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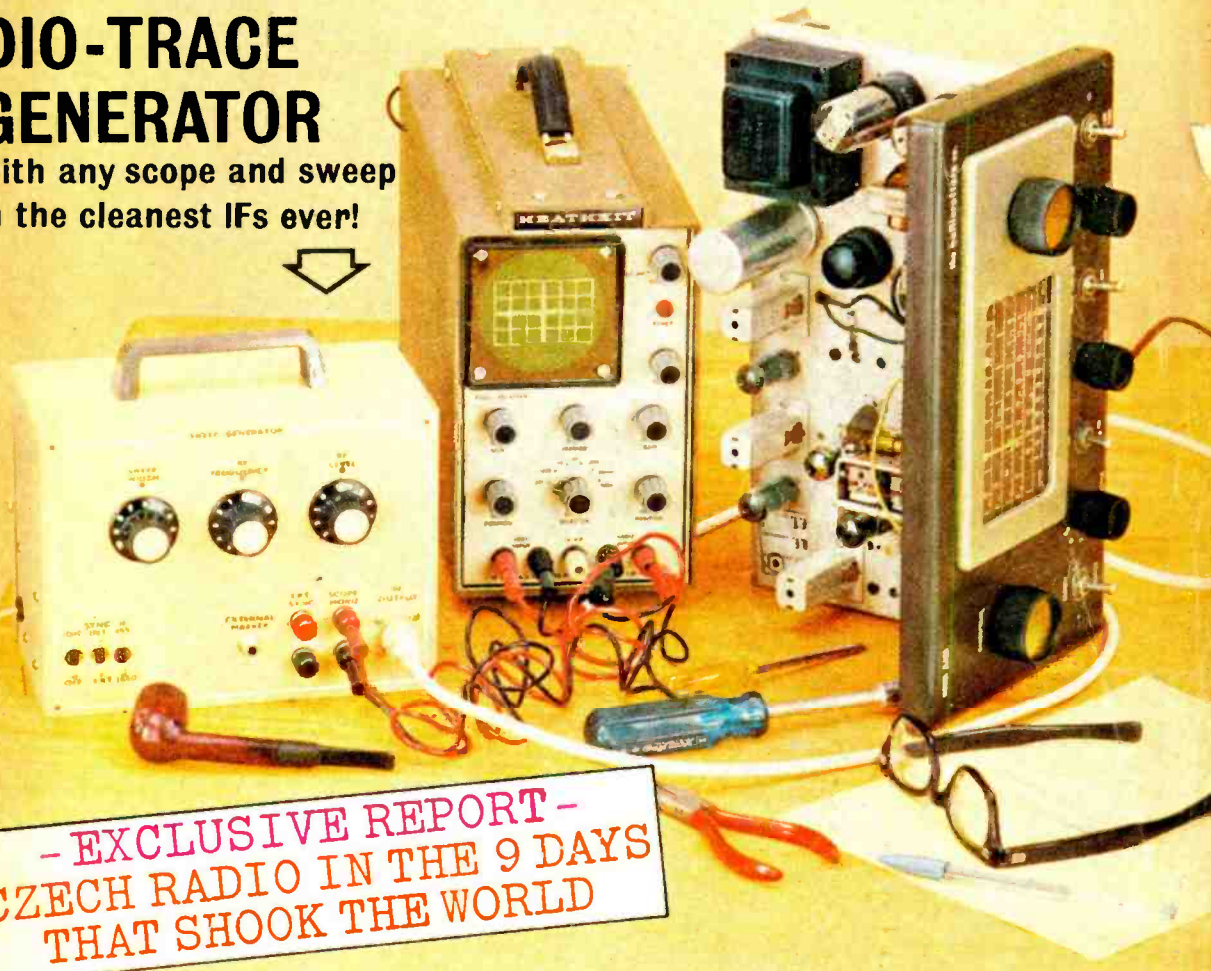
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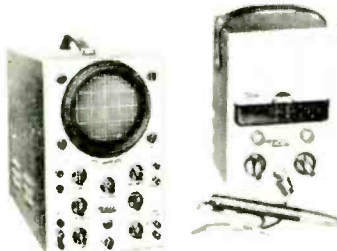
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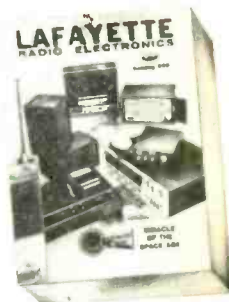
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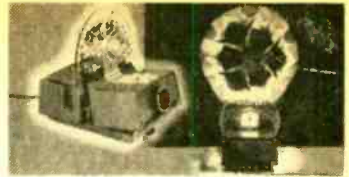
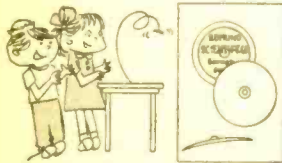


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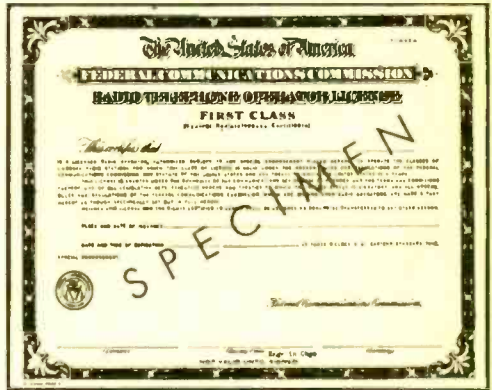
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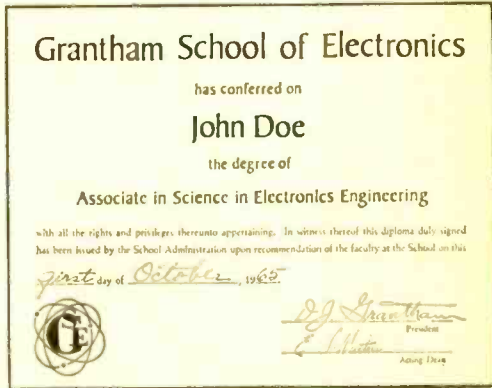
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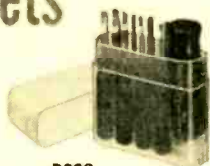


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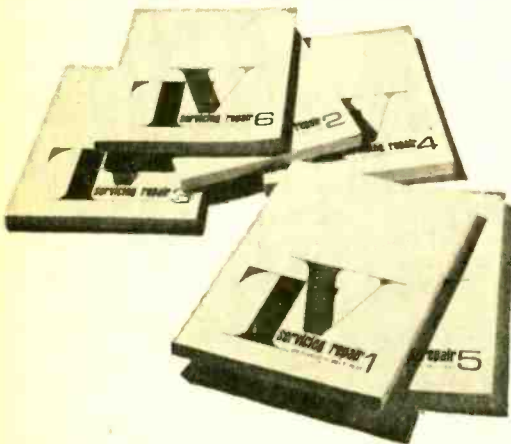
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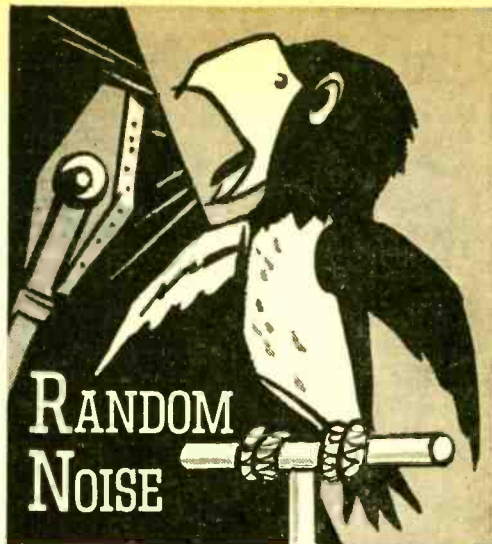
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By **JULIAN M. SIENKIEWICZ**, Editor

**The Apollo 7 flight** proved an interesting point. Simply stated, it goes this way: the most sophisticated electronic device man can orbit in space is only as good as the fancy of the astronaut who cares—or cares not—to use it.

The full story may never be known. But at this writing it is known that astronaut Walter Schirra disliked the idea of taking a TV camera on board—presumably because he disliked the idea of flight controllers looking over his shoulder in space.

The TV system designed for the Apollo 7 is not representative of the best America is capable of today. The camera consumes 6.5 watts of power, uses a 500-kHz bandwidth, has 325 scan lines (your home TV has 525 scan lines—European has more), and displays a mere 10 frames per second. In short, the specs for the TV camera suggest anything but broadcast standards.

Thing is, when design was first begun back in 1962 with the then-existing state of the art, the space-borne camera system was the best that could be made with the burdensome specifications of outer-space engineering. Millions of dollars have been poured into the Apollo 7 camera project. Surely, the project should not have been begrudged an honest test as initially programmed in the flight plans.

**Everyone's Getting into the Act.** There was a time when you could tell who was a publisher and who wasn't. The name of the company usually was the tip-off. For example, *Davis Publications, Inc.* is a publishing company because that's what the name tells you, and if you check page 6 in this magazine you will see that it's the company that publishes **ELEMENTARY ELECTRONICS**. Now let's try two other names like *Radio Corporation of America* and *Amphenol Distributor Division of the Bunker-Ramo*





Here's a tired tigress resting after an afternoon's outing with RCA's home-brew metal locator.

Corporation—hell, they couldn't be publishers. But they are!

Want proof? RCA has just introduced a new, 224-page Solid-State Hobby Circuits Manual. Inside this project-builder's delight are detailed instructions on solid-state circuits for use in the home, automobile, photo-lab, ham shack, and by musicians, audio buffs, and experimenters. Priced at \$1.75, the manual—to this Editor at least—is a must for the home builder and experimenter. Get a copy today at your local electronics parts distributor.

As for the Amphenol people, they've come up with a "How-To Handbook" on connector assembly information for termination to popular RG-58A/U coax, plus poop on how to solder, how to interpret schematic symbols, how to read resistor color codes, etc. It's a great workbench reference, and the price is unbeatable—*free!* All you have to do to get a copy is send them a stamped, self-addressed envelope to How-To Handbook, Amphenol Distributor Div., Bunker-Ramo Corp., 2875 S. 25th Ave., Broadview, Ill. 60153. By the way, tell 'em we sent you.

**Dry Walls, Anyone?** The other day I hung some bookshelf speakers on a plasterboard wall—the job was quick, required minimum tools, and created *no mess* whatever. I owe it all to a new product that's about as electronic as a hammer. It's the new Molly drive fastener for dry walls. (A dry wall is that sheet rock or plaster wallboard that's become popular in construction lately.)

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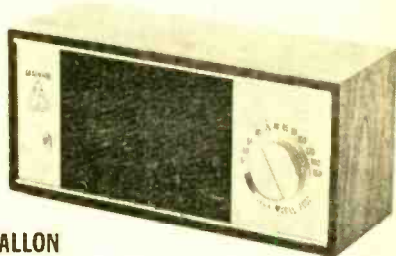
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arm rests on gyroscopically gimballed pivots for minimal friction. The auto-rise safety record platform raises at the push of a button for stacking records to be played automatically, and lowers into the unit floor when the turntable is



Garrard's Synchro-Lab SL95 turntable

used manually. The manual-cueing-pause system in the SL95 is operated with one control. A single lever starts the turntable, activates cueing, lifts the arm, and lowers it gently to the record. Other features: built-in calibrated stylus pressure gauge; adjustable sliding counterweight isolated in rubber; anti-skating control; snap-in cartridge clip which eliminates the need for a plug-in shell. The SL95 sells for \$129.50. If you care for more specs, write the Garrard Div. of British Industries, Westbury, N.Y. 11591.

### Exploring the Shortwaves

Imaginatively dubbed the Magellan, Admiral's YK377 is a 6-band FM/AM radio with short-wave, longwave, and marine coverage. It has 18



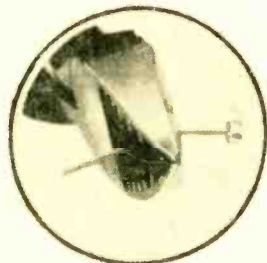
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transistors, 6 diodes, automatic frequency control, slide-rule vernier tuning, dial light, tone control, separate regular and fine tuning controls, and a powerful 6 x 4-in. Alnico V speaker. Other features are two ferrite rod antennas, tuning meter and battery condition indicator, 44-in. telescopic antenna, and a built-in AC charger converter which permits the radio to be played on household current and also charges the batteries. In a walnut grained finish with aluminum grille and diecast handle, the Magellan retails for \$99.95, complete with batteries and earphone. At your local store, or write to Admiral Corp., 3800 Cortland St., Chicago, Ill. 60647.

## Cut Up with Safety

New diagonal cutting safety pliers introduced by the Milbar Corp. have been designed to eliminate two hazards—flying pieces normally encountered when cutting electrical wire, and snipped pieces dropping onto circuit boards and



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causing possible damage to electronic assembly operations. Adjacent to the cutting edges is a rubber-plastic compound forming adhesive surfaces to firmly hold cut pieces. The tool is claimed to be self-cleaning. Available in 4½- and 7½-in. lengths, the two sizes are priced at \$4.95 and \$5.95. For complete information on these pliers, write to Milbar Corp., 2800 E. 116th St., Cleveland, Ohio 44120.

## Swell News for Hams

And for all you hams, there's a new Allied receiver, model A-2515, a 5-band AM/CW/SSB unit, which features solid-state circuitry, tunes all amateur bands from 80 to 10 meters, international shortwave, aircraft, marine, other shortwave broadcasts, and the standard AM broadcast band. Bands covered are 150-400 kHz, 550-1600 kHz, 1.6-4.8 MHz, 4.8-14.5 MHz, and 10.5-30 MHz. The A-2515 has two FETs in the RF stage, four mechanical filters, noise limiter, and automatic volume control. Built-in variable

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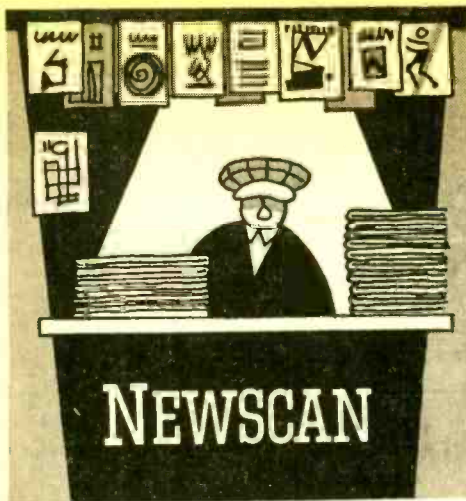
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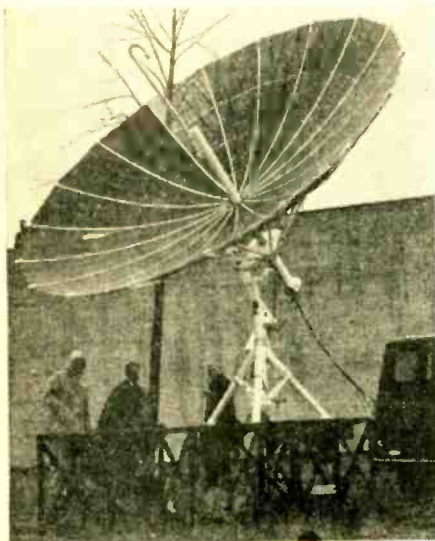




## The Voice from Space

A space communications link was established into downtown Philadelphia using an Applications Technology Satellite "parked" in orbit 22,500 miles above the east coast of Brazil. The space communications "first" was demonstrated by the General Electric Space Systems Organization personnel during an international communications conference.

The experiment, which represents the state-of-the-art in space communications technology, was designed to illustrate to convention visitors the potential use of satellites for mass dissemination of information via telephone. (Turn page)



A new type, high-gain 15-foot GE communications antenna installed at the ice skating rink at Penn Center in downtown Philadelphia (photo) and a large terminal antenna of NASA's satellite tracking station in Rosman, North Carolina were an integral part of a successful space communications linkup for public demonstration.

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The telephone link spanned more than 45,000 miles. Originating in the Sheraton at a dial telephone in the GE exhibit booth, conversations traveled over land line to the NASA satellite ground tracking station in Rosman, North Carolina and then transmitted on to the satellite fixed in orbit over the south Atlantic Ocean. Through the use of a high-gain 15-foot parabolic-type antenna erected at the ice skating rink at Penn Center, conference delegates conversed via satellite loop with other visitors in the Sheraton exhibit booth.

Another pair of dial telephones mounted on the side of the antenna radome on the ice rink offered the general public the opportunity to talk by communications satellite.

The ATS-111 is the latest in the series of NASA orbited satellites and is an initial step toward demonstrating the technical feasibility in the 1970's of bringing the widest possible programming spectrum into homes equipped with a low cost converter and antenna system for television receivers. At high mass production levels, the equipment cost could be as little as \$50 per home.

This concept applied in underdeveloped countries, for example, would mean programming produced by any major broadcast center could be beamed via satellite to another continent with strategically placed communications terminals. The technique would rapidly facilitate a progressive education program for large segments of the world's population.

The advent of direct broadcast satellites early in the 1970's will provide high resolution video reproduction capable of "blackboard" detail in a classroom situation emanating from a television studio thousands of miles away.

Satellites of the future will become invaluable to geologists, hydrologists and others for real-time resources data provided by sensory pay-

loads on satellites orbiting the earth. Important strides are expected in agricultural land management from earth resources satellites being proposed by industry. Scientists, too, will benefit from high-speed data links via satellites which will be capable of real-time transmission of information from central computer banks operating at data rates as high as 100 million bits a second.

Ever changing weather patterns for long range forecasting, and oceanographic information relative to shipping and fishing will be recorded in a comprehensive way by still other satellites. Low cost communications terminals made available to interested nations will permit the widespread utilization of this data as never before.

