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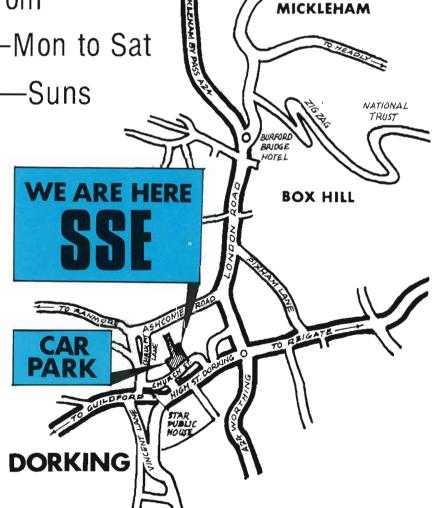
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□ Welcome to *CB World* monthly. We started life in December 1980, with a sell-out. The next issue, Feb/March, also sold out. Then April/May. Thanks to your response and your letters we are now firmly set for monthly publication. Mind you, every time I sneeze there appears yet another c.b. publication. Will the market support them all? From the hundreds of letters we get each week it seems as if you will be supporting us — thank you. We receive so many it is not possible to print them all. We do read them all through so keep them coming.

☐ Being the leading c.b. publication we tend to get news when it happens, sometimes before it happens. For instance this draft proposal of the Government's FM plans reached us early in April. It is amazing how many c.b. mags guessed on this one — and got it wrong. The U.K. will be allowed two c.b. services.

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□ I was reading *Citizens' Band* last month — we all read each other's mags you know — and I must agree with their reply to a reader who accused them of being a Home Office magazine praising the merits of FM. Their reply was excellent. In essence they said that thousands of people had invested in AM sets but whilst sympathising we must all have an open mind not a closed mind about the Government's FM proposals. *CB World* is of the same opinion. C.b. is not a religion or a left or right wing political party. We must not get too serious about it. We must get fun out of it. Whether we can get more fun from FM than AM remains to be seen. We said in our last issue that an amnesty should be given to give AM'ers a chance to move over but we understand that this is not to be because of the continuing reports of interference.

☐ You will have noticed in our previous issue that in the International Year of Disabled People, there will take place in September the Mini Olympic Games for the mentally handicapped. CB iNorld is supporting this. The Finance Committee for the Games want to give C.bers of the U.K. the opportunity to be solely responsible, financially, for the event. Inside this issue you will see a page giving details of CB Clubs who have already decided to make the event their charity drive — why not join them and let us all put back something into the lives of the mentally handicapped athletes who really do get great pleasure in taking part. C.bers will also get something out of it — the knowing that we all helped. Down and on the side.

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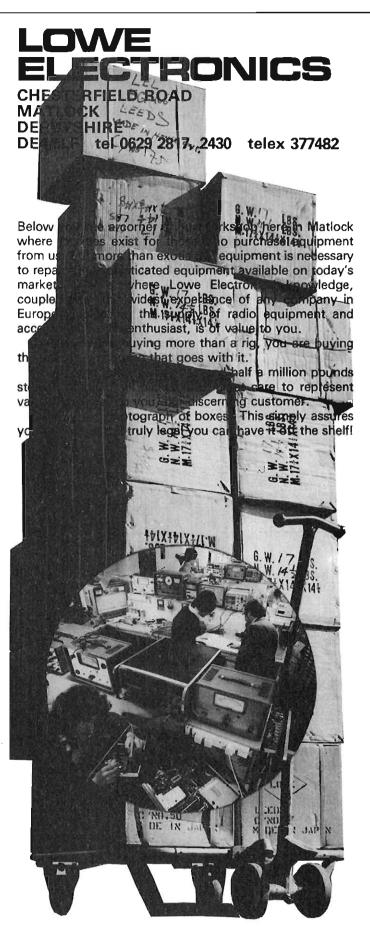
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When the bomb goes off

by Richard Town GLC

CB WORLD makes no apologies for concentrating on the 'serious' side of c.b. in this issue. In virtually all of the 61 countries in which c.b. is used, groups of cb'ers have organised themselves into emergency teams for flood warning, snow clearance, paramedical and breakdown assistance. Since c.b. equipment will be relatively cheap and easy to use it is obvious that c.b. has a vital role to play in civil defence or, indeed, in any emergency situation facing the population.

The following is an extract from opening paragraphs of Greater London Council, Public Services and Safety Committee report PS506.

"Since our last report, the international situation has changed considerably and the world scene has become noticeably more volatile. In response to this increasing concern, the Home Secretary has amounted the outcome of the Government's Civil Defence review.

The review announces changes to the two fundamental planning assumptions upon which all civil defence in the United Kingdom has hitherto been based:

(a) The warning period of an intention to attack has been reduced from three to four weeks to a matter of days.

(b) The hypothesis of an immediate nuclear attack at the outset of war involving the total disruption of central government now looks less likely. Hostilities might now commence with a period of conventional war."

After a bomb has dropped, when telephone lines are down, television, radio and other broadcasting transmitters incapacitated and the survivors are either underground or seriously injured; how else will the authorities (or what remains of them) coordinate rescue and regain communication with us?

Know the enemy

Nations of the world are locked in a deadly game of armament leapfrog, as each tries to outpace the other in weapons superiority. These weapons can wipe out the populations of whole towns and cities; destroy vast areas of industry; pollute the air and water and generally disrupt the ecological balance of our entire planet.

The atom bomb

The firs 'A' bomb was detonated at 1,800 feet above the City of Hiroshima at 0815 hours local, 6th August 1945. It had an equivalent explosive force of 20,000 tons of TNT. There was a blinding flash, followed by a huge explosion. A great fireball, 1,500 feet in diameter, its centre burning at a temperature and pressure equal to those found at the centre of the sun, poured vast

amounts of heat, blast and radiation into the city as a tidal wave of hell and fury.

Casualties	Hiroshima	Nagasaki
Population	300,000	87,000
Victims killed	78,000	27,000
Unaccounted for	13,983	1,924
Seriously injured	84,000	41,000

The hydrogen bomb

In August 1949, the Soviet Union exploded their own atomic device, startling western scientists and prompting a heavy lobby in the US for even more powerful weapons. President Truman lost no time in making his decision and by January 1950 the US Atomic Energy Commission started its intense programme. Two years later on November 1st, 1952, at the Entweck Atoll in the Pacific, American scientists detonated the world's first H bomb. The test explosion released a force equivalent to ten million tons of TNT. Once more the US was the most powerful nation on earth. Just under a year later the Soviets again shocked the world and exploded their own thermonuclear device. Nuclear weaponry was no longer the monopoly of the West.

The neutron bomb

A clever little device this, only yielding between one and one thousand tons of TNT. Yet, if exploded several hundred feet above the target its heat and blast energy will be largely dissipated by the time it teaches the surface. The structural damage effect of this device is deliberately restricted and minimized. It took war strategists some 20 years to realise that there is little point in conquering another country if, at the end of the war, there is nothing to take over. The weapon generates vast amounts of neutron particle radiation, which cause up to ten the street biological damage that an H bomb can achieve. Thus, a population can be wiped out, whilst leaving buildings, machinery, etc. virtually intact.

The bomb affects radio

The detonation of any of these foregoing devices cause, as a by-product an electromagnetic pulse of radio energy. All v.h.f. broadcast receivers with aerials swended and mobile v.h.f. equipment will have their front ends severely damaged: h.f. tradsmitter and receiver units will no longer operate.

In essence then, electronic communication in this country will cease to exist in its present form once a blast producing a significant e.m.p. has taken place. This is not the temporary disruption that Government propagands is suggesting but a widespread and immediate destruction of equipment which only extensive repairs will correct.

What can be done?

The effect of e.m.p. cannot be measured

with any degree of accuracy. Your home .20 may be in the blast itself or be affected by the electro-magnetic pulse. It's likely, however, that you may be screened to a greater or lesser extent by surrounding hills or buildings and therefore escape the worst effects. If you do get the worst effects you won't be around anyway to key the mike.

Do: at the onset of warnings disconnect your base from its aerial, mains and earth.

Do: ensure that an extra length of coax.

aerial cable is connected by means of a double female plug (usually PL258) to your existing aerial lead-in. The extra length should be long enough to extend to your cellar or wherever you consider safest in your house.

Do: short out the rig's aerial socket, auxiliary 12V d.c. input socket and mains cable. Wrap the entire set in a bath towel and then completely in aluminium foil.

Do: remove to the safest point in your house a 12V car battery. (Your own carbattery should be sufficiently charged for this purpose) and two large crocodile clips plus, say, 10ft of red and black twin lead of at least 5A capacity for connexion to the auxiliary 12V terminals or socket of your rig. Do: store away an extra aerial in case of structural failure of your existing one. A free-standing 1/4-wave with ground plane radials as legs would be best.

Don't: whilst waiting for the blast to happen, unwrap your set, connect and ratchet jaw. That car battery won't get charged for an awfully long time.

Don't: leave the mike disconnected outside the aluminium foil package. If your mike is the large-stand type, then it's probably only practicable to wrap it in a smaller towel and then in foil as a separate package. If it's a power mike, short the leads by packing some foil into the plug. Remove the power mike battery and store with, say, half a dozen spares in the mike package.

Don't: unless you already have a base rig in your home, install your mobile rig into your car dashboard in such a way as you can't get it out again in a hurry. There are some good, neat lockable harnesses on the market if you're security conscious.

If when the holocaust comes to its dreadful

If when the holocaust comes to its dreadful conclusion the nation with the greatest number of survivors and intact economy will be the victor — not necessarily the nation who had expended the greatest military effort.

Well, what are you sitting there for reading this magazine? Go and get that extension coax. ready!!

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Charity committees all over the country are seeking publicity and financial support, to make 1981 a year to remember for disabled and handicapped people.

The Mini Olympics for the Mentally Handicapped is an event that has been held for the last two years. This year we are hoping to have 2,000 competitors, all competing as in the real olympics for their gold medals. This will take place on September 26th till October 3rd 1981 at Lowestoft.

The Finance Committee for the Mini Olympics is offering through CB World to give CB'ers in the UK the opportunity to be solely responsible financially for this event, bringing great joy to all the mentally handicapped competitors and obviously good publicity to all CB'ers in the UK.

WHY NOT MAKE THIS YOUR CLUB'S CHARITY FOR 1981

CB World will publish all donations contributed by clubs. All clubs wishing to make the Mini Olympics (of the mentally handicapped) their club charity please write to: JOHN HARPER, STILLWATER, ROLVENDEN, KENT for registration and further details or telephone Rolvenden 302.

CB World have kindly agreed to enter into this good cause and have started by donating this space free of charge.

CAN YOU PLEASE HELP

Dear CB World,

The appeal got off to a good start with the announcement in the last issue and the support we got at the CB World Show,

At the Show the winning c.bers taking part in the draw were Mr. K. Temple of Kingston (1st prize), Mr. K. Mitchell of Surbiton (2nd prize) and Mr. D. O'Sullivan of Bow, London (3rd prize). We would like to thank exhibitors who will donate equipment for c.b. clubs to raffle during the appeal. They are Truckers Paradise (London SE1), Paper Sales (Leicester), Star Communication (Chertsey), Surrey-Sussex Electronics (Dorking), CB Supplies (Wolverhampton) and Out-of-Space (Burton-on-Trent). No clubs from these areas have asked for application forms — come on breakers jump in. The goodies can be raffled at your club.

Many thanks to those clubs taking part in this appeal so far but we really do need many more. Just to remind you again. The appeal and its proceeds go towards the costs of nearly 2,000 mentally handicapped competitors taking part in this year's Mini Olympic Games lasting one whole week in September. It is our aim and that of CB WORLD that the whole event is seen by the public to be solely financed by the c.b. users in the U.K. In the meantime 10-10 till we do it again 51s and 73s. God

John Harper Finance Committee

CB CLUBS SO FAR

At this time (21 April) the following clubs have shown interest in becoming involved in this appeal for financing the Mini Olympic Games in September at Lowestoft.

Market Town Breakers

Ace Breakers
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South Wales Big 10-4 Club East Kent Breakers Paddock Wood Breakers Oakleaf-Sidebanders Club Sandymans CB Club Molesey Open Breakers

Ashford Romney Marsh

Berwick Stoke Torquay

Swansea Centerbury Paddock Wood Tunbridge Wells

Cambridge











nyone out there?

Richard Town, G.L.C., takes a look at the 'emergency-watch' organizations which we all hope that we never have to use. As more emergency-watch networks start to cover different parts of the country, CB WORLD will publicize their services for the benefit of others.

The use of voluntary services in times of emergency is on the increase: already, in North America, the civil authorities rely a great deal on voluntary help. There seem to be a good case for allowing the agencies described in this article charity status, with its attendant financial benefits.

REACT UK

Since 1962, REACT teams have handled over 65 million emergency calls, including around 15 million highway accidents. REACT International Inc. is now operating in all states of America, Canada, South Africa and some parts of New Zealand and Australia; support groups also exist in West Germany. Whilst we in UK await our legal c.b. service in the autumn, REACT (UK) prepares by forming teams and organizing a national service, ready for operation from 'c.b. Day One'. REACT is forbidden by the terms of its charter to operate in a country where there is no legal c.b. service. Worldwide, over a quarter of a million volunteers have provided a total of 125 million man-hours in local REACT teams, REACT International claims.

When Mount St. Helens in Washington State erupted, Larry Jessup, president of one of the local teams, was killed when he was thrown off a ledge by an earthquake. An evacuation plan, prepared before the disaster for the residents of the Maple Flats area near the mountain, was mobilized, communications being supplied by four monitoring teams. Telephone lines were down in many of the areas and c.b. filled the gap.

Two years ago, the world's first major nuclear plant accident caused a trying time for the local REACT teams in the Harrisburg Pennsylvania area. Teams cooperated with the standard civil defence and emergency authorities; monitoring teams stayed at their rigs during the next week and were particularly active in directing truck drivers to the troubled Three Mile Island plant, answering motorists' questions and relaying information from civil defence and police sources to a rumour-plagued and very frightened public. When eventually the City officials began to make plans (which were never activated) to evacuate people to Johnstown, some hundred miles away, c.b. was the only common means of communication available to both general public, proposed evacuees and authorities.

During the Three Mile Island crisis, writes the Reacter (bi-monthly journal of REACT (USA)) uncertainty ran very high. Reports issued by the nuclear power plant company and the statutory Nuclear Regulatory Commission were incomplete, self-serving and often contradictory. Private citizens left the area in numbers estimated at between 50,000 and 200,000. Estimates of the maximum warning varied from 6 hours

The UK Co-Ordinator of REACT is Ivan Francis, an ex-team member himself from Kamloops, Canada. In March, REACT met with RAYNET (amateur radio operators emergency organization) and a working relationship was hammered out. Membership and direction to your local group from P. Horne, 10 Buckingham's Way, Sharnford, Leics, LE10 3PX. Annual membership fee £5.00.

EARS (Emergency Action Radio Service)

Service)
Covering the busy A45 between Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarker, the EARS monitoring service is active now on Channel 9. Formed to provide facilities for continuous relaying of highway emergency messages to the statutory emergency services, the base-station monitors asso provide traffic and weather information to c.b. users in the sea. Although any cup recently, EARS claims a 24 hour monitoring requires which could grow into a trans. Suffelly service which could grow into a trans-Suffolk organization. Dr. Andrew Mason, a member of the Suffolk Accident Research vice and a founder member of EARS, says, "We hope everyone who buys a c.b. radio in the autumn, when the Government provides a legal c.b. service, will want to become a member." But Dr. Mason stressed to CB WORLD that only the holders of legal c.b. licences would be allowed to join the 'mobile membership of the service. Already, EARS has made contact with the statutory emergency services. A spokesman for Suffolk Police has said "The Police will explore the possibility of liaising with responsible bodies who represent users of lawful equipment to see what benefits can be provided".

Mr. Colin Forest, senior staff officer for the Suffolk Fire Service, said "Any plans which would speed up the emergency process would be welcomed - an early call means an early response." Seems like a good c.b. motto to me. Last word about EARS from Dr. Mason. "Our job is to try to save lives on the road which might otherwise be lost through a delay in communication." EARS c/o Everards Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk.

THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY SERVICE

Claiming to co-ordinate all the efforts of individual people who would wish to monitor c.b. The National Emergency Service has been recently set up by Judy Read, the ex-membership secretary of the React (UK) Supporter's Club. The ultimate aim of the service, which will be run on the lines of a committee or council, is to provide 24 hour coverage for the whole of the UK. Thus anyone who is in trouble on the road can be assured that someone is monitoring

Channel 9 and that help or advice is not far away. The function of the service will be to approach all existing emergency services nationwide, to police and promote the use of the service where and whenever possible and to keep in touch with the media and supervise the training of monitors. Once several monitors have come together they may feel it necessary to form a small group or assistance team. The National Emergency Service claims, "If we are not careful we shall finish up with several small groups, all doing the same thing, all competing with each other. In the States," claims the NES, "there are 43 c.b. monitoring organizations NES will not actually monitor but will provide the umbrella and backing to all."
The NES, 48 Holsom Close, Stockwood,

Bristol BS14 8LX. Registration fee is £2.00.

Thames Traffic Help and Monitoring Service was started in early 1980 and by October had around 40 monitoring units. They operated in the areas of Brixton, Bromley, Catford, Clapham, Dulwich, Peckham, Wandsworth, West Norwood, North London, Biggin Hill, Uxbridge and Essex. To date, there are over 300 monitors covering areas well ou side London and as far as Devon, Northampton and Wales. THAMES say that these numbers are increasing daily and although the service started in London (with the able assistance of c.b. Club 27 in Catford) it is intended to cover the whole of the UK, on Channel 9. Thames offers a full 24 hour monitoring service for the c.b. operator. The service also offers area information in addition to the life saving and motoring incident watch. Regarding the possibility of prosecution, Thames monitors say that although, until c.b. is legalized, they run the risk when reporting an incident, they will carry on despite the risks. The service is run totally goodwill and help from c.b. clubs and user's donations for finance. As Thames puts it "If the total number of THAMES units get down the suffering time of one casualty then we have more than proved our worth. Yet another good motto.

THAMES Traffic Help and Monitoring Service, Mr. R. Lingwood, 239B Malpas Road, Brockley, London SE4. No fixed fees.

THAMES MEDICO 9

Many thousands of people are seriously injured on the roads each year. When these accidents occur there are usually onlookers who do not know how to render even the most simple first aid treatment and the casualty suffers. Medical, nursing and firstaid personnel, who are themselves breakers, have formed themselves into MEDICO 9, offering immediate first aid and medical assistance and advice in cases of professionally unattended incidents. The assistance is given, prior to the arrival of the ambulance service, via c.b. direct to the incident or a monitoring mobile breaker.

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40 Channel mobile AM/SSB transceiver

Probably the nicest thing about this unit is that it has the *feel* of a professional communications rig. The microphone feels like a commercial mike, and the ample length coiled cord feels strong enough to take all sorts of abuse. Tugs on both ends of the microphone cord failed to expose any wires at all. This indicates solid construction in an area that's going to receive considerable use.

