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Editor

I would like some information on the so-called American Citizens Band Association (ACBA), I believe that the organization is not really up to par and is just an attempt to get Ernest L. Walker, ex-15W1670, back on the air. He had his license revoked by the FCC. This club, in my opinion, will or could do great harm to future CB'ers. I am enclosing some literature which the organization sent me. Thanks for a good job with S9. From a CB old timer.

> Bob Charbonneau, 18W4062 Kankakee, Ill.

Bob. your letter was but one of a flood from irate CB'ers who swamped our offices with violent complaints about this preposterous anti-FCC "club." Details of the organization were outlined last month in our June editorial. We suggest that readers ignore the barrage of hate-the-FCC literature and requests for funds turned out in reams by this small extremist group.

HAPPY, HAPPY, HAPPY!

Tom:

KBG4303 Rides Again, and again, and again! Yours is the only editorial read every issue, every month-FIRST!

> Rich Blomberg, KHA9138/CENT. 26 Chicago, Ill.

Editor.

I am the Secretary of the Lake Placid 5 Watters Club. The President of the club and I wish to voice a complaint! There aren't enough copies of \$9 on the local newsstands. As a result, we are in a constant battle to convert the club's "borrowers" into regular subscribers. We can't say "no" to the loan of S9 to fellow members, but have a heart and send some more issues up our way each month! The password around here is, "Get your own S9!" Francis Sheffield, KID0555 Lake Placid, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

We here in Shreveport want you to know that your magazine easily reads "30 over S9," a real fine signal here in the deep south. Our club, the Caddo-Bossier CB Radio Club, has subscribed en masse to S9 and this is a note to let you know that there hasn't been even one single complaint so far. We really like it, even if it's run by a bunch of Yankees! But I suppose everyone can't live here in the south.

> J. H. Ellington, Sec.-Treas. Caddo-Bossier CB Radio Club Shreveport, La.

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A MODEL COMMENT

Editor:

I think you are a louse. First, for even suggesting that Part 15 handy talkies share the Class C radio control frequencies and second, for your survey which determined that certain Class C frequencies were seldom used. I do not read your rag but if no one has ever told you, radio control by its very nature requires a minimum account of interference and other modes of transmission cannot be tolerated. An expenditure of over \$700 in model aircraft can be shot down by some damn fool whistling or vakking on a handy talkie. Since you run a magazine primarily in the interests of Class D I would think you would put your own house in order before going on a witch hunt to your neighbors. You may rate an S9 with Class D readers but right now you're a poor S1 with Class C people until you straighten out and fly right. Print this along with your change of heart.

> Joseph Mackora, Jr., 1W5371 (Class C) 328 Saybrooke St. Hartford, Conn.

Actually, we have received quite a bit of mail from radio control model enthusiasts, this particular one was a little more violent than most. Part 15 stations operate on Class C frequencies with full FCC authority, none has ever been known to cause interference to radio control operations. Part 15 hobbyists might like to drop Mr. Mackora a card or letter and let him know that they are not "damn fool."

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Tom.

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TRAVELERS

Editor:

While traveling cross-country this month I was stalled and stranded in a sand storm near Palm Springs, Calif. My call of distress was quickly answered by 11Q5345 of San Bernardino (then mobile). He told me that he was an S9 Area Public Relations Editor. His services certainly speak well of his organization. Thanks for 11Q5345 and S9.

> Lt. A. E. Weselesky, KID1237 Naval Post Graduate School Monterey, Calif.

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LICENSE FEES ANNOUNCED

If you read every nook and cranny of S9, you may have noticed at the end of last month's "Washington Outlook" column we had a small blurb about possible FCC license fees of \$5 to \$10 for CB'ers within the next 6 months. As usual, S9 called the shots ahead of the official release from the FCC, however the release came through anyway.

This license-fee plan has now been trotted out for what appears to be it's final time-having made its initial appearance in Docket 10869 of January 28, 1954. This proposal failed and several subsequent tries at pushing it over the hill also resulted in zero results.

Under the new Docket, which goes into effect on January 1, 1964, CB'ers will donate \$8 to Uncle Sam for their CB licenses, and \$8 for all renewals and modifications of the license. Ham operators, on the other hand, will spend \$4 for filing the original application and renewals and \$2 for modifications. Novice class licenses remain free. Broadcasting stations will be shelling out \$50 for AM and FM licenses and \$100 for TV licenses. Other services also got hit by the fees with the exception of certain public service licensees (police, fire, etc.).

Looking over the new resolution, Docket 14507, which came into being even after two of the seven FCC Commissioners refused to ratify it, several thoughts come into the picture which relate to its effect on CB and CB'ers. We think that you might like to mull them over with us.

In view of some of the wording used, we feel that the fees are most discriminatory against the Citizens Radio Service. For instance, the Commission, in establishing the \$2 fee for a restricted radiotelephone permit, stated, "If this amount were reduced our objective to limit such licenses to persons having an actual need therefore would not be accomplished." In our opinion, the \$8 fee for CB licenses was imposed as a regulatory measure to thus strangle off the growth of the CB service with the Commission arbitrarily deciding that having the \$8 fee will put you in the status of "having a need for the service."

We feel that it is discriminatory in the respect that 50,000 watt commercial broadcasting stations, who are in radio for profit, will be spending \$50 while we are paying almost 20% of this price to be able to use a CB rig. It is interesting to note, by the way, that in the original 1954 proposal, broadcasting stations were going to be hooked for \$325 with Hams in line for a \$3 fee. The broadcasting station fee dropped 85%, the Ham fee went up 33%. Commissioner Robert Bartley, who refused to vote along with the 5 Commissioners who passed this Docket, stated that he believes broadcasting stations should be charged fees more equitably determined by relation to their advertising card rate than by the imposition of the flat fees as being done in Docket 14507.

Carrying this thought along further, it would seem more equitable if CB licenses were charged on the basis that we are not using the service for a profit, and the only monies involved are those which are *saved* by commercial enterprises using the service to expidate deliveries, etc.

On the other hand, if the CB charges are based upon the fact that a certain amount of personnel time is spent processing CB applications, why are we being forced to pay out \$8 while Hams, whose applications re-

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S9 VISITS AN FCC MONITORING STATION

by LEE AURICK, 2W2870

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Picturesque former farmhouse serves as FCC Laurel, Maryland monitoring facility. Tree in foreground, one of the oldest in State, reputed to be more than 400 years old.

The cordial invitation from Mr. George S. Turner, Chief, Field Engineering Bureau, to visit the FCC's Laurel (Maryland) Monitoring Station held for me the same pleasant anticipation that one might experience at an invitation to Fort Knox. Except—the operation of a monitoring station in operation was certain to be more interesting than a pile of gold bars.

Most people, even licensed radio operators, have little occasion to come in contact with the Commission's Field Engineering Bureau, and after nearly two decades of holding various radio licenses, your reporter was no exception.

Upon receiving the invitation, arrangements for a specific date were made with Mr. Turner, who also offered detailed directions and advised that Mr. Irv Weston, Chief, Monitoring Systems Division, would be on hand to meet me. The directions through Maryland's beautiful countryside were thorough—and vitally necessary. The FCC makes a point of selecting out-of-the-way sites for their monitoring stations, and doubtless, many of the local residents are completely unaware of the nature of the 237 acre government reservation just a few miles away.

As your reporter turned off the side road on to the reservation, a group of buildings on the left came into view. This would be the FCC Laboratory buildings of which Mr. Turner spoke. Continuing down the lane, the next building that came into view was a very charming colonial farmhouse. This building, set approximately one-half mile off the road, I later learned, is more than twohundred years old, and houses the monitoring facilities.

Mr. Weston, and Mr. Hobart Johnson, Engineer-in-charge, greeted me, and welcomed me to the station.

After a few minutes spent discussing the purpose for which I had come, to tell S9 readers how a monitoring station operates, I suggested that perhaps I would have a better idea as to the questions I should ask after a tour of the station.

With that, Mr. Johnson led the way into the main monitoring room.

Hundreds of dials and knobs stood-out on the brightly illuminated console. The room was spotless, and our presence almost seemed to intrude on the quiet efficiency of the entire installation.

The teletype machines behind us sprang to life and began their robot-like clatter of datdat-dat-dat-. The operator on duty moved

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Mr. Johnson adjusts one of the many receivers used for monitoring.

over to read the messages coming in from other monitoring stations.

It was a moment or two before I was able to pull my eyes from the maze of equipment and recall that I was here to ask questions, and not just gape at the gear.

My hosts explained that there are three separate monitoring positions, with back-up equipment and auxiliary facilities for each. The range of frequencies which the station can monitor covers 14 kilocycles to 3,500 megacycles—virtually all of the radio spectrum presently useable for communications. This operation is maintained on a 24 hour basis.

The scope of a monitoring station and its responsibilities include, but are not limited to: rule enforcement; interference investigations; taking radio-location bearings on ships and aircraft in distress; and other activities involving the safety of life and property.

Contrary to the opinion that many Citizen Banders may hold, a very small part of the time at any one monitoring station is devoted to listening to, or "looking at", CB stations.

Laurel is one of the eighteen stations maintained by the Field Engineering Bureau, and all are directly connected by teletype for instant coordination in monitoring activities. Thus each monitoring station, operating on a previously assigned schedule, is able to request assistance from any or all of the other stations, if necessary. Each month one station will set aside other duties to perform specific monitoring projects.

Mr. Johnson demonstrated the ease and rapidity with which it is possible to obtain a bearing as to the direction of any station they can hear. As I looked into the 'scope, the radar-like device drew a pattern of lines that pointed both at the received station, and 180 degrees in the opposite direction. Only one additional bearing from another monitoring station is required to "fix" the general area of the station being received. This technique is known as triangulation, and once the approximate area has been determined by this method, a mobile-equipped truck is available for close-in pinpointing of the desired station. Three trucks are maintained at this station for monitoring investigations at frequencies up through the UHF-TV channels-nearly 1000 megacycles. Two additional trucks serve to cover other higher microwave frequencies.

My interest in radio locating brought on a discussion of antennas and the various types employed. Mr. Johnson suggested that we step outside to have a look at those that were nearby. Four separate and distinct types of direction-finding antennas were visible in the fields adjacent to the station. Some of them looked like lonely sentinels standing duty at a forgotten outpost, while one particularly large antenna reminded me of a laboratory test-tube centerfuge at rest. I recalled that just a few minutes before, this particular giant, resembling a letter "H", with each vertical element about the size of a CB vertical, had been rotating about thirty revolutions a minute, to trace the pattern I had been watching inside the building.

As if this weren't enough, six huge double rhombics, capable of being terminated at either end by remote switches, dominate most of the reservation. A wide assortment of TV antennas, at least one log-periodic, and a host of other antennas of every description are to be seen in every direction.

Returning inside, Mr. Weston told me that the Commission's eighteen monitoring stations are scattered throughout the U.S., Hawaii, Alaska, and Puerto Rico. They are divided, for operational purposes, into two groups—Eastern and Western, with the station at Grand Island, Nebraska serving as the dividing point.

I asked how the monitoring operator checks to see if a CB station is off frequency.

Mr. Johnson demonstrated by leading me to another position in the main monitoring room. Here, displayed on a 'scope was a "marker blip" superimposed on a gridded scale. Mr. Johnson explained that the "blip"

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THE ARTICLE ON TOP OF YOUR REQUEST LIST

by JIM GIBSON, 2W7610

Just as you can't tell the players without a scorecard, you can't tell what's inside your rig without a schematic. And if you don't know what's inside how are you going to make *correct* repairs or modifications.

Learning to read a schematic is not the magical thing many operators think it is. Actually, it's just an electronic shorthand with a few symbols. Notice the word few. Many of the symbols use a basic design with a slight modification for a specific type-once you know one you really know them all. For example, look at the symbol for a resistor, notice that it is a zig-zag line. A tapped resistor, such as might be used in a power supply is pictured as exactly that, a resistor with a tap. And a variable resistor, such as used for a volume control is just a resistor with a slider to select the correct value. Notice, the symbol for a variable resistor is just that, a resistor with a slider.

Capacitors are handled the same way; notice in the basic symbol that one line is curved. The curved line denotes the outside foil of the capacitor. Usually the outside foil is used as the capacitor shield and in grounded, but it doesn't have to be. The electrolytic capacitor, such as used for power supply filtering *must* be connected with the correct polarity (or boom), so the symbol for electrolytic has a specific positive (+)indication. The variable capacitor again is the basic symbol but with an arrow indicating that it's variable (The arrow always indicates variable whether it's capacitors, resistors or coils.) To make things easy for you we show the symbols for practically all the components used in a CB rig. Undoubtedly your rig is going to have a symbol that's not shown (but we tried hard).

