurer. A well-deserved honour indeed. We also note that the EGM which bestowed this honour on Arthur also agreed that a change of Hq. was in order, and so they are now booked in on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at the Bradford Sub-Aqua Club Hq., Mountain, near Queensbury—this gives us dates of October 10 and 24.

Another move of Hq. in the same area is being done by White Rose, who have well and truly outgrown their old Hq. at 83 Armley Town Street, and so have had to find a bigger home, preferably with as many of the features of the old place as they could manage. Thus, they have come to an arrangement with the Moortown Rugby club, Far Moss, off The Avenue, Allwoodly, Leeds 17, whereby they use the ballroom for general meetings, and have a bit of land for a club shack and workshop, where they can settle in with a bit of breathing space—find them there any Wednesday evening.

We turn now to Midland, who have their main meeting (on October 17) as the AGM, in Room 110 at the University of Aston, Gosta Green, Birmingham. They also have a date on October 3 at the Brasshouse Centre in Broad Street, which is an informal with a station on the air or whatever.

Deadlines for "Clubs" for the next three months—
(For November issue—September 29th)
For December issue—October 27th
For January issue—November 24th
For February issue—December 29th
Please be sure to note these dates!

The South Birmingham news comes in by way of the same envelope that contained the Midland letter—a good way of saving postage indeed. South Birmingham are open for business on the first Wednesday in each month, but in addition every Thursday evening there is an HF night in the club shack, and every Friday evening they are open from 7.30, for a natter or a call-in over the air. The address where all this happens is Hampstead House, Fairfax Road, West Heath.

Macclesfield is a well-organised and thriving outfit to judge by their *Newsletter*—but the snag is that they do not mention the Hq. address, so we must point you in the direction of the Hon. Sec.; his name and address appear in the Address Panel.

Over at Coventry the scribe sent us the dates for September, plus the vital bit that they are at Baden-Powell House, 121 St. Nicholas' Street, Radford every Friday evening; the general arrangement is to have every other date operating the club station, and fill in with talks, films, demonstrations and so forth.

Reading the interesting story of 32 NFD sessions by G3WIO, who served all those years as one of the galley staff, your scribe was amused to note she ended by asking someone to explain just why Wirral have never repaid all their cookery by winning—a very fair question, and we hope she gets a reasoned answer! Perhaps it will be a matter of G3WIO deserting the galley and getting out on to the operating side of things to ginger them up! Meet the gang at the Sports Centre, Grange Road West, Birkenhead, on the first and third Wednesdays in each month.

Avoncraft Art Centre is the Ha, of Bromsgrove, for a talk on October 13 by G8ASO, his theme being that of RTTY. In addition they will be occupied on the October 21/22 weekend with Jamboree-on-the-Air from one of the local Scout groups.

October for Derby is a matter of the normal weekly Wednesday-evening sessions at 119 Green Lane; October 4 and 18th for Night-on-the-Air sessions, October 11 for a natter night, and October 25 for a talk by G3RJV of the G-QRP Club on Lower Power Transmitters.

At Stourbridge the formal sessions are at Longlands School, Brook Street; October 2 for Construction, and 16th for the formal meeting. In addition we understand they have an informal on the first Tuesday of each month at the Bird in Hand, Oldswinford.

October 17 is the date set aside in the Solihull calendar for the AGM, to which all are asked to turn up. The venue, as ever is the Manor House, High Street, Solihull, and the routine to meet on the third Tuesday each month.

Finally, we must note the formation of a new club in the Leicester area, known as the Wigston radio club, with the name and address of the Hon. Sec. in the Panel. Sad to say, no information on the Hq. or the plan of meetings was included-iust that the Hon. Sec. would be pleased to hear from anyone, SWL or licensed, who cares to call, write or phone.

#### Nationals

Here our first one is the Royal Signals group, and they have a very fine Newsletter called "Mercury." This issue was of personal interest in that is indicated where an old friend of some 20 years had moved to, and also some new aspects of the beacon principle, suggesting that one W. Shakespeare was the first officer to give an account of the use of beacons in a play called Macbeth. We live and learn! Seriously, though, a most interesting newsletter, and well worth a subscription to qualified people, these being in the main past and present members of the Corps, plus a few Associate members at the discretion of the committee.

Next we note the Royal Navy: apart from the parent group there is a sub-section at HMS Daedalus, in the Portsmouth area, and another based on HMS Belfast where she lies opposite the Tower of London on the Thames. We hear from the latter a little shout of joy that they have been issued with the callsign GB2RN for the station they have set up aboard.

R.A.I.B.C. come next, and we hear that there is a new Hon. Sec., namely Mrs. F. Woolley, 9 Rannoch Court, Adelaide Road, Surbiton KT6 4TE. We would think that just about everyone in our hobby knows that RAIBC is the group who look after the interests of the invalid and blind members of our hobby; indeed it is not unusual for blind and invalid folk to be introduced to this open window on the world, and then helped with the rig and aerials and, most importantly, the R.A.E. and Morse. Full members we have mentioned, but

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the other two grades are of Supporter and Representative, both drawn from the ranks of the active.

Last on this list we have the G-QRP Club, and here the big news is that the decision of the committee is to award the G2NJ Trophy to G3RJV, who has been the "sparkplug" of the operation right from the beginning until now when the club has several hundred members, all interested in low power working. Oddly enough, if you look in the Address Panel, your eye will be pointed at G3RJV, who is still the Hon. Sec.