The operating control panel of this 40 channel AM unit was well planned out — a green LED digital channel indicator is easily seen in all types of lighting. A back up analog numbered channel selector makes channel changing and identification a snap. Audio output was listed at 3 watts, and lab tested at 4 watts at 10 percent distortion into an 8 ohm speaker. The large speaker provided crisp fidelity, and the taper of the audio control was just right.

Squelch action was also judged excellent. There was no DC gating of the squelch circuit that leads to annoying popping of the speaker when a weak signal is present — signals simply appear, and then gradually fade away as they fall below an RF sensitivity of .7 microvolts, but actually tested better than .5 microvolts for 10 db SN + N to N ratio.

Selectivity on both AM as well as sideband again surprised us — listed at minus 60 dB for adjacent channel, but actually measured at minus 68 dB. Exremely powerful signals only a street away on an adjacent channel were not detectable on the working channel. On sideband, the clarifier, through the use of this top selectivity, operated with ease, tuning in off frequency stations quickly and precisely. In

addition to the RF gain control that is completely variable, an additional RF attenuation switch is available to immediately reduce receiver sensitivity so that only S5 or above signals easily break the squelch.

The noise blanker and automatic noise limiter switch cancelled out all offending spark plug clatter — and an audio tone control finally shaped the audio output exactly to please our ears!

Transmitter tests including the output short test also proved that this is truly a commercial type rig — there was only moderate heating of the final PA heat sink when the output was shorted for five minutes. All the while, the AWI indicator glowed brightly to alert the operator that something was wrong. After restoring the load to a 50 ohm match, power output was tested at exactly 4 watts AM, and a slightly higher than legal output on single sideband with a DC input voltage of 14.5.volts.

The biggest impression that the 7001 made was that it had the feel and sound of a commercial type transceiver. It appears that tremendous detail was given to the precision series to please commercial type users with its performance. Shock tests, drop tests, and vibration tests' failed to dislodge any components on the quality circuit board. A close inspection of the inside again indicated commercial type construction.

The Midland 7001 AM/SSB transceiver received a strong endorsement from commercial radio users in the CB Magazine lab in the USA ●

CB World thanks the American c.b. publication "CB Magazine" — the largest monthly radio magazine — for its help in providing this article which appeared from one of their early issues. The yearly subtate is \$15 and anyone wishing to take out a sub can do so by writing to us. Make cheques out to "CB Magazine" (U.S.A.)

STOP PRESS!

Eric Dowdeswell reports on channel specifications CB equipment is responsible for

CB draft gives makers go-ahead for goods

POTENTIAL manufacturers of legal CB equipment for the UK market can now get down to the job of producing the goods with the release of a draft specification for 27MHz FM. A separate specification for the second allocation at 934MHz will be issued later.

In the 25 pages of technical details - and FM! on the testing to specification of the new equipment the basic facts that emerge are 40 channels in 10kHz steps from 27.60125MHz to 27.99125MHz, reaching to within 9kHz of the bottom end of the 10m amateur band starting at 28MHz, and a maximum frequency deviation with frequency or phase modulation of ±2.5kHz.

The regular 10kHz channel spacing is likely to prove a practical advantage compared to the irregular spacing of the AM/SSB illegal equipment in widespread use in the UK, which uses 40 channels between 26.965MHz and 27.405MHz. Thus it can be seen that the new FM band is sandwiched between the illegal AM band and the 10m amateur band. This arrangement at least avoids the chaos which would have ensued if the same 40 channels had been used for both AM

The output power of the transmitter is limited to 4W. "With the antenna permitted for use with the equipment this gives an effective radiated power of 2W" to quote the document. This is rather vague but related to the antenna test procedure laid down for determining the radiated power. That view is confirmed by what must be the biggest joke of the specifications: "If the antenna is mounted at a height exceeding 10m the licence will require a reduction in the transmitted power of 10dB.

"To enable the user to accomplish this easily, the equipment manufacturer should provide as a standard accessory an attenuator having a nominal attenuation of 10dB which may be purchased by the licensee". Importers, please note!

It would seem that whatever antenna is used, the transmitter output power must be adjusted so that the effective radiated power does not exceed 2W.

Spurious emissions, which the Home Office fears so much, must not exceed a power level of 50nW (nanowatts) within certain specified bands which turn out to be the high and low VHF bands 80 to 85MHz and 87.5 to 104MHz, the VHF aeronautical communication and navigational aid bands, the 174 to 230MHz band and the UHF TV bands between 470 and 862MHz.

The new regulations make it quite clear that the 27MHz FM equipment must not be capable of employing any mode of modulation other than FM, or frequencies outside the range of the 40 channels quoted. So the equipment which has become available recently that covers the new FM channels in the UK, as well as the 10m amateur band, will not be approved.

The position of all those interested in dealing in or manufacturing the new 27MHz FM CB equipment is best defined by quoting the new draft regulations. "The manu-

ensuring that the apparatus conforms with the specification; and any additional requirements imposed by regulations under the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1949. Conformity with the required standards may be established by tests carried out by the manufacturer, assembler or importer, or by a reputable test establishment acting on his behalf, but in either case conformity with the specification will remain the responsibility of the manufacturer, assembler or importer.

Equipment meeting the spec laid down will carry a clear indication of the type number and name of the manufacturer, and an authorised mark stamped or engraved on the front panel of the equipment, namely a circle not less than 6mm in diameter with the inscription "CB27/81" within the circle in letters and figures not less than 1mm in height.

The draft regulations end with an interpretation of the requirements of the tests on sample units and random samples of equipment taken from

production models.

All CB radio equipment whether hand-held, mobile or base station must be covered by a licence, and it is a condition that the apparatus fulfils and is maintained to certain minimum technical standards. No. mention is made of the form the licence will take, its cost, or where it will be issued.



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FOR CITIZENS' BAND AND TWO-WAY RADIO ENTHUSIASTS



INSTALLING A HOME BASE

BY BILL CURTIS

Are you fed up sitting square wheeled, watching those rain drops as you sit in your car modulating? Have you got a greasy chip in one hand and a greasy mike in the other? If so it's about time you thought about getting a base station together.

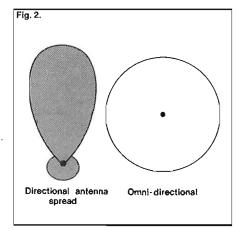
Apart from it being very convenient, you have the added comfort of being able to monitor the channels just when you feel like it. You can, on some sets, set the alarm to wake you at any time for a bout of modulating or monitoring. Being home based you have access to land lines (telephones) should you pick up a distress call and of course, being indoors, it's warmer.

If you cannot afford two rigs, one method is to fit your skateboard rig with a slide-mount (under £5). This enables you to slide the unit out with no fuss and carry on conversations when you get in to your Mickey Mouse (house). You will need a power supply of some description but do not fret — this need not be too elaborate at first.

THE CHEAPO WAY

The basic cheapo method requires nothing more than a car battery and a trickle battery charger. Do not ever try connecting your rig directly to the charger, they are not designed for this purpose. However, if you connect up your battery charger in the usual way and connect your rig across the battery (see Fig. 1) the result is clean and green. The battery acts as a reservoir and keeps both rig and charger happy. Make sure the leads (+ and -) are connected up correctly to both rig and battery: if you don't you will cause damage, fuses will go for starters. Fit an in-line fuse in both leads to your rig of a type recommended by the manufacturer. It is usually around 5 amps, but allow adequate ventilation around

FUSE TRANSCEIVER



your battery for the hydrogen gas to escape.

Now, if all this sounds scary, and it can be, either buy a purpose-made transformer as advertised in *CB World* or buy a rig with an a.c./d.c. switch that plugs straight into the mains. The 'President Madison' shown on

the front cover of our April/May issue has just this facility.

THE ANTENNA

If you do not like climbing ladders and heights worry you, do not read on. The last place to feel giddy is on the roof of a house. Keep off those brown bottles and double check everything before you make one move. Make sure the ladder is safe, secure and tied down, we need our readers alive and modulating.

The golden rule with antennas is "walk tall". The higher you can safely get it, the further you will 'get out' and the wider your pick-up will be. There is a bewildering array of antennae about, so which one do you buy? C.b. is above all, a means of communication so do some earwigging and ask about, even on channel. Be wary of some claims made by manufacturers. Many are true but some take a bit of swallowing. The best recommendation you can ever have is a strong signal coming in from a distant breaker. A directional antenna will concentrate your signal in one direction (see Fig. 2) and omni-directional antennas scatter the signal all around. If you tend to transmit in one direction, or want to range further afield, buy a directional antenna. You can buy a rotator later on and beam it where ever you like. Another way is to have an additional whip antenna for the breaking channel and local work, using an antenna switching box to hop nimbly from one to the other.

Now decide the best place for your twig but bear in mind the following points. Keep it as far away from other antennas as possible. A big antenna will require a big pole and this means a lot of stress, so inspect brickwork for grip. Keep lead lengths as short as possible and use good quality coax. cable. If you don't you will reduce your output; so will using the wrong type of coax. Ordinary t.v. cable is the wrong impedence for most antennae, so check your instructions. Refer back to pages 13 and 14 of April/May issue of CB World.

Next measure the cable you will require and add 10% for safety. Most home-base twigs require no adjustment. But if you want to check the s.w.r. wind the cable loosely round and round and check it before it goes up! Then re-read those instructions you've put down somewhere, and refer to your life insurance. Now comes the hairy bit.

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Rawlbolts for this) and get them tight. Ensure the roof overhang will clear your pole. If not, you will require a kinky one (no offence meant!). Connect the cable to your twig before climbing up the ladder, then bolt it on to the pole. It is helpful to have someone feeding the cable to you as you climb carefully to the heavens. Above all make sure your ladder is securely lashed to stop the whole thing sliding down as you lean for that last bolt!

Route your down-lead well away from any other cables and avoid tight bends. Do use plenty of cable clips, but leave a few inches of cable loose at the top to take any sway in high winds. Where the cable enters the house (window or wall) drop the cable a few inches below and then bring it back up. This stops water running down the cable and into the house. If you haven't already done so, fit a low pass filter between your antenna cable and rig. This will help to remove TVI by filtering out high-frequency harmonics.

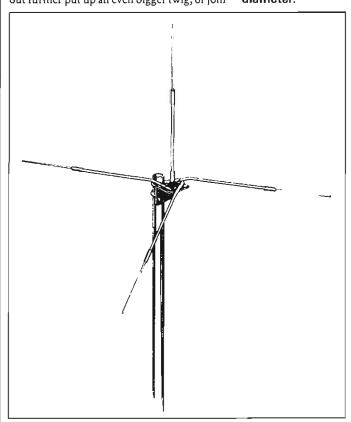
Before you start modulating, key the mike and check every piece of apparatus in the house that's fitted with a loud speaker for interference. Buzby, it seems, will ignore your mighty twig provided you do not annoy the neighbours. But be warned, if a flicker appears on "Crossroads", or a crackle on "Barry Manilow" it will be YOUR fault and that's a four for sure. So check out your own t.v., in case they come a-knocking.

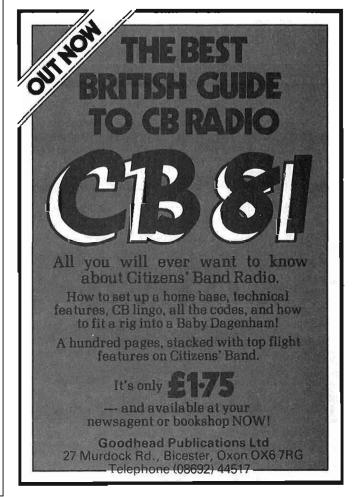
Finally, be a good neighbour; do not use powerful boosters, burners, etc. — they frequently produce spurious radiations that can turn up on even electric tooth brushes. This gives us all a bad name. If you must get out further put up an even bigger twig, or join

Below: an economy ground plane antenna for 40 channels, omnidirectional, unity gain, three drooping quarter-wave radials and 9 ft radiator, weighs 3 lbs, mounts to masts 1" to 1½" outside diameter.

Above: yagi-beam antenna, five horizontal and five vertical half-wave elements, 15.5dB gain above ground plane, 18 ft high, 22 ft wide, weighs 40 lbs, mounts to masts 1½" to 2" outside diameter,

the B.B.C. World Service. C.b. is after all a local communications thing for local chat, and America is a long way away. At all times be very careful when dealing with electrical points, terminals and mains power. Do not connect things up in a gash or temporary method. There is always someone on hand who knows what's what. Ask him first before you do anything yourself. As we said before we want you to remain a regular CB World reader — alive





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BRITISH IS BEST

We have just bought your second issue of CB World and on behalf of my Good Buddy and myself, I would like to congratulate you on it, especially in keeping it British. I would like you, if possible to include our handles in your next section of "For Those Who Dared" as I noticed there were no breakers listed from Perranporth. In the last month there have been quite a few new breakers getting on the air. Our handles are Witch Doctor and the Medicine Man and we are both Perranporth.

Also I would like to give you some handles for towns to include. Also you said if we disagree with some to let you know. The list I am giving you is widely used by all Cornish breakers. All of the towns listed are on breaking channel 14.

John Polkinghorne (Witch Doctor)

John Polkinghorne (Witch Doctor, Perranporth.

QSL CARDS

I was very pleased to see your colourful collection of QSL cards featured in an issue of CB World. I have been an avid collector of QSL cards for the past year, while working on the continent where the collection and swapping of QSL cards had become an integral part of c.b.

Although slow to get off the ground, QSL cards for 27 MHz are becoming increasingly popular. More and more breakers are having their personal cards printed, not only for D-Xing but also for local copies, whereas six months ago the terms "QSL" and "QSO" were almost unknown on the straight channels.

In March 1980, when c.b. radio became legal in Holland QSL cards became the topic of conversation with every new breaker copied, QSL swap clubs began, local DX contests as whole families became interested in the new world of c.b. Part of the pleasure of an "eyeball" was the exchanging of each other's QSL cards.

Within 2 months of legalisation in Holland there was an estimated 7 million c.b. rigs in the country—almost half the population. As a result the price of QSL cards dropped dramatically and printers were able to produce glossy cards for approximately £14 per 1,000. This is one drawback of having QSL cards printed in the U.K. at the present time. As the demand is not so great, prices tend to be much higher.

In conclusion I would like to say that I hope QSL cards receive the same popularity here in the near future as in the rest of Europe not only on s.s.b. but also for local copies on 27 MHz, as I feel the individuality expressed on a QSL card brings a more interesting and pesonal aspect to our QSO's on c.b. radio.

I do hope that a selection of our British QSL cards will be featured in future issues of CB World. Lady Rainbow London SE26.

NEWS FROM RAINY CITY

I have read your magazine (which I may say is excellent) and news from Rainy City (Manchester) is conspicuous by its absence. Let me put that right immediately.

In Silk City (Middleton) we have a new club which meets alternate Thursdays and our members are proud to be known as "Moonraker Breakers" (the name stems from local folklore). There are two clubs in this 20. Scniors and Juniors. Being very democratic our breakers have organised a very successful juniors club. This way, they can have their eyeballs the way they want them and it gives them a chance to air their own views.

We, as a Senior club, back them in social events. Recently they had a very successful Fox & Hounds plus a Valentine's party and a wide variety of other entertainments organised for them. After only three eyeballs they have about 65 members and it is still growing.

The senior club is about 180 members strong and that's still growing. If anyone knows of a 20 local to Middleton that has elastic sides, please tell me

If any of our good buddles out there manage to find Silk City then give us a shout on channel 14. Before I go breaker break, one more item of news. Both our clubs are members of the newly formed North West Breakers Association. This covers clubs as for apart as Ashton to Conway. There is no area limit. Any club wishing to join, please contact J. McCormick, 8 Longhill Walk, Moston, Manchester

Boadicia Manchester

STEEL CITY

I am writing to ask if you could print this letter for me. I am a member of the 69 club in Steel City. Some of us have got together and formed a monitoring team and will be monitoring channel 9 as from midnight 17th February. I have

BRINGITBACK

written to REACT (U.K.) and at the time of writing to you I am waiting for a reply. I must emphasise that at the moment we can only assist people who ask the assistance on channel 9 by phoning the appropriate services. If you would print this it would help us a great deal. Hopefully, other clubs are going to do this, it will make the roads a lot safer to drive on.

I must say that your mag is the best mag in the U.K. in my opinion. Keep up the good work.

Green Lantern Sheffield

HANDY LIST

Being a trucker it is a great help that you have just published the "Handles for Towns". It will be even more helpful when truckers know the breaking and calling channels. I was surprised to find so many of the smaller towns were on the air. It is also handy to be able to turn to pages 40-41 of CB WORLD to give a local breaker a shout on good old 27 MHz. a.m. My own home twenty Hazard Country should be Hazard County. I would be very pleased if you would include my handle in your mag. All the high numbers 10-10.

CB WORLD AND

Tarmac

I eyeballed CB World for the first time, just a few days ago and I must admit to being most impressed with the content, layout, and general presentation.

The breaking channel in this area is 27, and this applies to the entire North West coastline, at least from Workington, down to Southport.

My personal view is that 27 is the logical choice for a national break channel, although I must admit to more than a touch of personal bias.

I feel that you may have bitten off more than you can chew with your publication of 20's and handles, my message is, "Prepare to be inundated".

In order to add to the pending chaos, I enclose my own handle, plus those of a few good buddies of mine (with permission, of course) as it seems rather silly to write individually.

I also enclose a list of 20's, as used by Furness Breakers Club members.

Best of luck with a first class journal.

Leopard
Barrow

We have been inundated with handles of breakers and town 20's.

However, we will press on regardless. By about the year 2000 we may have included everyone. Ed.

BRISTOL CB

Thank you for a great magazine. Please could you send me any information, or leaflets about Bristol c.b. clubs, or an address to which I can write. I am very interested in c.b. but I am not allowed to have a rig until they become legal. I cannot wait to get my hands on one. I know hundreds of Bristoi c.bers. Also please could you tell me how much home rigs and mobile rigs cost. If possible, could you send me a c.b. price list showing how much rigs cost. Thank you very much.

Simon Smith (age 14) Stapleton

We can't tell you how much c.b. rigs cost 'cos it's illegal to sell them. — Ed.

PIPER CALLS THE TUNE

The second issue of CB World was delivered with my papers today and I must congratulate you on maintaining the standard, indeed improving on the first issue and I would like to offer the following assorted comments.

On page 11 your "Slightly Technical Terms" are adequate but not all strictly technically accurate. The most obvious misprint is in Frequency. Mains electricty is supplied at a frequency of 50 cycles per second or 50 hertz (50Hz) NOT 50mHz as printed which strictly means 50 millihertz or 0.05 cycles per secondl

'C.B. Slang' — bail out should be bale out and, as an addition, a dual carriageway by-pass, not a motorway, is referred to here as a 'slab' Also 'square wheels' means stationary.

The straightforward approach and wide mix of articles and different facets of the c.b. world which you cover in your magazine is, for me, a first class recipe for success.

