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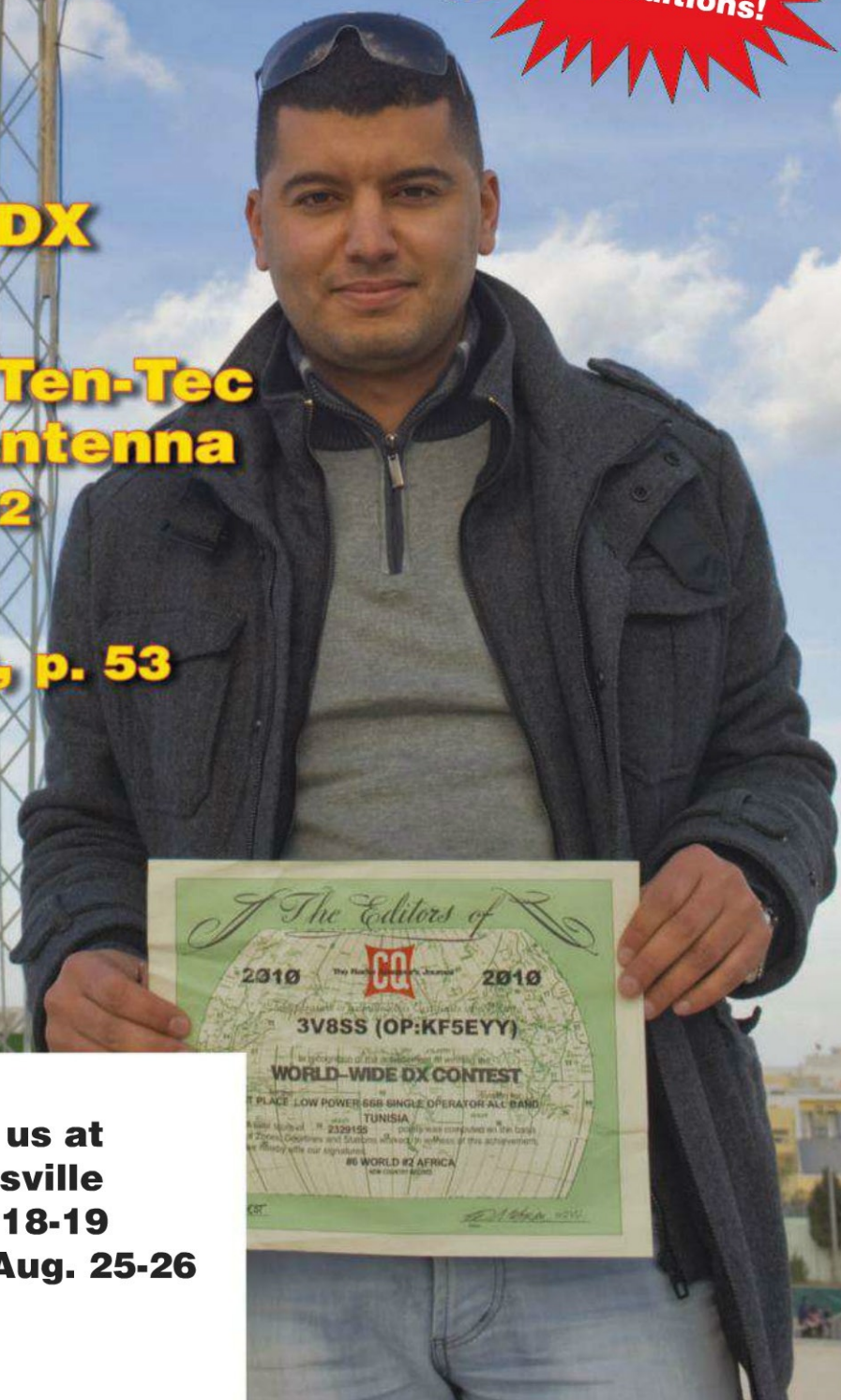
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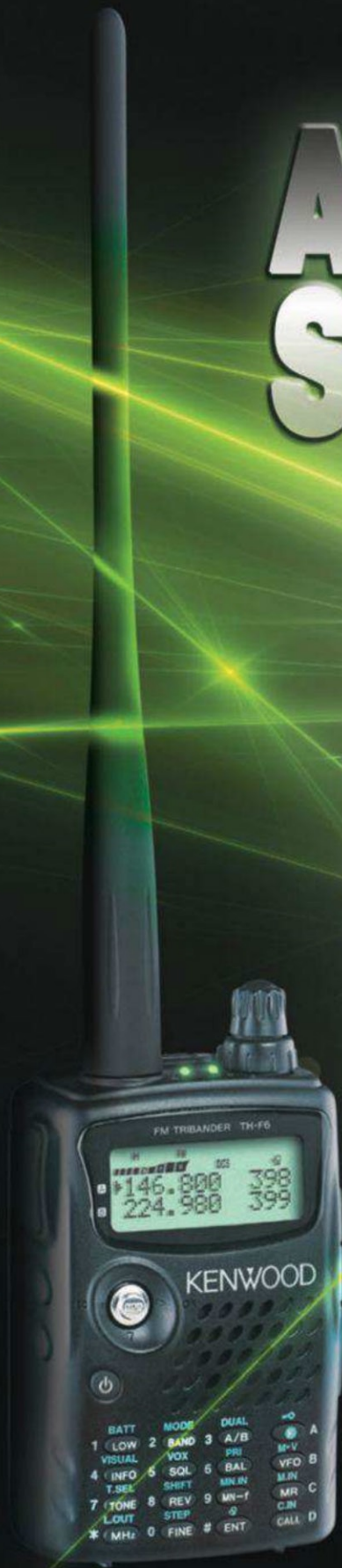
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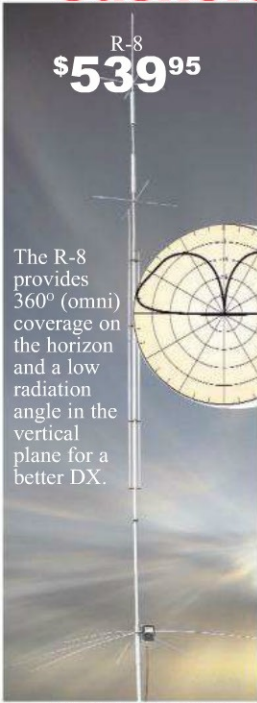
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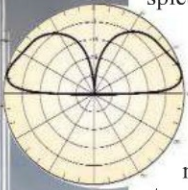
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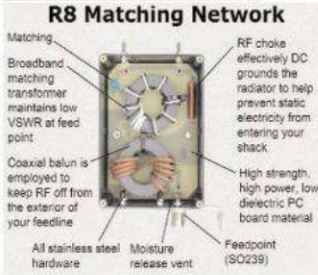
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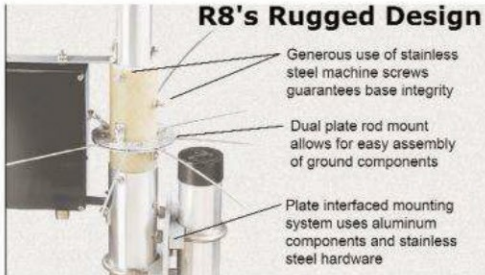
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Clyburn Nominated to Full Term on FCC

President Obama has nominated Mingon Clyburn to a full five-year term as an FCC Commissioner. A Democrat, Clyburn was appointed to the commission in 2009 to fill out the unexpired term of Republican Commissioner Deborah Taylor Tate, who had resigned. According to the ARRL Letter, FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski called Clyburn's renomination "an outstanding choice for the Commission and for the American people." Clyburn's nomination requires Senate confirmation.

House Committee Calls for Unified Oversight of MARS

A committee report accompanying the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2013 calls on the Pentagon to "clarify and maintain policy oversight of MARS within the Office of the Secretary of Defense" and to appoint one person to coordinate the policies and activities of volunteer group across the Army, Air Force, and Navy/Marine Corps. Currently, the Military Auxiliary Radio System operates independently in each service. The ARRL Letter says the report from the House Armed Services Committee recognized MARS as "an important back-up" to government communication systems but noted that oversight is unclear due to a recent Pentagon reorganization and that there is a lack of standardization among the three MARS branches.

Ohio Gets State "PRB-1" Law

Ohio has joined the roster of states that have incorporated into state law federal restrictions on zoning laws that involve amateur radio antennas and towers. Significantly, reports the ARRL Letter, Ohio's new law requires any agency that denies an amateur's antenna application to state the reasons for the denial and—on any appeal—the agency has the burden of proof, not the amateur.

Welsh Ham Carries Olympic Torch

A Welsh ham who has been actively involved in charity work for years was honored for his efforts by being allowed to carry the Olympic torch on its journey toward the opening ceremonies of the 2012 London games. According to Newsline, William Williams, GW8TGS, carried the torch through the city of Aberystwyth for about a half hour on May 27th.

Building Satellites with Video Game Technology

AMSAT-UK is part of a group planning to build a set of cubesats that will test an autonomous on-orbit docking system based on XBOX Kinect video game technology. The group also includes SpaceRef.com and Surrey Satellite Technology, Ltd., and is based at the University of Surrey in England, home of the UOSAT amateur satellites of the 1970s and '80s. AMSAT News Service reports that the project—named STRaND-2—will consist of two twin satellites that will be separated after launch. After each one is checked out, ground controllers will command them to dock with each other. They will then use components from a Kinect game controller scan the area around them and provide the satellites with 3-D spatial awareness to align with each other and dock. If successful, it could open a whole new way of building and maintaining satellites, including the potential for changing out modules in orbit or using multiple small cubesats to link up in orbit and build a large satellite by themselves.

The Strange Case of DJ6SI

CQ DX Hall of Fame member Baldur Drobica, DJ6SI, has endured a bizarre series of events that started when he tried to operate his portable ham radio while on vacation in Greece. According to reports on Newsline and other sources, a police officer suspicious of the "strange noises" coming from Baldur's computer placed him under arrest. Initial reports were that he was charged with espionage, but Baldur said that did not happen.

He was, however, charged with making radio transmissions without permission from the Greek government (both Greece and Germany are signatories to the CEPT treaty which permits amateurs from any one member country to operate in any other member country without special permission), operating a radio that covered more spectrum than only the Greek amateur bands, and refusing to turn over his equipment to the arresting officer.

According to Baldur's attorney, the first two charges were dropped by the court after determining that Baldur was a properly licensed radio amateur. However, he was convicted on the third charge, which the attorney said would be appealed. Meanwhile, if you're visiting Greece, it might be best to leave your ham gear at home.

ICOM Inks Deal With Boy Scouts for 2013 Jamboree

ICOM America has agreed to be the amateur radio transceiver supplier for the national Scout Jamboree next year at Summit, West Virginia. The company will also supply three permanent repeaters for the new Jamboree site, one 2-meter analog repeater, a 70-centimeter analog machine and a 70-cm D-STAR repeater. In addition, ICOM will supply ten loaner stations for use by Boy Scout councils around the country to use in promoting amateur radio. Details of the stations, and of the planned setup for the Jamboree, are still being worked out.

Gene Zimmerman, W3ZZ, SK

VHF weak-signal authority and CQ Contest Committee member Gene Zimmerman, W3ZZ, became a Silent Key in early June. Gene was responsible for reorganizing the CQ World-Wide VHF Contest into its current format and was a major behind-the-scenes player in the launch of *CQ VHF* magazine in the mid-1990s. From 2002–2011, he was *QST* magazine's VHF columnist. Professionally, Gene was a microbiologist with a long career at the National Institutes of Health, both as a researcher and administrator. For more on Gene, see this month's "Zero Bias" and "VHF-Plus" columns.

New Extra Class Question Pool Effective July 1

July 1 is the effective date for the new Element 4 question pool ... the questions that make up the Amateur Extra Class license exam. Each exam is made up of 50 questions selected from the pool of just over 700 possible questions. The new question pool will be used through June 30, 2016. Next up for replacement is the Technician Class (Element 2) pool in 2014, followed by the General Class (Element 3) pool in 2015.

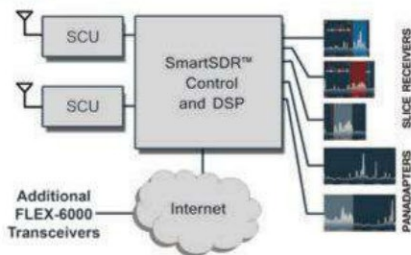
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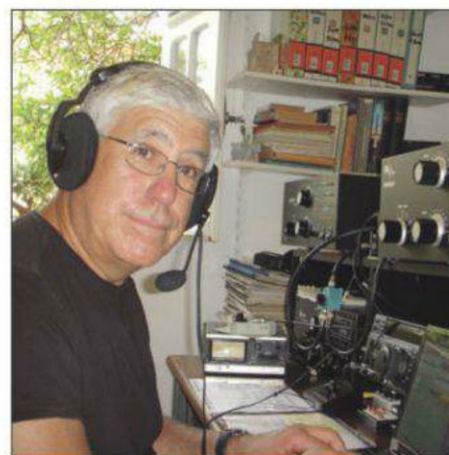
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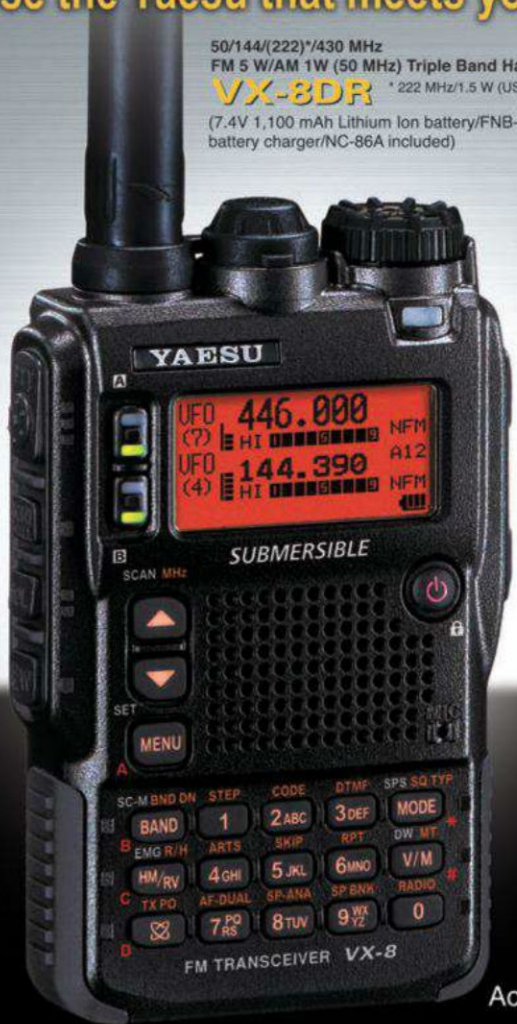
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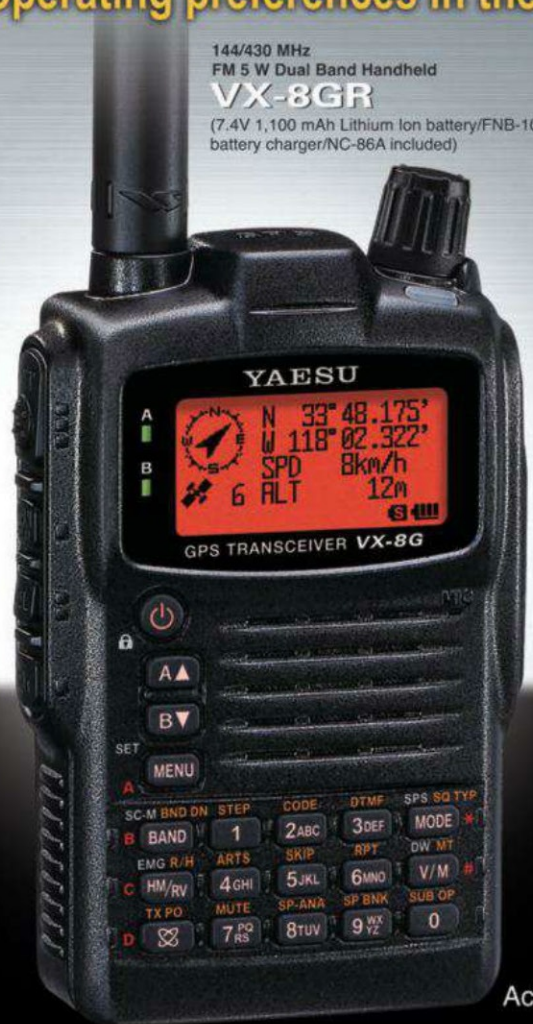
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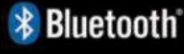
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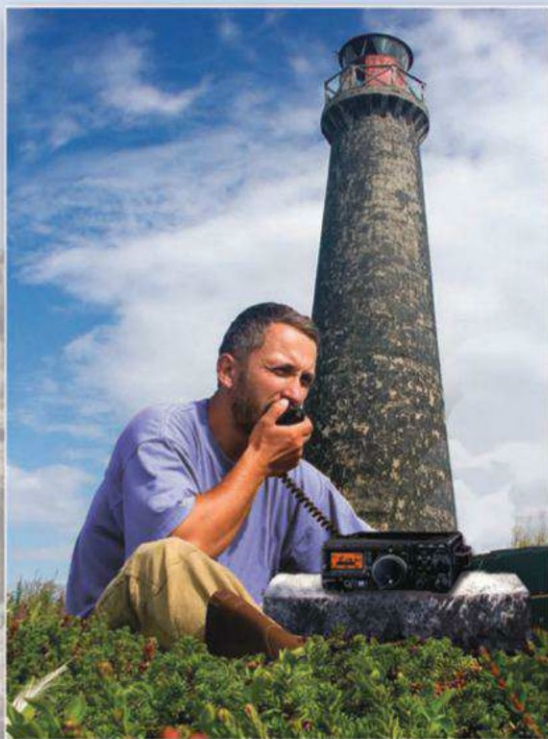
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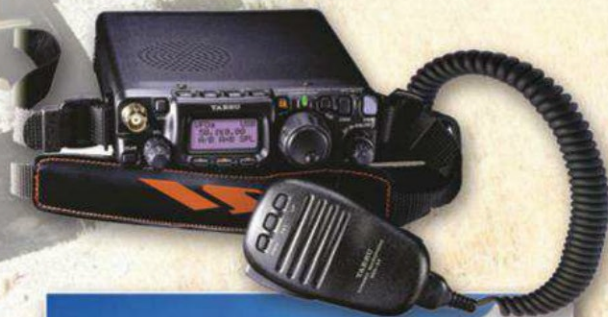
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“**A**erialist.” That’s what it says on the business card handed to me at the Dayton Hamvention® by John Brosnahan, WØUN. Some of you may remember John from his days as President of Alpha Power or as an avid con- taster. The dictionary defines an aerialist as some- one who performs feats in the air, such as a trapeze artist. I would be very surprised if John has been any- where near a trapeze lately (a motorcycle, definitely, though, as both he and especially his wife Priscilla are very proficient . . . *Tnx K2RED*). The same is prob- ably true of a surfboard, even though John’s card also says—in somewhat smaller type—“Surfing the Ionosphere Since 1959.”

When John gave me the card, my first impression was that it was cute—a ham radio twist on trapeze artists and surfers (whether of ocean waves or the internet). It wasn’t until a few weeks later when I was looking up Thor Heyerdahl and *Kon-Tiki* that I realized the significance of John’s card. What do John and Thor have in common?

If you look at this month’s QRP column (which I cer- tainly hope you will), you’ll see that N6GA is starting out with a low-power rig that was inspired by the radio gear aboard the raft, *Kon-Tiki*. For those who weren’t around ham radio in the 1940s and ’50s, Thor Heyerdahl was an adventurer who had a theory that islands in the South Pacific could have been settled by people sailing from South America in rafts. To prove his point, Heyerdahl went to Peru and built a raft, which he named *Kon-Tiki*, from materials that might have been available a few thousand years ago, and set sail for Polynesia. His one concession to modernity was putting radio gear—ham radio gear—aboard the raft.

Cam, N6GA, was looking for a suitable illustration to accompany his column. I remembered seeing pho- tos of the *Kon-Tiki* in some back issue of *CQ*. In searching the archives, I eventually found the perfect photo (you can see it on page 53), but I also came across an editorial by my predecessor, K2EEK, from January 1991 that put all of this in perspective.

Alan wrote that when he was a kid, for about \$50 (a lot more then than now!), “you could actually (for real, no fooling) listen in and follow along with Thor Heyerdahl aboard the *Kon-Tiki* as he sailed from Peru to Tahiti.” The company selling that \$50 radio, he said, was selling more than a radio; it was selling a dream. “My imagination,” Alan wrote, “was taking me back to the deck of the *Kon-Tiki* where Thor and I are lash- ing things down as waves break across the bow.”

Alan continued, “The key words describing ama- teur radio for me and some of my friends who became amateurs at the same time are imagination and adventure, the adventure being someplace far away.”

The point of Alan’s editorial 21 years ago was that we need to find ways to perpetuate the sense of imag- ination and adventure as selling tools for our hobby. That’s when my mind flashed on WØUN’s card: Aerialist; Surfing the Ionosphere. *Imagination and adventure*.

My mind also flashed to the amateur satellite col- umn in this month’s issue of our sister magazine, *WorldRadio Online*. In it, Terry Douds, N8KI, writes about a team of folks at the University of Surrey in

England, including AMSAT-UK, who are adapting video game technology—specifically the 3D spatial awareness technology of the XBOX Kinect game con- troller—to develop tiny satellites that can be com- manded to dock with each other in orbit and to build themselves into larger modular satellites. The possi- bilities are endless—beyond satellites that can build themselves in orbit; it could be possible to send up a module with newer technology (or fresh batteries) to replace older modules; sending up a new experiment to replace one that’s been completed; changing com- ponents of an on-board amateur radio station.

Imagination and adventure ... still alive and well in amateur radio, still selling the dream of using tech- nology to communicate, as Alan put it, between Point A and Point B, especially when Point B is someplace far away. Earth orbit certainly qualifies as far away. So let’s keep dreaming, let’s keep turning dreams into reality, and let’s keep selling ham radio’s dream of *imagination and adventure* on the airwaves.

Another Goodbye

Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF, in “Newslines,” labels Silent Key stories as “The Changing of the Guard.” It seems that we are in the middle of a large-scale changing of the guard at the moment, as it feels like every month, I am noting the passing of another leader in our hobby. This month, it’s Gene Zimmerman, W3ZZ.

In addition to being a Ph.D. microbiologist with a distinguished career at the National Institutes of Health, Gene was a major-league VHF DXer and con- taster, a long-time member of the CQ Contest Committee, a columnist for *CQ Contest* magazine back in the day, a former CQ World-Wide VHF Contest Director (he reorganized the contest to its current for- mat), and VHF columnist for *QST* for nearly a decade. His knowledge and expertise covered the full spec- trum (and not just the RF spectrum).

N6CL talks more about Gene in his “VHF-Plus” col- umn this month on page 80, but from my perspective, Gene was one of those go-to guys on whom you could always depend for help with something or to give you straight answers when they were hard to come by from other sources. Gene was a wise and valued counselor on many topics well beyond the scope of VHF contesting. He was also my secret weapon when starting up *CQ VHF* back in the mid-90s. I went to my first VHF conference to try to round up writers, know- ing no one, but having been told to look for Gene. I remember walking up to him at the Friday evening social hour, introducing myself, and telling him what we were up to. We started talking, and within minutes it was like we’d known each other for years.

Gene immediately took me under his wing, gave me unsolicited (but excellent) advice on what should be in the magazine, and introduced me to all the key people in the VHF weak-signal portion of our hobby. It was also the start of a 15+ year friendship.

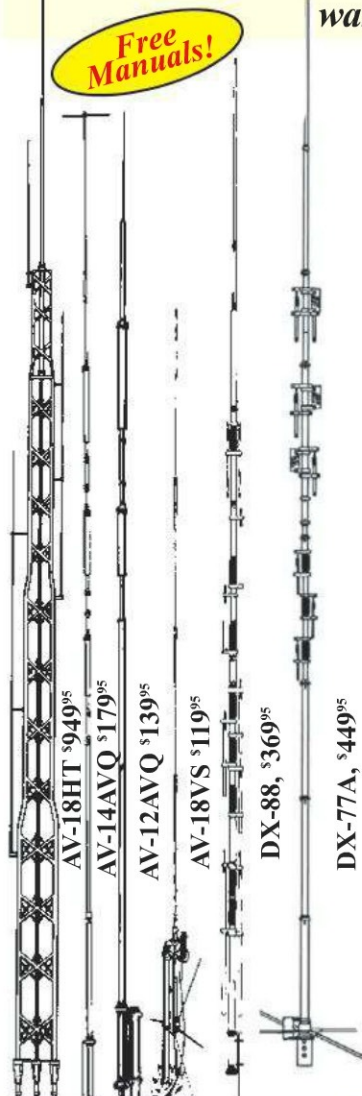
Gene will be remembered for his encyclopedic knowledge, his sense of humor, his total lack of pre- tentiousness, and his ongoing crusade for the high- est ethical standards in everything with which he got involved. It was an honor to be Gene’s friend and I (along with the rest of the amateur radio community) will miss him greatly.

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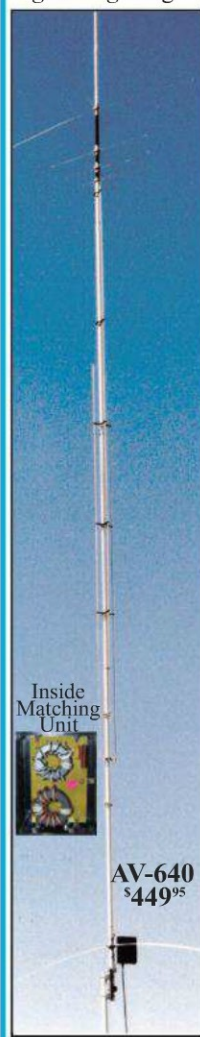
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COLUMBUS, OHIO — Voice of Aladdin Amateur Radio Club, W8FEZ, and the Ohio Section-ARRL Columbus Hamfest and ARRL Ohio State Convention, August 4 at the Aladdin Shrine Center. Website: <<http://www.aladdinshrine.org/hamfest.htm>> or <<http://arriohio.org>>. (Talk-in 146.970 [PL 123.0]; exams).

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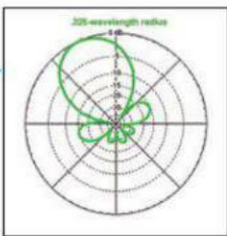
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The Dayton Hamvention® is SO big that you might want to consider going bicycle mobile just to make your way around! That's what Keith, KA9RSL, did. Of course, then we'd need bike lanes... (Photos by W2VU)

Here's our annual trek through the halls of Hara Arena to find out what new products were introduced at this year's Dayton Hamvention®.

“On Safari” at the 2012 Dayton Hamvention®

Part I: What's New in Transceivers, Receivers, and Amplifiers

BY RICHARD FISHER,* KI6SN

As has been the *CQ* tradition for lo' these many years, our team of intrepid reporters struck out on the *CQ* New Products Safari late Saturday afternoon and early Sunday at the 2012 Dayton Hamvention®.

CQ Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU, led the excursion with camera in hand. While we did not come across King Kong or Fay Wray (but who was that screaming?), there was a lot of new stuff to see, some of it cloaked in mystery . . .

The Hamvention is huge, so we're covering transceivers, receivers, and amplifiers this month. Antennas and accessories will be featured in the September issue. Due to the

number of new rigs introduced, we have space here for only the most basic information.

Kenwood TS-990S HF/50 MHz Transceiver

There was a flurry of activity, curiosity, and a bit of mystery in Kenwood USA's booth where its soon-to-be-released TS-990S transceiver was on display—under glass. There were no promotional hand-outs. The radio's details were verbally delivered by Kenwood's Phil Parton, N4DRO.

This is the company's latest top-of-the-line radio that's expected to be ready for shipping sometime in November. Here are some of the TS-990's marquee features:

- Dual TFT (thin film transistor) display

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Kenwood TS-990 HF/6m transceiver

- Dual receivers
- 5 to 200 watts power output
- SSB, CW, FSK, PSK, FM, AM
- HF through 50-MHz coverage
- Built-in switching power supply
- Built-in antenna tuner
- COM port, USB A/B port, and LAN port

“The sub receiver is a TS-590S, so it’s mainly down conversion,” Parton told onlookers huddled several deep. “The main receiver is complete down-conversion.”

Five roofing filters are featured in the main band. There are three 32-bit DSP processors, plus a DVI (digital visual interface) connector on the back of the ’990S, multiple USB ports, and optical IN and OUT. Parton said FCC acceptance is expected in August, adding that “The price (will be) somewhere between \$5,000 and \$10,000 ... but at the same time, we say \$10,000 is too much for anyone’s top-of-the-line product. Shipping is expected by Thanksgiving.”

A case for Sherlock Holmes? Perhaps, or we’ll just have to wait until November. **(INFORMATION:** For updates on pricing and availability, visit <http://www.KenwoodUSA.com>)

Yaesu FT-DX 3000 HF/50 MHz Transceiver

In the high-stakes game of top-performing amateur radio transceivers, Yaesu is in with its new 100-watt FT-DX 3000, covering HF and 50 MHz. Its Dayton display unit was under glass, as well.

This slimmed-down version of the FT-DX 5000 has a single down-conversion 9-MHz first IF receiver with roofing filters at bandwidths of 300 Hz (optional), 600 Hz, and 3 kHz, providing “superior close-in dynamic range.”



Yaesu FT-DX 3000 HF/6m transceiver

“The RF amplifier has optimized NF (noise figure) points, and the oversized wide-range RF transformer exhibits minimum saturation in strong signal processing,” according to Yaesu. “This new radio has the high dynamic range IP3 (third-order distortion) performance that was realized and proven in the FT-DX 5000.”

The FT-DX 3000 has a 32-bit high-speed floating decimal DSP with a maximum 2800 MIPS (million instructions per second) as well as an Auto-Notch digital noise filter, Contour DSP, and APF (all pass filter) signal processing.

Its high-resolution color LCD display is 3.5 inches wide, displaying operating information as well as a high-speed spectrum scope. Other FT-DX 3000 features include:

- Built-in receiver amplifier for 50 MHz
- Three antenna connectors, with capability of assigning one to “RX Only”
- Signal output for an external receiver
- 9-MHz IF output
- High-speed automatic antenna tuner built-in
- Optional μ -tune unit
- USB Interface

(INFORMATION: <http://www.yaesu.com>)

FLEX-6000 Series Transceivers with SmartSDR™

Dayton was FlexRadio’s showcase for introducing its FLEX-6000 Series transceivers with SmartSDR™ software.

What’s new in these high-end software-defined radios are capabilities involving direct digital reception, transmission, and networking. The key, FlexRadio says, is SmartSDR™, which “takes complex hardware and software and makes it elegant and simple to use. As smart phones and tablets have made computing devices accessible to the masses, the SmartSDR™ architecture truly delivers on software-defined radios for the masses.”

Built in is a graphical interface “that is easy to learn and use” via multiple high-resolution, real-time spectral displays. “Intuitive controls are hidden from view to minimize clutter, yet are instantly available when needed.”

FlexRadio says, “Just plug the radio into an antenna, power supply, and network, load the SmartSDR™ software on your existing PC, and operate.”

Each ’6000-series SDR has a 1-Gb Ethernet port for communicating with existing PCs or future display platforms.



FlexRadio pulled out all the stops to introduce the new Flex-6000 series of software-defined radios.

"Initial software enables operation within the home-network domain."

On receive, digital down conversion (DDC) of the signal at RF "virtually eliminates the performance limitation inherent in legacy superheterodyne roofing-filter-based transceivers," Flex data says. Direct digital receivers "are simply quieter and less fatiguing to listen to over long periods of time."

The FLEX-6700 transceiver and 6700-R receiver each "allow creation of up to eight independent 'slice receivers,' providing reception from 0.03 to 77 MHz and 135 to 165 MHz. The FLEX-6500 allows up to four slice receivers tuning from 0.03 to 77 MHz. "Each slice receiver can provide independent spectral display of up to 384 kHz," says Flex.

(**INFORMATION:** <<http://www.FlexRadio.com>>)

Yaesu FT1D 144/430 MHz Dual-Band Digital Transceiver

The Yaesu FT1D portable digital transceiver is the first dual-band digital/analog amateur transceiver developed with advanced C4FM (Continuous 4-level FM) FDMA (Frequency Division Multiple Access) digital technology "for a lower BER (bit error rate), resulting in stable communications without interruptions during mobile operations, even in a rapidly moving vehicle."

Features include: AF dual monitor, water-spray resistance (IPX5), large dot-matrix LCD, built-in GPS and antenna, GPS Logger, vibrate alert function, internal AM ferrite-bar antenna, and wideband receive. It is not compatible with D-STAR.

The Yaesu FT1D can achieve a data transfer rate of 9.6 kbps and is capable of switching between digital and analog communications with the press of a button.

A Short Message feature—a maximum of 80 alphanumeric characters—allows the operator to send a short message to group members simultaneously. With the optional MH-85A11U hand microphone, a digital image (essentially a snapshot) can be taken and transmitted, but cannot be viewed on the FT1D's screen due to LCD limitations. The image data includes the time and the GPS location of the snapshot. A Micro SD card can be installed for additional data storage.

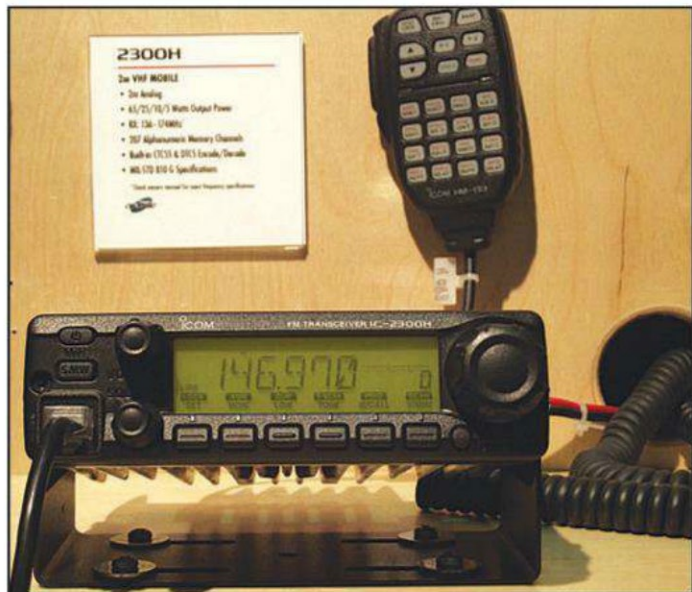
Also, an E-GPS function makes it possible to display the direction and distance to the other station. A back-track feature shows the direction and distance needed to return to your previous location.

(**INFORMATION:** <<http://www.yaesu.com>>)

ICOM IC-2300H 2-Meter FM Mobile Transceiver

The latest newsmaker in ICOM's evolution of 2-meter FM mobile transceivers is the IC-2300H, a physically smaller cousin to the company's popular IC-2200H.

The IC-2300H "retains the same basic features of the IC-2200H: 65 watts output, simple-to-use user interface, built-



ICOM's IC-2300 offers all the features of the popular FT-2200 in a smaller radio.

in CTCSS and DTCS encoder/decoder, and so on. But it is packed in a smaller body than the IC-2200H," says ICOM. This new transceiver is 1.37 inches shorter in depth than the '2200H.

Rugged? The '2300H has been tested to the latest MIL-STD-810 G, including the rigors of shock, vibration, and temperature. It is housed in an aluminum die-cast chassis that "provides effective heat dissipation and keeps RF output even during high-duty-cycle continuous transmission," ICOM notes. Depending on the transceiver version, output power can be selected in four steps: 65, 25, 10, and 5 watts.

Current IC-2200H users will find the IC-2300H operation quite familiar. The transceivers have a similar panel layout and user interface. The bottom of the display indicates the available functions of the front-panel buttons which are directly below the display.

The IC-2300H has a 70.6 by 20 mm LCD display with six large alphanumeric characters "offering a good viewing angle suitable for mobile operation," ICOM says. "The backlight color of the display is selectable from amber, yellow, and green for your visual enjoyment."

There are 207 memory channels in the IC-2300H, including 200 regular channels, 6 scan edges, and 1 call channel. The channel name is programmable with six characters for easy recognition.

(**INFORMATION:** <<http://www.icomamerica.com>>)

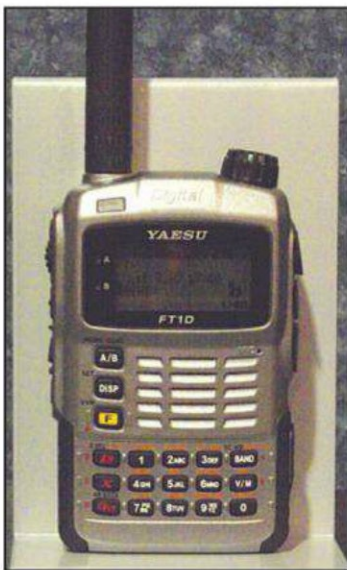
MFJ Enterprises MFJ-9417 17-Meter SSB Travel Radio

MFJ Enterprises has introduced another in its series of SSB Travel Radios with the MFJ-9417 for 17 meters, covering 18.08 to 18.17 MHz.

It features a single-conversion receiver and MFJ's ConstantCurrent™ speech processor in its transmit design.

The radio features "a quiet double-balanced-mixer front end, single-conversion clarity, and plenty of gain," an analog S-meter, eight poles of IF filtering, and a "smooth VFO—no annoying synthesizer jump or obscure keypad commands to deal with."

The '9417 puts out a full watt of audio through a 3-inch speaker, and its RF output transistor "easily tolerates 3:1 VSWR and feedline shorts or opens."



The FT-1D is Yaesu's first entry into the digital voice arena, presenting an alternative to D-STAR.

The radio draws 50–100 milliamperes on receive and 1.2 amperes peak on transmit at 13.8 VDC. The case measures 2.5 inches high, 6.5 inches wide, and 6 inches deep.

The MFJ-9417 is \$259.95. (Note: To add code capability, the optional MFJ-415B CW module must be installed, providing semi-QSK break-in and sidetone. It is \$49.95.)

(**INFORMATION:** <<http://www.MFJEnterprises.com>>)

MFJ Enterprises MFJ-9412 12-Meter Adventure Radio™

Designed specifically for outdoor operation, MFJ Enterprises's new 12-meter MFJ-9412 Adventure Radio covers 24.890–24.990 MHz with 20 watts SSB and CW PEP output.

All Adventure series radios feature MFJ's Constant Current™ speech processing and single-conversion super-heterodyne receivers with a low-noise front end and double-balanced mixer, as well as a 2.3-kHz crystal ladder filter.

The radio has an analog S-meter that doubles as a speech-processing level monitor, analog tuning, one-half watt of audio from the '9412's 3.5-inch top-mount speaker, and a solid-state FET switch to key an external amplifier.

Adventure Radios are “energy efficient, operating from a 2-ampere AC supply (3 amps for the model '9410) or from a 12-volt battery.” The '9412 case measures 2.5 inches high, 6.5 inches wide, and 6 inches deep.

The MFJ-9412 is \$279.95. (Note: To add code capability, the optional MFJ-416 CW module for Adventure rigs must be installed. It is \$49.95.)

(**INFORMATION:** <<http://www.MFJEnterprises.com>>)

QRP Radios

Ten-Tec Argonaut VI QRP Transceiver

Harkening to the company's classic Argonaut series QRP radios dating to the last millennium, Ten-Tec will soon be releasing its Argonaut VI transceiver, delivering from 1 to 10 watts of RF power output.

Capable of CW, LSB, USB, and AM operation, the Argo VI has a double-conversion receiver with typical sensitivity of less than 1 microvolt, a dynamic range of 91 dB, 100 DSP filters from 100 Hz, and an RIT (receiver incremental tuning) range of ±8.2 kHz. The front-panel display is a multi-color backlit LCD. The radio has 100 memories.

The Argonaut VI covers 160 through 10 meters—with the exception of 60 and 12 meters—and runs on 9.5 to 14 VDC, drawing 550 milliamperes of current on receive and 3 amperes on transmit at its full 10-watt output power.

There are two independent VFOs for single or split operation, and frequency stability is measured by Ten-Tec to be



Ten-Tec continues its classic Argonaut QRP line with the new Argonaut VI.

±/-5ppm (parts per million). Ten-Tec says the Argonaut VI will be priced “under \$1,000.”

(**INFORMATION:** <<http://www.TenTec.com>>)

LNR Precision FX-2 QRP CW Transceiver

Perhaps best known as supplier of PAR EndFedz® antennas, LNR Precision introduced its two-band QRP CW transceiver at Dayton—the FX-2.

“This introductory-level radio is ideal for those who need portability or the convenience of a small lightweight radio,” the company says. It covers both the 30- and 40-meter bands.

Weighing just over 10 ounces, the radio is housed in a “trail-friendly” cabinet 4 inches wide, 2.375 inches tall and 1.5 inches deep. The FX-2 is rated at 3 watts output on 30 meters and 4.5 on 40 from a 13.8-VDC power source. It is “small,



The FX-2 transceiver from LNR.

lightweight, great for backpacking, and perfect for portable use,” LNR says. “Please note that the FX-2 is targeted primarily at straight key users.” The current version does not fully support iambic keying. Functions and frequency read-out are via digital display.

(**INFORMATION:** <<http://LNRprecision.com>>)

Hendricks QRP Kits TwoFer-Plus CW Transmitter

The Hendricks QRP Kits TwoFer-Plus is a simple single-band, crystal-controlled QRP CW transmitter that can be ordered for 40, 30, or 20 meters.

The Two-Fer was a classic transmitter design promoted by QRP Amateur Radio Club International in the 1980s. The Hendricks design has been updated and modernized to meet FCC spectral purity specifications.

The kits come with crystals in the QRP region of the band. The TwoFer-Plus power output is about 1 watt via a 2N3053 final transistor.

(**INFORMATION:** <<http://www.QRPkits.com>>)

Hendricks SMK-2 40-Meter CW Transceiver with Switched Crystal Board

The SMK-2 is a fully functional 40-meter transceiver kit built with surface-mount components. It has an independently tuned transmitter and direct-conversion receiver. The radio features “full break-in transmit with sidetone, and a modest 350 mW output.” The crystal VXO receiver allows about 3 kHz+ tuning range on the crystal frequency.

(**INFORMATION:** <<http://www.QRPkits.com>>)

Hendricks KD1JV Tri-Band QRP CW Transceiver

Steve Weber, KD1JV, is a familiar face in the QRP kit arena.

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He has designed the Tri-Band QRP Transceiver, a new addition to the Hendricks QRP Kits line. It covers any three ham bands, 80, 40, 30, 20, 17, or 15 meters (choose at time of order), produces 5 watts output on all bands with 13.8V supply, and features a built-in iambic keyer with 5- to 40-wpm code speed.

The transceiver draws 90 milliamperes of current on receive (no signal) and 600 to 800 on transmit at 5 watts output. (Higher bands draw more current.) The Hendricks KD1JV Tri-Band transceiver is \$200, plus shipping.

(**INFORMATION:** <<http://www.QRPkits.com>>)

Hendricks Ft. Tuthill 160-Meter QRP Transceiver

The Hendricks QRP Kits Ft. Tuthill 160-Meter QRP Transceiver is the next radio in evolution stemming from the Ft. Tuthill 15-Meter Transceiver.

Hendricks lists the 1.8-MHz's radio with the caveat that measurements were taken from prototypes, so "some variance in performance is expected from unit to unit."

The radio's direct-conversion receiver tunes in two ranges, high and low, from 1.8 to 1.88+ MHz. Current drain on receive is about 29 milliamperes at 12VDC (without the optional digital dial).

Receiver bandwidth is approximately 600 to 700 Hz with an MDS sensitivity of -116 dBm at 700 Hz. Third-order distortion (IP3) is +25 dBm. It has a blocking dynamic range (BDR) of about 100 dB (as limited by the CW filter response). RIT tuning range is about + 2.5/-6.5 kHz from the transmit "spot" frequency. On transmit, power output is about 3.5 to 4 watts at 13.8VDC. "At full transmit power, harmonic suppression exceeds FCC specifications," Hendricks says.

(**INFORMATION:** <<http://www.QRPkits.com>>)

... and Amplifiers for QRO

Ten-Tec 418 100-Watt Solid-State Linear Amplifier

With 5 watts of RF input drive the Ten-Tec Model 418 linear amplifier will produce 100 watts output on 160 through 6 meters, the company announced.

Output power and SWR are displayed on a large, front-panel LCD that is color adjustable. The amplifier features automatic or manual band selection "for worry-free operation." It can be bypassed with the flip of a switch, and there is a manual switch that allows the operator to change between two HF antennas.

There is "automatic sensing of 6-meter input," as well, according to Ten-Tec. "When a 6-meter signal is sensed, the 6-meter antenna port is automatically selected."

(**INFORMATION:** <<http://www.TenTec.com>>)



Ten-Tec's new Model 418 amplifier

Tokyo Hy-Power HL-2500fx Linear Amplifier

The HL-2500fx, promoted by Tokyo Hy-Power for its light weight and compactness, is a 1.5-kW solid-state linear amplifier covering 160 through 6 meters. Modes include SSB, CW, and RTTY from drive power of up to 100 watts. Six THP2933 MOSFET transistors are at the amplifier's output. It is capable of full QSK (break-in) operation.