#### Southern

Top of the bill is **Southgate**, who can be found on the second Thursday of each month at the Scout Hut, Wilson Street, Winchmore Hill, at 7.45. For the October session, they are looking forward to a talk on Oscilloscopes by *Tektronix*, and the Publicity Officer in his letter makes a point of the welcome they give a visitor, which we can agree with from personal experience.

They have two Hq. places at Sutton & Cheam; one at Sutton College of Liberal Arts, and the other at Ray's Social Club, London Road, North Cheam. Looking at the table in the Newsletter where it is all nicely set out, we see October 11 at Ray's and October 20 at Sutton College, the latter being a change from a Wednesday to a Friday. We understand the programme details are all being settled as this is written.

British Aerospace Dynamics "B" is the new name of the Hq. of the Stevenage gang, which until very recently was Hawker Siddeley Dynamics and before that bore the name of De Havilland (and time your scribe recalls the horror of the staff at the proposal to drop the famous De Havilland name). They are booked in to the Staff Canteen on the first and third Thursdays of each month: this month, October 5 is down for a talk on the GB3PT RTTY repeater, October 11 is a special Wednesday evening session to hear G3LTF give his famous Moonbounce talk, and on 19th there is a Junk Sale.

At Cheshunt they meet every Wednesday at the Church Room, Church Lane, Wormley, Herts.; October 4 and 18 are the natter sessions, with a talk on Signals and Noise by G4DCP on October 11; and on 25th, G3OJI will give a resumé of progress on 10 GHz—we don't know whether that refers to his own progress or to the progress of gear for the band.

Pressing on we come to Crystal Palace, who foregather on October 21 at Emmanuel Church Hall, Barry Road, London S.E.22. At the time of writing, they were still in the process of negotiating their October entertainment, but they will no doubt have something set up in good time. It is nice to hear that the group have a satisfactory inflow of new members to maintain a good attendance; it is the first sign of malaise when new members "don't stick" and conversely a good sign when they do!

The Chichester group have the first Tuesday and the third Thursday every month, the venue being the

Lancastrian Wing of Chichester High School for Boys, Basin Road, Chichester—this works out to October 3 and October 19. For more details, contact the Hon. Sec. at the address in the Panel.

Sad to say we have to report that the editor of the Cray Valley Newsletter had a minor stroke while he was still in the process of making up the sheets, so the front-page is written by one who signs himself Tovarisch Standinski, no less; we wonder about his callsign—is it possibly MO1FFI? The main meeting at Christchurch Centre, High Street, Eltham is on October 5, when G8AYN will be talking about the Post Office microwave radio network; and the natter evening will be on October 19.

Last time we got news of the late change of programme at Southdown just too late to correct the copy; but we have it that October 2 is down for a Junk Sale, at Chaseley Home, South Cliff, Eastbourne.

Now we turn to **Surrey** where they have a place at *T.S. Terra Nova*, 34 The Waldrons, South Croydon, and will be found there on the first and third Wednesdays of each month,

On to Silverthorn, who have a place at Friday Hill House, Simmons Lane, Chingford where they can be found every Friday evening. However, we have to admit that it is very noticeable that most of the *Newsletter* is the work of one hand, and that hand a somewhat disgruniled one—he would doubtless be much happier if some one gave him some material to publish!

Crawley have a date on October 25, at the United Reformed Church Hall, Ifield, Crawley, for G4BLJ of the Post Office, Brighton, to talk about Interference. There is also an informal, dated for October 11, but as this is at the home of one of the members, we feel it would be polite to contact the Hon. Sec. before making plans; he is to be found in the Address Panel.

Although we have the **Reig**ate *Newsletter* in front of us as we write, we cannot find any details of the October meetings; however we can say there is one at the Constitutional Centre, and another at the Marquis of Granby; for the rest we have to ask you to contact the Hon. Sec.—

see Panel.

Now to UK FM Group (London) who get together at the Grove Park Hotel, Chiswick, W.3 at the junction of Spencer Road and Bolton Road. We have, on occasion, felt that we didn't quite agree with their published authors, though they do put out a very fine Newsletter, with, particularly, very good print—a pleasure to read after dozens of the other sort! This month, the best bit by far is the contribution by Pat Spenceley, G8LZA, who describes how she came to be the driver of an Addressograph machine (the UK FM Group one, of course) and what it does and doesn't do, not to mention how the plates wander all round the group before reaching her—quite hilarious. In addition there was a well thought-out editorial (even though we don't agree with it!) and some very useful technical material.

Verulam have their main meeting on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Market Hall St. Albans; this gives October 26 for a talk on Vintage Wireless. As for the informals they revert to the R.A.F.A. Hq. in Victoria Street for the winter months. Visitors are welcome to the meetings, but we suggest you contact the Hon. Sec. if you aren't too familiar with the locality, and he will give you directions for getting there—it's easy when you know how!

AMSAT-UK comes up again as a subject, this time at Acton, Brentford & Chiswick, where G3AAJ will be doing the honours, and doubtless mentioning the group of which he is Hon. Sec. The venue is the usual one of Chiswick Trades and Social Club, 66 High Road, Chiswick, on October 17th.

#### Finale

That's about the lot for this month. Deadlines are shown in the "box" in the piece, for the next few months. The address is, as ever, "Club Secretary," SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, 34 High Street, Welwyn, Herts. AL6 9EQ.

#### Late Ones

Not, we hasten to add, because they missed the deadline to arrive at Welwyn, but because they were in a packet of mail which was delayed between Welwyn and your conductor.