### One Gun and Color

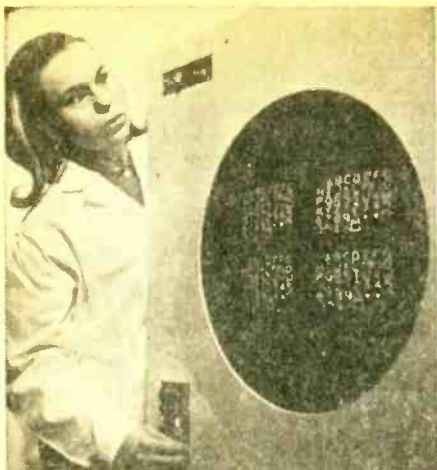
A multi-color display system, which will enable air traffic controllers to analyze instantly various flight corridors or runways through four-color information portrayals, has been developed by Sylvania. The system, employing a new technique in a color, video cathode ray tube display, presents information in red, green, yellow, and orange. Words, numerals, or graphic material can be displayed on the tube with greater clarity, detail, and color registration than is possible with present systems.

Data of all kinds could be displayed on the new multi-color tubes, which can be made in sizes ranging from 1 to 27 inches. The display system shown in the photo is driven by computer. A keyboard is employed to initiate data appearing on the display. The system can be adapted for any application in which rapid visual distinction of information is required. In air traffic control systems the various colors could indicate runways, air lanes, holding patterns, or aircraft travelling at different altitudes.

### The Electronic Coffee Market....







The new Sylvania multi-color information system displays data in four separate colors—red, green, yellow, and orange. The heart of the computer-driven system (above) is a 19-inch one-gun tube.

In military applications, the new display system could be used to quickly distinguish hostile and friendly forces, or for satellite tracking. For commercial uses in computer displays, the multicolor system could be used to indicate changing stock market conditions. Instrumentation readings, including waveforms, also could be separated visually by color through the new display system.

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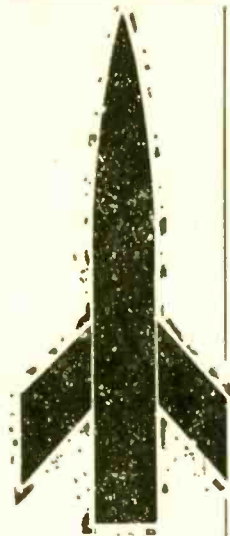
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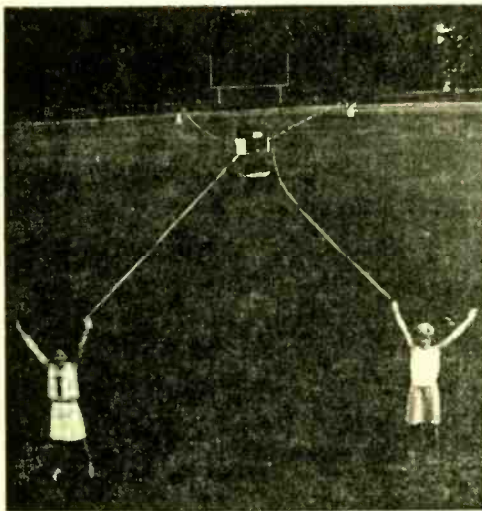
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### Gravity's Got a Lot of Pull

An Applications Technology Satellite launched from Cape Kennedy combined a delicate balancing system with a weather eye camera that can zero in on storms over the North and South American continents. Launched into a 22,300 statute-mile high orbit by an Atlas/Centaur booster, the 864-pound satellite hovers over the equator, about 400 miles west of Quito, Ecuador in the Pacific Ocean.

The ATS series of seven satellites, of which ATS-D is the fourth, is designed to provide "in-orbit laboratories" for improving spacecraft systems. General Electric Company's Space



*Most young girls get starry-eyed over football players, but here is a group that's starry-eyed over an experiment-loaded satellite the size of a football field. The white tape the lasses hold represents four 123-foot long paper-thin metal booms that provide satellite stability when in orbit.*

Systems Organization has the primary mission of demonstrating at an altitude of 22,300 miles the feasibility of a satellite stabilization technique that depends on the gravitational pull of the Earth.

Because of the long slender shape of the football field size satellite (251 feet from tip to tip) one end of ATS-D will be closer to Earth than the other, and thus will be affected more by gravity. Although these gravity forces are very small, about a hundred-thousandth of a pound, they prove to be sufficient to cause a satellite to look toward Earth.

The delicate gravity gradient balancing experiment in space is aided by deploying four 123-foot long primary booms and two 45-foot long damper booms. However, this action is not taken for approximately seven days into the flight, or until the spacecraft's rate of spin is reduced to near zero.

In the 1970's, weather, communications and navigation satellites, for example, will depend on a steady platform to keep cameras and sensors continually pointing toward Earth. Application of gravity gradient stabilization for long-life satellites is most advantageous because the passive system provides a high degree of reliability and a life expectancy of more than five years.

ATS-D will be the first flight for the day/night television camera (885 lines) which will take photos of developing weather systems. Infrared photos of the Earth have been previously taken by weather satellites, but nighttime pictures in the visible spectrum (that part of the spectrum which man can see) have not been possible.

Each picture will cover an area on Earth 1,150 statute miles square (1.3 million square miles), with a resolution of less than 1.5 statute miles at picture center. The steerable optics in this image orthicon camera permits cloud cover pictures to be taken 4,000 miles in any direction on the face of the Earth (from the tip of South America to the Hudson Bay). Sixty-four pictures and three hours will be required to photograph the entire Earth's disk.

Capabilities of this camera system at nighttime will be evaluated under various degrees of moonlight ranging from quarter moon to full moon. Now lovers will have to share the full moon with a peeping satellite.

### The Tweet That's Sweet

A compact electronic screening instrument, approximately the size of a flashlight, that can detect a baby's hearing difficulties within hours of birth, has been developed by Zenith. Tabled the Neo-meter, it was developed in response to the recognized need by audiologists and otologists for a precision-built, portable instrument to screen children's hearing at the earliest possible age. Too often in the past, a child's hearing difficulty was not detected until he was enrolled at school. The neo-meter makes it possible for children to be screened for hearing problems while they are still in the hospital nursery.

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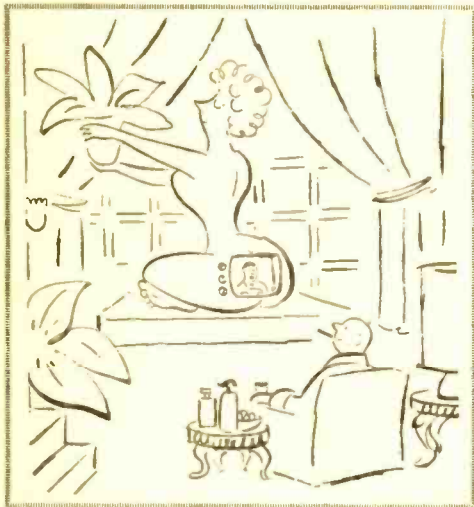




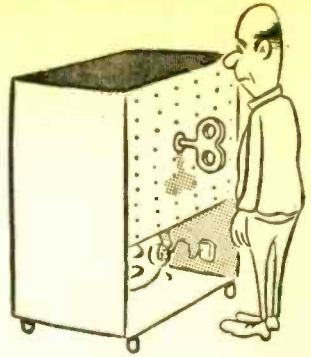
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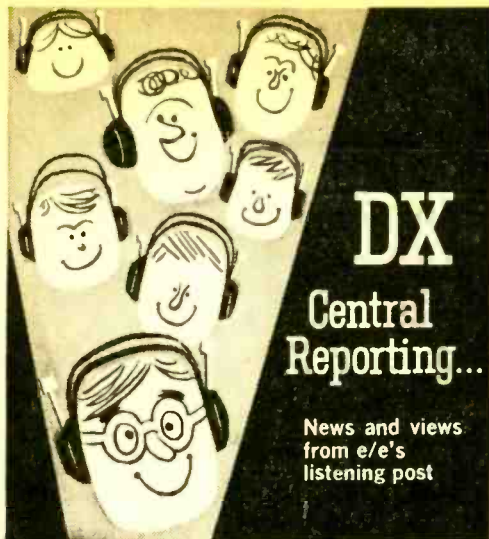
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## Keeping It Clean

Most everyone has heard about clandestine radio's part in international power politics. But there are at least a few would-be broadcasters who desperately do *not* want to be pawns in games played by the major powers. For them the only solution is to broadcast from what can be loosely classified as a "neutralist" nation.

The best heard example of this phenomenon is *A Voz de Libertad*, operated by Portuguese refugees and using transmitters belonging to Radiodiffusion-Television Algerienne. Algeria, of course, is at the far left end of the neutralist camp. Nevertheless, it is not under direct control of Moscow or Peking as are such countries as Czechoslovakia, Albania, and Cuba.

*A Voz de Libertad* is currently reported in the United States evenings at 1900-2000 EST on 11835 kHz. Other frequencies probably include 6175 and 9685 kHz. RTA makes no attempt to disguise the fact that its transmitters are used by *A Voz de Libertad*. And for the past couple years RTA has been engaged in a vest-pocket radio war with another "neutral" station, the Swiss Broadcasting Corporation. The issue: who owns 529 kHz?

For some reason, logging this controversy has become an *in* game with DXers, possibly because that frequency is located in such an off-beat part of the dial—just below the U.S. broadcast band. Since SBC's home-service transmitter at Beromunster was on 529 first, SBC claims squatters' rights. The claim has been supported by the European Broadcasting Union. And, until recently at least, RTA couldn't have cared less.

Switzerland differs radically from what we usually think of today as a neutral power. Switzerland isn't really non-aligned because it's

an integral part of the Western economic structure. Nor is it a newly independent, emerging nation attempting to progress (or just stay alive) by playing the major powers against each other. Switzerland is merely neutral in the sense that it does everything possible to stay out of international disputes (except as a peace maker). Shortwave listeners can confirm this for themselves by tuning in on SBC's English language transmissions beamed to North America at 2015 EST on 9535 kHz.

Under these circumstances it can be safely stated that the 529-kHz radio war was an unique experience for the Swiss, one which the Algerians may have thoroughly enjoyed. And though at last report RTA had finally decided to stop tormenting SBC, don't be too surprised if that high-powered Algerian transmitter should suddenly reappear on 529 kHz.



Unusual QSL from Radiodiffusion-Television Algerienne outlet on disputed 529 kHz highlights virtually lost art of weaving.

Despite the high sunspot count, DXers east of the Mississippi still have a chance for transatlantic reception on 529—though it will certainly require much effort and patience. If RTA returns to this frequency, it will be best around 1700-1800 EST (SBC comes on around 0030 EST). North American QRM can be expected primarily from beacons, most notably station NB at North Bay, Ont. There is also supposed to be a Costa Rican broadcast station on 530 kHz—R. Rumbos at Cartago.

## On the Borderline

Speaking of beacons, if a strange voice suddenly appears on 530 kHz with minute landing

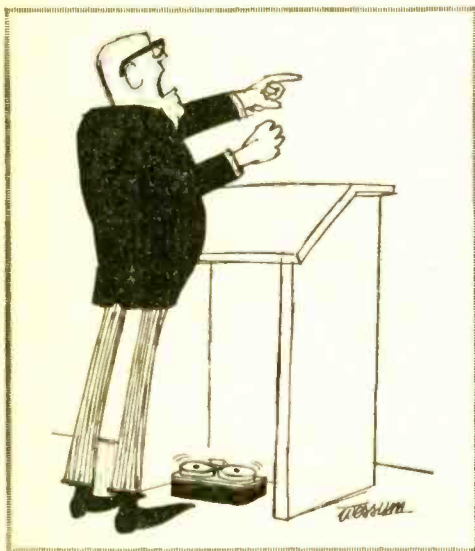


instructions for an aircraft, it won't be some sinister new twist in the Algerian-Swiss radio war. Instead, it'll be a beacon (like NB at North Bay, Ont., just mentioned, or OX at Comox, B.C. on 527 kHz) suddenly turned aeradio and guiding a blind-flying pilot into (hopefully) a safe landing.

Most Canadian beacons operating just below the BCB are equipped for such action. And while the band is used for this purpose only as a back-up to vhf systems, such transmissions are obviously well worth waiting for. Reason: they provide listening excitement seldom matched by orthodox BCB stations. Most of these off-band transmitters are good verifiers and can be QSLed even if you don't hear a voice transmission. All you need do is time their identification patterns to the second.

Other Canadian stations recently reported by DXers include BN 512 at Camp Borden, Ont.; UP 516 at Ottawa, Ont.; and FZ 524 at St. Hubert, Que. A number of U.S. beacons have been reported in the past, but most apparently operate from quasi-classified locations. One whose location is known, however, would be station BE at Bedford, Mass., operated by the Federal Aviation Agency on 512 kHz.

Chances are your AM receiver already reaches down to 529, and any competent serviceman can alter the rig so that it will tune down to 512. The hard part will come when you try to get your QSLs accepted. While most of organized BCBdom will, grudgingly, accept RTA 529 as a legitimate catch, they won't recognize NB—even though the North Bay outlet is a whole kiloHertz closer to the orthodox BCB. Sounds a little like some hush-hush CIA scheme to discourage BCBers from hunting for those quasi-clandestine U.S. beacons. ■



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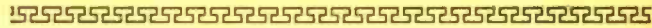
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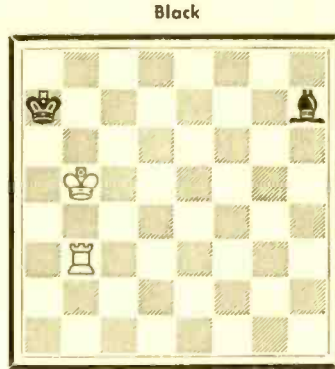
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**Second, Rook vs. Bishop.** This is generally a draw. Exceptions are when the Kings are in opposition and when the defending King is in the wrong corner of the board. When these exceptions are not in effect, as in this case, the player with the Rook cannot force a win.

 Our study of the end games continues with a look at three which do not occur frequently. However, they prove something of a headache for beginner and master alike when they do.

**First, Queen vs. Rook.** This is a win for the player with the Queen, though not an easy one. The basic winning idea is to force the opposing King to the edge of the board, bring up your own King, create a zugzwang which compels the Rook to move away from its protective King, and then to pick off the stray with a series of checks. This case by Prof. J. Berger is a good example.



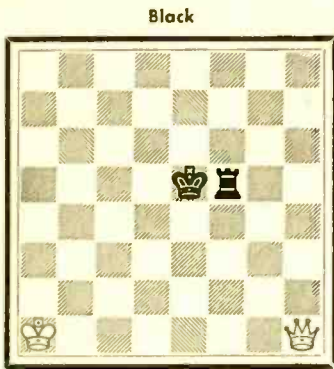
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White

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|---------|-------|---------|-------|
| 1 R-K3! | B-N3! | 3 K-Q7  | K-N2  |
| 2 K-B6  | K-N1  | 4 R-N3# | K-R3! |

And, as White cannot mate or win the Bishop, the position is drawn.

**Finally, Rook vs. Knight.** This is usually a draw too. But Black must keep his King in the center and his Knight must not stray afield. Thus—

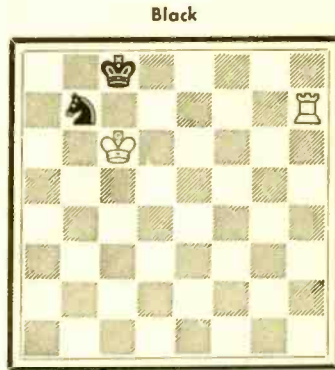


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|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
| 1 K-N2    | R-B5  | 13 Q-N8#  | K-K2  |
| 2 K-B3    | R-K5  | 14 Q-QB8! | R-Q8  |
| 3 K-Q3    | R-Q5# | 15 Q-B5#  | K-Q2  |
| 4 K-K3    | R-Q4  | 16 Q-N5#  | K-Q1  |
| 5 Q-R2#   | K-B4  | 17 Q-R5#  | K-B1  |
| 6 Q-B4#   | K-K3  | 18 Q-B3#  | K-Q2  |
| 7 K-K4    | R-Q3  | 19 Q-N4   | K-B2  |
| 8 Q-B5#   | K-K2  | 20 Q-B4#  | K-Q1  |
| 9 K-K5    | R-Q2  | 21 K-K6   | R-K8# |
| 10 Q-B6#  | K-K1  | 22 K-Q6   | R-Q8# |
| 11 Q-R8#! | K-B2! | 23 K-B6   | R-Q7  |
| 12 Q-R7#  | K-K1  | 24 Q-B5   | ....  |

And White mates (25 Q-B8 mate) or wins the Rook (25 Q-N5#).



Black

White

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|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| 1 .... | N-Q1# | 3 K-Q5 | N-Q1  |
| 2 K-Q6 | N-N2# | 4 R-R8 | K-Q2! |

And, as in the preceding example, the game is a draw because White cannot mate or win material.

**Game of the Issue.** Larry Evans of New York and Las Vegas, youthful veteran at 38, is the new U.S. Champion. Larry first won the title when he was only 19. Later he won it again and also became U.S. Open and Canadian Open



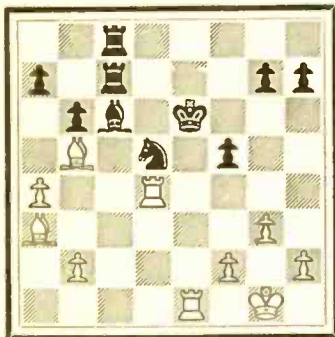
Champion, a fixture on U.S. Olympiad Teams, a winner of many international tournaments, and the author of several books.

In winning the title this time, during July-August at the Empire Hotel, in New York, Evans compiled six wins and five draws. His style was classical and cool. With an edge, he pressed it, at a disadvantage, he found ways to recover. A characteristic game is the one against Grandmaster Nicolas Rossolimo. Black, an English Opening, which he wins by obtaining an opening edge, slowly converting it into a favorable ending, and winning a piece.