Peter Piper Billericay

BUFFALO BILL

I have just purchased a copy of your magazine and having read through it would like to say that I found it very good. If you could add my handle to the list published, I should appreciate it. My handle being "Buffalo Bill" and my DX call sign is Station

Bravo India. I have enclosed one of my QSL cards also.

I have been on the air about twelve months now and am a keen "D-Xer". The c.b. scene is good here on the Fylde coast with about 600 club members and plenty of social activities. Keep up the good work.

Buffalo Bill Blackpool

NEW CBer

I've picked up one or two of the different new c.b. magazines out in the past few months, but have, without hesitation, come straight back to yours. I'm new to the c.b. world (pun) and hope soon to become a rubber bander. This is one of the reasons I think your magazine is so outstanding. I know nothing about radio waves and channels, but your magazine is so straightforward and easy to understand. In other words, I don't have to scratch my head so much when reading your magazine, as I do others. Gradually I'm picking up the meanings of the words the world of chauses

Unfortunately, there's still a lot I don't understand. I'm not the only one. There are a few others around my area who are in the same predicament as me. I don't want to make a mess of trying to install my first rig in the car or of being a nuisance getting on the air for the first time.

Could you by any chance do a small series in the magazine for all of us, not too sure people out here who might want to graduate into the world of c.b. Starting from scratch. What are channels and side bands? What does one need to know about the extras that go with a rig and how they should be fitted? What's the best antenna or is all this too much to ask? I know I'm asking a lot. Could you tell me of any books that will introduce me to c.b. right from the start and who publishes them?

The magazine's great, very interesting and makes very good, enjoyable reading.

Southampton

Give us a chance we've only been going for four issues. All these things are relevant and in time CB World will cover all that you ask. We are now monthly to keep up with your very good points. Ed.

EEC CB LICENCE

I read your magazine with interest and noticed you also are not really thinking about the people. C.B. (Citizens Band Radio). What citizen? A U.K. licence meant operation only in U.K. German only in Germany, French only in France. You go outside your border, if legal, and it becomes illegal!

A c.b. licence must be E.E.C. to be fully practical. If road signs are uniform why not a c.b. licence. I have written to The President of the E.E.C. to this effect. Lorries travel all over Europe so do citizens of member countries. They should be safe in all countries who belong to E.E.C.

John D. Dillon Wembley, Middx.

C.B. G.B. O.K.

Thanks for a great magazine. I look forward to your next issue (I take no chances, I have put it on order).

It is good to have a G.B. c.b. magazine, I have enough American c.b. coming in as skip without having a magazine based on it, so rule Britannia, keep your C.B. G.B. O.K. Rembrandt

London SE4

JUNIOR CBers

I am writing to inform you of the first Junior c.b. club in the Midlands. Our name is: Junior Breaker Club, Coventry (J.B.C.), Clifford Bridge Road, Scout H.Q., Clifford Bridge Road, Coventry. We meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7.30 p.m. until 9.00 p.m. Our age bracket is 10-16 years.

Mark Cleaver Nr. Coventry,

PROSE FROM PENNINE

Hello all good buddies and lady breakers. Firstly, I must congratulate all involved with CB World and good luck for the future.

I am a member of the Pennine 19 club which is based at Toffee Town (Halifax, W. Yorkshire). It was formed in May last year with a membership of 12, since then the membership has risen approximately 470 and rising at 10/15 per week. We have weekly eyeballs at a local Brown Bottle Shop, where as many as 200+ members sign in. We have discos, raffles, live entertainment and guests giving information on everything from antennas to model aircraft. Our committee and members produce our own magazine, organise treasure hunts and members are regularly attending rallies.



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BRIGHBACK

We at the Pennine 19 club think I exactly the same as some 1,000,000 enthusiasts that c.b. should be legalised, after all, the rest of the world can't be wrong. So "Come on Billy, Don't be silly, Think of a fee and legalise c.b. Must we beg, for 27

Wishing you all the highs and stay lucky, break-a-break going down. The Stine Halifax

You got 27 megs - Ed.

FRIENDLY C.B.

Big 10.4, Roger D on your Feb/March issue - I actually missed out on your first issue, but I really think the current one is a gas.

I am a Scot and I am really keen to make friends with people from England, Wales and Ireland. I hope to be getting a set of wheels soon and, when I do, I am going to cruise around using my c.b. rig. I'm looking forward to having eyeballs, brown bottles and chinwags to make as many friends as I can, because, as your "Come On" leader said, "c.b. is all about friends and communicating".

I do not have a c.b. set at present. Instead, I use my friends and go out as "Country Boy". Any breaker up in my 20 (Kilmarnock) can give me a shout, I'd be pleased to copy them or share a round of brown bottles.

Breaker break, shaker shake. Look forward to the ace magazine again.

Country Boy Kilmarnock

CBers HELP WITH BLAZE

Here is another perfect example of c.b.'s usefulness. Two c.b. breakers spotted a huge blaze at a Daventry furniture factory and alerted the Brigade. Then they spotted two lorries in danger from the flames. It was then that a ring of about 50 breakers swung into action. The first pair at the scene found out the addresses of the lorries' drivers and two more breakers then called them from their homes and took them from their homes to the factory where they moved the lorries to safety. The action saved the two lorries worth £40,000. Breaking off good buddies. Down and gone!

Duke of Earl Kenilworth

WIFE GETS **BREAKER INTO CB WORLD**

Having bought and read every magazine relating to c.b. over the past nine months I felt I should write telling you that I believe CB World to be way out in front of the others and have, through my wife, who deserves credit for bringing home the first issue, now placed a regular order with my newsagent.

As a trucker who relies mainly on my c.b. as a means of information particularly when on unfamiliar territory I sincerely hope that when CB UK becomes legal it will be kept clean, friendly and informative. Yes, it is a very useful tool from which we can all benefit if used correctly. The golden numbers to you and your readers. I'm on the side and satisfied. Please convey my thanks to Windy and Buckshot for their assistance.

The Centurian Cardiff

DXing FANATIC

Being an avid reader of your magazine I am confident that somehow you will try to help me. Being a c.b. and DX fanatic myself I was in QSO with a Canadian station two weeks ago and a station from S. England. Tunbridge Wells TW13 broke on the side to confirm his station could copy myself in Blackpool R.B.1 - Towertown, I then went into immediate QSO with him but conditions were not so good that I could not hear Bob in Tunbridge Wells very clearly but I did get QSL with you, P.O. Box? TW13 - Bob - Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

As you know that Copy is both very good and unusual so please if there is any way that you can obtain the P.O. Box number! I would really be one grateful breaker, so I can confirm with a QSL.

R. Bishop Trawlerman (Blackpool)

CB WORLD FAN – GERMANY

Hi there friends, this is the first time I've ever written to a British c.b. publication. I've been an 11 meter operator for a long time and I'm interested in knowing about the happenings on the worldwide c.b. scene. I received a copy of CB World from a friend in the U.K. and I did wonder how

you could get all of the informative stories? I read the Feb/ March issue from beginning to end. I especially like "Bring it Back" and the OSL cards feature. I was really happy to see my own QSL card printed. I think that the stories you have run about the international c.b. scene are fascinating and I would be interested in the reaction that other readers have on information regarding c.b. on a worldwide basis.

Super-Stinky No.1 West Germany

CB WORLD FAN – UK

I have just finished reading No.2 of CB World and decided I would write to you. I entered the world of c.b. on a friend's rig a couple of months ago and have arranged to buy a rig of my own, secondhand, quite soon. My handle is Goofy, and my usual 20 is Cambuslang. I would like to say that the handle for Cambuslang most commonly used is Breaker City, not Hoover as you state in your "Handles for towns" feature. I must echo the sentiments of many of the writers in No. 2 of CB World. It's an excellent magazine, the best that I have seen, and let's hope it stays that way. But, let's keep it British. I liked the pictures of rigs, keep it up. Also I like the section on c.b. slang and the "slightly technical terms" feature opened up a new understanding of c.b. The rest of the magazine was great too. Could you possibly print the ten code in your jargon section as it would be a great help to many new breakers. Incidentally, the breaking channel on our area is channel 14. The section on individual handles was good and, if expanded, could help solve the problem of new breakers using already established handles. (it happened to me a few days ago).

Thank goodness c.b. will be legalised, now we don't have to hide our antennae up trees, behind garages, etc. but it should be on 27 MHz a.m. because no matter what the government says people will still use a.m. There are many breakers around me, Paperboy, Vega 1 and Firebird, to name a few, and I have never caused any interference.

Lastly, could you publish CB World once a month please? I don't like waiting so long for such an excellent magazine as yours. Have to say 10 - 10 now, golden numbers on you, we down, we gone.

Goofy Glasgow

It seems that your enthusiasm for CB World has helped us to go monthly — with this issue. Ed.

CB WORLD FAN — ALCATRAZ

In looking through your second issue I was amazed to see no mention of our beloved lele of Man (Alcatraz). Also in reference to your article on c.b. multi-linkup, the Alcatraz breakers can quite easily modulate with England, Ireland, Scotland or Wales. Myself and my good Lady quite often sit on the hills in our wrapper, with a few other good buddies, and 10.5 between Scotland and Ireland. Modulation between Peel (Deadwood Gulch) and the Ards Peninsula (ALPHA Papa) takes place almost every night and QSL cards are exchanged.

Deadwood Gulch,

Alcatraz

I.O.M. was listed in CB World No.3, Ed.

BIG WHEELS IN THAMES

I am very pleased with CB World. It is the best c.b. magazine I have read so far. Let's hope you can keep up the good work.

I must agree with James Bryant with 'no demos' (Feb/March), Demos only give us a bad name. We c.bers should try to get the public to understand us, not have them say we are causing trouble by causing traffic hold-ups.

I am a U.B.A. member plus a THAMES monitor, Bravo Romeo three, My handle is Road Wrecker. My XYL's handle is Sugar Lady.

CB is here to stay. Never mind what Timothy Raison says or does we will stay on 27 a.m. plus s.s.b.

I could give so many handles wanting to stay on 27 a.m. that you could not print them all in your magazine. I would like someone from your magazine to visit some clubs and get some views from other c.bers. I go to the U.B.A. Tuesday nights at the Telegraph Pub, Brixton Hill, Brixton. Disco One runs the club (Andy Donovan) plus Duchess his XYL (Helen). I am sure you will be more than welcome.

Regarding the T.V. programme about c.b. I thought that it was well put over except for Gooseman - why did he have to swear? I know he only said "arse" but there is no need for it on c.b. We have a lot of wallys already but they do not stay that way for long. I also visit the 27 Club on Monday evenings, Saxon Tavern, Southend Lane, Catford. It is run by Micro Dot (Tony). This is a good night out. Try and get along to one and meet us. I drive a lorry for a living and c.b. has helped me. I have made many good pals from it.

BRIGGIBACK

Perhaps you could write an article about THAMES units. I do not understand what THAMES is supposed to do, neither do some members of the unit itself.

Road Wrecker

Bromley

See article in this issue on THAMES Monitoring Services. Ed.

CB CHEER

Congratulations on your fantastic magazine CB World, its great.

Unfortunately I am in a wheelchair recovering from an accident I had six months ago, a result of which I lost part of my leg. I was unable to go out until a month ago. For my birthday my parents bought me an absolute fantastic gift, a CB Radio. As my parents work during the day I am left all alone and get very depressed. But now I can press a button and say "Breaker One Nine for a Copy" then wait for a copy back. As a result I have gained more friends than I could ever want and now I do not get so depressed.

I know I am breaking the law and I ofter wonder what will happen to me if and when I get caught.

Roll on for the Autumn when c.b. becomes legalised.

Space Invader

CB IN ZIMBABWE

I am a c.ber from Rhodesia now known as Zimbabwe, C.b. became legal over there on the 1st January last year which was really super as it made a new pastime and made plenty of new friends. I am glad to hear that it is to be made legal here soon. I had a Craig set 40 channel a.m./s.s.b. which served me well. My handle there was "The Champ". I do hope to get myself a set and I would like to know if there are any dealers in Glasgow and if there are any Clubs? We had only 9 channels being 19 -27 with 19 our calling channel and 21 our emergency channel. We were also not allowed to DX to any other country and we were restricted to 4 watts a.m. and 12 watts s.s.b. and no directional aerials. I hope when it becomes legal here we will be allowed 40 or more channels. We also had to adhere to the FCC Rules.

Well my friends I do hope to copy some good buddies and ladies some time. I am pleased with your c.b. magazine and wish you all the 73's and 88's for the future.

Dave James Glasgow

50 HOUR BUST

I got my rig on the Friday night. I spent all day Saturday fixing it in my wheels. Sunday morning SWR'd the Antenna. Sunday evening at 10 p.m. I was in the garage earwigging, and giving the occasional copy to the local good buddies, (without, of course, giving my 20 on the air), as I was disguising the rig. As I was fixing the final touches before going for my first cruise and ratchet, a beige Granada Estate, festooned with electric twigs pulled up in front of my garage. Fortunately, upon receipt of my rig, I had been warned of the dreaded 'Gus' of Hazard County. Sure enough his partner walked into my garage and flashed his H.O. Luncheon Voucher. Upon this I asked him politely to get off my property, and if he had a warrant or a Smokey with him. Yes, he did have a Bear with him, who, to give him his due, backed my up when I stated that they couldn't enter my garage without a warrant. As this was now 10.15 p.m., on a Sunday night, I pointed out that it would take some time to produce a warrant, but as soon as they got one, I would allow them into my garage to search the car. There upon the dreaded 'Gus' rides off into the sunset. The Smokey warned me that my wheels were marked and I may be stopped and searched if he sees them on the road.

This story has three morals: (a) Don't be tempted to modulate too long from one 20 in Hazard County, I got caught for this.

(b) Keep cool. C.bers are protected by the same laws that oppress us, know your legal rights.

(c) If the authorities were as efficient at tracking down real criminals as they were at tracking down 'Good Buddies', then the world would be a better place to live in. By the way, is 50 hours a record bust.

Tiger One Colchester

MORE ON DXing

Over the last few months — since I became a c.ber — I have read all the c.b. magazines available, and have come to the conclusion that CB World comes out best for all-round information.

I placed an order with my newsagent to have CB World delivered on a regular basis, also, I asked him today to carry a larger stock of your magazine, because of the large number of breakers in the area, this, he assured me, he would do.

If there is a complaint about your magazine it is that, although DXing is mentioned, none of it tells a breaker how to go about it. I, and a few more breakers, are extremely interested in having a go at DXing and would welcome any information on how a beginner would go about communicating with breakers abroad.

Keep up the good work in your magazine with the other features.

Blue Fay

Rollon

Thanks for your letter, see feature on DXing in this issue. Ed.

MAP READERS, SPEAK UP

This is Brer Rabbit from Timbuktoo Country (A52 between Grantham and Nottingham) I push big wheels for a living and visit as many as five or six towns and cities every day.

Often I need directions for an address and I just call out over the air. In a few cases I get a response, in others I get ignored as I am a stranger in their area.

I've been told by people that they would rather modulate with only handles that they know well. I wish some of you would come out of your shells and talk and help us strangers, after all we do bring your goods and food to your towns for you to use.

It would be so much better if a big wheels could sing out, "19 for a map reader" and then anyone, no matter what their handle, who knows the area, could guide the driver with his directions.

So please, all base stations, if you hear a "19 for a map reader" it's not a call for someone's handle it means you, if you can help us.

Brer Rabbit Nottingham

MAP READER WANTED

I am a c.b. enthusiast. After reading your second copy of *CB World* I decided to sit down and write about useful ways of transmitting on c.b.

For instance, it would benefit companions on the road in many ways. It would also make business travel more interesting.

In my job I am out on the road for forty percent of my working time. When we finish a job I have to phone in to get my next job. This causes wasted time and money. It could easily be replaced by c.b. Directions

to places can also be transmitted on the air. This would save time in stopping every now and then to look at maps.

Maidenhead

SMOKEY INTERFERENCE

Having read several articles concerning interference caused by c.b. I thought I'd write and pass on to you some facts that I thought pretty interesting.

As most c.bers know c.b. does not interfere with police transmissions and I and many other breakers have carried out a few experiments to prove this fact.

Concerning hi-fi interference, did you know that the G.P.O. receive more complaints about police transmissions interfering with stereos than they do about c.b. Strange how the Government never mention this. Why when c.b. is still illegal do some police patrol cars have c.b. fitted with smokies continually putting out copies to catch unsuspecting breakers? Surely these cause TVI as well?

If as Buzby claims he is only after the interference not the breaker, he had better start checking up on the smokles.

Little Angel
Spalding

PLAIN ENGLISH, S'IL VOUS PLAÎT

I am a c.ber of some six months and I must admit I am rather fed up with all this "Americanism", lets face it we are British! (Rule Britannia and all that!).

I do not see why we should adopt the U.S.A. slang over here, have you heard a Lancashire chap trying to emulate a yanky accent?

I agree with the 10-code, but I have found one gets the message over in plain English quicker than in c.b. slang, i.e. I'm parked! (Yeah, I'm square wheeled!). We don't always know what the other breaker is talking about in some cases, he may have read a different book . . .

Mind you I've found that 30+ breakers use plain English and the teenagers use the slang, must be a moral here somewhere. Why do people spend pounds on good c.b. sets and waste their money by not having a decent chat? It seems crazy to me, they are not getting their money's worth. Anyway, I'll get off my soapbox now and say that you have brought out a great magazine, keep it up. Karl Sheridan

Karl Sheridan Birmingham

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CARFAX

A third radio service for your car — "dedicated" traffic information

Now that c.b. radio is to be made legal in the UK your car can have its "second set" - as they used to say about tv sets in the home. To the motoring service already provided by ordinary broadcasting through your car radio will be added the new c.b. facility, allowing us to actually talk to other motorists and commercial vehicle drivers to compare notes and swap advice about traffic and road conditions in the immediate vicinity. This need for a service to help us cope with local conditions has been getting more and more urgent. Congestion on the roads, accidents, fuel costs and stress on drivers have all been getting worse. C.b. will certainly help a bit, but it has the limitation of being essentially ad hoc. It depends on the presence of drivers at those particular places from which you need information, it depends on their willingness to help other drivers and it depends on their ability to give reliable information. It cannot provide you with a generalized and objective picture of what is happening in a particular locality — for example, roadworks and traffic jams on a main approach route into Birmingham.

It's good news for motorists, therefore, that a third radio service has been developed that could bridge the gap between the general, large-area motoring information you get on your ordinary car radio and the ad hoc, more immediate local information that c.b. can provide. This is Carfax, a general traffic information service developed by the BBC Research Department. Invented by one of their engineers. R. S. Sandell, it is essentially a "dedicated" broadcasting service - that is, entirely devoted to giving traffic information and not used for any other kind of communication. It therefore requires a separate frequency - actually the channel 519.5 to 526.5 kHz at the bottom end of the medium wave band — and separate receiving circuits to pick up the broadcast signals. However, this does not mean you would need to fit a third complete set in your car. The Carfax circuitry can be neatly integrated into a conventional car radio chassis and visually you would not be aware of it.