A.R.M.S. caters for all the mobileers, whether VHF or HF, with, if anything a slight bias in favour of VHF; but items of interest all appear in *Mobile News*. For details—G3FPK, QTHR.

Torbay are at Bath Lane, rear of 94 Belgrave Road, Torquay on October 28, to hear G3PQH talking about Rocks and Stones. Details, G3UIQ on Newton Abbot 3025—he has moved from his callbook address.

York have their base in the United Services Club, 61 Micklegate, York, every Friday evening *except* the third one. Details, G3WVO—QTHR.

Dumfries & Galloway have the first and third Mondays in each month at Cargonholm Hotel, New Abbey Road, Dumfries, with visitors welcome. They have a "special" event at Hq. on Sunday, November 19, with GM8FFX to give the talk, and lots of displays, stalls, and whatever, of which more next time.

West Kent next, where the dates are October 13, for G3XPX to talk about Instrumentation in the Amateur Station, and October 27, when G3AIO will talk about Navigation—not so far divorced from amateur radio as might appear at first. And G3KFE says that it is largely a matter of finding out that you aren't where you thought you were! Details from G4DYF—QTHR, or turn up at the Adult Education Centre, Monson Road, Tunbridge Wells. On the Tuesday after each of these they have an informal at the Drill Hall in Victoria Road. They are also on for J-O-T-A with the 2nd Tonbridge Scouts; they note that Scout Hq. at Gilwell Park have useful leaflets on organisation and follow-up.

Every Thursday evening it is for the Nottingham gang, at Sherwood Community Centre, Woodthorpe House, Mansfield Road. Details, G4EKW, QTHR.

Finally, for the record, the abbreviation QTHR says that the person concerned is as noted in the current G-Callbook. So, now you know for future reference!

## FROM STORNOWAY ON FORTY METRES

VINCENT EVANS, G4AVT

A TWO-WEEK caravanning holiday on The Isle of Lewis was planned for June this year, with the FT-101 to be included in the luggage. Time for transmitting would be limited to fit in with daily touring out of Stornoway and general holiday activities and it was decided that for static mobile working from the car was the answer.

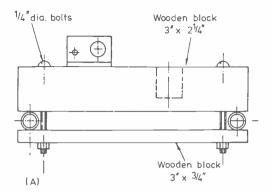
The 40m. band seemed to be in good shape for G/GM working, so thoughts turned to a suitable antenna for this band, to meet the requirements of the expedition. It would be a loaded vertical of course, but as static mobile was intended it could be larger and therefore presumably more efficient than smaller mobile types. It would have to be quick and easy to erect and dismantle, and compact for stowage.

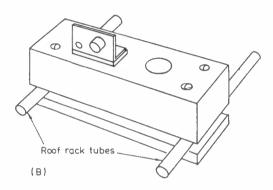
The best place for a car aerial is on the car roof, with all the metal beneath it: however not everyone wants to mutilate the car roof to fit a base mount. One solution is to make use of the roof rack, and here the constructor

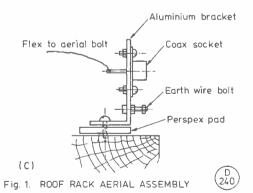
is called upon for a degree of ingenuity as there are many different patterns and shapes of rack. Whatever arrangement is made there should be a good DC path from the earth side of the aerial mount (and the outer shell of the co-ax socket) through the roof rack to the car body. Next comes the rubber insulation (the tyres) between this



G4AVT's XYL at the door of the caravan, somewhere en route to the Isle of Lewis. Visible on the roof of the car is the aerial described in the text.

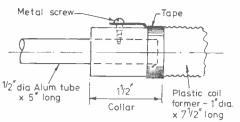




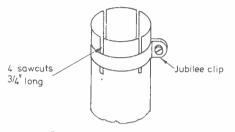


mass of steel and the good earth; it is a good idea, but not vital, to have a heavy gauge wire from an available fixing point on the car body (bare metal contact, of course) to a short earth rod driven into the ground. This may be practical in the countryside, but a pneumatic drill job in the High Street is not advocated!

The author's solution to the roof rack aerial mount is shown in Fig. 1. The piece of timber should be dry hardwood (oak or mahogany, etc.) and when finished and drilled several coats of exterior varnish applied; the hole drilled to take the lower tube of the aerial should be a good fit, but not so tight as to make insertion and removal difficult. The bracket for the co-ax socket is



Coil data: 85 turns 18 swg enam, wire.

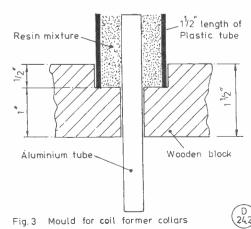


One 5"dia. tube and top aerial tube (b) Fig. 2 LOADING COIL AND FORMER

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mounted on a paxolin or perspex pad to break up any moisture film resulting from a damp atmosphere; an independent earth wire is taken from the co-ax bracket to a Jubilee clip on the roof rack (good bare metal contact is required here) and from there to a suitable metal screw or bolt on the car body. This wire should be 5ft. 6in. long and can be conveniently taken through the door jamb to a screw of the interior trim (any other length may affect the tuning and telescopic adjustment).

The coil former is a 7½ in. length of electricians white plastic conduit tube of 25mm. outside diameter. The two collars which fit inside each end of the tube were moulded using Holts Cataloy resin and hardener, and it will be seen from Fig. 2 that each collar takes a 5 inch length of in. outside diameter aluminium tube (from old TV aerial) to which the ends of the coil are attached.