1 P-QB4	N-KB3	16 KPxP	PxP
2 N-QB3	P-K3	17 B-K3!	Q-R3
3 N-B3	B-N5	18 KR-B1	PxP
4 Q-B2	P-B4	19 QxP	QxQ
5 P-QR3	B-R4	20 RxQ	N-Q4
6 P-KN3	N-B3	21 B-B5	KR-Q1
7 B-N2	O-O	22 QR-QB1	P-B4?
8 O-O	P-Q3	23 R-Q4	K-B2
9 P-K3	B-Q2	24 QR-Q11	K-K3
10 P-Q4	BxN	25 P-QR4!	R-Q2
11 QxB	PxP	26 B-B1	P-QN3
12 NxP	NxN	27 B-QR3	QR-Q1
13 QxN	B-B3	28 R-B1	R-QB1
14 P-K4!	Q-N3	29 B-N5	R/2-QB2
15 Q-Q3!	P-Q4	30 R-K1 #!	Resigns

Position after 30R-K1#

Black



White

Why did Black resign? Because he must lose a piece—which, of course, means the game. Here is the analysis—

- If 30 ... N-K6 31 RxN# wins.
- If 30 ... K-B3 31 BxB, RxB 32 RxN wins.
- If 30 ... K-B2 31 BxB, N-B3 (31 ... RxB 32 RxN wins) 32 B-N5 wins.
- If 30 ... K-Q2 31 RxN mate!

**News and Views.** United States Championship results: L. Evans, 8½-2½. R. Byrne, 8-3. S. Reshevsky, 7-4. P. Benko, 6½-4½, and A. Bisguier, 6-5. A. Horowitz, Rev. W. Lombardy,

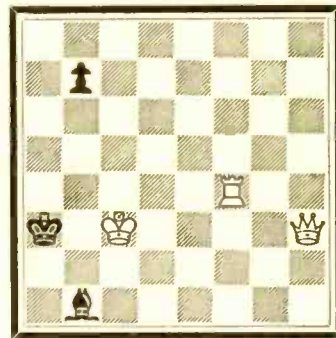
Dr. A. Saily, H. Seidman, N. Rossolimo, T. Weinberger, and B. Zukerman also participated.

Bent Larsen, the Great Dane, flew over and captured the 69th U.S. Open at Snowmass, Aspen, Colorado. He won 10 games and drew two. P. Benko (who usually wins this event) and W. Browne (a young comer) tied for 2nd and third with 9½-2½.

Oft-time champion of the Manhattan Club Arthur Bisguier regained his title by scoring 10-2 in the Championship. Rev. W. Lombardy, 9½-2½, J. Sherwin and Dr. K. Burger, 7-5, each, were next in line.

**Problem 16**  
By N. Sikdar  
India

Black



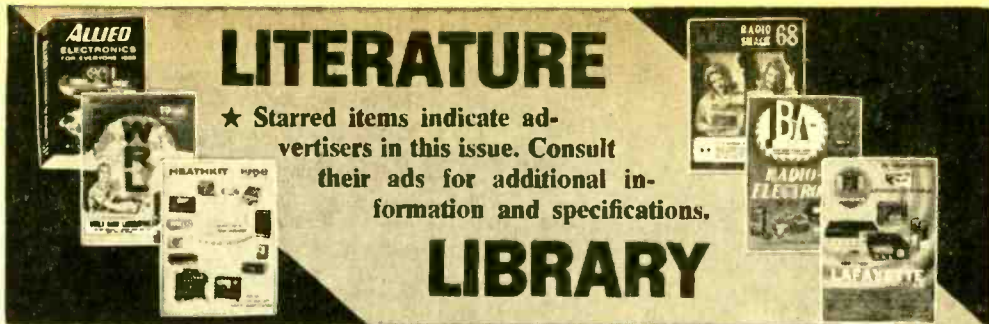
White

White to move and mate in two.  
Solution in next issue.

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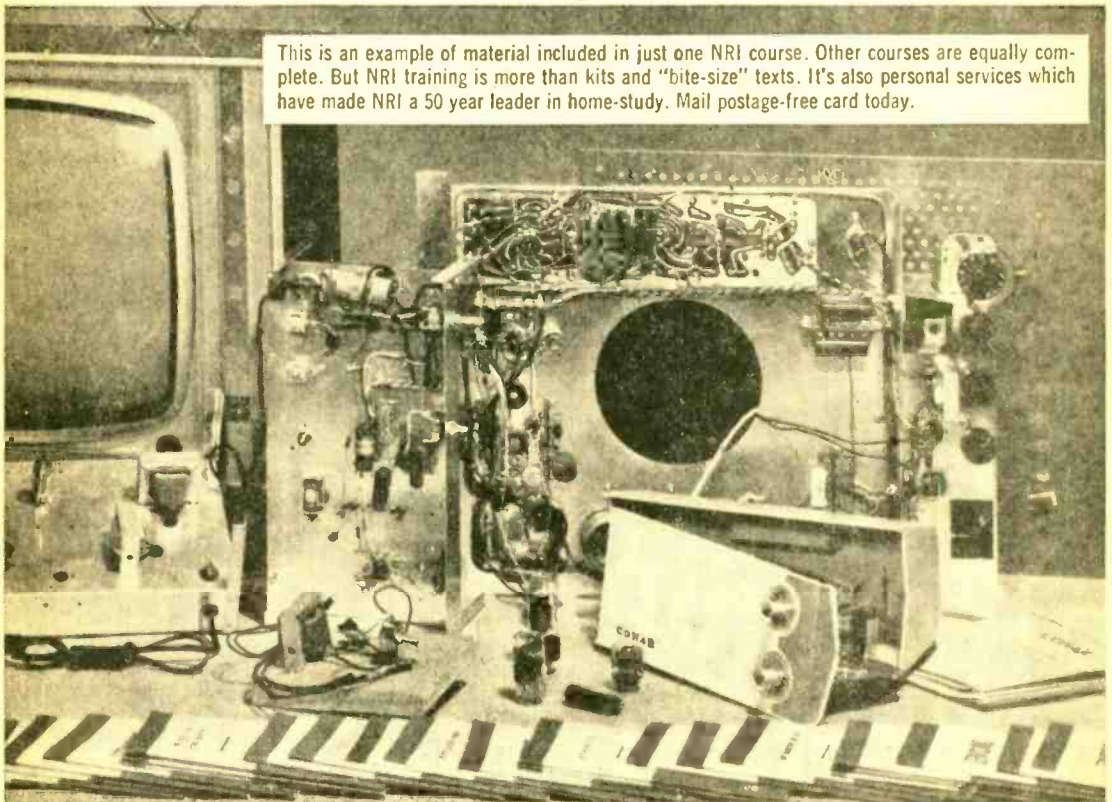
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# ELEMENTARY ELECTRONICS ETYMOLOGY

By Webb Garrison



## Bulb

▲ One of the first plants to be cultivated was a hardy biennial that we now know as the onion. It flourished throughout the orient very early, was cultivated in Britain before the beginning of written history, and for a time was accorded divine honors in Egypt.

Passing through Latin from Greek, with spelling only slightly modified, the name of the pungent vegetable entered 16th-century English as *bulb*. Once the word became part of the common vocabulary its meaning expanded. So by 1650 it was applied to any onion-shaped root; fifty years later it was used to name a roundish dilation of any cylindrical structure in an animal body.

Late in the 18th century, glass blowers learned how to dilate the ends of tubes. It was inevitable that such artifacts, bearing an obvious resemblance to onions, should be called "bulbs."

Glass bulbs were put to many uses, none of which greatly affected the course of history. Then Thomas Edison discovered how to place a filament inside a bulb and the incandescent lamp was born. Precise usage would require that the ancient label be reserved for the onion-shaped glass that encloses a filament. But in ordinary speech, "bulb" has come to indicate a complete lamp or electron tube—regardless of its size or shape. □

## Memory Core

▲ *Memor*, Latin for "mindful," was often used in the special sense of being mindful of the dead. Hence it helped to shape our verb *to mourn*. Traces of its influence can also be seen in *memoir* and *memorandum*. So it is natural that the process of recollection—or faculty by which a person remembers—should be called *memory*.

Memoirs and memoranda were long stored on paper by means of symbolic shapes that we call written words. But until recent times only living creatures actually possessed memory.

This situation changed when researchers

found that an electric signal can be stored by means of a focused electron beam which forms a charge pattern on an insulating target. The same or another beam can later scan the target and recover the signal.

Early electronic storage tubes took such forms as the graphecon, radechon, and metrechon. Growing familiarity with ways to store and recover information, plus increasing sophistication of equipment, demanded a change in terminology. Since it could do things previously done only by the brain, the electronic storage tube came to be known as "the memory tube."

With the rise of miniaturization, an additional change took place. Minute bits of magnetic material shaped like doughnuts function as the "brains" of most modern digital computers. Such units do not resemble earlier tubes. They are more like the horny seed-capsules—or cores—of apples. Blending two ancient terms and giving each a new connotation, electronic engineers coined *memory core* to name the seed-like descendant of the storage tube which makes computers "mindful." □

## Crystal

▲ It's often difficult to know whether to take words of ancient writers in literal or figurative senses. That's the case with the Greek term *krustallos*. Related to words meaning "freeze" and "frost," it is sometimes considered to show that credulous countrymen of Homer thought ice turned into stone when stored long enough.

This point of view was put forward in one of the earliest English references to ice-like minerals. "Crystall," wrote a scholar in 1398, "is a bright stone and clere wyth watry colour. Men trow [are confident] that snowe or yse is made hard in space of many yerres; therefore the Grekys gave this name thereto."

Long applied chiefly to quartz—whose resemblance to ice is obvious—*crystal* came to name transparent glass as well as geometrical forms occurring in nature. Study of the latter showed that the shape of a given crystal is specific for the particular mineral involved.

Piezoelectric effects of many crystals were recognized comparatively recently. Then it was found that many others are semiconductors.

Lacking the special nature and properties of crystals (especially quartz and rochelle salts), radio couldn't have developed as it did. A typical early unit had a crystal in the detector stage of the receiver for demodulation of RF signals.

Ground down to the right dimension, a crystal will vibrate at its natural frequency. Such vibration is so precise that crystals are used to regulate frequency in receivers, transmitters, and other common devices. Development of the ruby laser grew out of special properties exhibited by this form of "ice turned into stone." □



# CZECH-MATE!

Message: death for the Russian Bear

By Don Jensen

For nine days in August they told it like it was. And in doing so, some 200 dauntless Czechoslovak broadcasters won a lasting place in



## CZECH-MATE!

the history of both radio and the world.

For those nine days, August 21-29 of 1968, they held together a makeshift network of 18 clandestine stations despite the efforts of 650,000 Soviet-bloc troops to silence them. When finally they ceased to be the free voice of their nation, censorship was self-imposed, with the reluctant realization that it was the only way for Czechoslovakia to retain even a vestige of its newfound liberty.

For 200 consecutive hours, this group of announcers and technicians somehow made their network function, enabling Czech leaders to transmit instructions to party functionaries, advising the people about what was happening. On and on they talked. And, during the wee hours before dawn, when hard news dwindled to a trickle, the speakers rambled on about anything and everything—even kitchen recipes—just to give their eager audience something reassuring to listen to.

How did they do it? Here is the real story of the secret stations and their staffs who,

with courage, ingenuity and a little luck, managed to Czech-mate the Kremlin's masters.

**It actually began** some weeks before the lightning thrust by the five Warsaw Pact countries. Masterminding plans for the clandestine network were two men, Jiri Pelikan, the 42-year-old director of the national television chain, and Zdenek Hejzler, head of Czechoslovak Radio.

Since January, when the Stalinist regime of Antonin Novotny was toppled by the liberal leader, Alexander Dubcek, Czech broadcasters enjoyed an unprecedented degree of freedom. But early in the summer, when the Red Bear's growls grew louder, radio and TV staffers began glancing nervously over their shoulders toward Moscow. That the Soviets would really invade was unthinkable. Still, a contingency plan was devised—just in case.

But the unthinkable did happen. Ten minutes before two on the morning of August 21, the home service of Radio Prague broke the news.

*"Last night, August 20, about 11 p.m., the armies of the Soviet Union, the Polish People's Republic, the German Democratic Republic, the Hungarian People's Republic, and the Bulgarian People's Republic crossed the national*



*Tank is Russian, but swastika added by Czech patriots indicates Czechs liken Soviet rape of their nation to German invasion prior to World War II. This is one of tanks that spearheaded attack on Radio Prague.*





*Rumbling through Bratislavo, Soviet tanks are bombarded with rocks by defiant Czechs. Underground radio called for general strike to paralyze entire nation unless Russian-led forces withdrew within 24 hours.*

*frontiers of Czechoslovakia without the knowledge of the President of the Republic, the National Assembly, the government, the First Secretary of the Communist party, or any of their bodies."*

When the news was bulletined on American TV, U.S. DXers hurried to their short-wave sets to tune the North American service of R. Prague. But the English language program, taped some nine hours earlier, was strictly Dullsville. Czech announcers talked of metallurgical developments and the visit of former curly-headed cinemoppet, Shirley Temple Black.

Clanking tank treads heralded the arrival of the enemy to Prague, but militant Czechoslovak students were one jump ahead of the Russians. Realizing R. Prague was a prime target for the invaders, before dawn youths began building barricades of vehicles outside the studios on Vinohradska Street.

When Soviet and Bulgarian tanks bulled their way through the overturned trucks and trolley cars, student defenders set several of the armored units ablaze. Machine-gun fire cut down more than a score of young people and the R. Prague building was pockmarked by bullets.

Inside, a woman announcer tersely reported, "This is the end!" The Prague frequency went dead at 7:21 a.m.

**But the Russians** had not expected resistance. Puzzled, they hesitated and checked their orders. Though tanks and troops ringed

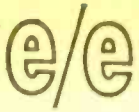
the studio building, the surprised staff, given an unexpected breather, returned the station to the air. At 11 a.m., time ran out. An infantry captain, with fresh instructions, moved his soldiers into the building and shut down the transmission.

If the military command, headquartered in the Russian Embassy in the plush Bubenec district, thought the station's fall signaled the end of active resistance, this illusion was soon shattered. The transmitter tubes were barely cool when a mysterious new radio voice—the Free Legal Transmitter of the Czechoslovak Broadcasting — was heard.

Located somewhere in Prague, it was the first station of an amazingly effective clandestine



*Wordless placard cites obvious parallel between Hitler's successful seizure of portions of Czechoslovakia in 1938 and Russian-led invasion of nation in 1968.*



network that soon included transmitters in Pilsen, Budejovice, Hradec Králové, Brno, Ostrava, Bratislava, Gottwaldov, Pardubice, Kosice, Banska Bystrica, and other Czechoslovak cities. Weeks of planning by Pelikan, Hejzler, and their staffs had paid off. Virtually the entire broadcasting organization had gone underground.

Stations began broadcasting from small apartments, shop cellars, warehouses, and barns. Mobile transmitters in cars and trucks moved from place to place to avoid detection. To their chagrin, secret police agents learned that many of the free stations were using portable transmitters of a civil defense net which the Soviets, themselves, had urged the Czechs to establish.

The clandestines used whatever equipment was handy. Stations were heard on the medium and short waves, on VHF FM channels, and on three TV bands. DXers closely followed a pair of shortwave frequencies audible in this country.

On that first frantic day, Czech-speaking George Schnabel, a Rochester, N.Y., listener, came across the mysterious Prague outlet on 7345 kHz.

*"To arms! We call to arms. We repeat, we are calling to arms!"*

Two voices, a man's and a woman's, urgently repeated this message through the heavy jamming. The weak, poorly modulated signal wavered and left the air, only to return a few minutes later when the apparently mobile station had changed location.

*"We will keep you constantly informed of all information."*

*Hastily erected barricades of burnt-out buses and wrecked cars slowed Soviet advance on Radio Prague, but were only token resistance. Reds managed to silence R. Prague within 9 hours after first crossing border.*

Wide World Photos pages 31, 32, and 33 (bottom); United Press International photos, pages 33 (top) and 34

In Vienna and London, monitors heard other underground freedom radios reporting heavy fighting against the occupation armies. They called on all Czechs to rally to their reform leaders, held captive by the Russians.

By the third day of the crisis, the network was operating under a full head of steam. Smoothly switching, sometimes in mid-sentence, from one station to another, it was growing stronger in radiated power and in importance. It also grew bolder; sometimes too bold. R. Banska Bystrica was hunted down and captured. Free R. Brno's staff was arrested by Soviet troops. Undaunted, a new crew took over almost immediately at an emergency transmitter site.

In the beer capital of Pilsen the story was different. There, hundreds of young people simply pressed around the locked doors of Free R. Pilsen. The station, unlike the other underground broadcasters, never left its pre-invasion studios. For six days, the youths protected their station with their unarmed bodies.

Three tanks rumbled up to the building and leveled their cannons. But the Red soldiers, intimidated, or perhaps impressed, by the demonstration of raw courage, made no attempt to break through the human barrier.

European shortwave listeners heard the stations on several frequencies: 5930; 6065; 6190; 9505 and 21,450 kHz. In New York State, Schnabel again tuned the 41-Meter Free Czechoslovak Transmitter.

*"Here is a communique. Help the legal government by joining in the general strike called to protest against the occupying forces."*

Skipping the formal niceties, the agitated announcer slipped into street slang to de-

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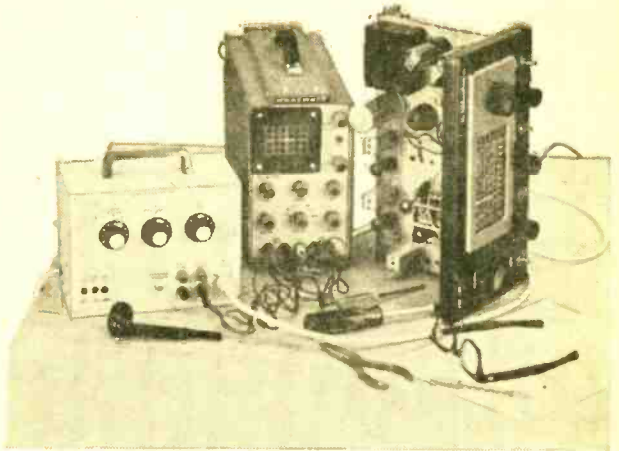


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# DIO-TRACER

In this world of super performance and super prices, we all expect our receivers to operate with plenty of zip. Whether it's a simple AM portable or a double-conversion communications receiver, we want all we can get—with no waiting in line down at the local repair shop.