There are a few troublesome symbols which require explanation. A particular trouble spot is the diode, usually found in the power supply, noise limiter and squelch circuits. The diode is usually shown with a "+" denoting the cathode, but it doesn't have to be. Many manufacturers don't show the "+", so you'll have to remember that the "bar" is the cathode. Most times the diode you use for replacement will have the diode symbol so all you'll have to do is orient the symbol to conform to the one you remove. But sometimes there will be no symbol, perhaps on the replacement or the defective original. When the symbol isn't used the diode will have a series of color bands or one black band. What to do? The band closest to the end, regardless of the number of bands, is the cathode (equivalent to the "+" end of our symbol. On unmarked diodes the red end is the cathode (+).

Speaker symbols rarely show the speaker impedance, however, in tube rigs it is usually 3.2 ohms. Whenever you replace a speaker, or add an extension look for an impedance value on the schematic or parts list; if there are no values given assume 3.2 ohms. Transistor rigs are a different story; they can have any impedance speaker. Because the impedance is not usually standard the schematic will generally indicate the speaker impedance.



An IF transformer is indicated by the transformer symbol shown. Usually the IF frequency is indicated on top of the symbol. Air core IF transformers which are adjusted by variable capacitors use the Air Core symbol with the capacitors indicated as variable. Iron Core IF transformers indicate variable adjustment (usually) by two small arrows, one directly over each coil.

RF transformers are a different story. Usually they are made specifically for your rig and only the symbol will be shown, no values. If you have to replace them inquire as to how to go about it from the distributor.

Switching relays are a simple matter to troubleshoot if you remember that the wiperarm, or movable contact is shown in the symbol as a straight bar. The stationary contacts have a triangular contact point attached to a bar. While we show but one set of con-

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| Rectifier filament leads | Yellow |
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| Filament #1 | Green |
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| Filament #2 | Brown |
| Center tap | Brown and Yellow striped |
| Filament #3 | Slate |
| Center tap | Slate and Yellow striped |

Audio Transformers

| Blue | Plate lead |
|-------|---------------------------------------|
| Red | B+ lead |
| Brown | Plate lead (may be blue when polarity |
| | is unimportant) |
| Green | Grid lead (interstage or line xfrmr) |
| Black | Grid return, usually grounded. Also |
| | speaker leads on output transformer. |

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tacts, relays used in CB rigs can show up to five. Each set of contacts is grouped about its own wiper.

Shorting jacks have the normal, or moving contact closest to the heavy vertical line which indicates the jack's frame. To avoid confusion in the future, notice the difference between the shorting jack, which is usually used in the final plate or speaker circuit, and the 2 circuit jack which is usually used for



When dots are used only wires at the dots are connected.



When dots aren't used, wires that are not bridged are connected.

the mike input.

Coaxial jacks, phono jacks used for the antenna jack, and auto type jacks are usually

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indicated by the symbol shown, which is the phono jack.

A sore spot to the beginner is usually how the connection is made. Usually a connection is indicated by a dot, as in Fig. 1. The dot indicates that all wires at the dot are connected together. When dots are used to indicate connections, other wires may cross, but no-connection is indicated if the wires cross without the dot. Usually, no-connection will be indicated by one wire bridging another. Sometimes, as in Fig. 2, when noconnection is indicated by a bridge, a connection is any point where two wires cross (dots will not be used).

Handling schematics is no problem once you get the hang of the symbols and the different ways a connection is shown. From then on your only problem will be with the rare, but ever present, manufacturer whose drafting department insists on coming up with new designs or uses a template from 20 years ago. A quick example of the confusion caused by obsolete templates: Rare is the "imported" schematic that doesn't show a capacitor as two straight plates (no curve to indicate negative) and leaves the guessing of polarity to you. But the usual schematic will present no problems once you learn the symbols, and you will be able to discuss your rig like a pro.



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WATT'S THE OUTPUT?

A SIMPLE CB RF WATTMETER



by BASIL BARBEE, 9W0831

Every CB transmitter (except hand-held ones) is designed for 5 watts *input*. Every CB operator knows that what counts is the *output*. Most transmitter manufacturers are usually vague about stating their claims for power output, so that it is desirable to be able to compare one make with another by *measuring* the output. In developing or servicing CB transmitters, two useful accessories are the dummy antenna and the wattmeter. The dummy must be used during prolonged tests so as not to interfere with other stations, while the wattmeter assists in achieving efficiency by telling us how much output we are getting for our five watts input.

The little instrument shown in Fig. 1 combines both dummy antenna and wattmeter in one small aluminum box. Operation is simplicity itself since there are no switches or other controls of any kind. The transmitter antenna receptacle is merely connected to the receptacle on top of the instrument with a short length of "50-ohm" coaxial cable; the dummy absorbs the transmitter's output, while the wattmeter measures it.

The schematic diagram, Fig. 2, shows how the few components are connected. R1A, B, C, D is the 51-ohm dummy antenna, composed of four 51-ohm, 2-watt non-inductive composi-'tion resistors in series-parallel. The 8-watt dissipation rating of R₁, compared with the 5-watt maximum indication of the meter, assures adequate safety factor so that the resistance of the dummy will not change due to overheating. The value of 51 ohms was chosen because it is a standard value of resistor near enough to the actual values of characteristic resistance of "50-ohm" coaxial cables for satisfactory accuracy. For instance, the two most-used types of coax, RG-8/U and RG-58/U are rated at 52 and 53.5 ohms respectively.

A slightly simpler way of measuring power would have been to insert an R.F. ammeter in series with the dummy antenna, but such meters have several drawbacks: 1. They are expensive, especially when accurate at high frequencies and capable of measuring the small current (0.31 amperes) involved; 2. Their scales are crowded and inaccurate at



This is the face of the meter, shown in its actual size. Just cut from this page and you're all set.

the left end; and 3. Their readings are affected by amplitude modulation (as much as 22.5% at 100% modulation).

A more satisfactory solution is used here: The R.F. voltage across the dummy R_1 is rectified by the 1N34 diode D_1 , charging the bypass condenser C_1 with a D.C. voltage nearly equal to the peak value of the R.F. voltage. The 150 microamp meter I_1 , in conjunction with the multiplier resistor R_{24} and R_{28} , becomes a voltmeter with a scale calibrated in watts to measure the D.C. voltage across C_1 .

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 D_1 and C_2 are too small to be readily seen in Fig. 3, but are mounted with as short leads as practical between the coax connector and the nearest terminal of R_2 .



PARTS LIST

- C1 220 pf disc ceramic condenser
- D₁ 1N34 germanium diode
- I1 150 microamp, 2³/₄" D. C. meter
- J₁ SO-239 coax receptacle
- R1 4-51 ohm, 2 watt, 5% composition resistors
- R_{2A} 100,000 ohm (0.1 megohm), ½ watt resistor
- R2B 50,000 ohm variable resistor (rheostat or potentiometer)
- Cabinet: 2 x 2¾ x 4" aluminum box, Bud CU-3015-A or equivalent

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The 150-microamp meter will need a new scale calibrated in watts. A scale suitable for most $2\frac{3}{4}$ " meters is reproduced in Fig. 4. Should you want to draw your own, the various divisions on the new scale should correspond to those of the old one according to the formula $I_M = \sqrt{P}$ uA, where I_M is the reading on the old scale in mocroamps and P is the corresponding reading on the new scale in watts. The table below lists the points used in drawing the scale shown in Fig. 4.

| P (watts) | I _M (uA) | P (watts) | I _M (uA) |
|-----------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------|
| 0.1 | 21.2 | 2.0 | 94.5 |
| 0.2 | 30 | 2.25 | 100.4 |
| 0.4 | 42.4 | 2.5 | 106 |
| 0.6 | 51.9 | 2.75 | 111 |
| 0.8 | 60 | 3.0 | 116 |
| 1.0 | 67 | 3.5 | 125.2 |
| 1.25 | 75 | 4.0 | 134 |
| 1.5 | 82.9 | 4.5 | 142.1 |
| 1.75 | 88.5 | 5.0 | 150 |

Adjustment of Completed Instrument

Temporarily connect a 0.22 uf. or larger paper condenser across C₁. Apply an accurately measured 16 volts r.m.s. at 60 cycles to J₁, and adjust R_{2B} for a reading of 5 watts on the meter. Remove the temporary condenser and the meter is ready for use.

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AUDIO-BILITY WITH DYNAMIC MIKES

AN IN-DEPTH LOOK AT CB DYNAMIC MIKES

by JIM KYLE, KEG3382

Satisfied with the performance and range of your CB rig? If you're not, chances are it's time you took a look at the characteristics of the mike you're using.

Most of us sort of tend to take the mike for granted; one comes with most transceivers, and in the absence of better information we accept this unit (whatever it may be) as the one the manufacturer thought best for his transceiver.

But far too often, the choice of a mike to pack with a transceiver depends as much upon cost factors as on the features of the microphone itself—and if this happened to be the case with *your* equipment, you may find a drastic change in system performance simply by substituting a communicationtailored mike!

Unfortunately, substituting a microphone isn't quite so simple a matter as you might think. It's seldom that you'll find two different types of microphones which are completely interchangeable with each other—and even more rare to be able to determine the exact characteristics of the mike you have to start with. Mere physical resemblance is *not* enough since most manufacturers supply special-order products to other firms and these special products frequently differ in important points from the regular line.

Èven a broad breakdown into types such as crystal, ceramic, and dynamic is often of little meaning, since a good crystal mike (when new) will outperform a poor dynamic —and may or may not be interchangeable with it. As the title of this article indicates, the writer believes a good dynamic mike is great for effective communications—but to achieve this top performance it must be properly employed, and in order to do this one has to know how a dynamic differs from other types.

Some articles may have led you to believe that a so-called "high-impedance" dynamic may be substituted directly for a crystal or ceramic mike; this is *sometimes* true but unfortunately not always.

And friends who may have tried the substitution without enough data may tell you that a dynamic is boomier and harded to understand than a ceramic or a crystal. This *can* be true but need not be.

To avoid these traps, let's get just a wee bit technical for a few minutes and find out how these mikes work.

A ceramic unit produces relatively high electrical output, but requires an exceptionally high load impedance for extended bass reproduction. This means simply that, to use one for hi-fi recording, you must have a 3.3 to 4.7 megohm resistor from grid to ground in the first audio stage.

Of course, we are not doing hi-fi recording. We're trying to communicate via radio, and do it within a 5-watt power limit. This, in turn, limits the audio of our modulators to $2\frac{1}{2}$ watts *maximum* if we're going to stay legal—and our problem is to make the best use of this $2\frac{1}{2}$ watts we're allowed.

Extensive studies by telephone company researchers have shown that most of the *power* in the human voice is concentrated in

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the extreme low frequencies, while most of the *communications effectiveness* is concentrated in the midrange between about 300 CPS and 3,000 CPS.

Thus, if we shave off the frequencies below 300 CPS we can use our $2\frac{1}{2}$ watts strictly for communications effectiveness; if we transmit these frequencies, we will be splurging our limited power on non-essential parts of the voice.

The reason for going into all this here is that the high-resistance-load requirement of the ceramic mike can be put to excellent use (and this is frequently done) simply by providing a load resistor whose value is tailored to result in good response *above* 300 CPS but very little output below this level. For this reason, you'll usually find the audio input grid resistor has a rather moderate value, usually less than 1 megohm.

Now what happens with a dynamic mike? This type, which is built something like a miniature loudspeaker with a rugged case, has electrical output roughly similar to a ceramic (often just enough less, though, to give the impression of vastly lowered output) but does *not* have the high load requirement.

Thus, when an existing ceramic is replaced with a dynamic, you have two effects at once: the overall power goes down slightly, but the bass response comes way, way up. The result? The "boomy" effect mentioned earlier. But it's not the fault of the mike, and before we're through we'll show you how to avoid this problem.

At this point, you may be asking "Why bother with all this when a lot of good ceramics are listed in every catalog?" It's a fair question—but there's a very good answer.

If every microphone had a perfectly smooth frequency response curve, then no one mike would be appreciably better than any other. But every different type of mike, and every different model in each type, dif-



Fig. 2. Response curve of a typical dynamic mike, this one happens to be a University Model 70.

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fers slightly in the way it responds to incoming sounds. We can go even farther—every different mike of each model varies slightly! The published response curves we see are usually averages for each model.

While both ceramic and dynamic mircophones have response curves which are actually rather ragged-Figure 1 is a representative curve of a communications-model mike-the ceramic has a tendency to vary more from mike to mike within a model than does the dynamic. The reason is simple; every physical object possesses what is known as mechanical performance, and this mechanical resonance is what gives rise to the peaks and valleys in the curves. In the ceramic, the mike element *itself* is a relatively large slab of piezoelectric ceramic material, which has a mechanical resonance. To this must be added the resonances of the diaphragm, its suspension, the case, etc.

With a dynamic, on the other hand, the only significant resonances are those of the diaphragm, suspension, and case. The mike element is simply a coil of wire attached to the diaphragm (usually) and any resonance associated with this is absorbed in the diaphragm itself.

This indicates that in general one can expect a dynamic mike's curve to be at least a little smoother than that of a ceramic of comparable quality.