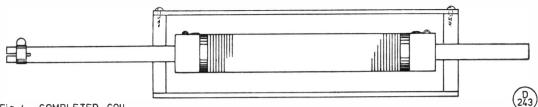
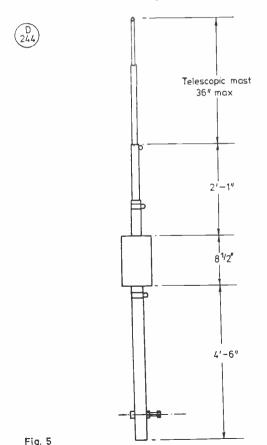


Fig. 4 COMPLETED COIL

This method of construction was adopted so that other coils for, say, 80m. and 160m. could at some future date be similarly made, and easily substituted using the one set of top and bottom aerial tubes. One of the 5 inch lengths requires four saw cuts in one end, each cut  $\frac{3}{4}$ in. long; over this end fits a *Jubilee* clip of suitable size, to clamp the upper aerial tube.

The mould for the collar into which the resin mixture is poured is shown in Fig. 3. A piece of wood about 1½in. thick is recessed to a depth of ½in. to accept, with close fit, a 1½in. length of the plastic conduit tube. The wood is further drilled to receive the 5 inch length of aluminium tube. The metal tube is pushed through until it is level with the top of the plastic tube, and then resin mixture is poured into the gap between the two tubes until nearly level, and left to harden. The wooden mould and tubes should be treated with release agent before assembly to



enable separation when ready (the author used Vaseline as a release agent but the wooden mould had to be carefully split to release its contents, no doubt due to the unpolished surfaces of the drillings). Place the finished collars flush in the ends of the coil former, and drill clearance holes for the metal screws which connect the coil ends to the aluminium tubes: the coil can now be wound on. Clean one inch of the coil wire free of enamel and make an eye; anchor the eye under one of the metal screws and tape the wire to the former 1½in. from the end. Wind on 85 turns close wound and tape again. Leave enough wire to reach the screw and extra to make an eye before cutting off.

The bottom aerial tube is a 4ft. 6in. length of aluminium tube, §in. outside diameter; a hole to receive an 8BA bolt is drilled 3in. from one end, for attaching the wire from the co-ax socket (centre). The other end is sawn with four cuts, each §in. long and a Jubilee clip fitted over; this receives the lower coil tube. The upper aerial tube is two feet long and §in. outside diameter and fits comfortably four inches into the coil's top tube, which is already prepared with a Jubilee clip. A surplus telescopic antenna, which extended three feet maximum, was inserted into the top of the aerial and fixed with a metal screw and slight crimping.

The weather shield is an 8½in. length of grey plastic rainwater pipe measuring 1½in. inside diameter. Two collars are made ¾in. thick, to fit inside the ends, and have ½in. dia. centre holes. A wood mould is made on the same principle as the previous one. In this case the recess is made to receive a ¾in. deep ring of the water pipe, and further drilled to receive a short length of the ½in. tube. When finished the collars are placed flush in the ends of the weather shield and drilled for metal fixing screws; the complete coil is shown in Fig. 4.

The aerial can now be finally assembled (Fig. 5) and the telescopic part extended so that the distance from its tip to the top of the weather shield is 42 inches. Tuning is fairly critical and must be done with the aerial 'in situ,' i.e. in its roof rack mounting and on top of the car. A GDO is most useful in these circumstances but the job can be done using a reliable SWR meter and the transceiver. Tune at the middle of the band and raise or lower the telescopic portion one inch at a time for best SWR. The final result should be less than 1.5 to 1 on any part of the band. Make sure by listening that no QSO is taking place at the frequency you use.

The aerial fulfilled its intended purpose and came up to the best of expectations: daily QSO's took place with West Lancashire (the home QTH area), including G4ATM and G4BDM. Other QSO's at good strength were established with G3BLE and G4FCC in Northumberland, G3IES Bristol, GI3GRD Enniskillen and numerous continentals.

## **COMMUNICATION and DX NEWS**

Last month, some of the mail bricks" from which this piece is put together arrived too late to be used owing to the chaos in the postal service at the time. Apologies to those who were left out.

When the sunspot smoothed average (12-month) hit the bottom back in March and June 1976 it was down to 12; the ninety-day running average backwards from August 13, 1978, was showing 135, and the twelve-monthly mean bouncing near the 100 mark-so clearly there is one mighty big change in the scene since the 1976 doldrums. But as usual. "good conditions" in the mind are equated against yesterday or last week, or last month at the most. Thus, we still talk of the summer doldrums even though these periods are much better than the Spring-Autumn peaks of the 1976 activities. This has caused more DX-peditioning, more looking at the possibilities of "new countries" and a rush of blood to the DXCC Desk at ARRL, reduced the practical maximum score for a new starter in the DX game even further below the "possible" for an amateur who started his post-war DX-ing back in 1945.

All the signs are that by the time you come to read this, the Mellish Reef will be removed from the wanted list of many DX-ers, this one QSL-ing to VK2BJL, Box 85, Round Corner, New South Wales, 2158, Australia. H44JB runs the boat, and the team at the time of writing includes VK2BJL, VK2CK, JA1KSO and WA8NOA.

As for the 8Z4 Neutral Zone operation, it is reported that the operation by Prince Abdullah and Sheik Ahmed was all-SSB despite the fact that there is considerable evidence of a Phoney CW version.

Southern Sudan operation seems to have been fairly heavy of late, with STORK back in business after leave in Germany, K5YY is reported as all but there, and LA6IV is reported to be signing /STO.