The unit measures 14.6 inches wide, 5.7 inches high, and 16.5 inches deep. Its front-mounted LCD screen displays current band setting and any faults encountered by the amplifier. There are also two front-mounted meters. One continually displays the power (forward) output. The second meter is selectable via the front-mounted meter switch to display Power Reflected (PR), idle voltage to the MOSFETS (VD), transmitting current of the MOSFETS (ID), and ALC voltage.

Additional front-mounted controls include an automatic/manual band switch to select the mode of band switching, and a rotary band-selector switch to change the bands while in manual band-switch mode. Four LED indicators show: On Air, Fan Fault, Id/High current, and Protection/Fault indicator.

(**INFORMATION:** <<http://www.TokyoHyPower.com>>)

Tokyo Hy-Power HL-165Vcx 2-Meter Amplifier

So you're on 2-meters and want to add some *oomph* to your 5-, 10-, or 20-watt transceiver. Has Tokyo Hy-Power got the



Tokyo Hy-Power introduced several new amplifiers at Dayton, including the HL-2500 FX (see text), the HL-1500 AT, and the HL-1000 Marine, intended for MARS use.

boots for you! Its HL-165V_{kx} linear power amplifier can boost your output to as high as 150 watts on FM, SSB, or CW, depending on how much power you're using for drive.

When powered with 13.8VDC, 5 watts of drive will result in 90 watts out across the 2-meter band. With 10 watts drive, you'll get 130. For full 150-watt output, provide 20 watts drive.

This is a physically small amplifier, measuring 7.1 inches wide, 2.7 inches high, 10 inches deep. The HL-165V_{kx} has a built-in receiver pre-amp, as well.

(**INFORMATION:** <<http://www.TokyoHyPower.com>>)

Tokyo Hy-Power HL-355V_{kx} 2-Meter Linear Amplifier

For even higher power on the 2-meter band, Tokyo Hy-Power has introduced its HL-355V_{kx} 300-watt linear power amplifier. Covering 144 to 148 MHz, it will amplify CW, SSB, or FM RF inputs from 5 to 50 watts to produce up to 300 watts of RF output.

The company says it's an amplifier designed for DX contacts and EME experimentation. The cabinet measures 8.3 inches wide, 4.5 inches high, and 13.4 inches deep.

(**INFORMATION:** <<http://www.TokyoHyPower.com>>)

Tokyo Hy-Power HL-130UK_{fx} 440 MHz Amplifier

Like its lower-frequency cousin, the Tokyo-Hy-Power HL-130U_{kx} 70-cm RF amplifier is capable of giving low-power radios a bigger voice on the band—in this case up to 120 watts on 430 to 450 MHz. Provide 5 watts input on FM, SSB, or CW and you'll send 70 watts to the antenna. With 10 watts drive you'll get 100, and with 20 watts you get the full 120-watt output.

Like the '165V_{kx}, the HL-130U_{kx} is compact (7.1 inches wide, 2.7 inches high, and 10 inches deep), is RF key and PTT activated, and features standard SO-239 coaxial connectors as well as a low-noise GsAs FET receiver pre-amp.

(**INFORMATION:** <<http://www.TokyoHyPower.com>>)

Tokyo Hy-Power HL-250U_{kx} UHF Linear Amplifier

If 120 watts isn't enough for you on 70 centimeters, the Tokyo Hy-Power HL-250U_{kx} is a UHF linear amplifier capable of delivering up to 220 watts on 430 to 450 MHz. It has a built-in receiver pre-amplifier, as well.

Handling CW, SSB, and FM, the '250U_{kx} will put out 50 watts with 5

watts of drive; 120 watts with 20 watts of drive, and 220 watts with the maximum 50 watts of drive.

Tokyo Hy-Power says the amplifier was designed for either base station or mobile operation.

(**INFORMATION:** <<http://www.TokyoHyPower.com>>)

M² 2M-1K2 2-Meter Amplifier

The heart of M² Antenna Systems' new 2-meter 2M-1K2 power amplifier is a

solitary component: "A very rugged LDMOSFET, rated at 1,250 watts output!" the company says.

Designed by Ken Holladay, K6HCP, "the 1K2 amplifier is beautiful in its simplicity," M² notes. "We have combined our 'state of the art' amplifier with a built-in, 92-percent efficient Powergate 2,400-watt switching supply." Covering 144 to 148 MHz, with power supply the 1K2 weighs 20.5 lbs. As an option, the amplifier and power supply are offered separately, as well.



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Two temperature-controlled whisper fans cool the finned LDMOSFET heat sink, cycling on and off as needed. A third, smaller fan cools the tank circuit components.

(INFORMATION: <<http://www.m2inc.com>>)

Receive-Only...

GRE PSR-900B Scanner

Scanner fanatics will want to be sure to check out GRE's new PSR-900B, offering "amazing capability along with ease of use," the company promises.

Covering 25–54, 108–136.99, 137–174, 216–512, 764–781.99, 791–798.99, 806–960 (excluding cellular bands), and 1240–1300 MHz, "this radio comes with a 2GB SD card preloaded with U.S. and Canadian public service frequencies. You automatically program your scanner merely by entering your zip code or city. It handles analog and digital systems, including APCO 25."

The radio's detachable control head magnetically fastens to the head bracket for ease of installation and use in vehicles.

(INFORMATION: Visit <<http://www.GREAmerica.com>> or Universal Radio <<http://www.Universal-Radio.com>>)

GRE PSR-110 Auto Racing Scanner

To be fully engaged in auto racing, fans need to tune into the action via VHF radio. GRE's new PSR-110 will get you onto the track and into the pits. It comes preprogrammed with six major race series: Champ Car, ARCA Re/Max, Indy Racing, Craftsman Truck, Busch Series, and Nextel Cup.

"It features keypad, a backlit LCD, an MRN (Motor Racing Network) button, a favorites button, and is mobile phone compatible," officials said. It has two LCD screens. "There is a full, multi-line alphanumeric on the front and there is one on the top to show the number of the monitored race car!"



Don't head for the track without GRECom's PSR-110 racing scanner. It's pre-programmed for all the major auto racing series, and it also lets you hook up dual headsets, complete with intercom and a cellphone connection so you can also take calls while monitoring a race.

Because of its racing specialization, the PSR-110 "will not tune other traditional scanner bands such as police, fire, weather, amateur, and so on. Please note that audio is only provided to a dual (two person) earphone jack (no speaker)."

(INFORMATION: See links above for PSR-900B)

GRE PSR-120 Scanner

Here's a scanner that 'bout covers it all—the GRE PSR-120 handheld. With 300 memory channels, this handheld receiver covers: 25–54, 88–108, 108–174, 380–512, 806–823.9875, 849–868.9875, 894–960, 1240–1300 MHz. Twenty of the memories are for the FM broadcast band. In addition, five pre-programmed band searches are available (marine, fire/police, air, amateur radio, and weather).

Among the '120's features are a backlit display, lockout, priority channel, keypad, CTCSS/DCS decode, spectrum sweep, and BNC antenna.

The PSR-120 comes with a flexible BNC antenna, manual, belt clip, and AC adapter. It requires three AA cells (not supplied). There is a switch in the battery compartment that allows you to operate the radio with either alkaline or NiMH cells. The PSR-120 measures 2.675 by 4.635 inches by 1.2 inches and weighs 7 ounces.

(INFORMATION: See links above for PSR-900B)

Coming Up ...

Next month we'll feature the new antennas and accessories we found on safari at the Dayton Hamvention®.

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M-600 Meter sold separately

NEW! AT-600Proll

Building on the success of the AT-600Pro, LDG Electronics has refined and expanded the model with an optional external 4.5" analog meter. The new AT-600Proll keeps many of the same features of the previous model, but simplifies the operation. With the two-position antenna switch, there are 2,000 memories that store tuning parameters for almost instantaneous memory recall whenever you transmit on or near a frequency you've used before. Includes six-foot DC power cable.

Suggested Price \$369.99; Optional M-600 external analog meter \$129.99



M-1000 Meter sold separately

AT-1000Proll

LDG Electronics' new flagship 1KW tuner features: 5 to 1,000 Watts PEP; RF Sensing; Auto and Semi Tuning Modes; 1.8 to 54 MHz range; 6 to 800 ohm range (15 to 150 on 6M); simplified operation; and an optional external 4.5" analog meter. With the two-position antenna switch, there are 2,000 memories that store tuning parameters for almost instantaneous memory recall whenever you transmit on or near a frequency you've used before. Includes six-foot DC power cable.

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AT-100Proll

This desktop tuner covers all frequencies from 1.8-54 MHz (including 6 meters), and will automatically match your antenna in no time. It features a two-position antenna switch with LEDs, allowing you to switch instantly between two antennas. The AT-100Proll requires just 1 watt for operation, but will handle up to 125 watts. Includes six-foot DC power cable.

Suggested Price \$229.99



- RF Sensing
- Tunes Automatically
- No Interface Cables Needed

AT-200Proll

The AT-200Proll now includes LEDs to show antenna position and if the tuner is in bypass. A two-position antenna switch stores 2,000 memories per switch. Handles up to 250 watts SSB or CW on 1.8 to 30 MHz and 100 watts on 54 MHz. Rugged and easy to read LED bar graphs simultaneously show RF power and SWR. Includes a six-foot DC power cable.

Suggested Price \$259.99

Z-100Plus



Small and simple to use, the Z-100Plus sports 2,000 memories that store both frequency and tuning parameters. It will run on any voltage source from 7 to 18 volts; six AA batteries will run it for a year of normal use. Current draw while tuning is less than 100ma. The Z-100Plus now includes an internal frequency counter so the operating frequency is stored with tuning parameters to make memory tunes a blazingly fast 0.1 seconds; full tunes take an average of only 6 seconds. Includes six-foot DC power cable.

Suggested Price \$159.99



Z-11Proll

Designed from the ground up for battery operation. Only 5" x 7.7" x 1.5", and weighing only 1.5 pounds, it handles 0.1 to 125 watts, making it ideal for both QRP and standard 100 watt transceivers from 160 through 6 meters. The Z-11Proll uses LDG's state-of-the-art, processor-controlled, Switched-L tuning network. It will match dipoles, verticals, inverted-Vs, or virtually any coax-fed antenna. With an optional LDG balun, it will also match longwires or antennas fed with ladder-line. Includes six-foot DC power cable.



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Z-817

The ultimate autotuner for QRP radios including the Yaesu FT-817(D). 2,000 memories cover 160 through 6 meters. Also functions as a general purpose antenna tuner with other QRP radios. Just transmit a carrier and press the Tune button on the tuner. Powered by four AA internal alkaline batteries (not included), so there are no additional cables required.

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Results of the 2011 CQ WW DX SSB Contest

BY BOB COX,* K3EST

Expanded Results on the Web

Editor's Note: Having so many logs submitted for the CQ WW SSB Contest is great, but it does put a squeeze on space. In order to assure that the efforts of all entrants are recognized through the publication of complete line scores, certain other elements of our contest reporting have been moved to the CQ website. Please visit the CQWW DX Contest page (follow the links from <www.cq-amateur-radio.com>) for QRM, expanded top scores listings, and more. —W2VU

The radio conditions during the 2011 CQ WW DX SSB Contest were the best of the new cycle. The long-awaited cycle 24 finally showed real life. Contesters from all over the world turned on their rigs. What did they find? A dream contest unfolded over the weekend. Conditions went beyond expectations. If you listened on 10 meters, you found the band wall to wall with contesters from below 28.3 to above 29.2 MHz. It was a full megahertz of guys and gals having the time of their lives. After months of planning, building, and practicing, thousands of contesters took full advantage of the smiling ionosphere. It was a good time to introduce new contesters to the real fun of contesting. GM2T took up the challenge: "We introduced three new people to contesting—MM0VPR, MM6INS, and MM6KLZ. They were certainly buzzing after the contest. I think we converted them."

Reported here are the final results of the world's largest phone radio contest. Read on to see how you and your friends ended up. Everyone who operated the CQ WW last year was a winner.

High Power

Taking full advantage of his unique location in Morocco, Jim, W7EJ took CN2R to the world top spot. High power All Band traditionally has been the most prestigious category. Jim worked lots of 3-pointers from his Africa location. Not very far behind in second place was Juan, EA8CAC, operating EF8R. Juan averaged 194 QSOs/hour! Third place world and first place in Europe was Tonno, ES5TV guest operating from 4O3A. Taking second place in Europe and sixth in the world was Toni, OH2UA operating from the Azores as CR2X. From Luxembourg, Philippe, LX2A took LX7I to third place in Europe and ninth place world. Setting a new USA record, Doug, K1DG put his considerable skills to work to take the USA top position. He made over 9 million points! After years in the top ten, Mike, W9RE reached a new level of excellence by taking second place USA from

Indiana. Mike said, "Best rates I have ever had in 40 years of contesting!" Third place was taken by Steve, N2IC/5 located way out in New Mexico. Mike and Steve broke the long held NE USA winning pattern. The top west coast score was WC6H operated by Tim, NU6S. Very close races were seen between A61EE and A65EE and AC2AI/KH2 and WH2X. Other worthy efforts were: ZD8O (N5ZO), VU2PAI, 5Z4EE, J28RO, Z21BB, 8Q7DV, PJ5/SO6X, EY7AD, 9M2CQC, PZ5MM, A61EE, A65EE, TK5KP, GZ5Y, 9M6YBG, ZK2X, RI1ANC, and DU9RG. All had excellent scores from interesting locations.

The continental winners were: North America VE2IM; Africa CN2R; Asia UP0L; Europe 4O3A; Oceania NH7A; South America P40W; Japan JA0JHA (new Japan record); U.S. K1DG (new US record).

Low Power

Anyone can enter the low power category. Just turn on your transceiver and get on the air. This means that this category has the most entrants of any CQ WW category.

The top position in the world went to Wolf, OE2VEL operating from the EA8ZS plantation. Wolf takes home the world high trophy. Operating from beautiful Dominican Republic, Ted, HI3TEJ again took world second place. Doing a very fine job from Tunisia and taking third place in the world was 3V8SS operated by Ash, KF5EYY. Lithuania proved the place

to be in Europe—LY9A operated by Gedas, LY3BA won top honors in this tough category. Second place Europe went to low power champion, Manfred, DJ5MW. Taking Europe third place was another Lithuanian station, Remi, LY8O operating near Utena, about 100 km northeast from Vilnius.

This was a special year for low power in the US. Ed, N1UR not only took first place, he set a new US low power record. Moving up to second place was Terry, N4TZ/9 from Indiana. Third place US went to perennial top finisher Marvin, N5AW. Finishing well up in the standing from the far west were Bill K2PO/7, Guy, N7ZG, and Bill, N6RV.

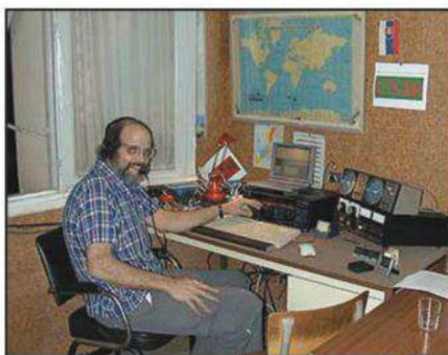
The efforts of Angel, YV5NEA Tony, HC2/KF6ZWD (now HC2AC), Jason, VK2LAW, and Masa, JH4UYB must be recognized. TA2/DL7BC, EK3GM, V51YJ, DV1JM, OD5SSB, HZ1PS, XU7ACY, 5N6/YL2SW, TA1CQ, YC6JRT, VP9I, EE9K, CN8VO, VR2YYW, VU2NKS, EY8AR, and 9M2TO all had excellent scores and handed out great multipliers.

The continental winners were: North America HI3TEJ; Africa EA8ZS; Asia JH4UYB; Europe LY9A; Oceania VK2LAW; South America YV5NEA; Japan JH4UYB; U.S.: N1UR.

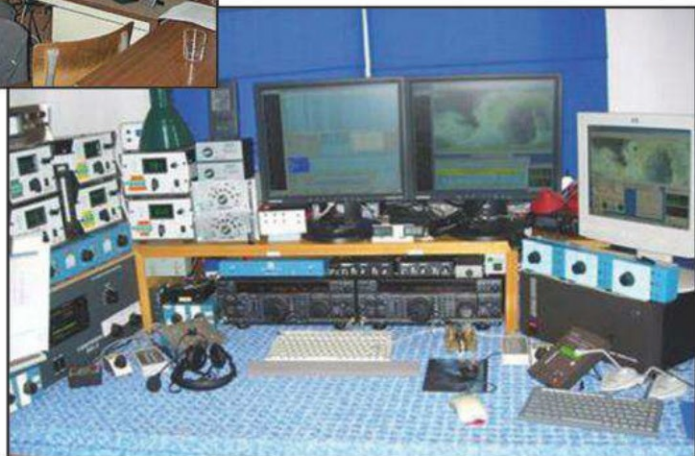
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"Most impressive QSO I had was with E2E. I called him more than 40 minutes, and finally, he responded with 'You are whispering in the silence.' That's the beauty of QRP," said SP5DDJ. The QRP category calls upon an entrant to have the best antenna he can put up, hone SO2R skills, and finally, be lucky. Almost all QSOs by a QRP station are search and pounce. For the first time in a very long time the world scores were from challenging areas.

Coming out on top as world #1 was Randy, ND0C from southwestern Minnesota. He said, "What a blast! 10 meters was unreal: 94 countries and 30 zones with QRP from the 'Black Hole'. I had to force myself to leave 10 meters



Jim, W7EJ, at CN2R, #1 World High Power All Band.



The setup at CN2R, #1 World High Power All Band. →

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2. Namibia	52. Chile	102. Kuwait	152. Iraq
3. USA	53. Argentina	103. Surinam	153. Bahrain
4. Antarctica	54. Venezuela	104. Paraguay	154. Iceland
5. Belgium	55. Mexico	105. Uruguay	155. Balearic Is.
6. Austria	56. Belize	106. Moldova	156. Corsica
7. Luxembourg	57. Peru	107. Cameroon	157. Cocos-Keeling Is.
8. Guatemala	58. Columbia	108. India	158. Guantanamo Bay
9. Germany	59. Australia	109. Madagascar	159. Lebanon
10. Sudan	60. Am. Virgin Is.	110. Guam	160. Revilla Gigedo Is.
11. Canary Islands	61. Dominican Rep.	111. Br. Virgin Is.	161. Sable Island
12. Jamaica	62. Romania	112. Martinique	162. Tajikistan
13. England	63. Panama	113. Dodecanese	163. Mongolia
14. France	64. Norway	114. Sardinia	164. St. Pierre Is.
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22. Poland	72. Cyprus	122. Falkland Is.	172. Liechtenstein
23. Netherlands	73. Estonia	123. Bonaire	173. Liberia
24. Georgia	74. Gambia	124. Montserrat	174. Ethiopia
25. Grenada	75. S. Shetland Is.	125. Cayman Is.	175. Ascension Is.
26. Italy	76. Hawaii	126. Mauritius	176. Thailand
27. Serbia	77. Gibraltar	127. S. Orkney Is.	177. Vietnam
28. Svalbard	78. Rodriguez Is.	128. Aruba	178. Franz Josef Land
29. Japan	79. New Zealand	129. Fr. St. Martin Is.	179. Sierra Leone
30. Dominica	80. Wales	130. Solomon Is.	180. New Caledonia
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32. Nevis Is.	82. Honduras	132. Djibouti	182. W. Malaysia
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Vinichenko, UN9LW) Donor: CQ magazine</p> <p>Japan Akira Minagawa, JA0JHA Donor: Tack Kumagai, JE1CKA</p> <p>Japan Low Power Masaki Masa Okano, JH4UYB Donor: Western Washington DX Club</p> <p>Oceania NH7A (Opr.: James Neiger, N6TJ) Donor: Northern California DX Club</p> <p>South America P40W (Opr.: John Crovelli, W2GD) Donor: Yankee Clipper Contest Club</p>	<p>SINGLE OPERATOR, SINGLE BAND World – 28 MHz ZX5J (Opr.: Sergio Almeida, PP5JR) Donor: Joel Chalmers, KG6DX</p> <p>World – 21 MHz FY5KE (Opr.: Marc Sentuc, F1HAR) Donor: Robert Naumann, W5OV</p> <p>World – 14 MHz Didier Bironneau, FY5FY Donor: North Jersey DX Assn. – K2HLB Memorial</p> <p>World – 7 MHz 4L0A (Opr.: Gia Gvaladze, 4L4WW) Donor: Fred Laun, K3ZO – K7ZZ Memorial</p> <p>World – 3.7 MHz EF8S (Opr.: Leppala Mauri, OH2BYS) Donor: Fred Capossela, K6SSS</p> <p>World – 1.8 MHz Fabio Piccinin, I4FYF Donor: CQ magazine</p> <p>USA – 28 MHz William R. Tippett, II, W4ZV Donor: Donald Thomas, N6DT</p> <p>USA – 21 MHz Patrick Barkey, N9RV7 Donor: 11PM Dayton Pizza Gang</p> <p>USA – 14 MHz Daniel Handa, W7WA Donor: Yankee Clipper Contest Club - KC1F Memorial</p> <p>USA – 7 MHz Danford Kaeo, KF6A/8 Donor: Stanley Cohen, W8QDQ</p> <p>USA – 3.7 MHz Joseph A. Gagliardi, Jr, AA1BU Donor: CQ magazine</p> <p>USA – 1.8 MHz Manuel Fonseca, Jr., W2MF Donor: Glenn Johnson, W0GJ</p> <p>Carib./C.A. (21 MHz) ZF2AH (Opr.: Joseph F. Hynarowski, W6VNR) Donor: Nate Moreschi, N4YDU</p> <p>Carib./C.A. (14 MHz) Low Power Jose C. Vicens, NP4G Donor: Al Crespo, F5VHJ</p> <p>Carib./C.A. Assisted (28 MHz) Alejandro Valdez, XE1EE Donor: CQ magazine</p> <p>Europe – 28 MHz Slaven Galic, E77A Donor: Charles Dietz, W5PR</p> <p>Europe – 21 MHz GI5K (Opr.: Chris Smith, M10LLL) Donor: Tine Brajnik, S50A</p> <p>Europe – 14 MHz Siggi Jakobsson, TF3CW Donor: Charles Wooten, NF4A</p> <p>Europe – 7 MHz TM9R (Opr.: Michel Rousselet, F5FLN) Donor: John Warren, NT5C</p> <p>Europe – 3.7 MHz Steve Cole, GW4BLE Donor: Ted Demopoulos, KT1V</p> <p>Europe – 1.8 MHz Tomislav Polak, 9A2AJ Donor: Robert Kasca, S53R</p> <p>Oceania (28 MHz) Fred K. Honnold, KH7Y Donor: Bruce D. Lee, KD6WW</p> <p>Asia – 14 MHz UP2L (Opr.: Grigory P. Smirnov, UN9LG) Donor: Charles Shinn, W5PG</p>	<p>Carib./C.A. VP5DX (Oprs.: N4KE, AB4UF, N4EPD, NU4Y) Donor: Bob Raymond, WA1Z</p> <p>Africa D4C (Oprs.: I4UFH, IK2NCJ, IZ4DPV, IZ4UEZ, IZ8FWN, IT9SPB, IK1HJS)* Donor: Doc Sayre, W7EW</p> <p>Asia P33W (Oprs.: R3DCX, RV1AW, RW3QC, RW4WR, UA2FZ, RA3AAU, 5B4AIE) Donor: Edward L. Campbell, NX7TT AA6BB and KA6V Memorial</p> <p>Japan JA8RWU (Oprs.: JA8CDT, JA8RWU, JE8KKX, JH8PNE/1, K3EST) Donor: Arizona Outlaws Contest Club</p> <p>Europe TM6M (Oprs.: F1AKK, F4DXW, F5MUX, F5TTU, F8CMF, F8DBF) Donor: Bob Cox, K3EST</p> <p>Oceania KH6MB (Oprs.: AH6NF, AH6S, KH6MB, N8QO, W7TAE, W0CN, WH6R) Donor: Junichi Tanaka, JH4RHF</p> <p>South America PT5T (Oprs.: PP5XX, PP5EG, LU9ESD, LU8EOT, PP5RZ, PP5TR) Donor: Victor Burns, K16IM – The Cuba Libra Contest Club</p> <p>MULTI-OPERATOR, TWO TRANSMITTERS World PW7T (Oprs.: PY3VK, PT7CB, PT7CG, PT7WA, PT7YV, PT7ZT, PY1NX, PY2SEX, PY7RP, PY8AZT) Donor: Array Solutions</p> <p>U.S.A. N1LN/4 (Oprs.: N1LN, N4YDU, W4KAZ, AD4L, KA1ARB, W4DTB, WW4M) Donor: Kimo Chun, KH7U & Mike Gibson, KH6ND Dan Robbins, KL7Y Memorial</p> <p>Europe IR4X (Oprs.: I4AVG, I4EAT, I4TJE, I4VEQ, I4IKW, I4USC, I4YRW, IK4AUU, IK4BOY, IK4ZGO, IZ3EYZ, IZ4AFW, IK2QPR) Donor: Aki Nagi, JA5DQH</p> <p>Oceania AH0BT (Oprs.: W1FPU, W1NDE, KW2X, NA8O) Donor: Japan CQ Ham Radio</p> <p>MULTI-OPERATOR, MULTI-TRANSMITTER World C5A (Oprs.: OK1DIX, OK1DO, OK1FFU, OK1NY, OK1RI, OK1RK, OK8WW/OM2TW, OM5AW, OM6NM) Donor: Dave Leeson, W6NL and Barb Leeson, K6BL</p> <p>U.S.A. K3LR (Oprs.: K3LR, N2NC, N5UM, W3TX, W2RQ, W5OV, K3LA, K8CX, N2NT, K1AR, N3SD, K3UA, DL6LAU, WM2H, N3GJ, LU7DW) Donor: Jim Lawson, W2VP Memorial</p> <p>Europe DR1A (Oprs.: DB6JG, DF6JC, DJ6ET, DJ7EG, DJ7EO, DK6XZ, DL1MGB, DL3ABL, DL3BC, DL3DXX, DL5CW, DL5LYM, DL6FLB, DL8DYL, DL8WPX, DL9DRA, JK3GAD, PA1TX, PC5A) Donor: Finnish Amateur Radio League</p> <p>Japan JA5FDJ (Oprs.: JA5FDJ, JM1UWB, JA5FBZ, JH5FIS, JH5RXS, JJS6MJ, JRSIAH, JR5JAK) Donor: Masahiro Kitagawa, JH3PRR</p> <p>Oceania KH7X Donor: Tack Kumagai, JE1CKA JR2GMC & JA9SSY Memorial</p> <p>CONTEST EXPEDITIONS World Single Operator 8Q7DV (Opr.: Vadim Ovsyannikov, R9DX) Donor: National Capitol DX Assn. Stuart Meyer, W2GHK Memorial</p> <p>World Multi-Single TX5A (Oprs.: RK7A, R3FA, UR5MID, US7UX, UT5UY, UU4JMG, UX0LL, US0KW, UA7A, RM2U) Donor: Gail Sheehan, K2RED</p> <p>World Multi-Multi E51Z (Oprs.: AB6BH, N6AA, N6UWW, N6VI, VK4UC, W5NYV, W6NV, W6XD, WB6BFG) Donor: CQ magazine</p>
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The ED1R M2 #3 Europe crew, left to right: EC1KR, EA4TD, EA4AOC, EC4DX, EA7FTR, EB7DX, EC7AKV.

to pick up multipliers on 15 and 20." Finishing just behind for second world was Doug, VA3DF located on the western shores of Lake Ontario. Long-time top ten QRP entrant Izuno-san, JR4DAH took third place world and #1 Asia. Finishing second in the US was Anthony, K8ZT from Ohio. Third place USA went to a familiar QRPer, Doug, KR2Q. The highest USA score from zone 3 was W6QU operated by Bill, W8QZA. Taking first place in Europe was Sergey, UX2MF. Second place went to Boyan, LZ2SX. European third place honors went to Sergey, RN4HAB. RU9UN, NT4TS, NP2Q,

RW3AI, EA1GT, VK4ATH, and G3R are to be congratulated for their outstanding efforts. The continental winners were: North America ND0C; Africa J28AA; Asia JR4DAH; Europe UX2MF; Oceania YC2VEJ; South America PY2BN; Japan JR4DAH; U.S.: ND0C.

Assisted

Doing well in an assisted category requires a skilled tradeoff between spots and running. Too much emphasis on packet callouts will not bring you a win. This category allows an entrant to

utilize any public spotting network. A reminder: Use of *any* QSO spotting tool places you in the Assisted category. Why not try to win one of the new assisted awards? Taking control of the world top spot was John, KK9A operating from P40A. Finishing second place in the World and first in the US was Rich, NN3W, quite an accomplishment from Maryland. Alex, A65BP a long time resident in Dubai took the third spot. First place in Europe went to YP9W operated by Tiberiu, YO9GZU a member of the World Wide Young Contesters. Second place Europe goes to Andy, SP8BRQ operating SO8A located in southeastern Poland. Imanol, EC2DX took third from beautiful San Sebastian.

Second place USA went to Lee, W2RE operating in the northern Catskill of New York. Third place in the U.S. went to long time assisted expert, Charles, K3WW. The fine effort of Robert, S50R from ST2AR handing out a double multiplier to most entrants, as well as the efforts of Hiroyuki, JS3CTQ and Nobuyuki, JH1EAQ must be recognized. The efforts of some very good multipliers need to be recognized as well: A65BP, FP/K1VJ, V55A, 6V7Q, TA3IW, BA4DL, JT1RF, XV1X, UA2FX, HB0/SP7VC, LX5T, NH2T, NH0S, and DU11VT.

The continental winners were: North America NN3W; Africa ST2AR; Asia A65BP; Europe YP9W (YO9GZU); Oceania WH7M; South America P40A (KK9A); Japan: JS3CTQ; U.S.: NN3W.

Assisted Low Power

The separate listing of the low power assisted entrants has spurred a renaissance in assisted submissions. Many were happy to see the

creation of separate categories for low and QRP assisted. We hope that many entrants will choose to try the low power assisted category. The world winner in this tough category was Robert, W5AJ operating from P40P. Robert put his Aruba location to good use. Second place in the world was Richard, N0HJZ, who put

C6ARW in many logs from Grand Bahama Island. Third place in the world went to a station from zone 20, H22H, operated by Spyros, 5B4MF located in central Cyprus. First position in Europe was taken by Kristjan, S50XX located in western Slovenia. Even though Frank, DL2CC is a CW high-speed champion, he

talked himself into second place Europe. Third place went to Tim, RL6M, who runs 100 watts all the time even on Top band. In the U.S., KS1J took away top honors and the U.S. low power assisted trophy. Second place went to Jerald, KT4ZB located in the coastal city of Savannah, Georgia. Lyle, WE9R located on the western

2011 CQ WW DX SSB TOP SCORES

<p>WORLD</p> <p>Single Operator High Power All Band</p> <p>CN2R 18,417,840 EF8R 15,711,414 403A 14,408,401 VE2IM 14,349,100 P40W 14,346,144</p> <p>28 MHz</p> <p>ZX5J 2,855,000 FY/F5HRY 2,742,817 AY5F 1,888,656</p> <p>21 MHz</p> <p>FY5KE 2,778,468 GI5K 1,832,733 EY8MM 1,648,556</p> <p>14 MHz</p> <p>FY5FY 2,266,628 UP2L 1,401,538 TF3CW 1,378,428</p> <p>7 MHz</p> <p>4L0A 1,027,632 TM9R 911,818 YT8A 813,234</p> <p>3.7 MHz</p> <p>EF8S 454,234 GW4BLE 255,960 DR1D 235,712</p> <p>1.8 MHz</p> <p>I4FYF 74,844 9A2AJ 62,238 VE3PN 54,207</p> <p>All Band Low Power</p> <p>EA8ZS 6,423,441 HI3TEJ 5,916,690 3V8SS 4,304,006 N1UR 3,925,064 LY9A 3,446,940</p> <p>28 MHz</p> <p>3D2A 1,123,220 SV9GPV 977,120 JY4NE 961,674</p> <p>21 MHz</p> <p>A52AB 912,660 CN4P 807,234 PJ7X 486,783</p> <p>14 MHz</p> <p>NP4G 693,543 HC1JQ 639,705 RZ1ZZ 414,720</p> <p>7 MHz</p> <p>CO8ZZ 200,669 UY2UQ 108,225 EI4CF 79,778</p> <p>3.7 MHz</p> <p>UU2JM 57,760 NA8V 40,753 RW9CD 39,260</p> <p>1.8 MHz</p> <p>UK9AA 37,233 ER2RM 26,019 SQ9IAU 23,485</p> <p>QRP All Band</p> <p>ND0C 757,292 VA3DF 722,925 JR4DAH 633,304 K8ZT 572,544 KR2Q 505,512</p> <p>Assisted All Band</p> <p>P40A 14,268,432 NN3W 11,765,740 ER4A 10,551,696 A65BP 9,162,598</p>	<p>ST2AR 8,980,245</p> <p>28 MHz</p> <p>GW9T 1,525,665 PR2P 1,468,948 KG6DX 1,449,000</p> <p>21 MHz</p> <p>DL2ARD 1,868,160 VY2TT 1,506,339 XV9DX 1,375,198</p> <p>14 MHz</p> <p>9Y4D 2,291,352 IR4M 1,464,285 OG73X 1,371,546</p> <p>7 MHz</p> <p>JA8WKE 609,150 YT7A 609,054 YT1VP 544,416</p> <p>3.7 MHz</p> <p>SP3GEM 353,067 4L5O 289,328 SP5LS 197,562</p> <p>1.8 MHz</p> <p>OK6W 104,544 LY5E 104,468 LY7M 60,984</p> <p>Low Power All Band</p> <p>P40P 8,105,244 C6ARW 3,123,600 H22H 2,991,920 KS1J 2,580,719 S50XX 2,499,956</p> <p>28 MHz</p> <p>VK8DX 1,276,366 XE1CQ 964,302 EA8MT 842,180</p> <p>21 MHz</p> <p>HA3DX 600,048 DL5RDP 445,352 WA1FCN/4 209,850</p> <p>14 MHz</p> <p>YT8WW 491,130 SP5GRM 438,959 ES2MC 342,069</p> <p>7 MHz</p> <p>UT9MZ 147,980 EF7W 104,014 YQ5Q 97,136</p> <p>3.7 MHz</p> <p>F1EBN 64,902 UT7X 64,159 E74WN 52,245</p> <p>1.8 MHz</p> <p>SP1GZF 40,560 HA8BE 24,024 UT5UGR 13,338</p> <p>QRP Assisted All Band</p> <p>RT4W 683,439 DL8LR 425,776 EA3FF 246,052 IV3AOL 206,064 Y08WW 193,290</p> <p>Multi-Operator Single Transmitter</p> <p>CR3A 27,929,302 D4C 25,519,464 CN3A 25,054,428 P33W 24,172,854 TM6M 20,282,290</p> <p>3.7 MHz</p> <p>NA8V 40,753</p> <p>1.8 MHz</p> <p>NA4W 648 WD8DSB/9 304</p> <p>QRP All Band</p> <p>ND0C 757,292 K8ZT 572,544 KR2Q 505,512 W6QU 335,916 NT4TS 265,960</p>	<p>PS2T 16,462,080</p> <p>Multi-Operator Multi-Transmitter</p> <p>C5A 44,901,680 K3LR 35,923,380 DR1A 32,937,369 KH7X 31,670,464 CR3L 31,406,340</p> <p>UNITED STATES Single Operator All Band</p> <p>K1DG 9,432,996 W9RE 7,348,796 N2IC/5 5,838,750 AA1K/3 5,812,466 K1T0/4 5,669,775</p> <p>28 MHz</p> <p>W4ZY 1,250,304 W5PR 959,475 WB9Z 746,400</p> <p>21 MHz</p> <p>N9RV/7 1,045,785 WA3A 811,920 WA7LT 311,328</p> <p>14 MHz</p> <p>W7WA 1,068,560 WB2REM/4 312,988 K6HNZ 193,734</p> <p>7 MHz</p> <p>KF6A/8 97,128 W8BLA/4 34,920 WD0BGZ 25,666</p> <p>3.7 MHz</p> <p>AA1BU 127,365 AA9A 30,573 K1KNQ/4 26,892</p> <p>1.8 MHz</p> <p>W2MF 15,876 K5RX 6,118 W3GH 2,652</p> <p>Low Power All Band</p> <p>N1UR 3,925,064 N4TZ/9 2,330,965 N5AW 2,252,310 AD4Z 1,938,336 N8AA 1,890,000</p> <p>28 MHz</p> <p>K2PS/3 376,948 AC5O 343,764 K1VJSJ 298,224</p> <p>21 MHz</p> <p>KX2S 167,912 N5CLK 107,625 N7FL 99,674</p> <p>14 MHz</p> <p>N7BK 152,145 W2TF 127,702 WB2TFM/4 87,360</p> <p>7 MHz</p> <p>Ki6LZ 32,880 W4HLN 22,253 NS3T 12,840</p> <p>3.7 MHz</p> <p>NA8V 40,753</p> <p>1.8 MHz</p> <p>NA4W 648 WD8DSB/9 304</p> <p>QRP Assisted All Band</p> <p>ND0C 757,292 K8ZT 572,544 KR2Q 505,512 W6QU 335,916 NT4TS 265,960</p>	<p>Assisted All Band</p> <p>NN3W 11,765,740 W2RE 8,889,252 K3WW 6,385,984 W3JUA/1 6,292,075 KU1CW/0 5,207,492</p> <p>28 MHz</p> <p>K2SSS 1,022,831 N4BP 846,022 K2PLF/3 808,916</p> <p>21 MHz</p> <p>N4PN 1,002,881 N7DD 999,999 KV0Q 758,632</p> <p>14 MHz</p> <p>W3FW 245,280 W9IX 192,760 WR2G 138,320</p> <p>7 MHz</p> <p>N6SS/7 147,312 N8BI 127,889 KD4RH 58,298</p> <p>3.7 MHz</p> <p>K9SH 14,396 WA2AOG 5,760</p> <p>1.8 MHz</p> <p>NX5M 5,376</p> <p>Low Power All Band</p> <p>KS1J 2,580,719 KT4ZB 2,203,432 WE9R 1,879,809 W3KB 1,471,613 AD1C/0 1,335,108</p> <p>28 MHz</p> <p>K2MFY 293,124 W6AFA 281,248 N2FF 245,632</p> <p>21 MHz</p> <p>N9TGR 270,312 N4IJ/5 244,530 WA1FCN/4 209,850</p> <p>7 MHz</p> <p>W9KYR 1,161</p> <p>QRP Assisted All Band</p> <p>NN7SS 61,776</p> <p>Multi-Operator Single Transmitter</p> <p>K1LZ 12,256,067 N5DX 10,865,855 K8AZ 8,987,264 W2FU 8,601,138 N4WWW 7,555,275</p> <p>Multi-Operator Two Transmitter</p> <p>N1LN/4 8,746,095 KB1H 8,220,322 K2LE/1 6,240,256 W5RU 5,775,350 K2AX 5,536,452</p> <p>Multi-Operator Single Transmitter</p> <p>K3LR 35,923,380 KC1XX 28,639,954 W3PL 27,605,530 WE3C 19,909,728 W2PV/1 15,823,116</p> <p>EUROPE Single Operator All Band</p> <p>403A 14,408,401 CR2X 13,824,720 LX7I 10,187,208 OE3K 9,285,381 TK5KP 7,897,932</p> <p>28 MHz</p> <p>GW9T 1,525,665 UA2FX 1,428,204 E71A 1,238,062</p> <p>21 MHz</p> <p>DL2ARD 1,868,160</p>	<p>28 MHz</p> <p>E77A 1,297,719 S5OG 1,024,860 TM0T 1,011,690</p> <p>21 MHz</p> <p>GI5K 1,832,733 CS2C 1,531,896 YT7AW 1,226,508</p> <p>14 MHz</p> <p>TF3CW 1,378,428 ES5RW 1,179,431 YL3FT 945,892</p> <p>7 MHz</p> <p>TM9R 911,818 YT8A 813,234 EU1A 617,920</p> <p>3.7 MHz</p> <p>GW4BLE 255,960 DR1D 235,712 OH1TX 181,944</p> <p>1.8 MHz</p> <p>I4FYF 74,844 9A2AJ 62,238 OH6MW 37,881</p> <p>Low Power All Band</p> <p>LY9A 3,446,940 DJ5MW 3,204,271 LY8O 2,397,720 S57AL 2,289,320 RW1CW 2,198,404</p> <p>28 MHz</p> <p>SV9GPV 977,120 DL0BX 445,230 9A0W 336,294</p> <p>21 MHz</p> <p>OZ5E 308,553 OK2VWB 192,325 IT9RYJ 165,648</p> <p>14 MHz</p> <p>RZ1ZZ 414,720 IZ7PDX 185,535 SQ4G 141,384</p> <p>7 MHz</p> <p>UY2UQ 108,225 EI4CF 79,778 SQ2OSE 55,566</p> <p>3.7 MHz</p> <p>UU2JM 57,760 SQ2NNN 35,424 EA5EOR 29,602</p> <p>1.8 MHz</p> <p>ER2RM 26,019 SQ9IAU 23,485 SP5CJY 21,692</p> <p>QRP All Band</p> <p>YP9W 8,207,289 SO8A 7,976,587 EC2DX 7,963,560 EB3CW 6,756,750 TM7F 6,170,500</p> <p>Multi-Operator Single Transmitter</p> <p>UX2MF 473,536 LZ2SX 419,818 RN4HAB 233,520 RW3AI 231,345 EA1GT 219,936</p> <p>Multi-Operator Two Transmitter</p> <p>IR4X 20,929,708 PI4DX 15,157,233 E17R 15,058,862 OM8A 15,989,163 RL3A 14,814,776</p> <p>Assisted All Band</p> <p>YF9W 8,207,289 SO8A 7,976,587 EC2DX 7,963,560 EB3CW 6,756,750 TM7F 6,170,500</p> <p>Multi-Operator Single Transmitter</p> <p>DR1A 32,937,369 9A1P 24,237,360 C37N 21,123,688 OT5A 20,416,726 DF0HQ 19,224,054</p>
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shores of Lake Michigan rounded out the top three U.S. scores. From the U.S. west, K7FA and AD1C/Ø turned in a fine scores. A few of the nice multipliers on in this category were: KG4EM, H22H, EY7BJ, TK4LS, TA1ED, YBØMWM, BD4CD, UN7MMM, and 6K5AQY.

The continental winners were: North America C6ARW; Africa EA8MT; Asia H22H; Europe S5ØXX; Oceania VK8DX; South America P4ØP; Japan: JR4PMX/1; U.S.: KS1J.

Multi-Single

The number of callsigns participating in the MS category was about 1,929 representing 364 different teams! This fun category allows for more than one person to contribute to the score. A run station and a multiplier station allow for good use of different skills. The second operator actual has something to do which requires skill: find multipliers. "Wow! 10 meters—all 40 zones, 144 DXCC entities. With our modest setup, it was great fun," said 9A6B.

A new multi-single world record was set by the team at CR3A. They took full advantage of the outstanding conditions by making over 10,600 QSOs mostly with one radio! In second place was the Italian team from D4C. They had the highest multiplier count of the top three world MS. Rounding out third place was the multi-national team from CN3A. All three top MS were from northwestern Africa. The continent with the most multi-single operations has always been Europe. Moving up to the top position in Europe was TM6M. Located on the far western tip of France, the TM6M team set a new European record. Quite an accomplishment! Second place went to the East Cork Radio Group, EI7M. They commented, "We found 10m to be a revelation—all 40 zones worked for the first time. It's really strange to work KL7 on 10m and be disappointed that it is not a multiplier!" Third place in Europe went to the multi-national team E7DX located just northwest of Banja Luka. Once again in the U.S. Krassy's team at K1LZ took full advantage of the category's possibilities and registered 12-plus million points. This was enough to set a new USA MS record! Moving up to second place USA was N5DX. The team from Harrison, Arkansas had over 10-million points and an outstanding multiplier. Third place went to the perennial top finishing team at K8AZ. W6YI took top honors from the U.S. West Coast, followed by K7RL. Great job, guys! Some of the rarer ones appearing in many logs were: HU1YS, ST2UOK, TS2A, YM7KA, VR2EH, JT5DX, E2E, T7ØA, JW5E, and TX5A. A special mention must be made of the effort from P33W. On their way to finishing fourth in the world, they set a new Asia record.

The continental winners were: North America VE3EJ; Africa CR3A (new World record); Asia P33W (new record); Europe TM6M (new record); Oceania KH6MB; South America PT5T; Japan: JA8RWU; U.S.: K1LZ (new record).