Everybody tests their own tubes. But troubleshooting a receiver often comes down to the grubby fact that the IF stages in your superhet are coming apart at the seams. Getting a good signal is impossible if your tuned transformers are out of alignment. And if your receiver is designed to pull in a number of frequency bands, these adjustments will be especially critical.

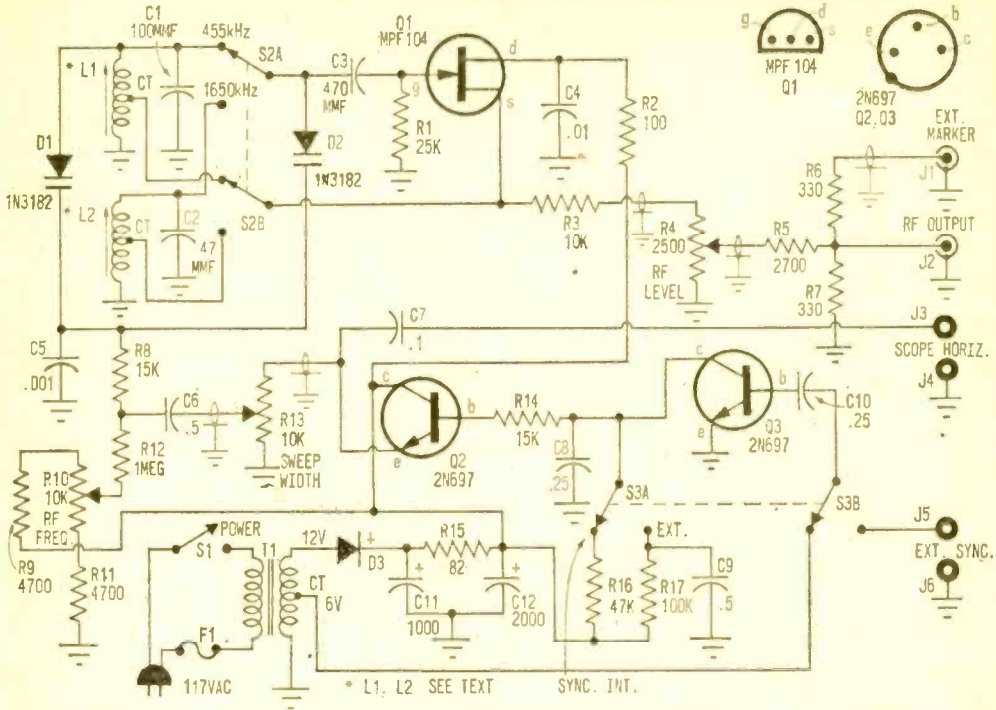
**Maximum Response.** Our Dio-Tracer is a sweep generator for superhet AM receivers ranging from rock-bottom to super-pro models. It provides the basic IF frequencies of 455 or 1650 kHz (the latter is usually found in double-conversion circuits). Easy to operate, the Dio-Tracer will prove handy as a pocket VOM.

Most sweep generators are complex and expensive; they provide wide-range sweep deviations for the broad-band circuits of FM and TV receivers. Often as not, the lowly AM region is completely ignored. Signal generators having only a fixed output are the more usual fare for AM troubleshooting. *(Continued overleaf)*



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Schematic indicates where shielded cable should be used to wire critical points. Note that drain and source leads of Q1 (FET) are interchangeable.

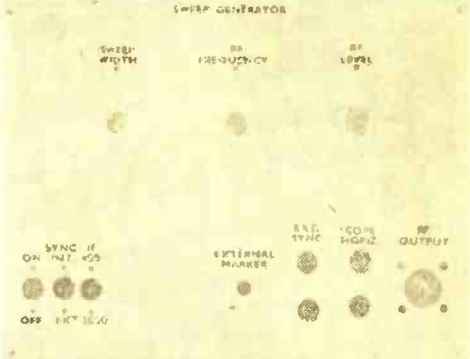


But the Dio-Tracer allows you to observe response curves of superhet IF amplifiers right on your oscilloscope. Even though it is a narrow-band generator, its sweep width is wide enough so you can *actually* see your receiver's response in the area around the IF frequency where sensitivity is maximum.

If you use a fixed signal generator, receiver response at frequencies selected at random must be plotted on a graph. Our Dio-Tracer, however, turns your oscilloscope into an instant graph! You align the IF stages while you watch the trace appearing on the CRT.

**How It Works.** This sweep generator has a built-in AC power supply and a circuit that's as up-to-date as Twiggy. A field-effect transistor (FET) is matched with two varactor diodes in the RF sweep circuit, while two silicon transistors supply a synchronized sawtooth output. This output goes to the external horizontal input of your scope and acts as a time base to properly display the IF response curve on the CRT. The return trace provides a horizontal line to show the bottom of the curve.

Field-effect transistor Q1 is connected via S2 and L1/C1 or L2/C2 into a Hartley oscillator circuit resonating at either 455 or 1650 kHz. Varactor diodes D1 and D2 are biased by the RF frequency control R10 and act as tuning capacitors in the tank circuit of Q1. Diode D2 tunes the 1650-kHz tuned circuit of L2/C2; D1 is connected in parallel with D2 to provide the additional capacity required for the 455-kHz circuit of L1/C1.



Clean layout of controls and jacks on front panel is shown before parts are mounted. Either decal or Datak lettering can be used to indicate controls.



## PARTS LIST FOR DIO-TRACER

- C1—100-pF ceramic disc capacitor  
 C2—47-pF ceramic disc capacitor  
 C3—470-pF ceramic disc capacitor  
 C4—.01-uF ceramic capacitor  
 C5—.001-uF ceramic disc capacitor  
 C6, C9—.5-uF tubular capacitor  
 C7—.1-uF ceramic capacitor  
 C8, C10—.25-uF tubular capacitor  
 C11—1000-uF, 25-VDC electrolytic capacitor  
 C12—2000-uF, 15-VDC electrolytic capacitor  
 D1, D2—1N3182 varactor diode (Amperex Varicap)  
 D3—100-PIV, 500-mA silicon rectifier (Texas Instruments 1N4364 or equiv.)  
 F1— $\frac{1}{2}$ -A pigtail fuse  
 J1—Phono jack  
 J2—Panel mounting coaxial RF connector (Amphenol SO-239, Newark 39F1052 or equiv.)  
 J3, J5—Red, insulated binding post (H.H. Smith 206, Newark 39F860 or equiv.)  
 J4, J6—Black, insulated binding post (H.H. Smith 206, Newark 39F861 or equiv.)  
 L1—Tapped oscillator coil (J.W. Miller X-5496-C, Lafayette 34H8709 or equiv.)  
 L2—Tapped oscillator coil (J.W. Miller A-5496-C, Lafayette 34H8713 or equiv.)  
 Q1—Field-effect transistor (Motorola MPF-104)  
 Q2, Q3—2N697 npn transistor  
 R1—25,000-ohm,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt resistor  
 R2—100-ohm,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt resistor  
 R3—10,000-ohm,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt resistor  
 R4—2500-ohm, linear taper potentiometer  
 R5—2700-ohm,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt resistor  
 R6, R7—330-ohm,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt resistor  
 R8, R14—15,000-ohm,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt resistor  
 R9, R11—4700-ohm,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt resistor  
 R10, R13—10,000-ohm, linear taper potentiometer  
 R12—1,000,000-ohm,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt resistor  
 R15—82-ohm, 1-watt resistor  
 R16—47,000-ohm,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt resistor  
 R17—100,000-ohm,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt resistor  
 S1—5pst slide switch  
 S2, S3—Dpdt slide switch  
 T1—117-VAC pri., 12.6-V (CT), 1.2-A sec., filament transformer (Radio Shack 273-1505; Allied 54B4136 or equiv.)
- Misc.—8 x 6 x 4  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. aluminum chassis box (LMB 146, Newark 91F1125 or equiv.), 4  $\frac{1}{4}$  x 7  $\frac{7}{8}$ -in. perf board, push-in terminals, 3-lug terminal strip,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. angle aluminum stock (see text), RG-58/U coaxial cable, test leads, line cord, solder lugs, knobs, grommet, wire, solder, hardware, etc.
- Note—The Amperex varactor diode is available from Newark Electronics Corp., 500 N. Pulaszki Rd., Chicago, Ill. 60624 for 68¢. Minimum mail order is \$2.50, so additional components should be ordered.

The sawtooth generator circuit of Q3 is synchronized via S3B to the 60-Hz AC output at the center tap of T1's secondary. When S3 is switched to EXT SYNC, the sawtooth circuit is synchronized by an external audio generator connected to J5 and J6.

The sawtooth signal is fed through the emitter-follower circuit of Q2 to SWEEP WIDTH control R13 and to varactor diodes D1 and D2. As the sawtooth voltage increases or decreases, the capacitance of the varactor diodes also changes, thereby periodically changing the frequency of Q1's

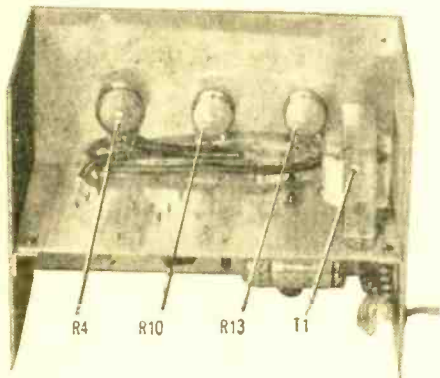
oscillator circuit. Potentiometer R13 controls the sawtooth voltage going to the varactor diodes and hence, the amount of frequency deviation (sweep). The sawtooth signal is also fed to J3 and J4 for connection to the horizontal amplifier of an oscilloscope used to view the detected sweep waveform.

The varying RF output from Q1 is fed through R3 to RF LEVEL control R4 and to the RF OUTPUT coax receptacle J2. An external marker generator can be connected to EXT MARKER jack J1. The DC power for this unit is supplied by filament transformer T1 and D3, and is filtered by C11, C12, and R15.

**Building It.** The Dio-Tracer operates at low RF frequencies, but wiring and layout should still be neat, with all connections as short as possible. For best results, follow the layout shown in our photos.

The unit is housed in a compact 8 x 6 x 4  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. aluminum box. Best way to start is to cut a 4  $\frac{1}{4}$  x 7  $\frac{7}{8}$ -in. section of perf board and install it approximately 2  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. up from the bottom of the box. We used two 4  $\frac{3}{8}$ -in. lengths of  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. angle aluminum to mount the perf board, but small angle brackets can also be used.

Install the controls and jacks as shown in the photos. You should position the termi-



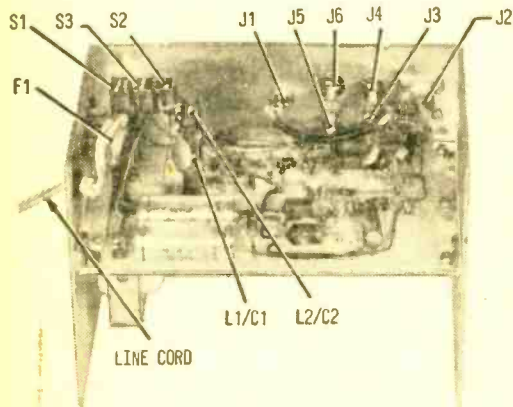
Coaxial cable is used to wire controls and RF output jacks. Shielded leads are designated in schematic.

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nals of R10, R13, and R4 toward the perf board to get short leads to the board. Use serrated washers on the controls to prevent movement. Transformer T1 should be mounted close to the side of the box as shown. Follow the perf-board layout illustrated in the photo.

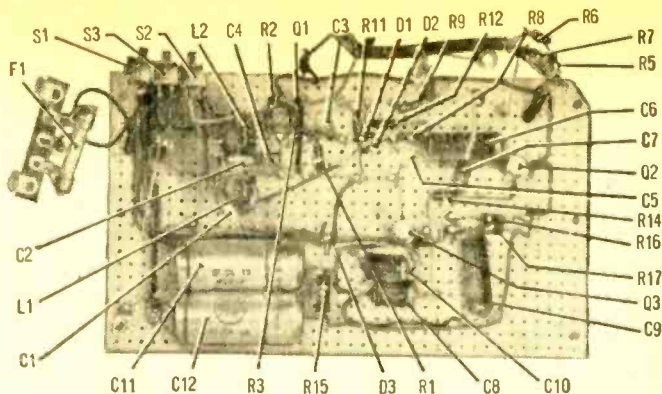
Most of the components are fastened to the perf board with push-in terminals. Keep component leads short for maximum rigidity and wire them as shown in the schematic. Leads to L1 and L2 should be short and high above the board.

Since coax cable is used to prevent RF losses, make sure that the coax leads are grounded at both ends. Also check that diodes D1, D2, and D3 are connected in their proper polarity. You should use a length of special insulated tubing over F1 to prevent shorts. Make sure that all the ground bus leads and ground terminals on the board are tied together and grounded to the box.



Perf board mounts 2 1/2 in. up from bottom. Jacks and switches are wired directly to board with short leads. Coax cables are grounded at both ends.

**Adjustment.** First set the controls as follows: R13 (SWEEP WIDTH) to full counter-clockwise position; R10 (RF FREQUENCY) to mid-range position; R4 (RF LEVEL) to full clockwise position; S1 on, S3 to SYNC INT, and S2 to an IF of 455 kHz. Connect the RF OUTPUT to the vertical amplifier of an oscilloscope and connect the SCOPE HORIZ



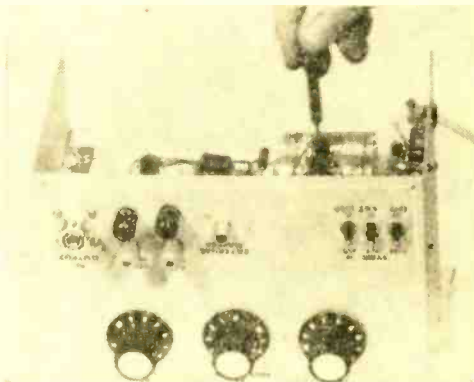
Parts layout on perf board isn't critical since RF frequencies are relatively low; but neat job of wiring will do much to enhance performance. Leads to L1 and L2 should be elevated.

jacks to the scope's horizontal amplifier. Connect EXT MARKER jack J1 to an RF signal generator.

Now set the oscilloscope controls for external sweep (internal time base off) so that the Dio-Tracer's sawtooth output provides a horizontal line on the CRT. Adjust the horizontal gain control for a convenient length. Then set your signal generator's controls for a 455-kHz unmodulated RF output.

The Dio-Tracer (using the RF LEVEL control) has a maximum output of about 45 millivolts. Should the vertical amplifier of your oscilloscope be insensitive to such a weak signal, you will either have to devise an RF preamp (broadband booster) for your scope's vertical input, or use the RF stage of an AM receiver to achieve proper gain. For purposes of adjustment, tapping the output at R4 (ahead of R5!) may be sufficient.

Adjust L1 until you see zero beat on the oscilloscope. Since the 455-kHz marker



Alignment procedure takes but a minute. Since coils actually used only have single slug, they are adjusted from top side of board rather than bottom.



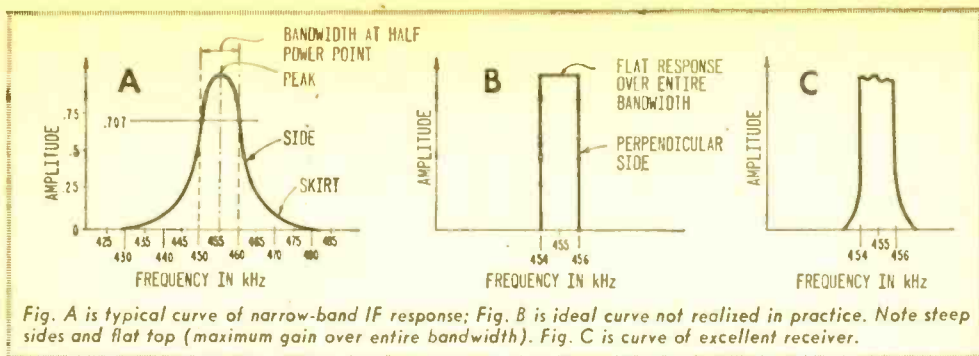


Fig. A is typical curve of narrow-band IF response; Fig. B is ideal curve not realized in practice. Note steep sides and flat top (maximum gain over entire bandwidth). Fig. C is curve of excellent receiver.

beats with the internal sawtooth sweep, the carrier will have modulated sidebands. Zero beat occurs when the modulation disappears from the carrier. A germanium or silicon diode may have to be inserted between the RF output and the scope's vertical input if your oscilloscope's vertical amplifier has limited frequency response. Adjust the marker generator output for best zero-beat indication.

Then switch S2 to 1650 kHz and set the signal generator to the same frequency. Adjust L2 until you see the zero beat on the oscilloscope. (The 1650-kHz output is somewhat lower than at 455 kHz.)

Set SWEEP WIDTH control R13 to maximum clockwise position, and adjust the RF FREQUENCY control so that the zero beat moves along the sweep pattern. The zero beat should move either to the left or right depending on the direction of rotation of the RF FREQUENCY control. This test indicates that the sweep and marker circuits are functioning.