YIIBDG operation continues at a steady level, although it is under-

stood that the FT-560 shipped to them was turned down by the authorities. A close friend of your scribe says that he wants to take a communications receiver to Iraq that doesn't look anything like a communications receiver so that he can have at least a listen-round while he resides in a country where no licences are granted to expatriates: the appearance is required to be thus to avoid the risk of its confiscation at the airport. On his last posting, it was the reverse-expatriates allowed licences, locals barred. We seem to recall a cynic who said that the sum total of the world's human effort at any given time is zero-maybe he wasn't far from the truth!

Clipperton QSL's should from now on be sent to HB9MX only. WA9INK having done his share of the chore.

Burma is a country which doesn't look like seeing much Amateur Radio while the present regime continues; however there is an SP who is posted to the Embassy there and is in for a several-year stint; he is equipped and will be looking for an XZ licence. You never can tell, but SP6AUC just may turn the trick.

Another of the "maybe" category ones is BY; some years ago, it will be recalled, we noted that noises from BY were not to be dismissed as instant pirates. That, with hindsight, was a bit of unjustified optimism, but we know of at least one effort which almost came to fruition and was not blocked on the Chinese side. It seems that the current Chinese government is steering far closer than its predecessor to creating a scientific and technological interest in the population. What better stimulus could there be than a nice big daffy of genuine BY amateurs?

That 4UIUN which has been wandering around the band for some weeks is still garnering interest—the reason is that country status for the UN Secretariat is being mooted.

Now to a less direct point, namely the brewing up of a big signal. We seem to recall mentioning a

## E. P. Essery, G3KFE

fair aerial system on 21 MHz by W6KPC. Now we hear he is going to put up something for 14 MHz—twenty-four elements, no less, with a top height of 190 feet. That should test his receiver and its front-end performance out fairly thoroughly, and other people's too!

## Silent Key

We hear of the death of James Pershouse, 9M2DQ. An active amateur for as long as this writer can recall, he was also very helpful to those who were less than well-off to enjoy the hobby. He will be missed, not only locally but in many parts of the world to which his helping hand had reached. A very fine man, and our sympathy to his people in their sad loss.

#### The Bands

Perhaps we should start again with Ten as it has been in rather a sad state of late. We have two letters from G3NOF (Yeovil); the previous month's report and the current one. The earlier one refers to nothing but short-skip and Russians, while the latest one says no contacts were made at all and only Europeans heard.

'CDXN' deadlines for the next three months—

November issue—October 5th December issue—November 2nd January issue—November 30th Please be sure to note these dates.

G2ADZ (Chessington) is an addict of the band, but even he has to admit that it hasn't been brilliant, and of course the dropping of band conditions have led many back to lower bands and higher activity. Thus band openings are probably overlooked, as people used to 14 and 21 MHz have a listen round and then give up. A CQ on an apparently dead 28 MHz band can be surprising in its results! Bill notes JA8PMF/MM off the Brazilian coast and slowly steaming north, a contact with HV3SJ which appeared to be

due to Sporadic-E conditions and so worth mention, DJ7ST/OH0, VK2AHM who gave out a report of RST 419(!), ZS5UW, CE3ZW, YV4AMG, IA5DMK on Elba, assorted LU/PY, UM8, UH8, UA9, CX1DDI, and OE5CA/YK. G2ADZ comments that the band needs a dose of really good conditions and that it will happen for the very simple reason that he is going on holiday!

G4BHE (Basingstoke) is another confirmed ten-metre man, and Barry has a tally of 125 countries on Ten this year. The present month has seen him booking in QSO's with CE3BZD, CX7BF, EL1I, D68AD, FR7ZL, FM7BB, JY90Z. KZ5USN, VK3NE, OY7ML, VK2NFR, W1-4, ZD7PV, ZE3JO, 5B4EP, 5R8AL, 7P8AH, 8P6JZ, 9J2CB and 9K2FX. Taking the G2ADZ and G4BHE reports together it is pretty clear that all continents have been workable during the month on this band for the operator willing to keep an ear out.

## Forty

A much under-rated band; one needs skill to get the best performance out of the receiver on this band, where one is surrounded by megawatts of commercial power aimed by rhombics, while looking for the microvolt signal underneath. But—it can be done, and is being done: G3KMA is on 215 countries on 7 MHz alone, and we suspect GM3JDR is probably at a similar level, to mention two recalled at random.

G2BJY (Walsall) tackled the idea of a valve direct-conversion receiver for 7 MHz, and found it an excellent little tool, albeit one has to watch out for such things as microphony and hum; the line-up is a 6BW7 RF amplifier, into a semiconductor balanced mixer, 6AG5 oscillator, and transformer-coupled AF stages to get enough to drive the speaker with only one AF amplifier into an EL84 in the output. The key to its performance lies in the fact that the oscillator injection is adjustable and the mixer balance also. Trials with an EF184 as the RF stage were run. but the line-up originally chosen was preferred in the end. As Geoff says, much fun, and the whole bag-of-tricks out of the junk-box. Performance is reckoned to be as

good as a conventional receiver both in SSB and CW terms.

We don't usually carry SWL reports in this piece, they having Justin Cooper to themselves, but we make an exception for SWL Jean-Yves Camus (Chatenay-Malabry, France) who listens with the help of a Grundig Satellit 2000 and telescopic aerial; several hours of listening to 8Z4 and the associated pile-up brought some philosophising on human nature. The deliberate interference was the bit that annoyed most, being present all the time he was listening. All in all, a most interesting and revealing letter, of which more anon.