In addition, the resonances of the ceramic element tend to vary from unit to unit, while those in the dynamic appear to be more consistent throughout a model line.

"So what?" you may ask. "This is all interesting, but what has it do do with me?"

Go back to our $2\frac{1}{2}$ -watt audio power limit. This $2\frac{1}{2}$ watts is the *peak* power we are allowed. Communication, on the other hand, is determined by *average* power. Assuming that we have perfectly flat mikes, peak and average power have a definite ratio to each other. But if our mike has a 10-db peak at some one frequency within the 300-3000 CPS communication range, then this *single* peak determines our $2\frac{1}{2}$ -watt point. Our *average* (or effective) power must be 10 db lower—and since 10 db represents a tenfold reduction in power, we are actually holding ourselves to one quarter of a watt talkpower!

This example is a bit more extreme than you're likely to encounter in practice, but it accounts to a large degree for the easily noticeable differences between different mikes! The smoother the mike response, the louder it will sound—if the modulator has enough gain.

Which brings us right back to the gain problem—and also to that little matter of shaping the bass response, since many of the most popular CB rigs around these days were originally designed to use ceramic mikes and depend to a large degree on mike loading to cut the unneeded bass out.



Fig. 3. A simple dynamic mike preamp using a single transistor and a few other components. The values of the components are discussed in the text. The unit is easily constructed in a small Bud Minibox or other mental container.

The simple transistor preamp shown in Figure 3 will overcome both problems for you. Any of the easily available PNP audio transistors (CK722, 2N107, etc.) will work nicely in this circuit, and hardly anything is critical. Gain is adjusted by changing the value of the resistor, while the bass cutoff is controlled by changing capacitor value. The larger the resistor the higher the gain, and the larger the capacitor the more bass you'll have. While the values shown on the schematic will probably be preferred by most users, feel free to vary either of them in either direction. Nothing will be hurt so long as you don't go below 15,000 ohms or over 470,000 ohms with the resistor, or below 0.0001 ufd. or over 5 ufd. with the capacitor. The battery, incidentally, can be any 3-volt source; mercury cells have longest life but cost the most. Use a battery-don't try to take voltage from the transceiver power supply or the vehicle battery.

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Quite a few new and interesting things have come along for CB'ers in the past few weeks. Here they are.



Lafayette Radio, Dept. S9G-3, P.O. Box 10, Syosset, L. I., N. Y., has popped up with another walkie-talkie unit, the HE-75L. This is a 1-watt Part 19 unit which contains 13 transistors, 3 diodes, 1 thermistor. It is priced at \$66.50 for one or two for \$129.00. The transmitter is a 2-stage job with silicon output transmitter and Lafayette claims that the unit provides up to 40% more range than standard Part 15 100 milliwatt units. The receiver is a superhet with a push-pull audio section. Other features an automatic noise limiter, a variable squelch, automatic volume control and a local/distant switch. The HE- 75L has a rechargeable nickel cadmium battery. The company will be pleased to send full details upon receipt of your request.



You experimenters will get some use from General Electric's new edition of the G.E. Tube Handbook. It's priced at \$1.50 and is available from The General Electric Company, 3800 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, Ill. It's quite a fattish book and has "strip" pages which makes it easy when locating base diagrams for specific tubes.



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The Herb Kreckman Company of Cresco, Pa., makers of Kreco Antennas, is now offering two new all grounded CB ground-plane antennas. The model GP-41A mounts on 1¼" pipe threads and has a vertical radiator of ¾" aluminum tubing. The model GP-42A has a vertical element constructed of similar tubing which extends two feet below the ground-plane for mounting to a tower or other vertical structure. Both models are fed with RG-8/U and are factory peaked to any specific frequency desired. The company claims static and noise rejection and complete protection from lightning. Ask Herb to send you more info.



Hammarlund Manufacturing Co., 53 West 23rd St., New York 10, N. Y., has issued forth a TD-10 decoder unit. This is a squelch adapter which silences your receiver until a coded tone of specific pitch and duration is received. The decoder is 3 inches long, 2 inches wide and $7\frac{1}{8}$ inches high. The weight is 12 ounces.



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E. F. Johnson Co., Waseca, Minn. has a new "Messenger" radio paging system which should be of interest to many CB'ers. The system is designed to alert selected individuals by a radio tone or voice message broadcast from a central point directly to a tiny pocket receiver carried by the individual. There are many applications for this interesting paging system, which consists of several separate components. Johnson can give you all particulars on prices and applications if you send them a card or letter.

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THE ELENCO "POWER GAINER"

Since people began to find out how much they could boost talk power by addition of compression amplifiers to their transceivers, seems like everyone has been coming out with such gadgets. Often, when a device catches on, the pioneer who first opened up the field gets forgotten. Not so this time, though-because Electronic Engineering Co. and its "Power Gainer" (plugging away even before CB came into its glory) are right up there at the forefront still.

And despite all the newcomers, the "Power Gainer" still has a couple of features not matched by any other unit.

For instance, it's the *only* one we know of which gives you complete control of all operating characteristics, right at your fingertips. Every adjustment possible on the unit is brought out to the front panel with a calibrated dial. Once you determine the settings for the various conditions *you* want to use, you can log them and know they're right!

The other feature lies in the tube complement. Most commercially available audio processing units consist of single-tube amplifiers. The "Power Gainer" is a two-tube unit.

The power supply hookup of the "Power Gainer" is worth mentioning also. All models feature built-in power supply, which means that the designer didn't have to worry about the wide range of B-plus voltages available in transceivers (they vary from 180 volts to 390 depending on the brand of your transceiver, which means that compression amps designed to take power from your rig *must* be built to take that range). For mobile use, the "Power Gainer" connects to the thenunused 110-volt winding of the transceiver power transformer!

Three cables connect the "Power Gainer" to the transceiver; one is the input for the "Power Gainer", the second is its output, and the third samples modulator output of the transceiver to develop the compression voltage used. You have a choice of two methods of hookup, but the "series microphone" connection described in the instruction booklet is to be avoided whenever possible as it can easily restrict the range of control possible if your mike has low output (a point, incidentally, not mentioned in the instructions!).

Instructions for hookup of the "Power Gainer" to the transceiver are clear and concise, and we had no trouble with them. We only wish we could say the same about the description of operation! Perhaps the next edition of the instruction book might include a handy table up front showing the range

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of recommended settings for each control. They're all included in the present theory text, but you have to dig for them.

Since this portion of the instructions appear first, you may easily be so confused by the time you do find the table (on page 9) that you don't recognize it.

Even a rearrangement of the present material to present hookup first, adjustment second, and "theory of operation" last would be a definite improvement in the instruction book.

This may sound like a very minor point when we're supposed to be talking about the equipment, but it's just about the only thing we could find wrong with the "Power Gainer". The device itself functions precisely as billed, compressing cleanly and delivering its 6-db (four times) increase in talkpower very nicely.

Back to the instruction book, on the model we tested the layout of cables as shown on page 6 and as it actually was on the back of the unit was reversed—we understand this was due to a model change. Memo to Electronic Engineering: How about silk-screening the nomenclature on the back panel as nicely as it is on the front?

Aside from these two very minor points, we found nothing to criticize. If you don't have a compression amplifier, you need oneand the "Power Gainer" is tried and true.

THE LAFAYETTE RADIO HE-90



The most recent addition to the Lafayette Radio line of 5 watt CB gear is the HE-90, a stripped down, deluxe, low cost transceiver. No, we're not nuts, the HE-90 is all three: stripped, deluxe, and low cost (Price \$94.50). Lafayette picked the best features of their

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other rigs, added a few new ones, and then chopped-off the frills to keep the cost down.

Let's start with the receiver section which utilizes two stages of 1650 kc. IF amplification, giving good gain and decent selectivity (an S9 signal of 50 uv. did not splash into the adjacent channel). The RF amplifier utilizes a Nuvistor for high gain and good for signal-to-noise ratio. Six crystal control positions and variable tuning are provided. The crystal positions are tied to the transmit crystal selector so that either crystal control or variable tuning can be used on all transmit positions.

The good quality noise limiter of Lafayette's other models has been retained, as has the variable squelch. The excellent audio quality for which Lafayette transceivers are will known has been made even better. The receive audio quality is exceptionally crisp and clean, lending to outstanding reception under high noise conditions.

To make life easier for the late-nite operator a headphone output jack is provided which automatically disconnects the internal speaker when the phones are plugged in. The headphone output can of course be used for a remote speaker. The receiver's output is also connected to one of the terminals on the microphone jack so that a handset can be easily connected without making any modifications to the transceiver's wiring. For measurements and critical tuning an S-meter is provided.

The transmitter section is essentially the standard Lafayette circuit with some improvements. It is six channels, using overtone crystals, and it delivered slightly over 3 watts output. To insure maximum RF output at all times a relative RF power output meter is provided. After the antenna is connected you adjust the pi-net output circuit for maximum meter reading. At peak reading the transmitter is tuned on-the-button. The transmit audio quality is very good; there is plenty of reserve mike gain and 100% modulation is easily obtained.

Among the minor features are an adjustable TVI filter, electronic switching, a Koil-Kord PTT mike, and switch selected spotcalibrate. Now you may ask what they left off, since we said the unit was stripped. Well,

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Spring is here and a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of ... CB. And a tough winter it was too! Tough on both men and equipment. Time for a long overdue Spring tune-up. Let's get the most out of your rig for a summer of fun and hard use. Here is a quick check that you can give your equipment to make sure that it is in top operating form.

- 1. Check the antenna at both the mobile and base stations for corrosion at the connector. Check all mechanical connections.
- 2. Check the transmitter tubes in the high level stages (the power amplifier and audio amplifier).
- 3. Check the receiver tubes.
- 4. Check the final amplifier in accordance with the tuning recommended in your service manual.

Now that you have checked our your equipment, let's make sure that you are tuned to the legal limit of 5 watts input.

In order to determine your input, check the plate current of the final amplifier by placing a 100 Ma meter in series with B plus to the plate of the final amplifier. Connect a volt meter to measure the plate voltage.

Now apply this formula:

 $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{E} \mathbf{x} \mathbf{I}$

Where: P = Power in watts

E = Plate voltage in volts

I = Plate current in amps.

Example:

The plate current = .018 amps (18 Ma) The voltage = 300 Volts D.C.

Then: $300 \times .018 = 5.4$ Watts This is your input. This would be over the legal limit and you would have to decrease the loading of the final amplifier to .016 mils.

Checking your output is just as simple. Connect a pure resistive load across the antenna of the unit and an RF amp meter in series with it. Now use the formula $W = I^2 R$

Where: I = Antenna current in Amps R = Resistance of antenna

W = Watts

Example:

I = .2 amps

R = 52 ohms

Then: (.2) ^{2}x 52 = 2.08 watts RF output to the antenna.

Incidentally-I want to thank all of you CB'ers who have sent me your QSL cards. I have a nice card display set up in my office. My own cards are being printed and should be out to you in a couple of weeks.

As you know our first "Companion" CB transceiver was awarded in our last column. Another "Companion" CB will be presented in October. So keep writing those "CB in Action" letters. Remember, just tell us how you or your club used CB to help serve your community. The winning letter will be publicized in our column and used to show the value of CB to those who are planning restrictive legislation.

Write to Len Haas, Sales Manager, Pearce Simpson, 2295 N.W. 14th Street, Miami 35, Florida.



ELECTRONICS 'N STUFF

A LOOK AT TRANSMISSION LINES

Sam peered into the variety of expressions in the audience assembled on work benches, scope carts and so forth in his See Bee Service Saloon. "From the questions and comments, I've been hearing this evening it sounds like you gents should absorb a few thousand carefully chosen words on transmission lines," he said. This was to be the subject of discussion for the monthly meeting of "The Foxy Fivers," the local CB club.

"Speech-speech," applauded several of the members, knowing very well what was coming.

Sam continued, ignoring his heckling friends. "You use terms like RG-58/U, coax, standing wave ratio, impedance and so on, but do you really understand what they mean?" He directed the question to no one in particular, but continued.

"The purpose of the device we call a transmission line is to deliver the r.f. power, generated by the transmitter, to the antenna. You might think of the transmission line as a *radio frequency hose* in which radio frequency signals flow rather than water. If we didn't have such a thing as a transmission line it would be necessary to mount the antenna right at the transmitter, or the other way around. This would certainly be disasterous for CB'ers. Take George over there. He's the only guy in this club who uses 200 feet of coax cable." Then he added under his breath "straight up."

"Most CB'ers use a type of transmission line called coax which is short for coaxial cable. It consists of a center wire with braid woven over insulation which separates the braid from the center wire. Braid is used to make the cable more flexible and easy to handle. The stuff can really take a lot of punishment. You can knot it, twist it, even slam the car door on it without the center wire shorting to the braid. Only excessive heat, which melts the insulation, will cause the cable to short. Not all transmission lines are like coax, however, sometimes open wire line is used (like television lead-in which is by DON STONER, 11W1507 BOX 7388 ALTA LOMA, CALIF.