To test EXTERNAL SYNC operation, connect an audio generator set to 10 Hz to J5 and J6 and set S3 to EXT. Adjust the generator's output for a convenient sweep length on the oscilloscope; the sweep pattern should be similar to the 60-Hz trace except that it has flicker due to the lower sweep rate.

**Getting the Trace.** The IF amplifiers of receivers are generally one or more stages of fixed-tuned, transformer-coupled amplifiers. For proper selectivity and sensitivity, they should be aligned to give an overall flat top and steep sides to the response curve.

There are many books available that describe the use of sweep generators in alignment procedures (see box). For best results consult these books for detailed descriptions on just how to get the sweep traces you need. What follows is a brief outline of the connections to and operation of your sweep

generator when aligning a typical receiver.

First, connect the generator's RF output to the grid of the receiver's mixer tube with coaxial cable. Either short the AVC line, or bias it with a battery (the voltage will depend on receiver characteristics). Connect the SCOPE HORIZ output to an oscilloscope's horizontal input. The internal time base of the scope should be off. Use coaxial cable to connect the oscilloscope's vertical-amplifier input to the detector output of the receiver.

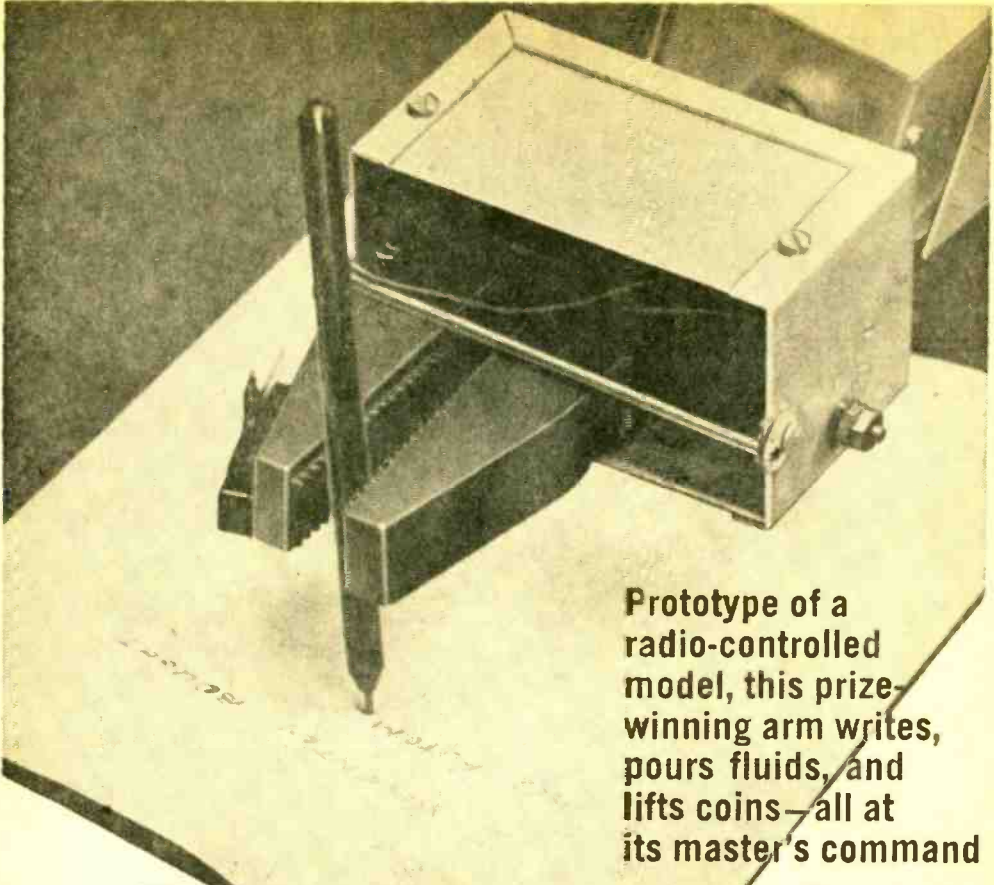
Set the sweep generator for either a 455- or 1650-kHz output (as required) and adjust the RF output and oscilloscope amplifier controls for an IF response curve of convenient size. Adjust RF FREQUENCY to center the display and adjust SWEEP WIDTH to control the width of the response curve. The curve should normally show the base line on either side of the IF response.

Note that the sweep generator is normally operated with internal sync; but for better definition of narrow IFs, an external audio

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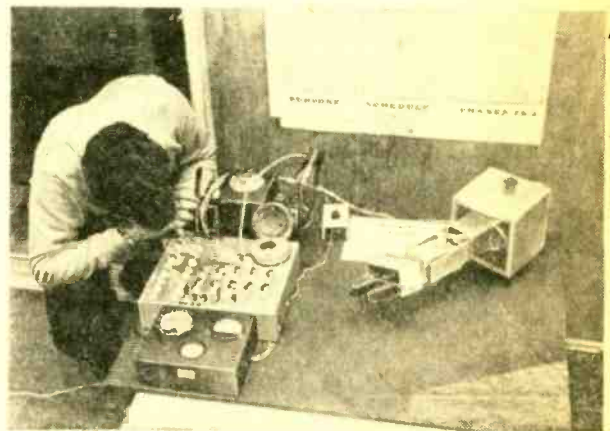
#### Suggested Book Titles

- How to Use Signal Generators in Radio/TV/Hi-Fi Servicing, by John D. Lenk. *John F. Rider, Inc.*
  - Sweep and Marker Generators for Television and Radio, by Robert G. Middleton. *Gernsback Library, Tab Books.*
  - Troubleshooting with the Oscilloscope, by Robert G. Middleton. *Howard W. Sams & Co.*
  - Understanding Electronic Test Equipment, by Joseph A. Risse. *Howard W. Sams & Co.*
  - Obtaining and Interpreting Test Scope Traces, by John F. Rider. *John F. Rider, Inc.*
  - The Oscilloscope, by George Zwick. *Gernsback Library, Tab Books.*
- The books above are available from Lafayette Radio, Allied Radio, your local bookstore, or from the publishers.



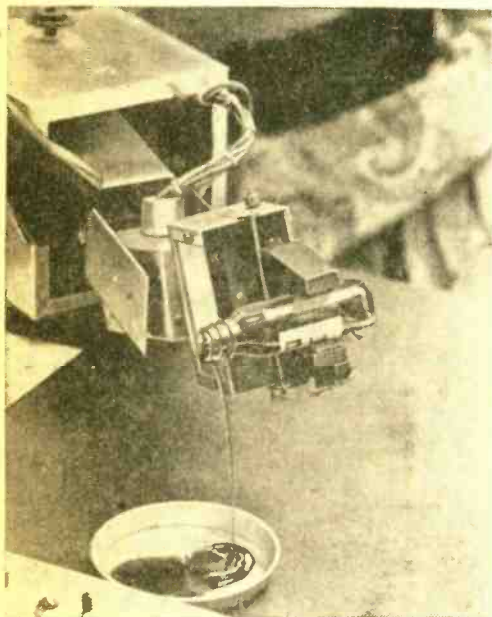
Prototype of a radio-controlled model, this prize-winning arm writes, pours fluids, and lifts coins—all at its master's command

# John Napoli's *Awesome Arm*





Pen clutched tightly in its vise-like jaws (far left), John Napoli's awesome Arm quietly performs one of its many feats: writing. Also capable of pouring fluids or writing on blackboards (see below), John's Arm responds to its master's beckon and call from master control panel (right).



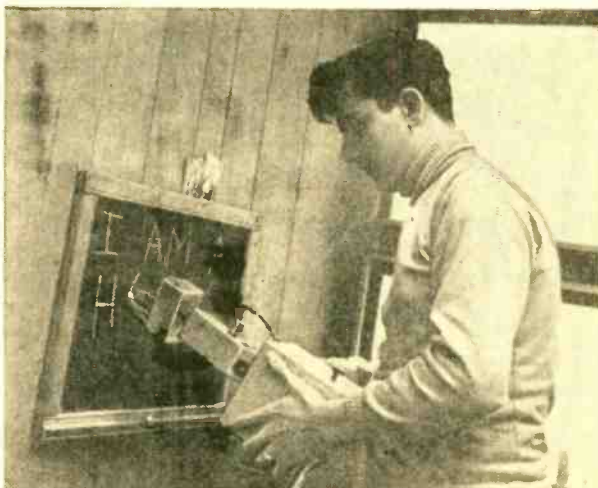
**A**n 11th-grade student at Brooklyn Technical High School, John Napoll recently received first prize at the American Institute's 30th School Science Fair for his "Automated Arm For Precision Engineering." John, who hopes to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T.) after graduating from high school, designed and constructed the Arm in his room at his Brooklyn, N.Y. home.

Responsible for all phases of the project, John created the control box as well as the mechanics of the unit. And in the near future, John intends to come up with a radio-controlled model. As for the present device, it's already capable of performing a variety of remarkable feats: it can write on paper and blackboards, pour fluids into a basin, even lift coins from John's worktable.

Like many talented teenagers with a creative bent, John boasts varied interests. An expert guitarist, he is also a competent photographer and occasionally takes time out for some deep-sea fishing.

—Joe Gronk ■

John checks out wiring and relays in control panel (far left) before putting Arm in operation. With present setup, Arm must be connected to control panel via cable link in order to function, but John has plans to change all that. In the works: a radio-controlled model that will operate completely on its own.



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# HIGH-FIDELITY

## ACOUSTIC RESEARCH

### All Solid-State

### Integrated Stereo Amplifier



To warrant equipment in terms of performance is virtually unknown. For many manufacturers even have trouble meeting their advertising claims on a production run. So you get an accurate preview of what to expect from the AR (Acoustic Research) amplifier when you note that the unit is warranted for both reliability and performance for a period of two years. Further, all charges are at the manufacturer's expense (AR even reimburses the owner for shipping!).

The AR amplifier, an all solid-state unit with a list price of \$225.00, is a no-frill preamp/amp. It provides only the circuitry necessary for highest quality sound reproduction and comes without reverse mode switches, phone jack, multi-speaker outlets, and the like. What it comes with is extensive instructions and full color-coding of all connections.

The unit provides inputs for a magnetic phone, tuner, and tape playback; there is also a set of jacks for feeding a tape recorder. One set of very wide-spaced speaker terminals is provided for each channel, as well as a switched 100-watt AC convenience outlet and an unswitched 300-watt outlet.

Front-panel controls include the input selector, friction-clutched concentric bass

and concentric treble, volume, and an unusual mode switch concentric with the balance control. The mode switch provides for mono, stereo, or null—the last being a special setting that allows two identical speakers to be set for absolute electrical balance.

**Nulling the Input.** When the mode switch is set to null, the polarity of one channel is reversed so that the signal to the two speakers is exactly 180° out of phase. Therefore, when the balance control is set so that the outputs from the speakers virtually cancel one another, the system is in exact electrical balance between the left and right channels. The entire operation is conducted with a mono input signal, either from a mono record or a mono FM signal.

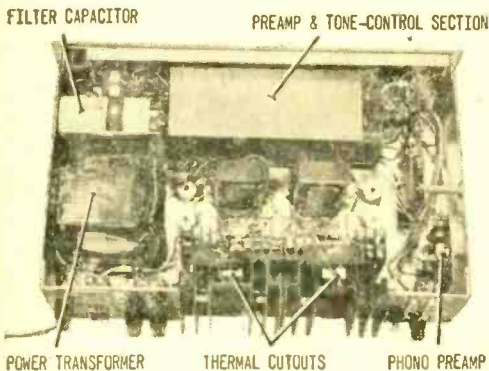
The only other front panel item is the tape monitor switch. In use, this allows you to record on a three-head recorder via the amplifier's preamp (say from a phono or tuner) while simultaneously playing back through the power amplifier.

Of special interest is extensive color-coding of the input and output jacks. Every connection made by the user has its own individual colors; the phono input jack colors specifically match the color coding on the output leads of the AR turntable, thereby ensuring correct right/left orientation.

**Performance.** As shown in Fig. 1, response at full power (see next page)—50 watts into 8 ohms—is essentially ruler flat from 15 to 20,000 Hz, being down only 2 dB at 40 kHz. Of particular note is the exceedingly low distortion of 0.1% maximum at 50 watts from 20 to 20,000 Hz (the limits of the test equipment). Allowing for residual instrument distortion, the AR's actual distortion ranges between 0.02 and 0.08%. In short, the AR measures effectively distortion free. Even at a full 60 watts into 4 ohms the distortion never exceeds 0.15%.

Maximum tone-control action at the 1-watt level is shown in Fig. 2.

In comparing our specifications against those found in some hi-fi publications, you

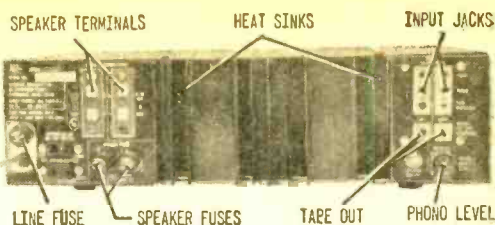


View of AR amplifier with cover removed. Thermal cutouts are mounted within large heatsinks at rear of chassis; power supply is located at extreme left.



may note a disparity between our test limit of 50 watts into 8 ohms and the more-than-50-watt rating used elsewhere. Explanation lies in the speaker fusing provided for each channel. In addition to a line fuse (which protects the amplifier) and thermal overloads on the output transistors (which turn off the AC supply if the transistors overheat), the AR is also equipped with a 3-A fast-acting fuse in each speaker lead. Intent here is to protect the speakers in the event an output capacitor fails.

In practice, this 3-A fuse, an 8AG type, will blow almost instantaneously if overloaded, and within seconds if pushed to 90% of its rating. Using Ohm's Law, you find that the fuse limits the total available continuous power output (not instantaneous



Rear view of AR amplifier. Line and both speakers are fused for maximum protection; phono level control permits matching unit to almost any cartridge.

trical null were 0.25 mV rms for the tape and tuner inputs, and 1.8 to 6 mV rms for the phono input. Both channels of the phono input have individual level controls on the rear apron, so the phono input level can easily be made to match the tuner or tape

Fig. 1. Frequency response of AR amplifier at sustained 50 watts into 8 ohms. Total harmonic distortion (THD) was less than 0.1% between 20 and 20,000 Hz.

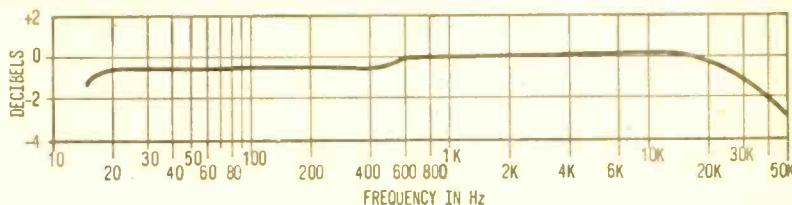
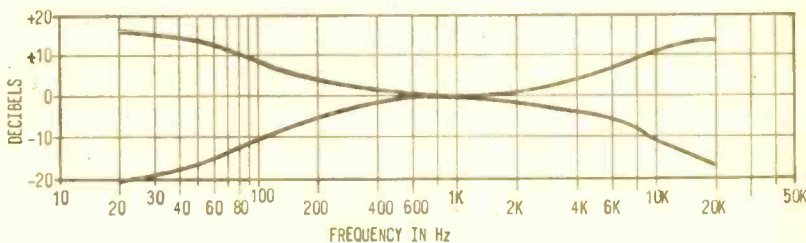


Fig. 2. Maximum tone-control action at 1-watt output, referenced to 1000 Hz. Knobs on tone controls are clearly identified as to channel and are friction-clutch type.



peaks) to 36 watts into 4 ohms. Yet the amplifier is rated—and will deliver—50 watts rms into 4 ohms if there is no fuse. We can only assume the higher power outputs reported by other publications were obtained by jumping the fuses.

With the fuses jumped out, the AR delivered its rated power of 60 watts rms into 4 ohms, 50 watts rms into 8 ohms, and 30 watts rms into 16 ohms. And it did so with substantially less than the rated 0.5% THD from 20 to 20,000 Hz. Since power peaks of program material aren't sustained, the fuses will pass the full power rating during average use; they limit the maximum power only when using continuous sine-waveform during test procedures.

**In and Out.** Input sensitivities for 50 watts into 8 ohms with the volume control fully open and the balance control set to elec-

levels. Normally, the phono level controls are set to provide the desired speaker level with the volume control set to the 2 o'clock position—the optimum signal-to-noise and distortion settings.

With the volume control wide open, and 50 watts into 8 ohms as the reference level, the tuner and tape input noise levels were better than -75 dB, the phono noise level better than -62 dB.

**Listening and Looking.** Since most solid-state amplifiers are capable of flat, low-distortion measurements, the truly critical test is listening. Here, the outstanding performance of the AR amplifier was readily apparent. The AR proved remarkably quiet, with no apparent hiss or hum, even at the loudest tolerable listening level. Overall sound quality was superb, with no discernible

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# O PERATION

Jeremie le 29 Aout 1967  
M. Barry Deal

Cher Monsieur Deal,  
Cette semaine j'ai eu la grande joie de recevoir à la Douane de Jeremie les 2 tubes 803 que vous m'avez expédié pour me permettre d'augmenter la puissance de la station.

Je vous remercie beaucoup pour ce grand cadeau. Dieu de votre générosité à l'endroit de la Voix de la Grand Anse. En Septembre prochain j'espère que nous pourrions capter très bien la Voix de la Grand Anse sur 60m. 5090kHz

Merci  
Alix Felix



Alix Felix at console of his home-brew station, La Voix de la Grand Anse. Facsimile of thank-you letter from Alix to his friend Barry Deal is reproduced above; see text for translation.

**M**ore than 2000 miles separate Jeremie, a backwater Haitian town, and the tiny Nebraska farming community of Ord. The physical contrasts between the midwestern town and the little port, tucked between Haiti's wooded Massif de la Hotte and the sea, could not be greater. In human terms, however, the gulf has been narrowed, thanks to a young Nebraska DXer and "Operation 803."