G2NJ (Peterborough) notes that the migration of the 3.5 MHz CW merchants to 7 MHz seems, despite generally poor conditions, to have continued, so that the QRP lads can get more use of their favourite stamping-ground.

Nice to hear from G3CED/ G3VFA; George has only ORP-Joystick aerial, no earth, PM2, PM3A or HW-7 receivers and transmitters at inputs from 300 mW up to a maximum of two watts, mostly from a car or motorbike battery (good point this, lead-acid batteries probably have the best low-impedance characteristics for ORP rigs). CW into this lot resulted in more activity than he has indulged himself in for months, and some of this was on Forty and covered most of Europe. After a long period of operating with QRP all round George reckons that the best bets for DX are firstly, band-edge CO calls. and secondly to call "QRO DX" in contests. However, he says that while the DX is good for business "gimme the old homely ragchewthat's what amatuer radio is really about!"

G8RY (Newmarket) has for a long time used the usual variants on the co-ax fed half-wave eightymetre dipole, but then went over to an eighty-metre half-wave fed with open-wire feeders and a Johnson Matchbox for all band to 21 Trying it on each band MHz. indicates the losses to be lower, and by putting a chain insulator in each side at 28ft. 8in. from centre, he ended up with a double extended Zepp on 21 MHz, high at the centre and with the ends drooping invertedvee fashion. This arrangement is

good on 14 and 21 MHz, but also will load on 7 MHz and worked into Germany. The orientation is such that on 21 MHz it fires one way to JA and t'other to South America.

G3PPR (Sherborne) writes again: he and the school club put on a station on the end-of-term day. using 80 and 40 on the grounds that a clear QSO with Yeovil is more impressive than indecipherable monkey-chatter from America or wherever. A lecture to the Sherbourne Round Table was also given which should put our hobby on the map in that town. Back at the ranch, an "aerial of sorts' has gone up for 40 and it has been found good for inter-G working in daytimes and good for CW with Germany by the bucketful in the evening: using it on the third hormonic frequency of the aerial is also satisfactory. but we must mention Rod's "don't go much for these VHF bands!"

G2HKU (Sheppey) stuck to his CW and found EA8FJ, AA4BA, N4OW, UF6FDS, YV10B, UB5MC/UF6 and EP2IA. Ted passes on the word that ZL3KN has joined the ranks of the Silent Keys—an Old Times in ZL, keen and effective on HF CW and a good exponent of the arts of homebuilding of equipment, who will be sorely missed.

## Top Band

At a low ebb this year, with no reports of Transequatorial activity, and not a lot of activity. However SWL Jean-Yves Camus says that there is a ten-metre group set up by REF for SWL and transmitting enthusiasts, and he is reckoning on trying to whip up enthusiasm enough to form a similar group in France were the level of interest is even lower than in U.K. at present. On the operating side, Jean-Yves reports hearing G3JMJ and G5BM.

Our only other mention this time comes from G2HKU, who used SSB to PAØINA and PAØPN, plus CW QSO's with GM3HBT, GM3LWS and OH1MA.

#### Twenty

Is always the backbone of our long-distance communications. Your scribe was a trifle amused to read in a club newsletter that older G8 + 3 chaps are getting alarmed at the number of newcomer G8's who

regard the G8 as merely a steppingstone to a G4. Has it ever been anything else? Just as in U.S.A. a Conditional or Novice ticket is just a stepping-stone to an Extra Class, so in this country a G8 is but a part step up to a full 'A' licence. and anyone who wants to stay with a G8 must accept that he stavs a second-class licensee. Whether he wants to use CW or to operate on 14 MHz is quite irrelevant; since most youngsters today get enough in school physics to give them an R.A.E. pass, it just boils down to a Morse pass being the only thing you can't buy, at least for those on the right side of 25. And, anyone who has gone down and struggled through a shaky CW QSO will know how much different are the standards of courtesy, something which alone makes Morse worth the getting.

However, we digress from our theme a little! Picking up the letter from G2HKU, we notice the large number of OSO's he has made; clearly the change of machinery has whipped up the enthusiasm somewhat as the length of the list demonstrates. An odd quirk is that after 30 years or more of trying, a Wyoming QSO filled in the complete list for WAS-only three times in all that period have Wyoming signals even been heard. Murphy tried to put his oar into the QSO, by making the relay stick on receive -but a sharp clout on the can put Murphy momentarily out of business while the contact was finished. Ted notes a SSB OSO with WB6YKB and CW QSO's with VK3BZ, VK6XA, WA6IXA, VK3AXX, G3LGP/WØ, VK5RK, VK3VJ, VK3BNF, W6SZ, UAØAN. VK2TB, VK3PX, W6CLU, G6ZY/CN, VK3NK, VK4AAG, VK4XA. VK4FB, XEITE, VK2QL, K6SMF, FYØEOL. UM8MAQ, YVIAD. LU3EIJ, UKØAAO, K6DEF, K7GE. UF5FN, ZL1MT, and the prized W3NT/7 for Wyoming.

The fleapower of G3CED/G3VFA is always driven in the CW mode, and it managed to find its way all over Europe, particularly in the contest on August 12, in the middle of which we note from the log a one-minute QSO with a YU in which George dished out a number but didn't get one back; one detects

a rather hurt note in his "Not a contest OSO" in the remarks column.