Multi-Two

A competitive M2 is a challenge. The world's top team used seven operators to bring home the trophy. The PW7T, Fortaleza DX Group put Brazil in a lot of logs! PW7T says, "On Sunday afternoon, the shack got very noisy celebrating the last zone worked for a triple all zones on 10, 15, and 20m. Then the team shouted again when they put the

2011 WW DX SSB TOP SCORES IN MOST ACTIVE ZONES

Zone 3		Zone 15	
WC6H	3,740,904	403A	14,408,401
K6XX	2,744,268	OE3K	9,285,381
CF7FC	2,618,466	SØ8A	7,976,587
K6NA	2,580,581	TK5KP	7,897,932
W6PH	2,521,442	ØH8X	7,551,559
Zone 4		Zone 16	
CF3A	10,750,452	UU7J	6,154,648
VE3JM	7,721,180	RT4RØ	4,438,546
W9RE	7,348,796	RM3F	4,370,232
N2IC/5	5,838,750	EW2A	3,618,475
KU1CW/Ø	5,207,492	RW4W	3,393,440
Zone 5		Zone 20	
VY2ZM	12,820,903	C4W	9,442,412
NN3W	11,765,740	YP9W	8,207,289
K1DG	9,432,996	YØ3CZW	3,071,920
W2RE	8,889,252	*H22H	2,991,920
K3WW	6,385,984	LZ3FN	2,393,262
Zone 14		Zone 25	
CR2X	13,824,720	JAØJHA	7,399,242
LX7I	10,187,208	JS3CTØ	5,022,682
EC2DX	7,963,560	JH1EAQ	4,024,710
CR6K	7,333,520	JQ1BVI	3,021,298
EB3CW	6,756,750	JA6LCJ	2,869,992

*Low Power

11,000th QSO in the log. We overcame the PY record by 52%." Not far behind was the multi-national team of PJ4T. Finishing out the top three world results was the famous team from IR4X. They set a new European record along the way to taking third place world and first place in Europe. Moving up into second place Europe was PI4DX, Contest Group Zeeuws-Vlaanderen. Third place in Europe went to ED1R, the PAPA3 Contest Club. Located in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, the operators of N1LN/4 proved they were up to the task by taking first place in the U.S. KB1H's station in northeastern Connecticut took second place U.S. honors. Andy's team at K2LE/1 took third place U.S. The far west U.S. station N7AT representing the Arizona Outlaws Contest Club did a great job from Arizona. There were several stations that put nice multipliers on the air and made big scores: EE9Z, KL7RA, AHØBT, 7Z1SJ, VP2MDG, B1Z, OJØX, YEØX, ZM4T, DX1M, and CE4CT.

The continental winners were: North America KL7RA; Africa EE9Z; Asia 7Z1SJ; Europe IR4X (new record); Oceania AHØBT; South America PW7T; Japan No entry; U.S.: N1LN/4.

Multi-Multi

The conditions at last met expectations. How good were conditions? Look at the MM breakdown tables. The top three world MM stations made over 46,000 QSOs! A team of nine operators from the Czech and Slovak Republics put in a lot of hard work at C5A. For their efforts they took away the multi-multi world crown. They said, "Our second M/M effort from the beach in Gambia. We had a lot of problems before the contest but finally everything was sorted out and we were able to come with a decent station on the air." The K3LR team finished second in the world and set a new USA MM record! The K3LR team seems to enjoy the intense competition in the Multi-Multi category. They appear to have lots of fun, too! Topping the old USA MM record set by KC1XX in 1999 was not easy. What will happen in the 2012 CQWW Phone contest? DR1A finished third in the world and set a new European record.

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2011 CQ WW DX SSB BAND-BY-BAND BREAKDOWN—TOP ALL BAND SCORES

Number groups indicate: QSOs/Zones/Countries on each band

WORLD SINGLE OPERATOR ALL BAND

Station	160	80	40	20	15	10
CN2R	263/13/58	633/19/63	1118/28/100	1751/36/124	1650/34/112	2983/37/136
EF8R	79/9/25	158/10/36	728/24/75	2650/37/118	1929/36/101	3756/33/114
4O3A	229/12/60	649/22/84	1317/32/109	1712/38/124	1941/40/139	2329/39/134
VE2IM	115/10/14	653/17/71	842/28/102	1743/36/125	2006/35/120	2284/35/117
P40W	98/10/22	568/19/72	542/25/85	1572/35/104	1547/35/104	3328/33/110

WORLD SINGLE OPERATOR ASSISTED ALL BAND

P40A	69/8/14	469/17/62	827/29/89	1614/32/109	2275/35/123	2216/35/116
NN3W	63/13/33	294/24/85	854/34/118	982/40/143	1120/38/153	1602/36/151
A65BP	115/11/39	150/12/49	734/30/103	837/36/130	864/36/137	1755/38/158
ST2AR	0/0/0	30/7/25	131/25/68	770/39/106	1003/36/116	3319/39/130
W2RE	32/9/25	300/22/81	414/31/98	945/39/125	1167/36/126	1391/33/118

WORLD MULTI-OPERATOR SINGLE TRANSMITTER

CR3A	57/15/56	140/22/82	1739/33/125	2306/39/148	1768/40/157	4638/40/165
D4C	92/19/70	359/31/100	1004/33/116	2289/39/151	2144/40/160	3735/40/157
CN3A	83/10/53	459/25/93	829/33/114	2461/40/151	1322/40/158	4345/40/165
P33W	275/12/66	308/24/88	1419/35/119	2101/40/152	2284/40/155	2962/40/163
TM6M	163/15/67	600/25/94	1317/36/127	1842/40/149	2013/40/156	2695/40/166

WORLD MULTI-OPERATOR TWO TRANSMITTER

PW7T	7/5/7	323/21/67	1570/34/115	2485/39/145	2848/40/158	3588/39/162
PJ4T	66/7/11	776/21/75	2013/32/109	2302/35/110	3662/38/131	3501/35/105
IR4X	164/13/65	872/24/94	1769/37/127	1639/38/150	2877/40/160	2400/40/168
EE9Z	141/8/40	908/19/76	1080/21/86	1995/33/117	2552/33/115	2856/31/96
PS2T	2/2/2	22/15/18	657/31/92	1800/39/142	2653/39/154	3316/39/147

WORLD MULTI-OPERATOR MULTI-TRANSMITTER

C5A	201/17/51	1102/27/93	1806/32/110	4219/40/151	3805/39/145	6374/40/159
K3LR	441/18/66	1005/30/110	2223/37/136	3171/40/171	3449/40/169	3008/37/166
DR1A	932/16/75	1792/23/97	2992/38/142	4237/40/169	3054/40/163	2562/40/168
KH7X	245/12/15	985/33/56	1865/35/99	2718/39/132	3390/36/135	5290/39/153
CR3L	245/10/55	795/18/81	1786/31/109	3365/39/145	2981/39/149	3646/39/145

USA TOP SINGLE OPERATOR ALL BAND

Station	160	80	40	20	15	10
K1DG	72/12/42	281/22/77	461/28/91	795/37/106	1165/34/121	1922/33/121
W9RE	32/10/17	155/23/67	571/30/95	801/38/113	1069/33/110	1235/30/110
N2IC/5	19/9/10	111/20/51	641/31/79	340/34/92	845/37/108	1544/34/120
AA1K/3	40/13/21	141/15/52	248/26/77	601/36/101	661/32/90	1699/33/117
K1TO/4	6/3/5	98/16/47	123/21/55	738/38/110	450/30/87	2160/36/117

USA SINGLE OPERATOR ASSISTED ALL BAND

NN3W	63/13/33	294/24/85	854/34/118	982/40/143	1120/38/153	1602/36/151
W2RE	32/9/25	300/22/81	414/31/98	945/39/125	1167/36/126	1391/33/118
K3WW	45/9/23	148/20/75	231/27/91	816/37/122	591/33/119	1430/32/116
W3UA/1	18/7/11	238/19/68	558/26/103	656/33/101	905/32/107	1072/30/110
KU1CW/0	14/7/9	88/17/51	606/23/67	571/35/95	699/33/91	1304/33/101

USA MULTI-OPERATOR SINGLE TRANSMITTER

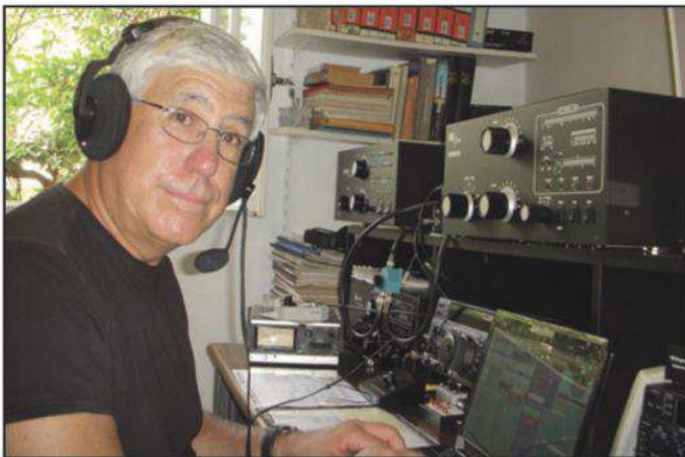
K1LZ	70/16/54	417/22/94	804/33/114	1008/38/144	1220/39/152	1425/37/156
N5DX	39/13/28	128/26/79	720/34/108	868/40/138	1154/39/146	1942/38/156
K8AZ	30/12/29	189/25/83	487/32/108	548/40/143	1284/38/144	1328/34/144
W2FU	27/11/25	271/21/83	469/31/106	542/39/135	1057/39/144	1470/37/148
N4WW	22/10/21	147/24/84	356/31/104	794/39/137	1300/39/146	1107/37/147

USA MULTI-OPERATOR TWO TRANSMITTER

N1LN/4	69/11/22	360/18/69	498/27/95	1069/39/125	1075/36/129	1566/37/145
KB1H	27/9/14	245/20/80	370/30/99	558/38/128	1133/36/130	1586/35/142
K2LE/1	23/7/12	172/18/74	265/25/83	417/38/115	1127/34/124	1323/36/138
W5RU	12/6/11	142/20/65	250/30/89	419/39/115	794/39/115	1365/35/139
K2AX	14/7/7	196/19/66	257/23/88	532/39/122	658/36/125	1286/35/139

USA MULTI-OPERATOR MULTI-TRANSMITTER

K3LR	441/18/66	1005/30/110	2223/37/136	3171/40/171	3449/40/169	3008/37/166
KG1XX	145/14/35	627/27/99	1263/37/122	2561/40/160	3765/39/166	3029/38/161
W3LPL	327/17/53	873/32/103	1808/35/125	2759/40/164	2294/39/163	2806/37/163
WE3C	134/16/47	417/27/97	1160/35/119	2071/40/143	2246/36/146	2313/37/133
W2PV/1	180/13/35	473/25/91	842/33/110	1664/40/137	2031/37/148	1973/35/134



AI, F5VHJ, operated from TO5A.



Randy, ND0C, was #1 World QRP.

Congratulations, guys! Two new continental records from the top three! The competition in the USA for the top MM spot was wonderful. In the US, all three top finishers broke the old US MM record! After K3LR, Matt's KC1XX team took second place. In third place was Frank's team at W3LPL. Great job by everyone. DR1A not only set a new European record, they beat the old record by 5-million points! Their operators did a great job. In second place was radio club Porec, 9A1P with a beautiful take-off towards the Adriatic sea. Third place went to C37N. What a great job they did putting Andorra on the air. Special mention must be made of the outstanding efforts by JA5FDJ (a new JA record), JA3YBK, CR3L, A73A, KH7X, OT5A, LZ9W, 9A1P, DF0HQ, PJ2T, LP1H, NK7U, and K7ZSD.

The continental winners were: North America K3LR; Africa C5A; Asia A73A; Europe DR1A (new record); Oceania KH7X; South America PJ2T; Japan JA5FDJ (new record); U.S. K3LR (new record).

Team Contesting

- WWYC Strike Team Alpha:** 4O3A (ES5TV), CR2X (OH2UA), PZ5MM (DK1MM), NN3W, LX7I (LX2A): **59,950,079**
- Neiger's Tigers:** CN2R (W7EJ), TO5A (F5VHJ), NH7A (N6TJ), ZD8O (N5ZO): **40,351,249**
- Team Aruba:** P40A (KK9A), P40P (W5AJ), P40W (W2GD): **36,198,820**

EUROPE TOP SINGLE OPERATOR ALL BAND

Station	160	80	40	20	15	10
403A	229/12/60	649/22/84	1317/32/109	1712/38/124	1941/40/139	2329/39/134
CR2X	271/14/58	481/20/70	912/30/93	2053/36/112	2272/38/112	2957/34/111
LX71	373/12/59	515/15/72	1002/26/87	1499/32/91	1211/33/94	2146/32/95
OE3K	176/10/50	515/16/64	1092/27/91	1414/33/103	1563/36/101	1752/34/92
TK5KP	291/10/52	590/16/68	768/23/81	1452/32/105	1234/31/107	1723/33/93

EUROPE SINGLE OPERATOR ASSISTED ALL BAND

YP9W	133/8/50	217/15/68	1113/29/101	1133/38/123	1629/37/124	1253/36/118
S08A	74/10/36	321/16/74	894/35/114	805/36/116	1137/39/128	1281/39/130
EC2DX	79/9/51	243/19/79	568/31/102	1010/38/119	1470/37/132	1116/40/135
EB3CW	0/0/0	337/14/63	478/25/92	1251/40/140	1359/39/140	833/40/122
TM7F	139/6/44	372/14/55	266/20/74	941/33/97	1002/31/88	1598/36/104

EUROPE MULTI-OPERATOR SINGLE TRANSMITTER

TM6M	163/15/67	600/25/94	1317/36/127	1842/40/149	2013/40/156	2695/40/166
EI7M	145/13/65	458/18/85	1579/34/114	1697/40/146	1943/39/149	2771/40/153
E7DX	266/11/65	1069/27/98	1069/35/125	1761/38/154	1630/40/158	2412/40/165
OM8A	122/14/68	359/24/96	1472/35/128	1613/40/151	1813/40/155	2007/40/160
RL3A	112/13/66	715/28/102	1379/39/130	2296/40/151	1865/39/155	1547/40/158

EUROPE MULTI-OPERATOR TWO TRANSMITTER

IR4X	164/13/65	872/24/94	1769/37/127	1639/38/150	2877/40/160	2400/40/168
PI4DX	348/11/59	766/20/79	1318/31/107	1503/35/126	1862/39/143	2578/39/148
ED1R	200/12/60	1010/24/88	1576/31/111	1258/39/135	2043/38/139	2468/39/137
HG1S	185/10/55	700/20/82	1469/36/124	2025/39/141	2049/39/148	1452/39/139
HG7T	252/9/49	751/17/75	1573/33/112	1997/38/130	1602/36/131	1864/40/127

EUROPE MULTI-OPERATOR MULTI-TRANSMITTER

DR1A	932/16/75	1792/23/97	2992/38/142	4237/40/169	3054/40/163	2562/40/168
9A1P	872/15/71	1766/19/87	3168/34/132	3388/39/159	2222/40/154	2358/40/155
C37N	904/15/69	2134/24/97	2660/29/109	3789/35/130	3311/34/124	2186/29/102
OT5A	1037/14/70	1413/18/78	2296/33/118	2697/40/154	2416/39/150	2214/40/129
DF0HQ	871/15/71	1660/25/97	2486/37/127	2607/40/156	1670/40/157	1315/40/149



Andy, UA3DPX, operating RM3F.



Adam, SP4CUF, All Band, Low Power, Poland.

4. DXE Super Dawgs: XE1EE, EF8R, XE2S, XE3TT, XE2B: **18,134,859**

5. Contest Group du Quebec team: VE2EBK, VA2WA, VE2IM (VE3DZ), VA2OP: **17,976,925**

6. Carolina DX Association: K3XC/4, KI4TZ, KZ2I/4, N4ZC, W3GQ/4: **12,661,490**

7. Kaunas Technical University RC: LY1R, LY2J, LY4T, LY6A, LY9A: **10,962,776**

8. Team Orca: VA7ST, VA7BEC, VC3R (VE7VR), VE7XF, CF7FC (VA7FC): **8,677,676**

9. Minnesota Wireless Assoc. Team Mosquito: K0AD, K0KX, K0OB, K0RC, K0SV: **7,099,989**

10. Maritime Contest Club #1: VE9HF, VE1JS, VE1ZD, VA1MM, VY2LI: **4,093,185**

11. VK Contest Club Team – Kookaburras: VK2BO, VK6DXI, VK3TDX, VK8HPB, VK2IM: **4,052,812**

12. Minnesota Wireless Assoc. Foreign Legion: A51B, A52IR, A52PC, C6ARW, KP2/K0BBC: **3,691,111**

13. Minnesota Wireless Assoc. Team Loon: AE5E/0, KR5DX/0, W0ERP, WB0N, WN4GMT/0: **2,177,033**

14. Maritime Contest Club #2: VE9AA, VE1ZA, VE1OP: **1,819,208**

15. DXE Cats: XE3N, XE3DX, XE1CT, EA8MT: **1,671,384**

16. Minnesota Wireless Assoc. Team Eelpout: N0ANP, N0BK, N0BUI, N0KK: **1,391,777**

17. Order of Boiled Owls: KS2G, N2FF, N2MUN, N2GA, K2RB: **1,082,849**

18. DELARA Team: KQ8RP, N9AUG/8, W8KTQ, KV8Q: **826,782**

19. DXE Dawgs: XE1YYD, XE1AY, KK1Z, N6AN, YW5W: **615,397**

20. Skyview Radio Society: K3RMB, W3GH: **68,067**

21. GM4AAF Dundee Amateur Radio Club: MM0SVK, MM0DXD: **67,446**

Records

With conditions outstanding on the high bands, you might expect many records to fall. Many did, especially, in the assisted categories. Records

exist for every mode in every country and continent. Take a look at the records (cqww.com) as you might find one you have a chance to beat. Outstanding efforts of super operators resulted in the following new world and continental records. Congratulations! Legend: leading letter A = assisted, Q = QRP, L = low power; High power = only A or bands. Example: AL28 = assisted low power 28 MHz, ALA = assisted low power all band

World: Q14 TG9ANF, Q3.7 4L9QQ, A14 9Y4D, ALA P40P (W5AJ), AL28 VK8DX, AL7 UT9MZ, AL3.7 F1EBN, AL1.8 SP1GZF, AQA RT4W, AQ28 I0UZF, AQ14 HG1X (HA1RS), AQ3.7 IZ1DGG, MS CR3A. **U.S.A.:** A K1DG, LA N1UR, L3.7 NA8V, AA NN3W, A28 K2SSS, A21 N4PN, ALA KS1J, AL28 K2MFY, AQA NN7SS, AQ28 K2FWA/4, MS K1LZ, MM K3LR. **North America:** Q14 TG9ANF, AA NN3W, A21 VY2TT, ALA C6ARW, AL28 WL7E, AQA NN7SS, AQ28 K2FWA/4, AQ14 VE3XD. **Africa:** Q14 J28AA, MS CR3A. **Asia:** Q3.7 4L9QQ (UR9QQ), A3.7 4L5O, ALA H22H (5B4MF), AL28 JM1LRQ, AL3.7 UN6P, MS P33W. **Japan:** A JA0JHA, AA JS3CTQ, A21 JN1NDY, A7 JA8WKE, ALA JR4PMX/1, AL28 JM1LRQ, AQA JA1KEB, MM JA5FDJ. **Europe:** 21 GI5K (MI0L-LL), L28 SV9GPV, A21 DL2ARD, A14 IR4M (IK4MGP), AL28 IU9A, AL21 HA3DX, AL7 UT9MZ, AL3.7 F1EBN, AL1.8 SP1GZF, AQA RT4W, AQ28 I0UZF, AQ14 HG1X (HA1RS), AQ3.7 IZ1DGG, MS TM6M, MM DR1A. **Oceania:** A28 KG6DX, AL28 VK8DX, AL14 ZL2HAM, AL7 AH6RR, AQ28 DU1AJ. **South America:** A14 9Y4D, A1.8 PV8DX, ALA P40P, AL28 PY3OZ, AQ28 LU7HZ.

Special Mention

"It took me about three years to work DXCC on 10 meters from Colorado. In the CQWW, I did it in one weekend," Jim, AD1C. "Seemed like a new country could be heard with each turn of my VFO," said KL8DX. A few of the interesting calls that made their way into many logs were: VP9I, VE2IM (zone 2), VE2GSO (zone 2), ZF2AH, J39BS, XP1A, HQ9L, HQ2GL, 6Y9X, TO5A, PJ7PL, PJ7X, PJ5/SO6X, J8/PE1IGM, IG9/12ADN, IH9YMC, ZD8O, EF9A, EE9K, J28RO, TR8CA, 5R8A, CN2R, CN8VO, CN4P, C91KHN, V5/NZ2P, V51YJ, 5N6/YL2SW, 9Q6CC, 5H3EE, Z21BB, 3V8SS, T6RH, EK6TA, EK3GM, TA2/DL7BC,

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Comments

For the 2011 CQ WW SSB, 7476 contest logs, of which 7382 were electronic, were received! A special thank you to all the entrants around the world for sending in a log. We really want you to send in your log. If you have any problem submitting a log or don't know how to begin, we can help you at <questions@cqww.com>. **Please send in your log no matter how small.** Submitting an electronic log is easy. Send your SSB log to <ssb@cqww.com> (CW to <cw@cqww.com>). Please send your log in Cabrillo format. If your radio has a computer interface, please submit a log with **exact frequencies**. Exact frequencies help in the log checking process. Very soon after you submit your log, it will appear on CQWW.com, tab logs, then **logs received list** with your category and score posted. Look over your data for accuracy. If you find an error, please let us know at <questions@cqww.com>. About one month before the results become finalized in CQ magazine, you will receive a password via e-mail which will allow access to your log (UBN) report at <http://cqww.com>. This is called your **report** (rpt). Look over the report to verify again your category and other information. If you find an error, please let us know at <questions@cqww.com>.

Over the last few years we have spent a lot of time making sure that the Top Scores box is as true as possible. Some entrants forget to declare the right category. Please take the time to check your category is correct before you submit your log. The largest source of error is undeclared use of the internet to find QSOs. Remember help finding any QSO places you in the assisted category. The Assisted category is becoming much more competitive. There are separate awards and listing for high and low power assisted. The CQ WW has at its disposal many methods to verify the score of an entrant and ensure a fair contest. You may find an assisted category record that you can set or beat. You can find the complete CQ WW rules and records at cqww.com.

Remember, for all multi-operator categories, when two or more transmitters are present on a band a hardware device **MUST** be used to prevent more than one signal at any one time. This year we looked more carefully at SO2R entrants. It was discovered that several top scores did not have adequate protection against two signals at the same time. A single

operator entrant can have only ONE signal on the air at ANY time. With the use of SDRs, the CQ WW CC can listen to the whole contest all the time. The presence of two signals simultaneously on the air on the same band by any entrant, or two simultaneous signals on separate bands by any single operator category is now detectable. You can avoid violating the rules by using a hardware lockout allowing only one signal at any time. You can find a few design suggestions for lockout hardware at cqww.com under the resources tab.

Remember, if you plan to try to make the Top Scores box, you can count on your log being carefully checked for rule compliance. Your competitors are relying on fair play. Running more power than the rules of your category allow, the use of undeclared packet, the use of additional operators for a single operator entry, two signals simultaneously on the same band, or on separate bands at the same time, if you are single operator, are violations of the CQ WW rules.

MS and M2 categories: Please indicate in the submitted log which of your transmitters is making each contact. All contesting logging programs allow transceiver designation during set-up. **U.S. Location:** For U.S. entrants please make sure your operating QTH is shown correctly. We need this information to place you in the right call area within the results. **Single band entrants:** Single bands entrants can make QSOs on other bands as a check log. Please submit the QSOs made on all bands you operate. Indicate in the comments section of the Cabrillo header that all contacts on your **non-entry** bands are to be a check log.

Thanks

Using an armamentarium of log-checking tools and data sources, the CQ WW Contest Committee has done its best to certify the winners in the 2011 CQ WW SSB contest. The members of the Committee who provided insight into many contesting topics are: CT1BOH, DB7MA, DJ6QT, DL6RAI, E21EIC, ES5TV, F6BEE, G0MTN, HA1AG, IK2QEI, JE1CKA, K1AR, K1DG, K3LR, K3WW, K3ZO, K5TR, K5ZD, K6AW, KM3T, KR2Q, KT3Y, LY3BA, LZ2CJ, N2AA, N2NC, N2NT, N5KO, N6AA, N6TR, N8BJQ, N9RV, OH2MM, OH6LI, PA3AAV, PP5JR, RA3AUU, S50A, US0LW, VE3EJ, W3ZZ, W5OV, W6OAT, W7EJ, W0YK, YU1EW, and ZS4TX. A special thank you to Ken, K1EA, who spent countless hours making the CQWW results the best in contesting. Thanks as always to John, K1AR, Tim, K3LR, and Ken, K1EA, for their advice. We want to thank Barry, W5GN, for providing the mechanism by which certificates are sent to winners in a timely manner. The CQWW records are maintained by John, N2NC, and K3EST.

This year the contest will seem strange without the significant presence of Gene, W3ZZ. Our very good friend became a SK in early June, 2012. For over more than 30 years Gene contributed to contesting on many levels. Most recently, he was the press secretary for the CQ WW Contest Committee. His talents will be sorely missed. The CQ WW Contest Committee dedicates the results of the 2012 CQ WW DX contests to the memory of our friend.

Congratulations to all the winners and entrants.

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Looking for a great first kit-building project? Or an excellent antenna tuner you can build yourself, even if you're already an experienced builder? N2EI suggests taking a close look at Ten-Tec's Model 1215 Ten "T" Tuner kit.

CQ Reviews:

The Ten-Tec Model 1215 "Ten 'T' Tuner" Kit

BY T. J. "SKIP" AREY,* N2EI

Many amateur radio operators, especially those new to the hobby, have a desire to build a project that will enhance their ham radio activities. Quite a few of these folks have trouble figuring out a good place to start, especially if they have little or no electronic kit-building experience. Choosing that first kit-building project can be a tough proposition. Allow me to make a suggestion that will not only give you a great first-time building experience, but will also enhance any operator's station.

The "Ten 'T' Tuner" kit from Ten-Tec can be built in a couple of evenings by anyone with basic soldering skills and a few simple hand tools (see July CQ's "Learning Curve" column for soldering basics and links to online tutorials). All soldering is "large format," mostly point-to-point wiring, with just a small handful of "through-hole" components to populate a single simple printed circuit board.

The kit combines a high pass "T" network with a wattmeter, SWR bridge, and four-position antenna switch, allowing you to match a wide range of antenna impedances to the common 50-ohm impedance most transmitters require. The Ten "T" Tuner can operate efficiently with power levels up to 200 watts.

The key to any high-quality kit is a well-written manual. The Ten "T" Tuner manual covers every aspect of the project, beginning with a discussion of the tuner's specifications, including a circuit overview and a detailed schematic drawing. Before you even unpack the kit, you are starting the project with a clear understanding of how the tuner works.

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The Ten-Tec Ten "T" Tuner is an excellent kit for first time builders. (Photo courtesy Ten-Tec)

Next, the manual gives you a checklist of supplied parts—including graphics—to help you identify particular mechanical parts. I cannot stress enough how important it is to conduct a full inventory of this or any kit! Not because of any concern for missing parts, but mostly to help you sort the parts into easy-to-identify and handle groups. Old-timers often made use of cupcake tins to keep parts laid out in good order. It is still a good way to go.

Kit assembly is broken down into six phases. Each step of each phase has two check boxes. You want to check and then *recheck* each step before going forward. It's easy to let your enthusiasm move forward with a project, which may lead to slip-ups. True "double-checking" will assure you will make it to the end with a working unit.

Phase 1: Rotary Inductor Assembly

The first phase of the project is the construction of the rotary inductor assembly.

ably. Ten-Tec makes the process of coil-winding relatively easy by supplying coil forms with grooved patterns to assure proper wire spacing. The combination of careful directions and clear graphics makes winding the coil fairly simple. The biggest problem I encountered was



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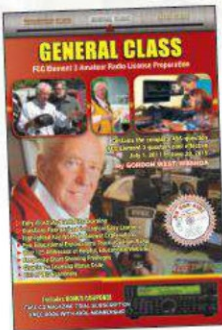
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allowing enough room in my rather cramped workshop to manage the long piece of silver-plated wire needed to wind the coil. Be sure to give yourself plenty of room to work with the wire during this step. At this stage, Ten-Tec recommends a small, soft-jawed vise to hold the coil form while guiding the wire. If one is not available, a patient assistant can perform the same function. The goal is to get the coil wire in place without scarring or kinking the silver-plated wire used for this variable inductor. If you take the time to pull the wire flat and tight over the coil forms, you will have a beautiful assembly you can point to with pride and say, "I made that!"

Getting this more complicated stage out of the way isn't just to make things seem easier down the line. Once the coil is formed, it is necessary to glue the

variable-inductor hubs in place. Building the coil first while moving forward with further assembly assures that the epoxy will have more than enough time to set and make for a solid piece.

Phase 2: SWR Bridge Circuit

Phase two is the assembly of the SWR-bridge circuit. In this phase you have to populate a small printed circuit board with 11 components and a small toroidal RF transformer. Careful reading of the manual and attention to detail with all soldering to assure there are no *solder bridges* will produce a simple but well-designed SWR monitoring circuit. After building the rotary inductor in phase one, winding the RF transformer should be easy. Just remember to make sure



The completed Ten "T" Tuner ready for testing.



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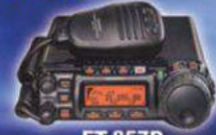


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that you clear the connecting points on the transformer's wires of any varnish insulation. I like to scrape this off with a small hobby knife and then tin the wires with a thin coat of solder to assure a solid connection.

Phases 3–5

Phases three, four, and five divide up the point-to-point wiring of the unit's switches, chassis wiring and final mechanical assembly into easy-to-follow subsections. After populating and soldering the SWR bridge board, you may have an attack of overconfidence. Take your time and don't forget that sage advice: "Measure twice; cut once!" After you complete these stages, you will walk away with a whole new respect for color-coding your wiring in future projects. By following the wiring color scheme and cutting wire to the lengths listed in the manual, it is hard to go wrong at this point in the project.

At certain points, you will be warned to secure a wire at a particular location but not (yet) solder it. This is to allow for placing additional wires at that connection point prior to final soldering. But, hey, we all make mistakes, right? Keep a roll of *desoldering wick* handy just in case you go to place a wire and find you have inadvertently soldered something ahead of the need.

Phase 6: The "Smoke Test"

Phase six is the *smoke test*. The good news here is that even if you have made an error or two, you will be hard-pressed to get any smoke to leak out of this unit. This is one of the reasons why I recommend this as a great *first kit* experience.

The wattmeter circuit can be calibrated in one of two ways: (1) by using a transmitter capable of generating at least 100 watts and a 50-ohm dummy load capable of handling this power level; or (2) in the absence of a transmitter, the unit can

be brought into *pretty good* calibration using a DC power source. The manual recommends a simple calibration source made out of a 9-volt battery and a 10K-ohm potentiometer. An accurate adjustable DC power supply will also work for this method.

With the meter calibrated, the final operational test is to put the tuner on the air. If the unit does not appear to be working correctly, the most likely problem is miswiring. Going over the wiring checklists, particularly in phases three through five, and following the manual's troubleshooting chart should get you back on the air in no time at all.

As constructed, the Ten-Tec Ten "T" Tuner will provide a match for single-wire or coaxial-fed antennas. If you are planning to use the tuner with an open-wire or ladder-line feed-line, you will need to add a 4:1 balun to the circuit. You can either purchase this optional accessory from Ten-Tec or construct your own using T-200-2 series toroidal cores. Ten-Tec even gives you all the information to *roll your own* balun if you so choose. If you want one of the best low-profile, multi-band antenna systems available, a dipole or doublet cut to a length accommodating the lowest frequency you plan to operate and fed with ladder line through a 4:1 balun to a tuner will allow you to work the world in high style. I have the awards to prove it!

I must confess that several of the newer transceivers at N2EI are equipped with automatic tuning units. That said, I love restoring older equipment, and the Ten-Tec Ten "T" Tuner makes it possible for me to get on the air with my classic rigs using very modest wire antennas. If you want an enjoyable kit-building experience that will give you a real workhorse accessory for your shack, the Ten-Tec Ten "T" Tuner is the kit to consider. The kit retails for \$259 and is available direct from Ten-Tec at [http://www.tentec.com/products/Ten-"T"-Tuner-Kit.html](http://www.tentec.com/products/Ten-).

WX4HNC: Same Time, This Year

National Hurricane Center and More than 200 Hams Ready for the 'canes

It's no coincidence that the amateur radio transceivers and Echolink-connected computers at the National Hurricane Center in Miami get a thorough workout each year on the first Saturday of June. It's the first weekend of the June-through-November hurricane season—and a time chosen for the annual WX4NHC Station Test.

As we have seen time and again, EmComm (emergency communications) training is extremely important, but if radio amateurs don't have the means for making solid contact, what good does it do?

The purpose of this annual event "is to test all of our radio equipment, computers and antennas using as many modes and frequencies as possible in preparation for this year's hurricane season," said WX4NHC Assistant Amateur Radio Volunteer Coordinator Julio Ripoll, WD4R. "This was not a contest or simulated hurricane exercise." See photo A.

WX4NHC took to the airwaves on HF, VHF and UHF, plus 2- and 30-meter APRS. Operations were conducted on 3.950, 7.268, 21.325 and 28.525 MHz, \pm QRM. For widest coverage, the station was primarily on 20 meters—14.325 MHz.

"During the test, one of our main computers shut

down during the EchoLink Net due to a faulty fan that caused it to overheat," WD4R said. "We were able to install a backup computer and get back on EchoLink in only a few minutes. So it was good to find out about this problem and get it fixed before we operate during a hurricane, and also to practice setting up backup systems quickly." See photo B.

Ripoll noted that "even though propagation was only fair most of the time, the pile-ups on 20 meters went on for hours. ... We mostly made casual contacts and exchanged more than just signal reports. We also exchanged local weather observations and talked to many people that have supported hurricane operations in the past."

The VoIP Hurricane Net was conducted on IRLP node 9219/EchoLink WX-TALK conference node 7203 and on South Florida area VHF/UHF repeaters and simplex, Ripoll said. See photo C.

Each station working WX4NHC was asked to give his/her callsign, a signal report, location and name, plus a brief weather report—*sunny*, *rain* or *cloudy*, and so on. Non-hams were encouraged to submit their weather observations using the Online Hurricane Report Form at <http://bit.ly/Lfsdudz>.

On high-frequency wireless, WX4NHC made 144 contacts, along with 59 on EchoLink/IRLP for a total of 203 QSOs, "including many states from the west coast to New England, Canada and Caribbean islands," Ripoll reported.

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Photo A— This panoramic view shows the WX4NHC operating position and surroundings at the National Hurricane Center in Miami. That's the center's Julio Ripoll, WD4R, and Joanne Carbara, KG4GKU, seated in front of the transceivers during the Annual Station Test on June 2. (Courtesy of KJ4YDX)

The test ran from 1300–2100 UTC (9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EDT) on HF and from 1700 to 1900 UTC (1 to 3 p.m. EDT) on EchoLink.

“It was great to speak with Jean-Robert Gaillard, HH2JR, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, and Father John Henault, HH6JH, on Ile de Vache (off the southwest coast of Haiti), who were so instrumental to our University of Miami/Medishare Ham Radio Mission after the Haiti Earthquake,” WD4R added.

“We were surprised and honored to receive a very special weather report from Keith Wucherer, N2OBS,” Ripoll said. He is a contractor who checked in from overseas. (**NOTE: N2OBS asked that we not disclose his country of operation.**—KI6SN)

“(In my travels) I am not able to bring my radio equipment,” Wucherer said. “So I use the available resources—email and my laptops for communications.”

A few days prior to the annual station test, Wucherer received a WX4NHC Online Hurricane Weather Report Submission e-mail, “so I figured to send in a weather report. ... Where I am, the simplest communications is most important and no cellular phone services are accessible. Radio provides a useful link to those who use it.”

Wucherer “relayed our thanks to the men and women in uniform that are making hard sacrifices to serve our nation and defend our freedom,” Ripoll said.

National Hurricane Center forecasters are calling for a “near-average” hurricane season this year with “a 50-percent probability of a near-normal season, a 25-percent probability of an above-normal season and a 25 percent probability of a below-normal season,” according to published reports.

This year, for the first time in over 100 years, two tropical storms developed prior to the start of hurricane season—Alberto and Beryl. The only other year with two storms so early was 1887.

Climate Prediction Center forecasters say there is a 70-percent chance of having 9 to 15 named storms, of which four to eight could become hurricanes, including one to three major hurricanes (Category 3, 4, or 5).

“These ranges do not represent the total possible ranges of activity seen in past similar years,” the CPC noted. Tropical systems acquire a name upon reaching tropical storm strength with sustained winds of at least 39 miles per hour. Tropical storms become hurricanes when winds reach 74 miles per hour and become major hurricanes when winds increase to 111 miles per

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hour. An average season has 12 named storms, including six hurricanes with three becoming major hurricanes.

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WD4R expressed appreciation to all operators making contact during the 2012 station test, "which helped us fine

tune our equipment and practice our skills. We hope this hurricane season treats everyone well and the storms stay off-shore. But if they don't, amateur radio will be ready."

Next Month

September's CQ "Public Service" will include an inside look at the Hurricane Watch Net, in its 47th year of amateur radio service. Like WX4NHC, see what dedication and skill can do. Until then, keep your eyes to the skies and your ears to the radio. 73, Richard, KI6SN



Photo B- Operators staffing WX4NHC in June included, from left, Julio Ripoll, WD4R; Hank Collins, W8KIW, and his wife, Pat; Joanne Carbana, KG4GKU; and Mike Kelley, KJ4YDX. (Courtesy of WD4R)



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The screenshot shows the EchoLink interface with a list of 5,323 stations. The 'WX-TALK' station is highlighted. The interface also shows a 'CONF Skywarn / NHC Nets' section with a list of nodes, including 'WX4NHC HurricaneCenter' at node 419021 and 'WX-TALK' CONF at node 7203. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Connected to: "WX-TALK" (Conference) CONF' with a signal strength indicator.

Photo C— Stations queued up via EchoLink to make contact with WX4NHC during the station test in June. Nearly 60 contacts were made via the WX-TALK Conference Node 7203 in just two hours. (Internet screen grab)



What You've Told Us...

Our May survey asked about your participation in several of the more specialized areas of ham radio. Two consistent responses were that very few people who had tried a particular activity did *not* like it, and that a large number of people who have not tried each activity said they would like to try it someday.

First up was hidden transmitter hunts. Only 2% of respondents do this as a regular part of their ham radio activities, but 21% said they do it occasionally. Another 16% said they'd tried it once and would like to do it again, while 31% said they'd never tried it but would like to. On the negative side, 29% said they have no interest and 2% tried it and didn't like it.

Three per cent of respondents regularly use amateur radio satellites, while another 9% operate the "birds" occasionally, and 27% have tried it once and would like to try it again. In addition, 44% said they'd never made a satellite contact but would like to try it, 15% said they have no interest and just 1% tried it and didn't like it.

Digital keyboard modes such as RTTY and PSK-31 were our most popular specialty area (suggesting that it might no longer be a specialty area), with 24% operating keyboard modes regularly and another 16% watching the waterfall displays occasionally. Another 18% have tried it once and would like to do more of it, while 29% have not tried it but would like to, 10% are not interested and 3% did not like it when they did try it.

The 60-meter band remains beyond the reach of many older transceivers and that shows in our results, as only 4% of respondents operate the band regularly and 14% are there occasionally. An additional 9% have tried it once and would like to operate there again. Fifty-two per cent would like to try the band someday, 21% have no interest, and no one who has tried the band has not liked it.

Finally, VHF/UHF "weak-signal" communications is part of the regular ham radio routine for 13% of respondents and an occasional part for 20%, while 12% have tried it once and would like to try it again. In addition, 32% have never tried it but would like to, 20% have no interest and 3% did not like it when they did try it.

Thank you for your responses. This month's free subscription winner is Owen Godwin, KI4CT, of Lutz, Florida.

Reader Survey August 2012

We'd like to know more about you—about who you are, where you live, what kind(s) of work you do, and of course, what kinds of amateur radio activities you enjoy. Why? To help us serve you better.

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This month's editorial talks about imagination and adventure as key elements of ham radio's appeal. We'd like to hear about your motivation to become a ham and how things may have changed since you joined the hobby.

Please answer by circling the appropriate numbers on the reply card or by going to the following web link <www.surveymonkey.com/s/CQAugust12> [From the digital edition, just click on the link].

1. How long have you been a ham?

Not currently licensed	30
Less than one year	31
1–5 years	32
6–10 years	33
11–20 years	34
More than 20 years	35

2. What was your *main* motivation in becoming a ham? (Choose one)

The lure of DX	36
The lure of "off the grid" communication	37
Contesting or other competition	38
Public service/emergency communications	39
Ham radio's "technology playground"	40
The opportunity to build stuff	41
The "mystery" of never knowing who you'll talk to next	42
Family member influence	43
Other	44

3. Has the activity that prompted you to become a ham met your expectations?

Yes, and more beyond	45
Yes, completely	46
Some but not all	47
Not really	48

4. Do you still participate in the activity that first drew you into amateur radio?

Yes, more than ever	49
Yes, as much as ever	50
Yes, but less than in the past	51
No	52

5. Since becoming a ham, have you discovered other aspects of our hobby that have given you at least as much enjoyment or fulfillment as your original motivation?

Yes, several aspects	53
Yes, one or two	54
No	55

6. Do you still find "imagination and adventure" in your ham radio activities?

Yes, more than in the past	56
Yes, as much as in the past	57
Yes, but not as much as in the past	58
No, not anymore	59
Never really did	60

Thank you for your responses. We'll be back with more questions next month.

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A Portable 20-meter Station – Pt. I

With summer almost over here, at least in the northeast U.S., we finally decided to complete our original summer project—a small, lightweight, inexpensive station for portable use, something we have wanted to do for a very long time. Unfortunately, we waited until the last minute!

At any rate, the objective was to be able to achieve worldwide communications with a compact station that could easily be transported, set up in minutes in a back yard or at the beach, and (most important) not cost an “arm and a leg.” The result (which took much longer than expected) was a collection of items purchased from flea markets, a discount clothing store, a home-improvement center, and through the internet (over a period of four months or so). The final cost was extremely reasonable and considerably less expensive than purchasing comparable new equipment. This entire station will be described this month and next. As the various items were obtained from random sources, you probably will not be able to duplicate my configuration exactly. However, hopefully, this discussion will give you some ideas for a similar project of your own.

After some careful thought, the requirements we decided upon were SSB phone operation (possibly with a CW option) on 20 meters (for worldwide communications), a portable power supply allowing several hours of continuous operation, and an easily built collapsible antenna. All of this would then be housed in a small shoulder-type case such as those used to carry a laptop computer. The

descriptions that follow are specific to what we came up with, and your approach may (and probably will) use different items.

For a transceiver, after an extensive hunt on the internet we were fortunate to obtain an intermittent MFJ-9420 20-meter SSB rig on eBay for a little less than \$75. This was the most expensive part of the system. When we received it, we repaired a few questionable cold solder joints (which is probably why it was so inexpensive), carefully realigned everything according to the manual, and then tested the unit via a dummy load which consisted of two 100-ohm, 2-watt resistors in parallel (for 50 ohms) connected between the center pin of the UHF connector and the ground screw on the rig.

The MFJ instruction manual indicated that the rig could produce 20 watts peak output, and keying it for a few seconds resulted in the dummy load quickly getting quite hot, so we knew all was working. For these tests we used a standard workbench power supply. Current draw while transmitting (less than two amperes) was also in line with the manual as a further check of proper operation. By the way, a CW accessory board is available from MFJ if you want to also be able to operate CW.

The MFJ-9420 connects to a power supply via a two-position power jack on the rear panel, so we purchased a suitable mate from a local electronic supply source and soldered a 6-foot length of red (+) and black (-) #18 wires to the connector. At the ends of these wires we attached two alligator clips, also purchased from the same source. We also prepared a similar second cable, but this time with an automobile cigarette-lighter plug in place of the alligator clips in case we wanted to operate mobile.

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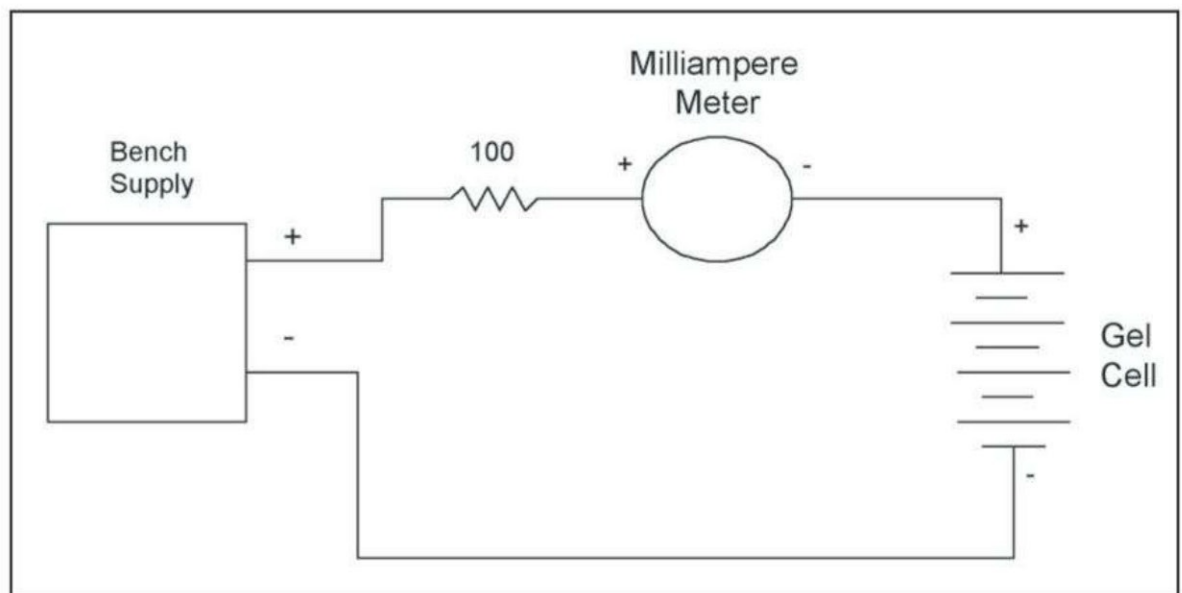


Fig. 1— Charging circuit for the 12-volt gel-cell battery.