The moving force behind "Operation 803," a project designed to keep Jeremie's only radio station on the air, was 18-year-old Barry Deal. It all began over a year ago when the station, 4VAF, "La Voix de la Grand Anse" hit a snag. An 803 transmitting tube, vital to the station's operation,



# 803

*For the want of a nail, a shoe  
was lost; for the want of an 803,  
a station was (nearly) lost*

By Don Jensen



*Shortwave listening  
became a living  
hobby when  
SWL Barry Deal  
of Ord, Nebraska  
pulled in "La Voix  
de la Grand Anse"  
on his Lafayette  
HA-230 receiver.  
This was the  
beginning of  
"Operation 803."*

was faltering and a replacement could not be had in Haiti. When the tube dimmed and died, the little 250-watt station left the air, for good it seemed.

**Small, but Good.** "La Voix de la Grand Anse" (The Voice of the Big Handle), which got its name from the great, handle-like peninsula jutting into the sea on Hispanola's western tip, was a one-man operation, built and operated by 31-year-old Alix Felix. Alix, Jeremie's only radio technician, had only the simplest of equipment. He built his own six-tube transmitter, with the 803 in the "final." "La Voix de la Grand Anse" had no glass-enclosed studio, no elaborate broadcasting facilities. It was shoe-horned into a single corner of a stuccoed

room, an open concrete grillwork across its large window.

Alix, his own announcer, has a simple turntable, desk microphone, and control equipment on a plain wooden table. Nearby, on a low bench, sits an inexpensive, home-type tape recorder. Programming only a few hours during the evenings in the French patois of the area, Alix broadcast popular music to the 12,000 inhabitants of Jeremie . . . and the occasional shortwave listener overseas who caught his feeble signal.

**Troubles.** Equipment problems prevented 4VAF from broadcasting every night. The crisis came when the 803 failed and Felix was unable to locate a replacement. Then

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By Ron Michaels



# ELECTRONIC

Don't let switched-on headlights take your car's

**W**hat can you say on a bleak morning when you discover that you accidentally left your car's headlights turned on the night before, and your battery is now stone cold dead?

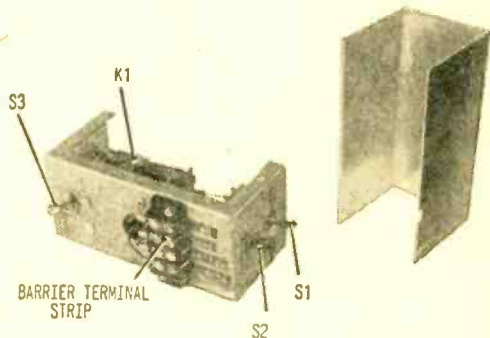
Because this minor tragedy has happened to me once too often, I decided to end this headache by designing an automatic headlight circuit—the Electronic Lightmaster. It waits patiently every time I switch off my car's ignition, looking to see whether or not I've also switched off the headlights. If I haven't, after a reasonable length of time (about 20 seconds), it simply switches them off for me . . . no ifs, ands, or buts.

Electronic Lightmaster is an apt name, because at the flip of a switch I can convert the circuit into a time-delay relay that purposely keeps my headlights turned on for about 2½ minutes after I leave my car. This feature transforms my car's lights into *mobile* street lights that can illuminate dark driveways or paths during the short time it takes me to walk from my car to a doorway or some other entrance.

**In the Works.** The circuit is built around a Darlington amplifier. This is a two-transistor design that has the very high input resistance needed to build a time-delay relay. Essentially, the amplifier looks at the voltage stored in capacitor C1 and applies almost the same voltage to the coil of relay K1.

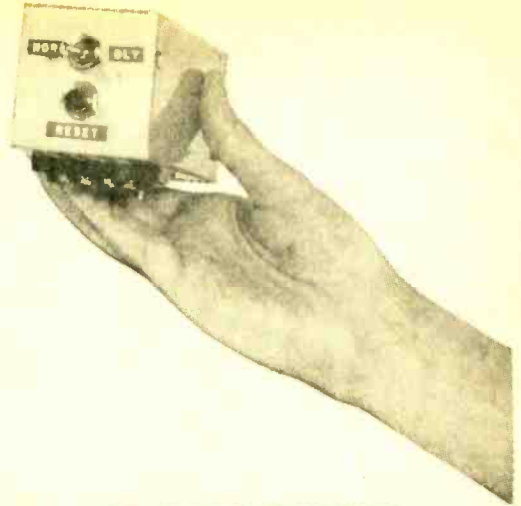
To achieve the lighting effects we want, the circuit is connected to your car's electrical system in an unusual fashion. To begin with, one of K1's pair of contacts is wired in series with the headlight power line. Your lights will only work if K1 is activated, keeping the contact closed.

With switch S1 in its NORMAL position, the amplifier circuit is powered by the headlight power line. Thus, when you flip your car's light switch *on*, power is applied to the circuit. However, the relay will close only if capacitor C1 is charged to +12 VDC. Note that C1 is charged by a wire connected to your car's ignition switch. This means that if you flip your light switch *on* and also



Lightmaster circuit fits into compact case, unless you choose to install it under dashboard of your car.





# LIGHTMASTER

battery for a lethal ride—switch 'em off automatically!

have turned *on* the ignition, then your headlights will light up.

If for any reason you should turn *off* the ignition, capacitor C1 is no longer connected to a source of voltage. It will begin to discharge through resistor R2. As a result, its stored voltage drops, bringing along with it the voltage applied to relay K1. After 20 seconds, the voltage at the relay's coil is too low to keep the relay activated and it drops out, thereby switching off the headlights.

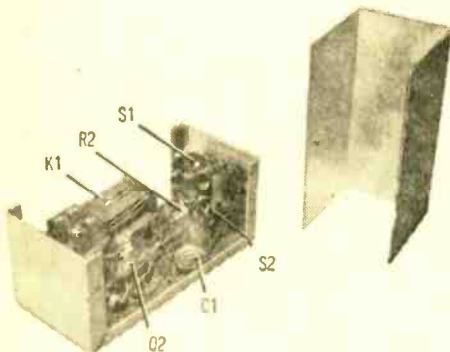
When you move S2 to its DELAY position, the Electronic Lightmaster is modified slightly. Now R2 is removed from the circuit, so that the only resistance which can discharge C1 is the very large input resistance

of the amplifier itself. Practically speaking, this means that it now takes 2½ minutes for the relay voltage to fall low enough to deactivate the contacts. Also, K1's pair of contacts is placed across your car's headlight switch. This means that you can turn *off* the switch as usual when you leave the car without disrupting the Lightmaster circuit.

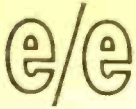
Pushbutton switch S2 brings capacitor C1's voltage up to its full value when it is pressed. Therefore, it functions as a RESET button. You need to use it only on those occasions when you have already used up a good part of the time delay before you've left your car. For instance, say you take some time retrieving a lost item under your seat after you've switched the ignition off. Pushing S2 for a full second restores the time delay period.

Switch S3 is the system's power switch—I've labeled it BYPASS. One pair of its contacts is wired in series with the relay coil, the other across the relay contacts that control the headlights. If you flip S3 to BYPASS, the circuit is effectively removed from the headlight wiring.

**Building It.** As with any automotive project, it's difficult to design a single device that will fit into every car. So you may choose to use your ingenuity when you build the device and assemble it in a different kind of box. If you wish, you can even



Relay K1 mounts on spacers to bottom half of case; leads to car wiring are fed to barrier terminal strip.



## LIGHT-MASTER

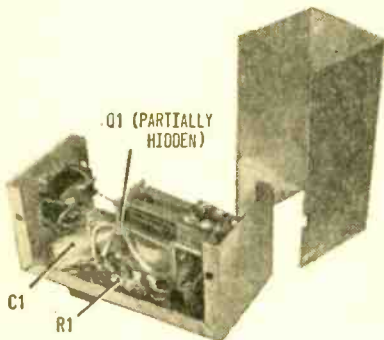
mount the guts underneath the hood and the three control switches on the instrument panel.

I wired the circuit into a 2½ x 2½ x 5-in. aluminum chassis box and hung it below the dash. My aim was to put the controls within easy reach. Parts placement isn't critical. But since anything installed in a car will be shaken up a bit, be sure that all connections are mechanically and electrically sound.

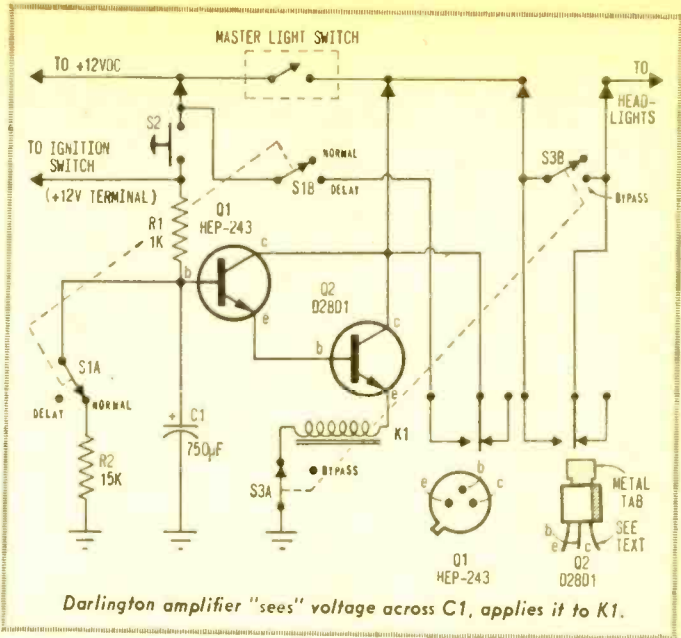
To make the most of the limited space, I mounted the relay above the bottom of the case by placing spacers on its mounting screws. All wiring is done in point-to-point fashion, using terminal strips as soldering and mounting points. To guard against short circuits, you should place sleeving on all leads that might conceivably brush against other wires or metal objects. This is important because the case is grounded and part of the electrical circuit.

Double check the polarity of C1 when you install it. The circuit won't work if its leads are reversed.

Transistor Q2 is a newly-developed, plastic-encapsulated power transistor. Cut off the *unused* collector lead (the lead next to the beveled edge), and make all collector connections to the metal tab. This tab acts like a small heat sink and must be positioned clear of other components.



For rough ride, components should be secure in case.



Bring the four leads that connect to your car's wiring out to the four-terminal barrier strip. Use heavy duty wiring for these connections.

**Installation.** All required connections to your car's wiring are outlined in our diagram. The only tricky area is the headlight power line (it may take a while to find the correct lead). A wiring diagram for your car will be helpful, so try and get a copy (your public library may have a copy of the shop manual). The lead you want is between the master light switch and the hi/low beam switch. This single wire carries the power to light your headlights.

However you install this watchdog device, you'll save yourself a lot of anguish. ☐

### PARTS LIST FOR LIGHTMASTER

- C1—750-µF, 15-VDC electrolytic capacitor
- K1—Relay assembly, 12-VDC coil and 10-A, dpdt contact switch (Guardian 200-12D and 200-M2, Allied 41E5714 and 41E5719)
- Q1—Npn silicon transistor (Motorola HEP-243, Allied 22C3886)
- Q2—Npn silicon power transistor (GE D2801, Allied 49C3 D28D1 GE)
- R1—1000-ohm, ½-watt resistor
- R2—15,000-ohm, ½-watt resistor
- S1, S3—Dpdt toggle switch
- S2—Spst pushbutton switch (normally open)
- Misc.—2½ x 2½ x 5-in. aluminum chassis box (see text), 3-lug terminal strip, 4-lug terminal strip, 4-terminal barrier strip (Cinch-Jones 4-140, Allied 47E1803 or equiv.), spade lugs, ¼-in. spacers, sleeving, grommet, decals, solder, wire, hardware, etc.



Nation of Toltecs, Aztecs,  
Mayas, and Spaniards,  
Mexico numbers  
among the world's  
most colorful  
countries. Want  
to partake of  
her spirit?  
Then turn on,  
tune in, and



Mexican National Tourist Council photo

# DX MEXICO

By C.M. STANBURY II

**P**ossibly the most varied, and therefore the most interesting challenges for DXing lay South of the border, down Mexico way. Mexican stations range from powerful English voices along the U.S. border to SWBC operations of all sizes, to local BCB outlets (which best represent the real Mexico and are very tough to log), to NASA's space-age installation at Guaymas on the Gulf of California. In short, Mexico offers an endless

MEXICAN BORDER STATIONS

kHz	Call	Transmitter Location	Mailing Address
690	XETRA	Tijuana	Los Angeles, Calif.
800	XELO	Ciudad Juarez	El Paso, Texas
860	XEMO	Tijuana	San Diego, Calif.
1050	XEG	Monterrey	Fort Worth, Texas
1090	XERB	Rosarito Beach	San Diego, Calif.
1570	XERF	Ciudad Acuna	Del Rio, Texas

Reception reports may be addressed either to the U. S. mailing address or to the transmitter location, except for XEG, where reception reports should be addressed to Monterrey, Nuevo Leon.

series of truly exciting DX possibilities.

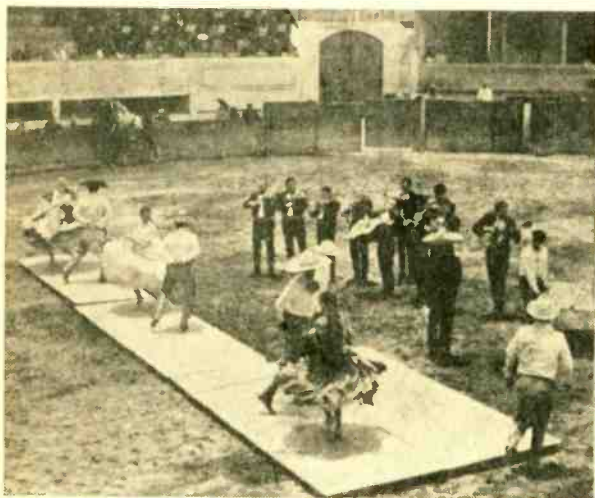
Amongst DXers, Mexico is probably best known for its border stations, which range in power from 5 to 250 kW and are strung from Monterrey westward to Tijuana. These stations are often written up in SWL bulletins largely because of their programming, which includes such items as faith healers, hate peddlers, underground music, and commercials for *genuine, simulated* diamond rings. All but XEG at Monterrey are located within a few miles of the American frontier. Because these border stations have been written up so often, we'll let you tune in for yourself and see which station programs what. Most are excellent verifiers.

**Shortwave.** The three most widely heard Mexican SWBC stations are La Voz de la

America Latina (XEWW on 9515 and 6165 kHz), Radiofusoras Comerciales (XERR on 15110 kHz and XEHH, 11880 kHz), both in Mexico City, and XEQM (6105 kHz) at Merida, Yucatan. Station XEWW is not only a typical Latin American big-city operation, which, except for the language, is not unlike 50 kWers in New York, Chicago, or Los Angeles, but it is the key station for Mexico's major network. This means that XEWW's programming includes such things as radio plays (virtually a lost art form on this side of the Rio Grande), special news features, and live variety shows. Station XEQM, by contrast, operates on a much more modest scale and somewhat resembles the local rural BCB stations which we'll describe later on. Both XEWW and XEQM are excellent verifiers while XERR/XEHH tends to be erratic.

Once the SWL has QSLed Mexico by one of the above, he's ready for rarer sport. Out in the western badlands of Sonora is the city of Hermosillo. It has two SWBC representatives. When XEBR (11820 kHz) is on, it is widely heard. Unfortunately, XEBR's appearances on the shortwave scene are quite irregular. Meanwhile, the University of Sonora operates XEUDS on 6115 kHz where it is sometimes heard during evening hours.

So far, all of the stations mentioned, except XEQM Merida, transmit from areas where the people are of Aztec and Spanish descent. But the far eastern end of Mexico is part of the former Mayan empire and his-



Land of flowers, bulls, and exciting native dance, Mexico comes alive via shortwave radio like no other nation. Mariachi music, though foreign to many U.S. ears, soon proves thoroughly captivating for its spontaneity and rhythm; every town in Mexico, no matter how small, has its strolling mariachi band to entertain at weddings, private parties, and



torically minded SWLs will want to work both these ancient nations. In addition to XEQM, Mayan Mexico boasts XETS, R. Tapachula (6120 kHz), located only a few miles from the Guatemalan border.

**Back to the BCB.** Not all the potent, multi-kilowatt stations are of the "border" variety. The list of multi-kilowatt Spanish-speaking outlets includes XEWA (540 kHz), San Luis Potosi, and XEW (900 kHz), Mexico City—both operated by La Voz de la America Latina, XERH (1500 kHz) Radio fusoras Comerciales. XEX (730 kHz), XEQ (940 kHz), and XEB (1220 kHz), all Mexico City. What might be described as a Spanish-speaking border station is XEDM (1580 kHz), 'way out there in Hermosillo. This one aims transmissions mostly at Americans of Mexican origin and announces a Nogales, Ariz. mailing address.