In being "dedicated" the Carfax system differs from the method used in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. There, several of the major radio broadcasting networks carry special motoring identification signals which activate the car radio receivers automatically. The inevitable fact is that the traffic information takes over from the normal programme whether listeners like it or not. Areas covered by particular traffic announcements inserted

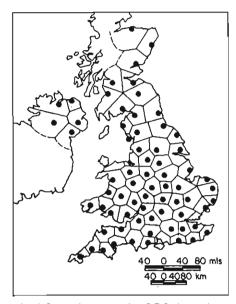


Fig. 1. Dots show existing BBC sites where low-power transmitters for the Carfax traffic information service could be located. Lines show expected service areas and coverage using these sites.

into programmes tend to be very large — they correspond in size to the service areas of the main high-powered regional transmitters together with their off-air relays — and thus many of the announcements heard by drivers relate to road conditions many miles away. Imagine a motorist listening to BBC Radio-4, stuck in a traffic jam in Leeds, being told that a milk float has overturned and is blocking Oxford Road, Manchester!

Local radio seems likely to be more useful. The transmitters are smaller and are situated so as to serve individual centres of population: their announcements are thus more likely to be relevant to their listeners' needs. But here again there is the same basic snag that every listener is forced to suffer interruptions to the programme for traffic announcements whether he or she likes it or not. And what of the majority of roads not served by local radio stations? The main trunk roads and motorways between city centres can receive only the national or regional large-area services. Even on the approaches to a city or town, where there is a local radio service, a driver needs to know of its existence and its wavelength, and he must tune his receiver to it.

It was with these problems in mind that Ron Sandell proposed the Carfax idea — actually as long ago as the early 1970s'— and the BBC, with a grant from the government through the Ministry of Transport, went ahead and developed it into a practical system. It is now working successfully on an experimental basis.

Carfax provides three important options for the listener: ordinary listening without interruptions by traffic announcements: this may be from the car radio, tuned to any frequency, or a cassette player, etc; ordinary listening, as above, but with interruptions by local traffic announcements, as they are received; Traffic announcements only, with silence between announcements.

The system requires a network of about 70 very low-power radio transmitters, on the band of frequencies mentioned above, spread over the UK. Each transmitter covers an area to which specific traffic information relating to that area is broadcast.

Even under rush-hour conditions, the proportion of time required for the transmission of traffic messages in any small area will normally be limited. Each transmitter in the network can therefore spend most of its time switched off, coming on the air only long enough to transmit its message. This leads to an important advantage, for transmitters can not only share the air-time, but also a single common wavelength.

The map in Fig. 1. shows 72 existing BBC sites where such low-power transmitters could be located. Only one transmitter in a group of 15 or 16 would carry a traffic information message at any moment. This would mean that there might be, say, five transmitters from the whole network on the air simultaneously, but they would be far enough away from each other to minimize mutual interference.

That all transmitters could share the same frequency is an important point: not only does it mean considerable economy in spectrum space, it also means that simple fixed-tuned receiving circuits may be used without any manipulation by the motorist. It also leads to the exciting possibility of a single traffic-information frequency for use throughout the world. Obviously the control of such a network of transmitters would have to be centrally or regionally organized. A network of telephone lines would be needed, as well as one or more small computers.

How does the Carfax system actually work? How does it get messages to drivers and how does it make sure that the right people get the right messages? To begin with, a special signal is needed to activate the traffic

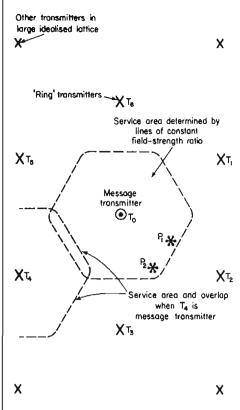


Fig. 2. Part of idealized layout of transmitters, showing one, T⁰, acting as a "message" transmitter, surrounded by "ring" of other transmitters, T¹ to T⁶, which determine its service area by f.m. capture effect.

information receiving circuits preparatory to the transmission of a message. Having become activated by this special "start" signal, normal listening (if any) is interrupted and the traffic-information message is then heard. At the end of the message a special "finish" signal de-activates the receiver and normal listening is resumed.

So far so good. But how to ensure that the right people receive the messages? Basically, it is a matter of network control.

At first the BBC engineers thought the strength of the received signal would be the thing that could decide whether or not the receiver would be activated by the "start" signal. This was found to be rather unreliable because of deficiencies in the receiver and car installation (which ought to be simple and cheap) and because of the practical variations in field-strength. Measurements showed that fluctuations in the signal level received on a vertical car radio aerial occurred while driving along ordinary roads. Similar fluctuations were found to occur while driving through towns, but in addition the average field-strength was depressed by a further amount. Thus it was difficult to control the extent of the service area of any transmitter in an exact way, and it was recognised that there would probably be large overlaps of some service areas and some large unserved areas.

To overcome these difficulties the BBC developed what they call the "ring system". The service areas of transmitters are defined by artificial rings provided by the grouping of

their surrounding transmitters. The basic idea of this can be understod with the help of Fig. 2. which shows an idealised layout of traffic information transmitters, all sharing the same medium-wave channel as already described. Each transmitter has two modes of operation: it may operate either in the message carrying mode or in the "ring mode". Transmitter To in this case, is the transmitter carrying the traffic information message while the surrounding transmitters T1 to T6, here serve as "ring" transmitters.

They all operate in the simple sequence shown in Fig. 3. Prior to its message the transmitter T⁰ radiates a "start" code signal, consisting of frequency-modulation of the carrier by a tone. The six ring transmitters radiate at low power c.w. "inhibit" signals which begin just before the beginning of the "start" signal radiated by the message transmitter and end just after it. The ring transmitters remain off at all other times.

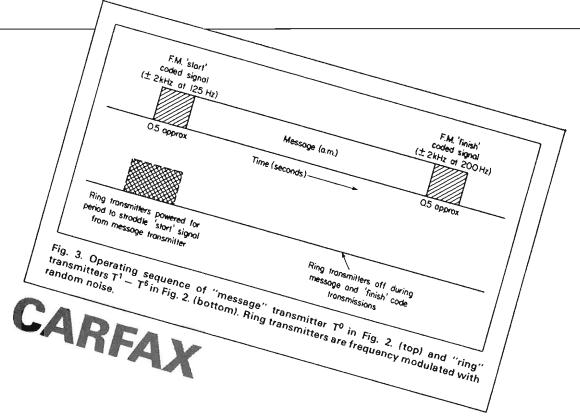
Suppose a receiver is located in the region of P¹ (Fig. 2), where signals are received predominantly from transmitters T⁰ and T². If the carrier-level from the ring transmitter T² is sufficiently strong what is called the "f.m. capture effect" will cause the "start" signal from T⁰ to be ignored. Alternatively, if the signal from the "start" signal is the stronger, the receiver will be activated. With strong modulation (a wide frequency deviation at a low modulating frequency) the capture effect by a single ring signal is very pronounced: a small increase in the carrier-level of the interfering ring signal causes a



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very large decrease in the level of the demodulated "start" tone. Where more than one ring transmitter contributes significantly to the received signal, such as at P² in Fig. 2, the capture effect still operates but is less pronounced.

Thus it will be seen that receiver activation is determined by the ratio of the "message-to-ring" signal strengths rather than by their absolute values. The encircling ring of transmitters creates a well-defined limit to the service area of the message transmitter — a controlled inhibition of reception of the "start" code signal — so that, outside the service area, receivers are not activated and the message is not then heard.

To overcome the difficulties that might sometimes arise with particular carrier phases of the continuous wave signals from the ring transmitters, these signals are, in fact, frequency-modulated by very low-frequency random noise. This ensures that, during the "start" code, the signals from the ring transmitters are averaged satisfactorily in the receiver.

At the end of the message a "finish" signal is transmitted to de-activate or mute the receiver. Again, frequency modulation of the message transmitter is used but with a different modulation frequency. During transmission of the "finish" code signals, the ring transmitters remain off and reception of the "finish" signal is then possible down to very low signal strengths and under conditions of heavy interference. This is to minimize the number of receivers that may inadvertently remain activated: this could occur, for example, if a particular vehicle happened to be passing under a bridge during the radiation of the 'finish' signal.

The set in the car

The important thing to the motorist, of course, is what sort of radio set would be necessary for Carfax in the vehicle. One or two car radio manufacturers are now looking into this, but the BBC engineers have presented them with three working prototypes to consider. The first is a completely separate receiver, fixed-tuned, simple and

inexpensive. The second is an add-on unit. The third is an "integrated" unit, in which the traffic information receiving circuits are embodied in a conventional car radio so that the two receivers are contained in one case.

The separate receiver, with its own aerial, will operate completely independently, having its own loudspeaker. It can be mounted in any convenient position, is technically simple and would be the basic equipment for those who do not wish to have normal car radio facilities.

The integrated unit operates similarly to the add-on unit, but with the advantage of being more compact and cheaper than two separate units.

When will Carfax be available? With the economic situation being as it is in Britain, there is no direct answer to this question at the moment. The BBC say they have taken the development of the system as far as they can. The original grant of money for research and development has run out and no more cash is likely to be available. The government has told the BBC that they don't intend to put any public money into setting up a national Carfax service at present and that it is up to private enterprise to carry on with it.

There have been protests from the radio set manufacturers' association, BREMA, about this apparently negative response, but no signs yet that any manufacturer is ready to take on the whole job. The cost of building and installing seventy or more transmitters to cover the whole of the UK is, of course, the major consideration. So meanwhile it can only be wait-and-see. Let us hope that yet another major example of British technical ingenuity and enterprise doesn't end up gathering dust on the laboratory shelves.

This article is based on "Traffic information broadcasting" by S. M. Edwardson, published in the January 1978 issue of Wireless World, sister publication of CB World.

THE BASIC 10-CODE

This is not the complete list but a condensed version including all the most commonly used U.K. ones. There exists an official 10-code but CB World thought it pointless in including the whole list, the majority of them are not used on channel.

- *10-1 Receiving a poor signal
- 10-2 Receiving a good signal
- 10-2 Receiving a good 10-3 Stop transmitting
- *10-4 Yes. Message understood
- 10-6 Busy. Stand by
- *10-9 Repeat message
- *10-10 Signing off
- 10-11 Talking too fast
- 10-13 Report on road or weather
- *10-20 Your location

- 10-27 Moving to channel
- *10-32 Radio check
- *10-33 Emergency
- *10-34 Other trouble, need help
- *10-36 Time check
- 10-39 Message delivered
- 10-44 Message for you
- 10-73 Speed trap at ...
- 10-77 Negative contact
- 10-84 My telephone number is
- 10-85 My address is ...
- 10-90 I have TVI
- 10-91 Talk closer to mike
- 10-93 Check my frequency as this channel
- 10-94 Give me a long count
- *most commonly used in United Kingdom

CLUB CORNER

NORTHAMPTON BREAKERS CLUB

N.B.C. is a representative body of a considerable number of breakers in an area boasting one of the highest numbers of c.b. users in the U.K. claims 'Santa' their P.R.O.

In addition to promoting social and charitable events, NBC is a staunch supporter of legalisation of 27MHz. It is intended that a REACT service be implemented as a priority. They also seek to develop information services through factsheets, press releases and a monthly newspaper.

Northampton is a large town and has several breakers organisations. NBC wishes to strengthen links with such organisations to mutual benefit. NBC hold eyeballs on Wednesdays and Sundays at the 'Needle'. The Sunday eyeballs have a disco. Visiting breakers are welcomed although it is hoped that they would produce their own breakers club membership cards. If in the area ask on channel for directions.

MIDLANDS CITIZENS BAND CLUB (Leicester)

Formed March 1980 started with 10 breakers who met regularly at the Lively Lady public house in the town.

They moved to larger premises when the membership increased to 40. Now with a membership of 150 they meet every Thursday night at the Coronation, Catherine Street, Leicester.

Skunk, the club secretary, informed CB World that in addition to usual social events, they keep up their campaign to legalise c.b. 27MHz AM.

Their other meets include darts, ice skating, pool, ten-pin bowling and they also turn up at most rallies to

make sure that the MCBC's views are known.

SPIRETOWN BREAKERS S.C. (Chesterfield)

From the start - October 1980 they have had to alter their 'eyeball house' three times due to the increase in membership which now stands at over 300. They have organised discos, fancy dress parties and visits to c.b. shows. They meet other c.b. clubs and run their own Miss CB competition. Charity work is also a part they take pride in and they presented a music centre cassette recorder to a local childrens home. One of the Spiretown lady breakers is unfortunately paralysed from the neck down and the club have fixed her up with a devise to operate her rig by mouth.

The club meet regularly at the Hollingwood Hotel (unless they have moved again.) CB World notes that in the Spiretown Newsletter they are using some of our copyright names of sections. We don't mind copying but please give us credit by printing "reproduced by kind permission of CB World".

BAND TOWN BREAKERS (Brighouse)

This club was formed in September 1980 by a few breakers meeting from time-to-time over a few brown bottles. They have now formed into a larger club and meet at the Grove Motel every Tuesday. Orphan Annie, club secretary, says that they are not that large but then Brighouse isn't large either. In January BTB raised £50 to boost the funds of a Mini-Bus appeal for a local school for

handicapped children. They are also in "this year of the disabled" pushing a wheelchair fifteen miles in conjunction with other Yorkshire clubs.

We understand that Peacemaker has volunteered to push the wheelchair — all the way to Leeds city centre. We are sorry chaps, CB WORLD can't cover the event for you. We just do not have enough photographers to go round.

CITIZENS AND BREAKERS CLUB (Croydon)

This is a new club operating from the Big 'C' and Big Q is quick to point out that they are not in direct competition with existing ones in the area. (CB World has been to one of the big clubs in Croydon). CABC do not meet in a pub, thus no brown bottles are downed (sad). Big Q says that they are a bit serious about c.b. and at their meetings they discuss legalisation and technical matters. As the name suggests they also want to involve the general public. Although, like most c.bers, they would respond to an emergency they realise that they stand to loose their rigs should they get caught. Any breaker wishing to get in touch, just shout up for Mr. Average, Paraffin Lamp, Wooden Spoon, Big Q, Red Arrow, Red Devil, UFO and Tough Stuff. They say that CB World is well informed and a joy to read and that its the best in the field (crawlers). They are with us, in keeping the channels free from bucket mouths and making it good clean fun for the majority. Well done

CORBY TOWN BREAKERS

Formed in December 1980 and already they have nearly 500

members. They arranged a disco and buffet and raised £300 for multiple sclerosis in their 20. They have also shown the film 'Convoy' for breakers and their families for which the attendance was 300. From that they gave £120 to the local mentally handicapped school. The club meets only once a month although they have open evenings for breakers and guests other times of the week. White Knight, the club secretary, said that if any breaker happens to be going through their 20 give them a shout on 19 and you would be welcomed.

N.B.C.B.C. (North Birmingham)

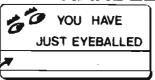
The official long name for this club is The North Birmingham Citizens Band Club. They meet every other Thursday at the Old Crown and Cushion at 7.30 p.m. Membership fee is £2 a year plus 30p per person per meeting. For this members get a free monthly newsletter of club news and gossip. They have over 700 members and at Xmas they raised £100 for a local Old Folks Home. They have a sister club in Canada and correspond on a regular basis on the merits of 27MHz ratchet jawing. They kindly give CB World a rave review (crawlers) and are glad to see a British mag doing it for c.b. CB World thanks Kerry Parkes for his kind words and high numbers.

HEAVY LOAD BREAKERS ASSN (Huyton, Liverpool)

Going about eight weeks they have over 100 members. All are taking c.b. seriously (not too seriously, I hope) and want all c.bers to treat the airwaves with respect. They meet in the local Social Club every Wednesday and are pressing on with the arrangements of usual c.b. social events. They wish CB World the high numbers and say we have the breakers in mind all the time, so says Bobcat.

That's what we are here for - Ed.

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ENFIELD BREAKERS CLUB (Middlesex)

This club is going great guns. They only started up on December 15th, 1980 and at February 20th had attracted 630 members. This has meant that a waiting list of 50 has built up. The club meet at the Royalty Ballroom, Winchmore Hill Road, London N.14. every Monday between 8.00 and 10.30 p.m. They have formed a darts team and will be handing out a thrashing to other c.b. clubs in the near future. They have a video club and hope to fix up a hanggliding weekend soon. Each Monday they have some professional events (singers, bands, groups etc.) and fancy dress do's. Members are charged only 50 pence per week. They have closed membership as it's getting too big. When a breaker resigns the next person on the list gets in. They also loose a member if he or she does not attend the club for six consecutive weeks. Guests are allowed in with a member of £1. Marie Knight has invited CB World to a club night and with all this going on we'll be there.

WELLING-BOROUGH BREAKERS CLUB

This club started in September 1980, has a member of over 550 and is still growing. They meet at the 'Dog and Duck' in Wellingborough on Wednesday nights. The club membership fee is £2.00 which entitles the member to all social events and registration of handles in this area. They also have a club rig which is available on loan to members who find themselves without a rig for reasons of theft or repair. They have recently changed their breaking channel from 19 to 21 to leave the truckers free. If anyone would like any information on the club they can contact Fruitcake, on Wellingborough 227277, the Club Secretary.

R AND B CLUB (Stranraer)

This club pushed an old fashioned hospital bed 19 miles from Drummore to Stranraer. In so doing, they helped to raise £1250 for Aird School. The club itself is into DXing and have made contact with enthusiasts all over the world. Their club call sign is Romeo Bravo — Scotland so says Gorman Shepherd, club secretary.

micro-surgery unit. They are to hold a come-as-your-handle fancy dress ball. Imagine what Bulldozer the club's Treasurer would look like, also Plastic Spanner. The social secretary (Phantom 309) said they are trying to lose the nickname Wally Town for their town, as it is bad for their image. They have their fair share of turkeys who spoil it for others, but it is hoped they will disappear in time.

BUCKINGHAM-SHIRE ACTIVITY (Bourne End)

We are indebted to Shy Fox of Bourne End for news of two Clubs operating in this area. They are the Bourne End Breakers Association and the Citizens Radio Associated Breakers.

THE MOB (Molesey Open Breakers)

They are a small but very friendly club with a regular clientele of over 225 registered members. They meet every Wednesday at The Royal Oak, 337 Walton Road, East Molesey, Surrey, and all are very welcome, from Professors to Wallys. A regular weekly raffle produces some really nice goodies, and once a month first prize is usually a magic talking box. They have the best club magazine for miles around, they claim, and invite passing c.bers to point themselves towards the Committee table and receive a big welcome.

SEVERN CITY CLUB (Shrewsbury)

The Severn City Breakers Club in Shrewsbury, Shropshire, was formed in the latter end of 1980. Since then it has changed its premises for Club meets and now gets together at Derick's Club in Shrewsbury. Moonraker writes to say that the membership has grown so much that the Club is trying to find even bigger premises for its meetings. These take place every other Tuesday night at 8 p.m. Every fourth meeting is a social evening with disco. The Club breaks on channels 14 and 19.