A quick test with both cables was then done to assure that they would work properly.

For the portable power supply we decided to use a rechargeable lead-acid gel cell. A 12-volt, 7-ampere battery was obtained at virtually no cost (it was free.) from a discarded computer battery backup supply that a neighbor was getting rid of. The electronics in the supply had failed beyond repair, but the battery, as it turned out, was perfectly fine. We then charged this battery from our workbench supply (with a 100-ohm, 2 watt resistor in series with the battery and a milliamperemeter) and adjusted the output voltage of the supply for a current flow of 100 milliamperes as shown in fig. 1. When the open-circuit voltage of the battery reached about 13 volts (with the charging resistor disconnected), we considered it fully charged. In our case it took about four hours to reach this point.

A quick test with a 12-volt automobile backup light bulb we had in the junk box confirmed that the battery could indeed produce and maintain significant current. The battery was then housed in a small case normally used for cosmetics that was purchased from a local discount clothing outlet for \$5. At the same outlet we purchased another case, this time a laptop computer carrying case, for only \$10 (on sale) that looked like it would house all of the components (other than the battery). It is amazing what you can find from sources that are as far from amateur radio as you can imagine as long as you keep an open mind.

To complete the transceiver we purchased a UHF-to-BNC adapter connector. We felt that small-diameter flexible coax such as RG-58/U would be a much better choice to run to the antenna (and transport) than heavier RG-8/U, especially in a portable station. We also built a transmission line consisting of a 15-foot length of RG-58/U with a BNC connector on each end for use with the antenna. Since the length was short, the losses due to the smaller coax were negligible.

Fig. 2 shows all of the main items of the portable station (including the antenna, loading coil, and mount), but without the power cables, coax, and other miscellaneous fittings.

Total cost so far was less than \$20 (not counting the cost of the transceiver).

Next month, in part II, we will describe in detail the construction of the antenna and the final assembly of the station.

73, Irwin, WA2NDM



Fig. 2— Portable station major items as discussed in text.

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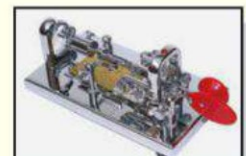
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I'm writing this from a log cabin, or more accurately a log shack, built over three winters with a forester/carpenter friend in the woods behind the house. I say "winters" because I approached it as I would an antenna: The worse the weather, the more chance of success the project will have. I have fond memories of chipping ice off logs so that I could peel the bark. We used trees that needed thinning because they were strangling other trees. I built it so I would have a place to get away from radio and everything else and think and read.

However, being afflicted with the *malady* known as amateur radio, after about three days of thinking and reading, I was thinking of how I could set

up the Yaesu 857D to operate from the cabin. The next day I was on 40 meters from my new "cabin shack," having tapped into the tower feed line, relay box and rotor control lines. I had a lot of "stuff" in the garage, but I didn't know I had 350 feet of heavy-duty extension cords and a gazillion feet of RG 213.

Here's another example of what this malady known as amateur radio is like. Once I was at the north rim of the Grand Canyon. After a few hours of being awed by the geology and the unimaginable concept of time, I was thinking of how a long-wire could be strung across the whole canyon. I figured it could be done with two tour buses. I've had this malady for years, although as far as I know it hasn't been listed in the medical diagnostic manual (I keep hoping, though). It reminds me of that old

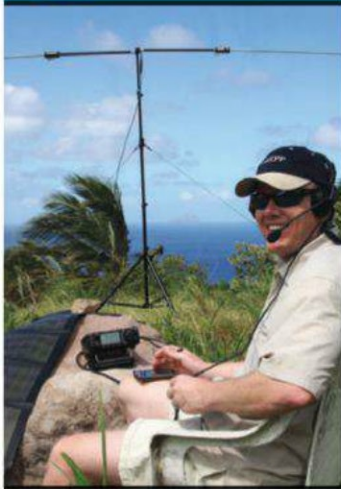
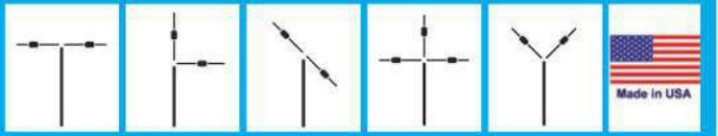
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Andy Griffith line. When told that someone "has ROTC," Griffith said, "Oh no. Is he real sick?"

Anyhow, I'm listening to 40 and 75 meters, and so many folks are talking about their upcoming trips to Dayton, the planning for their clubs' Field Day, teaching summer radio classes and giving exams. I wonder . . . What it is that inspires all these people to be so giving of their personal time in a world where there are never enough hours in a day, and where, sadly, there is no Main Street America anymore? What drives them to be so dedicated with no regard to financial gain or fame in an era when nobody has much real time for anything, thanks to our "labor saving" devices that just lead to more labor and less (no) peace?

Amateurs who organize hamfests, help out in disaster communications, or teach classes; the contesters, the traffic net participants, the digital folks, and the incredibly enthusiastic QRPers; those who live above 50 MHz, the DXpeditioners, and the people who just like to "ham," all understand that the greatest reward in doing something is to experience joy in doing it. Specifically for you teachers out there who work so hard to bring new people into ham radio,

I hope you know what has been written about teachers: "Teachers may very well be immortal, because no one knows *when*, or even *if*, their legacy ever ends." Witness Earl Savage, K4SDS, in last month's column.

What motivates all of you has to be far beyond what Teddy Roosevelt implored us: "Do the best you can with what you have, where you are." You all do that, but what you accomplish is far beyond that.

Well, I think I know what it is. On a plane once I read it in a magazine I should have kept it. Since I didn't, I can't give credit to an author, but it is this: "It's *caring* more than others think wise, *risking* more than other think safe, *dreaming* more than others think practical, and *expecting* more than others think possible. The writer said, "That defines *excellence*."

Years ago and countless hamfests ago I heard Walt Stinson, WØCP, describe the source of your excellence best when he said, "We are all bound together by the love of the magic of radio." That's what inspires your excellence.

That is why, instead of being cynical or jaded about amateur radio after ten years of enforcement, I am more optimistic than ever about it. Our numbers

are healthy and growing. Our service is included in the TV series *Last Man Standing*. It's a very popular web attraction on TWIT network live at <<http://live.twit.tv>>, with replays on <TWIT.TV/hn>, thanks to Bob Heil, K9EID; Gordon West, WB6NOA; George Thomas, W5JDX; Joe Walsh, WB6ACU; and many others. You all are doing your part to make sure America keeps its lead in science and technology, not an easy task these days!

Ham Radio's "Greatest Generation"

Could it be that this malady we call ham radio keeps us young? It must, because we have our own "Greatest Generation" that gave it to us and continues to teach and guide us. NBC's Tom Brokaw, in his book *The Greatest Generation* (Random House, 2004), wrote of the generation of Americans born in the 1920s who came of age during the Great Depression and fought in WW II. After the war and school, they "became a new kind of Army . . . moving into the landscapes of industry, science and education, arts and public policy, bringing the same passion and discipline that served them so well in the war."



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In reading about Reynold "Fritz" Nitsch, W4NTO, receiving the George Hart Distinguished Service Award for long years of service to amateur radio, I am reminded of the first time I met him in Spartanburg, South Carolina. He was a prolific OO (ARRL Official Observer) and I wanted to meet him because in spite of thousands of OO notices, we had never received a complaint about him. In riding with him to dinner before giving a talk to his club, I will never forget what he said: "I decided to stop servicing that Red Cross tower over there. I used to replace the tower lights and do general maintenance." When I asked why, he said, "I got to realize I'm not 75 anymore."

Last year a local resident came to visit and asked if I would get in touch with his 94-year-old grandfather, a ham operator from New England who had recently moved to Gettysburg to live with his daughter. A few weeks later I met him and saw the rig he had set up in a very nice basement radio room. The guy was none other than Vic Pounoff, N4XR, one of the best known contesters the Yankee Clipper Contest Club has ever had. He was lightning-fast on CW and said that he wasn't sure he even owned a microphone. Within two weeks, on a chimney-mounted vertical antenna with no radials, which I didn't think would really work, he had gotten 40 countries!

Then there's Joe Gault, W4WZ, well into his 80s and my own Elmer who taught me the code, building and repairing beautiful vintage equipment, and is an active participant in a monthly "show and tell" luncheon for amateurs. He goes to all the class reunions from the years he spent as a physics teacher and it is not unusual for former students to tell him they got a ham license because of him. He gives me a hard workout during our weekly CW schedule on 40 meters, but to be honest, I can't quite keep up.

There's Royce Goodwin, WA4AFE, also in his 80s and lightning-fast on CW and a builder of incredible antennas. For 30 years I have talked to him first about any antenna project I ever started. For him to get another DX entity, there would have to be few more civil wars.

The first year I worked in amateur enforcement I met a delightful and enthusiastic person named Evelyn Gauzens, W4WYR, at a Florida ham-fest. In checking up on her now I see that among many other accomplishments she spent 45 years as Chairman of the Tropical Hamboree in Miami. She is a life member of the Dade Radio Club,

a long-time member of the Florida Phone Traffic Net, and a new inductee into the CQ Amateur Radio Hall of Fame. Her husband was a ham operator, and her son and granddaughter are active amateurs as well.

These ops and thousands of others like them in their 80s and above are amateur radio's own Greatest Generation. As we pursue this hobby/service that joyfully occupies our lives, we have to remember that *they gave us this great legacy known as ham radio and we stand on their shoulders*. Their legacy will last a thousand years if we do our part.

A Youth Elixir?

Thus, it very well may be that this ham radio malady we have is the answer to aging! Maybe it's the challenges and opportunities ham radio offers, from CW to PSK31 to building rigs to contesting to experimenting with everything from antennas to QRP rigs. The North Carolina writer Thomas Wolfe said "we are the sum of all the moments of our lives. All that is ours is in them."

I believe I am correct in saying that CW was the first form of digital communications, and that amateur radio was the first "internet." It just has to be that the passion for and the joy of the magic of radio is why amateur radio has had so many "finest hours." In teaching, contesting, experimenting with antennas, and all the opportunities in ham radio from modes to frequencies, from space communications to local nets, the intrigue and the joy of all that keeps us young at heart.

I look at my 47-year-old TA-33 beam (\$125 from Allied Radio, including an AR 22 rotator and 50 feet of cable) that has survived so many ice storms and hurricanes, including Hugo in South Carolina, and don't quite understand how I can talk anywhere in the world so easily. I know there are better antennas, but just like the entire amateur radio experience, this is one of the many "moments" of my life that ham radio has given me. Much of my soul is in it, and I hope I am always awed by it. That's the magic of this passion that keeps us young. How fortunate we are!

A sincere thanks to our own Greatest Generation for what you have given us!

Now everyone of all ages, go enjoy amateur radio, remembering all the while what I preached to you over ten long years: Every gift of lasting value comes with responsibility.

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2012 Dayton Hamvention® Kits Report

Another Dayton Hamvention® has come and gone, and I salute the hard-working committee members and volunteers who make this annual mega-event a success. Without all of their hard work there would be no Hamvention® to look forward to each year.

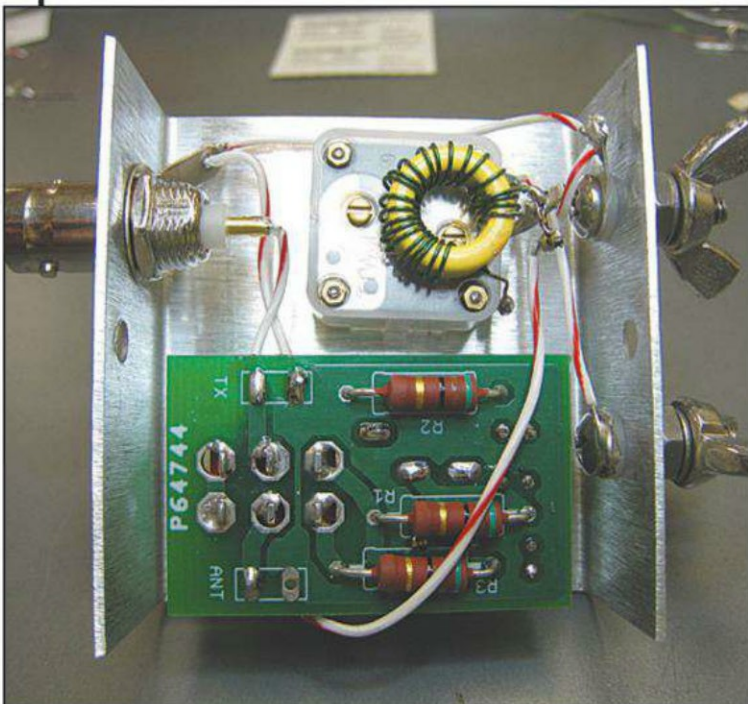
This year I found lots of tools available and no shortage of good sources of soldering irons, hand tools, solder wick, and above all, good-quality solder to build my future kits. My trip to Dayton 2012 did not disappoint when it came to seeing new kits introduced as well.

SOTA Tuner Kit

One of the new kits is the SOTA (Summits On The Air) half-wave antenna tuner. Mentioned in his June 2012 *CQ* editorial, Editor Rich Moseson, W2VU, put this kit together, and I thought I'd shed a little light on its inner workings.

The SOTA Tuner kit by Hendricks Kits is a low-cost, simple, and fun-to-build kit and is also ideally suited for a group kit-building experience. The SOTA Tuner allows you to tune a simple half-wave end-fed antenna and accommodates a suitable counterpoise wire as well. This type of antenna works well for portable use, and the tuner will handle up to QRP power levels of 5 watts. For some-

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SOTA Tuner inside view.

one interested in just shortwave listening, it is an ideal simple tuner to use with a general-coverage receiver primarily tuned to the frequencies from 40–15 meters. It is also well-suited for use by hams who hike to mountaintops to operate QRP. The SOTA Tuner, when complete, is very lightweight and compact for easy backpacking. With just one switch and one knob, it can't get much simpler to use.

The SOTA tuner kit includes the popular Dan Tayloe (N7VE) SWR indicator which allows you to tune the antenna without presenting an incorrect load to the output of the transmitter. This feature protects the final output transistor, which has no SWR protection in most QRP radio designs.

There are two toroids to wind in this kit, and for those who prefer not to wind them, remember that these toroids are pretty easy as toroids go, and the wire supplied with the kit is very easy to prepare. I used my three-step process for handling the toroid leads. I first use a lighter to singe the insulation, followed by using an emery board to remove the remaining insulation, followed by tinning the lead with good solder. This type of wire sometimes can be done in one step by using a blob of solder that is run up and down the lead to melt the insulation and tin the lead at the same time, but you need to have the iron heat on high. I prefer my method to be extra sure all of the insulation is removed and the lead is tinned before connection. There is some point-to-point wiring in order to connect the toroids to the SWR indicator board, the polyvaricon, and the antenna terminals, but none of it is difficult. The antenna terminals have wingnuts, making them fast and easy to use in the field.

Once completed, you can hang the antenna wire cut to the desired length for the band in use and attach it to the antenna terminal, and attach the counterpoise to the other terminal. Put it into the Tune mode and supply a low-power carrier and turn the knob until the LED dims or goes out. That finishes the simple procedure to tune it. Now it is ready to be switched into the operate position and enjoyed!

A wire length chart is provided in the downloadable instructions and can be printed to fit the bottom of the tuner so that the needed wire dimensions are always handy. If building this kit as a group project, allow about two hours for the build time so no one is rushed, and be prepared to help those who have not wound toroids before. These toroids are really simple and easy to make.

You can order the SOTA Tuner from Hendricks Kits for \$30 plus shipping at <<http://www.qrpkits.com>>. Other new Hendricks kits seen at Dayton include a new Weber Tribander CW transceiver, Ft. Tuthill 160M CW transceiver, and the

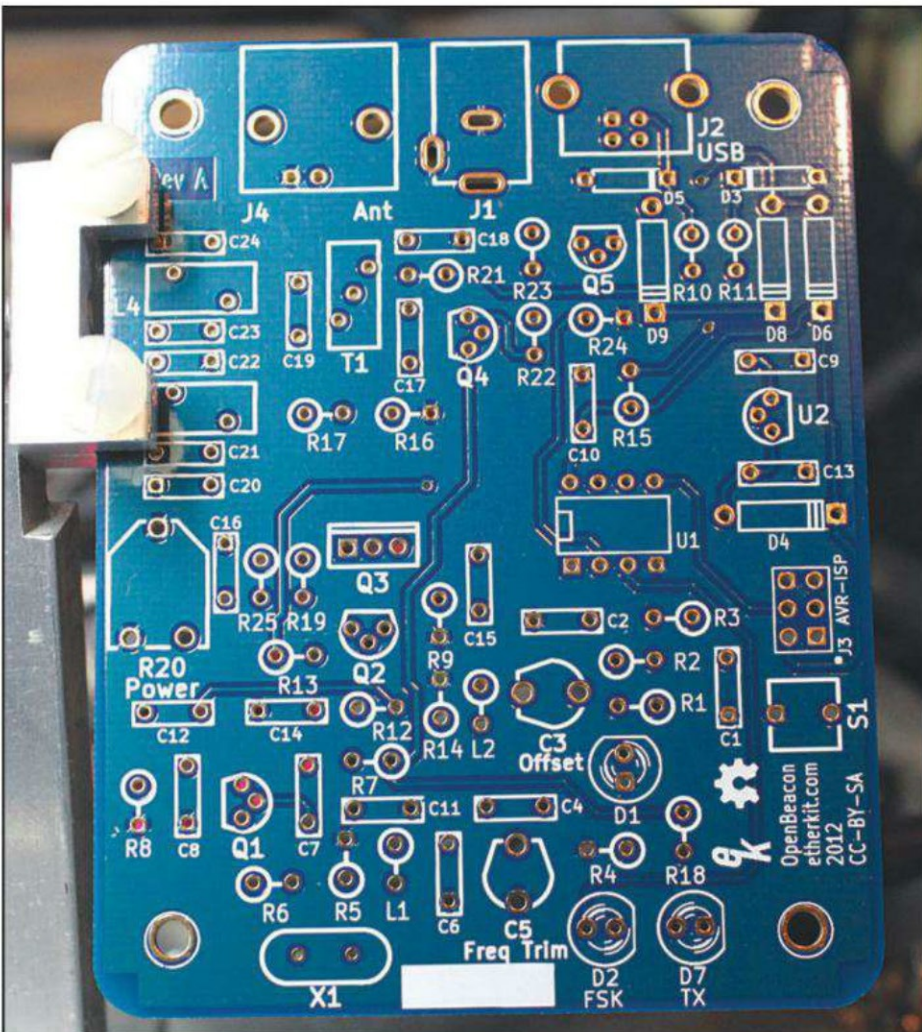
SMK-2 40M surface-mount CW transceiver kit. The SMK-2 has an optional three-crystal board, which allows it to cover the three most popular QRP watering holes in the 40-meter band. The Twofer Plus is an updated version of the Twofer CW transmitter. It comes with a case and is a simple build process. Look for more in-depth looks at some of these kits in future columns.

Etherkits OpenBeacon QRSS Beacon

Another fun kit that showed up at Dayton this year is the OpenBeacon QRSS beacon from Etherkits. Right now this kit is available only for the 30-meter QRSS frequency (10.140 MHz), but future plans include other bands as well. This kit features the ability to program the beacon with your callsign or change it at will for special event or club callsigns if needed. The OpenBeacon interfaces with your computer through the USB port and can actually be powered from the USB port if needed,



Doug Hendricks, KI6DS, joins in the fun at a monthly meeting of the HBQRP group in Ashland, Nebraska. Doug is the man behind Hendricks Kits.



Etherkits OpenBeacon board before component placement. Notice the use of vertically mounted resistors to maximize the use of space.

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SOTA Tuner external view.

although for maximum power output a normal 12-VDC supply is recommended. In addition to changeable callsigns, the mode of transmission can be altered to include on/off CW keying, narrow-band frequency shift keying, or a form of Hellschreiber transmission that results in visible characters and symbols being viewable.

The OpenBeacon is assembled in three stages, allowing testing to be done first on the power supply and

microcontroller/USB interface and then the oscillator, followed by the amplifier stage. As with a previous QRSS beacon kit I have built, one of the LEDs purposely does not light up, as it is used for its varicap properties instead of its ability to produce light. It is used to create the very narrow frequency shift most types of QRSS beacons use. The shift used for QRSS is often roughly 5–10 Hz and is adjustable. There are two other LEDs that are used to indicate the current status of the beacon—one LED for transmit and the other to indicate when FSK occurs.

Assembling the OpenBeacon is relatively simple, including the three toroids. One toroid is a bifilar with two different colors of wire supplied, making this toroid easier to make. All of the resistors are mounted upright on the board to conserve space. The controller IC is an 8-pin chip, and it is socketed in case an upgrade becomes available. Connecting the kit to your computer is accomplished by using a common USB

A-to-B cable. This type of USB cable is commonly used to connect printers or external hard drives to a computer and is not included with the kit. Be sure to have one available when it comes time to test the first stage of construction. Programming the OpenBeacon is accomplished using a command-line interface and can be done once the first stage of building is complete.

At this writing, I had assembled the OpenBeacon up to the USB/Controller stage, and I will report on its completion next month. You can look at the documentation for this kit or purchase it at <<http://www.etherkit.com>>.

In Closing

It was a pleasure to meet many of my readers at the Dayton Hamvention® and I hope to meet many more at the Huntsville show in August. I won't be wearing the Dayton hat, but I'll have my red ball cap on and a CQ shirt. See you in Huntsville! 73 de KØNEB

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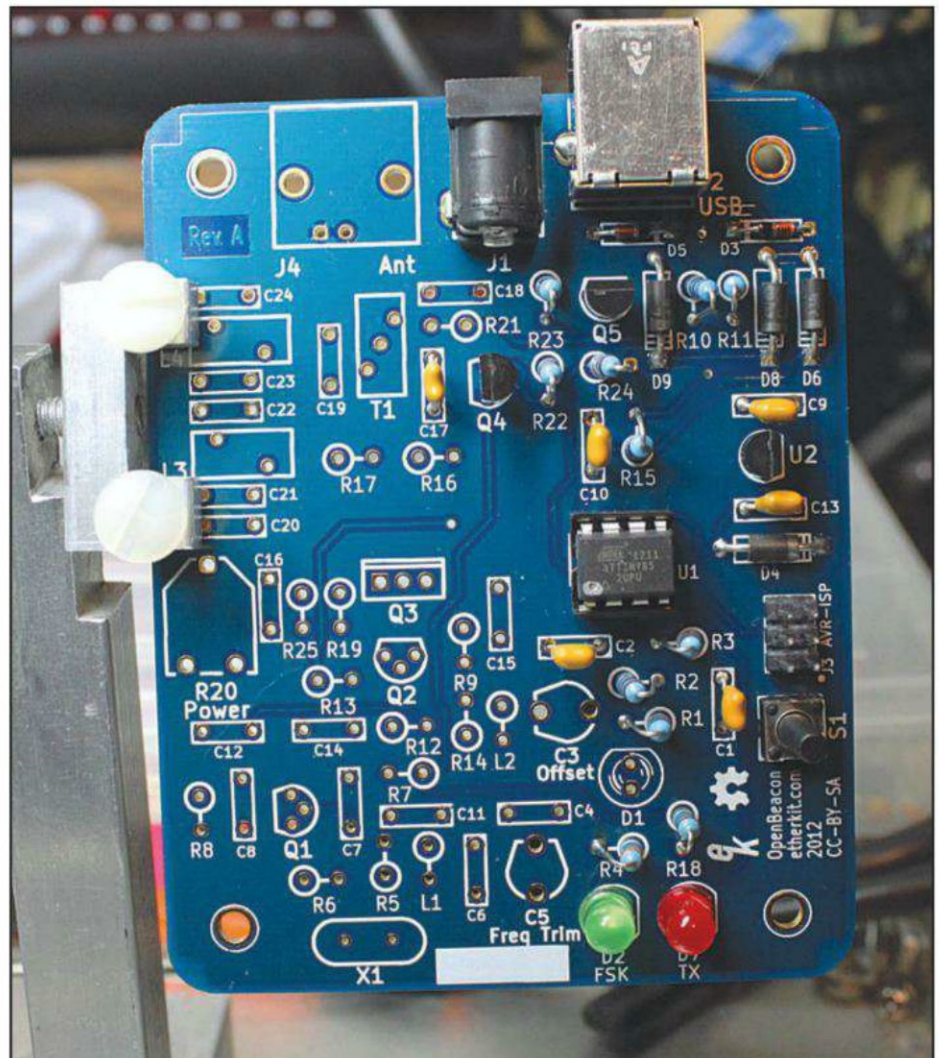
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Etherkits OpenBeacon board with USB/Microprocessor stage completed.

QRP in the South Pacific

This month we turn our attention to the South Pacific for a couple of QRP adventures. Remember the *Kon-Tiki*? (See opening photo.) It was the raft used by Thor Heyerdahl to sail from Peru to the Polynesian islands in 1947. His purpose was to show that the South Seas islands could have been populated by people who traveled from South America. To this end, he built the raft using materials and techniques that would have been available to the native population at the time, using balsa logs and other materials gathered locally in Peru. Heyerdahl permitted himself a deviation from the “original equipment” track by including some modern-day communications equipment. This consisted of transmitters for the 40-, 20-, 10- and 6-meter bands. These were tube-type rigs with about 10 watts input, which would fall pretty close to our current definition of QRP. The receiver they carried was a National NC-173. After the first 20 days of the trip, communication via ham radio frequencies was established and continued for the remaining 80 days of the voyage. An article describing the radio operation aboard *Kon-Tiki* was published in the December 1947 issue of *QST* magazine.

I was reminded of the *Kon-Tiki* adventure by Gary Davis, KD9SB. Gary wrote: “I have recently completed a 20-meter 1-watt output QRP transmitter for use on my sailboat (photo A). My transmitter was inspired by Thor Heyerdahl’s 1947 *Kon-Tiki* balsa-raft voyage across the Pacific from Peru to Polynesia.

“The solar-powered transmitter has one sixth of the power output of the *Kon-Tiki* raft’s 20-meter 6-watt transmitter. The transmitter has a loop-through connection for the receiver, weighs 5.5 oz., and has diode protection for high SWR. It can also be built for 40 meters, with 1.5 watts out. The inductors for the oscillator, RF amp, and PI output filter are off-the-shelf miniature parts from Mouser Electronics.”

The schematic of Gary’s transmitter is presented in fig. 1. For a complete parts list, contact the author at <gdavisKD9SB@sbcglobal.net>.

Gary uses a Yaesu VR500 pocket communications receiver with his homebrew transmitter. His best DX so far was with KD6JUI, a distance of 1886 miles. For an antenna, Gary uses a Zepp that is fed with window line. A full description of the antenna can be found in his article entitled “A 20 Meter Antenna for Sailboats,” published in the October 2006 issue of *QST*.

CE0/YV5IAL: A QRP Digital Portable Mini-Dxpedition

If *Kon-Tiki*’s path across the Pacific had dipped about a thousand miles to the south, it might have encountered Easter Island, from where our next

story comes. Many of us dream of someday doing a portable operation from an exotic location. Roberto, YV5IAL, has done just that, and not from any ordinary, remote locale (photo B). Easter Island claims to be the most remote inhabited island in the world. Roberto journeyed there for a QRP mini-DXpedition. Here’s his account:

“On the first days of January 2010, I made my dream come true—transmitting from an exotic DX entity in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. Easter Island is the most isolated island on the planet, thousands of miles away from anywhere.

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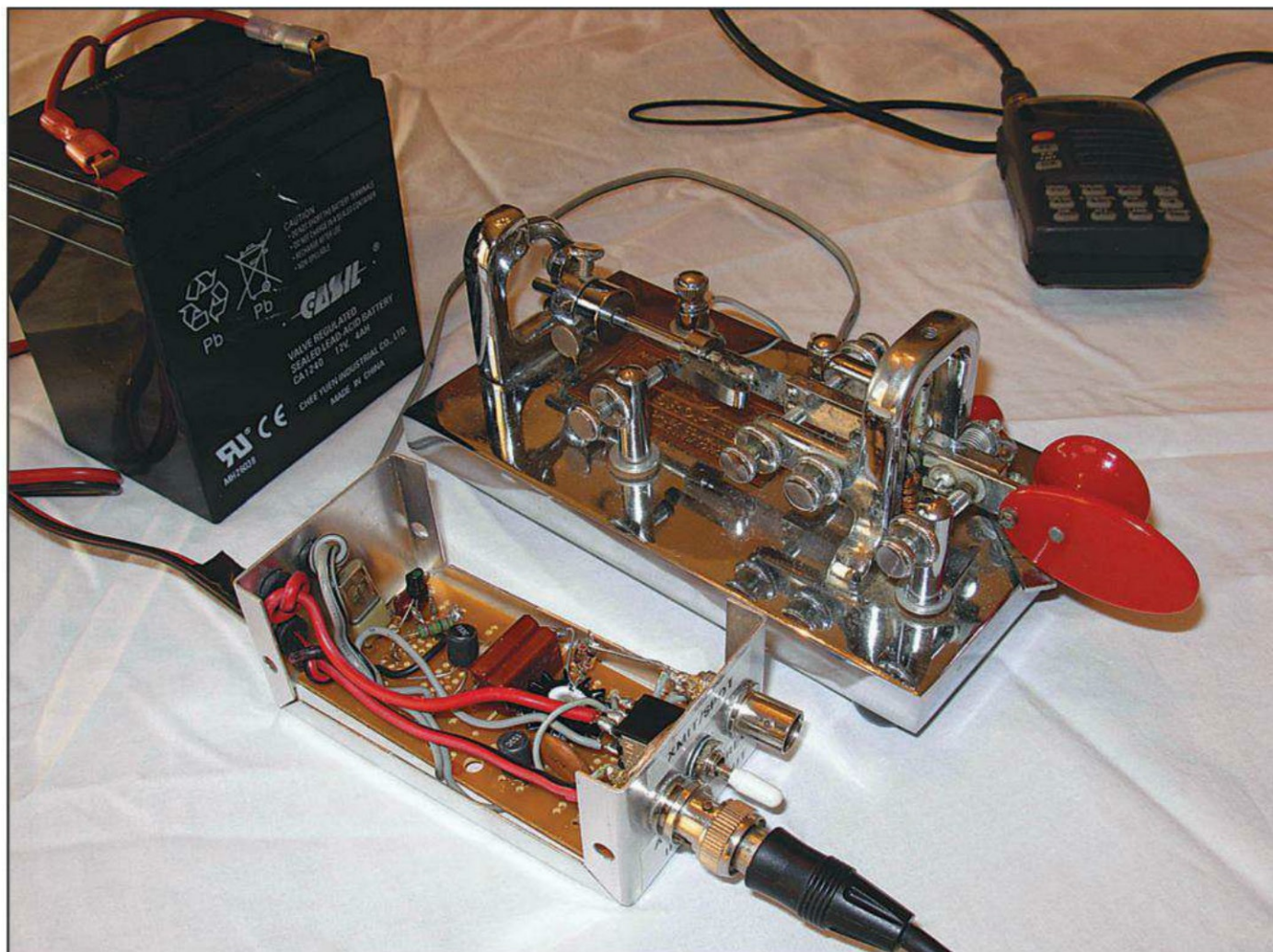


Photo A—KD9SB's Kon-Tiki inspired 20 meter CW transmitter.

I decided to work QRP, because the Yaesu FT-817ND, portable antenna, and accessories weighed less than 14 pounds, and the full station fit in two small bags (one for the radio and accessories and another for the antenna). I decided *not* to take the 100-watt station (Yaesu FT-857D and accessories) because the weight would have been twice or more. . . .

"After 20 hours of travel, I arrived at the hotel in Hanga Roa (the only town on the island). Immediately, I asked permission to install the antenna. Thirty minutes after, the Buddipole antenna was installed on the balcony and the radials (counterpoises) were spread all along the wood hotel room railings. CE0/YV5IAL, QRP digital portable station was ready to start the First World Easter Island PSK activation (January 9 to 11, 2010).

Roberto's station components can be seen in photo C. His QRP PSK station consisted of an FT-817 and an HP 1910 IPAQ Pocket PC running PocketDigi software. Roberto continues with his observations about operating low power from a place where your signal has to travel for thousands of miles before it gets to the first available ham

stations: "Wasting valuable time insistently calling DX will not work. Never forget that you're at a disadvantage. Only good antenna stations will be able to copy you. Avoid competing with another station, and wait patiently for the DX station calling CQ again."

When it came time to pack up and leave, Roberto's log included QSOs with the USA, Hawaii, Marshall Is., Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Colombia, and Brazil. His most distant QSO: V73RS, 9750 km (6,058 mi) for 2437 km/watt. A very good show for a QRP rig and a portable antenna!

Flyweight Feedline

The subject of Flyweight Feedlines surfaced on QRP-L a couple of months ago. That prompted me to make a trip to the garage to retrieve some lightweight stuff with which I had experimented. My motivation for fabricating this feedline is now lost in the mists of time, but I think it had something to do with trying to make a portable antenna

that would work well with my 4-band Elecraft K1.

I've used short lengths of RG-174 to feed a well-matched 20-meter dipole, but this little coax would never do well in feeding a non-resonant 4-band antenna. The feedpoint impedance would be all over the map, and the resulting feedline loss would gobble up most of my RF. Over the years people have pressed zip cord, computer ribbon cable, and all manner of hookup wire into feedline service, with varying results. The first use of computer ribbon cable I could find was "The St. Louis Doublet" by Dave Gauding, NFØR, published in *QRPP*, Spring 1999. Dave used a length of 2-conductor computer ribbon cable. This was followed by Doug Hendricks' KI6DS "Norcal Doublet" published in the Winter 2002 issue of *QRPP*. Doug's feedline was a length of 4-conductor flat ribbon cable, of which he used the outer two conductors for the feedline, the inner conductors providing only spacing.

Fast forward several years. A box of flat-ribbon cable caught my eye at a

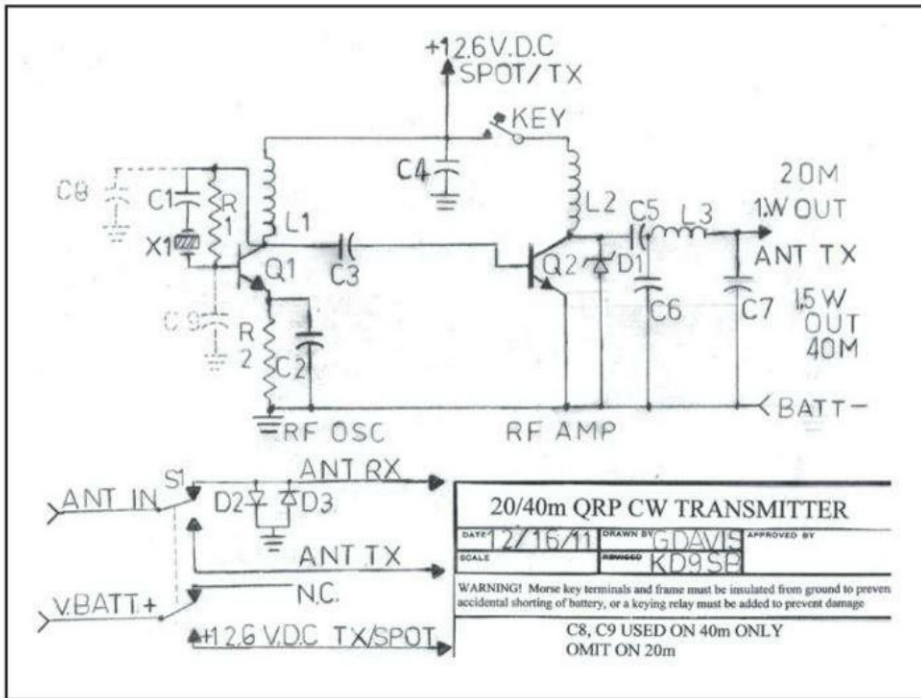


Fig. 1— This is the schematic of KD9SB's transmitter. The parts list can be obtained from the author. (See text for details.)

swap meet and followed me home. It was 100 feet of 37-conductor cable, enough to build 18 NorCal doublets. Since there was so much of it, I decided I could easily experiment and hopefully find something that would represent an improvement over the existing designs.

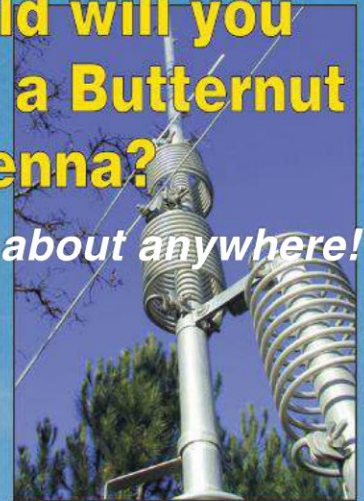
After many iterations I ended up with the feedline that you see in photo D. I peeled off a seven-conductor strip of the flat cable, used the two outer strands on each side for the conductors, and cut out the inner three conductors to make faux window line. Why? The losses in a feedline come primarily from the I^2R losses in the conductors and dielectric losses in the space between the conductors. In this ribbon cable the conductors are #28 stranded wire, which seemed a little wimpy to me. Doubling up on the conductors is a fairly painless way to cut down the ohmic losses. Likewise, air is the best dielectric we know other than vacuum, so by removing most of the inner three conductors we have a fairly good dielectric—not perfect, but pretty darn good.

Admittedly, constructing this feedline is a little more labor-intensive than making the NorCal Doublet feedline, which requires practically no work at all. However, the results are fairly impressive. I enlisted the help of Charlie, W6JJZ, and his AIM 4170 VNA to run some tests on this feedline. It ends up having a characteristic impedance of 280 ohms, a velocity factor of .87, and .9 dB loss per 100 feet at 10 MHz, which means this feedline weighs about the same as RG-174 but has the loss characteristics of RG-59 with foam dielectric.

The hard part is making it. I did it in three passes. The first pass was to mark the 7-conductor cable where the win-

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Photo B— YV5IAL's QSL card from Easter Island.

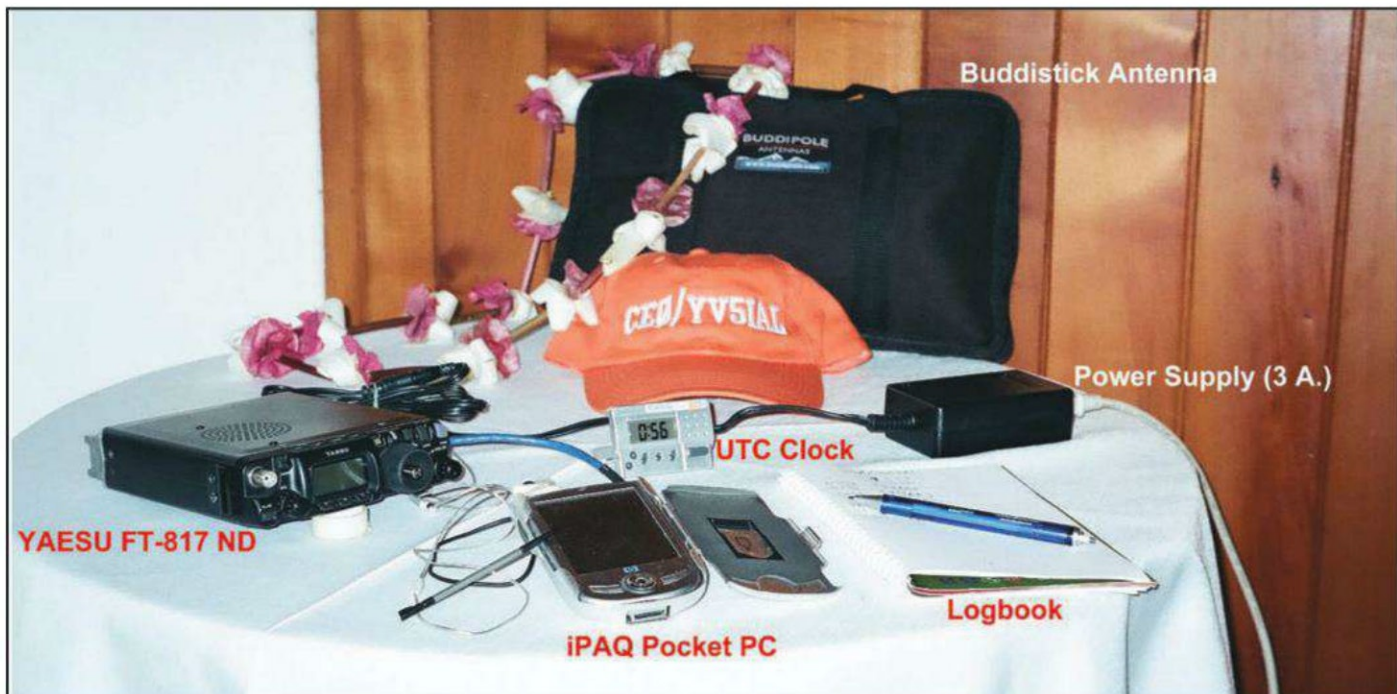


Photo C— The portable QRP PSK setup used by Roberto, YV5IAL, on Easter Island.

dows were to be cut out using a permanent marking pen. To speed up this task I made a template on a sheet of paper which I attached to a clip board. I laid the cable next to the template and marked it, and then slid the cable forward to the place where I could mark the next set of cuts.

In the next pass I made the slits in the cable between the conductors and the inner part which was to be cut out. A hobby knife worked well for this.

The last pass was to cut out the window sections, and this was done easily with a small set of diagonal cutters, as seen in photo E. It is a time-consuming process, but I found the time passed more quickly if I listened to code practice. Nothing like multi-tasking to make the time fly!

April Reader Survey—QRP

A monthly feature in *CQ* is the Reader Survey, wherein the editorial staff asks a series of questions aimed at learning more about our readers and, hopefully, improving the focus of the magazine. The subject of the April survey was QRP, and I found the results to be illuminating, if not downright profound.

This survey is voluntary, and of course not a statistical cross-section of the whole ham spectrum, so you'd expect that the ones who responded have at least a passing interest in low-power operating. Their attitude toward QRP operating bears this out, with the answers "I enjoy it when I do it" and

"Love it" comprising 75% of the responses. "Great for Others" scored 10%; "Life's Too Short" came in at 9%; and "Hadn't thought about it" rounded out the responses with 7%.

The responses to the "Time devoted to QRP operating" question were skewed by the 19% who answered "Don't operate QRP at all," so I tossed

out the non-QRPs and rearranged the numbers. The biggest response was in the 1–25% group, with 43% of QRPs responding. If you then add the 26–50% group (13%), the conclusion indicated is that a majority of QRPs spend less than half of their time operating QRP. Which means that half the time they are doing something else, from which it fol-



Photo D— Balanced feedline made from flat ribbon cable, flanked by RG-58 and RG-174.

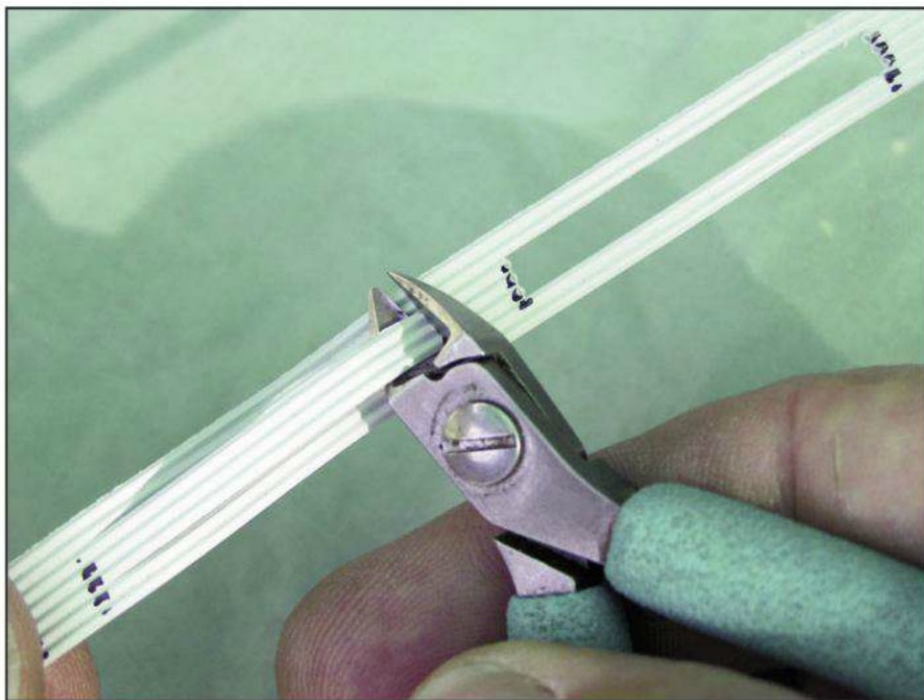


Photo E— The last step in fabricating the flyweight feedline.

lows that they do have a variety of interests in the radio world. Psychiatrists would probably say that this indicates a healthy state of mind, unlike the 18% of respondents (myself included) who operate 100% of their time at QRP levels. At least we're not irradiating our brains with dangerously high levels of RF, though.