There are many others, but what the truly fanatic DXer really wants to hear are those low-powered rural voices mentioned earlier—like XEBB. There are so many of these that we simply don't have space here for any kind of comprehensive listing. Despite the presence of American tourists in many parts of rural Mexico (such as the Acapulco area), all broadcasts are in Spanish. Programming consists mainly of the staples—commercials (a list of these is most useful in proving your reception), and traditional *ranchero* style Mexican music, which could be compared to our Country & Western. After listening to some of the SWBC stations mentioned earlier, you should now be able

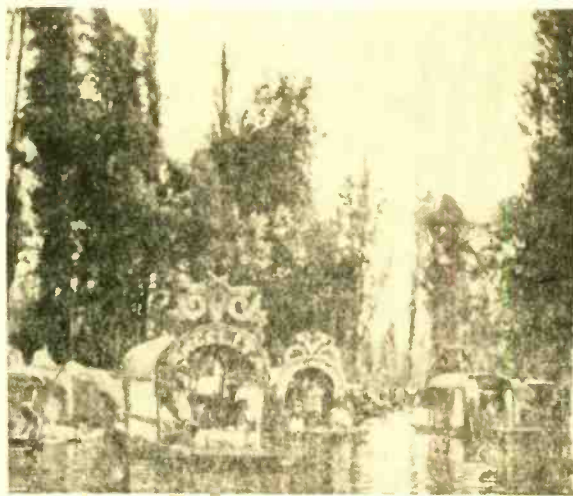
#### ABBREVIATIONS

BCB	broadcast band
DX	long distance, distant (contact or country)
DXer	hobbyist who seeks DX contacts
DXing	the act of receiving distant stations
ID	identification
kHz	kilohertz (kilocycles)
kW	kilowatt
NASA	National Aeronautics and Space Administration
QRM	noise and signals interfering with desired signals
QSL	decorated postal card or letter from station acknowledging reception report
QSLed	sent or received a QSL
SWBC	shortwave broadcast
SWL	shortwave listener
XE	prefix to Mexican station call letters

to readily distinguish *ranchero* from other forms of Latin American music. Mexican stations usually ID by slogan but often mention their call letters and locations.

Mexican BCB reception will of course be best during ionospheric disturbances when much U.S. and Canadian QRM is wiped out. Which XE voices you log is largely a matter of luck and your particular location, but normally the best time to hunt is between 0000 and 0300 EST.

**Guaymas.** In sharp contrast to the ancient Aztec and Mayan empires, the *ranchero* music, and the border hate peddlers, is NASA's space facility on the Gulf of California, a couple hundred miles southeast of Hermosillo. When that first manned Apollo space flight blasts off, one of the stations communicating with the Astronauts, track-



in the public plaza on a Sunday afternoon (see photo at left). In fact, fiesta and celebration are the spice of Mexico's way of life. In center photo, Mexicans lead garlanded oxen to cathedral for traditional ceremonies of blessing of work animals. And at right, flowers are everywhere in famed floating gardens of Xochimilco.

Air France photos

ing their ship, and recording those vital telemetry readings, will be Guaymas.

Most of us read much about the space age and yet there is very little tangible evidence that this planet has really entered it. In fact, much of our globe is grossly backward. The location of the Guaymas facility certainly highlights the current weird state of man's civilization, possibly better than any other radio station. The next time Americans go into orbit, you will be able to hear it from

Space-Age Mexico on 15016 kHz.

**States Again.** Not known to a good many U.S. DXers is the fact that the U.S. isn't the only group of *united states* on the North American continent. Mexico's official name, in Spanish, is *Estados Unidos Mexicanos*, which, when translated, becomes Mexican United States. All told, there are 29 states in the Republic, plus two territories whose governors are appointed by the President. The country's capital, Mexico City, lies in a federal district (*Distrito Federal*), which is similar in nature to our own District of Columbia.

As we've said, Mexico can literally come alive through the medium of shortwave radio. Good listening! ■



*This magnificent pile of baroquerie is a must for any visit to Mexico City. The cathedral is named for the patron saint of Mexico, Our Lady of Guadeloupe.*



*Convenient to Mexico City is the lovely and mile-high silver-mining city of Taxco, whose silver industry was rescued and revived by an American.*



*In Mexico City's vast Chapultepec Park, near the ultra-modern University City, stands this impressively beautiful monument to the Cadets of Chapultepec, who gave their lives defending the site.*

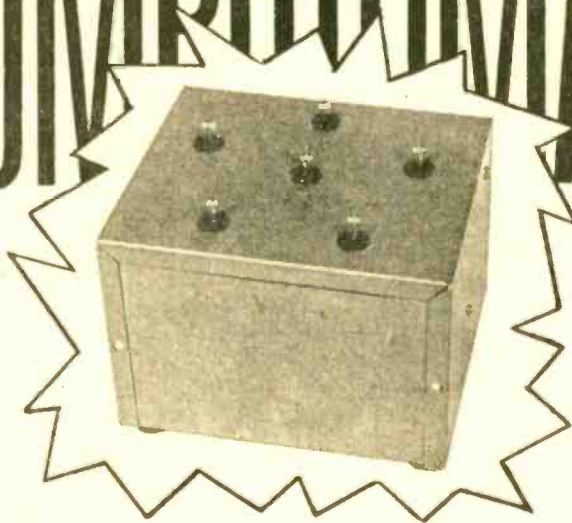


*One of four superlative ruins of the Toltec civilization, the Pyramid of the Sun rises 216 feet above Teotihuacan, 30 miles northeast of Mexico City. Pyramid is dedicated to Toltec Sun God.*

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# COMPUTOMATIC



Here's a Black Box that sees, hears, and does nothing—except wow your friends and give your shack that sharp UNIVAC look

By Herb Friedman, W2ZLF/KBI9457

**I**t sits on your desk with its lights blinking, and the sounds of the computer world come from inside. In fact, it looks for all the world like it might really be a computer! But in spite of all the *eep* and *eep-oop* sounds and the blinking lights, the Computomatic does absolutely nothing; it just sits there and appears to be calculating the National Debt.

The Computomatic is basically a nothing box—but with one big difference. Instead of having mere lights that blink on and off at a random rate, this gadget has an internal vari-tone oscillator that is actually triggered by the lights. As each light turns on, a soft *eep*, *eep-oop*, or glide tone is generated.

Just as the random light pattern slowly changes, so does the sound pattern. And soon the listener finds that exactly at the moment he thinks he has discovered the rhythm of the sound pattern, the light pat-

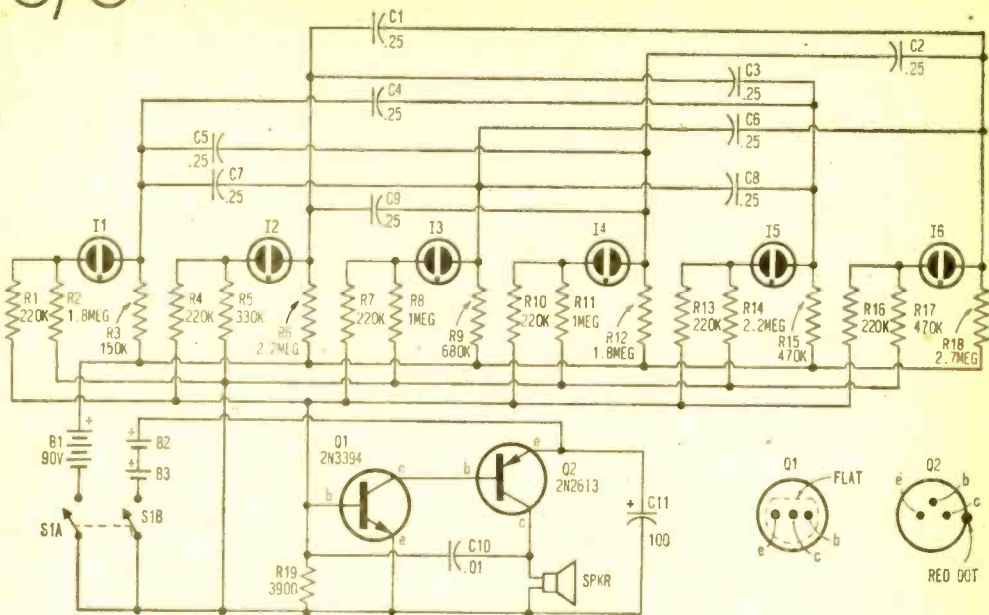
tern makes a slight change and the sounds follow with a similar change in sequence. At one moment you may hear a clock inside the box (accompanied by a glide tone), while the next moment your clock shifts into a sweep that mystifies.

The Computomatic has a nothing-box circuit and a two-stage multi-tone generator. Both circuits are battery-powered; current drain is so low the batteries should deliver several months of service—possibly even more, depending on how often the device is used.

**Assembly.** The Computomatic is built into a 4 x 5 x 6-in. aluminum chassis box. The circuitry is mounted on a perf board positioned on one side panel. Push-in terminals are used for tie points. The miniature speaker goes on the opposite side.

Capacitors for the lighting circuits—C1 through C9—take up quite a bit of space

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## PARTS LIST FOR COMPUTOMATIC

B1—90-V battery (RCA VS090 or equiv.)  
 B2, B3—1.5-V AA battery (Burgess Z or equiv.)  
 C1 thru C9—.25- $\mu$ F, 100-VDC capacitor  
 C10—.01- $\mu$ F, 25-VDC (minimum) capacitor (see text)  
 C11—100- $\mu$ F, 15-VDC (minimum) capacitor  
 I1 thru I6—NE-2 or NE-2E neon lamp  
 Q1—2N3394 npn silicon transistor (IGE)  
 Q2—2N2613 pnp germanium transistor (RCA)  
 R1, R4, R7, R10, R13, R16—220,000-ohm,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt 10% resistor  
 R2—1,800,000-ohm,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt 10% resistor  
 R3—150,000-ohm,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt 10% resistor  
 R5—330,000-ohm,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt 10% resistor  
 R6, R14—2,200,000-ohm,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt 10% resistor  
 R8, R11—1,000,000-ohm,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt 10% resistor

R9—680,000-ohm,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt 10% resistor  
 R12—1,800,000-ohm,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt 10% resistor  
 R15, R17—470,000-ohm,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt 10% resistor  
 R18—2,700,000-ohm,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt 10% resistor  
 R19—3900-ohm,  $\frac{1}{2}$ -watt 10% resistor (see text)

S1—Dpst toggle switch

Misc.—4 x 5 x 6-in. aluminum chassis box, 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  x 3  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. perf board, miniature 8-ohm speaker (approx. 2  $\frac{1}{4}$  x 2  $\frac{1}{4}$  in.), push-in terminals, battery connector for B1 (Allied 18B5309 or equiv.), AA battery holder (Keystone 140, Allied 18B5902 or equiv.),  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. spacers, rubber feet, grommets, spaghetti, wire, solder, hardware, etc.

Note—Values of R1 thru R18 may vary  $\pm$  20%. If you have these values in your junk box, use them.

so use at least half of the perf board to wire them. Your board should be cut so it takes up the entire side of one panel, with only enough clearance at the sides so that the cabinet cover can be installed.

Since capacitors C1 through C9 take up a lot more space than appearance would dictate, position the terminals they are connected to in a line running through the center of the board. While it may appear that half the board is overdoing it, you'll have just enough space when they're finally installed. Make certain none of these leads

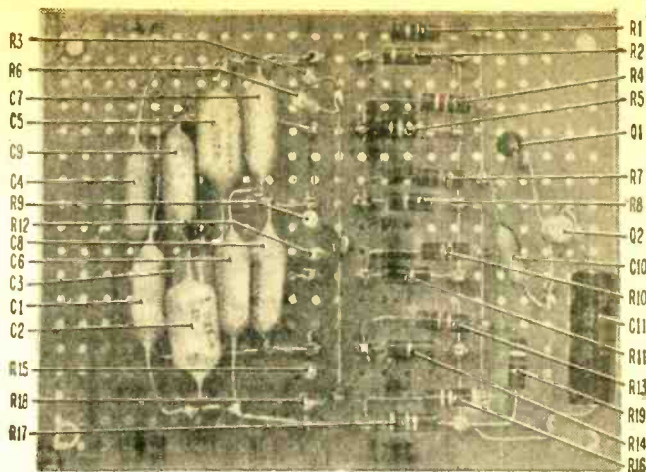
are shorting. If necessary, use spaghetti when in doubt about your wiring.

Capacitors C1 through C9 should be rated for a working voltage of at least 100 VDC (see Parts List). Capacitor C10 can be a 25-V model or the same as C1-C9. Make certain C11 is installed in the polarity shown, with the positive lead connected to Q2's emitter. You will have to use the transistors specified in the Parts List; don't try to substitute for them.

**Blinking 'n Pulsing.** After the perf-board assembly is completed, set it aside until you



All components except neon lamps and miniature speaker are mounted on perf-board sub-assembly. Capacitors at left take considerable amount of space, so their connecting terminals should be positioned in center of board to allow maximum space on left side. Three bus leads are used to simplify wiring resistors to neon lamps. Schematic conforms to wiring pattern, but order is reversed looking from left to right on diagram. Double-check all leads.



have installed the speaker and six neon lamps. The neon lamps I1 through I6 are types NE-2 or NE-2E. Don't substitute one with higher brightness (like the NE-2H) as the resistors specified are only for the NE-2 or NE-2E.

Mount the lamps on top of the cabinet's main section. Each lamp is mounted in a 3/8-in. rubber grommet and cemented in place with a silicon rubber adhesive. Since I1 pulses rather than blinks, it should be installed in the center so that the blinking lights are on the outside. (This pulsing is required to trip the glide tone. Don't attempt to get the bulb to blink.)

Use any 8-ohm miniature speaker that will fit in the box. It should be mounted on a side panel with no holes for a grille. If you drill holes in the panel the sound will be excessively loud, but without holes the sound will be soft and appear to come from deep inside the Computomatic.

Now install the perf-board assembly. To prevent the push-in terminals which protrude through the board from shorting to the cabinet, install 1/4-in. spacers between the

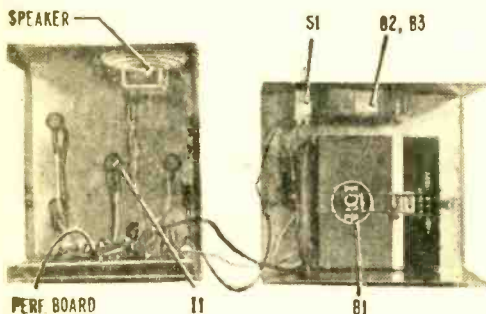
board and cabinet. To avoid a wiring error, install I1's connections first. The remaining lamps can be wired in any order. Be sure to insulate both leads from the lamps. Slip a piece of spaghetti (sleeving) over the hookup wire, tack-solder the lamp's leads to the wire, and then slide the sleeving forward so it covers the leads flush with the glass.

The batteries mount in the bottom portion of the cabinet. Battery B1 is a type used in older portable radios. If you can obtain a smaller or less expensive model, by all means make the substitution. It is held in place with a loop of wire stretched between two cable clamps—one at either end of the battery.

If you use a standard battery connector, check the connecting wires from the terminals. Electric (black is positive) rather than electronic (black is negative) color coding may be used. Batteries B2 and B3 are standard AA cells mounted in a double-AA battery holder. Wire the batteries through a dpst switch, but don't tie the negative leads from B1 and B3 together through an spst switch.

Because of individual variations in transistors, the tone generator may not trigger with the lamps. If this should happen, try different values for R19—either higher or lower, in 20% steps—until the generator fires in step with the lamps. If you obtain only a constant tone, trim R19's value until you obtain the glide.

If you've done a good job, your Computomatic will take over from here. Just turn it on and watch your bench light up and sound off like any good UNIVAC should. After all, what's wrong with having the first programmed shack on the block? ■

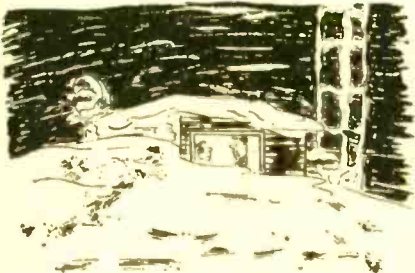


Battery B1 is held in place by hookup wire which passes through two cable clamps; twist ends together.

# The Iceman Cometh

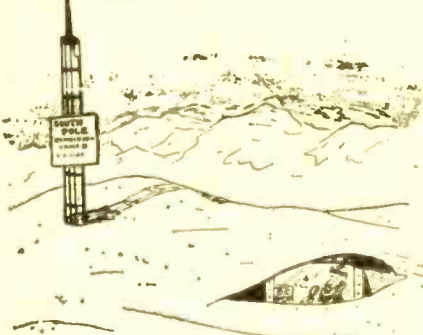


"Remember now, be gentle with that changer!"



"Give 'em a call on guard... ask for two scotch, one rye and one bourbon!"

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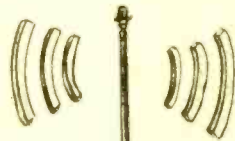


"...summer has finally come to our station!"

by Jack Schmidt

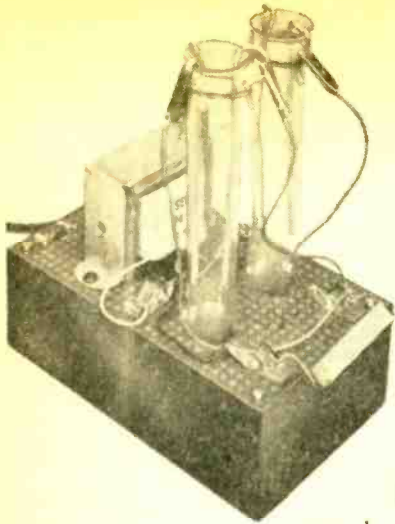


"Now think hard, WA2CQL, didn't I warn you about the weight the day you put it up?"



"You know, Harry, the boys downstairs are not going to believe us when we tell them how cold it is up here."





# LET'S BUILD A LIQUID SEMICONDUCTOR

See through this wet  
and wild semiconductor rectifier  
and go back to the good ol' days when  
radio was just turning on

By Charles Green, W6FFQ

**B**efore the steamship there was the clipper ship, and before the solid-state rectifier there was the liquid semiconductor rectifier. Back in the Roaring Twenties, the liquid semiconductor rectifier (or electrolytic rectifier) was in use when the home radio receiver was still a curiosity. It was used as a cheap and easy method of charging a receiver's storage batteries from the AC line.

The liquid semiconductor rectifier was made from lead and aluminum electrodes placed in a borax solution. (Other metals and chemicals were also used.) The electrolyte and electrodes were contained in a glass jar which had a vented lid to allow the escape of gases formed during its operation. The rectifier was durable and immune to electrical overloads.