R.A.B. (St. Andrews, Fife)

The Royal and Ancient Breakers has been going for about 3 months, starting with a membership of about 20, purely from Golf City. They decided early on, however, to open their doors to the smaller "one-breaker towns" in the surrounding areas and their membership has already jumped to nearly 100. Club nights are changed from week to week to be fair to people who work on shifts. Visitors are always welcome at

any of their meetings and anybody wishing to come along can get in touch with any Golf City breaker on channel 19. Thank you Minstrel for your interesting letter.

LINCOLN BREAKERS

Another Club to come to our notice is the Country Breakers Club in Lincoln on the "46". Thanks Sandpiper.

CATHEDRAL CITY BREAKERS CLUB. (Truro)

Firmly established in Truro, Cornwall, this Club has a membership of 65 breakers. Not all of them have given us their handles for publication but we forgive them as Silver Bullet's letter states that at least most of them purchase CB World! We must work out the number of readers per copy! The Club, by the way, breaks on 14 and 19.

SILLY BREAKERS (Teddington)

No, we are not criticising the breakers of Teddington, Surrey, but just giving you the name of their Society. They are far from silly; our correspondent tells us they have nearly 2,000 members!

NORTH EAST DERBYSHIRE 10-4 CLUB (Chesterfield)

The Club was founded in 1980 and held their first eyeball on the 13th November 1980. They have since grown to the largest club in the area with a total membership of 825 breakers and an average of 45 new members weekly. They have moved their 20 three times: it has been difficult to find a room capable of holding the ever-increasing membership. They hold various events, including treasure hunts, show nights, and have a disco and trade stands at every eyeball. These are held on Wednesday nights at 8.00 p.m. at the Shoulder of Mutton, Hardstoft.

If any good buddies and good ladies are ever in the Spiretown area, they are invited to have an evening at the 10-4 Club. They will get a warm welcome and an enjoyable evening, so says Mr. Fiddler and Diamond Jill.

They recently held a demonstration in Chesterfield in conjunction with Good Buddies from the Spiretown Breakers Club and considering the bad weather they had a good turn out.

CAKETOWN BREAKERS CLUB (Banbury)

They have membership of 120 and the number grows all the time. They hold discos and recently presented £100 to the Horton General Hospital

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Anyone out there?

The breaker calls for 10-33 assistance on Channel 9 in the normal way. When the monitoring service answers and deals with your request you must then state that this is an unaided accident and ask whether there are any MEDICO monitors on channel. If so then the MEDICO will rely when the Channel 9 monitor has finished and will, at the same time, be proceeding to the scene of the incident.

The breaker should remain at or near the accident. If the ambulance arrives before the Medico, the Medico should be recalled on 9 so that he won't have a wasted journey.

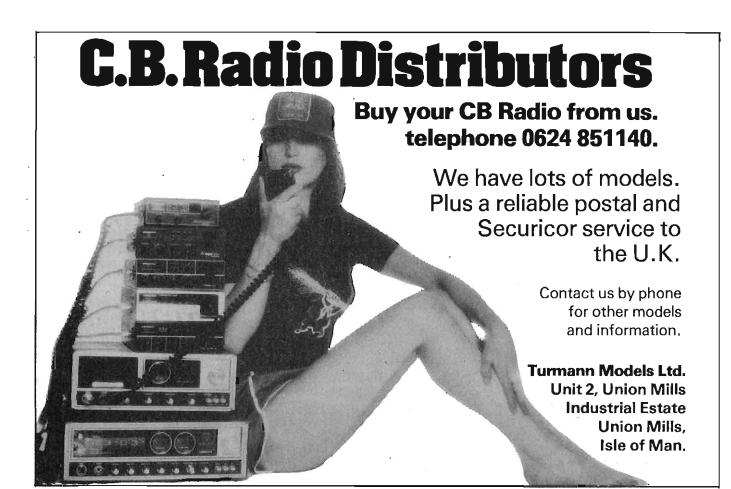
Breakers with some knowledge of first aid who are dealing with an incident themselves, may call for verbal medical assistance from the Medico, via c.b.

Medico 9 also offers courses in first aid, in conjunction with the St. Johns Ambulance and Red Cross. Medical meetings are arranged, concerning road-traffic accidents and their associated injuries, along with updates on the modern methods of first aid.

If the service is properly used, it will prove invaluable to the public, ensuring that accident cases get quick and effective treatment prior to the arrival of the ambulance.

Further information on THAMES MEDICO 9 from (SAE please), 18 Shepherds Way, Selsdon, South Croydon, Surrey SR2 8H5.

The 'serious' side of c.b. provides a lot of fun and satisfaction too. When I'm on the road visiting your local club I don't want to ask "Anyone out there?" I would like to be sure that there is.



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DXing — This Is What You Do

Jim Glavin explains the art of DXing or skip talking on s.s.b.

DXing simply means distant copying. It could mean a c.b. conversation between London and Brighton, or Portsmouth and Cambridge — anything more than the direct range. What we are really interested in is conversations between our home towns and stations abroad; how to copy a station in, say, America or Africa or, if the skip is right, Australia. How do we talk to them? What do we talk about? What do we do after we have talked to them? In the next few paragraphs I will try to answer these questions in a simple way, avoiding technical description where possible.

First of all, you will need the right equipment to DX. A sideband rig able to communicate between 26.965 MHz (ch.1) up to say 27.855 MHz (ch.80) will do the job, providing one has the antenna to get out. An ideal situation would be to have a base antenna (5/8th wave dipole, for example) situated as high as possible: if you live on a hill, in the country, one could possibly use a multi-element type on a rotator. A linear amplifier or burner would also help, anything from 50 watts upwards to give that extra power. An in-line matching tuner would also help to keep the lowest possible s.w.r. reading while using your 'burner'.

Now your 'radio shack' is ready to explore the world of DXing. Flick through the channels until you come to one where you can hear someone saying, "CQ CQ CQ DX". This could be a station in south Italy, or

somewhere, calling for long-distance contacts. Have handy a pen and note-pad to write down the station name and country of the caller. When you have written down who it is and you have understood his call sign, which might be repeated once or twice, key your mike and call back into the microphone, "CQ CQ CQ DX — this is station Alpha Lima 19 (or whatever station name you decide to call yourself) looking for the station in south Italy. I am QRT and standing by".

Once you have established contact, a

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different kind of conversation immediately starts up between you and your new found c.b. friend in Italy. This conversation contains terms used from the International Q code, which is used by sidebanders all over the world. (See panel for Q-code).

Normally, the two stations will talk about weather conditions, each other's equipment and signal reports. Next may come the

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Captain Cook QSL

Operator Andy
East Dulwich
SE22

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Q-CODE

QRA QRB QRD QRE QRF QRG	Question What station are you? How far are you from me? Where are you headed and from where? What is your estimated time of arrival at? What is my exact frequency? How do you read my signals?
QRL QRM QRN QRT QRU QRV QSA	Are you busy? Are you experiencing interference? Are you troubled by static? Shall I stop transmitting? Have you anything for me? Are you ready? What is the strength of my signal?

Answer
lam station miles away.
l am bound for
Your frequency is
Your signals are (1) unreadable (2) readable now and then (3) readable with difficulty (4) readable (5) perfectly readable I am busy.
I am experiencing interference. I am troubled by static. Stop transmitting. I have nothing for you. I am ready.
Your signals are

QSB	Are my signals fading?
QSL	Will you send me a
	confirmation of our
	communication?
QSM	Shall I repeat the last
40	message?
QSO	Can you communicate
	with?
QTC	How many messages do you
	have for me?
QTH	What is your location?
QTN	At what time did you depart
	from?
QTO	Have you left port (dock)?
QTP	Are you going to enter port?
QTR	What is the correct time?
QTU	During what hours is your
4.0	station open?
OTV	Shall I stand guard for you
414	on MHz/kHz.
ΩΤΧ	Will you keep your station
UIX	
	open for further
	communication with me for
0114	hours?
OUA	Do you have news of?

Question

Answer (4) good (5) very good Your signals are fading.
l will confirm.
Repeat the last message.
I can communicate with
I have messages for you. I am at
I left
Here is the news of



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The title of this month's colour spread could be misleading. Yet on the other hand it isn't. In this feature of superb vehicles the CB stands for Custom Built.

We find these machines absolutely fascinating, as we hope you do. The dedication of craftmanship, creativity and sheer

perfectionism is remarkable.

Maybe there is one flaw in the whole range — they don't sprout twigs and they don't have their 'ears on'. If they did their owner's handles would have to reflect their mean machines. Code names like 'Dream Machine', 'Super Wheels', 'Custom Charley', 'Fiery Fred' or 'Tyred Ted' could be suitable. If you like this custom car scene we would be happy to feature some more later on.

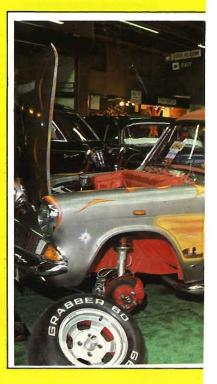
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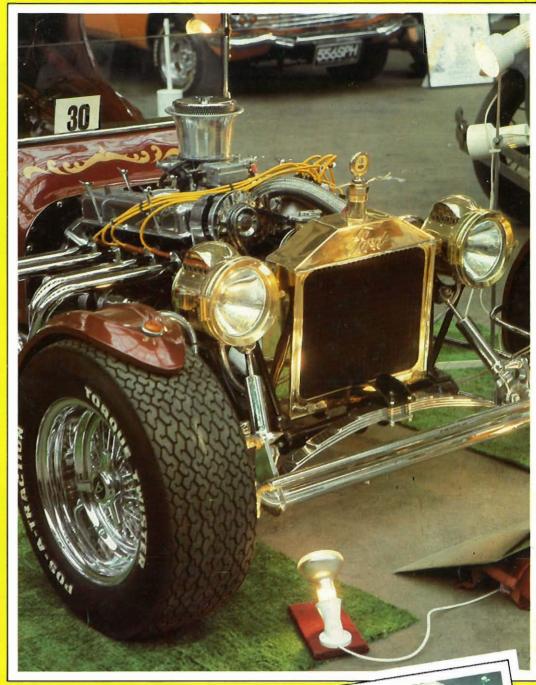


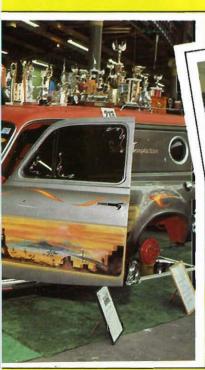


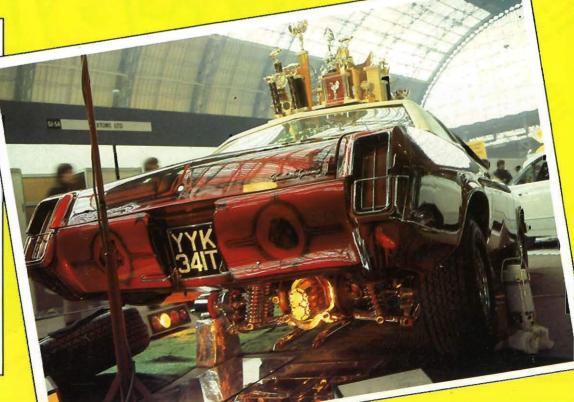


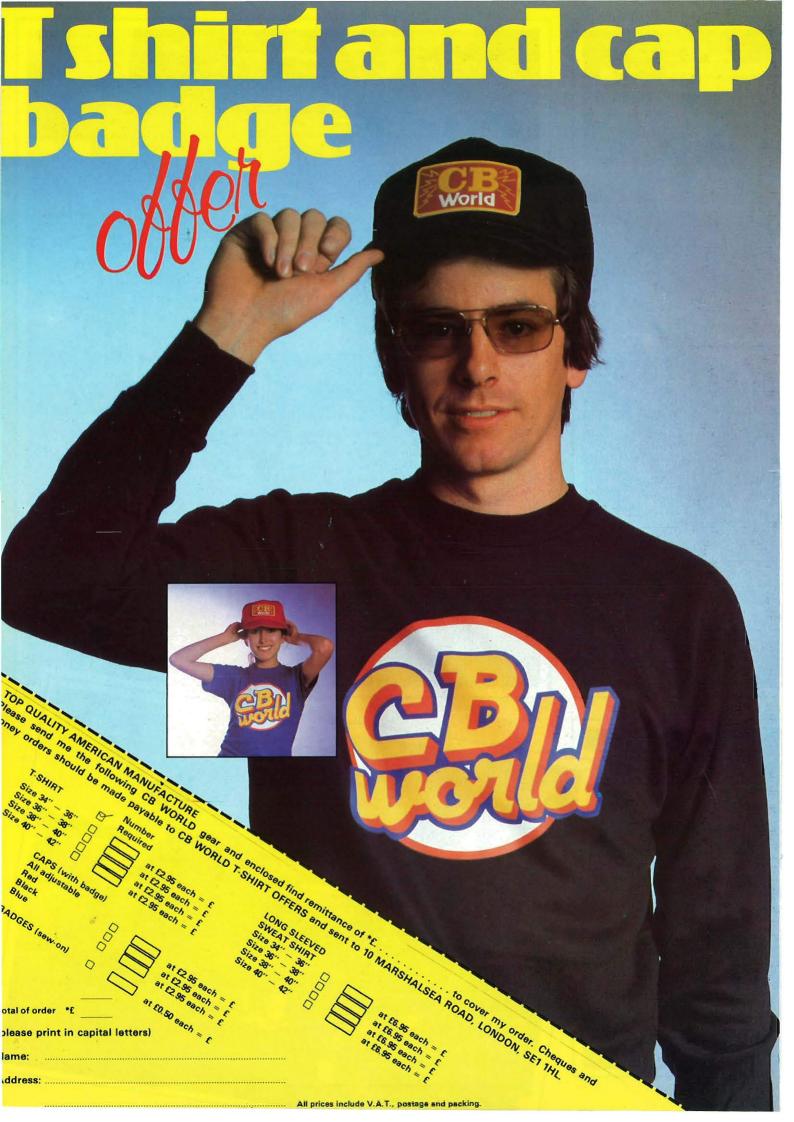












THIS& THAT

They got the point |

In our last issue we asked readers to find the handle in our handle directory that best fitted a tattoo artist. We received several amusing suggestions but the first two (a tie!) which we received giving the correct answer were Mr. G. Penney of Farsley, Leeds and Mr. D. Cooke of Todmorden, Lancs. Both will receive a CB World T-Shirt. The correct answer was "Prince of Pain".

C.Bers on target

ARROW ELECTRONICS LTD., the Brentwood based Amateur Radio and Citizens Band Radio Shop, told CB World that they would like to thank all their c.b. friends for the quite amazing amount of help that they have given in recovery of the equipment stolen from their shop. Throughout the whole of Essex the waveband comraderie quickly spread the news of the missings rigs and within hours the network was busy tracking down the stolen gear. "I have never known such an amazing reaction", Mr. Peter Clarke said. "We received calls over the air, telephone messages, and people popped into the shop with news; it was the reality of how radio enthusiasts can help each other and the community. From the police reaction it would appear that they too are surprised at the help we have had."

Record bust

In 'Bring it Back' this issue Tiger One from Colchester was fixed up with a rig and within 50 hours he had Buzby fingering his collar. Is this a "Guinness Book of Records" entry.

Cost of rigs

Many readers of CB World have written in asking how much the rigs cost which we feature in the RIGS RIGS RIGS section. We obviously can't say, for two reasons. First we are not supposed to be encouraging the use of illegal c.b. sets and secondly we do not know. However, we do know that a few (phew) of you have sets and we wondered whether we could dare you again (remember the handles, you are naughty) to write in giving us the cost of your set. Please do not guess as we want to be as accurate as we can. Send a postcard please giving make and model number to CB World, Rm 312, IPC Electrical-Electronic Press Ltd., Quadrant House, Sutton, Surrey. Thanks for your help.

CB training!

It had to happen folks. Training courses in the use and maintenance of c.b. radio sets are to be held at the North Cheshire College, Warrington. It probably stems from the training that was given for National Servicemen in the Royal Air Force. (The Publishing Director did his training there). The college claims that it is the first in the country to run courses for c.b. beginners. Mr. Chadwick, Principal Lecturer in Communications and Physics said that the course will be included in the colleges audio visual communications studies. We can hear it now. "Repeat after me the 10-code".
"What is a skateboard"? Will we see 'A' level in c.b. language? 'O' level in

Marathon

Amongst the 7,500 entries for the Gillette London Marathon which took place on March 29 was CB World's design man Geoff Harrold. Despite his advancing years, he is all of 42 years old, he huffed and puffed his way round the 26 miles in one second under 21/2 hours. A remarkable time folks and even more remarkable was the fact that he finished 142nd overall. An additional record was broken that evening, though Geoff can't remember too much about it, and that was the number of brown bottles consumed. Geoff said next year he hopes to complete the course with his 'ears on' carrying 1250 copies of CB World in a rucksack.

Family Breakers

Good buddies aged 4 years and 41/2 years must be the youngest breakers ever. They are introduced to us in a letter from Paint Pot of Steel City who gives eleven names from just two families of breakers. Paint Pot thinks this shows the impact c.b. is having on people in the U.K. We have also received a letter from Green Dragon of Cromwell City giving us the names of his family, six in all, and information on a family of five has come from Coffee Pot of Fog City. Green Dragon would like to know how many other "Family c.bers" are about. And so would we! The idea of families getting together really appeals. We would say that the family way" is one super way of getting the best out of c.b.!

CB World is also happy to welcome three Walthamstow youngsters aged 12, 16 and 17 who must be among the youngest of our readers. Are we soon going to welcome the first "breakers school"!

Is being a member of several Breakers Clubs the new trend? Roundabout of Richmond tells us he is a member of three. Can anyone hear that?

National Truckin'

This year the club 'Heart of England Truckers' is organising The National Truckin. This, they claim is the largest annual gathering of vans, trucks, rigs and rods. All are welcome to attend the weekend planned for August 14th-16th.

Activities will include; disco, dance, bars, 'show and shine', bonfire, country and western gig, silly games and tradestands.

The venue is Shenstone Mill Farm, between Tamworth and Brownhills on the A5 (near Birmingham) and will be well signposted. Adults are admitted for £5. Children under 15 go free.

If you have any queries or require futher details please contact:-Tim Slater - 0543 480 574, Roy Bickley - Tamworth 62965.

NATCOLIBAR statement

The following is taken from a letter sent to CB World by the Secretary of NATCOLCIBAR Disco One said on Woman's Hour broadcast on 30.3.81. speaking of 27 MHz FM "the National Committee for Legalisation of CB Radio, who are supposed to be representing us, should never have agreed to this". Before this error spreads, may I make it quite clear that there never has been any question of NATCOLCIBAR "agreeing" to 27 MHz FM. The decision was made by the Home Secretary alone - nobody else has the power of decision. But, that apart, Natcolcibar's advice to the Home Secretary has always been that if on 27 MHz, CB should be AM and from its last meeting a motion was sent to the Home Secretary saying so again, very clearly. DISCO ONE WAS THERE! However, above all Natcolcibar is in the business of getting à legal CB service going and will not refuse any workable specification i.e. one that will give equal or better results than breakers get at present. We do not only have existing breakers to consider, but the far greater number of potential future breakers who are not prepared to break the law he matter how stupid they think it is.