Transmission Lines

cheaper) and on the high frequencies (microwaves) the energy is sent to the antenna through hollow pipes called 'plumbing.'

"Our 'radio wave hose' does have one deficiency, however. All the water forced into a regular hose will come out the other end, assuming it doesn't have any leaks. This is not so with our radio frequency version, the transmission line. We always get less out one end that we put into the other end.

"This effect is called *loss*. The energy is lost forever in the form of heat. The amount of loss will depend on the type of cable used and, naturally, how long it is. The two types of coax commonly used by CB'ers carry the military specification number RG-8/U or RG-58/U. Type RG-8/U is considerably larger and is rated to carry 1,000 watts (one kilowatt) of power while the RG-8/U has noticably less loss than RG-58/U and this is the reason for the higher power rating *not* the thicker insulation. The insulation of RG-8/U will withstand the very high voltage generated by an automobile ignition coil and can actually be used for shielded spark plug

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Well now, there are quite a few more card swappers kicking around than anyone had imagined. The group really came out in full force this month and gave our mailbox quite a stuffing. As promised, we are going full speed ahead with our swappers' awards to meet the demand of our readers. Here are the awards you swappers can win this month and from here on in:

SWAPPED ALL CALL AREAS AWARD "SACA"-Awarded upon proof of having swapped CB QSL cards with stations in all 24 CB call areas in the United States.

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The rules and general information on the awards is as follows:

1. Cards received for actual 2-way contact with distant stations are *not* eligible because of the fact that such communications are illegal. Cards received from stations who have monitored your signals (but with whom you did not engage in communications) are not acceptable. Handmade cards are acceptable only if they are postmarked from the location of the station being counted, or are contained in an envelope so postmarked.

2. Do not send us your CB QSL card collection when applying for an award. To apply for an award, simply list the callsigns and locations of each station you are counting. Submit this, together with your full name, address, callsign, and the name of the award for which you are applying. Your

list may be on any type of paper, however it *must* be countersigned by another licensed CB'er who certifies that he (or she) has actually seen the cards in question in your permanent possession. We reserve the right, in certain instances, to request that applicants send us several specific cards for verification purposes prior to issuance of an award. Such cards will be returned immediately.

3. Enclose 50e (no stamps) for each award being applied for. You may apply for as many awards as you can qualify, including awards of lesser magnitude (that is, if you qualify for PX-75, you may also receive PX-25 and PX-50 if you wish. Requests for duplicate or extra copies of a

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4. Persons receiving swappers' awards will be listed in the next available issue of S9 after the issuance of the award(s).

5. All awards are attractively designed in 3 colors and are suitable for framing.

6. Additional awards for advanced achievements may be added at a later date. You are urged to list your awards when printing your next supply of CB QSL cards.

7. Additional copies of the award requirements and these rules are available from S9 at no cost. Please enclose a selfaddressed stamped envelope.

8. All applications for awards must be addressed as follows: Swappers' Awards, S9 Magazine, 300 West 43rd Street, New York 36, N.Y.

From the mail we now are receiving, it looks as though many of you are ready for a few of these awards. For instance, S9'er Dan Guthrei, KDB1435, of Spruce Pine, N. C. has almost 1800 cards. He has all states (except Alaska), all of the provinces of Canada, Venezuela, San Salvador, Puerto Rico, England, Ireland, North Wales, and the District of Columbia. Dan is only one card away from his "MSA" award. He told us that his name appearing in our May is-

sue brought him a huge avalanche of cards within a few days of the magazine's issuance. Ted and Rena Cummings, KBA5557, of Billerica, Mass. are only 6 cards away from 50 states. Dottie Burdette, KBA6639, of Cambridge, Mass., has all 50 states, D.C., P.R., Guam, Canada, and Venezuela. Jay Ciampi, KDH1144, of Miami, Fla., also reports "terrific" results from his name being listed in our May issue.

Wanna swap CB QSL cards? If you want one of our S9 cards, just send us yours and ask for one of ours! If you want to swap with other CB'ers, send us your card (no letters, please) addressed to "Card Swappers Unlimited" at the magazine's address. You must send in a separate card for each month you wish to be listed, and you can list yourself each and every month if you want. Cards submitted for listing in the September issue must be in our office not later than July 15th.

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PART 15 KORNER

by DEAN DETTON, NORTHERN 17

Of all the mail received here about Part 15, perhaps the most frequently requested data is simply general information on what Part 15 is and what you can do with Part 15 gear. I would like to point out that there have been a number of feature articles on Part 15 in S9 and if you would like a short run down on them, here it is:

- December, '62-Directory of 159 Part 15 transceivers. 18 questions and answers on Part 15. All about Part 15 identifiers.
- February, '63-Constructing a Part 15 transceiver.

March, '63-Further Facts on Part 15.

- April, '63—Construct a 1 tube Part 15 transceiver. Part 15 Operating Guide.
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In addition, S9's exclusive Part 15 Callbook, which lists all of the stations who have received Part 15 identifiers, has been running each month since the February, '63, issue. A limited number of all back issues are still available at 50¢ each from Harold Weisner. KBG4528/NORTHERN 16, at the S9 offices. This information is for KCC3648, KAH6444, 2Q4717, 10Q0987, 1Q6002, KHA9481, KBA7732, ATLANTIC 410, 8Q1422, KBA-7109/KN1U1W, 5Q1313, and more than 150 others who asked.

We received two nice Part 15 QSL cards this past month which we are running with this column. Both are from the CENTRAL area, one from Illinois and the other from Ohio. They're quite neat looking.

During a contact with Barry, NORTHERN 1677 (also 2Q6114/WA2WAO) we learned

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that he's in the Part 15 QSL printing business. Barry will be sending out literature and if you're interested in seeing what he has to offer, drop him a card or letter. The 10-20 is Barry Rimer, 212-03 53rd Avenue, Bayside 64, L. I., New York. Or, and this is even more interesting, look for him on Channel 22.

Speaking of NORTHERN, we're pleased to announce that Miss Lilia Neira, NORTH-ERN 1812, has joined the staff of S9 and will



be devoting much of her time to processing the Part 15 applications and keeping the records. If you have any modifications to your present Part 15 registration with S9, just notify '1812.

See you on the band! Ta-ta!



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ANTENNAS

by ED NOLL, KCC2618 BOX 23 CHALFONT, PA.

Antenna tuning, measurements and results are confounded by so many variables that the average CB'er and, for that matter, many communication technicians become so frustrated they rely on chance rather than reason in their encounters with antenna systems. Haphazard methods of tuning and testing become the rule. Often antenna-system test instruments, if used, are not used properly and their readings misguide instead of help the technician. Many communications shops are poorly equipped, lacking field strength meter, SWR bridge, and in-line wattmeter. Sometimes instruments are used to tune up transceivers on the bench and, it is erroneously assumed, that it is not necessary to do any antenna tuning or retuning of transceiver for optimum performance after it has been installed in the vehicle. Such procedure relies strictly on chance.

Knowing more about antenna systems and how to use antenna test instruments are a definite help in optimizing antenna system performance. However, such knowledge will not give you an immediate answer to all your problems. Too many factors are involved. But you will learn to anticipate inconsistencies and develop an understanding of how variables can be held under some reasonable control.

TUNE AND RETUNE

Every set that comes in for repair should be set up on the bench, checked, and, when necessary, retuned. A 50-ohm dummy load should be used for this purpose. By so doing you have set up the equipment for operation as it was designed; namely, to deliver an optimum signal into a 50-ohm resistive load. The work of the communications technician does not end with this adjustment. It ends only if the unit is to be connected to an antenna system that displays an exact 50-ohm resistive load. This assumes that the antenna system has an exact 50-ohm resistance and no reactive component. One may come near to this ideal situation for a base sta-



Peaking a Helical-Wire Antenna by Trimming Wire End.

tion installation; the possibility for an idealized situation in a mobile installation is slim. You may come nearer to idealized performance if the antenna is tunable; but this means that the antenna has to be tuned and the communications technician's work has not ended at the bench.

Setting up the unit for performance into a 50-ohm resistive load first brings the unit close to optimum tuning. It is the initial important step.

Using the service shop antenna as a standard in place of a 50-ohm load is not the best procedure unless the very same type antenna, in a roughly similar installation plan, is used for the transceiver under adjustment. The procedure is acceptable if you can be certain that

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your test antenna does display a 50-ohm resistive load.

There is one important advantage to tuning up the transceiver to match a 50-ohm resistive load. It is possible to connect the transceiver to a suitable antenna system knowing that the unit itself has been set up for optimum feeding of a 50-ohm termination. Thus it is possible to tune the antenna for optimum results without changing the transceiver adjustments. This permits you to bring the antenna system as close as possible to the idealized impedance. Some antennas are or can be brought near to this value and, at this point, you have established optimum operating conditions. In fact, if you have gotten maximum output and minimum SWR for exactly the same settings of the transmitter tune and load controls, the antenna is displaying the same impedance characteristics as your dummy load.

If the above situation is not met you at least know you have brought the antenna system performance as near as possible to the 50-ohm resistive value. You can now retouch the transmitter tuning and loading for maximum output and minimum SWR. If the match is reasonably close, the same transmitter adjustments will produce maximum output and minimum SWR.

However, if there is quite a departure between antenna system characteristics and output impedance of the transmitter, maximum power output and minimum SWR may not occur with similar settings. In this case, the settings that produce the highest reading on a field strength meter should be used.



In-Line Wattmeter Can Be Used To Check SWR, Outgoing Watts, and Reflected Watts.

TAMING THE VARIABLES

The following procedures and the necessary test instruments to back it up should be employed by anyone who does a considerable amount of CB radio installation and service:

1. Adjust the transmitter for optimum performance into a 50-ohm resistive load in the form of an actual dummy load or an antenna system that displays this idealized load. The former method is preferred from the standpoint of reducing interference and complying with FCC regulations.

2. If the antenna system with which the unit is to be associated is tunable, you can now tune the antenna for optimum performance without readjusting the transmitter controls. After the antenna has been optimized you may wish to retouch transmitter controls ever so slightly for optimum output.

3. If the antenna can not be tuned to the idealized impedance some retuning of the transmitter of a reasonable amount may be necessary to obtain optimum results as indicated by maximum output and minimum SWR.

4. If there is a substantial diversion between antenna characteristics and output characteristics of the transmitter, the transmitter may have to be significantly retuned. In this case minimum SWR and maximum output may not occur at the same transmitter settings. In this case it is better to rely on field strength readings.

From the above you can visualize the inconsistencies and torment with which you can become involved if there is no logic to the tune-up approach. Suppose you tune up a transmitter on a base station antenna which in itself displays a considerable reactance and other than

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a 50-ohm load. You now take the transmitter and install it in a vehicle using an antenna of characteristics that are not the same as the base station antenna and also other than a 50-ohm resistive value. You have now multiplied the variables (confusion squared). If you now tune the system with no or inadequate test equipment more confusion results. Although the instruments may be good you are likely to have erroneous readings. You may decide to test out the system by contacting another mobile unit moving along a twisting and hilly road, under and over bridges, toward and away from hightension lines, etc. The variables are multiplied again (confusion cubed).

GROUND?

Only some antennas display the same characteristics regardless of their mounting position. Mostly this favorable condition is only displayed by certain types of base station antenna. As a rule the antenna characteristics depend quite a bit on the ground system that associated with the antenna. In the case of a base station antenna, system characteristics may be affected by surrounding obstacles, antenna height, the place at which the ground is attached to the antenna system, and the actual type of ground. In the case of a vehicular installation the ground characteristics depend on the placement of the antenna, the vehicular electrical system, the car bonding, etc.



Using Included Wrench To Tune Up CB Section of Antenna Specialists CB-AM Antenna.

What these conditions tell us is that the antenna should preferably be tuned after the antenna has been placed in its exact mounting position. If there is any significant mismatch problem the overall length and type of transmission line also influences the actual impedance presented by antenna system to the transceiver. Thus the installation should be brought as near as possible to the final installation before antenna tuning is undertaken.

For these reasons too it is not wise to assume that a transmitter tuned-up at the bench will give optimum performance if it is installed in a vehicle without tuning.

TUNING THE HELICAL WIRE

Many of the helical wire antennas are constructed for a reasonably good SWR ratio over all of the CB channels when connected to a transmitter with a 50-ohm resistive output impedance. If any, there are too many turns rather than too few for the average installation. Thus if you can mount the antenna in its final position with everything set up as it will be in normal operation, it is possible to clip the end of the wire until peak output and minimum standing wave ratio are obtained.

However it is important again that this be done after the transmitter has been tuned up for optimum performance into a 50-ohm resistive load. If this is not done you may find you have cut-off too much of the helical wire when you retune the transmitter or attach a transmitter that has been tuned for loading into 50-ohms.