GM4DLU says he is the only owner of a three-element beam on the shores of Loch Lomond, 13 feet above sea level and surrounded by hills on all sides at Balloch. Andy drives the beam by way of an HW-101 plus, when needed, a homebrew afterburner. 14 MHz has been found to be fairly good of late, with a few off days: so SSB contacts were made with TF6M, VE6CCZ, KL7HCC, KV4AA. KL7ENY, 9VINR, JY9OD, 9Y4FS, 4D88UT from Manila, LU9CBA/YV5 in Caracas, LU7FAZ, JW7FD on Bear Is. and OJØMA who was calling CQ and getting no takers: "Where have all the callers gone?" he mused aloud and GM4DLU nipped in smartly for a QSO.

G2CZH told G4HFQ (New Milton) to write in-Tnx, Royand tell us of his progress. He took R.A.E. in Harrow under G8ELB, passed and then moved on to the South Coast for a spell of decorating and house-renovation before being let off to join the Wessex gang, where G4FQB took him in hand for CW and SWL-ing with a CR-100. The decision to go to an FT-101EE and the purchase of a G8VB ATU was a further spur, plus a ground-mounted 14AVQ. Eventually the full call was obtained, and on the very first evening a contact with ZP5LOB made the XYL sit up and take notice!

G3NOF (Yeovil), says G3PPR, is the local proper DX-er, and thus it was with some mirth that Rod says G3NOF was the only inaudible one in the local net-but G3NOF gets out to the long-distances which is what he wants. Both the July and August reports refer to short-skip, and activity on the band was down in July, only TF6M and TI5EWL being noted; August showed also good openings to VK/ZL around 0630, and W6/W7 interspersed on occasion. Much DX has been heard on the P29JS DX Net, and the Pacific DX Net, with QSO's recorded with DAIGF/OHØ, DAIGR/OHØ, FPØTH, KH6CA, OA4ATS/HK3, OJØMA, many VK's including VK9ZM on Willis, W7PRU, and VS5CW.

#### Odd Notes

With W1WY's much-appreciated

Contest Calendar we have the word that the Navassa DX-pedition is definite for November 25-December 2 with eight operators. Among them Randy Rowe, NØTG, 3237 Connecticut Drive, St. Charles, Missouri 63301 who will handle the OSL's, for which an s.a.e would be appreciated. The CW mode will be most used, as there has been none from Navassa since the CW DXCC award was instituted, but phone will not be overlooked. Look for them around 3505, 7005, 14030, 21030, and 28005 kHz and CW, with Phone on 3795, 7180, 14205, 21280, and 28550 kHz. The style of operation (transceive, split and listening 5-10 kHz up, districts, US/DX, and so on) will be announced as the operation proceeds.

We have already mentioned most of the contest activity for October in last month's CDXN, but we missed out the ARCI QRP contest over October 7-9, 0200z to 0200z. Exchange RST, and state, province or country, members adding their membership number, non-members their power input. Score 3 for a member, 2 for a non-member, and 4 for a contact other than W or VE. The multiplier is one for each state, province and country worked, plus a power multiplier of one for over 100 watts input, 25-100 watts times 1.5, 5-25 watts times two, 1-5 watts input times three and less than one watt times five. Listen on CW around 1810, 3560, 7060, 14060, 21060 and 28060 kHz, and for SSB 1810, 3985, 7285, 14285, 21385 and 28885 kHz; Novices will be found around 3710, 7110, 21110 and 28110 kHz. The summary sheet to carry details of the scoring, equipment and power used, and a signed declaration, plus large s.a.e. if results are desired. Entries to E. V. Blaize, N5BE, 417 Ridgewood Drive, Metairie, LA 70001, U.S.A.

A nice letter comes in from K. H. Show (Swansea) who wrote in first about a year ago asking for advice on getting started; we seem to have pointed in the right general direction because he is now GW8PNR, the call arriving almost a year to the day from his original letter. Smart going that, and congratulations indeed.

Geoff Watts next—he of the Prefix List and DXNS. Geoff sponsors a series of IOTA awards,

meaning "islands on the air." They are open to all amateurs and SWL's for confirmations of QSO's with amateurs on islands throughout the world. The series comprises IOTA Africa, IOTA Antarctic, IOTA Asia, IOTA Europe, IOTA North America, IOTA Oceania, IOTA South America, IOTA Arctic, IOTA British Isles, IOTA West Indies, plus IOTA World, and at the top IOTA Century Club. We hear that IT9JT has all twelve, and is also the first to get the 300 up in the IOTA CC. Details on all these from Geoff Watts, who for 40p U.K., one dollar or 5 IRC's will send you the 18-page directory of islands, which we know to be regularly updated by Geoff by notes in DXNS. Geoff is at 62 Belmore Road, Norwich NR7 0PU.

Another one is the Royal Navy's Mercury award, for contacts with the necessary number of RNARS members. Class 1 is for UK types who require 20 points, Class 2 for Europeans at 10 points, Class 3 for DX at 5 points, all at one point per OSO per band, with the GB3RN, GB3RM, GB3RNR, GB3HMS, and G3BZU (the Hq. station) each worth two points. Usual GCR and 30p for 5 IRC's to G3HZL-OTHR. RNARS also sponsor the Hampshire County Award for which the Manager is G2GM, who is also OTHR. On the covering compliments-slip comes the big news, which is that the HMS Belfast group have managed to obtain GB2RN as a full call, like the Science Museum's GB2SM-congratulations.