The answers to the question about what modes are most often used are not surprising, with 61% of respondents using CW, followed by 32% for SSB, 16% Digital, 14% FM, and 2% Other. If the survey were to be run again in a couple of years, it wouldn't surprise me if the results showed an increase in the use of digital modes. Newer modes such as PSK, WSPR, and JT65 work quite well at QRP levels.

"Where" you operate QRP is pretty much what you would expect: 68% of respondents said Home, followed by 27% for Remote/Off Grid, 21% for Vacation Home/Hotel, 20% for Car/Truck, 6% for Other, and 2% for Boat/Plane.

The last two questions were about the equipment we use. In the "Antenna" category, the home antenna was mentioned 61% of the time, a likely answer in that we operate from home most of the time per the answer to the "Where" question above. This was followed by portable homebrewed at 38% and portable purchased at 26%. Finally, 20% of respondents say they use a mobile antenna, which is notable

because I've often heard it said that one can't operate mobile with anything less than 100 watts. 20% of the respondents would disagree.

Regarding what rigs we use, commercial QRP rigs edge out QRP kits 36% to 34%, meaning that we buy and build a kit almost as often as we buy a factory-built rig. 21% say they use the "Big Rig" by turning down the power. Way down the list is Scratch Built at 5%. I'll have to admit that I last scratch built a rig about two years ago. It's getting harder to scratch build with through-hole parts becoming scarcer and so many more designs using surface-mount parts and on-board processors. It appears that QRPers still have a desire to build their rigs and kits are fulfilling that need.

Thanks to the editorial staff here at CQ for running the monthly Reader Survey. From the 2012 April survey I feel like I have a more-focused picture of who we QRPers really are.

Signing Off

As I'm writing these words, Field Day plans are coming into focus and gear is being retrieved from storage in anticipation of another good weekend in the woods. As you're reading this, FD '12 is history. I hope you had as great a time as I hope to!

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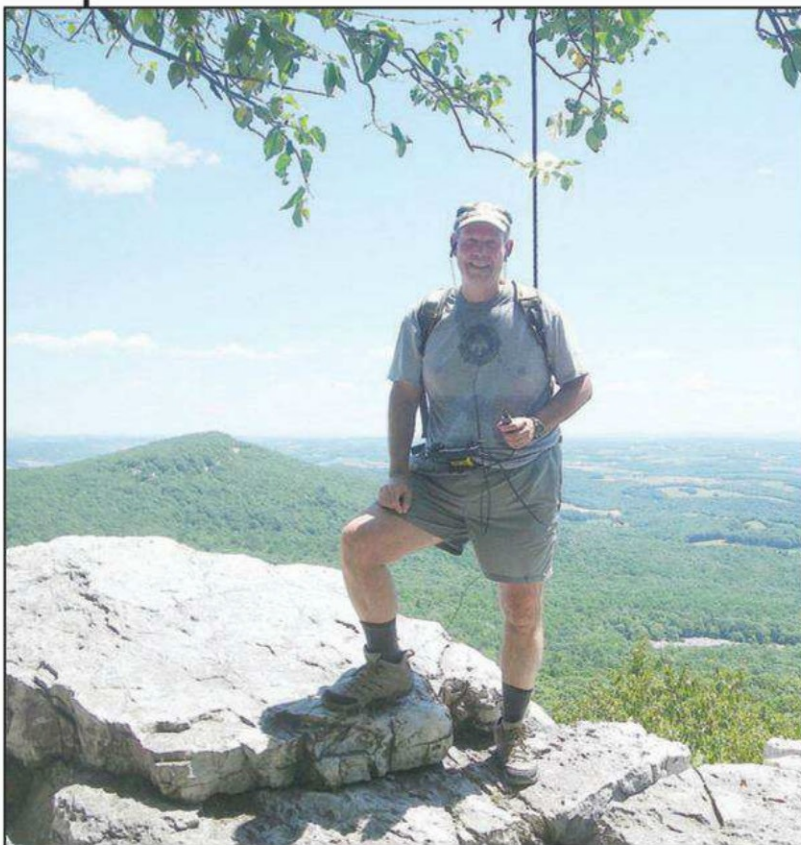
The Best Laid Plans . . .

With Dayton/FDIM (Four Days In May, the annual QRP gathering at the Dayton Hamvention®) behind us, things are starting to get back to normal around the old Bent Dipole Ranch. I had anticipated finishing the July column about building and modifying the Wilderness Radio NorCal-40A <<http://www.fix.net/~jparker/wilderness/nc40a.htm>>. However, after a whirlwind two months (Ozarkcon QRP convention in Branson, Missouri, in April and Dayton/FDIM in May), I was unable to spend the necessary time at the workbench to complete the build/modifications and shoot the pictures for that column. Hopefully, next month we'll be able to finish that project. In the meantime, if you haven't already procured a NC-40A kit, this gives you additional time to get that project under way.

“Life is short, so enjoy!”

This month's column will instead be dedicated to exploring some opportunities to get on the air with a thought toward customization of your (my?) shack. Most of us have our “radio room” or “ham shack” in an isolated portion of our home for sev-

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Ed Breneiser, WA3WSJ, loves to operate pedestrian mobile (/PM), from Pulpit Rock on the Appalachian Trail in Pennsylvania.

eral reasons. First, it gives us a place to retire from the hustle and bustle of family life and enjoy some quality time on the radio. Secondly, and most probably the driving force behind a separate location for the shack, is the spousal unit or significant other. After all, we hams are a cloistered bunch and not everyone shares our love (mania??) with all things radio. Therefore, having a place to play radio that is not on the main thoroughfare of the homestead is a good thing—for all concerned.

However, when both spousal units are hams, this becomes a game changer. Both Patricia (KB3MCT) and I are active on VHF FM with our local club, (the Gwinnett Amateur Radio Society, GARS) and Gwinnett County Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) group. The main reason Pat studied and passed her ham tests was to become active in emergency communications and make a difference when disaster struck. Therefore, we needed a small station in the main portion of the house in order to check into the various local nets and participate in ARES.

One of the first things I did upon moving into our new home was to install a simple Icom FM transceiver and a dual band V/UHF omni antenna in the corner of the kitchen. This has worked out well over the intervening years but there had to be a better solution ... and there was. It came in the form of Ed Breneiser, WA3WSJ, that crazy dude who wanders the Appalachian Trail talking to people using his pedestrian mobile (/PM) radio set!

One of the first things you have to understand about Ed is that he isn't quite normal! Far from it; Ed's motto, “Life is short, so enjoy!” is his personal philosophy and guiding light. I truly envy Ed. Forced into early retirement, he married his passions of hiking and ham radio to become one of the world's leading proponents of man-pack HF operation from primitive locations. The Appalachian Trail, or “A-Trail” as it is called by those who regularly hike it, stretches across 14 states from New England to Georgia. It is a magnificent trail full of early American history and incredible scenic beauty.

Ed was one of the guest speakers at the FDIM forums this year. His topic, “Pedestrian Mobile: Once You Go ‘/PM,’ You'll Never Go Back,” was, for me, the highlight of the forums and, having known Ed for almost 20 years, it was a chance for the two of us to buddy-up and compare notes.

So what does Ed's preoccupation with hiking the A-Trail with an HF man-pack set have to do with my living room? Read on, have no fear, this will make sense, I promise.

/PM Rig Selection

Ed's philosophy regarding ham radio and operations from the trail or campsite is: KISS (Keep It Simple, Stupid). Radio gear designed for use from the bush has undergone some very interesting changes over the last few years. Fifteen or more

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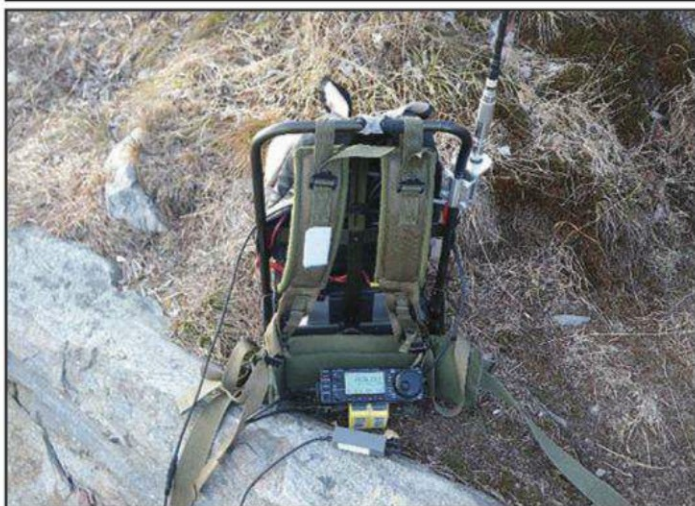
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years ago it was not uncommon for someone hiking or camping to drag along a Ten-Tec Argonaut 509, Heathkit HW-8 or similar 20+ year old rig and set up a simple shack in/near the tent. With the advent of the Elecraft K1 and KX-1 transceivers along with a plethora of kit radios aimed directly at the hiker/camper like the ATS series from Steve Weber, KD1JV, and the Hendricks QRP Kits PFR-3, things quickly changed. Now it was possible to not only take a rig with you that had some much needed and unique-to-the-trail features, but the radios themselves were true game-changers when it came

to portability, reliability, ultra-low current requirements and ease of use.

In Ed's case he tried several arrangements and finally settled on the discontinued Icom IC-703 Plus, an HF plus 6 meter transceiver, for use as his main pedestrian mobile rig. While the Yaesu FT-817 is certainly smaller and covers more bands than the 703, the latter has one important feature that the 817 lacks: the ability to remove the front panel/control head and remote it from the main portion of the radio set. This feature is important for one primary reason: with the radio being carried on a back pack/pack frame arrangement any time you need to make changes to the rig's parameters you have to merely make the adjustments on the remote control head as opposed to un-shouldering the pack frame, diddling with the radio controls and then re-shouldering the pack frame to continue on your journey. The remote head makes pedestrian mobile operation easy. In addition, it has a large, easy-to-read, LCD display.

One other thought regarding the choice of the IC-703/703 Plus for backpacking is the fact that this radio set can produce up to 10 watts (mine does 12!) of RF output. The FT-817 produces only 5 watts of RF. This may seem like a very small point, but that extra 5 or so watts equals 3dB of additional transmitting power output, which may make the difference between making a contact or not. It's always nice to have that extra bit of power available, especially during an emergency. Another /PM consideration is power consumption. Generally, you should look for a rig with 500 mA or less of idle current on receive. Both the 703 and the 817 meet that parameter.

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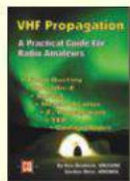


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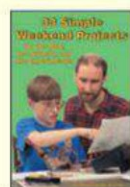


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number of CW-only rigs out there (namely the kits from Elecraft, KD1JV, and Hendricks QRP kits), not everyone loves CW as their favorite mode of operation. Therefore, I decided to concentrate on the two radio sets that should satisfy about 99% of the readership of this column. If your bag is CW, then by all means consider a K1, KX-1, PRF-3 or ATS rig as your /PM radio set of choice.

Now a Word about Batteries

Any time you are taking radio gear into the bush or plan on operating from a remote/primitive location, battery budget should be foremost in your mind. Batteries are heavy, they take up added space in your kit, and without them your rig doesn't work! A method to recharge your portable battery bank is always a good idea. This will allow almost unlimited operating time while on the trail or camped.

Ed has done a lot of research into batteries for pedestrian mobile operation. Over the last 10-15 years there have been tremendous strides made in battery technology that have a direct impact on anyone desiring to operate their ham gear outside of their shack. You have basically four types of rechargeable batteries available to power your /PM station: SLA (Sealed Lead-Acid or "gel-cells"), Ni-Cad (nickel-cadmium), NiMH (nickel-metal hydride) and several forms of Lithium-Ion (Li-Ion) cells. All of these have advantages and disadvantages.

While "Battery 101" is outside the purview of this month's column (it can be a column in itself), let's take a very quick look at the differences between these battery types.

SLA: These commonly-used "gel-cells" use relatively old-school technology, but they are well-established in the marketplace. The units are heavy since they incorporate lead as part of their storage media. They are inexpensive compared to the other portable/rechargeable battery packages.

Ni-Cad batteries have also been around a long time. They have the ability to be recharged many hundreds of times, and their output current is constant over about 90% of their discharge cycle.

NiMH has much higher power density (the ability of the battery to deliver higher current in a similar form factor) than Ni-Cads or SLAs. Their main advantage over Ni-Cads is being able to run your rigs longer on a single charge.

Li-Ion is relatively new to the ham radio field (but likely in your cellphone). These batteries have a very high power density and very low weight when compared to SLAs, Ni-Cads and NiMH cells. However, they also have a higher pricetag and require specialized charging and power/current monitoring circuitry. On the other hand, their much improved battery density and lower weight make them great candidates for /PM operations.

Ed uses a 7.2 A/hr Li-Ion "water bottle battery" with his IC-703 Plus and highly recommends this combo for the occasional romp in the woods! The fact that he saved almost 8 pounds in battery weight alone is enough to get most hikers' attention! The old hiker's adage, "ounces equal pounds and pounds equal pain," is oh, so true. Anytime you have the chance to shave off weight from your pack-set, do it! Li-ion batteries cost more than other types, but if weight is a concern, then the overall improvement in portability is something you shouldn't overlook.

Ounces Equal Pounds

Once you have made choices in radios, batteries, antennas, and pack frames, it's time to weigh everything and make it all work together. One thing that Ed stresses is that, by def-



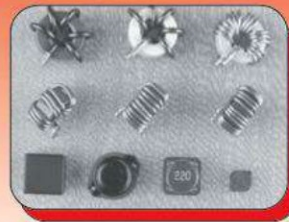
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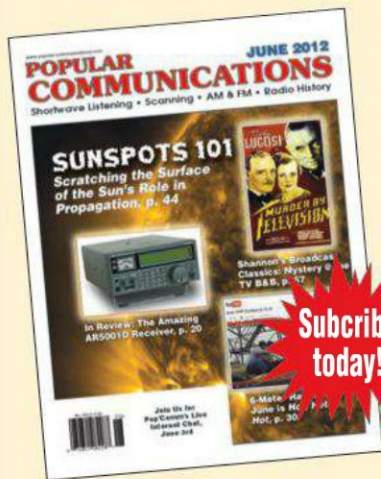
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initiation, pedestrian mobile operation mandates that everything, *everything*, must be carried by the operator. This means that the radio, power source, recharging circuitry, accessories (mic, key, tuner, headphones, digital voice recorder, etc.), antenna and drag wire have got to be factored into the equation.

According to Ed's research, you need to keep your /PM rig as light as possible with the average of 38 pounds being about the maximum comfortable load for a 190-pound male. Obviously if you can get away with less weight, by all means do it! After all, pedestrian mobile operation is supposed to be fun, not torture.

Antennas for the Trail

As many of us low-power aficionados know only too well, the antenna is the primary factor in making QSOs when

using 5 watts or less. This goes double for /PM operations. The antenna is where you can be quite innovative (within reason). Most /PM outfits utilize some form of vertical antenna. The coil loaded "Ham-Stick-type" mobile antennas are quite popular as well as mono-band whips. The internal antenna tuner on the IC-703 will match almost any type of coaxial-fed antenna. That being said, both Ed and I have opted for Ham-Stick variants. Since these antennas are basically as very short quarter-wave vertical antennas, an RF counterpoise, in the form of a drag wire approximately one-quarter wavelength long, needs to be added to the ground side of the antenna mount. You may need to experiment to find the specific length that will keep your SWR in a range that a built-in or portable tuner can handle.

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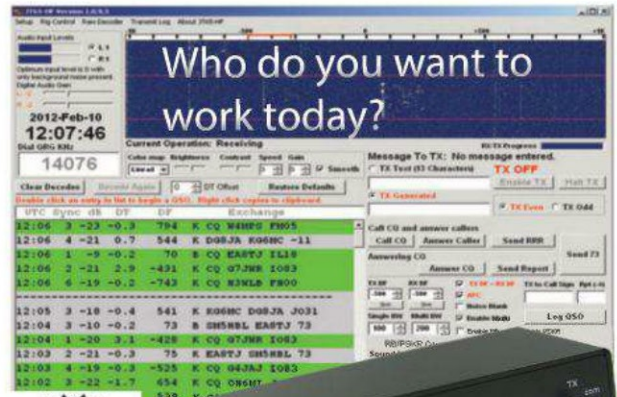


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are going with an 8-11-foot tall whip above your head and a 22-foot drag wire splayed out behind you! Obviously, *avoid power lines*. While I realize there are few power lines in remote areas that you might be tempted to work pedestrian mobile, there are those times when you will want to walk about your neighborhood to check out a new antenna, equipment configuration, battery supply, etc. When you are tempted to wander about he neighborhood, be *very aware* of where you are walking as power lines can become entangled in your antenna and that would not be a good thing.

What Now?

OK, so now that we've run the gamut of pedestrian mobile operation, how, exactly, does this all fit into my living room ham shack? Very simply, my IC-703, which is my /PM radio set, is set up on top of my EmComm deployment package. In my case we have repurposed a Stanley roll-around tool case and we use it as a mobile/portable field station. My roll-around emergency communications station was initially envisioned to hold some deep cycle SLA batteries, a charging system, a power distribution system, and a variety of radios for different bands and

services. By adding the Icom IC-703, Pat and I now have a very capable, extremely versatile, EmComm package that we can employ when we are deployed in support of our local ARES taskings.

Why is this so important? Well, since the IC-703 is my /PM rig as well as the radio we will be using for EmComm HF operations, and the V/UHF rig is used for routine net check-ins, both Pat and I are using on an everyday basis the actual equipment that we would be operating during an emergency. With the advent of today's menu-driven radios, it is difficult, if not nearly impossible, to maintain proficiency using any given radio during an emergency unless you also use it on a regular basis. This means that we maintain current proficiency with our gear. All this thanks to Eddie Breneiser, WA3WSJ, and his proclivity for operating in the wilds using commonly-available ham gear.

That's it for this month, gang. If you are interested, be sure to give pedestrian mobile a try. And give Ed's website, <http://wa3wsj.homestead.com/>, a close look. Ed is the "go-to guy" for all things /PM. His series of e-books will be of great help in your quest to get on the air pedestrian mobile!

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Back to Basics (or Maybe Forward . . .)

If you have never worked a digital mode, this month's column is for you. The digital age is well upon us, but perhaps you're one of those who haven't yet taken the plunge. It's been a long while since we've looked at setting up a digital station from scratch, so we'll do that this month. But before I even get into the details, it might be helpful to explain just what *digital* is from a ham radio perspective and what we do with it.

Digital refers to the way we encode the information we want to transfer. To be a digital mode, the information or data needs to be converted to a series of values that can be represented by numbers. At the receiving end those numbers are converted back into the original signal (or reasonably close). In contrast, an *analog* signal such as single sideband is not converted to discrete values, but sent as a continuously variable signal.

The value of digitizing a signal is that we can then use fancy mathematical tricks to extract the information from the signal while reducing the effects of noise and other distortion that we commonly hear on the signal path. In the digital world, we would know the separate "values" that are possible for the signal to have, so we can more accurately guess what a particular value should be. In addition, we can send additional data that will help us reconstruct any missing values—or at least be able to recognize that something is missing. In fact, there are some digital modes with which the data received can be *below* the noise and still be decoded perfectly. Marconi would be proud.

We use digital mostly for transferring computer data—anything from an image or text file to plain text in a "keyboard-to-keyboard QSO." However, in the past decade or so *digital voice* has become quite popular. Again, we can take the digital voice data stream, perform some fancy math tricks on it, and squeeze it into a channel so narrow as to be impossible in the analog world.

Enough about digital and how neat it is. Let's get into the nuts and bolts.

Basic Needs

The first thing you'll need is a radio, one that tunes to the frequencies of interest. For HF work, where you have a wide variety of modes and can expect to hear signals from very far away, you generally will want to be in the lower portion of each band. My favorite hangout is on 40 meters, between 7070 and 7100 kHz, since there's a lot of activity there at almost any hour of the day, but activity

can be found at the top end of the CW portion of nearly every band. While much of the activity is found there, don't be afraid to poke around!

In the VHF world there are only a few dominant modes, primarily AX.25 packet. Two meters is the place to be, with lots of APRS packet activity at 144.39 MHz, and regular packet activity clustered around 145.01 MHz. Other bands tend to have far less activity, so if you're a beginner you might get frustrated scanning 70 cm, for example.

The brand and model of radio aren't all that important. You can use anything from a very basic walkie-talkie or shortwave receiver up to a fancy transceiver with all the bells and whistles. The only real requirement is that it can hear the signals you want to work, although having an external audio output would be nice.

It should go without saying that you'll need some kind of antenna. Again, whatever it takes to be able to hear those signals should be just fine. Better antennas generally mean more signals to hear.

Next you'll probably want a computer of some type. While there are some digital modes that can be worked using dedicated hardware, the overwhelming majority run on a Windows® PC, with a decent selection for Mac and Linux enthusiasts. The computer needs to be fairly modern, say Pentium-class, and be equipped with a sound card of some type. A quick check of a recent Sunday's newspaper advertising flyers revealed several complete computers having sufficient capabilities for just under \$400. I can imagine that a frugal shopper might find something for considerably less than that, perhaps on the used or refurbished marketplace.

The next step is to get some digital software. There are dozens, or hundreds, of different software programs out there, but they fall into two basic categories: data transfer and QSO.

Data transfer software generally is used to send computer files from here to there. Although this is really valuable, for example for emergency communications, it's not much fun for a beginner.

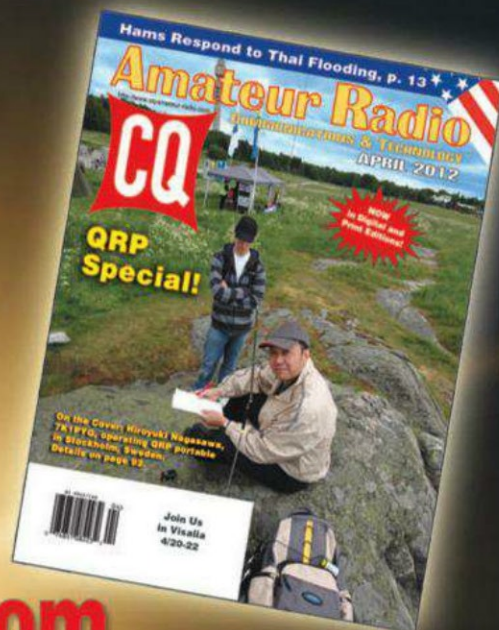
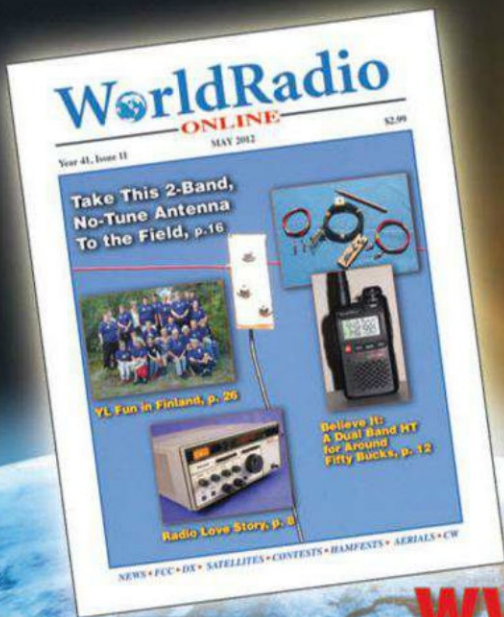
QSO software is for live, real-time chats and ragchews. Although it also has value for emergency communications, most hams find it enjoyable to chat with others about the usual things we like to talk about. Some prefer to hear a live voice, and for those the analog phone modes are probably better choices. However, in my house, where the shack is in the family room with the TV, noise can be a problem—not the noise from the rest of the family, but my (loud) voice speaking into the microphone (headphones quiet the receive end). With keyboard-to-keyboard digital modes, the only noise I make is the tapping of keys on the

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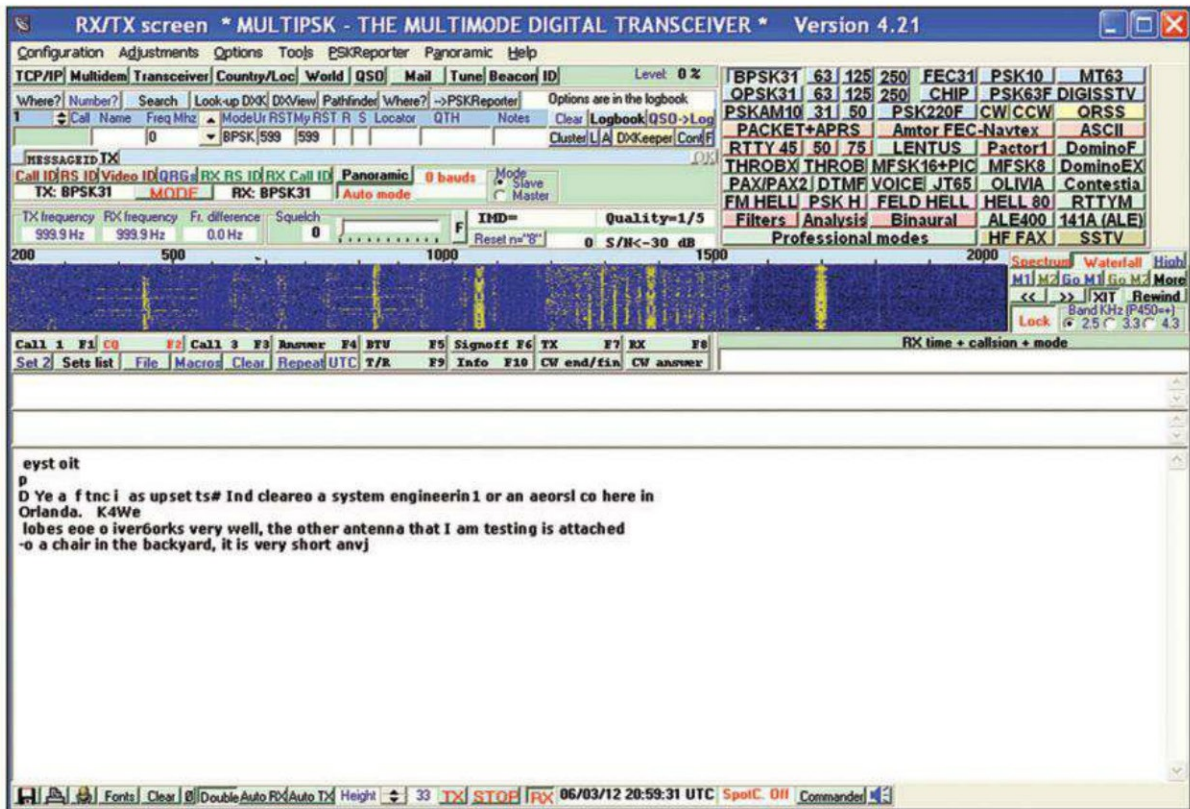


Fig. 1— The MultiPSK main screen. At top are the controls, a little intimidating, but easy and powerful once you get the hang of it. In the middle is the waterfall display of signals in the receiver’s passband. Below are the text areas, the largest of these the received text.

keyboard. In fact, it’s not the usual practice to even listen to the received audio when working digital modes.

Software Options

So, which software? For the most part, the main differences are the speed and the on-screen display. Some modes move data faster than others, and some software has a better look and feel—user interface—than others.

For a beginner, I recommend starting out with PSK31, a relatively low-speed mode that is a mature technology with plenty of activity on the bands. To get your copy visit <<http://www.dxzone.com/catalog/Software/PSK31/>>, which is a page on the DXZone website dedicated to the mode. There you’ll find a wealth of PSK31 resources, including links to download several of the most popular software applications. My personal favorite is MultiPSK from F6CTE, a Windows-based freeware program that offers several digital modes, including PSK31. What I like best is that it doesn’t touch the Windows registry: Uninstalling is as simple as deleting the files.

Download the software, unzip the 8-MB file, and read the instructions in the READ_ME.TXT file to install and configure the software, which should take just a few seconds if you choose “Automatic installation or updating” at the very bottom of the install screen. The software starts automatically and the opening screen is really intimidating! Don’t fret, as while the screen is extraordinarily cluttered, this is only the configuration screen, which (once set) is rarely accessed. Find the “personal data” button near the bottom and fill in your information as best you can, with <MYCALL> being the bare minimum. When you’re done, click “save” and then click “Exit to RX/TX Screen” which is the last entry on the top menu. For now, we want the default settings everywhere else.

Just about every other digital sound-card mode software I have ever used installs in about the same way. In general, if you read and follow the instructions, you’ll end up at a screen much like that shown in fig. 1, which is the main screen for MultiPSK.

Now we need to get the receive audio into the computer sound card. The best way is to get a cable with an 1/8-inch (3.5-mm) mini phone plug on each end, connecting one end to the radio’s line out (or headphone) output jack and the other end to the line in jack of the computer’s sound card. Turn the volume on the radio way down for now, until we get

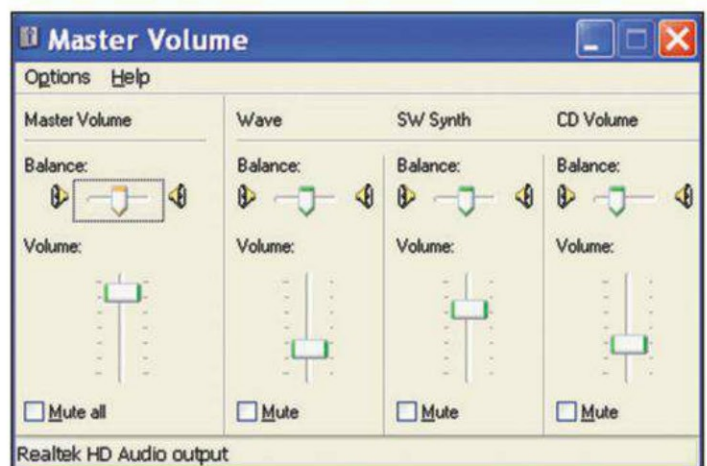


Fig. 2— The Windows sound mixer showing the output adjustments. Yours may look a little different, depending on your sound card. For Input adjustments, click on Options/Properties and select the “Recording” button to see those controls.

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a feel for how “loud” the sound card wants the incoming signal to be. If the direct wire connection isn’t an option for you at the moment, then you can use a microphone connected to the sound card to pick up the sound from the radio’s loudspeaker. PSK31 is very

noise-tolerant, so this won’t affect your receive capabilities much (although hearing the digital “noise” will get annoying eventually).

Tune around 7070 or 7080 kHz, or somewhere you hear activity. PSK31 sounds somewhat like a single warbling

tone, which you can hear on the WB8NUT digital modes page at <http://wb8nut.com/resources/psk31.wav>.

If the sound is making it into the sound card, you’ll probably see something on the *waterfall display*, that dark blue or black area in the middle where signals in the receiver’s passband are displayed as a slowly moving chart, kind of like a waterfall. At this point, adjust the radio’s audio output so that the background is dark blue with some black, and the signal lines have some yellow in them, as you can see in fig. 1. If you see red, the audio is too loud, so turn it down. If there is only black, or dark blue, turn it louder. If the radio’s volume control has no effect, open the Windows sound mixer and fiddle with the controls until the audio level is good. In the worst case, you may have to enable the Line In or some other sound input on the computer (see fig. 2). In extreme cases, you may need to attenuate the incoming audio with a pair of resistors, as shown in fig. 3.

At this point, tune around and look at the signals. Click on a signal to decode it, and get a feel for how the mode is used—CQ calls, the kinds of information traded, and so on. Get familiar with all that before trying to transmit.

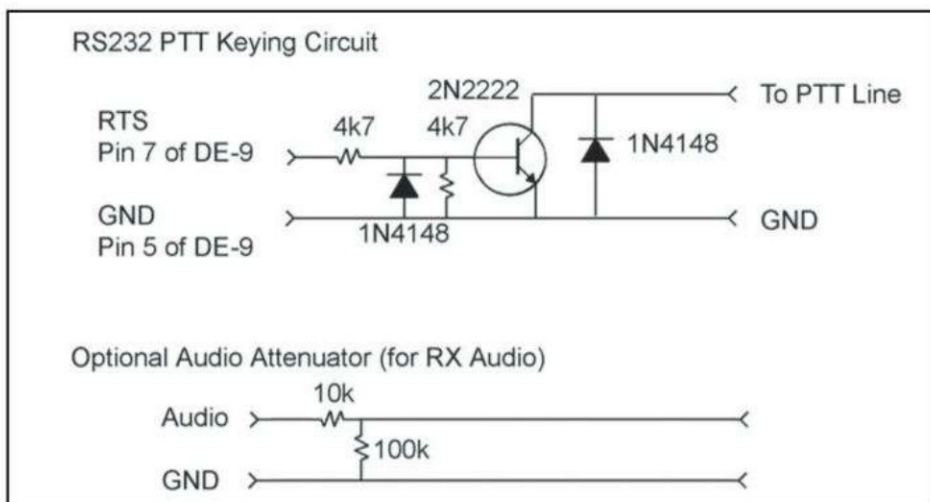


Fig. 3— A simple RS232 to PTT keying interface using readily available parts. Connect the left side to the 9-pin RS232 connector, and the right side to the radio’s Push-To-Talk keying line. Beneath the interface is a simple audio attenuator that can be used if the radio’s receive audio is way too loud for the sound card’s input line. The connectors at each end should match the radio (left) and sound card (right) requirements.

In the meantime, figure out how you're going to control your transceiver's Push-To-Talk (PTT) input. The computer software needs to be able to control it, and that means some kind of hardware. A simple PTT interface is shown in fig. 3, and all of the parts are available at RadioShack, if they're not already in your junkbox. Note that this uses an RS232 serial port: If your computer doesn't have one, you can get a USB-to-RS232 converter.

While some do build their own PTT interface, most folks buy one. You can spend anything from about \$26 for a basic interface from MFJ to a totally tricked-out \$300 RigBlaster Pro from West Mountain Radio. Other choices include offerings from Rig Experts Canada and Timewave. Visit either WM2U's sound-card interface page at <<http://www.qsl.net/wm2u/interface.html>>, the web page on the DXzone website <http://www.dxzone.com/catalog/Technical_Reference/Sound_Card_Radio_Interfacing/>, or check the ads in CQ to get a better idea of your options. While it's possible to control PTT manually by keying the microphone, you'll find that is prone to error and gets really annoying very quickly.

Setting the Transmit Audio Level

Before you transmit, you *absolutely, positively must* set your transmit audio level. Not doing this will prevent your signal from being heard or decoded, so it's mandatory. To do this, check the



Fig. 4— A basic sound card/radio interface from K4ABT. While the website <www.packetradio.com> can be a little confusing because of the multitude of options, there is very likely a plug 'n play option for whatever radio you happen to have. This RASCAL interface has served me well for several years.

documentation for your software for a good procedure, or try this which has worked for me:

Identify the control that sets the sound output level from your computer. This can be a potentiometer on your sound-card interface, or a control on the Windows sound mixer, for example. You can listen to your computer speakers, or actually transmit some text and listen on a second receiver. Turn the sound level all the way down, and start

turning it up until you start to hear the signal. Make a note of this point. Then continue to turn it up until you start hearing some distortion of the signal, a raspy sound. Then set it halfway between that point and the point where you first started hearing the signal. That will get you close. Then get on the air and ask someone how your signal looks and sounds, tweaking the sound level according to their comments. As with almost every digital mode, you are far better off with too little sound output rather than too much.

Summary

That's getting started in a nutshell. Sound to and from the radio is easy, and controlling PTT only a tiny bit more difficult. Every software application I have ever used (dozens of them) has always included enough information to set up the software and interface to the radio. If you run into bigger problems than you can solve, try Google. Since digital sound-card modes have been around for as long as there have been sound cards, there's a huge amount of information out there, most of it quite good.

Write to me and let me know how you made out!

That's all the space I have this month. I'm always looking for new topics, so drop me a line if there's something you'd like to read about. I'm always glad to hear from readers of this column. Until next time . . .

73, Don, N2IRZ



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Summer “High Times” on the Highways

High summer means “high times” on the highways, and this year is no exception. With a little breather from those high gas prices of spring and with a touch of wanderlust, there’s still some time to enjoy mobiling across the vast expanses of North America.

I just returned from a wonderful trip to the east coast of the U.S., which always provides a bit of culture shock to my California mindset. Combining family reunion fun with sightseeing, some baseball games, and some great dining, I returned to Los Angeles with some terrific memories and a rental car company wondering how I put 2000 miles on its vehicle in just eight days. My “sticker shock” came from the tollways that adorn eastern roadscapes. At least I got to meet (and support) a lot of nice toll booth attendants!

I won’t bore you with too many non-radio details, but landing in New York, we took in the Big Apple for a few days, drove up through Connecticut and Massachusetts to Maine, dipped into the Canadian province of New Brunswick (be sure to take your passport), saw the beautiful Bay of Fundy and more, drove down to Philadelphia, visited Fort Sumter in Maryland, and then went on to a few days at the nation’s capitol. In addition to some radio fun, my family members and I completed our “bucket list” quest to see a game in every Major League Baseball city (all 30 venues), and we fin-

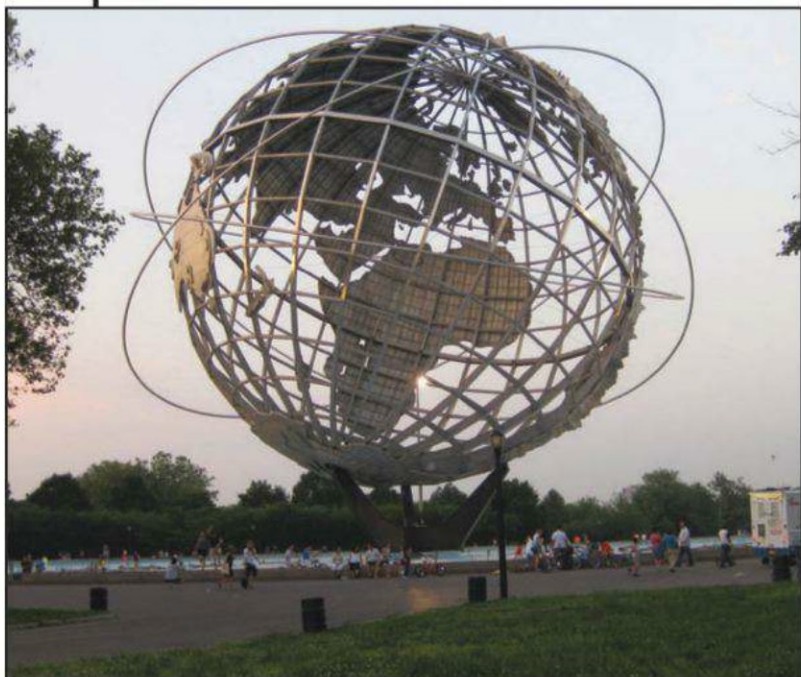
ished visits to the “four corners” of the continental USA, stopping at the easternmost point and visiting the lighthouse at West Quoddy Head, Maine; it’s a bit off the beaten track, but it’s a lovely place. (see photo).

Our stop in New York included a visit to Flushing Meadows, site of the 1964–65 NY World’s Fair. Not much remains of that special time beyond the grounds themselves, but a stunning memento is the Unisphere, a symbol of that event, which remains a magnificent sight. Now open as parkland, it’s worth a side trip. Of course a well-attended attraction at that fair was the ham radio station. I wonder if anyone ever tried to load up the stainless-steel Unisphere? Could be an interesting antenna!

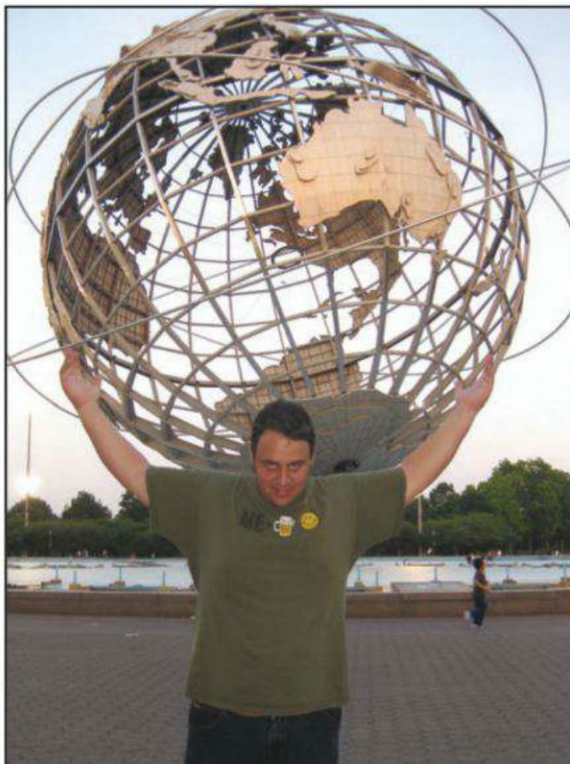
Hats Off to Larry

While driving through Massachusetts, I was reminded that state has some of the best looking ham radio license plates, complete with an ersatz lightning bolt that sets ham operator’s tags apart from the ordinary state-issued car ID. While on my travels, I received a nice note from Larry Banks, W1DYJ, who offered to share the nifty installation he did on his 2009 Audi A4. While my busy travel itinerary did not permit a visit with Larry (and I wish it had), his installation is first-rate and worth shar-

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The Unisphere in Queens, NY, still stunning as it pushes age 50. (KD6ARA photo)



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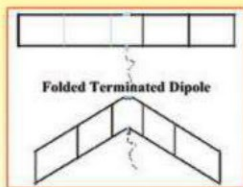
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To the ends of the Earth? Well at least the easternmost end of the continental USA. It's a fun trip to find the picturesque lighthouse at West Quoddy Head, Maine. (AA6JR photo)

tage of this feature, making a short run from the battery with power leads to the transceiver, which is concealed in a side panel, out of sight and securely away from the comings and goings of cargo. Next, he routed a cable to the control head, conveniently located at the fingertips of the driver or passenger, and one of the best features is Larry's having located the speaker on the knee bolster to the right of the steering wheel.

As you can see from the photos, this well thought-out deployment is clever, functional, unobtrusive, clear of all the car's safety gear, including air bags, and it's always ready to use. The "icing on the cake" is the tasteful antenna mounted on the trunk lid and is low enough to avoid overhead obstacles. Larry made the commitment to "drill the hole," and it paid off in an attractive fashion with a well-grounded skyhook. Oh yeah, he has one of those cool Massachusetts ham plates attached to his Audi, too. Some guys have all the luck.

ing. To see more details on Larry's rig, see his web page at <<http://www.qsl.net/w1dyj/mobile.htm>>.

Notably, Larry did his homework and took advantage of the features of his Yaesu FT-8800R, separating the

radio's control head from the main transceiver unit. Like many other modern cars, Audi cleverly places the battery in the trunk, in this case in the well shared with the spare tire below the actual storage area. Larry took advan-

Your Mobile Can Help Your Mobiling

The current crop of smart phones offers an ever-expanding menu of "apps" that complement the ham radio operator.



The battery is buried below the spare tire in W1DYJ's Audi. Routing power to the transceiver doesn't get much easier! (W1DYJ photo)



Fingertip control and an easily read display make operations easy for the driver or passenger in the W1DYJ mobile unit. (W1DYJ photo)

There's a dizzying array of material out there, and it seems to grow daily. One app another ham steered me toward costs a few bucks but in my opinion is well worth the investment. It works on my iPhone; I don't know if it's available for other "smart phone" platforms, but it's called iHAM Locate. The program seems to have a pretty complete listing of repeaters on just about every band, along with the pertinent information needed for the mobile or hand-held operator. You get frequency, offset, CTCSS tone, callsign, location, and more. By interacting with the phone's geolocation programming, it can tell you how far you are from the repeater. You can sort by state, city, call, and proximity, and search for repeater by band, from 10 meters through 900 MHz. It's a great tool to take along when you hit the road and after all, you're taking your phone along anyway, right? In the interest of full disclosure, I have no idea who wrote the program, and I actually paid to buy it, so there's no interest here other than the great utility the program seems to offer.

My Rig's in the Hospital

One of my favorite mobile radios, after many years of hard use, has just been shipped off for repairs. I think the Kenwood TM-742A tri-band is one of the nicest rigs ever made. If it had

computer programming and an alphanumeric display, it would have been the perfect transceiver, in my humble opinion. That aside, my faithful companion, like so many other L.A. denizens, is off to "rehab." It was happy news to find the rig is still supported by the manufacturer's authorized service facility. Here's hoping they can breathe new life into the old beast so we both can enjoy many more miles on the highways.

Share Your Installation

Here's another invitation to share your installation and that hard-earned experience with CQ's readership: Just send me your story along with some photos of your mobile installation to the e-mail address shown at the beginning of this column. It's in the best tradition of "hams helping hams," especially with the ever-growing variety of cars and trucks on the road today.

Summary

As we started this column, I wish you a continued happy summer season of easy travels and enjoyable moments as you mobile on down the nation's highways. I have a blast every time I hit the road, and if you look, there's a new friend and a new adventure around every corner. Happy Mobiling!

73, Jeff AA6JR



This speaker location is easily heard, yet away from other vehicle controls and some distance removed from the airbag deployment zone. (W1DYJ photo)



An unobtrusive antenna finishes off this classy installation with a ham plate that adds a nice finishing touch. (W1DYJ photo)

Pignology (!), a New Low-Band Vertical, an Improved UV-3R, and more

From inflatable antenna towers to the latest apps for various logging software products, "What's New" strives to keep you up to date on the latest amateur radio products that come to market. It's not an easy thing to accomplish but please realize that CQ does its best to bring to you the latest items and apps as they debut and to explain to you in easy-to-understand terms the improvements and features of all of the new products, dependent upon the assistance of their owners, designers or manufacturers. I say that now as we move into an analytic mode and do our best to give you an easy-to-understand explanation of HamLog 4.0 and its relationship with Pignology.