CB poets

In the previous issue we published a poem from Rembrandt of London SE4 and we said that if other breakers sent in their efforts we would include them, Well we are gluttons for punishment and here they are - not quite Poet Laureate standard but what do you expect.

The Lonely Breaker

"Pronto's Friend" be my name For a year I've been mad on this c.b. game

One Four - One Four for a copy I shout!

There must be someone there surely someone about!

Up in the morning, switch on the rig

Up to the roof, polish me twig Breaker one four for a copy I yell! Do I get an answer, do I, like hell.

Pronto's Friend they call, are you on Channel,

You sound as if you're in the English Channel,

I'm here, I'm here I say, getting

What did they say? who's that 10-1 Turkey.

Many pennies in this rig have I invested

I do hope Buzby don't get too interested.

They seek us there, they seek us here,

Those little yellow vans are everywhere.

If you do see one, don't modulate, Otherwise you may get home quite

It won't cost a penny, it won't cost a pound

But it will cost you up to £400!

I go to the goodies shop and buy all the best

Just so I can be heard and keep up with the rest.

Turn on the 'burner', turn on the 'boots'

What about T.V.I and the neighbours says the missus Never mind says I, we'll give them love and best wishes.

Diamond Dogs no better, in fact he's a pest,

He winds me up just like all the

Freezeman, Freezeman, are you there I declare

Or am I modulating into thin air?

Alas, at last the trouble I have found

The plug for the power pack is on the ground

But now it is morning and the

televisions are on So this is Pronto's Friend going down, going, gone. From PRONTO'S FRIEND CROYDON

Black Abbott

If you want a copy, On channel one nine Just ask for Black Abbott, He'll spin you a line. He tell's you he's fat, And a bit ugly too, But, watch out lady breakers, He's after you! He had a had childhood What a rotten disgrace, His wicked old mother Chopped wood on his face. He drives a white skateboard, With considerable ease He's out for a copy The girls, for to tease! Black Abbott is fast So watch what you say, He'll wind you up tight both by night and by day. One nine for a copy Black Abbott, my dear Let's go down to my channel So the breakers, can't hear. O.K. all you breakers, I've told you the facts, Watch out for Black Abbott He's the first and the last. You on channel Black Abbott? You've got the Black Nun, Now let's get together And have us some fun. Black Abbott, do you copy? It's time we had some Zeds Geordie Girl and Car-Man, Are going to our beds. Ten Ten till we do it again That's all we have to say Call in for a coffee When you're cruising down our From GEORDIE GIRL KNOTTINGLEY

The Ballad of the Breaker

I got myself a c.b. set, although I know t'aint legal yet But I couldn't wait to get me on the

At the time I didn't bargain for all the freaky c.b. jargon,

I was a breaker now, and didn't саге.

When I pick up my microphone, my voice takes on a different tone, Can't help it, it's the way we breakers talk,

My accent takes a Texan twang, and no-one understands a "thang" When as I drive along they hear me squawk....

CHORUS

Come on, my good buddy, got your ears on, my good buddy! Got my rig and my big twig, and a microphone in my paus Can anybody hear me, is there anybody near me? I'm a brand new breaker breaking, so gimme a big Ten-Four.

So one day, as I'm driving down from Way Out West, towards Bridgetown,

I'm chatting with some guy a mile

behind, He said "I think it's only fair to warn you there's a Smokey Bear" And I said "Go on, you're kidding. Never mind".

I said "I copy loud and clear, but there ain't no Smokey Bears round here,

Ain't even seen a rabbit or a stoat. Maybe a circus came to town, if I see that bear I'll run him down. He'll make my wife a super new fur coat".

CHORUS:

Come on, my good buddy, got your ears on, my good buddy? Got my rig and my big twig, and a microphone in my paw, Can anybody hear me, is there anybody near me? I'm a brand new breaker breaking, so

"No", he said, "This kind of smokey is the sort who slams you in the pokey,

gimme a big Ten-Four.

And I'll warn you now, he ain't too far away.

T'aint no more than half a mile, he'll be with you in a little while But put your hammer down, you'll be O.K.".

I said, "Well now I understand, and thank you very kindly, friend,

I gather Smokey Bear must be a Cop.

Ta, good buddy, my thanks are due, I'll give you a wave - which car are you?"

He said "The one with the flashing blue lamp on the top".

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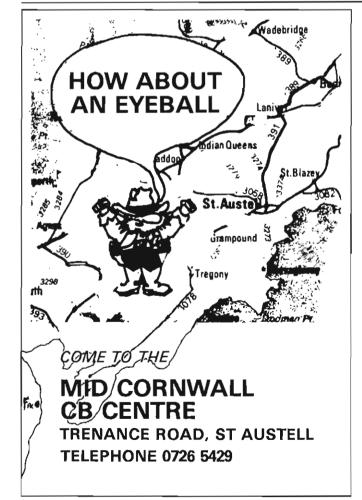
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Breakings the Game.

We've got ourselves a name Breakings gonna be the game To run the greatest 'breakers' club is gonna be our aim We got ourselves a site So we're gonna be alright To meet our mates and have a ball every Friday night

In our club there is a bar So you don't have to go far for a real great night, with music too, so come and have a jar. We're gonna be the leaders in 'breaking' ground thats new And all we need is members now, so that is up to you

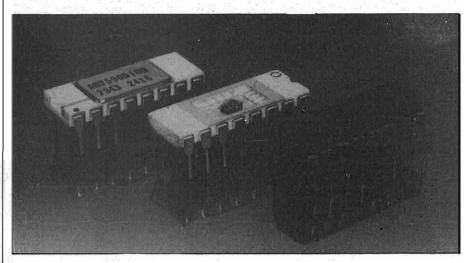
So make a note of the date And please do not come late for an evening full of booze and birds and maybe have some grub, We openly declare to 'CB' users everywhere Come and have an eyeball at the Burnham Football Club. From ALL BURNHAM BREAKERS ASSN.



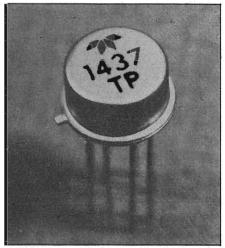
What's all this about chips?

If you're going to be into c.b., you'll be using the chip.

Better find out what they are.



Three chips in different packages. The small black object in the centre of the middle integrated circuit is the actual chip — all the rest is needed to support the chip and to allow it to be connected to a circuit. Each i.c. is around %" long and could contain hundreds of transistors.



An integrated-circuit amplifier in a metal can, which is less than a centimeter across.

THE MERE mention of words like 'micro-electronics' or 'chips' is quite likely to turn a lot of readers right off, but don't get yourselves into a dither — this isn't going to be at all painful. I just thought it might be useful to write a little piece about the above devices to describe what they are, what they do and why you can't seem to open a newspaper without being hit straight between the eyes with the latest marvel of modern microelectronics.

You can call them what you like, of course. Microelectronics, chips, integrated circuits—they all mean much the same. But be careful about 'microprocessor' and 'microcomputer': these devices all are or all use integrated—circuits, but not all integrated circuits (i.cs) are microprocessors or microcomputers. We'll come to all that later; for the time being, I'll use the expression 'i.c.', because I don't want to get writers' cramp.

Why integrate?

There are three outstanding features of i.cs which are responsible for their being spoken of with awe by everyone from cabinet makers to Cabinet Ministers — they are cheap, they are reliable and they are almost unbelievably small.

To take these points in order, let me illustrate how prices have changed. The first i.c. I ever got my hands on, back in 1965, or thereabouts, was a simple amplifier, and it cost around £45. A rather better version of that amplifier is now obtainable, two in one i.c., for 70 pence. Reliability I'll come to later on. Smallness? Well, a computer which in 1960 was powerful enough to need a fair sized room to house it can now be arranged on a slice of silicon about a quarter of an inch square. It still needs the other equipment — keyboards, display printers, files, etc. — but the electronics have shrunk to that extent.

And that is all. They're cheap, reliable and small, but totally devoid of any hint of magic. Don't let anybody kid you — there is nothing a 'chip' can do that the older kind of electronics haven't been able to do for years, but it now costs a lot less, doesn't go wrong as often and takes up a lot less space. In some ways, i.cs have made some things possible that weren't to be thought of fifteen years ago. An ordinary pocket calculator, for example, or a television game, would have cost several thousand pounds and occupied as much room as a sideboard in 1966.

It all started with the transistor. If the transistor hadn't been invented, we would

probably have had some remarkable valves by now, but integrated circuits — no chance. To make a transistor, you need a piece of a material called 'semiconductor', of which silicon is one kind. (Not silicone - that's something altogether different.) Into small, distinct parts of a small piece of silicon, you inject other materials which alter the electrical characteristics of the parts, so that the different areas of silicon conduct electricity in different ways. It only remains to connect wires to various parts of the whole thing and put the lot in a little metal can or surround it with plastic, and you have a transistor, which can be used as an amplifier or an electronic switch.

How to integrate

To be useful, a transistor needs other components — resistors, for example — which can be made in the same way. If you have a piece of silicon with a transistor formed on it, you may as well form its resistors on the same piece. Do that and you have an integrated circuit.

Nothing remarkable so far? Well, no, but then you haven't got a very remarkable integrated circuit. A one-transistor switch isn't going to set the world on fire, although

chips

when it was first done it was pretty startling. Having invented your integrated circuit, though, it's pretty much a matter of technique from then on. The different areas on the silicon which have to be modified (doped is the word) are made by photoetching, among other techniques, using a photographic transparency. A draughtsman draws a pattern of all the different areas, on several sheets because the process is done several times to enable the different areas to be doped in different ways, only several hundred times larger than life. These drawings are then reduced photographically from, perhaps, three feet square to a small fraction of an inch square; the photographs, which are called masks, allow light to fall on selected areas of the silicon which can then be treated chemically to produce areas with the different characteristics.

The way this is done is to heat the surface of the silicon to change it into oxide. This new surface is covered with a material called photoresist which is hardened when it is exposed to ultra-violet light. If the light is played on the surface through the photograph, only the selected areas are exposed, so that the rest can be washed away. Etch the now unprotected parts away with a corrosive fluid and you can make sure that any doping material can only affect the parts now uncovered. The whole process now has to be repeated several times until the required circuit is built up.

As I said, it's largely a matter of technique, because where we started with one transistor and a few resistors, there are now thousands of transistors and resistors on a piece of silicon maybe a tenth of an inch square. Still nothing magic about it, but the technology is awe-inspiring.

How reliable?

The reliability improvements I mentioned earlier are a direct result of so many components being made together on one piece of silicon. Even with thousands of components on the i.c., there are still only twenty or thirty connexions to the outside world, which means that there are only that many chances to make a mess of it. The individual components (if they can be said to be individual) are part of a solid lump of material with a very low mass, and further encased in either a block of plastic or ceramic or a metal can, with the result that you can be very nearly as brutal as you like to the i.c. without damaging it.

Before integrated circuits were used to build large systems like computers and large automatic control systems for factories, the thousands of separate components - all made by different manufactures - and the hundreds of thousands of connexions by wrap, solder, weld or crimp meant that the average length of time you could expect to have uninterrupted service was around five

hours. Indeed, it was sometimes measured in minutes. Now, a spacecraft can be sent to Saturn and be confidently expected to work when it arrives.

Why use i.cs?

All that is, doubtless, very interesting, but what, I hear you ask, do the things actually do? Ah! Yes! Good question, that. But the answer won't be quite as clear cut as "Calculate" or "Control", though i.cs will do both.

The real answer is that i.cs are only electronic components, and the real question is "What can electronics do?" If you imagine any electronic circuit, apart from those using tremendous power like transmitters or train controllers, you can say with a high degree of confidence that it can be made in i.c. form. Some circuits have 'difficult' components, such as large capacitors or inductors, but they can often be redesigned, using other components in a circuit that 'looks' like the capacitor or inductor, but is easier to make.

What i.cs have done is to make things economically, not technically possible. The first electronic computer was Colossus, a machine designed during the war by T.H. Flowers and S.W. Broadhurst to help decode the Ultra intercepts at Bletchley Park. It used 2500 valves in its MkII version and took up a complete wall with racks of equipment. (Incidentally, ten MkIIs were ordered in March, 1944, to be ready for Operation Overlord. The first was ready on June 1.)



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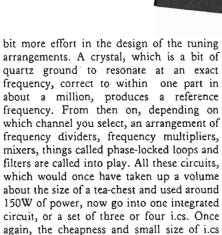


Developments after the war increased the 'power' of computers (but not for a long time the speed, to any great extent) only by making them even bigger physically. Then came the i.c., and within a short time we were talking about minicomputers and microcomputers. You can now have a machine about the size of an office typewriter that can do more, faster, than the early monsters. But, as I said, the i.c. has made that economically possible — the performance could have been achieved before, but it would all have been too big and cost too much.

A modern washing machine contains a microprocessor, which is the core of a computer. It takes in information about water temperature, time, type of clothes, etc., and makes decisions on what action to carry out when, and for how long. It is only possible to get the computing power inside the washing machine because of integrated circuits. Since this is appearing in CB World, perhaps one should mention c.b. rigs, which contain i.cs in quantity. When you select a channel, for example, an extremely complicated i.c. or set of i.cs leaps into action to obey your every whim, with a bit of luck.

In days long ago, when radio was for listening to Radio 1 on and a breaker was something that soaked you to the skin every now and then, you had to churn away at a tuning knob to select the station — you still do, of course, with domestic radios. But a c.b. channel has to be tuned accurately, particularly on single sideband, so it needs a

Computers are now so small and cheap that groups of pupils, such as this one at Long Road Sixth Form College, Cambridge can be equipped with their own equipment. A central data file (not shown here) feeds six stations or 'nodes'. The whole thing, called the Acorn Econet, costs £2,500.



To sum it all up, there are many devices around today — calculators, home computers, video games, c.b. rigs, digital clocks and watches and many, many more —

have made something economically possible,

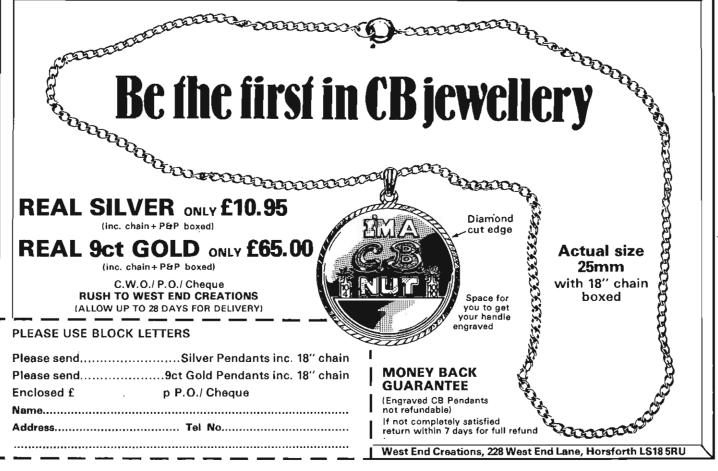
even though it could all be done technically

before the i.c. was developed.

that owe their existence in the domestic market to the 'chip'. Without it, although they could all be made, they would be far too big, cost many times more than they do, use more power than could be supplied by any convenient battery and probably not be all that reliable.

As for the future, who knows? There are indications that new materials — perhaps biological ones — will make processes faster and even more reliable and flexible. While electronic components might shrink even more, the devices that allow humans to use electronics, such as tv screens and keyboards, cannot shrink with them unless humans do so too, so there seems little point in carrying the process to extremes unless that is dictated by the technology, as with i.cs.

Whatever happens, if the acceleration in development keeps up, the '80s should see some quite dramatic changes.



"Will the publishing of the specifications be too late?" asks Brian Songer

CATCH 22

The official line, however, is that even development work in c.b., before the specifications have been published, will be an offence under the Act. While, off the record, some Home Office officials might sympathize with Brian Songer's problems, they point out that the law, as it stands, must be maintained.

All of which is no help to Songer's company, based in Haverhill, which, once in operation, would be able to offer work to many in an area already hit hard by unemployment, and at the same time begin the creation of a new industry for the town.

As he walks around the empty production area of his factory, and looks out from his office at a room full of silent assembly benches, his telephone is constantly ringing. The callers range from would-be suppliers of



components to retailers wanting to know when they can get their hands on his units. They know that demand for units at the start of legal c.b. will be high, and they also know that if S & M can produce a unit for between £55 and £70 it will sell like hot cakes. The snag, however, is the Wireless and Telegraphy Act, for if British industry can't get that vital six month start, then overseas interests will flood the market before companies like Songer's can get a look in.

When questioned about this grey area of the act, the Home Office will only say that the specification is in the process of being drafted, but before publication it will have to go before two committees, and that could mean a hold up in plans. While the first of these committee stages is that of the Home Office Technical Specifications Committee, the second is that of an advisory group made up of members of a number of trade associations, and that's why there are fears for a hold up, if only because they are not noted for their speed in coming to a decision.

The Home Office say, however, that they are mindful of the need for speed and that the only sticking point may be on how to mark an item of equipment that has type approval.

The question being asked by Brian Songer and others like him is: will the publishing of the specifications be too late, and will they still have that vital six months to prepare their equipment. They need an answer now; any-more delays and it will be too late.

Dennis Rookard

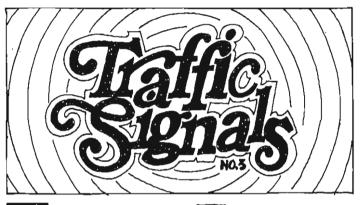


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CATCH 22 for the big 10-4

A British company is frustrated in its attempt to manufacture CB radios



equipment to be ready for the start of legal sales and operation of 27 MHz, f.m. c.b. But, as one company (S & M (Anglia) Ltd) discovered, trying to set up a legal manufacturing operation can lead you straight into a Catch-22 situation.

At issue is the interpretation of the present Wireless Telegraphy Act, which makes it an offence not only to transmit, but to manufacture c.b. equipment. Even with the equipment becoming legal shortly, the Catch-22 bit comes when you try to produce a unit before the start date, with the system specifications not yet officially given by the Home Office.

What annoys Brian Songer of S & M is that this fine example of bureaucratic behaviour could close the door to any British involvement in the c.b. manufacturing industry, and open the way for overseas interests to flood the market with Far Eastern equipment from day one of legal 27 f.m. The problem, as he sees it, is that since it will take up to six months to set up his production line, build the first batch of prototypes and get them type-approved by the Home Office, he should be able to start work now, for what is at stake is the valuable Christmas market - all the more valuable this year, because it will be the first time that the public will be able to buy these units over the counter.