### Eighty

To most people, Forty has been more of an attraction for daytime inter-G working, partly due to flat conditions. However, a good afternoon will bring them back. Thus the thinning out, especially at the CW end, has been a pleasure for, paradoxially, the QRP chaps who gain more from lack of QRM than they lose from bad conditions. G2NJ found that between midmorning and teatime things were pretty awful, with much noise and deep fading; however he worked these QRP stations: G4CCB (one watt), G2FWA using an HW-8, G2CP with one watt, G3WWJ using his HW-8 at two watts, G2FI down in Wadhurst who recently obtained an HW-8 and promptly worked over the Pond with it, G3IVF with 3 watts, G3JKB with three watts—first QSO since 1955!—and G3IJD who was QRO with four watts. Turning to the /A and /P calls, Nick notes G2CAS/P using a B2 rig at Beckwithshaw (south of Harrogate) who was booming in, G3LVZ/P the same afternoon, and F6EWB/P Chartres early in the morning. Perhaps the best of all, though conditions made it a bit of a job to complete, was the contact with GM3SWK/A at Stornoway, Lewis.

#### Fifteen

Rather seems to have been most HF DX operators idea of a reasonable compromise. One of the minor pleasures is in giving the W novices a first taste of DX, they lying between 21·1 and 21·2 MHz.

The last week in July saw a big improvement, avers G3NOF, who spent most of his time in July on Fifteen, with the mornings yielding VK/ZL/JA/VU/W6/W7, JA's on short-path from nine till five, while the 5W1 merchants worked till lunchtime before fading out, and often short-skip all day as well. August's conditions on the whole have been like the curate's egg. July saw entries in the log of contacts with A4XGY, A6XB, AP2MQ, C5AAP, C5ABD, EP2PE, EP2RL, FØCH/FC, K4ERO/HC1, K5HCI, K6DQ, K6YRA, K8RM/AM off Italy, KP4KW, KZ5RO, JA's, K5MVP, JR6PTT (Okinawa), K6SMF, KØAX/DU2, KL7HCC, KL7IXZ, KL7NA, KL7TR, N6QK, P29JS, SV1IW (Crete), SV1JG (Dodecancse), UAØAN, UD6FD, VE6EO, VE7DRX, UF6DZ, VK2NOT. VP2MBB. VP2MZZ, VP9HZ/MM off S. Africa, VU2LQA, VU2RAK, W6, W7, including WB7PHD in Idaho, WA4ADU/KL7, YBØACD. ZP5RS, ZS1HL, ZS1KZ, ZS1JJ, ZS6AQI, ZS6RA, 5W1AX, 5W1BN, 9M2DW, and 9V1TP, while August gave A4XGC, A9XCF, AE6E, AP2JL, G4DVJ/ MM in the Arabian Gulf, H44LW. H44ZZ, IA5DMK, KA7BNK in Oregon, K6SMF, K6YRA, JA4EZY, JR1AOG, P29JS, P29MF, P29NPS, SU1CR, TA2BK, UKØSAA. VP2SQ, VS6EZ, VU2NU, W6YH, (Montana). W7DPG W7LRH W7HXG (Oregon), (Arizona), WØIIQ (S. (Idaho), W7MXM Dakota), WB4OHC/MM, WB6YID/ HC5, YB3AE, YBØHH, ZC4MT, ZF2CA, 9K2DR and 9M2EK.

SSB contacts for GM4DLU were with W's 8-9-Ø, W6 and VE7DGT. Turning to G2HKU, Ted seems to have tired himself out on Twenty, but still roused himself to work CW to VU2GOB, G3LGP/WØ, and VE3AR.

A strictly 21 MHz merchant reporting for the first time is G2HCP (St. Anne's) who runs about 21 watts to an HW-8 and a ground-plane. Derek has been using QRP since November '77 so he wryly remarks that he has got used to a fair amount of fruitless calling! However, he does on occasion ring the bell, to the extent that August gave him QSO's with some 33 countries in five continents; C31NM and 9A1A were new ones for Europe, while outside Europe lay PY, UF6, UA9, UAØ, VE6, W's 1-2-4-8-9-0 and 4Z4, with EP2IA and ZE1BL hooked in the EU DX Contest. No doubt about the little HW-7 and HW-8 from Heathkit and the earlier Ten-Tec boxes, which certainly appealed to a surprisingly large market, and refined many people's abilities on the operating side too.

G8RY's aerial-pruning/revamping exercise to give an extended-double-Zepp broadside-on to JA yielded remarkable results on one day of testing, the crop being 9 JA's, a brace of Russians, an Austrian, one from down in the south of Brazil, and a CT3 in Funchal. Not a bad day's loggings.

G3CED/G3VFA was as QRP as usual, and showed what the fleapower can do with contacts to W1HZ, N4WX, 9H1ED, PS8RW, YU1BCD, UB5MCI/UF6, JA7YAA, JH3CXL, JW5BSM, YU1PCF, some more contest Europeans, YT3M (against this one the log enquires "Oozee?"), YT3M (a fortnight later with all the details), WA9EDZ who gave a good report and then himself faded out, and another clutch of European quickies looking for points.

### Signing

That's all for this time; the deadline dates are in the "box" in the body of the piece, and the more letters the merrier. Address, as ever, to "CDXN," SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, 34 HIGH STREET, WELWYN, HERTS. AL6 9EQ. BCNU.

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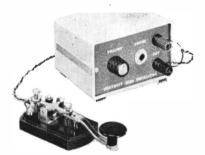
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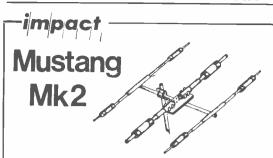
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