Introducing "Pignology"

I have been informed that Pignology LLC (yes, it's real) has announced the release of Pigtail (photo A), a device that provides purchasers a method of wireless control of amateur radio transceivers by mobile platforms such as iPad, iPhone and iPod Touch, which is used through HamLog, a full featured logging application.

HamLog's creator Nick Garner, N3WG, tells me that HamLog has been in constant development since March 2009 and is now distributing in version 4.0. The Pigtail, as well as HamLog, were both designed for amateur radio operators who take their radios out of the shack to parks, hotels and mountain tops but still prefer a full-featured, software-based logging experience.

The Pigtail device uses Wi-Fi to expose its built-in serial port via a network connection and operates from a 9V battery or an optional, user-modifiable power connection. The Wi-Fi connection can be either ad-hoc or infrastructure, so it can operate stand-alone, without a wireless access point. It includes a custom-milled, silk-screened enclosure with a protective silicone cover and an acrylic window to view the status LEDs. Rig support includes popular radios from Elecraft, Yaesu, Icom and Kenwood, with new radios being added as they're tested.

Pigtail is available for \$149.99 at <<http://shop.pignology.net>>. HamLog is available for iOS in the App Store as well as the Android Market for \$0.99. Support for Pigtail in the Android version of HamLog is forthcoming. For more information, visit the product page at <<http://pignology.net/pigtail>> or for demo videos, visit <<http://youtube.com/user/pignology>>.

DX Engineering 160 Meter Vertical Antenna

Mark Haverstock of DX Engineering tells me that hams who operate on the 160-meter band can

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have a high-performance vertical antenna that allows them to achieve the strongest possible presence at their particular power level thanks to DX Engineering's new DXE-160VA-1 (photo B).

This antenna is a slow taper 55-foot high



Photo A— Through the use of HamLog 4.0, Pigtail from Pignology LLC gives iOS users wireless control over ham radio transceivers by Icom, Kenwood, Yaesu, Elecraft and others.

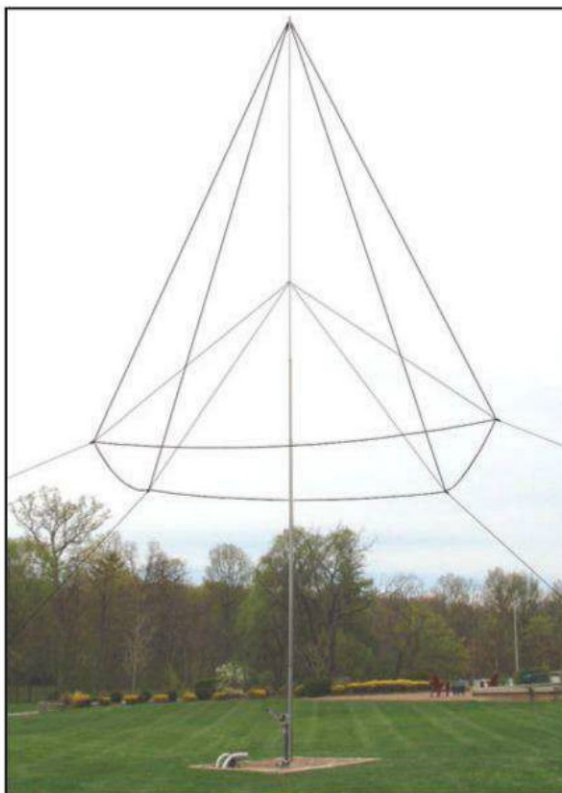


Photo B— DX Engineering says the secret to the operating capabilities of its 160-meter vertical antenna is its large capacitive hat.

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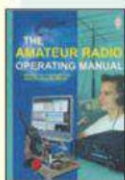


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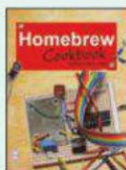
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monoband vertical with a custom-designed capacity hat system (see photo) that allows coverage on 160 meters with, as Mark puts it, "unparalleled success in a compact antenna."

He adds that the DXE-160VA-1 is tunable with an impressive 40-kHz bandwidth which means that operation on the CW DX frequencies and DX phone frequencies is within range of most radios' internal tuners—no antenna changes are necessary. Power handling capability is 5KW on sideband or CW.

Included with this antenna system is a rugged stainless steel pivot fixture for

ease of assembly and adjustments. Engineered with 6061-T8 and 6063-T832 corrosion-resistant aluminum tubing, stainless steel mounting brackets and hardware, this antenna is durable and attractive. Steady-state wind survival is in excess of 50 mph without guys.

The DXE-160VA-1 is priced at \$839.95. The optional DXE-VRW-1 manual winch for easy one-person raising and lowering is priced at \$169.95. For more information or to order, visit <www.dxengineering.com>.

New and Improved UV-3R

In past "What's New" columns, we've told you about the Baofeng UV-3R (photo C), the compact two-watt VHF-UHF dual band handheld from China that is packed with features and capabilities. Now we need to bring you up to date on a few improvements Baofeng has made to the UV-3R.

The revised UV-3R has been released as a 2012 model with the addition of a more user-friendly design that incorporates easy-to-understand controls along with a dual-bank display that shows the VHF and UHF frequencies to which the HT is tuned. The same dual display is also a big help to operating the unit since it shows dual-watch operation and menu options more clearly.

This 2012 UV-3R still includes its incorporated flashlight—a very handy feature—and also comes with a shortened dual-band VHF/UHF antenna, an incorporated front-panel nameplate and a drop-in charger that works with its rechargeable lithium ion battery that also serves as the radio's back panel and is designed so it allows for the addition of a very useful pocket or belt clip.

So when you're shopping any of the CQ advertisers which offer the UV-3R, don't forget to ask about the 2012 model with the dual display and drop-in charger. My spies tell me that this radio was available for purchase at this year's Dayton Hamvention®, so it should be easy to order now by phone or online.

Magnalight.com's Portable Hazardous Area Light

On a lighter note, Larson Electronics' Magnalight.com is introducing its RUL-9 portable hazardous area light that reportedly provides high power, durable operation, rechargeable capability and five hours of powerful illumination in a Class 1 Division 2-approved hazardous location rated package. (See photo D.)

Larson Electronics' tells me they've designed this portable hazardous loca-

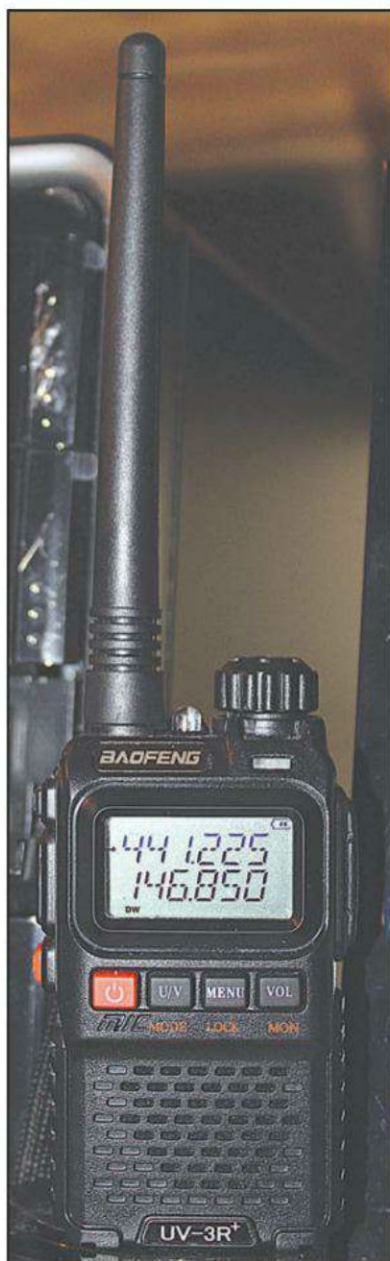


Photo C— You can recognize the remodeled UV-3R for 2012 by its dual display, its UV-3R I.D. plate, its dual-band VHF-UHF rubber antenna and its accompanying drop-in desktop charger.



Photo D— Equipped with a rechargeable lithium ion battery, this light can provide up to five hours of continuous illumination.

tion light to provide a strong light beam and long run times on a single charge of its lithium-ion batteries. Equipped with an integral carry handle, rear mounted LEDs and articulating head, this portable light is suited to a wide variety of uses including industrial and amateur radio applications, utility work, military and law enforcement, fire/ rescue/search, and emergency services.

Made in the USA and designed to provide a rugged lighting solution for use in demanding hazardous locations, the RUL-9 portable and rechargeable light produces 120,000 candlepower and can operate for five hours on a single charge of its lithium-ion batteries. Built with a high strength nylon body with rubberized coating, the RUL-9 is made to withstand demanding service, the kind that rescue units and ham radio operators run into occasionally.

As in most uses of lithium-ion batteries, it's not necessary to fully discharge the RUL-9's batteries before recharging. Larson says the included charger will not overcharge, and the unit can be left sitting for up to 18 months without losing its charge or a decrease in battery service life. The lithium ion battery pack in this portable light also helps this unit achieve a 33 percent lighter weight than its competitors, an important consideration for firefighters and volunteer search parties whose basic equipment can already weigh 65–70 lbs.

The beam from this portable light can reach over 600 feet, making it well suited to utility and emergency services applications as well. This versatile portable light is waterproof and includes a pair of rear mounted red and white LEDs that can act as locator, signal or warning lights as needed. Operation is controlled by a booted, three-way push-

button switch which allows users to operate the main beam and LEDs independently or in tandem. The light head is adjustable and can be moved through 90 degrees of adjustment for optimal beam placement. An included 120 volt AC wall charger provides easy recharging and will not overcharge the unit, allowing operators to simply leave the light connected to the charging unit when not in use to ensure a full charge anytime the light is needed.

Magnalight also offers a magnetic mounting system which consists of a 5-inch diameter magnetic base with 200 lbs. of gripping force, powder coated steel bracket, and spring loaded fastener. This RUL-9-MB magnetic mounting base is easily attached and detached and allows operators to temporarily attach this unit to any metallic surface to provide a hands free source of illumination that can be positioned however they require. This portable hazardous location light meets NFPA 1901-14.1.11.2 compliance and is an ideal addition to any industry professionals' lighting equipment inventory.

Visit Magnalight.com to view the entire inventory of heavy duty lighting solutions or contact them for more information by calling 1 (800) 369-6671 or 1 (214) 616-6180 for international inquiries.

Book Corner

Firing Point, the latest book from active amateur radio operator Don Keith, N4KC, promises to be a popular read and a hot topic on the airwaves now that we know a movie based on the book is in pre-production (photo E).

For Don, it's his latest novel and 24th

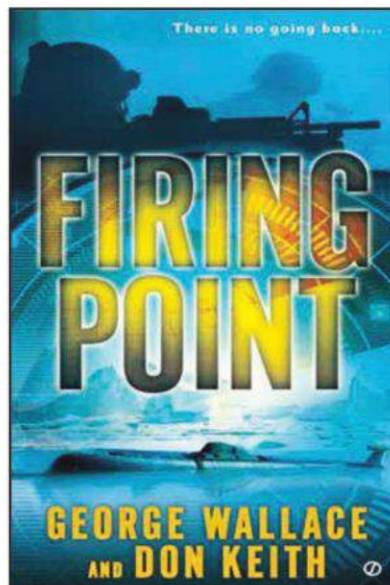


Photo E— *Firing Point* is the latest novel by ham author Don Keith, N4KC.

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book that was scheduled to be published on July 4, 2012. Should you hear him on the air, be sure to congratulate him on the release of the book. He tells me that *Firing Point* (Signet/Penguin, 704 pgs.) is a taut, fast-paced thriller set in Russia and beneath the polar ice pack that tells the story of an American nuclear submarine crew and a team of Navy SEALs who are called upon to rescue the kidnapped Russian president. In the process, they will attempt to avert World War III.

Firing Point as co-written with former submarine skipper George Wallace and is the duo's second novel together. The first, *Final Bearing*, was a national best-seller and is still available wherever books are sold, including a new release as a Kindle eBook from Amazon.com.

The latest novel has also been optioned by Relativity Films (*Act of Valor*, *Social Media*, *The Fighter*) and is in pre-production as a major motion picture, with a 2013 release planned.

Keith was first licensed as an amateur radio operator in 1961 when he was 13 years old. He is an active DXer and contester and enjoys writing articles about the hobby and encouraging newcomers to ham radio. To read some his

articles on the hobby or for more information about the author, visit <www.n4kc.com> or <www.donkeith.com>.

Also in the **Book Corner** this month are two new publications from the ARRL, the 4.0 CD revision of the *ARRL Software Library for Hams* and a new book that provides you with *The ABCs of Software Defined Radio*, by Martin Ewing, AA6E.

By being published as a CD, you get easy access to The ARRL Software Library for Hams and all that it entails (photo F). The CD is divided into folders which contain software for a variety of ham radio applications, utilities and information with videos, an image editor, DX Cluster client software and HF digital software for PSK31, MFSK16, MT63, RTTY along with WSJT and JT65. It also provides handy software tools for decoding CW, creating custom DSP audio filters and more. Bonus files include ARRL screensavers, audio samples and PowerPoint presentations. It's priced at \$22.95 and is available online at <www.arrl.org>.

The second ARRL publication is *The ABCs of Software Defined Radio* (photo G), a book that may become the most dog-eared and page-worn book in your

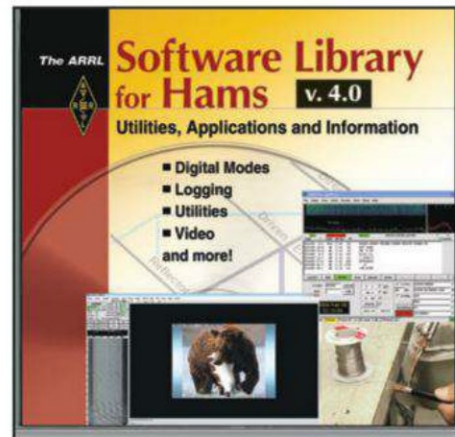


Photo F— The latest version of ARRL's Software Library for Hams includes the actual software that you can install with a mouse-click.

shack since its subhead proclaims unabashedly, "Why Your Next Radio Will Be SDR." Consider this book to be your introductory guide to Software Defined Radio (SDR) and digital signal processing technologies. Written in a friendly style, it offers a straightforward look inside SDR and provides a foundation for those who want to understand

DX World Guide

By Franz Langner, DJ9ZB

Known throughout the DX and DXpedition world as a meticulous and tireless operator, Franz Langner, DJ9ZB, is also noted as one of the most knowledgeable individuals in Amateur Radio in terms of documenting DXCC entities. This is the third edition in his series of books bearing the title *DX World Guide*, first published in Germany in 1988, and then in a second edition, also in Germany in 1997. This edition is the first to use color throughout, and includes information on well over 300 DX entities. Whether used as a desk reference for the DXer of any level of proficiency or as a "wish book" for DXers just starting his or her DXCC journey, the new *DX World Guide* is a worthy and pleasant companion.

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Photo G— The ABCs of Software Defined Radio takes you behind the virtual dials to explain the basics of how SDR and digital signal processing are revolutionizing ham radio.

the subject on a more fundamental level. It provides an understanding of the basic principles of SDR, the advantages of SDR technology and ways to utilize SDR in amateur radio operations. This book, priced at \$22.95, may be the key to transporting today's active amateur radio operators to the new world of software defined radio. It's available online at <www.arrl.org>.

Well, that about does it for another edition of "What's New." I hope you feel well-informed and up-to-date on the newest products making their way to the amateur radio market. I know it's not easy to keep up but rest assured, whether it's a new transceiver or a new addition to your station, we'll always be there to help you stay tuned in to the cutting edge of the ham radio marketplace. Take care and be sure to enjoy your hobby—the greatest hobby ever created—and the privileges of your license class. Until the next time . . .

73 from me, WV5J

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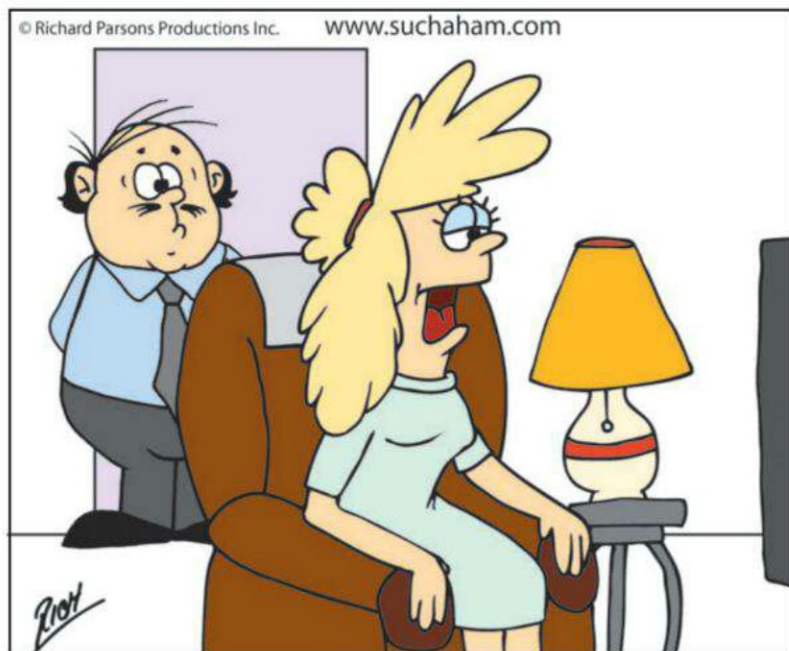
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Your project must be coming along well, Stan.
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The Perseids Meteor Shower

The most popular meteor shower is the *Perseids*. There are two reasons: It occurs in the summer and generally it is a good shower with a plethora of meteors. This year's *Perseids* is scheduled to peak between 1200 and 1430 UTC, August 12 with an average of 100 meteors per hour.

Historically, the shower is linked to the Swift Tuttle comet and has been observed for more than 2000 years, with the earliest observation in the year 36 AD. The comet has a period of 130 years. It has been moving away from the sun for almost 20 years. Each time it comes close to the sun, debris is stripped from it and generally follows in the orbit behind the comet. We experience the meteor shower when our planet comes in close proximity to the debris.

With the sophistication of WSJT, making meteor-scatter contacts is a matter of setting the radio and the computer to the right frequency at the right time. Gone are the days of exchanging reports, which included "S-2" and "Roger, S-2."

Fortunately, however, this shower's popularity begs for the now old-fashioned way of making meteor-scatter QSOs. During an old-fashioned-type meteor shower random contacts often are possible. One station will call a very brief CQ and listen for a response.

A station hearing the first station will call that station, give his callsign, and either his grid locator or a signal report. The first station then announces the calling station's callsign and gives the responding grid locator or signal report.

The second station responds by saying "Roger" several times. The contact is considered complete if both parties have all they need for the QSO. The entire contact may take as little as 10 seconds to complete, if that.

With the decent prediction this year, there will be plenty of opportunities to make those old-fashioned random contacts. Therefore, I invite you to be a part of the fun.

15th International EME Conference

Sponsored by the UK Microwave Group (<http://www.microwavers.org>), the 15th International EME Conference will be held at Churchill College, Cambridge, UK, August 16–18, 2012. The University City of Cambridge is a world-famous center of scientific learning that has played a major part in mankind's scientific advances. Limited accommodations will be available until the day of the conference.

From the conference's website is the following:

The conference will take place on Friday 17th and Saturday 18th, culminating in the conference dinner on Saturday evening. Before the conference there will be an

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VHF Plus Calendar

August 2	Full Moon
August 4-5	ARRL UHF and Above Contest (See text for details)
August 9	Last quarter Moon
August 10	Moon apogee
August 12	<i>Perseids</i> meteor shower peak
August 17	New Moon
August 16-18	15th International EME Conference (See text for details)
August 18-19	First weekend of the ARRL 10 GHz and above contest (See text for details)
August 23	Moon perigee
August 24	First quarter Moon
August 31	Full Moon

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optional tour on Thursday 16th visiting Bletchley Park, the WW2 code breaking center and home of the world's first computer, a working replica of which can be seen. There are many other great exhibits of historic radio and code breaking interest. The tour package will include transport, guided tour, and a light lunch. The two main conference days will feature a full program of lectures, the usual test and measurement facilities, and displays of EME-related hardware and software products.

For more information, see the conference's website: <http://www.eme2012.com>.

GPSS Great Success

Hosted by the Nebraska Stratospheric Amateur Radio, the organizer of this year's Great Plains Super Launch, the launch took place on June 9, 2012, from Glenwood High School, Glenwood, Iowa. Mark Conner, N9XTN, reported that five balloons launched and all five payloads were recovered in western Iowa. A video of the launches is at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kMSng23Apg8&list=UUzQZfhqXSsOcU5iZIIW2Ofg&index=1&feature=plcp>. Here is a photo album: <https://picasaweb.google.com/111334632256807627139/GreatPlainsSuperLaunch2012#>.

CQ VHF magazine "Up in the Air" columnist Bill Brown, WB8ELK, was one of the five who launched. He is scheduled to have a full report in the Summer 2012 issue.

STEM Education Identified as Critical for Continued Rides to Space

The following, from Southgate Amateur Radio News, is an excellent summary of Mark Hammond, N8MH's presentation at the AMSAT Forum at the 2012 Dayton Hamvention®.

The AMSAT Forum featured news of the educational opportunities for AMSAT to contribute to

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innovation in attracting and retaining students in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, or STEM, disciplines. Educators have identified STEM programs as a priority in strengthening the nation's future workforce.

"Education is important to us," said AMSAT Vice-President Educational Relations Mark Hammond N8MH. "It's a part of our mission and vision." Mark noted several key points of AMSAT's support for STEM education:

- AMSAT is a non-profit volunteer organization which designs, builds, and operates experimental satellites and promotes space education.

- AMSAT works in partnership with government, industry, educational institutions, and fellow amateur radio societies.

- AMSAT encourages technical and scientific innovation, and promotes the training and development of skilled satellite and ground system designers and operators.

As evidenced by this year's acceptance of AMSAT's Project Fox cubesat in the NASA "Educational Launch of NanoSat," the ELaNa program, we were selected on our merit in support of

NASA strategic and educational goals. Education is quickly becoming critical for our ride to space.

The recently formed educational partnership between AMSAT and ARRL, including NASA is looking for help. We need to develop an education program on the ground starting now. We have resources already available for STEM education in both the K-12 classroom and at the University level while our satellite builders work on the next flight.

For example, the huge collection of telemetry data collected during the recent ARISSat-1 flight is available on our FTP server. This data presents an opportunity for the utilization of satellite data in the classroom (through plotting, graphing, analyzing).

An immediate need is for volunteers to collect and organize existing STEM related lesson plans and ideas from the web, useful to K-12 educators and relevant to amateur radio and satellite. Critical steps such as this will allow ARISSat-1 telemetry data to be used in the classroom. Similar lesson plans and ideas can be used for educational purposes in future satellite missions, such as Fox-1 and Fox-2.

To support this effort specific tasks have been identified and now volunteers are needed to support:

- Educators: We need lesson plans/ideas related to satellites and amateur radio. ARISSat-1 telemetry data needs to be used in the classroom!

- Educators: sign up for ARRL Teacher's Institute program!

- Web content person for AMSAT's education web pages. Also, volunteers are needed to maintain a calendar of amateur radio youth events.

- Archivist/publicist of satellite educational activities (photos, stories for AMSAT Journal, press, videos).

- Mentors and ground station operators (with equipment!) for ARISSat contacts.

- Look for opportunities to engage youth, and document it (photos, articles, AMSAT Journal, press).

To volunteer, contact Mark directly at n8mh@amsat.org. The AMSAT-EDU mailing list is the place to exchange education project ideas and to learn how to help with our educational outreach. Information on how to join the AMSAT-EDU list can be found on the AMSAT web at: <http://www.amsat.org/mailman/listinfo>.

AMSAT's vision is to deploy satellite systems with the goal of providing wide area and continuous coverage. AMSAT will continue active participation in human space missions and support a stream of LEO satellites developed in cooperation with the educational community and other amateur satellite groups. This is a path to getting Fox-1 in orbit, and our future Fox-2, ARISSat-2, -3, -?

Again, the key contact is AMSAT Vice-President Educational Relations Mark Hammond N8MH: <n8mh@amsat.org>.

Gene Zimmerman, W3ZZ, SK

Gene Zimmerman, W3ZZ, became a Silent Key on June 3, 2012. Gene was well-known among the weak signal community. He was an avid contest, both at home and with various contest groups.

Gene was a great colleague. It was a year ago in this column that I reported on Gene's retiring from "The World Above 50 MHz" column and being succeeded by Jon Jones, NØJK.

Gene was one who would do whatever he could for you. When my brother was sick with colon cancer, Gene tried to help us with leads to medical help. Unfortunately, Bill was too far down the cancer road for anyone to be able to help. Even so, I really appreciated his willingness to help.

With all that Gene contributed to the hobby, he will be greatly missed. For an obituary, please see this link: <<http://www.arrl.org/news/former-the-world-above-50-mhz-conductor-gene-zimmerman-w3zz-sk>>.

www.arrl.org/news/former-the-world-above-50-mhz-conductor-gene-zimmerman-w3zz-sk>.

Takashi, JA6DR, SK

Word from Japan came concerning Takashi, JA6DR, becoming a Silent Key. Takashi was first licensed to operate 2 meters EME in 1975. He passed away on May 31 and was from Kunume, Fukuoka. His first EME success was also a first for Japan. It was reported on Japanese national TV in a 15-minute news segment.

Joël Oulié, F6FHP, SK

Joël Oulié, F6FHP, became a Silent Key on May 26, 2012. Joel was an avid weak signal operator, who worked all of the popular modes. Commenting on his passing, Sylvain, F6CIS, wrote: "A few days before his hospitalization occurred on May 21st, we spent an afternoon together in the maintenance of its long Yagi antenna 50 MHz. Certainly he was extremely weak but no less devoid of perfectionism and control. Full OM, DX and experienced man, Joël, F6FHP was an excellent operator and a very active emeritus technician internationally known and recognized."

Current Contests

There are two important contests this month: The **ARRL UHF and Above Contest** is scheduled for August 4–5. Complete rules can be found in the July issue of *QST*. The first weekend of the **ARRL 10 GHz** and above cumulative contest is scheduled for August 18–19. The second weekend is September 18–19. Complete rules for this contest also can be found in the July issue of *QST*.

Current Convention

The annual **Huntsville, Alabama, Hamfest** will be August 18-19, 2012 in the usual South Hall of the convention center. There are several VHF-related forums scheduled. For more information, see: <<http://www.hamfest.org/>>.

Meteor Showers

Beginning around July 17 and lasting until approximately August 24, you will see activity tied to the *Perseids* meteor shower. Its predicted peak is August 12, 2012 between 1200–1430 UTC. The κ -*Cygnids* meteor shower is expected to peak on August 17. The α -*Aurigids* is expected to peak around August 31.

For more information on the above

meteor shower predictions see Tomas Hood, NW7US's "Propagation" column. Also visit the International Meteor Organization's website: <<http://www.imo.net/calendar/2012>>.

And Finally . . .

Particularly sad for me this month was the passing Gene Zimmerman, W3ZZ. Gene was a good friend and very supportive of me in many different ways I mentioned. In addition, he supported me in my becoming the editor of the restart of *CQ VHF* magazine.

I was very happy for him when he became "The World Above 50 MHz" columnist for *QST* a few years ago. I knew that he would do that column proud—and he did so. I was sad to have to write about his having to retire last year. I nominated him for the Wilson award for Central States VHF Society not knowing that I had already been chosen to receive the award. Graciously, the Society revived its President's award, and because Gene was not able to attend the conference, Jim Kennedy, KH6/K6MIO, received the award on Gene's behalf.

In honoring Gene, the ARRL Contest Branch created two awards for the ARRL June VHF Contest. Here is the official announcement:

To honor long-time VHF contest Gene Zimmerman, W3ZZ, who became a Silent Key on June 3, two new awards have been introduced for the ARRL June VHF Contest in Gene's memory.

The ARRL Contest Branch has renamed the plaque for the Overall Winner for the Limited Multioperator the Gene Zimmerman, W3ZZ Memorial Plaque. Gene was very active as part of the K8GP team in this category. A special thanks to Jeff Klein, K1TEO, who graciously relinquished his long-time sponsorship of this plaque to allow this to happen.

In addition, a new award has been created, thanks to Tim Duffy, K3LR, and Dave Zeph, W9ZRX. The W3ZZ Rookie Award will be awarded to the top Single-Op, Low Power score on a minimum of two bands by a "rookie" submitting a log in the contest for the first time. This award is open to any operator that has never submitted a log to the June VHF Contest.

Both of these awards were made available beginning with this year's ARRL June VHF Contest. A special word of appreciation goes to Sean Kutzko, KX9X, for making these awards happen. Thank you, Sean.

If you have something to report for this, your column, please e-mail me at: <n6cl@sbcglobal.net>. Thank you.

Until next month . . .73 de Joe, N6CL

Looking Ahead in



Here are some of the articles we're working on for upcoming issues of *CQ*:

- Route 66 On the Air
- Dayton Sunday Safari, Part II — Antennas & Accessories
- CW Results: 2011 CQ World Wide DX Contest
- Emergency Communications Special in October
- Technology Special in November

Do you have a story to tell? Somrthing for one of our specials? See our writers' guidlelines on the *CQ* website at <<http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/guide.html>>.

County Awards Around the World

This month we feature several county awards from countries other than the United States which offer awards for contacting these interesting geographical entities.

The word "county" comes from the old French word *comté*, and when the Normans conquered England, the word followed them. As the English language evolved, *comté* evolved into *shire*. Since a shire was an administrative division of the kingdom, the word county further evolved to designate a legal division of national government in most modern uses. Smaller than a province and larger than a township, the county remains a useful geographical and political designation in a number of countries. From Europe, it followed English settlers to the New World, where it fit comfortably into the governmental structure of the time. Did you know that Iran and Liberia have counties? However, they don't offer awards for contacting their counties.

Canadian provinces are also composed of counties (and districts), although given the high level of county hunting mobiles heard in the USA, I can recall just one time I've heard a VE mobile activating them. The Province of Ontario has some 48 counties, and according to the website of the sponsor, the Ontario DX Association, the best time to work scarce counties is during the annual Ontario QSO Party held the last weekend of April each year and during the annual RAC Canada Day and RAC Winter Contests, when large numbers of Ontario stations are on the air.

Canada's Ontario Award

Sponsored by the Ontario DX Association, this award is available to any amateur for making a two-way contact with each of the 48 political subdivisions of Ontario, along with VE3ODX club station and VA3RAC. SWL OK. Contacts after April 1, 1999 count. All bands and modes accepted, except repeaters may not be used. Send GCR list and fee of \$C5 or 5 IRCs to: Ontario Award, Ontario DX Association, 155 Main Street N., Apt. 313, Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 8C2, Canada. Internet: <<http://www.odxa.on.ca/awardont.htm>>. This site provides a handy list of cities and towns within the borders of each of the counties.

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USA-CA Special Honor Roll

Robert Hynes, KI2G
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Larry Vogt, N4VA
 USA-CA All Counties #1227
 May 23, 2012

USA-CA Honor Roll

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UW2ZM	3576	N4VA	1426
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N4VA	3578	2500	
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KI2G	1830	KI2G	1253
N4VA	1831	N4VA	1254
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KI2G	1540		
N4VA	1831		

The total number of counties for credit for the United States of America Counties Award is 3077. The basic award fee for subscribers is \$6.00. For non-subscribers it is \$12.00. To qualify for the special subscriber rate, please send a recent CQ mailing label with your application. Initial application may be submitted in the USA-CA Record Book, which may be obtained from CQ Magazine, 25 Newbridge Road, Hicksville, NY 11801 USA for \$2.50, or by a PC-printed computer listing which is in alphabetical order by state and county within the state. To be eligible for the USA-CA Award, applicants must comply with the rules of the program as set forth in the revised USA-CA Rules and Program dated June 1, 2000. A complete copy of the rules may be obtained by sending an SASE to Ted Melinosky, K1BV, 12 Wells Woods Road, Columbia, CT 06237 USA. DX stations must include extra postage for airmail reply.

The political subdivisions of Ontario are: Algoma District, Brant County, Bruce County, City of Toronto, Cochrane District, Dufferin County, Durham Region, Elgin County, Essex County, Frontenac County, Grey County, Haldimand-Norfolk Region, Haliburton District, Halton Region, Hamilton-Wentworth Region, Hastings County, Huron County, Kenora District, Kent County, Lambton County, Lanark County, Leeds-Grenville County, Lenox-Addington County, Manitoulin District, Middlesex County, Muskoka District, Niagara District, Nipissing District, Northumberland County, Ottawa-Carleton District, Oxford County, Parry Sound District, Peel Region, Perth County, Peterborough County, Prescott-Russel County, Prince Edward County, Rainy River District, Renfrew County, Simcoe County, Stormont-Dundas-Glengarry Co., Sudbury District, Thunder Bay District, Timiskaming District, Victoria County, Waterloo Region, Wellington County, York Region.

England's Hampshire County Award

I believe that the Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB) used to offer an award for contacting English counties, but it is no longer issued. Here, however, is an award offered by one of the many

On the Cover

**Ashraf Chaabane, KF5EYY/
Op. 3V8SS
A Rising Star of Contesting
from Tunisia**



We hope that Ashraf will get his own Tunisian call sign soon. So far in Tunisia, only clubs have been allowed to have amateur radio stations. Ashraf has been one of the authorized operators at the Scouts of Sousse club station with the call 3V8SS. He has been bitten by the contest bug, a passion brought by visitors from Europe. Several Tunisian clubs have been supported by visiting amateur radio operators from other countries.

Tunisia is a very popular tourist destination with good Mediterranean climate, long sandy beaches and a liberal attitude. Ashraf is learning quickly and makes progress in every mode of contesting. He started off, of course, with telephony but a few years ago he was prompted by a returning visitor to learn Morse code. In recent years he has discovered radioteletype and other digital modes. He has already won a few trophies and contest awards, one of which he is showing in the photo on the cover.

Ashraf speaks fluent English and French. His website at <www.qsl.net/3v4-002/> is interesting, well-illustrated and up-to-date. He currently lives and works in the capital city of Tunis and for every contest has to drive nearly 100 miles to Sousse, where the 3V8SS station is located. Some two years ago, while visiting Texas because of his work, Ashraf visited local contesters and passed the FCC General Class license exam. He now holds the callsign KF5EYY. He is one of the founders of the national amateur radio organization of Tunisia, which expects that the regulations concerning our hobby will soon be adjusted to allow both individual nationals and visitors use the spectrum in the same way as in Europe.

(Cover photo and text by Henryk Kotowski, SM0JHF)

special interest clubs in England, which may be earned by contacting stations in the county of Hampshire in England.

The award is sponsored by the Royal Navy Amateur Radio Society (RNARS). Besides this award, you may want to check the society's website for a variety of navy-oriented awards.

The award is available for contacting/hearing any amateur stations in the county of Hampshire (note that Isle of Wight is a separate county and cannot be used) on or after 1 October 1960. Each Hampshire station counts one point and each RNARS special event station operated within the county counts two points.

The award is issued in three classes:

	UK	EU	DX
Class 1	50 pts	20 pts	15 pts
Class 2	30 pts	15 pts	10 pts
Class 3	20 pts	10 pts	5 pts

Send GCR list and fee of UK £2, EU £2.50/\$US4, or 5 IRC; and all others £3.50, \$US7, or 10 IRCs. If sending IRCs, only the current version IRC is acceptable for RNARS Awards (old-style ones will be returned). The society has over 1000 members worldwide. Apply to: RNARS Award Manager, Ian M. Pitkin, G4KJD, Clover Cottage, Kenny, Ashill, NR Ilminster TA19 9NH, England. Internet: <<http://www.rnars.org.uk>>.

Finland's OHCA: The OH County Award

Sponsored by the Finnish Amateur Radio League (SRAL), work OH counties after 1 February 1974. For the



The award is sponsored by the Royal Navy Amateur Radio Society and is available for contacting/hearing any amateur stations in the county of Hampshire. (See text.)

OHCA CW Award the contacts must have been made after 1 January 1983.

Work stations (SWL OK) situated in Finland with the OH, OHØ, and OJØ prefixes. All bands OK. CW, phone, or/and digital modes accepted. No use of repeaters allowed. Contacts worked with different callsigns and from different QTHs are accepted, if applicant is the same. Specify in the application if you want specific band or mode endorsements.

You must possess the cards. GCR list is accepted. Fee is 5 Euros, \$US8, or 10 IRCs. Apply to: SRAL/Award Manager, P.O. Box 44, FIN 00441 Helsinki, Finland. Go to <<http://sral.fi/en/award.html>> for rules of all of the awards offered by SRAL.

This award is available in three classes:

Class 1 : Work all OH counties (currently 336).

Class 2: Work 150 OH counties.

Class 3: Work 100 OH Counties.



Sponsored by the Finnish Amateur Radio League (SRAL), work OH counties after 1 February 1974 to earn the OHCA CW Award.

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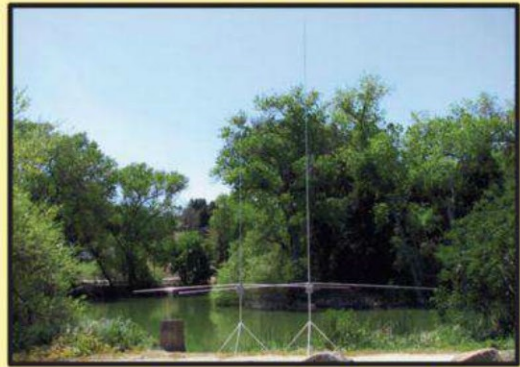
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An "old" county can be used to represent a new combined county, but the number of counties worked must be counted according to the current list of valid counties.

The list of contacts must be in order of county numbers. The application must be verified by two amateurs or the award manager of your own amateur radio league. See the current list of all valid OH counties at: <http://www.sral.fi/info/kunnat.html>.

Romania's Counties Award

The Romanian Counties Award is sponsored by the Romanian Federation of Radioamatorism (FRR) as part of a very comprehensive selection of awards. This is a quite difficult to obtain, since 30 of the 41 counties must be confirmed. I doubt anyone will have trouble finding the "mandatory" card showing your Bucharest QSO. Many of the other counties are located in remote rural areas, where ham activity is going to be sparse. There are a number of excellent YO operators who are active



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in just about any contest that involves DX contacts, so it really helps to be active in DX contesting. Oftentimes, you make your own luck.

Contact at least 30 different YO counties, one of which must be Bucharest, the capital city of Romania. All 8 call areas, from YO2–YO9 must be included. All contacts must have been made on or after 1 September 1949. The award may be endorsed on request for single band or mode. Send a GCR list and fee of 5 Lei (for YO), 7 IRCs, or the equivalent in \$US (currently \$US7 or 5 Euros) to: FRR, Romanian Federation Of Radio amatorism, CP 22-50, 014780 Bucharest, Romaina, or directly to YO3JW. Internet: <http://www.hamradio.ro/default.asp?id=46&mnu=3>.

Romanian Counties:

AB/Alba/YO5, AG/Arges./YO7, AR/ Arad/YO2, B(BU)/ Bucuresti/YO3, BC/ Bacau/YO8, BH/Bihor/YO5, BN/ Bistrita-Nasaud/YO5, BR/Braila/YO4, BT/Botosani/YO8, BV/Brasov/YO6, BZ/Buzau/YO9, CJ/Cluj/YO5, CL/ Calaras/YO9, CS/Caras-Severin/YO2, CT/Constanta/YO4, DB/Dâmbovita/YO9, DJ/Dolj/YO7, GJ/Gorj/YO7, GL/Galati/YO4, GR/Giurgiu/YO9, HD/ Hunedoara/YO2, HR/Harghita/YO6, IF/ Ilfov/YO3, IL/Ialomita/YO9, IS/Iasi/ YO8, MM/Maramures/YO5, MH/ Mehedinti/YO, MS/Mures/YO6, NT/ Neamt/YO8, OT/Olt/YO7, PH/Prahova/ YO9, SB/Sibiu/YO6, SJ/Salaj/YO5, SM/Satu Mare/YO, SV/Suceava/YO8, TL/Tulcea/YO4, TM/Timis./YO, TR/Teleorman/YO9, VL/Vâlcea/YO7, VS/Vaslui/YO8, VN/ Vrancea/YO4.

We are interested in learning of new awards for publication in this column. Please contact me with details and a sample of the award certificate via the address on the first page of this column.
73, Ted, K1BV

DX News . . . and Those Who Make it Happen for Many of Us

As I reported last month, I was honored at the DX Dinner Friday night at the Dayton Hamvention® by being inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame. The award was presented to me by Chip, K7JA, and Gail, K2RED, both of CQ magazine. Here now are the details:

In mid-April I received an e-mail saying that I had been selected for induction into the CQ DX Hall of Fame. My first thought was “yeah, right!” Whose idea of a late April Fool’s joke is this? However, after an inquiry revealed it to be true, I had to sit back and think how in the world this had happened. What had I done to deserve such an honor?

Looking over the list of only 60 individuals who belong to this elite group (since 1967), I saw names I easily recognized as some of the best known DXers and DXpeditioners in the world. Yet here I was to be honored to stand among them. Thank You!

And thinking of thank you, all of those who have made a contribution to “QRZ DX,” *The DX Magazine*, or this column over the years came to mind. You deserve my thanks for your unselfish contributions in order for others to share in the news and the stories you provided for the DX community to share in the excitement of DXing.

In addition to the contributors, there are two companies who have provided the printing of my publications. For QRZ DX, the company is Asheville Quick Print, owned and operated by Mr. Larry Brady, NC4LB. Larry is the only one who has printed QRZ DX since April 1995. The number of print subscriptions has steadily declined as more and more subscribers switched to the e-mail/PDF version, but each week I continue to print and mail a significant number to those who wish to receive it that way.

Then there is *The DX Magazine*. The company that prints the magazine is located in Missouri. I had the pleasure of visiting its facility back in the late 1990s. Much has changed since then, as it continues to upgrade its ability to serve its customers better. The company has been printing and mailing the magazine since my very first issue in January 1989. I am pleased to still have them and I thank them for their outstanding customer service and the fact that they produce an excellent product that I can be proud of and pleased to be able to send to you.

There are individuals who work with me to produce the end results. You can see their names and callsigns on the contents page of each issue of *The DX Magazine*, and I thank them so much for all they have done, and are doing, to help me bring you the quality product you deserve.

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SWODXA DXpedition of the Year, HKØNA, Malpelo 2012. Left to right: Bob, K4UEE, Gregg, W6IZT, and Jorge, HK1R, accept the plaque at the DX Dinner in Dayton on May 18, 2012. (Photo courtesy of Scott, KØMD)

Material for *The DX Magazine* comes from the organizers and participants of DXpeditions who aren’t looking for anything other than the outlet to tell their stories, and many of those stories are amazing. Then there are the “little pistols” who go on their first DXpedition and want to tell others how they went about it. All of these stories are worthy of being shared with other DXers, and they are interesting to read and see the photos, too.

“QRZ DX” is the end result of a huge amount of information that comes to me each week from all over the world. It comes from individuals, it comes from clubs, it comes in the form of newsletters, etc. I simply edit the material and put it into a format that you will like to see and read.

The fact that there are subscribers to both “QRZ DX” and *The DX Magazine* who go all the way back to issue number one shows there must be something being done right. There are those who went before me, such as Bob Winn, W5KNE, with “QRZ DX” and Chod Harris, VP2ML, with *The DX Magazine*. Chod was also the author of this column before he passed away. I have not forgotten that they allowed me to continue what *they* began, and I have tried to maintain the standard they set.

Thank you to all of the above for all you have done, which no doubt contributed significantly to my being selected for induction in the 2012 CQ DX Hall of Fame. It was not only *me*, but many of *us* who deserve this award.

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notable recent exception was the 7O6T operation from Yemen. Here's an interview with the team leader, conducted by Christian, IZ4CKN, and posted on the "DX Coffee" website:

"Let's start with what made 7O6T possible—the license. We know that no license had been issued in Yemen for the last twenty years. How hard was it to obtain yours?"

"It took a very dedicated man, Abdul Hameed from "Friendly Yemen Tours" in Sanaa, who didn't give up in reaching out to the highest people for help in the matter. The major issue is that there is no law or any regulation for amateur radio in Yemen, and you have to prove that it has nothing to do with prohibited services in Yemen, such as Skype, for example. I'm saying, it went as high as a consultant to the former president, also the owner of the local media channel and *Yemen Observer* magazine, the Minister of Interior, Minister of Information, Minister of Communication, Division of Radio in the Ministry of Information, and Vice-Minister of Communication. Original letters from our partners in Yemen were signed by the Ministry of Interior, then sent to all related ministries with supporting doc-

umentation. Then all those ministries had to reply to the Ministry of Interior. With the help of Ashraf (KF5EYY, aka 3V8SS), I put together a request to our local partner as to how the form should

look. After all that, it had to be sent to Ministry of Information, which is responsible for all internal, foreign publications and media activities conducted in Yemen. Those letters went off to the

The WPX Program

CW
3284SM2LKW

SSB
3129IK4NZD 3130WA3PZO

Mixed
2201IK4NZD 2202WB2SXY

CW: 450 SM2LKW. 2550 W9IL. 3850 W4VQ. 6000 K2VV.
SSB: 350 WA3PZO. 900 IK4NZD. 2450 W9IL. 2900 KF7RU. 5200 K2VV.
Mixed: 500 F4GTB. 750 WB2SXY. 950 IK4NZD. 3410 W9IL. 6900 K2VV.
Digital: 400 F4GTB.