WHEN the Government gave the go-ahead

for c.b. operation in the autumn, many British companies took this to mean that it would give them six to seven months to

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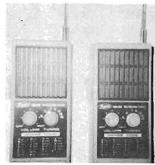
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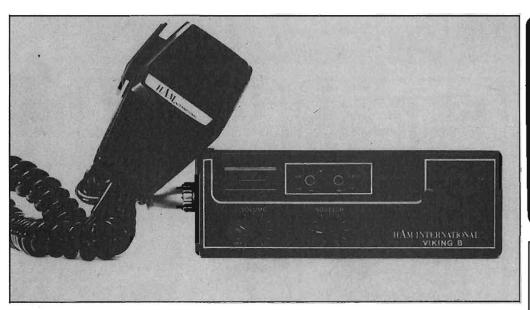
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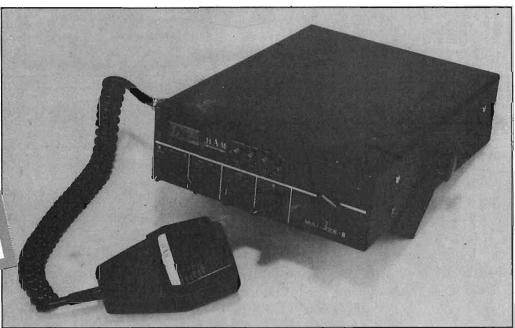
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Here again is another review of c.b. rigs, this time we show the Ham international range from Belgium, Many readers are writing and telephoning CB World asking where sets can be purchased and how much they cost. We can't answer these questions as the sets are those used in other parts of the world where c.b. is legalised. HAM INTERNATIONAL U.K. have established themselves in the U.K. (Leicester) and have been marketing their well known name through CB World but please don't telephone them about these particular sets.

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TOP:

HAM INT. — Viking.
80 channel AM/FM mobile transceiver. 4 watts.
Controls: Volume/off.
Squelch. Channel selector.
Switches: AM/FM. CB/PA.
Features: "S"/RF meter.
LED digital readout.
NB The 'Viking B' units as shown are the Dutch and Belgium versions with 22 channels only.

ABOVE:

HAM INT. — Multimode-II.
120 channel (PLL)
AM/FM/SSB mobile
transceiver. 4 watts.
Controls: Volume
squelch/off. Lo/Mid/Hi.
LSB/USB/AM/FM Clarifier.
Channel selector.
Switches: Clarifier/off.
ANL-NB/Off. CB/PA.
DX/Local.
Features: LED digital readout

"S"/RF meter.

RIGHT:

HAM INT. — Concorde-II.

120 channel FM/AM/SSB mobile transceiver.

Controls: Volume/off.

SWR-CAL/Squelch.

FM/AM/USB/LSB/CW/PA.

Clarifier/on. Tune/on. RF
Gain/Low power. Channel selector.

Switches:

"S"/RF/CAL/SWR. AN/ANL

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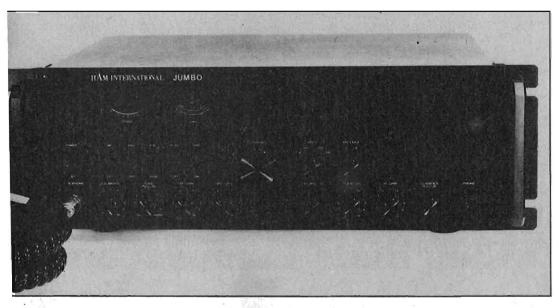
Features: Built-in Roger bleep. Tape facilities.

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HAM INT. — Puma.
120 channel AM/FM mobile
base transceiver 4 watts.
Controls: Volume/off.
Squelch. Mic Gain, Low-midhi. SWR CAL. Channel
selector.

Switches: SWR/CAL/RF. FM/AM. ANL-NB/Off. DX/Local CB-PA/CB. St.by/Norm/Call. Features: "S"/RF Meter. Built-in Roger Bleep. Built-in SWR Meter. Connector for tape.

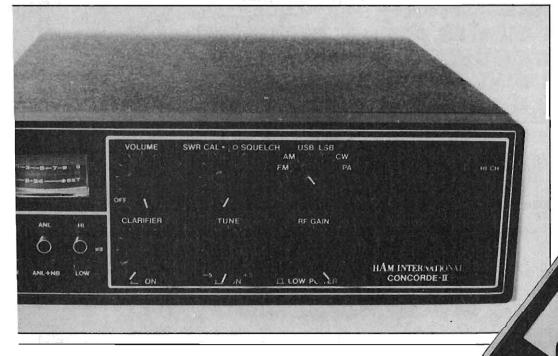


HAM INT. — Jumbo. 120 channel FM/AM/SSB base station transceiver, 5 watts AM. 6 watts FM. 18 watts SSB.

Controls: Calibrate. Tune. RF Gain. Mic Gain. AM/FM/USB/LSB. Antenna (A and B). Lo/Mid/Hi. Squelch. AF Gain. Clarifier. Channel selector. Switches: Power. NB/Off. ANL/Off. 4W/0.5W. Hi Fil/Off. SWR/CAL.

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HAM INT. — 8040.
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Controls: Squelch.
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THIS& THAT

Winter's Tale

White Linin' down To Smokey Town I turned and lost my way, Couldn't take much more Of that diesel roar That cold December day.

We were out of luck
Me an' that truck
I cussed and backed her down,
She bucked and kicked
'Till I got her licked
Then I turned that rig around.

I'd a Breakers Friend
At the other end
Of my brand new K Four-Oh,
Channel Fourteen
Told me where I'd been
And where I had to go.

But there was somethin' wrong As I rolled along My head just started rockin', And now I see That I owe c.b. And the breaker who kept me talkin'.



I was hauling' ass
Through an underpass,
When a Speed-King burned my tail,
He was takin' risks
Didn't hit his discs
Got wrapped up round a rail.

"Breaker Nine with a ten three-three, On the Eastbound M Four-Oh" I got on the air To call up Bear Sayin' "Tell them Smokies 'GO'!"

Minutes passed But they sure came fast That hole got filled with blue, and the CB Kid allas Glyn Hall (right) — M. D. Wintjoys, London — and Rick Vincent — V.P. Advertising, Firestick, U.S.A., relaxing on Glyn's recent visit to the States.

Butch Cassidy

So I had to flee
As I said c.b.
"That kid owes his life to you!"

The wind blew cold As on I rolled The sky grew dark and drab, "Break One-Nine, Back down the line, There's ICE on this super slab"

Exit Five And Man Alivel A breaker lost his motion, But he didn't wait To modulate So I trucked him in some lotion.

Exit Three
Me an' my c.b.
We were almost into town,
But as I thumbed that mike
A motorbike
With a Smokey flagged me down.

I was mighty fussed But I took that bust But then I got real mad, As he got on the air To call more Bear He said "c.b. son, IS BAD!" from CLAY MILLER, MORDEN, SURREY

CB on tape

We were sent a cassette recording called "The Official Guide to CB Radio" produced by Sound Products of Bury, Lancs. With so much rubbish about today on c.b. its refreshing to hear something sensible. The Introduction is very good and in non-technical terms it explains what c.b. is all about. The cassette is well engineered and in calling out the 10-code you hear the code coming out loud and clear from one speaker and the explanation from the other - very effective this. The tape covers, c.c. (channel courtesy) do and don'ts, choosing a handle and choosing a rig. As we said its good stuff, but the retail price is a bit staff (£3.99).

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Thanks a lot for another great issue (April/May). I am not just saying that to get my letter printed because I really do mean it. Proof of this is that I'm a converted reader because I used to read "Breaker" but soon realised that CB World was of a much higher standard especially when they started printing too much about U.S.A. c.b. and displaying pictures of big chested females sprawling over some big Yankie-dog truck. It's not - there are other necessary magazines to accommodate for those of deprived needs. I'm glad to see CB World staying clean and British and useful (c.bers handles etc.) so once again thanks for the No.1 CB magazine in Britain.

DAGENHAM DUSTBIN? RUBBISH

Seamus Shamrock

Wakefield

I was very interested and not a little amused to see your feature on CB Slang (February/March issue). I was, however, surprised to note that you say CB'ers call Ford cars "Dagenham Dustbins".

Now I am not a Ford owner or driver and I have no axe to grind on the behalf of motor manufacturers but I question the use and derivation of this term.

As anybody who is older than 25 must indeed know, any Ford car is known just about universally as a "Dagenham Oil-Burner". And if anyone remembers the days of the postwar "Popular", particularly after 50,000 miles, they will vouch for the accuracy of this expression. A dustbin is for putting rubbish in, and I don't think that even the most vituperative CB'er would refer to a Ford driver as a piece of rubbish....

While on the subject, since when has "water hole" meant a public house? A pub has been called many things, but a water hole is always what the Americans call a "comfort station" — the nerds!

Arthur Ord-Hume

CB DOWN ON THE FARM

I saw and collected a copy of your Feb/March issue from a branch of a well known newsagent in town and have read it through several times. I

agree with it all but it seems to me like the only ones who want c.b. are truckers or skaters. What about us scufflers, sprayers and fencers out here in the sticks? Many are the days when I and others go out on a tractor in the morning and are not able to speak with anyone until late in the evening. We see things going on that could do with a check but Buzby does not have a little red (or yellow) box in the corner of each four field group and despite the writings of the Philistines and telecommunicatins we cannot all maintain base stations with someone to phone and check whoever else might be concerned. If we go ham its odds against contacting one near enough to be of any use even if it is soon enough after discussing the merits of respective rigs, antennae, inputs, outputs, and the sad case of old GB3YJ who transmitted himself and left the message jammed in the mike. There are lots of times when someone could do with advice, help, clarification of a matter, question a happening, or prevent an accident.

I have seen animals on the road, I to 50 alive and one or two dead, men mowing the wrong field, cars and motorcycles being driven in fields in peculiar circumstances, people rounding up the wrong cattle, sawing down wrong trees, 22 ton loaded wagon and drag rigs meeting combine harvesters in narrow lanes, bale-carter convoys coming through villages causing havoc among holiday skaters, most times a tip off to the right buddy was all that was wanted to have the job right.

So may I say your c.b. may be more use to you in the deep sticks than at Spaghetti Junction or Chiswick flyover.

Range Hawk Stow-on-the-Wold

FAMILY OF BREAKERS

First of all congratulations on your ace magazine. I have been a breaker for eight months now and buy all the CB magazines I can lay my hands on as each one gives a variety of information, now yours is firmly on my list.

My family and I are members of the Northern Breakers Club (Highland) now 300 + strong. I also had the privilege of naming our home 20 the Stargate as we were the first residents in our village to 'break out'. Now there are over 30 and we are increasing daily.

Anyway, the second reason for writing is to give you a list of Rossshire town and village

handles for your magazine which we hope will be a great success. From a Heuchter Teuchter family of breakers:

The Stud — Underdog Stargate Lady — Sergeant Major Bloodhound — No. 1 son Ketchup Kid — No. 2 son.

As you named your XYL Sergeant Major I named you underdog. I'm sure that's not how it is. We get many letters from families of breakers. Ed.

MODEL YOURSELF ON FM

Now that the Government has decided to allow c.b. facilities by the Autumn of this year, your magazine has the opportunity to press home to c.b. users what is legal and what is not. In your December issue you say you do not want to take sides in the MHz issue. You should do, yours is a national publication for c.b. users. Secondly you point out rather proudly that you share the same stables as some great magazines such as Motor and Autocar. Do something positive and ensure that the users stay within the new laws that will come out later in the year.

Modellers like myself spend many hours building boats (and planes, cars etc) and then travel all over the country and the World operating them regattas. Thats what I want to do and in doing it I am no problem to anyone. I do not make any noise, do not make any mess and stay within the confines of the Radio Regulatory Act. I use 27 MHz a.m. LEGALLY. If anybody tried to stop me then I would be very upset, and the same goes for any hobby or activity. If people want to use C.B. then who am I to stop them. But they interfere with my hobby. They operate ILLEGALLY on 27 MHz a.m. Your magazine must press home to your readers what the frequencies will be - 27 MHz f.m. and 930 f.m. - and ask that the illegal gear is taken out of circulation.

You cannot blame us for getting upset, we have stayed within the confines of the Law, and yet c.b. have consistently broken it. And now that you will soon have the facility legally I read reports in my local paper that the local c.b. users will stay on 27 MHz a.m. because of the expense of buying or converting their gear. I have three sets of radio gear all of which cost me a lot of money to buy. If the

Government gives me another frequency then I would not hesitate to convert it all just to get me away from c.b. interference. Yours faithfully,

Gregory Metcalf General Secretary

Model Power Boat Assn - UK.

What we said in our December issue (27MHz f.m. was not approved then) was that CB World would not take sides in the 27-41-930MHz battle because we wanted the Government to declare its intention then we would support it.

then we would support it.

We agree that c.b. users should now move away from 27MHz a.m. but CB World cannot make then, only the law can do that. Even those using it know they are breaking the law but as we said in the leader of April/May, people have lashed out money for the sets and do not want to throw them in the dustbin. Let us hope that conversions can be made for them cheaply then 1 am sure most will change over. Ed.

OPEN LETTER TO MR. WHITELAW

Dear Mr. Whitelaw,

I am dropping a few words just to say I am a heart broken young lady breaker. I have waited for over a year for you to say c.b. is legal and I hardly use the rig as I do not want my parents to pay for my irresponsible actions but it is a hobby I love. I am not only writing for myself as there are many breakers who love c.b. and use it for a hobby. There are even old people that have a c.b. and they think it's great when they cannot get out and if in any trouble the rig is handy.

As you will most probably have seen on television and in the news, c.b. saves lives of many people and it can go on saving lives of many people but the breaker who reports any accidents or troubles is rising prosecution and it could be changed if it was made legal on 27 MHz AM and not FM. You have more than likely heard all this and say that AM frequency is used by many health services but I wish you would take my word it doesn't as I live right next door to a person who is on a pacemaker and that overrides the rig. You may think I am going on but I am only 16 years old and if anything c.b. is the best thing in my life.

If you change your mind which we all hope you will I am sure c.b. 27 MHz AM will be well worthwhile. AM is much better as we will be able to speak to countries abroad who have c.b. already on AM. If you make it so we have to break legally on FM. It isn't worth it as all the other countries on AM will not be able to copy us. All the breakers do not abuse c.b. around my district and do not break the c.b. laws. Chatty Kathy and all the breakers



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ASPIDISTRA

FOR THE citizens of the German city of Frankfurt, the evening of March 25th, 1945, was much like any other. Every day brought news of fresh disasters, as the Allies continued their push forward into the heartland of the Reich. They knew that, sometime that evening, the air-raid sirens would sound again, heralding the start of yet another RAF 'terror raid'. There was little else to do but wait.

For many, that waiting was relieved by tuning in to Radio Frankfurt, the local station of the national network, and for most of the early part of that March evening, many found comfort in the entertainment programmes from Berlin. At around 9.15 p.m. as the first of the air-raid sirens sounded over the city the programme from Berlin was faded, and Radio Frankfurt, as was normal before an air raid, began to broadcast a series of instructions for the population to follow, only this time, the instructions were more alarming than usual.

Those due to evacuate the area, should move now ... all Red Cross nurses should report for duty ... an army car with four passengers in uniform, were in fact enemy agents, they must be halted and arrested, any resisting, and they were to be killed, all butchers in the area were to report to the slaughterhouse to help in the execution of emergency measures. Then as the bombs began to rain down, the station went off the air, not wanting its transmitters to act as direction-finder beacons for RAF aircraft on their bomb run.

A normal broadcast for the Frankfurt area in that black year for Germany? Well, yes and no. Yes, in that it was the type of broadcast the local population were well used to tuning into, and no, because what Frankfurt listeners hear that night, was a complete fake, designed to put the population into a state of panic, which is just what it did, putting valuable people into the thick of the bombing and creating chaos in the city's over-stretched rescue services.

It was not until morning, when the questioning started, that the frightening truth came out. Radio Frankfurt had not even been on the air at 9 p.m.; it had followed procedure and closed down with the approach of the bombers, so who or what was the mystery radio station broadcasting to Frankfurt that night?

The answer lay not in Germany, but in England where, in the Bedfordshire village of Milton Bryan, near Woburn, a group of psychological warfare experts sat back and



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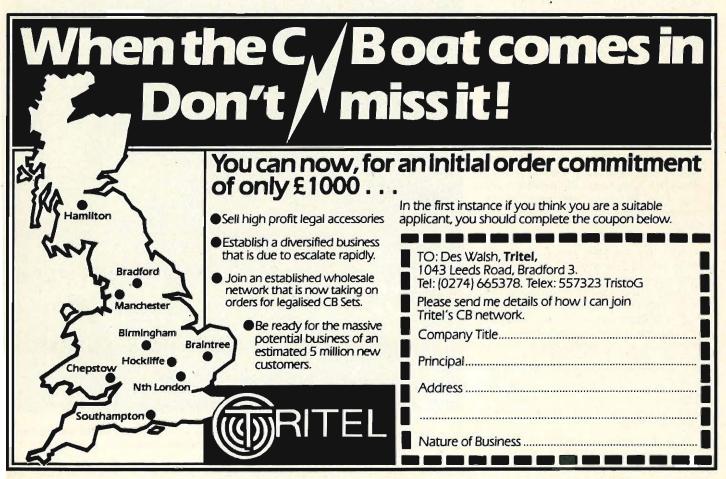
waited for a reaction. For the fake broadcasts had not only been their idea, but had been produced in a small studio in the village, and broadcast over a transmitter at Crowborough in Sussex. This transmitter was the key factor in this pirating of the German airwaves for, unlike most transmitters that require a crystal to maintain a set frequency when in operation, this one, given the pet name of "Aspidistra" by its engineers, had the unique feature of being able to change its transmitting frequency within a minute, and this at a time, when it might take hours if not days to change the operating frequency of an ordinary transmitter.

"Aspidistra" had been born in the workshops of the Radio Corporation of America. Designed to operate in the medium-wave band, she had been given a 600 kilowatt output, giving her a voice that was, in early 1945, the most powerful in Europe. Throughout the war, Aspidistra had been responsible for the transmission of a number of pirate radio broadcasts, in particular a fake German forces radio station known as Soldatensender Calais, which broadcast a mixture of true and false news, still thought by many German ex-servicemen to be genuine. Her prime task, however, and the reason for her design, was to capture a German domestic frequency and broadcast misleading information and announcements for the local population.

The brains behind this operation was Sefton Delmer, an ex-Daily Express journalist pressed into wartime service with the Political Warfare Executive, who waged psychological warfare on the enemy — if you like, a department of dirty tricks, and anti-Nazi propaganda. Delmer had gathered around him a team of fellow journalists, German and European refugees, experts in a number of fields, such as printing, broadcasting and, surprisingly, German prisoners of war who had been 'turned'.