If there is a mismatch problem the antenna tuning can also be influenced by the length of the transmission line. Thus the actual line that will be used should be installed before the antenna is trimmed.

In doing the actual trimming, the SWR meter should be connected in the transmission line at the transceiver. It is helpful to use an in-line wattmeter because you can keep a check on both power output and SWR ratio while you do the trimming.

The results of your trimming, and whether or not the antenna should be trimmed, can be ascertained by SWR measurements at the center and both ends of the CB band. For example, channels 1, 10 and 20 could be used. The very end channels need not be used nor the exact center channel.

If the antenna could stand some trimming it is indicated by a rising SWR ratio as the measurements are taken on channels 1, 10, and 20. In a typical example the SWR ratio might be 1.25 to 1 on channel 1 and up to 1.65 to 1 on channel 20. Trimming could bring ratios down to readings between 1.05 to 1 and 1.2 to 1.

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Editor's Note: Readers are invited to ask the CB ANSWERMAN any questions which they have regarding the CB service. Address your questions to Len Buckwalter, KBA4480, Wilridge Road, Georgetown, Conn.

PLANE TVI

Since I put up a ground plane, my neighbor complains that she doesn't get the TV channels she got before. This happens even when I'm not transmitting. Is it possible that ground plane, just being there, can interfere with her TV reception?

C.W., Middletown, N.Y.

It surely can. Energy from the TV station may enter your ground plane, circulate among the elements, build up in strength and re-radiate—as if your antenna were a miniature TV transmitter. The real problem, however, results from the spacing between TV and CB antennas. It's possible that TV energy off your ground plane reached her antenna out of step with the direct signal pickup from the station. As signals mix they cancel each other and cause much-weakened TV reception. This, incidentally, is the basis of the beam antenna; various elements are used to reflect and direct the energy—but spacing is chosen so reinforcement, rather than cancellation occurs.

The remedy is to vary the distance between antennas. Since TV waves are quite short in length, try moving either antenna a few feet at a time to destroy the unfavorable spacing that exists. If your antenna installation uses guy wires, they might be acting as TV channel resonators. These can be broken up by egg-type insulators or replaced with some non-conducting material like fiber glass line.

MOBILE POWER

I have a unit that works OK as a base station. But when using it as a mobile rig, the power will increase or decrease with the speed of the car engine. I would like to know a way to cure this without much cost.

L.R.J., Stockton, Calif.

Assuming that your CB equipment and car electrical system are in good condition, there is no inexpensive cure. The problem is in the operation of the car's charging system. With a 12-volt storage battery, voltage to the rig will shift between approximately 12.6 volts and 14.8 volts. The higher value occurs as the voltage regulator permits the generator to charge the battery. The shift is comparable in a 6-volt system.

Actually, the effect on the CB rig may not be as bad as you suspect. If the power change is judged by viewing the brightness of the rig's pilot lamp, the method tends to give an exaggerated indication. During the power shift, which amounts to about 15%, the RF carrier changes by a negligible amount. An interesting parallel occurs in the case of house current; with a mere two or three percent drop in power, you'll see a noticeable flicker in the light bulbs.

The easiest technique to keep output power highest costs virtually nothing. If the car is standing still while you're transmit-

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ting, just depress the gas pedal so the engine turns over at a fast idle.

PRINTED CIRCUIT REPAIR

I have a handie-talkie with a printed circuit. Due to an accident, several of the printed wires broke. How can these be repaired?

L.C., Helena, Montana

Breaks in the copper foil pattern are readily repaired by making a "bridge" of hookup wire. As shown in the drawing, solder a short length of hookup wire across the break, using as little heat as possible to prevent the foil from separating off the board.



Sometimes it's difficult to see where all

the breaks have occurred. These may be discovered by viewing the board with a strong light behind it. Cracks will show up as thin hairlines that are not visible under usual room light.

DF'ing

I plan to build the "CB DF'er" described in the October, '62 issue of S9. Since it is to be used for finding boats in distress, how can I get maximum range out of it?

B.T.L., Boston, Mass.

One simple technique for detecting extremely weak signals in a radio-direction finding system is to add a BFO to the CB receiver. Even when modulation on the signal is inaudible, or the S-meter shows only noise, the BFO can often reveal the presence of a weak carrier. It is heard as a tone in the loudspeaker.

In operation, the BFO is turned on and the directional loop antenna rotated until the tone is no longer audible. This indicates the null point and thus the direction of the station, as detailed in the DF article.



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We've received many letters asking us to recommend test equipment for a "basement" shop. While we will usually answer questions about a specific type of instrument, you can imagine the difficulty in recommending a shop-full. Since a CB'er can also be interested in other areas of electronics, such as Amateur, Tv, hi-fi, general experimentation, etc., what may be an ideally equipped shop for some would be a waste of money for others. Only you know where your interests lie so only you can make a selection of test gear.

Many books have been published whose purpose is to help the reader understand what test gear he *really* needs, how to get the most out of it, and how to decide what instruments to buy. After a fast survey of test equipment books we have come up with four which have particular value for the CB'er. They are written in down-to-earth style, avoiding the pseudo-scientific gobblygook which fogs up most technical explanations.

Heading our must-read list is "It's Easy To Use Electronic Test Equipment" by Klein (2Q6862) and Gilmore, published by John F. Rider. It is one of the easiest-to-read, understandable books on test equipment I've come across. Written with a light touch, the book starts with the basic VOM and then progresses in a logical sequence to the theory and practice of the VTVM, oscilloscope, RF and audio generator, bridges, and a batch of other test and measurement instruments. (The actual circuits of the instruments are shown and if you want to lift a circuit you'll find the parts values are given.)

Not only are the features of each instrument analyzed in terms of *what it means to you* on *your* test bench, but you look over the authors' shoulders while they use the instruments in step-by-step troubleshooting and alignment of a variety of RF and amplifying equipment.

The inside technical stories of the instruments are spelled out in detail. Not only are there circuit comparisons of brand name instruments, but the circuits are analyzed in practical terms of what they will do for you in terms of troubleshooting your CB, ham, hi-fi, constructions projects, etc. In fact, by consulting "It's easy To Use Electronic Test Equipment" before you equip that "dream shop" you'll probably save yourself a pocketfull of cash (you'll avoid the problem of purchasing the wrong test equipment).

The three other books we recommend will help you realize the maximum out of the instruments you buy; they are in the "hintand-kink" category—giving those odd uses which are not usually given in the manuals which come with the instruments. These are the time saving ideas which usually take years to learn.

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CB CHIT-CHAT

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TO JOHN KREJC, 2W4586

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COMING EVENT-The First Anniversary Celebra-tion of the Fairfax-Prince William CB Radio Club will be held at the American Legion Hall, Fairfax, Va., Sunday, July 21, 1963 from noon till ?

Va., Sunday, July 21, 1963 from noon till 7. Recently formed, The Midwestern CB Radio Club, Inc. The club is about 5 months old and with a mem-bership of over 50. President of the newly formed group is William Weichlein, KHB0693. Good luck. Members of the W.N.Y. Citi-Banders Club, Inc., of Lockport, N. Y. recently celebrated their second an-

niversary with a gala party held at the local V.F.W. Hall. The dinner was followed by the installation of recently elected officers and a program to honor the retiring officers. The club meets on the last Sunday

retiring officers. The club meets on the last Sunday of each month and monitors channel 12. The Sullivan Trail Citizens Band Club will show a film to members entitled, Lease on Life, which per-tains to CD. President of the group is Genn Cooper, 20Q1022, Vice President, Don Mann, 20Q2229. Let's see who brings in the most KID calls as members? Richmond, Virginia, branch of REACT in recent conch controportions on the Lazze River for

search and rescue operations on the James River for two students lost in a canoe accident was told on Virginia's only 50,00 watt radio station, WRVA. H. Gordon Winn, 5Q2524, emergency coordinator for Emergency 13 Association Inc., was interviewed by Ed Whitehead, KCI6040, News Editor of WRVA Radio, in Whitehead's program, "Sideviews on the News."

COMING EVENT-Alliance CB Club, Ohio is having their picnic, June 30th, Beechwood Park, one half mile west of Alliance, Local members will standby on channel 9, for directions. Call Traffic Control.

President of the Tri-County Citizens Radio League, Akron, Ohio is Charles Patterson, 19W6399. The club is looking for a new editor of their club paper—anyone interested?

Editor of the Carnation City CB Club, Inc., club paper is Dave Morrison, KHG5047. His boss and presi-

dent is George Bowman, KHG2610. Again, The Jackson CB Radio Club, has been used Sheriff's dept., by the use of their radios. They patroled for the purpose of emergency to help the police and the area where a supermarket was robbed, and relayed



back to the officers in charge, which lasted for quite a while. Several times the club has been used for searches and other emergencies.

The Hamilton County CB'ers, in the heart of the Adirondack Mts., together with the Conservation Dept., State Police and Speculator Fire Dept. (Which operates CB) were called to join in a search at 9:30 p.m. recently for a Boy Scout, who had become separated from his patrol while on a weekend camping trip. The boy was found near the top of the mountain, safe and sound. President of the group is LeRoy P. Weaver, Lake Pleasant, New York.

Members of the Waukesha County CB Club of South-Wisconsin attended a Fox Hunt recently, sponsored ern by the Hook and Shell Club, Mapleton, Wisconsin. An emergency unit has been formed which has been incorporated into the club as an auxiliary unit to be used to help CD and civics. Thanks, Sally, KHA0677. 35 CB'ers made a surprise visit to the REACT club of Orange County recently. Coffee and donuts were on

or orange county recently. Confee and donuts were on the house. The communities of Whittier, Commerce, La Puente, Pico Rivera, (RMF) La Mirada and Nor-walk were represented. Jim Stratton, KEJ0294, was leader of the caravan and Gene Grant, KEJ6251, with May Grant, KEJ1399 were tail waggers.

May Grant, KEJ1399 were tail waggers. Channel 13 was cleared of all traffic, recently by the Marine Watch of Hermosa Beach, California in order for them to aid in the search for a marine vessel in distress. The Coast Guard handled the search with the FCC monitoring the channel to aid in pinpointing the vessels location. The distress call came in on the CB Band and the Marine Watch finally found the location as off Anacapa Island. The group worked for several hours, relaying messages and instructions to the stricken host. stricken boat.

"HELP NEEDED" is the plea from Bob Durnin, President and Editor of the Tri-County Emergency Communications Net, Inc., N.H. club paper the Tri-County Bulletin. Help is what they need to continue this fine bulletin. So lets all pitch in.

fine bulletin. So lets all pitch in. Recently formed the CPR CB Radio club of Round Top, N. V. with Paul Vosburgh, KB11904, president. The membership is at 20 and growing. The club re-ported a fallen tree, and in turn called the local F.D. and electric company. See'y and Treas. is Pat South. COMING EVENT-Maumee Valley, 1963, CB Round-Up, Fort Wayne, Ind., Sept. 22, Hessen Cassel Recrea-tion Hall, Jack Dold, KHA9478, General Chairman. Another new club the Central Oregon CB'ers. The

club covers, Bend, Redmond, Madas, and Prineville in Oregon. Recently the club was asked by the local Sheriff of Prineville, to form a Search and Rescue unit, which they are working on. Prex John Schulke. of What no call

The Lake City CB club of Marion, N. C. with a mem-bership of 48 and as many CB units, held a practice run after their monthly meeting, assisting eleven doctors and the hospital in the event of a telephone and communications failure in the area. Club president, Walter Williams headed the test run. Walt, and Dean Wall, with Chief George Brown, McDowell County Rescue Unit was stationed at the hospital. The club and Rescue Unit work closely in any and all emergencies that arise in the McDowell County area. The mission was successful and another test will be made soon. Channel 18 was used, 11 is monitored in the Marion area.

The Citizens Band Assn. of South Ala., Inc. meets in the Florida Room of the Florida Bowling Lanes, Mobile, the second Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Organized in 1961 by 7 charter members, this active club now boasts a membership of 139. President is J. C. McNair, 8Q1095. Capt. Walter Nelson, 8W2611, official club monitor, stands by on channel 2, about 18 hours daily. Club info should be directed to-8W1413 D. C. Lagrave. 166 Glenwood St., Mobile, Ala. CBASA, assisted by the womens club, CB Partyline Club, has been active in 2 polio immunization programs supplying county-wide communications for 81 post and runners for vac-cine delivery. (98% of Mobile County's population received the vaccine).

CBS EYE'S (The Citizens Band Social Eyes) President of the newly formed club is Bob Koss, KHB2815. Meetings are held the 1st Saturday of each month. The club is from Indianapolis, Indiana.

Report from Crystal Cracker Club, Lee County, Pen-nington Gap, Virginia. Membership 30 strong, the club is led by Elbert Lamar, 5W1843. The club was commended for their emergency operation in CB communications in the Flood Disaster, April, 1963. These people are now among the members of RACES and other CD communications, and carry the personal I.D., with their mobiles having a CB CD decal. Hats off to Elbert, 5W1843.