20 Meters: IK4NZD
15 Meters: IK4NZD

Asia: IK4NZD
Africa: IK4NZD
Europe: IK4NZD, WA3PZO
North America: IK4NZD

Award of Excellence Holders: N4MM, W4CRW, K5UR, K2VV, VE3XN, DL1MDD, DJ7CX, DL3RKL, WB4SJJ, DL7AA, ON4QX, 9A2AA, OK3EA, OK1MP, N4NO, ZL3GO, W4BQY, I0JX, WA1JMP, K0JN, W4VQ, KF2O, WB8CML, W1JR, F9RM, W5UR, CT1FL, WA4QM, W8ILC, VE7DP, K9BG, W1CU, G4BUE, N3ED, LU3YL/W4, NN4Q, KA3A, VE7WJ, VE7IG, N2AC, W9NUF, N4NX, SM0DJZ, DK5AD, WD9IIC, W3ARK, LA7JO, VK4SS, I8YRK, SM0AJU, N5TV, W6OUL, WB8ZRL, WA8YTM, SM6DHU, N4KE, I2UIY, I4EAT, VK9NS, DE0DXM, DK4SY, UR2QD, AB9O, FM5WD, I2DMK, SM6CST, VE1NG, I1JQJ, PY2DBU, H8LCL, KA5W, K3UA, HA8UB, HA8XX, K7LJ, SM3EVR, K2SHZ, UP1BZZ, EA7OH, K2POA, N6JV, W2HG, ONL4003, W5AWT, N3XX, HB9CSA, F6BVB, YU7SF, DF1SD, K7CU, I1POR, K9LJN, YB0TK, K9QFR, 9A2NA, W4UW, NX0I, WB4RUA, I6DQE, I1EEW, I8RFD, I3CRW, VE3MS, NE4F, KC8PG, F1HWW, ZP5JCY, KA5RNH, I3PVD, CT1YH, ZS6EZ, KC7EM, YU1AB, IK2LH, DE0DAQ, I1WXY, LU1DOW, N1R, IK4GME, VE9RJ, NN1N, HB9AUT, KC6X, N6IBF, W5ODD, I0RIZ, I2MQP, F6HMJ, HB9DDZ, W0ULU, K9XR, JA0SU, I5ZJK.

I2EOW, IK2MRZ, K5AS, KA1CLV, WZ1R, CT4UW, K0IFL, WT3W, IN3NJB, S50A, IK1GPG, AA6WJ, W3AP, OE1EMN, W9IL, I7PXV, S53EO, DF7GK, S57J, EA5BM, DL1EY, DJ1YH, KU0A, VE2UW, 9A9R, UA0FZ, DJ3JSW, OE6LE, HB9BIN, N1KC, SM5DAC, RW9SG, WA3GNW, S51U, W4MS, I2EAY, RA0FU, CT4NH, EA7TV, W9IAL, LY3BA, K1NU, W1TE, UA3AP, EA5AT, OK1DWC, KX1A, I25BAM, K4LQ, K0KG, DL6ATM, VE9FX, DL2CHN, W200, AIGZ, RU3DX, WB9IHH, CT1EEN, G4PWA, OK1FED, EU1TT, S53MJ, DL2KQ, RA1A0B, KT2C, UA9CGL, AE5B, K0DEQ, DK0PM, SV1EOS, UA0FAI, N4GG, UA4RZ, 7K3QPL, EW1CQ, UA4LY, RZ3DX, UA3AIO, UA4RC, N8BJQ, UA3BS, UA9FGR, UT3UY, WA5VGI, UT9FJ, UT4EK, K9UQN, UR5FEQ, LY2MM, N3RC, OH3MKH, RA3CQ, UT3Z, S55SL, RU3ZJ, Y09HP, RA3DNC, K8ZT, KE5K, JH8BOE, TF8GJ, S58MU, UX1AA, AB1J, DM3FZN, AG4W, UA3QNS, RX3AGD, WB5JID, LY3W, LY5W, RW4WZ, VO1CV.

160 Meter Endorsements: N4MM, W4CRW, K5UR, VE3XN, DL3RK, OK1MP, N4NO, W4BQY, W4VQ, KF2O, W8CNL, W1JR, W5UR, W8LCL, K9BG, W1CU, G4BUE, LU3YL/W4, NN4Q, VE7WJ, VE7IG, W9NUF, N4NX, SM0DJZ, DK5AD, W3ARK, LA7JO, SM0AJU, N5TV, W6OUL, N4KE, I2UIY, I4EAT, VK9NS, DE0DXM, UR2QD, AB9O, FM5WD, SM6CST, I1JQJ, PY2DBU, H8LCL, KA5W, K3UA, K7LJ, SM3EVR, UP1BZZ, DJ3JSW, OE6GLD, HB9BIN, N1KC, SM5DAC, S51U, RA0FU, CT4NH, EA7TV, LY3BA, K1NU, W1TE, UA3AP, OK1DWC, KX1A, I25BAM, DL6ATM, W200, RU3DX, WB9IHH, G4PWA, OK1FED, EU1TT, S53MJ, DL2KQ, RA1A0B, UA9CGL, SM6DHU, K0DEQ, DK0PM, SV1EOS, N4GG, UA4RZ, 7K3QPL, EW1CQ, UA4LY, RZ3DX, UA3AIO, UA4RC, N8BJQ, UA3BS, UA9FGR, UT3UY, WA5VGI, UR5FEQ, N3RC, UT3Z, RU3ZJ, Y09HP, RA3DNC, K8ZT, KE5K, JH8BOE, S58MU, UX1AA, DM3FZN, AG4W, UA3QNS, RX3AGD, LY3W, LY5W, VO1CV.

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Malpelo Island, a nice place to see, but very difficult to live on. Here we can see two of the HKØNA operators making their way up the "mountain side." They were not experienced rock climbers and some of the team could not make it to the top operating site. (Photo courtesy of Glenn, WØGJ)

Pitcairn Island. This isolated island in the Pacific saw action from a group signing VP6T. One of the highlights of the team's time on the island was the celebration of the annual Bounty Days. Here we see the "Bounty Burning," which is a major part of the celebration. (Photo courtesy of Nigel, G3TXF)

The WAZ Program

6 Meters

109 SP3RNZ (26 zones)

20 Meters SSB

1206W7JVN 1208AI6Z

1207JH1OGT

10 Meters CW

203HA5WA

12 Meters CW

67PY2YP 68S55ZZ

15 Meters CW

347JH1OGT

17 Meters CW

87PY2YP

30 Meters CW

109PY2YP

40 Meters CW

287SP2FWC 289VE2TZT

288IV3IYH

40 Meters RTTY

001N5ZM

160 Meters

403VE3LYC (33 zones) 404F5OHS (40 zones)

160 Meter Updates

K8GG(40 zones)

All Band WAZ

Mixed

8909NM5Z 8912IKØVVG

8910US5CAO 8913JT1BL

8911K1KLM 8914KX4P

SSB

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5217VR2PW

CW

686NM5Z 689IZ2GOT

687R1AUR 690JT1DA

688IT9XUA

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Ministry of Telecommunications again. They were then signed by the Minister and Vice-Minister with 'issue frequencies and callsign order to the Manager, who requested letters from National Security and three other agencies in Yemen in support of our planned activity, which was provided by those agencies."

Sovereign Military Order of Malta – 1AØC

An announcement just in (mid-June) should make a lot of DXers happy. 1AØC will be active from SMOM; that's the Sovereign Military Order of Malta. From

the last Most Wanted Survey by *The DX Magazine* it was ranked #79 in the world, but #44 in Asia and #67 in North America. Here's the announcement:

"Thirty years have passed since 1A made its way onto the DXCC list. An activation by an international team looks to celebrate the uniqueness of this event. So, from the 1st to the 4th of July, we will listen for them on the air as 1AØC from Santa Maria del Priorato, home of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta.

"The callsign that will be used belongs to the The Order of Malta's Italian Relief Corps (CISOM), an organization spe-

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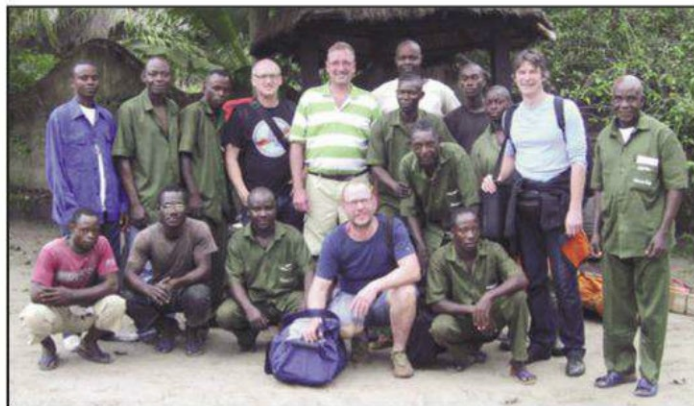
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 3A/IK5YOJ/P via IK5YOJ
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 3A/ON6DP/P via ON6DP
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 4K51V via RU3SD
 4K52V via RU3SD

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The team at TN2T shown here with the "crew" at the hotel where they stayed. (Photo courtesy of Ronald, PA3EWP)

cialized in bringing assistance and relief during emergencies. This underscores the dual value of this activation. On the one hand, there's the fun side ham radio, giving a not so easy "new one" to as many stations as possible (especially from the U.S. and Japan).

"On the other hand, however, there's the noble goal, as often seen in ham radio, where a spirit of cooperation and mutual aid is shared by operators all over the world. The team's aim, in fact, is to raise funds—thanks to donations and contributions from QSL requests—in order to buy radio equipment which The Order of Malta's Italian Relief Corps vol-

unteers will be able to use in case of emergencies.

"The operators list includes: 1A0X, 1A0Z, EA2RY, EA5RM, EA7AJR, EA7KW, F5CWU, IN3ZNR, IT9YVO, IZ8IYX, PB2T, SP3DOI, and KH6CG as a pilot for North America and Pacific.

"They will be active on HF+6m and the QSLs for contacts with 1A0C can be requested via Francesco Cozzi, 1A0Z.

"A website will be online soon, stay tuned!—73 de 1A0C"

Until next time, enjoy the chase, and Have Fun!

73, Carl, N4AA

5 Band WAZ

As of June 1, 2012, 882 stations have attained the 200 zone level and 1779 stations have attained the 150 zone level.

New recipients of 5 Band WAZ with all 200 zones confirmed:
 F6FHO

The top contenders for 5 Band WAZ (zones needed, 80 or 40 meters):

K8JRK, 199 (26)	K8PT, 199 (26)
UW0LT, 1999 (2 on 40)	N8AA, 199 (23)
N4WW, 199 (26)	IZ1ANU, 199 (1)
W4LI, 199 (26)	IN3ZNR, 199 (1)
K7UR, 199 (34)	IK4CIE, 199 (1)
IK8BQE, 199 (31)	JK1BSM, 199 (2)
JA2IVK, 199 (34 on 40)	EA5RM, 198 (1, 19)
IK1AOD, 199 (1)	EA5BCX, 198 (27, 39)
VO1FB, 199 (19)	G3KDB, 198 (1, 12)
KZ4V, 199 (26)	JA1DM, 198 (2, 40)
W6DN, 199 (17)	9A5I, 198 (1, 16)
W3NO, 199 (26)	G3KMQ, 198 (1, 27)
RU3FM, 199 (1)	N2QT, 198 (23, 24)
N3UN, 199 (18)	OK1DWC, 198 (6, 31)
W1FZ, 199 (26)	W4UM, 198 (18, 23)
SM7BIP, 199 (31)	US7MM, 198 (2, 6)
N4NX, 199 (26)	K2TK, 198 (23, 24)
EA7GF, 199 (1)	K3JGJ, 198 (24, 26)
JA5IU, 199 (2)	W4DC, 198 (24, 26)
RU3DX, 199 (6)	F5NBU, 198 (19, 31)
N4XR, 199 (27)	W9XY, 198 (22, 26)
HA5AGS, 199 (1)	KZ2I, 198 (24, 26)
N5AW, 199 (17)	W9RN, 198 (26, 19 on 40)
JH7CFX, 199 (2)	W5CWQ, 198 (17, 18)
K7LJ, 199 (37)	UA4LY, 198 (6&2 on 10)
RA6AX, 199 (6 on 10)	JA7XBG, 198 (2 on 80&10)
RX4HZ, 199 (13)	JA3GN, 198 (2 on 80&40)
S58Q, 199 (31)	N4GG, 198 (18, 24)

The following have qualified for the basic 5 Band WAZ Award:

RW9QA (170 zones)	JT1DA (154 zones)
RZ3EC (170 zones)	

5 Band WAZ updates:

N8LJ (198 zones)	KJ6P (191 zones)
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*Please note: Cost of the 5 Band WAZ Plaque is \$100 shipped within the U.S.; \$120 all foreign (sent airmail).

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Misconceptions about Contesting

To those unfamiliar with contesting, coming across an on-the-air event can be intimidating. Many people may be calling and the information exchanged can be cryptic and may be sent and received quickly. This might appear to be bizarre to one who is unaccustomed to such behavior. It is easy to get confused with the abbreviations and “cut” numbers. Hopefully we can clear up some of the common misconceptions.

Do They Want to Work Me?

“Do they want to work me?” is the most commonly heard question. Yes, each and every contact counts (in most contests), so the person calling CQ more than likely would love you to call him/her! In some contests, such as DX contests, only contacts with distant stations in other countries count for credit. In those contests, look for stations outside your country. They will be happy to work you. Without lots of regular hams to work, the big guns would quickly run out of people to contact. They need you! If you really don’t believe this, try calling CQ yourself in the last hour of any major contest. The bigger stations will find you because you’ll be a new station that they haven’t worked before. You might also be a needed multiplier (state, country, prefix, or whatever special status designates a station as more significant than a normal contact).

Do I Have to Submit a Contest Log?

“Do I have to submit a contest log?” is another common question. No, you don’t have to, but the sponsor would love you to do so. Your contact will count regardless of whether or not you submit a log. Submitting a log allows the contest sponsor to check the information you sent against the data logged by the stations you worked. If this information does not agree, then the other station would not get credit for the contact (or lose points). If the info in both logs matches, then a valid contact took place. There would be nothing to check against if you did not send in a log.

Do I Have to Make Lots of Contacts?

“Can I just contact one person in the contest?” Yes, this is also allowed. However, it is better for you to make at least a few contacts so you would not be shown as a “unique” call. Uniques are calls that are shown in only one contest log. Contesters will still value your call and get credit for a valid contact. If you contact more than one person, your information would show up in those logs and your callsign would no longer be unique. Many times unique calls are valid contacts. However, there are times when they are simply logged incorrectly by the con-

tester who has made an error hearing or entering your callsign.

What’s This “Exchange” Stuff?

“How do I know what information needs to be sent?” Most people will be happy to help you out with this. They need your information for the “exchange” to be correct. All of the needed material can be found in the contest rules. You can still participate even without knowing exactly what needs to be sent. Just ask the first person you contact to explain the exchange. Many times you can

Calendar of Events	
All year	CQ DX Marathon http://bit.ly/vEKMWD
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Aug. 5	SARL HF Phone Contest http://bit.ly/H0IqQf
Aug. 4–5	10-10 Int’l Summer Contest SSB http://bit.ly/yTsaDk
Aug. 4–5	North American CW QSO Party http://bit.ly/GLPfXz
Aug. 4–5	ARRL UHF Contest http://www.arrl.org/august-uhf
Aug. 11–12	Worked All Europe CW Contest http://bit.ly/JUUR1n
Aug. 11–12	Maryland-DC QSO Party http://mdcqsoparty.w3vpr.org/
Aug. 18–19	ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest http://www.arrl.org/10-ghz-up
Aug. 18–19	SARTG RTTY Contest http://bit.ly/JDCfaq
Aug. 18–19	North American SSB QSO Party http://bit.ly/GLPfXz
Aug 19	SARL HF Digital Contest http://bit.ly/H0IqQf
Aug. 25–26	YO DX Contest http://bit.ly/J759Kv
Aug. 25–26	Hawaii QSO Party http://bit.ly/IBSSAe
Aug 25-26	Ohio QSO Party http://www.ohqp.org/
Aug. 25-26	SCC RTTY Championship http://bit.ly/l6rx9O
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Sept. 1–2	All Asian SSB Contest http://bit.ly/As5VzH
Sept. 1–2	CW Open http://www.cwops.org/cwopen.html
Sept. 8–9	Worked All Europe SSB Contest http://bit.ly/JUUR1n
Sept. 8–9	ARRL September VHF QSO Party http://bit.ly/K5O4kY
Sept. 8–9	Arkansas QSO Party http://arkanhams.org
Sept. 29–30	CQ WW RTTY DX Contest http://www.cqwwrtty.com

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Uwe, DL4AAE, participates in many contests.

figure it out just by listening. For example, if you hear someone send "59 New York," you can assume the exchange is signal report and state. Other times it might take some explanation. ARRL Sweepstakes is a contest with a long exchange that takes some explanation. You might hear "K2DO 401 A N2GA 91 NLI" for example. "K2DO" is the person I'm contacting. The next part is the "QSO number"—you are my contact number 401. "A" is the contest category—indicating single operator, low power. N2GA is my callsign. "91" is the year first licensed (also called the "check"), and "NLI" is my ARRL section—New York City/Long Island. In contests such as Sweepstakes, it is important to send this information in the proper sequence or you could confuse the receiving station.

If you sent the numbers in a different sequence, the QSO number and check could somehow be transposed.

I'm Not Good at Math...

"What are multipliers and how do they help me?" Multipliers are what make contests interesting. If there were no multipliers, then the sheer number of contacts would be the deciding factor in who wins. With multipliers, it is possible for someone with fewer contacts than someone else (but more multipliers) to win. This causes a need for a contest strategy. Multipliers can be finite things such as U.S. states, Canadian provinces, or ARRL sections. There also are cases where there are no limits to the number of multipliers—contests such as the CQ WPX Contest, where callsign prefix is the multiplier. Multipliers can count once per contest, once per band, once per band and mode, etc. The contest rules will specify what they are and how they should be counted. Multipliers make contests interesting. Some people search out only needed multipliers. Others travel to desirable places just to be a needed multiplier.

... But I Do Know the Difference Between Numbers and Letters!

"Why do some people send letters when numbers are expected in CW contests?" Some operators shorten their exchange by using "cut" numbers. A simple example is when someone sends 5NN instead of 599 as the signal report. Similarly, a zero can be replaced with a "T" and a one can be replaced with an "A". A QSO number of ATT would then be interpreted as 100. Taken to an extreme, some use "E" as five and use other abbreviations. If done properly, using "cut" numbers can save time. If done incorrectly, they only serve to confuse those receiving them. Some places where this can be helpful include signal reports, power sent, and QSO numbers. "Cut" numbers should not be used when indicating things such as age, year first licensed, etc. Obviously, they should also not be used in callsigns!

Who's This Guy on "My" Frequency?

"We normally meet on the air at 2100 UTC every day, but a contester is on our frequency. Can we ask him to move?" Yes, you can ask; however, please do so nicely! Courtesy goes a long way. He may ask for a contact with you in the contest first. If you cooperate with him, he will be more likely to move. Remember no one person owns a frequency. In general, the one there first has the right to use it. He may not want to move, so you might have to switch your QSO to another spot. Also, it is important to note that changing propagation can cause seemingly clear frequencies to become busy. Try to assume that interference is unintentional. It is best not to get into a frequency fight that zaps time and energy. Instead be more productive with your time and find a clear frequency or search and pounce for a while instead.

Other Common Questions...

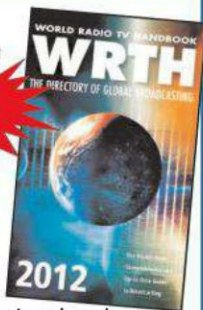
"Can my friend operate in a contest using my callsign?" In the United States, yes, assuming that a control operator (you) is present and that your friend does not contact anyone in another country that does not have a third-party agreement with us. In other countries check with your country's licensing authority. If your friend is licensed to operate on the frequencies in use, then he/she may be the control operator (with your permission, of course).

"I tried sending my callsign to answer a CQ but they didn't appear to hear me. What am I doing wrong?" Sometimes

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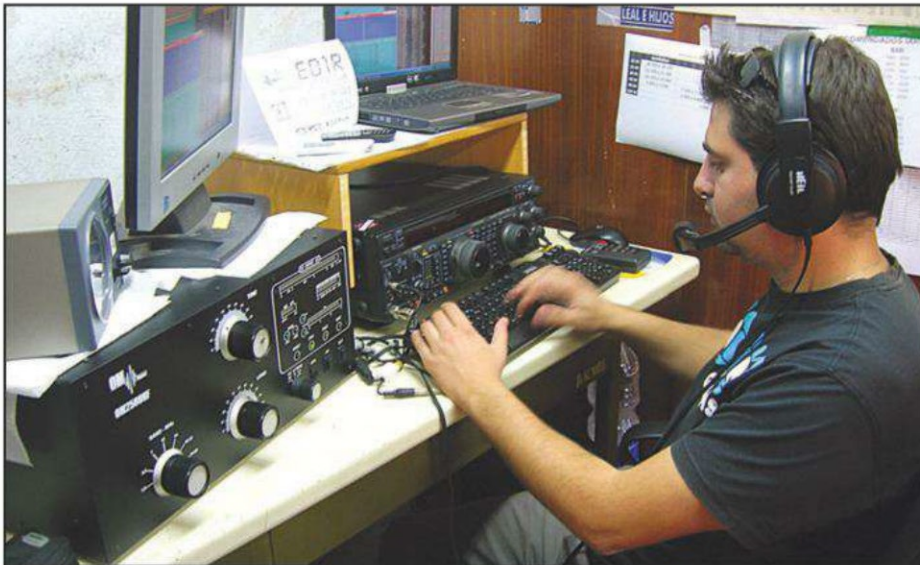
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propagation may not be there for the other station to hear you. It could be he is using an amplifier so you may hear him well but he may not hear you calling him. This is sometimes referred to as being an alligator—all mouth and no ears! It's also possible that many stations are calling him and you can't hear the other ones. If the calling station comes back to someone else, try to listen to see who he responds to. Another area may have better propagation than you do. You might not be doing anything wrong. You just might have to wait a little bit for propagation to change and then your callsign might pop out of the noise. If you hear other nearby stations working him and you don't, then it's possible that something is amiss. You might have a problem with your equipment or you might be calling when the other station is not listening. If there's a pile-up, then the needed station might be tuning up or down a little from his transmit frequency. Try listening and finding the stations that he's working and determine his pattern. He might just be listening up a little bit and stay there or he might be tuning up a little each time. Listen first to determine this and then try to call where he's listening. (On some bands, especially 40 meters, some stations operate "split," transmitting in one portion of the band and listening in another. In this case, the station will periodically announce the listening frequency.—ed.)

"People tell me that I'm loud and have a big signal but I make the same number of contacts in every contest. How can I ever do better?" There are many ways to improve your score. Think

about how to do so while still having fun. If you spend all of your time tuning around looking for stations calling CQ (*searching and pouncing*) and people continually tell you that you're loud, consider finding a clear frequency and calling CQ yourself (this is called *running*). You should increase your rate significantly by using this tactic, and your QSO

totals and score should improve. You also might want to set a goal for yourself and come up with a strategy on how to accomplish that goal. Determine how many hours you have available to operate and pick the most productive hours from your location to maximize your score. This includes studying propagation to know which band or bands is/are most likely to get you the greatest number of QSOs and/or multipliers at the times that you'll be on.

In Conclusion...

While contests may seem intimidating at first, most are fairly straightforward. The information exchanged normally is formatted and it provides the framework for the contest. Regular participants are typically happy to help out newcomers and let them know what material needs to be sent.

So the next time you hear that cacophony of sound, jump right in and join the fray! You might find yourself enjoying the rhythm of contesting and becoming a regular yourself. Partake as much as you like and have fun. After all, that's what operating should be all about. Don't let misconceptions about contesting prevent you from experiencing the joy of radio. 73, George, N2GA

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The Summer Anomaly

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10.7 cm Flux

Observed Monthly, May 2012: 122
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Observed Monthly, May 2012: 8
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One Year Ago: A Quick Look at Solar Cycle Conditions

(Data rounded to nearest whole number)

Sunspots

Observed Monthly, May 2011: 42
Twelve-month smoothed, November 2010: 27

10.7 cm Flux

Observed Monthly, May 2011: 96
Twelve-month smoothed, November 2010: 88

Ap Index

Observed Monthly, May 2011: 9
Twelve-month smoothed, November 2010: 6

Are the daytime Maximum Usable Frequencies (MUFs) on radio propagation circuits spanning daylight regions higher during the summer than during the winter? With more hours of daylight wouldn't the increased exposure to solar radiation cause greater ionization? The surprising answer is that no, that is not generally the case. A look at many signal paths reveals that there are higher peaks during the winter daytime than during the summer daytime. However, during the summer night those same paths may have higher MUFs than during the winter nights. This is known as the *Summer Anomaly*.

In the past, it was believed that this anomaly was in part caused by temperature differences. This model held that during the Northern Hemispheric winter months the atmosphere is cold and therefore denser, and that because the Earth is closer to the Sun, more intense daytime ionization occurs; thus, winter daytime critical frequencies are high. During the long hours of winter darkness, on the other hand, the ionosphere has more time to recombine, and nighttime critical frequencies fall to very low levels. Conversely, in the summer the F2 layer heats up, causing it to expand during the daylight hours. This results in a lower ionization density than is observed during the winter. This, it was believed, creates summer daytime F2-layer critical frequencies that are lower than winter values. Moreover, because of the longer hours of daylight during the summer, recombination does not

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LAST-MINUTE FORECAST

Day-to-Day Conditions Expected for August 2012

Propagation Index.....	Expected Signal Quality			
	(4)	(3)	(2)	(1)
Above Normal: 8-9, 16-17	A	A	B	C
High Normal: 1-4, 7, 11, 14-15 18-23, 28-31	A	B	C	C-D
Low Normal: 5-6, 10	B	C-B	C-D	D-E
Below Normal: 12-13, 25-27	C	C-D	D-E	E
Disturbed: 24	C-D	D	E	E

Where expected signal quality is:

- A—Excellent opening, exceptionally strong, steady signals greater than S9.
- B—Good opening, moderately strong signals varying between S6 and S9, with little fading or noise.
- C—Fair opening, signals between moderately strong and weak, varying between S3 and S6, with some fading and noise.
- D—Poor opening, with weak signals varying between S1 and S3, with considerable fading and noise.
- E—No opening expected.

HOW TO USE THIS FORECAST

1. Find the *propagation index* associated with the particular path opening from the Propagation Charts appearing in *The New Shortwave Propagation Handbook* by George Jacobs, W3ASK; Theodore J. Cohen, N4XX; and Robert B. Rose, K6GKU.

2. With the *propagation index*, use the above table to find the expected signal quality associated with the path opening for any given day of the month. For example, an opening shown in the Propagation Charts with a *propagation index* of 3 will be good (B) on August 1-4, fair to good (C-B) on the 5th and 6th, good (B) on the 7th, etc.

3. As an alternative, the Last-Minute Forecast may be used as a general guide to space weather and geomagnetic conditions through the month. When conditions are Above Normal, for example, the geomagnetic field should be quiet and space weather should be mild. On the other hand, days marked as Disturbed will be riddled with geomagnetic storms. Propagation of radio signals in the HF spectrum will be affected by these conditions. In general, when conditions are High Normal to Above Normal, signals will be more reliable on a given path, when the path is ionospherically supported.

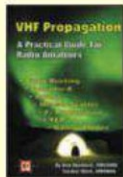
occur to the extent that it does in winter. This would mean that nighttime F2-layer critical frequencies during the summer months are significantly higher than they are during the winter months.

As scientists continue to explore our understanding of how the ionosphere works, it becomes ever more accurate and clear. Research has revealed that the reason summer MUFs are lower during the day is due only in part to temperature differences. The rest of the story lies in ion chemistry, not a thinning of the ionosphere. (*An interesting side-note:* You can now take a virtual tour of the ionosphere by using free software available from NASA and Google.com. See fig. 1.)

In the lower part of our atmosphere, below 100 km, atoms and molecules are well mixed by wind and temperature. Above 100 km, atoms and molecules are distributed vertically by gravity according to their atomic weights. The heaviest atoms, argon, settle toward the bottom of the ionospheric layers, while the lightest atoms, hydrogen, extend to the greatest heights. The exact composition depends on temperature. In the winter, when atoms and molecules are colder, they move lower, in part causing the ionosphere to contain a greater density of oxygen atoms. During the summer, they move to greater heights as they warm up, and the ionosphere becomes dominated by a more even

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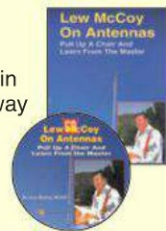
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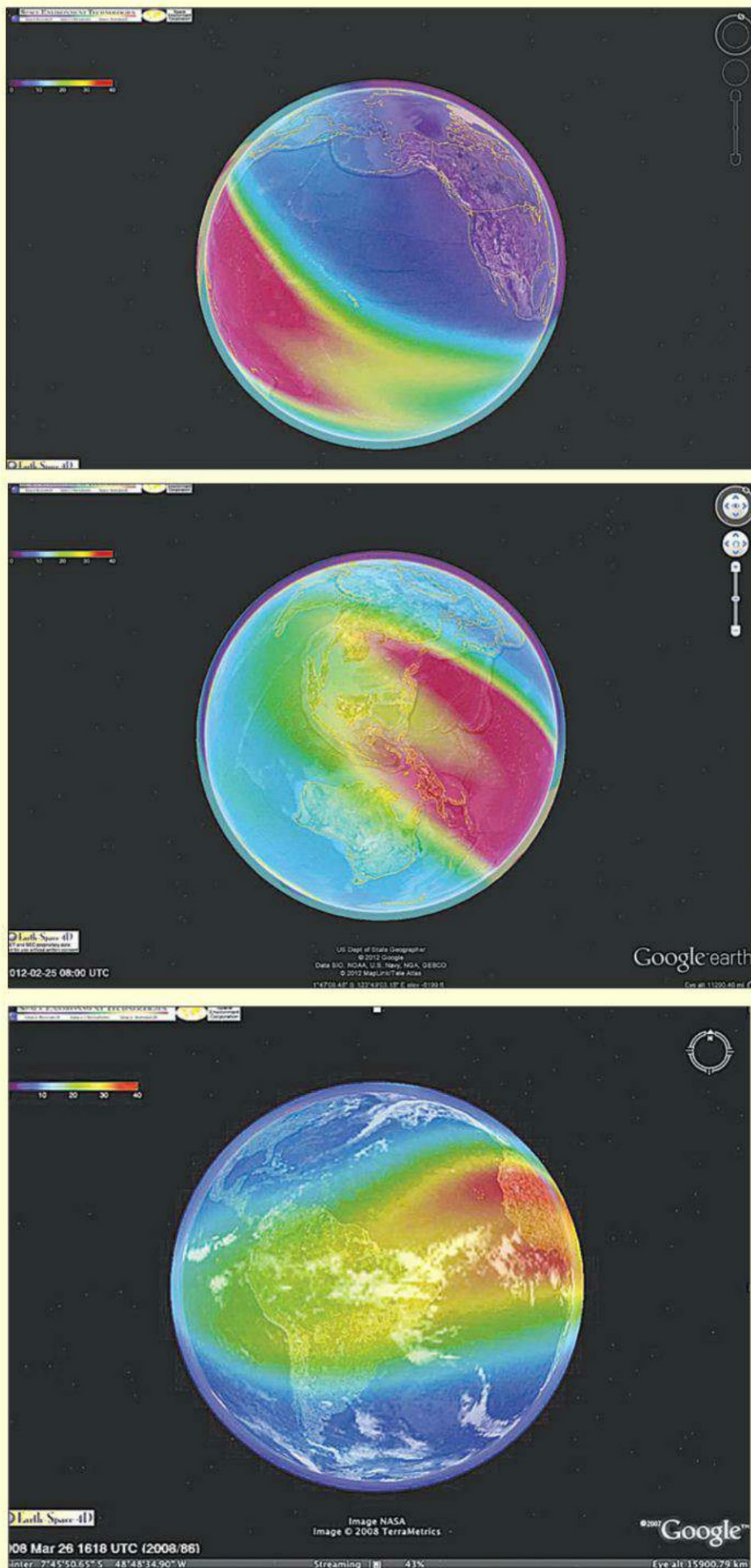


Fig. 1— Screen captures of the 4D ionosphere as modeled by NASA and Google Earth®. Colors represent electron content. Bright red is high density; that's where radio communications are restricted to few or no frequencies. Blue denotes low density; no problem there and propagation will be as expected. Using the intuitive Google Earth interface, users can fly above, around, and through these regions getting a true 4D view of the situation; the fourth dimension is time. This is a real-time system updated every 10 minutes. See: <<http://g.nw7us.us/xs3Zwz>>. (Credit: Google Earth/NASA)

mixture of nitrogen and oxygen molecules. In this upper atmosphere, ionization is more affected by the geomagnetic field than by atmospheric turbulence.

Ionization is the creation of ions by atoms losing their electrons. This is caused by the energy of photons from sunlight breaking the electron away from the atom. In the absence of sunlight, these free electrons recombine with whatever nearby molecule or atom happens to be available.

Electrons do not always recombine with the relatively small number of positive ions available, but they may also become attached to some of the far more numerous neutral molecules, forming negative ions. This is a great thing for those who DX the lower part of the HF spectrum, as these electrons are not disassociated from the negative ions very quickly during the morning sunlight. Since these negative ions are more massive than electrons and positive ions, they do not absorb radio energy. This makes a morning window for low-band DXing.

During the summer, then, the ratio of atoms to molecules is less than the ratio during the winter. The make-up of the ionosphere during the winter favors the production of electrons from oxygen atoms over the losses of electrons by recombination in molecular interactions. Since the summer ionosphere has a mixture of nitrogen and oxygen molecules, more recombination takes place and the ionosphere loses some of its ionization. If one looks at a given summertime signal path and compares it with the same path during the winter, it is clear that the Maximum Usable Frequency will generally peak higher in the winter. However, the nighttime critical frequencies generally will be higher than in summer nighttime.

We'll continue to delve into the science of the ionosphere and space weather, as well as using computer software tools that aid in understanding, analyzing, and predicting radio signal propagation. Stay tuned each month!

August Propagation

Late August and early September are a difficult time of year during which to make accurate band predictions, because conditions can change drastically from day to day. On many days typical summertime conditions will continue much as they were during June and July.

On the other days conditions may sound typically fall-like, with somewhat higher daytime usable frequencies and somewhat lower nighttime usable frequencies. When you add *equinoctial*

conditions that can begin as early as late August, we often experience optimum openings between the Northern and Southern Hemispheres on the one hand, but periods of active to stormy conditions on the other.

Despite being in the rise phase of solar Cycle 24 with low to moderate solar activity, during the daylight hours good DX conditions should be possible on several bands: 15, 17, and 20 meters. Expect signals on the 17- and 20-meter bands to peak approximately during the two-hour window immediately following sunrise and again during the late afternoon. These two bands, and to a lesser degree the 15-meter band, will see openings for DX throughout the daylight hours. Fairly good DX openings should occur along an arc extending across central Africa, Latin America, and into the far Pacific area.

Peak conditions should occur during the afternoon hours, but an increasing number of earlier openings should be possible by early September.

Between sundown and sunrise 20 meters is expected to be the best DX band. However, with current solar activity the band in general will suffer compared with the past few years. Openings might be possible to many areas of the world, some with surprisingly strong signal levels. Until midnight, good DX conditions should be found for openings toward Latin America, the far Pacific, and into Asia. You might even catch some activity on 17 or even 15. Fairly good conditions are also expected on 30, 40, 60, and 80 meters despite the high static level at times. Openings should be possible before midnight along an arc extending from northern Europe, through Africa, and into Latin America, the far Pacific, and Asia after midnight.

By late August it should be possible to work some DX on 160 meters during the hours of darkness. Conditions on this band, as well as on 40, 60, and 80 meters, will tend to peak just as the sun begins to *rise* on the *light*, or easternmost, terminal of a path.

For *short-skip* openings during August and early September try 80 meters during the day for distances less than 250 miles, with 60 and 40 meters also usable. During the hours of darkness both 80 and 160 meters should provide excellent communications over this distance. For openings between 250 and 750 miles use 30 and 40 meters during the day for distances up to 500 miles, and 20 and 17 meters between 500 and 750 miles. At night 40 and 30 meters should be the best bands for this distance until midnight, with 80 meters optimum from midnight to sunrise. Try 60 meters, as well. For openings between 750 and 1300 miles, try 20 and 17 meters, as they should provide optimum propagation during the hours of daylight.

Optimum conditions should continue on these bands for this distance range after sundown and until midnight. Between midnight and sunrise the best band should be 40 meters, but check 60 meters, too. For openings between 1300 miles and the one-hop short-skip limit of approximately 2300 miles try 20 and 17 meters during the day, with 15 meters also usable. After sundown try 30, 40, and 60 meters, with 80 meters also providing good propagation conditions for this distance range.

VHF Conditions

Sporadic-E propagation usually begins

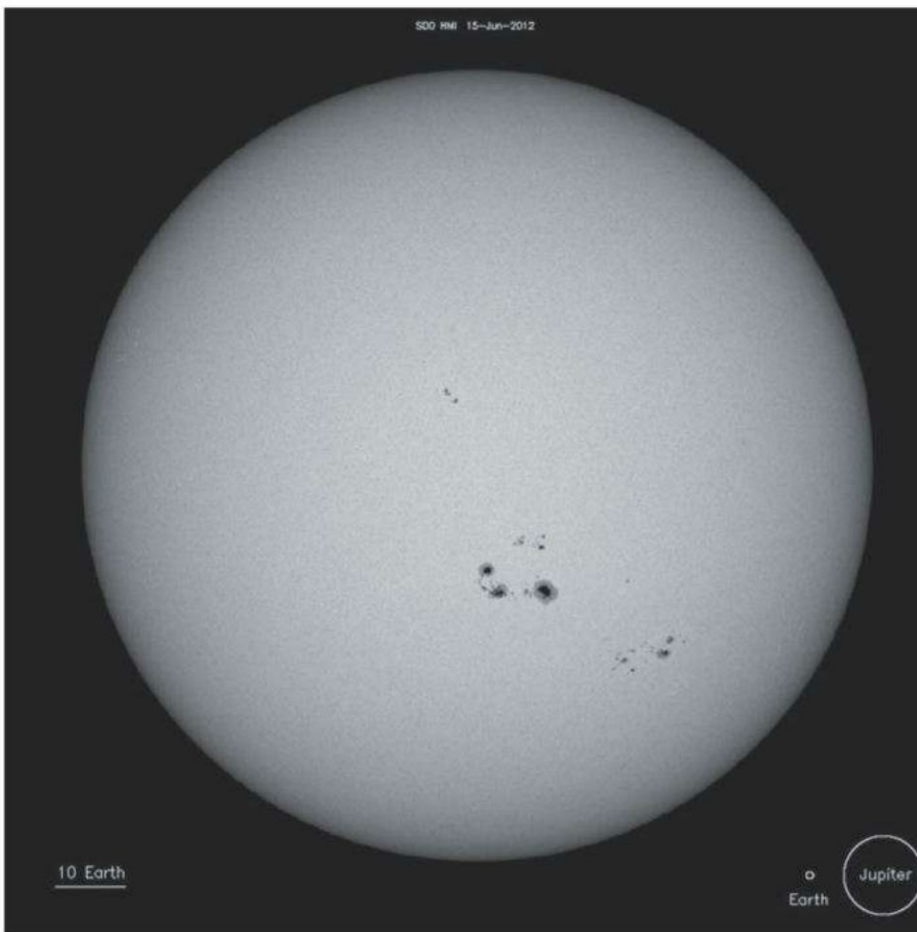


Fig. 2— A large active sunspot region seen in this Intensitygram image captured on June 15, 2012 by the Solar Dynamics Observatory Helioseismic and Magnetic Imager (SDO/HMI) helps improve summer-time radiowave propagation on the high frequencies. This sunspot region is numbered by NOAA as Active Region 11504. As the region continued to rotate across the solar disc, it helped keep the high frequencies alive with DX, as the 10.7-cm radio flux remained in the mid to upper 100s, and the background hard x-ray flux remained moderate. Sunspot regions with large spots are not unusual, although most sunspot regions tend to be smaller, with many of them spread out around the solar disc. (Source: NASA/SDO/Helioseismic and Magnetic Imager [HMI])

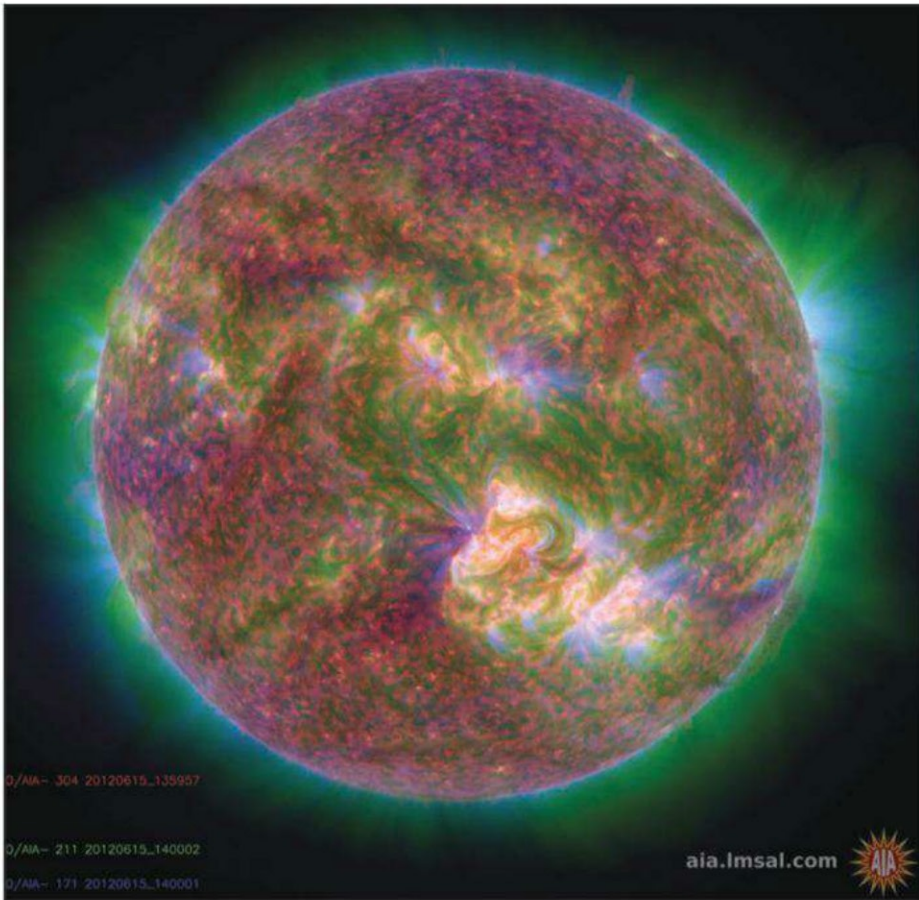


Fig. 3— The huge sunspot region 11504 as seen in the combined wavelengths of 171, 211, and 304 Angstroms, by the SDO Atmospheric Imaging Assembly. The region produced many small flares and a few moderately-strong flares during mid-July. (Source: Solar Dynamics Observatory [SDO]/Atmospheric Imaging Assembly [AIA])

to taper off during August, but it should continue to occur fairly frequently. Some 6 meter sporadic-E openings are expected during the month over distances of approximately 750 to 1300 miles. During periods of intense and widespread sporadic-E ionization, two-hop openings may be possible considerably beyond this range. Also check the 2-meter band for an occasional sporadic-E short-skip opening between approximately 1200 to 1400 miles. While sporadic-E short-skip openings may occur at any time, there is a tendency for them to peak between 8 AM and noon, and again between 6 PM and 9 PM local daylight time.

The *Perseids* meteor shower covers the period of July 23 to August 22. The peak is expected to occur on August 11 and will be most observable in the Northern Hemisphere. The maximum hourly visual rate typically reaches 80. It is expected to be a moderate shower.

Aurora? Aurora is a frequent player due to the increase in solar activity now that we're in the rise phase of Cycle 24.

The Earth is constantly barraged by the expulsion of solar plasma riding the solar wind. When we have coronal mass ejections erupting from the Sun, the solar wind reaches storm-level speed, and the plasma of the CME slams into the Earth's magnetosphere, causing auroral activity in the highest latitudes. This year some of these have occurred even during the late spring and early summer. Auroral-scatter-type openings, on both 6 and 2 meters, can range from a few hundred up to about a thousand miles, and they are usually characterized by very rapid flutter and Doppler shift on SSB signals.

For the very patient, check the 6-meter band for possible trans-equatorial (TE) openings between 8 and 11 PM local daylight time. This type of propagation favors openings from the southern tier states into deep South America, with the signal path crossing the magnetic equator at a right angle. TE openings during August are rare, but they can occur. Very weak signals and severe flutter fading usually characterize them.