Early in the war, his team had discovered that the German domestic broadcasting system had an Achilles heel for, unlike the BBC who broadcast the same programme on one frequency via a large number of transmitters, all operating on that same frequency, the German system had a separate frequency for each transmitter in its network. Apart from giving a local area its own programmes from time to time, it did for the Germans have one major disadvantage, in that, with RAF bombers operating in that area, the transmitters could

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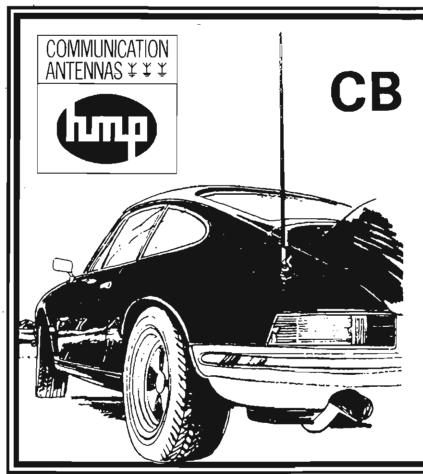
Armed with this information, Sefton Delmer went to work. His team mounted a twenty-four-hour radio watch, and logged the German stations which closed down, and at what time; from this information it was then possible to tell when the next station in the German network would go off air, if only because it was on the route of a bomb run into Germany. The next problem to overcome was how to fool the listeners into thinking that their local station was still on the air. Again because of the German broadcast system, it was found possible to tune into another local transmitter, and rebroadcast its signal, for all programmes on the network were the same.

Lastly, came the problem of the voice of the German announcer. Remember that any strange voice would ruin the entire fake broadcast, so it had to be the same. In his book, Black Boomerang, Sefton Delmer relates how he overcome this possible major snag. First, recordings were made of any emergency broadcasts, their wording, and the style of presentation: this was followed up by the two fake announcers, a man and a women, spending time over a number of weeks, imitating the style and accents of the genuine announcers. Given the code name of 'Intruder', the team of broadcasters and engineers felt they were ready to go but, as a final touch, one of the studio engineers, pointing out that a German studio and microphone set up would give a slightly different sound to that of its British counterpart, suggested the addition of small tin-foil reflectors behind each microphone. The result was to give the broadcasts the same metallic quality as that of a normal German broadcast.

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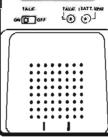
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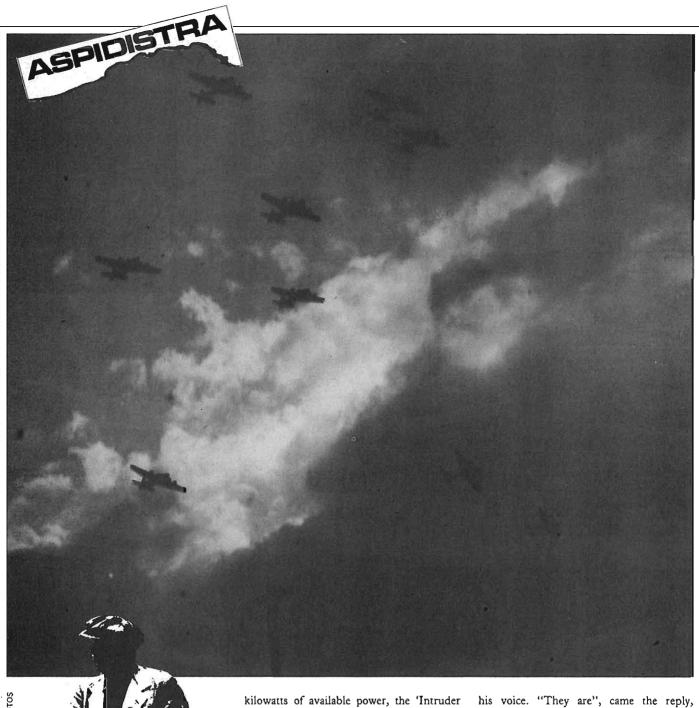
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kilowatts of available power, operation' was ready to begin.

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The team's first mission was to pirate the Cologne frequency, and with RAF operational information to say that the expected loss of programmes and close-down of the Cologne transmitter would be at around 8 p.m. that evening, the only thing left for Delmer and his group of pirate broadcasters to do was wait. With the atmosphere in the control room becoming tenser by the minute, 8 p.m. ticked by on the studio clock with the Cologne programmes still coming in loud and clear; fifteen minutes later they were still there, questions flew around the control room . . . why was Cologne still on the air . . . were the RAF bombers going to hit Cologne after all, was all their work for nothing?

Suddenly the studio telephone rang. Delmer grabbed it . . . "What do you think of the signal now from Cologne?", came the question from "Aspidistra's" engineers, "Very nice, but it's time they were off the air, isn't it?", said Delmer, sarcasm heavy in

his voice. "They are", came the reply, "that's us you're hearing; we took control twenty seconds ago".

With a thumbs-up to the two announcers, the programme, now being received from a transmitter in Vienna, and relayed by the British pirate station on the Cologne frequency, was faded out and "Aspidistra" went to war.

For that first programme in March 1945, fake orders were given, for example, that evacuation should start from two zones in the city, whilst others were to stay put, and if need be face death bravely; on the other hand, others were told to report to a number of fake assembly points, suggesting that small hand carts, bicycles and wheelbarrows would make it easier to carry any personal belongings.

The following evening, the team were at it again; this time, the target city was Frankfurt, whilst on the third, it was Leipzig. Sefton Delmer records that by this time citizens were being tempted from the safe shelters and homes by reports, all fake,

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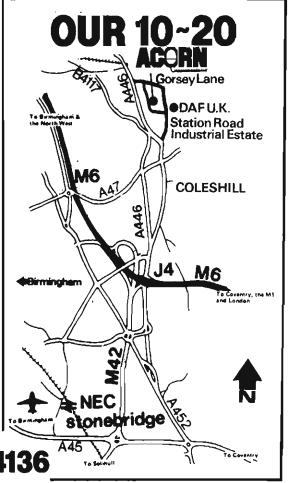
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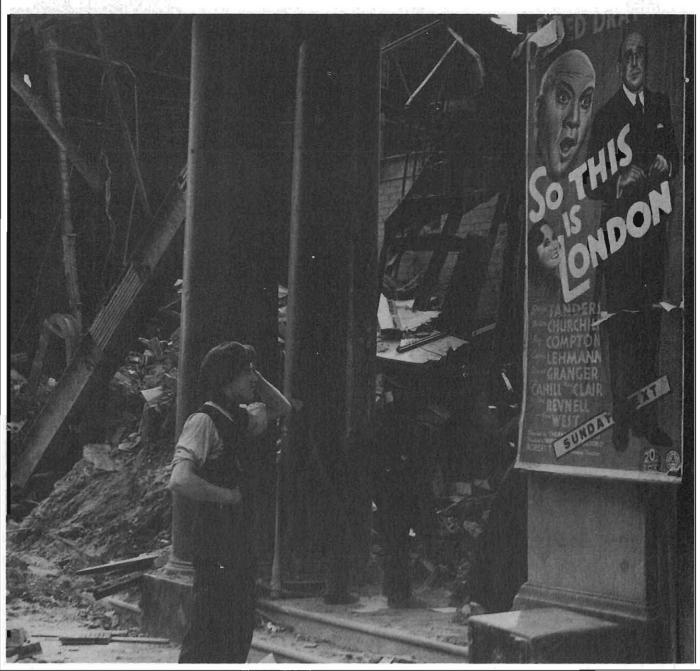
that special trains were distributing food stuffs, hot drinks and clothing at a number of stations and railway yards...all in the heart of the area, where bombs were raining down. Yet another message given to the unsuspecting listeners was about the establishment of seven bomb-free safety areas throughout Germany, made all the more effective because of broadcasts by the BBC of "targets for tonight" lists.

How successful were these intruder operations? Delmer maintains that they deprived the German authorities of the use of local radio for issuing orders to the population, for when they found out what had been happening, officials came on the air to say "the enemy are broadcasting counterfeit instructions on our frequencies . . . do not be misled by them," which was just what the British psychological warfare experts wanted. Now that the local population would not believe any local news broadcasts, taking over the country by the Allies became overnight an easier task. In his official history of the department, Charles

Cruickshank backs Delmer up, saying that reports found after the war in Germany suggest that great confusion and unrest had been caused by the broadcasts, with whole neighbourhoods being terrified by the fake news of evacuations, etc.

Looking back at those events, it is fair to say that the Intruder operation and the use of transmitter "Aspidistra", was a low-down, dirty trick on the part of the British forces but on the other hand one has to remember that in early 1945, we were fighting a total war, and any method that could shorten it was adopted.

What happened to "Aspidistra" after the war? Well, the short answer is that she was too useful to be taken apart, so with the Crowborough transmitting site being taken over again by the BBC for normal peacetime use, Aspidistra was put to work broadcasting the medium-wave relay of the BBC World Service programmes, a task, if rumour is to be believed, that she is still performing on 463 metres today.



DXing

question "may I have you name and address for my QSL card". A QSL card is an individually designed postcard or picture postcard, which you send to the other station to confirm and compliment the QSO (conversation) you had with him or her. If you promise to QSL keep that promise. Sign and date your cards and if you can afford it always send more than one for him to pass on to other people he may copy. Do not delay in sending you QSL card; try and send it within a week of the QSO.

You will find that when DXing you will meet many new friends on the airwaves.

Foreign stations always look forward to talking to English stations because c.b. is still illegal here. You may find yourself DXing or skip talking for quite a few hours in a day.

To talk to certain countries it all depends on the time of day and how well the skip will last — some say it will last well into 1985. Incidentally, to catch the American stations at this time of the year, best results can be obtained between 3 p.m. and about 8.30 p.m. Naturally, as the days grow longer, so does the skip. As the sun travels around the earth, so will your signal. One moment you could be talking to a station in South America and later on in the day, if all is well, it could be North Africa.

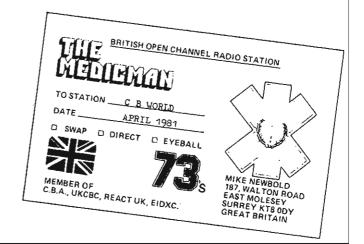
When you do get a QSO, ensure you get the name and address down as soon as possible, because skips can change very rapidly. You can copy a station very clearly and then lose it in the skip quite suddenly.

On saying your farewells, it is common to say "73's and 55's to you and your family". This simply means "best wishes or all the golden numbers" (as all the a.m. users would say).

I hope that this has explained in simple terms a little more about DXing and QSLing. I trust that more of you will take up s.s.b. and join the many friends already contacting one another from one country to another. 73's and 55's and successful DXing from now on.

Editor's note. In the above article Jim Glavin is advocating the use of linear amplifiers or 'burners'. We point out that this is highly illegal and antisocial. Even when c.b. becomes legal in the Autumn of 1981 'burners' will still be illegal.









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B R Butcher

code names we did not realise quite what we were taking on. We have been swamped with 'handles' from John O'Groats to Lands End. Many readers have selected their handles from our published lists, thus avoiding duplication or triplication of names in the same twenty (area). This service — no other c.b. publication provides it — has led us to set up The National Register of c.ber's handles. Names (not real ones of course) will be logged on a computer for easy access, deletion and printing in CB World. In selecting a code name try to be original. After all there could be 100 Snoopys, Red Barons or Black Knights. If you do choose a handle and you come face-to-face or channel-tochannel with a person with the same name, try in a friendly way to find out who has been on the air the longest. The other then agrees to change. You can, however, keep your handle if your 'sound-alike' is in another town not normally copied. For instance, it is perfectly in order to have two Snoopys, one in Sheffield and the other in Leicester. Anyway, to those who have sent in their handles, be patient, we can't have CB World looking like a telephone directory - yet!

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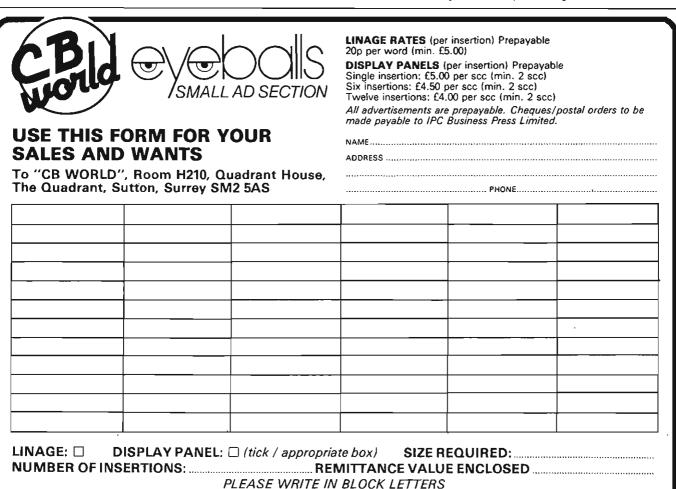
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Kitchen	Penistone	Milky	Truro	Moonshine	Daventry		S. Yorks
Queen		Milly Amp	St. Ives, Cambs.	Moonshine	Esher	Pink Ribbon	Burton-on-Trent
		Minder	Hailsham, Sussex	Moonshine	Fareham	Piranha	Crawley
Little Bo Peep	Telford, Salop	Minder	Maidenhead	Moonshiner	Southampton	Pirate	Burton-on-Trent
Little Brother	Walthamstow	Minnie Mouse	Plymouth	Moon Unit	Sutton	Pirate	Chipping Norton
Little Bullet	Leicester	The Minstrel	St. Andrews, Fife	Moose	Rawtenstall	Pixie	Sutton
Little	Loughborough	Minute Man	Ewell	Mortician	Batley	Plastic	Huntington
Diamond		Minute Man	Port Isaacs	Motorman	Daventry	Penguin	
Little Genie	Chichester	Miss Mop	New Malden	Motor Mouse	Nottingham	Plastic	Surbiton
Little John	Leyland, Lancs.	Miss Muffet	Stanley	Mouse Hound	Truro	Penguin	
Little Mamma		Miss Piggy	Letchworth	Music Maker	Kingston	Pocket	Tolworth
Little	Boston, Lincs.	Mission	Molesey	Music Man	Daventry	Battleship	
Ploughman		Control		Mustang	Burton-on-Trent	Polar Bear	Penistone Area,
Little Princess	Telford, Salop	Mississippi	Barnsley	Mutley	Bournemouth		S. Yorks
Little Puss	Hersham	Mister Foo	Kingston	-		Polecat	Boston, Lines
Little	Loughborough	Mister Jaffa	Stratford-on-Avon	Night Rider	Market	Poly-filler	Daventry
Scorpion		Mister Lifter	Hinckley		Harborough	Pop Star	Slough
Little Sniffer	Sheffield	Mister Mole	Penistone Area,	Night Rider	Walthamstow	Porky Pig	Fareham
Live Wire	Telford, Salop		S. Yorks	Nimrod	Molesey	Prairie Dog	Epsom
Lobo	Livingstone	Mister Music	Torbay	Nomad	Hersham	Pressman	Tolworth
Longshot	Lichfield, Staffs	Man	1	Nookie Bear	Stanley	Prester John	Barlanark



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Red Eye Slough Red Governer Ramsey Red Riding Newcastle-upon-Hood Tyne Red Robin Penistone Area. S. Yorks

Red Rocket Dorking Red Rooster Moritimer Red Rooster New Malden Red Rooster Penistone Area. S. Yorks

Red Rufus Hаггоw Burton-on-Trent Red Sea Red Star Mount Vernon Melksham, Wilts Red Tiger Red Tomato Woking Barnsley Reinforcer Telford, Salop Rentman Rhubarb Wallasey Molesey Robin Hood

Phoenix, Arizona Richochet Racer Ridgeback Shepperton Rochdale Morecambe Cowboy

Rock Hudson Northampton The Rocket Letchworth Roller Ball Kingston Rolls Royce Edinburgh Romeo Luton Romeo II Stanley Telford, Salop Rompin

Donkey Rooster Farnham, Surrey Roots Slough Rose Bud Northampton Rose Bud Tolworth Rough Rider Isle of Man Round Lion Hinckley Richmond, Surrey Roundabout Running Bear Telford, Salop

Running Bear Walton Rupert Penistone Area, S. Yorks

Rustic Lady Tolworth Rusty Nails

Silver Fox

Skytower

Skywalker

Sleepy Jo

Silver Lady York Simple Simon Burton-on-Trent Sinbad Singing Clown Huntingdon Skylab Leicester Skylark Skylark Helston Skyliner

Ardrossan Queensbury Lowestoft Skywalker Sleaford Sloop John B Cheltenham Aldershot

Sly Fox Smitty Тгиго Smurf Daventry Snake Bite Addlestone Sniffer Sheffield Snowball Esher Snowbird Surbiton Snowdrop Luton Snowdrop Salcoats

Snowflake The Snowman Snowplough Snow White Socket Set Sod Buster

Soldier Blue Soldier Blue Solitair Solitair

Sovereign Space Invader Spare Wheel Spartacus Speedbird Spieggie

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Loon Sporty

Woman Spotlight Spotlight Square Eyes Square Leopard

Squeakin Decon Squeezer Squire

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Chertsey, Surrey Stamford, Lines.

Molesey Orpington, Kent Lichfield, Staffs Alford, Lincs

Lowestoft Penistone Area, S. Yorks Bradford Deal

Bristol Houghton, Cambs. Slough

Stockbridge Tolworth Heathfield, Sussex Codnor, Derby Coventry Kinston

Walton Northampton

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Stratford-on-Avon Kingston

Stallion Telford The Stanford Newport,

S. Wales Starfighter Radcliffe Stargazer Ardrossan Starlord Pontefract Starman Slough Starman Stirling Telford, Salop Startrooper Starwarrior Cleckheaton Pelsail

Steel Cowboy Steel Puise Steptoe Sticky Prune Stingray

Stingray Stormbringer Strawberry Fields Streamliner

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Spice Sunray Weybridge Sunshine Super

Charger Super Hogg Isle of Man Super Mac Superman Supermarket Super Sam Bury Super Sport

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Super Tramp Shrewsbury Shefford Super Trooper Super

Trooper Super Trouper

Super Trouper Surfrider Suzepan

Taunton Swamp Rat **Ewell** Swan Vesta Kingston Sweeny Tod Daventry

Sylko One

Tigeress Hampton Tigger Leyland Tigress **Tigress** Yate Tilly Mint

Tinny Mini Tiswas Toby I Toby II Toby Jug Toffee Apple Tokyo Joe Tokyo Rose Tom Thumb Tommy Gun Toolmaker Top Band Top Cat Top Man Torque Wrench Touchdown Touched Up Towbar

Stanley Slough

Walton

Clapham

Ardrossan

Tonbridge

Cherisey

Walton

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Haverford West

Slough

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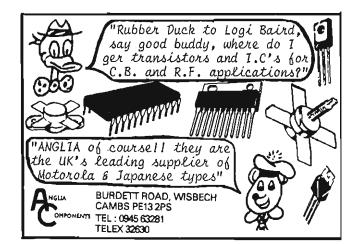
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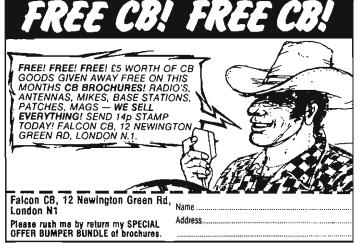
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