BIG BLAST-The Night Hawk Net sponsored their 2nd Annual CB Blast, Sat., May 18th, Johnson Park, Grandville, Mich. The program was open to all CB'ers and their friends. Two CB units were given away. The

Grand Valley 11 Meter Club sponsored a gigantic ox-roast supper from 4 p.m. till 7 p.m. COMING EVENT—The CENTRAL OHIO CB AS-SOCIATION will hold their CB Jamboree, July 13th and 14th. Jamboree Chairman is George W. Martin,

and 14th. Jamboree Chairman is George W. Marun, 3629 Ontario St., Columbus 24, Ohio. COMING EVENT—The Southern Tier CB Radio club will hold its First Jamboree, Saturday, August 3rd, Ross Park. General Chairman is Robert T. Reagan, 86 South Washington St., Binghamton, N. Y. The func-tions of the club include CD, election returns, and mobile emergency radio work. RMF, joined with the "Fireball Caravaners,"

camper and trailer club, which has a great number of their members in various CB clubs, in a trip to the Hi-Desert. He met several members of the Hi-Desert HI-Desert. He met several members of the Hi-Desert CB Radio Club. The club is now a REACT Unit. Presi-dent and Chairman is Wayne Hanselman, KFA0471. How that Forster gets around. Hey, Bob, when are you do in Jersey? How about that Francis Williams, whose ???? foot antenna, in the mountains, high above the desert apphles him to cover the appire are the desert, enables him to cover the entire area and keep in touch with every situation. 11W9374 has had about a thing when 11W9374 is on the air. A little story from Marge De Vault, KEJ1980, Desert

CB Club. About two years ago when Marge first went on the air, she heard the Desert private patrol—T. Moses, 11W1721 trying to reach his base, not able to make contact, eager-beaver Marge offered to relay. She was able to reach them and they informed her to advise the mobile unit they would turn the beam around and try to reach the unit. So Marge, trying to help, didn't ay follows—Tom you had better hurry home, for Betty says if you stay, she will burn the beans. Oh, well. RMF, you did it again.

From Ione Petersen comes the news of a new or-ganization of CB'ers (unnamed) in the Greenville, Michigan area. The club is headed by Don Shroll, KHG8348. Their recent meeting was attended by 23 CB'ers.

Another new club who hails from Saginaw, Michigan, called the Saginaw Valley Hobby Radio Club. Let's hear more.

COMING EVENT-What promises to be the largest CB Jamboree ever staged in Southern California, will take place in the "ALL AMERICA CITY," Lynwood, Calif. Dates for this event will be July 26-27 and 28th at the Lynwood Community Center. Contact 11Q4800 unit 12 on channel 9. Lynwood is between Los Angeles

and Long Beach, just off the Long Beach Freeway. Good luck to Al Zukosky, 2Q0574, in his second term in office of the CBRRL, Hudson Essex Chapter. Keep the faith Al.

Recently formed, The Birmingham REACT, sponsoerd by Nelco Service Co. and Electronics Assn., monitors channel 11-24 hours a day and switches to channel 19 for emergency work. COMING EVENT-Coosa

Valley CB Jamboree. August 10-11th at Lake Rhea, Attalla, Alabama. President of the group is Olen Hibbs, 6Q6533. Any informa-

tion contact 165 Argyle Lane, Gadsden, Ala. Citizens Band Radio Club of Walker County is lead by president Fred A. Shivers, KDB4564. Blount County CB Radio Club, Ala., meets the first Friday of each month. The club has helped form the Blount County Rescue Team. The Unit meets every Friday to study rescue Team. Blount County Rescue Team. The Ontermediate Aid. Friday to study rescue techniques and First Aid.

Any club wishing to exchange club papers, The SQUELCH, club paper of the Broward Citizens Radio Club, Inc., P.O. Box 8092, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, welcomes all and any. The club would like to exchange

welcomes all and any. The club would like to exchange ideas, area wide, would be of mutual benefit. While a great many CB Clubs across the nation have fallen by the wayside during the past two years, the DELAWARE VALLEY CB CLUB goes marching on. The club was founded upon strong principles and worthy ideals, determination to never lose sight of their goals and the continual effort to serve their membership, has held them on a safe and steady course. GOOD LUCK GOOD LUCK.

GOOD LUCK to the CLUB, THE DELAWARE VAL-LEY "CB" ASSOCIATION, First in the First State, P.O. Box 1986, Wilmington 99, Delaware.

P.O. Box 1986, Wilmington 99, Delaware. COMING EVENT—One of the latest and most im-portant projects the South Western Ohio Citizens Band Radio Association is planning, is their FIRST NA-TIONWIDE CITIZENS BAND RADIO JAMBOREE. The event will be held at the Lebanon Fairgrounds, Le-banon, Ohio, Sunday, August 25, 1963. The club holds their monthly meetings the 2nd Sunday of each month, at the Muricipal Buildien Maccon Object 42, 400 at the Municipal Building, Mason, Ohio at 2:00 p.m.

The club boasts a membership of over 70. The Central Alabama CB Club has a membership of 20 and is affiliated with National REACT, Civil Defense, and the Sheriffs Dept. The club meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at Martins Restaurant, Jemison, Ala. President is Kendall F. Martin, KDB7524. That's why the meetings are held at Martins.

Tresident of the Citizens Radio Club of Mont-gomery, Ala., Alvin Gregory, KDB1021. Judy Mix, 18Q9199, received a microphone amplifier from THE FAMILY CB CLUB, Nianle, Ill. Judy is in an iron lung and the amplifiers a real help to her. Proceeds from a chili supper, which was sponsored by the club will pay for the gift. W.N.Y. Frontiersmen CB Assn., made and sent 100

Easter baskets to the Childrens Hospital of Buffalo and the Childrens Home of Lockport, N. Y. The baskets were distributed to the children on Easter morning were distributed to the children on Easter morning by Peter Russell, KIC1734, president. The club wishes to exchange club papers with any clubs. Write W.N.Y. CB Journal % Wm. Harms, 928 E. Delavan Ave., Buffalo 15, N. Y.

Western New York Emergency Net will be monitoring channel 9 this summer if any mobile unit passing through Buffalo needs assistance. The channel will be monitored from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. New prexy of the club is BOB HUGHES, KIC2794.

Club is BOB HUGHES, RIC2794. Officers of the Fayette Westmoreland County Citizen Band Assn., President, John Koenig, Vice President, Pat Tatano, Sec'y, Sally Lock. "CLEAR 9," club paper of the 5 Watter CB Club Inc., Lansing, Michigan looks good. Lots of Luck. Presi-

dent, Don Waite, 19Q8659, says he found a better way for getting good gas mileage—a pushmobile. Another successful "Raid" drill was held recently. "Raid" of course is CRL's emergency communications

group, RADIO ASSISTANCE IN DISTRESS. The coordinators of this event were Barney Chaiken, 18QA-0200 and Gordon Wood, 18QA1840.

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The article Unfortunate Accident, in the recent CB Chatter, tells via a visiting CB'er from the Canaveral area that Paul Ford, KDH1195, Merritt Island, was accidently electrocuted while working on his CB an-tenna. The Metropolitan Club of Miami wishes to express their regret and sympathy to the family and this should remind all to be careful. See June S9. President of the Silver State Citizens Band Assn.

and Washoe County Boat Squadron, George O'Dell, 12W1191, Vice President, Stan Russell, 12W3993, Sec. Treasurer, Nancy O'Dell, KFC1210, Editor of their paper, Silver State Scribbler, is good 'ol John W. Riggs, 12Q3211.

Riggs, 1203211. REACT of Orange County held a "Swap Meet" re-cently in Costa Mesa, Calif. During the day a drawing was held and a HC20C Transceiver was given away. The "WHITTIER RAMBLERS" a trailer club from the Whittier Calif. area, which is strictly a trailer outing group, and not a CB club, spent an enjoyable time in Riverside County recently. The club does have a number of CB'ers in their group.

REACT of South Western Los Angeles County, held their first official "Coffee Break" since being organized, at Uncle Toms Pancake House, Pacific Coast Highway in Long Beach. The affair proved to be a real blast. About 50 members and their families turned out, plus about 60 visitors from the Whittier, Pico Rivera, (RMF) and Bell Gardens area.

The CB Monitors, a San Gabriel Valley Club sponsored an informal coffee break in La Puente, April 21st. An enjoyable social evening was spent by ap-

proximately 35 members and visitors. The Little Rhody CB'ers, Providence, R.I. were chartered the 20th of March. At the present time the club boasts a membership of 30. Channel 11 is their main monitoring channel and 15 as an alternate. Presi-dent of the newly formed club is Joe Cacicia, KBA-7213; Vice President, Tony Moretti, KBA7213; Sec'y, Tony Calore, KBC1409 and Treas., Bruce DiMeo, KBA7405.

The Merrimac Valley CB Club of Lawrence, Mass., which was formed in Feb., boast a membership of 60, and hold their meetings the 1st Sunday of each month. The club monitors channel 9. Secretary is Joan Peters, KBA8271.

Recently the 5C's ,Cambria County Citizens Com-munication Club displayed their value to the community and surrounding areas when they responded to a request for aid in locating a lost Boy Scout. The club from Johnstown, Pa., was recently appointed an official REACT Team.

COMING EVENT-Evansville Citizens Kadio League, Ind., will hold their 2nd Annual CB Jamboree, August 11, 1963. For more info contact: L. Jorgenson, 814

11, 1963. For more info contact: L. Jorgenson, 814 Seiler Ave., Evansville, Ind. COMING EVENT-Milwaukee CB Club to be held at Bobs Resort, Tichigan Lake, Waterforč, Wisc. COMING EVENT-CB Club of Lansirg, Michigan will hold their event at the 110th Armory, June 30th, corner of Marshall and Saginaw, Lansing, Michigan. COMING EVENT-Wabash Valley Citizens Radio League, 2nd Annual CB Jamborce at Turkey Run State Park Ind. to be held July 14. 1963. Contact Ron Park, Ind., to be held July 14, 1963. Contact Ron Divine, P.O. Box 911, Terre Haute, Ind. Good luck to Walt Histed, KDH1835, in his recent and

most successful Editorship of the Manasota CB Modulator, club paper of the Manasota CB Club, Sarasota, Florida. Looks terriffic, Walt. The paper will add a swap and shop column next month. What happened to the feature article President of the group is Randolph Cookerham, 7W2039.

From the TRANSMITTER, club paper of the CB RANGERS, BULTER, PENNA., comes the news of a few more Jamboreees that we had missed. COMING EVENT-Penova CB Radio elub of East few

Liverpool, Ohio will hold their picnic, June 23rd at the Lisbon Fairgrounds, Lisbon, Ohio. COMING EVENT-July 7th the Allegheny Kiski 5

Watters of New Kensington, Pa., will hold their picnic at the Sportsmens Club, Freeport, Pa.

at the Sportsmens Club, Freeport, Pa. COMING EVENT—Western AREA CB club of Bul-ter, Pa., JULY 13-14th, will hold their Jamboree at the Farm Show Grounds in Bulter, Pa. COMING EVENT—August 25th the Sociable 5 Watt of Beaver Valley, Pa., holds their picnic at the Bradys Run Park Shelter, #10, Route 51, Beaver Falls, Pa. Something to see and have is the TRI-STATE AREA CALL BOOK CLUB DIRECTORY, published by the CB PANCEPS RUITER PA You talk about class well

RANGERS, BULTER, PA. You talk about class, well this one has it all over. FINE JOB. Members of the



club should feel proud to boast this to anyone. We'll cover this more in August.

Well here we go again John. The Chatterbox, club paper of the Cereal City Citizens Band Radio Club, P.O. Box 91, Battle Creek, Michigan would like to exchange club papers with all. We have mentioned this

Actionance club papers with all, we have mentioned this many times before, and the club reminds us of it again. COMING EVENT—The Cereal City Citizens Band Radio Club, Battle Creek, Mich., holds their Jamboree, JULY 21st at the Kellogg Airport, Hanger #4, Battle

COMING EVENT. The South Entern Persons is a south of the south of the

you all there. We will. COMING EVENT—The South-Eastern Pennsylvania Citizens Radio Club will hold its 2nd Annual Picnic at Chester Park, Area #2 on July 14th with July 21st as a rain-date, from 12:00 noon till ?? Price \$1.50 per person. Door prizes—Entertainment—Plenty of FOOD (YA FOOD, JOHN) Children under 14 years—

free. Guess my wife shouldn't have a problem! COMING EVENT-EASTERN STATES CB JAM-BOREE PICNIC, Schupps Grove, August 25th, Rain-date Sept. 8th, 10 a.m. till dark. A.P.R.E., Jim Cross, KCF0823, attended the monthly meeting of the Hub Citizen Band Club which is held

on the second floor of the Hagerstown, Maryland Y.M.C.A. on the last Thursday of the month. The meeton ing was very orderly and was conducted by President Nelson Garling, 4Q1028 and was attended by a good turnout of members. Local CD officials talked with the group and received a general list of members that could be available in a disaster or local emergency. President Art Ashenfelter, KCF0549 of the Moun-taineer CB Club reports the club helped a Cumberland

base to try to get her mobile, who was not heard from in sometime. At this time several days of rain had fell and she was in fear that her father might be in trouble. KCF0459 and KCF2417 drove to the spot and helped him retrieve his trailer from the waters, which were at flood stage. Good work boys, let's hear more from your section.