Don't forget to check out *CQ VHF* magazine for more details on VHF propagation and conditions. If you use Twitter.com, you can follow @hfradio-spacewx for hourly updates that include the K-index numbers. You can also check the numbers at <<http://SunSpotWatch.com>>.

Current Solar Cycle Progress

The Royal Observatory of Belgium reports that the monthly mean observed sunspot number for May 2012 is 69.0, up from April's 55.2 and March's 64.2. The lowest daily sunspot value of 52 was recorded for May 30, while the highest daily sunspot count was 98 on May 16. The 12-month running smoothed sunspot number centered on November 2011 is 61.1, up from October's 59.9. A smoothed sunspot count of 77, give or take about 9 points, is expected for August 2012.

The Dominion Radio Astrophysical Observatory at Penticton, BC, Canada, reports a 10.7-cm observed monthly mean solar flux of 121.5 for May 2012, up from April's 113.1 and March's 115.1. The 12-month smoothed 10.7-cm flux centered on November 2011 is 119.5, up from October's 118.4. The predicted smoothed 10.7-cm solar flux for August 2012 is 132, give or take about 9 points.

The observed monthly mean planetary A-index (A_p) for May 2012 is 8. The 12-month smoothed A_p index centered on November 2011 is 8.0, the same as for October. Expect the overall geomagnetic activity to vary greatly between quiet to stormy during August, much like the months prior, because we're seeing the Sun become ever more active as we move toward the cycle maximum. Refer to the Last-Minute Forecast for the outlook on conditions during this month.

I welcome your thoughts, questions, and experiences regarding this fascinating science of propagation. You may e-mail me, write me a letter, or catch me on the HF amateur bands. You can directly interact with me on Twitter.com by following @NW7US. You can find complete details on my main web page, at <<http://NW7US.us>>.

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SPANAWAY, WASHINGTON — Radio Club of Tacoma HamFest, August 11 at the Bethel Junior High School. Contact: Larry, KD4VOM, 253-843-2190; e-mail: <hamfest@w7dk.org>; Website: <http://www.w7dk.org>. (Talk-in 147.280+ [PL 103.5] or 147.500; exams begin at 10 AM)

ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS — Northern Berkshire Amateur Radio Club NoBARC Hamfest, August 12 at Bowe Field in the Adams Agricultural Fair Grounds off Route 8. E-mail: <hamfest@nobarc.org>. (Talk-in 146.910 [PL 162.2]; exams 9 AM)

WIMBORNE, DORSET, UNITED KINGDOM — Flight Refueling Amateur Radio Society Hamfest, August 12 at the Cobham Sports and Social Club, Merley Park Road. Contact: Mike Sykes 01202 883479; e-mail: <hamfest@frars.org.uk>; Website: <http://www.frars.org.uk>. (Talk-in 145.550)

HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA — Huntsville Hamfest Association and Huntsville Amateur Radio Club will hold the Huntsville Hamfest and ARRL SE Division Conference, August 18–19 at the Von Braun Civic Center. Contact: Dave Givens, K5RSI, 8003 Craigmont Rd. S.W., Huntsville, AL 35802; 256-882-9137; e-mail: <k5rsi@arrrl.net>; Website: <http://www.hamfest.org/>. (Talk-in 146.94 [No tone]). Back up frequency is 147.30 [no tone]; exams, card checking) (See Us at the CQ Booth.)

LaPORTE, INDIANA — Porter County Amateur Radio Club Hamfest/Hog Roast, August 18 at the concrete tower at US. 35 and Schultz Road. Contact: Mat Lasayko, KC9KUD, 219-916-4907. Website: <http://www.pc-arc.net>.

DENVER, COLORADO — The Denver Radio Club, WØTX, Denver Hamfest 2012, August 19 at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. Contact: Bryan Steinberg, KBØA, 303-987-9596; e-mail: <drfcfest@w0tx.org>; Website: <http://www.w0tx.org>. Talk-in 145.490– or 448.625– [PL 100.0]; exams 10 AM)

LAFAYETTE, INDIANA — Tippecanoe Amateur Radio Association 42nd Lafayette Hamfest, August 19 at the Home Econ Building in the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds. Contact: TARA, P.O. Box 8081, Lafayette, IN 47903-8081; e-mail: <kb9gfb@gmail.com>; Website: <http://bit.ly/JjbSVG>. (Talk-in 147.135+ [PL 88.5]; exams 11 AM)

FREDERICK, MARYLAND — National Capitol DX Association DXCC-EAST Convention 2012, August 24–25 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Conference. Contact: Mike Cizek, W3MC, 410-562-3010; e-mail: <convention@ncdxa.org>; Website: <http://www.dxcceast.com/>. (Talk-in 146.480; card checking; exams Saturday 1–3 PM)

JOPLIN, MISSOURI — Joplin Amateur Radio Club Joplin Hamfest, August 24–25 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center, Interstate 44 at exit 8B. Contact: JARC, P.O. Box 2983, Joplin, MO 64803-2983; 417-437-9547; Website: <http://www.joplin-arc.org>. (Talk-in 147.210+; exams, card checking)

DES MOINES, WASHINGTON — Highline Amateur Radio Club Ham Radio Swap Fest and Raffle, August 25 at the Des Moines Activity Center. Contact: Dennis Reanier, 206-241-6812; e-mail: <highlinearc@hotmail.com>.

GAINESVILLE, TEXAS — Cooke County Amateur Radio Club Gainesville Hamfest 2012, August 25 at the Gainesville Civic Center. Contact: James K. Floyd, N5ZPU, 940-668-7511; e-mail: <jfloyd54@suddenlink.net>; Website: <http://gainesvillehamfest.org>. (Talk-in 147.34 [PL 100] or 442.775 [PL 100]; exams 9:30 AM)

OWOSSO, MICHIGAN — Shiawassee Amateur Radio Association Hamfest, August 25 at the Baker College Welcome Center. Contact: Don Warner, WB8GUS, 810-599-0729; e-mail: <wb8gus@arrrl.net>; Website: <http://www.w8qqq.org>. (Talk-in 147.02 [PL 100]; exams 10 and 11 AM)

SWAINSBORO, GEORGIA — Southeast Amateur Radio Association 1st Annual Hamfest, August 25 at the Varner 4-H Center. For more information regarding VE exams, contact: Jim Hill, N4MOC, 478-237-4663; e-mail: <jimhill@bellsouth.net>. Contact: Ron Hill, N4SFU, 51 Bobwhite Road, Twin City, GA 30471; 478-455-1909; e-mail: <rhill@pineland.net>; Website: <http://www.kj4mks.com>. (Talk-in 146.715– [PL 88.5]; exams)

VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON — Clark County Amateur Radio Club Second Annual Clark County Ham Fair, August 25 at the Clark County Square Dance Center. E-mail: <clarkcounty-hamfair@w7aia.org>; Website: <http://www.w7aia.org>. (Talk-in 147.240 or 443.925 [PL 94.8] or 146.520 simplex)

NEW KENSINGTON, PENNSYLVANIA — Skyview Radio Society Swap 'n Shop 2012 and Western Pennsylvania ARRL Convention, August 26 at the Skyview Radio Society. Contact: Skyview Radio Society <ab3er@arrrl.net>; Website: <http://www.skyviewradio.net>. (Talk-in 146.640– [PL 131.8])

DALLAS, NORTH CAROLINA — The Shelby Amateur Radio Club will hold the 56th Annual Shelby Hamfest, September 1–2 at 1303 Dallas-Cherryvale Highway. Contact: Ben Melvin, <chairman@shelbyhamfest.org>. Website: <http://bit.ly/IO3aeZ>. (Talk-in 146.880- or 147.120+; exams)

MENA, ARKANSAS — Queen Wilhelmina Hamfest Association 43rd Annual Queen Wilhelmina Hamfest, September 8–9 at Queen Wilhelmina State Park on Hwy. 88. Contact: Randy Baggett, 479-928-5845; e-mail: <kg5ne@centurytel.net>. Website: <http://menahamfest.org>. (Exams)

LINCOLN, CALIFORNIA — Western Placer Amateur Radio Club Fourth Annual Hamfest, September 8 at McBean Park. Activities include prizes, a flea market, refreshments, and VE exams. Contact: Harvey Ulijohn, KD6LND, 916-543-9286; e-mail: <chulijohn@ssctv.net>. Website: <http://www.wparc.org>. (Talk-in 147.360+ [PL 179.9]; exams)

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY — Greater Louisville Hamfest Association Greater Louisville Hamfest 2012, September 8 at the Paroquet Springs Conference Center. Contact: The Greater Louisville Hamfest Association, P.O. Box 34444, Louisville, Kentucky 40232-4444; Website: <http://louisvillehamfest.com/info.htm>. (Talk-in 146.700 [PL 79.7]; exams)

SPRINGFIELD, NEBRASKA — Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club Flea-Esta, Saturday, September 8 at the Sarpy County Fair Grounds on 4-H Boulevard. Contact: Pat Joseph, 402-492-9156; e-mail: <flea@aksarbenarc.org>. Website: <http://www.aksarbenarc.org>.

NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT — Candlewood Amateur Radio Association Western CT Hamfest, September 9 at the Edmond Town Hall. Contact: Joe de Groot, AB1DO, 39 Sunnyview Drive, Redding, CT 06896; 203-938-4880; e-mail: <ab1do@arrrl.net>; Website: <http://bit.ly/IEVzAM>. (Talk-in 147.300+ [PL 100]).

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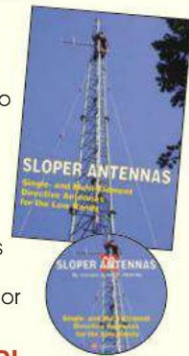


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2011 SSB RESULTS SINGLE OPERATOR NORTH AMERICA

United States

K1DG	A	9,432,996	4696	166	558
K1K1K		5,304,936	3552	135	411
K5ZD/1		5,057,340	2880	150	470
K8PO/1		3,412,855	2450	121	382
K1RX		3,341,180	2371	132	395
K1ZR		2,007,486	1730	95	319
K0ZM/1		1,434,125	1849	66	209
K1ZZ		1,384,416	1224	94	302
N9XG/1		1,141,024	1138	112	282
W1FJ		1,136,930	1051	95	303
WB1W		1,041,003	917	99	300
KH1W		977,481	956	85	284
K1LU		837,261	849	100	269
K1OS		828,144	706	102	330
AA1ON		773,644	1007	72	197
W1WFE		714,960	793	102	229
W1R7E		618,032	734	63	241
W1XW		606,895	800	80	235
W5MPC/1		550,620	658	86	259
N1DD		450,566	515	97	237
K1RM		369,444	643	54	150
W1ZS		310,695	457	53	178
W1MSW		194,994	353	50	157
KG1D		175,490	305	51	167
K1BV		139,125	391	33	92
AJ1E		125,874	245	48	141
K1YSS		76,797	170	61	100
W5MPC/1		70,848	230	46	77
N1GLT		60,918	165	38	105
WA1OUJ		36,736	129	40	72
KB1MCK		29,109	111	23	70
W1FM		28,808	113	42	62
WB0POH/1		28,280	107	30	71
KB1DOU		24,525	115	21	54
N1PFB		20,832	91	35	61
W1ZK	28	175,428	500	31	101
K1WHS		175,428	500	31	101
NN1N		54,863	229	23	60
AA1BU	3.7	127,365	449	21	84
*N1UR	A	3,925,064	2424	135	449
*WB1DX		1,071,616	1022	85	283
*W1JO		806,096	852	70	262
*NG7A/1		332,142	451	69	212
*W1CE		289,628	497	68	176
*W1Y07A/1		232,407	416	57	166
*W1DRQ		219,520	366	57	161
*W1AIR		208,320	328	66	158
*NE1RD		169,671	289	55	158
*WU1T		158,032	332	35	131
*KB1NHV		117,986	260	53	120
*K1HT		106,106	237	46	108
*K1SM		100,142	235	42	119
*W1EL		97,174	225	36	118
*N1OXA		95,128	218	33	131
*K1XT		94,611	226	54	129
*K1IRE0		68,211	169	32	111
*W1KRE		67,104	184	37	107
*W1DYJ		62,252	158	47	111
*KA1WIF		59,472	172	46	98
*KK1F		49,530	136	37	89
*NV1P		43,050	145	34	89
*ND1T		42,745	144	23	80
*K1YU		39,216	127	41	88
*N1HN		38,120	119	27	88
*N1RNR		28,013	96	39	70
*N1ZN		25,116	105	31	61
*W1MJB		19,968	98	24	54
*W1BJ		19,662	99	22	65
*N1FL		18,308	81	33	59
*N1GN		17,072	70	33	64
*AB1OD		15,045	72	33	52
*KATC		12,810	67	25	49
*W1CRK		12,702	74	22	51
*W1OHM		8,896	58	22	42
*W1GEK		8,775	84	6	33
*WA1KSN		3,952	37	20	32
*KD1EU		3,240	32	13	23
*WN1E		1,596	21	12	16
*W1MJ		1,140	20	4	15
*W1M		672	15	8	13
*N1MS		660	13	6	11
*K1VSW	28	298,224	727	33	111
*K1TIV		71,915	268	23	72
*AB1J		65,702	261	21	70
*N1IX		57,998	229	22	72
*N1WRK		43,920	170	23	67
*N1JH		40,035	178	19	66
*N1AIA		12,276	73	19	47
*AA1T		2,146	26	9	20

*W2KLD		450,600	541	78	222
*K2CS		380,680	565	62	186
*WSW2		302,787	273	38	115
*N3XF/2		290,667	413	66	91
*NT2A		244,800	314	79	227
*WA2JOK		221,851	316	75	212
*AB2T		207,711	386	45	144
*K2ZUB		172,815	311	52	153
*WA1FKX/2		169,290	321	52	146
*K2OB		132,492	281	51	130
*AA2DT		113,760	233	49	131
*K2RET		110,374	235	45	128
*K2JSL		107,415	250	51	114
*K2XC		71,145	172	47	108
*WA2ZY		61,200	134	59	111
*N2DD		60,666	179	39	103
*W5BZEX		59,004	105	55	105
*N2GXJ		53,515	142	45	94
*W2ANQ		49,518	161	37	94
*WA2NLL		48,566	139	33	89
*N2W5Y		42,196	124	36	118
*W2FUJ		33,887	116	34	69
*K2CDGG		32,880	127	33	87
*W2HCB		30,492	119	43	78
*OR1JM		29,987	103	66	86
*N2JBA		24,336	110	29	99
*N2EI		23,318	98	25	64
*K2A2NF		17,440	86	31	49
*K2JF		14,337	71	26	55
*K2RRM		11,505	74	18	47
*K2VL		10,458	67	20	43
*W2VU		8,479	56	21	40
*W2OB		7,812	47	23	40
*WA2O0B		4,242	10	13	29
*N2SAB		3,290	28	19	28
*W2KRD		2,992	33	19	25
*K2S2YF		2,356	26	10	21
*K2CHZG		1,924	29	12	25
*K2RCK		1,316	23	10	18
*AC2DX		650	16	10	15
*W2IMY		616	15	10	12
*N2AMW		414	11	9	9
*N2JRM		381,980	110	4	6
*K4FYM		231	8	5	6
*KD2DO		224	14	9	7
*N2MTG		36	3	3	3
*N2GA	28	106,375	327	27	88
*W2AAB		43,741	197	21	62
*N2KJ		34,350	171	18	57
*K2JL		24,640	120	22	58
*W2BDVE		23,590	123	20	50
*N2GIB		3,898	38	15	24
*W3A3YR/2		3,471	38	15	24
*N2VIG		2,387	36	8	23
*KX2Z	21	167,912	396	35	116
*K2BVO		40,406	183	18	57
*K2HVE		1,566	30	10	19
*W2JUS		125	10	4	9
*W2TF	14	127,702	346	32	102
*W3EJH		28,269	132	19	62
*W2GSB		3,696	35	10	21
(OP: AB2Z1)					

*W3RLS		814	14	9	13
*W3JG		589	15	8	11
*KB3JUT		196	8	7	7
*K2PS/3	28	376,948	931	32	111
*W89KPT/3		101,196	344	25	83
*N8VA/3		84,133	298	25	78
*W4GDS		3,344,285	191	19	62
*K3S2W		313,823	2190	149	403
*K3JPT		13,398	95	15	43
*NS3T	7	12,840	82	15	45
*K1T0/4	A	5,669,775	3575	144	421
K4EB		4,348,836	2616	152	451
K6E/4		3,380,000	2458	127	373
*K3XC/4		3,344,285	191	19	62
*K4SSU		3,304,824	2190	149	403
(OP: NA4BW)					
*N6AR/4		3,012,450	1911	132	438
*AG4W		2,625,810	1785	139	406
*NR4/4		2,404,035	1420	150	465
*K5RQ/4		2,203,418	1807	112	322
*K2ZJA/4		1,995,408	1481	121	375
*N4A4		1,720,503	1375	112	335
*N4JU		1,582,020	1456	109	314
*N4JM		1,483,070	1263	97	313
*W4JAM		1,373,822	1049	122	365
*K4PV		1,337,368	1176	130	349
*K4BQ/4		1,159,842	1004	94	317
*N4NO		965,168	1059	84	253
*K4RMH		914,660	805	96	284
*W4ATH		808,008	742	101	292
*W4KW		714,469	754	93	250
*N4JZF/4		700,920	690	94	266
*W4MWO		561,866	653	96	244
*N4ZD/4		557,641	718	67	220
*W4EHH		546,624	676	77	211
*N4AA		514,600	592	78	232
*K4IS/4		514,102	592	93	233
*W4VU		457,560	577	92	218
*W4YDY		438,858	544	88	213
*AB4G		433,008	546	81	210
*W4XJ		417,051	522	89	222
*K4NTP		382,900	512	72	214
*K4FYM		349,204	474	77	191
*K4MF		329,466	454	69	189
*N4CMI		322,803	453	77	190
*W4AJJ		322,340	455	83	201
*W4AGF		317,745	396	93	214
*W4GX		296,780	436	94	190
*K4JGDZ		286,041	411	67	190
*K4OST		284,610	308	92	266
*N4KY		263,018	335	72	216
*W4MVA		250,250	364	79	171
*N4DU		236,130	361	82	173
*W4YK/4		230,167	374	80	171
*W4BQY/4		226,106	382	75	187
*K4M		192,474	326	64	158
*K4WC		188,034	336	71	188
*N4BGR/4		186,010	349	51	139
*N4S3		185,535	349	73	160
*K4ALE		169,010	322	72	157
*K3MZ/4		164,728	346	67	169
*N4DTF		157,620	288	66	147
*K4AWCQ		143,472	274	57	139
*K4I3/4		138,381	273	52	141
*K4D4ACG		135,014	339	56	

Table with columns for call sign, frequency, power, and other technical details. Includes sections for Canada and Bermuda. The table contains a large volume of data for various radio stations and their operational parameters.

VK4HG		116,820	255	59	118	LUSFD		695,244	1012	87	166	*PU1VHF		2,040	38	15	19	SP9RHO		56,525	197	61	114	Y08SSB		112,255	498	32	111	
VK4GH		90,216	211	70	109	LW9EQ		134,694	442	41	85	*PU2RKP		1,953	45	19	12	ON3TO		49,256	262	31	100	U0ABA		60,742	213	31	90	
VK3CTN		20,114	85	29	60	LUD1Z		36,616	131	41	77	*PU3KNY		1,452	30	10	12	WAZOJQ		48,708	146	36	87	SP3DR		41,610	331	20	75	
VK4V1		15,624	72	29	54	LW0AH		1,329	21	32	19	*PU2NDY		624	22	6	10	VK4ATH		45,872	155	68	99	Y1CSB		40,630	399	17	68	
VK2BO		5,368	45	26	35	AY5F	28	1,888,656	3992	37	131	*PU2SGL		154	10	5	6	EUS3A		42,614	224	37	112	NSVZ2		36,957	180	24	73	
VK2PN		4,371	37	19	28	LUD2KT	1.8	880	18	10	12	*PY3FBI	21	77,280	326	28	68	SO9AQR		38,040	167	41	79	J28AA		32,100	152	22	53	
VK2TTP		3,888	38	22	26	*LW1HR	A	262,122	660	60	98	*PY1NB		16,128	95	22	41	N7JLC		35,072	113	55	82							(OP: E70A)
VK2ACC		2,242	25	18	20	*LTSY		245,658	426	45	51	*PV8FR		5,600	55	16	34	K14SVM		33,182	130	28	66	SM6CRM		27,552	231	21	63	
VK2K5		1,254	25	16	17	*L2EE		234,033	504	58	123	*PY2BRC		6	1	1	1	PY4ZO		32,305	168	32	59	VAT1R		27,158	175	23	51	
VK4TL	21	26,988	148	26	52	*LUV1Z		212,930	516	71	128	*P88FR	14	19,684	198	15	23	RM4A		31,088	182	31	85	M0JBA		8,635	160	12	43	
*VK2LAW	A	561,000	819	89	166						(OP: LUGVEA)		176,547	523	55	92	SQ3OQP		31,040	198	29	68	E73CV		6,958	108	11	38		
*VK3TZ		194,331	354	83	128	*LUSCAB		187,340	321	62	119	*PR7AYE	7	18,900	101	21	49	L1ATPA		30,264	203	27	77	L21ZC		6,670	142	8	38	
*VK4NDX		187,668	337	81	153	*LW3DC		173,400	309	62	119	*PY1ON	7	3,458	36	14	24	WJ3VFE		28,678	115	45	62	I22QK		5,420	111	8	36	
*VK4BDF		89,377	320	56	83	*LW3DN		120,204	370	44	82							JPTCZE		27,552	143	36	60	OK1XYZ		3,612	75	9	34	
*VK2MWW		85,204	182	52	127	*LW4EF		59,740	278	39	61							DL4ALI		27,360	155	32	64	KR2AA		3,570	38	13	29	
*VK4BL		75,543	204	52	97	*LUG9Y		39,168	194	41	61	CA3KHZ	A	20,720	199	18	22	U0ABSO		25,098	115	23	66	E76EA		1,938	57	8	26	
*VK2ERP		51,246	181	51	95	*LTK4K		21,165	206	37	46	CE3DNP	14	104,310	427	29	61	CT1ESQ		24,206	133	36	97	RW6AML		768	14	11	13	
*VK3FM		48,870	138	54	81						(OP: LUG6KA)		41,040	154	55	65	SM7TZ		23,862	136	37	86	Y02GMBU		504	23	6	15		
*VK3VZ		34,727	121	45	76	*LUG6DN		17,763	99	39	54	*CE3TKV		9,450	92	23	31	PAQR80		22,770	157	29	81	JK3AHS		50	4	2	3	
*VK4XES		23,664	99	33	54	*L73DX		14,129	107	35	36	*CE3WYV		3,160	49	19	21	IV38TY		18,912	169	22	74	BH8ADT		2	1	4	3	
*VK4FAT		16,376	93	36	53	*LRTA		3,913	48	19	24	*CE4SES	28	61,731	439	17	40	EAS3HP		18,878	128	29	64	AC00P		6	1	1	1	
*VK4BR		8,382	62	30	36	*LW3DC		828	19	19	13	*CE4WW		57,600	355	23	49	TK1GPT		18,312	94	35	49	ES6Q	7	45,178	317	20	78	
						(OP: OZ1AA)													W1820		17,820	107	21	45						(OP: WS4T)
																			P14ETL		16,720	175	18	70	SP4FGF		32,648	329	17	60
																			SP2QOT		10,368	94	29	34	SP2QOT		17,886	240	11	55
																			GM4HQF		16,632	119	21	67	ON3DI		16,368	211	10	52
																			RX3AU		14,996	72	39	53	CO6CBF		16,120	145	16	46
																			B9DATY		13,284	95	34	48	I2/I23BL		13,608	208	11	52
																			EA3JZ		10,384	103	20	39	JH1APZ		4,032	60	14	14
																			CO2VE		10,260	79	18	36	JAZMNV		3,680	53	15	17
																			USQ0YA		10,147	69	27	46	USQ0YA		3,000	61	7	53
																			USQ0YA		9,727	55	32	39	DJ3GE		1,749	53	5	28
																			NX2PX		9,152	60	13	39	N2JNZ		840	15	7	13
																			PY2BN		8,493	71	27	30	UU7JF		500	19	7	13
																			YU1LM		5,840	72	21	52	AL9QQ	3.7	62,928	422	8	49
																			N4NYV2		5,616	38	21	31						(OP: UR90Q)
																			H9BEMS		5,559	56	22	29	OL4W		13,939	266	8	45
																			JL6TB		5,184	55	20	28						(OP: OK1IF)
																			F4E4K		3,822	49	14	33	HAGVA		12,586	211	16	58
																			JL6FO		3,640	46	18	36	SQ8MFB		6,486	149	6	40
																			WX4RM		2,829	25	17	24	W34WVP		456	30	4	4
																			US3TA		2,255	33	14	27	94AAA	1.8	1,830	61	5	25
																			BD4HUB		2,184	31	18	21	SQ2R6B		1,682	74	4	25
																			M0KFR		2,090	31	14	24	K1HTJ/D		320	43	4	4
																			K7VLZ		1,800	25	13	17	I27SIA		272	20	4	12
																			JR1LJX		1,624	27	13	15	K3TW4/		144	12	3	6
																			LB4GD		1,476	43	12	29	IK7XNF		104	9	4	9
																			WJ3VFE		1,472	29	13	23						
																			N8HM/3		1,462	22	10	20						
																			G6CSY		1,160	20	10	10						
																			PA1B		1,073	29	8	21						
																			AF9J		1,040	27	14	12						
																			K5JVC		882	14	7	14	W3UA/1	A	6,292,075	3447	147	500
																			EA7HOJ		729	27	9	18	N1DG		3,772,496	1858	160	568
																			UA3TV		713	23	8	15	K1LI		2,534,532	1601	136	436
																			A410F		156	7	6	7	KG1E		2,508,484	1712	128	389
																			UA3TV		143	13	7	13	AA1V		2,451,216	1897	151	518
																			DF9WOY		63	7	3	6	KAZKON/1		1,933,624	1191	133	451
																			W5GAI	28	152,865	445	29	100	W1C1NT		1,714,626	1103	119	443
																			JR3RWB		131,450	470	30	80	K1IG		1,660,892	1055	141	413
																			EUIAA		126,072	428	35	101	W2JU/1		1,293,408	922	116	383
																			K4WI		123,120	378	28	92	NE1B		964,706	738	113	369
																			K4CIA		119,427	356	27	94	W1EBI		913,902	732	115	339
																			K4MTI		80,080	347	26	78	K1JB		864,993	795	96	297
																			VE3HG		79,380	303	23	75	W1ZT		767,595	745	87	26
																			US3TA		61,478	289	2							

K20NP	977,523	799	117	340	N3CZ/4	1,895,784	1394	129	372	*N1CC/5	442,974	509	84	234	NBMZ	768,504	671	112	314	*KCQJRW	107,900	241	49	117		
N2VW	930,715	713	121	364	K4LJW	1,846,988	1220	133	439	*A0SCA	297,498	412	78	199	KU1T/8	758,875	810	26	259	*W0VBU	62,466	153	71	103		
K2CJLJ	629,900	772	82	249	N4KG	1,678,061	1038	143	366	*W0RDU/5	102,630	234	45	120	K0MZJ	333,472	462	75	277	*W0VRU	30,086	144	34	61		
K2V2	579,280	652	75	240	K4TJ	1,495,758	1051	135	384	*K5WJZ	71,824	199	57	92	*N0UJV	191,956	240	100	183	*N0UJV	24,000	95	30	68		
K2BX	559,350	605	92	247	N4KUP/4	1,421,967	1110	114	339	*WASNM0	20,256	75	30	66	N8XE	31,872	102	50	78	*W0B0LU	10,776	71	35	48		
K2V2	502,252	457	100	309	N4VV	1,343,930	920	124	402	*WASWF5	66,216	276	24	65	N8RV	29,264	91	46	72	*NR0L	3,450	34	16	30		
K2RB	412,227	539	66	215	WB4MSG	1,185,336	933	120	369	*KK1Z/5	36,480	171	19	61	NK0JZ	864	15	12	15	*N0ANP	2,790	34	20	25		
K2QPN	405,855	489	78	233	K4W	1,143,610	886	111	352	*N4UJ/5	244,530	589	39	126	*W8CZN	436,800	920	37	145	*N0MKM	2,352	26	20	22		
AA2D	345,800	392	76	249	N4RV	1,084,600	808	125	368	*W6TK	1,537,500	1146	138	354	*A8LL	396,571	770	36	145	*W0RAA	40,883	166	25	68		
N2ED	343,420	584	53	167	N3MK/4	1,076,955	767	126	409	*W6TK	1,537,500	1146	138	354	N8BI	127,889	392	30	97	*K7FOI	9,240	61	15	40		
WK2H	300,150	410	54	207	W0W4P	955,300	972	97	313	*A86P7	1,522,070	1141	137	368	*W0DS	626,925	708	85	240	*N0FHI	15,280	85	20	46		
W2LE	292,516	479	44	173	W7WZ/4	936,904	821	106	350	N6DQ	1,392,336	889	128	399	*K8BL	404,984	544	118	330							
K2V2	285,214	382	51	161	N4VJ	932,115	814	122	361	*K305B/4	1,303,634	814	122	361	*81Y	401,026	544	118	330							
N1JP/2	222,915	347	51	180	K1K0/4	926,115	785	105	330	K9YC/6	1,224,720	1095	121	299	*N8AM	302,806	368	88	213	AL9A	1,291,464	1779	98	226		
K2SG	199,888	298	66	182	W2YE/4	827,585	796	95	272	N2WS	1,193,189	892	127	352	*A8AIA	183,048	294	66	166	NL7Z	319,972	501	73	155		
NA2M	126,480	260	49	137	NF4A	767,276	647	110	323	W6SR	1,156,872	948	130	326	*K8GT	135,142	259	59	138	*WL7BD0	279,572	414	65	91		
K2XA	97,194	193	66	128	W7D0/4	711,226	670	103	295	W1RH/6	493,640	531	100	244	*W0BUSA	91,350	216	48	127	*KL2HD	35,280	145	46	52		
N2WKS	93,513	188	58	125	N2TU/4	627,270	534	110	325	NK0JZ	451,245	534	107	228	*K8TS	82,134	182	51	118	*WL7E	505,662	1471	37	105		
K2MK	82,739	201	43	114	W4AS	581,728	546	96	296	W6XV	325,381	384	85	216	*N8VU	54,210	138	36	103							
N2D0	60,325	179	44	83	K4LO	576,138	536	104	289	N4LO	287,346	427	91	158	*AC8ZK	34,146	124	45	81							
W2NK	54,470	163	47	87	K5V1P/4	429,930	321	93	277	K16D0H	282,318	450	78	153	*K8CZK	7,040	24	23	41							
K2NV	32,094	173	36	86	K7W/4	454,716	424	84	222	K8ST	243,514	318	101	212	*W8IDW	6,213	46	25	32							
AB2E	45,696	141	43	85	K1M1J/4	382,796	463	86	246	K1M1	240,828	319	97	185	*W8WTS	7,26	14	10	12							
WF2B	42,000	124	39	86	K4BP	352,060	435	93	197	N1UT	234,240	374	86	170	*K8THU	192	6	6	6							
N2WK	8,330	56	29	41	N04V	334,305	442	83	202	WE6Z	217,047	364	73	140	*A8BW	36,450	152	25	65	VE9MY	472,052	703	114	385		
N2CJ	8,250	53	26	40	W4PG	313,354	549	49	152	W6DDP	204,823	309	71	168	*A8EYL	21,682	53	16	46	VO1MX	250,514	996	38	80		
W2NO	8,175	47	33	42	K3K0/4	259,008	299	71	233	K9JM/6	176,118	311	62	135	N2B/J/9	3,894,231	2350	143	450	N10KVT	209,193	850	26	77		
K2SSS	28	1,022,831	2023	37	144	W4IT	228,179	312	74	185	K6PE	122,186	229	72	127	W0Z9	2,183,826	1330	150	447	VE10P	118,572	257	33	131	
W2RR	310,488	822	29	107	N4HJ	216,450	297	76	181	W6UJJ	108,100	218	76	112	W09Z	2,183,826	1330	150	447	VE12T	1,506,339	3439	36	135		
K2CJ	29,185	151	34	51	(OP: W4Z0S)	242,930	267	91	224	N4KP	94,746	166	46	126	*K1M1	1,634,512	1168	127	375	VO1MP	1,032,304	2110	38	144		
AC2AJ	6,888	50	17	39	N4WR	211,357	365	13	168	N5K0/6	62,272	162	57	82	N3ZM	1,582,416	1273	121	365	*VE1ZD	810,942	838	77	286		
N2YBB	21	226,575	518	37	122	NF3C/4	207,036	269	77	207	N6VW	60,984	169	50	76	N6VW	99,400	765	133	347	*VE9NC	462,940	513	76	240	
N2MUN	19	199,665	515	29	106	(OP: W4VIC)	176,328	285	64	173	N6PR	40,186	143	49	93	K9Q0	918,770	852	100	295	*VE9OA	74,730	198	36	105	
WR2G	14	138,320	352	32	108	W4AX	173,478	378	50	124	K6GFJ	38,897	161	31	66	W8AMCD/9	653,660	535	114	346	*VO1DJT	51,720	214	39	81	
WA2AG	3.7	5,760	58	10	30	W4IR	172,536	264	64	173	W8KBL	35,777	101	44	89	W6GJ	611,858	492	112	354	VA2AM	1,591,744	1053	136	472	
*KAZD	A	1,073,190	916	95	320	N4VA	169,442	254	67	180	K6OI	25,760	83	51	64	A49RN	589,967	693	84	227	VE2FXL	644,980	724	89	251	
*W3ARHW/2		432,729	531	77	220	K4APG	163,280	250	76	184	W6UJZ	6,840	42	26	34	N9FN	549,605	520	106	277	VE2PL	78,240	126	35	88	
*W6RDM		162,966	206	68	240	N4KUP	162,759	258	67	160	W6UJZ	6,720	46	37	33	K1M1	321,204	433	203	203	*VE2LX	14,645	93	40	61	
*K2SI		64,236	154	52	107	K4DLI	157,176	278	60	162	K6XC	75,632	39	25	29	K9EN	145,882	288	64	145	VE3RTU	4,910,544	2853	145	503	
*N2SCJ		39,039	107	42	101	N4DJI	151,380	305	56	124	AG6AZ	3,800	27	23	27	K9ZM	119,350	246	48	127	VE3RZ	3,003,696	1811	143	469	
*K9CHP/2		33,804	127	36	72	N4TL	131,670	296	44	121	KF6I	3,320	30	16	24	K49FX	104,500	208	69	121	VE3MMQ	2,739,724	1594	143	468	
*K2TZY		32,334	112	30	72	K1G0/4	117,208	234	54	130	W6PK	475	12	9	10	N9OK	52,245	139	44	91	VA3D3	710,330	902	79	204	
*K2CNVU		31,096	125	28	76	N3BM/4	98,256	198	54	124	K6AW	429,590	934	38	132	K9YI	28,652	91	41	75	VE3CX	28	948,935	2116	34	135
*WC2L		25,351	89	28	73	N4NM	93,060	230	54	111	N6VM	21	31,914	965	36	127	W8TH	17,381	73	33	58	VE3I0	191,496	433	33	125
*K4JC/2		16,910	68	32	63	W4MJV	79,665	223	47	94	A43Z/6	53,742	218	32	74	K0TQ/2	6,032	45	20	32	VA3P	99,550	242	33	100	
*W6ZSL		15,379	74	30	61	A4E4T	59,920	154	49	91	W6ZB	A	169,231	246	88	159	W8XT	356,000	784	35	125	VE3RTU	4,910,544	2853	145	503
*K2ZAV		12,466	36	12	45	N4KUP	54,187	142	40	104	*K6B	191,232	442	128	303	W8YI	99,550	242	33	100	VE3RZ	3,003,696	1811	143	469	
*N2R0		10,075	62	22	43	W04MW	49,457	138	49	88	*W6UJZ	142,104	310	66	120	W8IX	192,760	472	37	121	VE3MMQ	2,739,724	1594	143	468	
*AC2EV		2,960	27	15	25	N4YI	47,736	126	42	102	*K6MMU	113,832	305	47	89	K9V9	2,688	31	16	16	*C1JA	4,209,997	1849	115	394	
*N2CN		2,124	23	14	22	WR4B	42,291	124	44	83	*N6RK	86,420	206	50	99	K9SH	3.7	14,396	117	15	46	VE3OTL	274,275	430	80	185
						(OP: EW1AR)	K04W	38,880	112	52	92	*W1SRD/6	84,667	177	55	124	*W8E9	1,879,809	1385	121	372	VE3AJ	60,006	187	45	92
*K2MF	28	293,124	675	31	125	W4AEJ	37,389	110	30	71	*K16XC	78,469	209	50	81	*N9MY	900,924	878	108	281	VE3CWU	28	96,945	304	27	88
*N2FF		246,632	580	30	122	N4NW	32,712	97	44	72	*N6TK	49,300	138	60	85	*N9UA	456,076	524	85	238	VE3NR	14	133,718	354	33	106
*K2PAL		8,748	70	15	39	W4GHD	32,292	109	37	71	*K6BIR	25,284	113	36	48	*K9M9	344,855	428	73	222	VE5UJ	308,864	886	35	117	
*K2SZ	21	116,950	346	26	96	N3FF/4	22,198	101	23	56	*K6BMR	20,720	120	27	43	*N9MS	334,776	413	76	220	WASL	14,229	65	44	49	
						(OP: EW1AR)	AGAN	10,553	18	43	*W6UJZ	12,862	64	37	47	*W8AM	237,166	362	66	200	VE6L6	285,545	398	96	203	
						(OP: K																				

TM1E	21	862,356	2184	39	149	*DP5P	75,100	671	18	82	IZ4ORR	7	117,922	942	26	92	S08T	994,766	1190	119	372	*Y03FG0	21	1,170	29	8	18		
TM4CW	**	798,560	1959	37	145	*DL1DBR	68,403	233	49	102	I1G1AR	**	106,820	613	32	108	S07A	919,800	1014	107	331	*Y05Q0	7	97,136	794	19	85		
TM1T	**	743,160	2141	39	126	*DO2TE	66,500	240	47	93	I2AAAS	1.8	28,341	410	10	61	S08T	821,250	1004	103	272	Scotland							
FBARK	14	618,660	1891	37	143	*DKYEL	43,032	170	44	119	I2ZFD5		4,277	99	5	42	S09LR	818,896	1000	120	376	GM0FGI	A	452,790	807	88	263		
*F4GCU	A	210,256	515	67	205	*DLBRB	35,332	168	35	85	*IK6IGN	A	382,500	674	85	255	S08JX	513,128	730	101	242	GM4AJR	A	440,046	697	73	208		
*F4GDI	**	149,593	338	71	156	*DLZYCA	34,320	160	45	85	*IK5KRN	**	375,001	402	122	345	SP1MVG	243,846	657	71	208	MM0GZP	28	324,896	658	55	153		
*F4FRF	**	20,453	104	40	73	*DM3F	30,900	152	40	110	*IK1DFH	**	169,344	347	81	207	SP1KRF						28	427,344	1226	39	135		
*F4F0D	**	3,036	25	21	23	*DJ0IP	29,930	157	26	56	*IK8MYM	**	68,796	192	63	133	S02W	230,405	407	80	147								
*F4F0V	**	130	8	8	8	*DK0S0	29,260	119	45	95	*IK3SCB	**	46,080	165	58	103	S01BHH	73,720	250	54	98								
*FAEZE	28	330,553	84	40	12	*DL5ASK	29,154	101	41	72	*I2ZNYZ	**	6,660	59	24	36	SP9BJZ	45,024	140	40	123	YU1AAV	A	167,335	364	76	169		
*F4FDA	**	260,052	70	39	117	*DL6XJ	28,182	148	29	37	*I2ZSXX	**	3,417	33	30	30	SP1MWN	30,789	183	32	67								
*F4GTD	**	144,054	404	40	119	*DG3MR	25,172	100	45	71	*I2ZLHL	**	150	5	5	5	S07BFS	29,937	123	33	68	YT2AA	*	70,226	248	43	103		
*F4FEP	**	139,664	444	39	77	*DFGVC	23,058	99	47	75	*I1WTEJ	**	84	4	3	4	SP4JTJ	15,485	137	26	69	YT5T	*	49,446	530	13	69		
*F4MVG	7	6,549	97	13	46	*DF2BHH	21,944	135	30	74	*IK2YGG	28	342,150	962	39	111	SP9TJT	9,591	59	29	40	YT0Z	21	1,079,835	2598	40	152		
*FM6WV	14	35,433	304	18	75	*DD3WJ	20,384	81	44	47	*IK1QVN	**	306,048	643	40	152	SP5ENA	5,629	62	21	20								
*F1EBN	3.7	64,902	684	15	72	*DLBZAJ	18,096	98	38	66	*I1W1P	**	305,745	757	39	126	SP6FXY	9,962	59	29	40	YU5R	*	715,088	1880	40	147		
						*DL1QJ	17,787	118	27	50	*I2WJW	**	123,074	329	40	109	SP2HMN	6,726	63	21	36	YT7A	7	609,054	2399	36	130		
						*DG8FAY	13,289	103	25	72	*IK8TEO	**	20,223	126	23	40	SP1MVK	6,565	40	27	38								
						*K0MPGS	12,540	58	36	30	*I2ZAKO	14	9,360	69	24	48	SP3KPN	8,270	89	14	47	YU5R	*	674,538	1771	38	145		
						*DL3BOR	4,686	40	29	49	*IK3UNA/1	3.7	76,168	698	20	72	SN8G	2,265	32	21	30	YU5R	*	674,538	1771	38	145		
						*DL9GTI	3,520	28	18	26	*IK0X8Z	3.7	34,936	328	16	72	SP3S	1,804	19	19	19	YT4W	14	836,628	2666	38	148		
						*DL5LVA	1,518	22	12	11							SP9DGO	800	14	9	11								
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						*DO5WV	222,220	528	40	124							SP9DGO	800	14	9	11	YT1FZ	*	53,599	555	21	70		
						*DK5KMA	137,900	405	40	100	UA2FX	14	1,428,204	3083	40	164	SP5DIR	24	2	2	2	YT7A	7	609,054	2399	36	130		
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LU1M1		2,195,181	2230	109	260
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DJ0GG		8,001,792	4494	188	660
DK0DG		4,954,224	3828	160	566
DP3E		3,213,413	2650	156	547
DLOWH		1,179,801	1257	130	419
DLOMER		62,370	262	48	117
HG1S	Hungary	13,468,912	7880	183	689
HG7T		12,565,502	8039	173	624
IR4X	Italy	20,929,708	9721	192	764
IR8A		2,330,025	2382	146	515
IR8W		285,785	668	73	232
LY7X	Latvia	5,526,600	4419	161	571
LY2W	Lithuania	7,386,736	4902	172	636
J0JX	Market Reef	12,354,363	9306	172	635
PI4DX	Netherlands	15,157,233	8375	175	662
PI4W		1,288,320	1659	114	366
PA6Y		462,070	999	73	249
SP9PDF	Poland	2,040,636	1987	139	479
SP5PAU		1,364	33	13	18
CR5T	Portugal	2,523,220	2999	114	424
YP7P	Romania	3,230,084	3806	129	443
I10M	Sardinia	326,193	708	79	238
GM2T	Scotland	5,579,725	4658	156	571
I19P	Sicily	1,922,684	2542	111	347
IQ9PA		3,363	50	18	47
S52ZW	Slovenia	8,632,794	5415	166	603
ED1R	Spain	15,058,862	8555	183	670
EE2K		6,057,673	4459	144	529
EA5URT		4,436,079	3614	157	560
SG0X	Sweden	9,595,641	3788	143	524
UT7E	Ukraine	2,836,744	2816	155	509
UY7C		930,360	1477	96	314
UU5J		293,220	396	110	295
VI6NC	OCEANIA Australia	6,294,225	5060	131	344
KH7CW	Hawaii	7,038,512	5172	149	345
YE0X	Indonesia	7,416,705	5089	138	397
YE2S		1,391,655	1554	120	241
ZM4T	New Zealand	8,824,016	6572	132	356
AH0BT	Northern Mariana Islands	11,542,878	7679	141	390
DX1M	Philippines	2,237,816	2249	114	242
PJ4T	SOUTH AMERICA Bonaire	24,858,249	12320	168	541
PW7T	Brazil	25,286,144	10821	178	654
PS2T		16,462,080	8450	165	555
PT2CM		5,692,372	4138	131	395
ZY6Z		4,410,289	3494	126	355
PR5D		2,671,886	2705	115	291
CE4CT	Chile	10,328,571	6585	144	417
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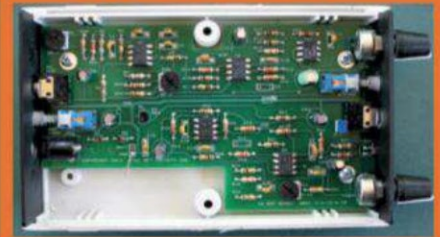
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N04I		15,183,708	7252	190	686
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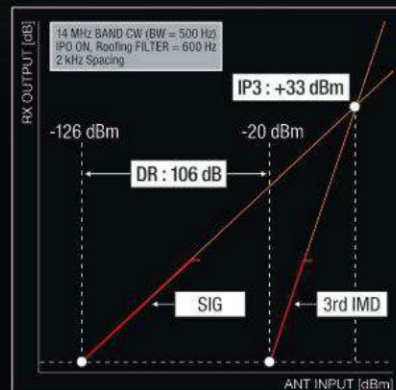
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