The Hagerstown Unit of REACT formed by charter The Hagerstown Unit of REACT formed by charter members, Russell Rhinchart, KCF1492 (Make the BIG SWITCH, RUSS) and Jim Cross, KCF0823 became an official REACT team on Sept. 13, 1962, with an initial membership roster of 12. Hard work and plenty of talk with CB'ers around Hagerstown area has built up the respect of CB with their motto, "Dedicated to civic duty and emergency responsibility with two-way radios for coordinated use in Washington County.

Then from Virginia, came John S. March, Sec'y of the Fairfax-Prince William CB Club who on April 29, 1963, visited this writer at his home and enoyed a nutty night with Your Club Editor. We were caught by surprise, but then rolled out the red carpet, with all the holes in it and enjoyed a pleasant evening. Did you ever make Phila., that night? John's wife had more to say to him in the car then at my home. Well John, we'll see you on the 21st. Everybody lock their doors.

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COMING EVENT-The Fort Henry CB Club of Wheeling, West Virginia will hold their "GIGANTIC CB Round-Up on Sunday, July 28th at the White Palace, Wheeling Park, Wheeling, West Va. Door prizes GALORE. Monitor channel 9.

COMING EVENT-The CB Club of Fresno, California will hold their First Annual CB Radio Jamboree,

June 15th and 16th at Kearney Park. The club project each year of the Black Warrior CB Club, Tuscaloosa, Ala., is participating in the radio pick-up for the Cerebral Palsy drive plus annual barb-que in July each year. President of the club is J. W. Jones, 6Q5235. The 10-4 CB Radio cuub of Sylacaga, Ala.,

recently elected J. W. Smitherman, KDB0732, as president. The club meets every other Tuesday night alternating between Childerburg and Sylacauga.

The CEE BANDERS RADIO PHONE CLUB is going to provide communications for the Alabama Chapter, to provide communications for the Alabama Chapter, Sports Car Club of America at their races July 6-7th at Courtland, Ala. Send pictures, Pat. COMING EVENT—The COOSA VALLEY CB club is holding its annual Jamboree Aug. 10 and 11, at

The SUSQUE CB RADIO CLUB, P.O. Box 644, Lake Rhea,

Williamsport, Pa., would like to exchange club papers

with all Chairman of the club is BOB OTT. COMING EVENT-"Y" City Citizens Radio Assn. will hold their annual Jamboree June 23rd at Muskin-gun County Fairgrounds, RAIN or SHINE, Zanesville, Ohio.

For the benefit of summer travelers the Kern County Citizens Radio Assa., Bakersfield, Calif., will monitor channel 21 for any emergency conditions in the entire county. CALL 11W8877, which monitors 24 hours a day. Alternates 9 and 11.

county. CALL 11W8877, which monitors 24 hours a day. Aiternates 9 and 11. COMING EVENT — The Zelienople Tri-County REACT Team of Zelienople, Pa., in conjunction with The Mars-Evans City Area REACT Team of Mars, Pa., will sponsor an action-packed, fun-filled afternoon for all CB'ers, June 23rd, at the Evans City Sports-man's Lodge, located approx. 2 miles north of Evans City on Pouts 52% Monitor channel 0 and 11. City on Route 528. Monitor channel 9 and 11.

On Monday, April 22, 1963 three severe tornados ripped through several small towns and farms causing considerable damage. The Illini Class D Radio Club to be tornado weather. Soon afterwards they received a report from a CB'er near Decatur, III., that he had spotted a tornado touch the ground, and headed towards Champaign. The Illini club immediately notified local authorities of the sighting and of the threat to Cham-paign County. However, little was actually done with regards to the CB'ers warning and three tornados hit outlying communities with very little warning to residents. In addition, even after the tornados had hit and relief and first aid work was beginning, the club was not so much as requested to lend aid to the CD. COMING EVENT-Giant eyeball QSO is planned for August 11th, at Santo Grove, Strawberry Hill,

Norwalk, Conn.

The Norwalk Citizens Band Radio Assn. meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. sharp in the East Norwalk Library, Van Zant St., East Norwalk, Conn.

COMING EVENT--CB Clambake to be held at Santo Grove, Strawberry Hill, Norwalk, Conn., Sept. 1, 1963. Keystone Profile of the Month is Joe Osisek, KCC0446,

who was one of the first members of the club and serves on the House and Program Committee. The Profile is a part of the Keystone 11 Meter News, club paper of the Keystone 11 Meter News, 45, Pottstown, Pa.

President of the Logansport CB CLUB is Keith W. Kohr, KHA5886. The club monitors channel 8, and is thinking of erecting signs at city limits to help travel-ing CB'ers in information.

COMING EVENT—The Tri-State Communication Association will stage a CB Jamboree, June 28, 29, and Soth, Grays Station, Washington County Fairgrounds, Tenn. Prizes and program for three days. Howard Brown, KDB8142, Route #3, Blountville, Tenn., is Chairman

Chairman, COMING EVENT—The 11th National Hillbilly Homecoming, 2nd Annual Hillbilly CB Jamboree, July 11, 12, 13 and 14th. Blount County, Maryville, Tenn. 11, 12, 13 and 14th, Blount County, Maryville, Tenn. The site is located between the Smoky Mountains Na-

tional Park and the Great Lakes of the south. Florida's Gateway City-Jacksonville-has recently reorganized its Citizens Radio Organization, and elected "Tex" Bonham, 7Q1401, president and Dick Hansen, KDH1988, vice president. During the month of March. the club has given financial aid, food, and clothing to

the club has given mancial and, food, and clothing to two very and deserving families. On Sunday, April 7th the Jacksonville CB Club sponsored a CB Club pienic and rally, which was held at the Jacksonville Zoo. Lake Placid 5 Watters Club, N. Y., a newly formed

club recently elected Donald Cave, KID0733, president. Presently the club sports 15 members. The club monitors channel 11,

The first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. is the regular meeting of the CB "5" Watters of Virginia, Newport News, Va. A door prize is presented each month. Channel 15 is their CD emergency freq. and 9 is their REACT freq. President of the club is Frank Foster, 5Q3454.

A meeting of the newly organized radio club, "The CB Knights" was held recently at Osips Tavern, Leonardo, N. J. President of the club is Joseph Narze, 2W2128. Stan Sliwa, 2Q5760, is the publicity officer 2W2128. Stan Sliwa, 2Q5760, is the publicity officer and editor of the club official publication, "The Channel Splash." Meetings are held the first Thursday of each month. For more info contact: Ed Parsons, Vernon St., Oakhurst, N. J. The 11/27 Club of Ventura, Calif., reports that the MARINE WATCH, which had its official start on March 16th, is well established. The club states that additional help can clurus has used at the the the

additional help can always be used, and asks that anyone interested contact Snapper, KEJ3867 in Ventura. Channel 13 is the official MARINE WATCH CHAN-NEL.

The 10-99 club of Orange County in California, meets every third Thursday of the month. The club monitors channel 10, Coffee Breaks are held every Monday night

channel 10, Coffee Breaks are held every Monday night at the Copper Penny, in Santa Ana. President of the 10-99 club is Kirk Kirkland; Vice President, Fred Cur-ran; Treas., Delpha Dady; Sec'y, Joy Lefever. Herb Hartley, KEJ6466, one of the editors of the Santa Barbara, California club paper, CB FLASHES, visited Whittier recently. He reported by air to the S9 A.P.R.E., R. M. Forester, KEJ5806, that all was well with the club, and that further news would be forth coming promto forth coming pronto.

A newly reporting club from Beaufort, South Caro-lina, THE SEA ISLANDER, was founded the 19th of February, 1963, by the members of the Citizens Com-munication Club of Beaufort, S. C., known as the "SEAISLAND CB'ERS, for the entertainment and in-formation of the club production of the club. SEASCARD OB ERS, for the entertainment and me formation of the club members and other interested persons. Thanks to E. B. Johnson, KDB0691. COMING EVENT-The Central Indiana CB Club 11 Meter Jamboree at Hounds State Park, east of

Anderson, Ind., on Route 232. July 21, 1963. Contact Ed Wood, 18B1251, P.O. Box 2155, Anderson, Ind. Let's see more club news for this column, because as you know, WE BOAST THE MOSTI!!!!!!!!!!! You just can't beat S9, so why not join us. GRRRRR-FAT EAT

All club news should be directed to-S9, Club Editor, add the CLUB EDITOR'S QSL CARD TO YOUR COLLECTION. 2W4586.

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Watch for next month's big issue



Taking time out to finalize their new license fee program the FCC slacked off in their relentless clean-up of CB frequencies by reducing this month's actions to a mere 21. Feeling the FCC's wrath this month are:

4Q0384, Peter A. Lindquist, Morgantown, W. Va., license revoked for repeated failure to respond to official notices concerning alleged violation of 19.24(a)(1).

4W0152, Warren J. Currence, Elkins, W. Va., whose license was finally revoked after long months of back-and-forthing between the Commission and Currence. Currence was charged with using profane language and with working skip, his defense was based upon several facts, namely, 1) that the Commission violated the Secrecy of Communications Act by monitoring his transmissions without his permission, 2) that his voice was imitated over the air, 3) that the callsign issued to his station was in violation of international agreements, and 4) many other stations worked skip. His revokation became effective June 3.

6Q1466, Stanley D. Hash, Bristol, Tenn., revoked for repeated failure to respond to official notices concerning alleged violation of 19.33.

7Q0919, George Melvin Beane, Miami, Fla., given a notice to Show Cause why his license should not be revoked.

7W2383, Allison E. Newhall, Tampa, Fla., given a notice to show cause why his license should not be revoked for violation of Section 1.76.

11Q0250, Albert P. Maurer, Santa Ana, Calif., license revoked for repeated failure to respond to official notices concerning alleged violation of 19.33.

11Q2045, Bobby E. Edwards, Los Angeles, Calif., received a Show Cause notice for repeated failure to respond to official notices concerning alleged violation of 19.33.

11Q5268, William P. Wilson, Santa Ana, Calif., received a Show Cause notice to repeated failure to respond to official FCC notices concerning alleged violation of 19.61(a).

18W5046, Robert C. Berry, Jeffersontown, Ky., license revoked for repeated failure to respond to official notices concerning alleged violation of 19.33.

19A7927, Marko Yerkovich, Detroit, Mich., received a Show Cause order for alleged violations of FCC regulations.

19Q6185, Rogers H. C. Davis, Sr., doing business as Woodwards Party Store, Lake Orion, Mich., license revoked for repeated failure to respond to official notices concerning alleged violation of 19.61(a).

KBA5393, Robert G. Maskell, Stoneham, Mass., directed to show cause why his license should not be revoked for repeated failure to respond to official notices concerning alleged violation of 19.61(a).

KDH4167, Andrew J. Talley, doing business as Florida Sod & Landscape Co., Miami, Fla., license revoked for repeated failure to official FCC notices concerning alleged violation of 19.61(a) and (c).

KED2105, Charles E. Slaughter, Austin, Texas, directed to show cause why his license should not be revoked for repeated failure to respond to official notices concerning alleged violation of Section 308(b) of the Communications Act and rules 1.76.

KEG0878, Don M. Carpenter, Amarillo, Texas, directed to show cause why his license should not be revoked.

KEJ1194, Donald K. Fisher, Sherman Oaks, Calif., directed to show cause why his license should not be revoked for repeatedly ignoring official FCC notices concerning alleged violation of 19.61(e).

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KEJ2617, Hal Rountree, doing business as Property Maintenance & Repair Service, San Diego, Calif., asked to show cause why his license should not be revoked for repeated failure to respond to official FCC notices concerning alleged violation of 19.61 (c) and 19.33.

KEJ4428, Dale E. Zacharias, Huntington Beach, Calif., license revoked for repeated failure to respond to FCC notices concerning violation of 19.33.

KEJ5209, David R. Coughlin, Whittier, Calif., asked to show cause why his license should not be revoked for repeated to answer official FCC notices concerning rule violation.

KEJ7142, Waymond T. Hendershot, San Pedro, Calif., directed to show cause why his license should not be revoked for repeated failure to respond to official FCC notices concerning alleged violation of 19.33.

KGE0146, Carl Swanson, doing business as Bob's Auto Repair, St. Paul, Minn., directed to show cause why his license should not be revoked for repeated failure to respond to official FCC notices concerning alleged violation of 19.61(a).

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CB'ers have long devoted their time, experience and equipment selflessly in the interests of the public and the community. Commissioner Bartley, in his dissenting statement on the Docket, stated, "The Commission is charged with the responsibility of promoting maximum effectiveness in the use of wire and radio communication for service to the people of the United States and for the safety of their life and property. The assessment of fees would be a deterrent to effectuation of that purpose . . ." We agree.

Commissioner Ford, who also refused to go along with this Docket, suggested that the Commission send a comprehensive report on the subject of licensing fees to the Congress and let that body hassle it out and decide whether or not the fees should be imposed.

In view of the fact that the fee proposals of the past failed to get off the ground, it is doubtful that Congress would go along for the ride this trip. Reading over the new FCC Docket, we got the impression that the FCC itself is not actually *fully* convinced as to its right to impose these fees. To quote from the Docket, "In Summary, the Commission believes it has the authority under Title V of the Independent Offices Appropriation Act of 1952 to adopt rules requiring the payment of fees for its licensing and regulatory activities." (Italics ours.) This is the same Act which was the basis of the Docket which failed in 1954; it's interesting to note that whatever made the fee proposal fail before seems now to have passed over.

We had all hoped that the Commission would be satisfied with the monies collected from its new "small forfeitures" bill, however this is apparently not so.

Personally, we don't believe that CB'ers would be against chipping-in an *equitable* amount towards the Commission's "cause" if it meant that there would be some more personnel at the now overworked and understaffed FCC. The \$8 fee is *not* equitable in relation to the other services, especially in view of the nature of the Citizens Radio Service. In addition, these fees will *not* go to the Commission for their own uses, they *must* be turned over to the Treasurer of the United States by the Commission.

We don't know if there is anything which can be done to reduce or eliminate these oppressive fees. Are you interested in trying? If you are, why not drop us a card or letter with your opinions? If we get enough of them we'll send them in a big CARE ("Citizens Anti Radio-Expense") package to the Commission.

In the meantime, watch for the birdie on January 1, 1964. If you have a license which you are thinking of modifying or renewing in early 1964, or if you are moving in 1964 and you already know the new address, you can save yourself some time and cash by sending in a new application before the end of the year. With the \$8 we've saved you, you can take a subscription to \$9 and put the other \$3 towards that new dream rig.

SPECIAL GUEST EDITORIAL

by Charles Case, 18W6313 Waukesha County CB Club, Inc. Oconomowoc, Wisc.

ERNEST L. WALKER & THE A.C.B.A.

Mr. Walker received much publicity on his fight for CB'ers, but one very important item has been forgotten, Mr. Walker did continuously defy the law, even after being warned. He even made false statements in regard to the mobiles he was calling

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which were parked in front of his house; actually he was using this as a disguise to call skip.

He bases his argument that it is unconstitutional for the FCC to tell him who he can talk to. If he sincerely feels this way, why use the mobile calling bit as a disguise? There are proper ways to protest laws we feel are unfair. If everyone broke a law every time they came across one that didn't seem right, just for the sake of proving a point, man, what a mess we would have.

The American Citizens Band Association was formed as an outgrowth of this Walker problem. They want every CB'er to send in a dollar for a year's membership. We need a national organization but look how many we've had so far. I am reminded of the NCRL in Chicago about a year ago; it looked real good, a big sensational show and then in came the money for a few months. Then, all of a sudden, letters were returned marked "Moved, left no forwarding address."

It seems the bad apple will always make you look twice at the good one, so before you rush your dollar in, make sure it's what you want. Personally, I would like to see a national organization tied in with the manufacturers' CEMA. Don't misunderstand me, the ACBA may be just what we need but let's make sure and not have another "Moved, left no forwarding address."

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If the SWR ratio becomes progressively lower toward the high channel number it may well be an indication that the antenna has already been trimmed and is actually resonating at the high frequency end of the band or on the high frequency side of the band end. This indicates that the antenna may have been overtrimmed and needs some additional length. The effective length can sometimes be increased by crowding the turns nearer together near the end of the antenna. However, it is far better to proceed carefully so as not to overtrim this type of antenna.

TUNING THE SHORTY

The short antenna must be tuned very carefully. As mentioned in last months column the short antenna has a high Q and therefore its bandwidth is much narrower. Thus it must be peaked very carefully. The job is critical because a very slight change in the length of a short antenna has a significant influence on its resonant frequency and impedance characteristics. In fact, it is recommended that its length be changed no more than $\frac{1}{8}$ th inch at a time as you attempt to peak the shorty on a given channel.

Usually the short antenna can be telescoped a limited amount. The antenna element is held firmly by a set screw. The screw is loosened and the antenna telescoped ever so slightly and then locked into position again while a new measurement is made.

Usually the length over which it can be telescoped is adequate to bring the antenna into resonance for most installations. In some cases it is necessary to trim the end of the antenna. Again it is important that you do not trim too much because there is not much you can do about giving length to an overtrimmed short antenna.

Crater Lake supplies a small telescoping wire with their models. For a given installation this telescoping wire can be used for tune-up purposes. Its exact length can be measured and the regular antenna can then be cut very carefully to the same length.

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wire! Since the RC-58/U is rated at say 150 watts its inherent loss will produce a specific (and safe) amount of heating. However, if the rating is grossly exceeded the excessive heating will melt the material insulating the two conductors and short the cable.

"The lower loss of RG-8/U is a definite advantage, but one which you have to pay for. If your installations requires an extremely long run of coaxial cable, it might be wise to use RG-8/U even though it may cost twice as much.

"Loss is expressed in the same decibles which we discussed several months ago and is usually given as db per hundred feet at a specific frequency. If you use 100 feet of cable which has a loss of 3 db per 100 feet at 30 megacycles, you will lose exactly one half of the power generated by your transmitter and cause a signal drop of one 'S' unit at the other guys' station. Knowing this, you can look up the type of cable you are using and closely estimate how much the cable is dropping your signal. Don't forget, though, that the loss specification varies from manufacturer to manufacturer.

"Here's another interesting fact about transmission lines—they actually slow down the radio frequency traveling through them. In free space a radio signal travels at the speed of light, or 186,000 miles per second. However, inside the cable our speeding friend, the electron, has his brakes applied. The exact reduction in speed is called the *propagation velocity* and for most types of coax the figure is 0.68. This means the r.f. is traveling only about two-thirds as fast, or about 126,000 miles per second.

"Propagation velocity is not just a laboratory curiosity but can be important to every CB'er. For example, we know that if we could see it, the wave length of a CB signal would be about 36 feet. Thus we say a quarter wave

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antenna (such as a mobile whip) is about 9 foot long. But what if you purchased an antenna that was supposed to use a transmission line one half-wave length long? Would you go to the radio store and purchase 18 feet of coax? I hope not, because you would waste several feet.

"In actual practice one half-wave length of coax is its propagation velocity times the wave length in space. Thus the half-wave coax line for our imaginary antenna would be $(.68 \times 18 \text{ feet})$ or only 12 feet, 3 inches long. This is an important figure to remember, as we shall see.

'Another interesting fact about transmission lines is their repeating characteristics. If you measure a half-wave line you will find that it 'repeats' whatever is connected to its opposite end. If you short one end the r.f. eners / entering the other end will 'see' a short. If you connect a perfectly matched antenna to one end, the r.f. will 'see' a perfect antenna at the other end. In plain English, what this means is that by using a half-wave transmission line, or multiples of a half-wave, your transmiter will tune and load just exactly the same as if the antenna were connected directly to the antenna terminal of the rig. You will still have the cable loss, however, but the use of half-wave line and multiples make the rig much easier to tune up.

"If you use a quarter-wave or multiples, the energy generated by the rig might see the perfectly matched antenna as high impedance rather than its normal low impedance. If your rig is designed to load into this higher impedance, fine, you have no problem, but if it has a limited tuning range—look out. You will not be able to transfer all the power generated by the rig, up to the antenna. This wasted energy will add to the loss of the cable and make your signal even weaker."

Sam concluded his discussion. "If you doubt this half-wave business, try using a 12 foot, 3 inch length of coax between your mobile rig and antenna. I'll bet it will tune much better and you may get more power output," Sam said. "By the way," he added, "I just received a new shipment of the new "T line. Supposed to be the lowest stuff on the market. "Who's first," he said, unlocking the cash register.

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there's no built-in mobile supply; the basic unit operates only off the AC Mains. If you want mobile operation you can purchase the optional 6 or 12 VDC supply which mounts on the rear of the HE-90. Those who need mobile operation pay for the service and those who need only a base rig don't have to pay for a circuit they don't need.

Another stripping is the plate current input meter which was standard on Lafayette's big rig. It has been replaced by the output meter and you now have to plug an external meter into a jack (provided) to measure plate current. Also, there is no carrying handle, you tuck it under your arm or you make your own.

For someone who needs just plain, reliable communications, without frills, the HE-90 packs all that's needed into an under-onehundred-dollar package.



TEST GEAR

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Top of the group is: "101 Ways To Use Your VOM And VTVM" by Middleton, published by Howard Sams; this is primarily a beginner's reference. Short sections show the tricky uses for what is called the basic instrument. It covers everything, from the everyday usage of measuring voltage to using the VOM as a sensitive field strength meter. Nearly all the tips are illustrated, some show how to connect the equipment, others show the result which should be obtained. Without this reference you might never suspect the many uses of the VOM and VTVM.

We also recommend "How To Use Test Probes" by Ghirardi and Middleton, published by Rider. This work is for the more technically advanced, but it belongs alongside "VOM and VTVM." Basically, probes are devices which convert instruments into other instruments. For example: you cannot measure RF voltage with a VOM-you would need an RF voltmeter. But, if you equip your VOM with an inexpensive RF probe (about \$3) you can measure RF voltage-get the picture? "Probes" details, in easy-to-read style, possibly every use for probes. And keep in mind that most probes you'll need can be built in a few minutes, and "Probes" shows the circuits.

While there are many other excellent references on test equipment, the ones given are probably the best value for the CB'er in that they are directly applicable to CB, rather than CB being a secondary interest.



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was the center of the particular channel and that this signal was being generated by precision equipment in the station. He made an adjustment in scale on the analyzing equipment and told me that each square on the gird now represented one kilocycle. At that moment another "blip" showed up to the right of the "marker blip", and slightly more than three kilocycles high in frequency. Mr. Johnson pointed a finger at the transgressor, and at my request, quickly attached the polaroid camera and snapped a picture of a CB station asking for a citation. In this instance, I believe the station was not identified, but how lucky can you be. For anyone in doubt as to his frequency, well-this could be a picture of your signal as recorded by the FCC monitor. While this equipment serves to indicate when a station might be off frequency, other extremely precise instruments are capable of being immediately coupled to the receiver for frequency measurement to six decimal places. In other words, your frequency can be measured so accurately that you could receive a notice identifying your signals as being, for example, 3.230596 kilocycles off frequency.

Needless to say, this is precision that stands up under any argument. Furthermore, the operator doesn't even have to read a meter. The exact frequency is indicated on a digital readout device, and then recorded by the operator. Mr. Weston remarked on the improvement in this area from the old days when an operator had to interpolate between known check points before he could approximate an unknown frequency.

Even further accuracy is possible, when required, as the station maintains a standard accurate to five part in ten billion. This is perhaps a thousand times greater accuracy than was possible even a few years ago.

Since most Citizen Banders, we're happy to say, are law abiding, and will never have an opportunity to see FCC Form 793, I asked Mr. Johnson for a copy. Herewith, for all to see, Form 793. May you never open your mail to find this tidy little greeting.

Since one of the major efforts of the Commission's monitoring program is devoted to rule enforcement, it was natural that our discussion should cover this point in detail. In particular, here are the points the monitors have in mind when listening on the Citizen Band.



Unidentified CB station 3.2 kilocycles off frequency (Official FCC photo)

Failure to properly identify a station.

Transmission of false call signs.

Operation on a frequency not authorized.

Failure to attenuate spurious emissions.

Operation with power greater than authorized.

Rendering a communication service not authorized.

Operation with an unauthorized type of emission.

Operation of equipment not authorized by the station license.

Failure to respond to official communications from the Commission.

Amendments to the Communications Act provide for the assessment of forfeitures of \$100 each (up to a total of \$500) for the violations above, all of which are applicable to Citizen Band stations.

As a sidelight, your reporter was conducted to the second floor of the station. Here, in one room, was an exact reproduction of one of the monitoring positions found below. This facility is used for the instruction of personnel from other governments, and their training is carried on without interrupting the flow of business on the floor below. Armed with the finest of guidance and instruction, foreign visitors return to their own countries to establish similar monitoring installations.

Our conclusion: The FCC monitoring system is a safeguard for you and me. Call them "watchdogs" if you will, but contemplate, if you can, the state of conditions we would have throughout the radio spectrum if it weren't for these sentinels of the airwaves.

S9's sincere thanks to Messrs. George Turner, Irv Weston, and Hobart Johnson whose cordial reception and patience in answering all our questions made this special report possible.

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