**Today's Model.** The liquid semiconductor rectifier will operate over a range from just a few volts to 117-VAC line voltage. When power is applied to the rectifier, current flow to the aluminum electrode creates a semiconductor layer on the surface of the aluminum. This semiconductor layer has a low resistance to current flowing to the aluminum and a high resistance to current flowing away from it.

If 117 VAC is applied to the lead electrode, a pulsating, positive voltage will appear at the aluminum electrode. The semi-

conductor action takes place between the electrolytic solution and the aluminum, while the lead electrode simply makes electrical contact with the electrolyte.

You can experiment with a liquid semiconductor rectifier by building our special module. It's a handy, compact unit having an AC power supply and two test tubes.

**Construction.** The experimental module is built on the perfboard cover of a 3 $\frac{3}{4}$  x 6 x 2-in. Bakelite box (see Bill of Materials). A power transformer and two test tubes are mounted as shown in the photo. We used 7-in. test tubes approximately 1 in. in diameter, but any convenient size will do.

Power switch S1 and the fuse holder are mounted on the board behind power transformer T1. The primary leads from T1 are fed through holes in the perf board for connection to S1 and F1. The secondary leads go to terminals J3 and J4.

The AC line cord is run through an existing hole in the Bakelite box. Mount J1 and J2 in front of the test tube holes. Connect J2 to J4 as shown in Fig. 1, and connect a short lead with a clip at one end to J1. Also prepare some other short clip leads for connection to the test tube electrodes.

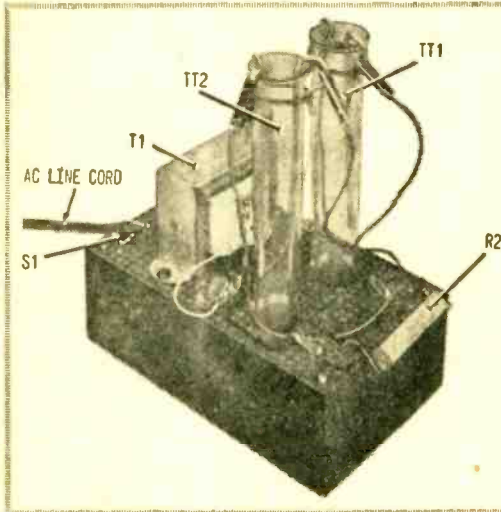
Insert a 4-in. length of #8 solid aluminum wire into a test tube. Carefully bend over one end of the wire to fit the tube rim

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and cut off any excess. Make sure the wire runs straight and close to the inside wall of the tube.

Now cut and fit a 4-in. length of #16 60/40 solder (rosin or solid core) to the opposite wall of the test tube, and shape it just like the aluminum electrode. Fit a rubber band around the electrodes, and if necessary, insert a small section of thin plastic under the electrode rims to hold the electrodes in place.

Fit the test tube into one of the holes in the top (its diameter will depend on the tube) and designate it TT-1. Small sections of thin plastic inserted into the hole alongside the test tube should hold it firmly in place.



Now insert two 4-in. lengths of aluminum wire and one 4-in. length of solder into the other test tube. Form and cut them to size just as you did for TT-1. Again, use rubber bands and plastic sections to hold the electrodes and secure the test tube. Designate this test tube TT-2 and one of the aluminum electrodes as A1, the other A2. Space the electrodes in both test tubes from each other so that they do not touch.

Dissolve one level tablespoon of household borax in 8 oz. of lukewarm water. Then fill both test tubes with the borax solution to approximately 1/2 in. from the top.

**The Semiconductor Film.** Connect the circuit shown in Fig. 2. Use short clip leads to the test tube electrodes, taking care that

the electrodes don't short. Connect the positive lead of a DC voltmeter to J1 and the negative lead to J2. Set the voltmeter range so that it will read 6 volts.

Plug the module's AC cord into a 117-VAC outlet. Turn S1 on. Note that your voltmeter indicates little more than zero. Allow the module to operate for approximately 5 minutes and observe that the voltage reading gradually increases and finally levels off to a constant value (our meter

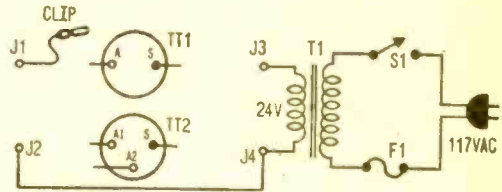


Fig. 1. Basic circuit of module. Hook up components in this manner before going on to other experiments.

## BILL OF MATERIALS

- C1—10- $\mu$ F, 50-VDC electrolytic capacitor
- F1—1-A fuse, with panel-mounting holder
- J1, J2, J3, J4—Fahnestock clips or binding posts
- R1—250-ohm, 10-watt 10% resistor
- R2—20,000-ohm, 10-watt 10% resistor
- S1—Spst slide switch
- T1—117-VAC pri., 24-V, 1.2-A sec., power transformer (Radio Shack 273-1480 or equiv.)
- TT-1, TT-2—7-in. x 1-in. dia test tubes

Misc.—3 3/4 x 6 x 2-in. Bakelite box with perf board top (Radio Shack 270-097 or equiv.), #8 solid aluminum wire, #16 60/40 solder, AC line cord, clip leads, solder lugs, plastic sections, solder, wire, hardware, etc.

Ready-to-go utility box with perfboard top holds components and has hole for line cord.

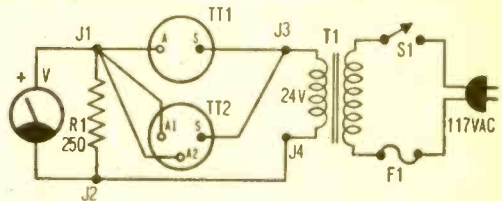


Fig. 2. Semiconductor film is formed by allowing current to flow until DC voltmeter indicates 6 V.

indicated 6 V). The exact voltage isn't critical and will vary with particular experiments. Note, however, that bubbles form around the electrodes, thereby indicating electrochemical activity.

When your voltage indication has leveled



off, turn S1 off. The semiconductor film has been formed. (Remember that the test tube electrodes are connected in parallel.)

**Half-Wave Rectifier.** To get rectification, hook up the circuit in Fig. 3. Note that R2 is now substituted for R1. This is required because the semiconductor film is formed by using a larger current flow (a smaller resistance load) than under normal circumstances (a larger resistance load).

Set the voltmeter to a range that will indi-

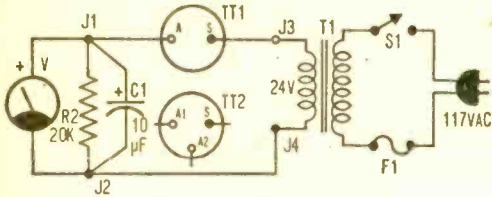


Fig. 3. Rectifier circuit.

cate approximately 25 V. Turn S1 on and observe that the meter does show about 25 V, indicating that the liquid rectifier is working as a half-wave rectifier. If there has been a considerable delay in hooking up the circuit of Fig. 3, there may be some delay while the semiconductor film reforms. This would cause a time lag before the meter indicates the correct voltage. Note that most of your bubble activity takes place at the aluminum electrode.

Unhook one lead of C1 from the circuit and observe that the meter indication drops to a much lower value. This shows that a considerable amount of AC ripple (see below) is left in the circuit. This unsteady DC is filtered to get an efficient output.

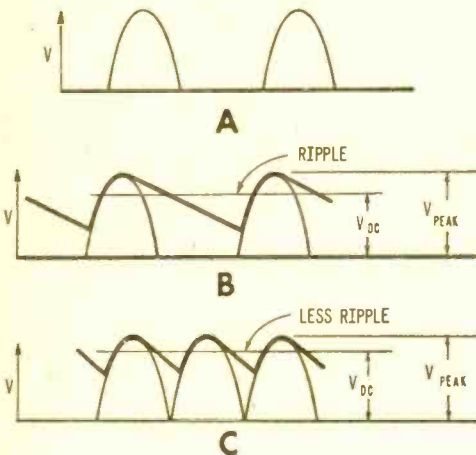


Fig. A is output of half-wave rectifier; Figs. B and C illustrate effect of RC filter network on both half-wave and full-wave outputs. Amount of ripple (pulsating DC) depends on values of R and C.

Now turn S1 off and quickly disconnect the leads from TT-1. Measure the resistance across the electrodes with an ohmmeter, then reverse the leads to your meter and measure again. Note that the resistance is very high in one direction and low in the other direction. This is equivalent to the front-to-back resistance of a semiconductor.

**Electrolytic Capacitor.** The liquid semiconductor layer can also act like the dielectric in a capacitor. Since the semiconductor layer is very thin, a large amount of capacity can be achieved in a very small surface area. The thickness of this semiconducting layer is dependent on the applied voltage. The higher the voltage, the thicker the layer, and the less capacity in a given area. This

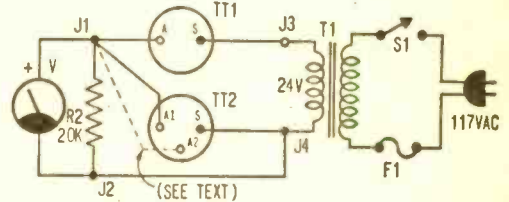


Fig. 4. Since film on aluminum electrode acts like dielectric, applied voltage will control capacitance.

experiment will use only TT-2 connected as an electrolytic capacitor.

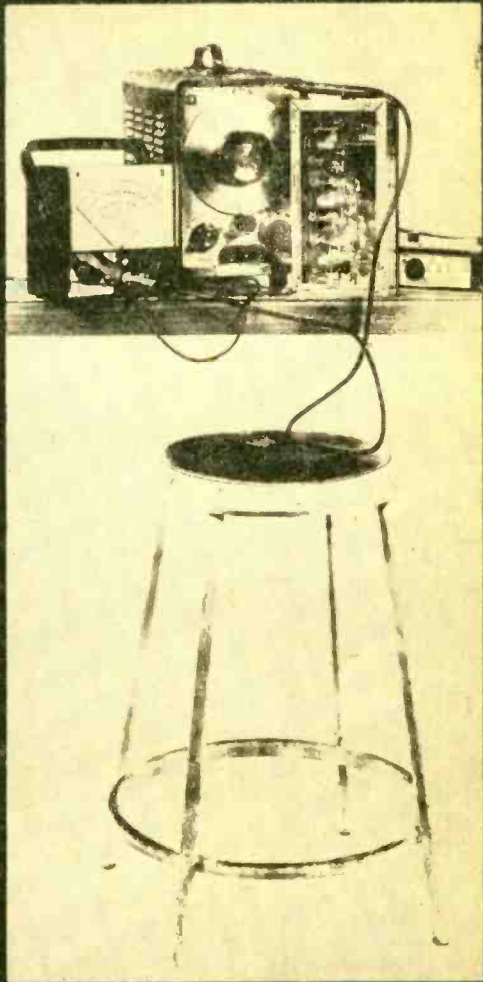
Follow the module circuit in Fig. 4, but don't connect the A2 electrode of TT-2 now. Turn S1 on and note that the voltmeter indication gradually increases to a stable reading (our meter indicated 17 V). Connect the A2 electrode to J1 and note that the voltmeter indication has now increased (about 21 V is right). The voltage has increased because of the additional dielectric area (semiconductor area) added to the circuit. This increases the filtering action, thereby passing a higher voltage.

If you have a capacitor bridge, turn S1 off and disconnect the leads to TT-2 (taking care not to disturb the electrodes!). Connect the A1 electrode to the positive lead of the capacitor bridge and connect the S electrode to the negative lead from the bridge. Measure the capacity. (Our unit measured 2.5  $\mu$ F.) Finally, connect A2 to A1 and measure the capacity again—you should get about 4.5  $\mu$ F.

This experiment has simulated the operation of a wet electrolytic capacitor that was once used extensively in electronic equipment, but has now been replaced by the dry electrolytic capacitor that we're all familiar with. ■

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The RDF-101 is basically a sensitive transistor radio mounted in a small plastic case with a revolving radio compass and a magnetic compass. It is supplied with a detachable gimbal bracket and strap which permits the RDF to be secured to a bulkhead, and/or carried on the shoulder. The RDF is also supplied with the "Hartman Broadcast Station Locator"—a booklet listing the longitude and latitude of all 50 states plus Puerto Rico and Virgin Island stations.

**Getting A Fix.** It takes less than a minute to obtain two BCB station's bearings for a reasonably accurate fix; perhaps two minutes to get a three- or four-station bearing. However, speed is not necessary in obtaining a fix unless you're on the Niagara River headed for a fall.

Here's how to get a fix. The transistor radio is mounted in a rotating "compass" assembly. Scribed on the panel is a lubber line which passes through the radio compass and points to the magnetic compass. In the lower right hand corner is a signal strength meter.

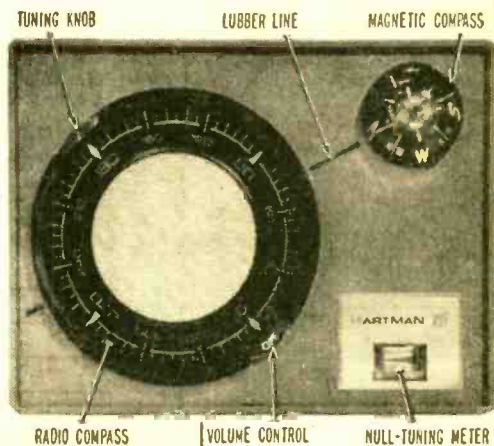
First step is to rotate the entire RDF case until the lubber line points to the N (north) on the magnetic compass. Next, a standard broadcast station is tuned in, and the large azimuth dial is rotated until the tuning meter indicates *minimum signal strength*, called a "null." When the station is nulled, you simply read off the magnetic bearing from the azimuth dial; this is the magnetic bearing of the radio station in relation to your position. Actually, the radio compass can null at two points exactly 180° apart,



say 83° and 263°. You then locate the radio station's position (using the supplied Broadcast Station Locator) and draw a line through the radio station's position on the *magnetic bearing*.

You then do the same with a second radio station; the point where the two magnetic bearing lines cross on the map is your location. For greater accuracy, you can take three station coordinates; and your position would be within the triangle formed by the three intersecting lines.

**Poles Apart.** Now you'll note we've talked about *magnetic bearing*, not *true bearing*. That's because the magnetic north pole and true north pole are not at the same site. All marine maps give both magnetic and true norths. However, if your map does not  
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Simply rotate unit until lubber line points to N on magnetic compass. Azimuth dial gives bearing.

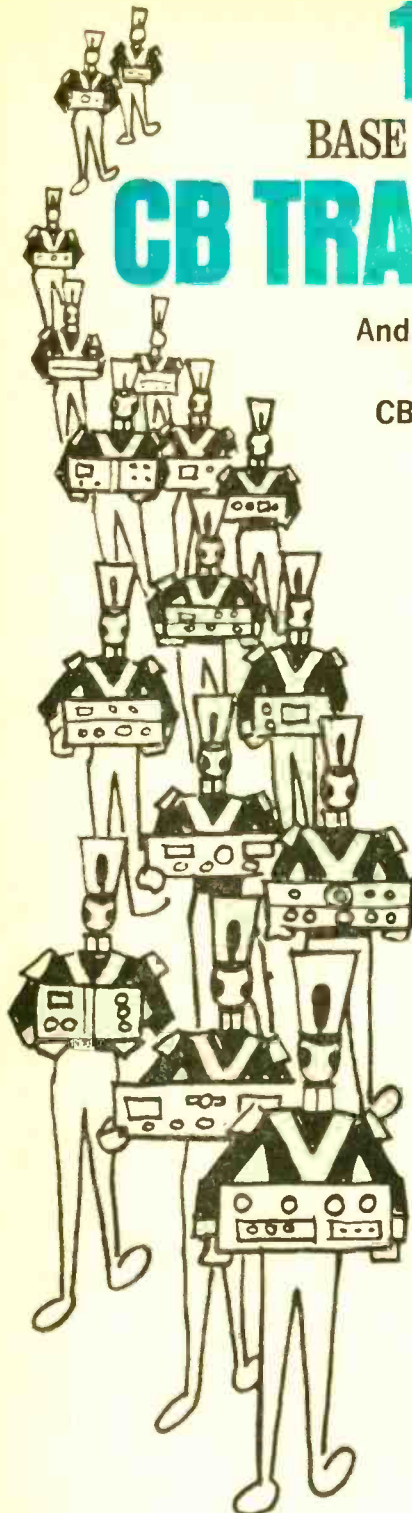


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BASE AND MOBILE

# CB TRANSCEIVERS



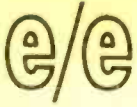
And there they go, passing in review—  
5-watt rig after 5-watt rig in the  
CB Directory you've been waiting for!

**O**n the following pages you'll see a preview of the 1969 CB transceivers—the sets that'll soon be appearing on dealers' shelves and in the 1969 catalogs. These are all full-power, 5-watt units designed for base station use at home or mounted in a car for mobile operation. Many can be utilized either way.

The trend for 1969 is decidedly solid-state, with plenty of new gadgetry and—here's an item we can all appreciate—*lower* prices! Many of the old-line sets have been drastically slashed pricewise this year, some by as much as \$40.00 and more. New sets, like a 6-channel unit bowing in at only \$79.95, are establishing the long-awaited downward cost picture the CB industry has been shooting toward for years.

With increasing technical sophistication and mass production, the 1969 CB outlook is clearly split between 1) the low-priced, jampacked mobile sets, and 2) the top-of-the-line base stations, some exceeding \$400.00 in price. The middle-of-the-road equipment, however, is still worth investigating if you feel you must have full 23-channel capability.

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This middle category, diminishing somewhat in emphasis due to severe competition, has left manufacturers in a quandary for '69. An inspection, for example, of various brands offering identical set performance (and circuitry) reveals a range that's hard to rationalize. You can go, for example, from \$129.00 for a frequency synthesizing set to exactly twice that figure for identical functions. You figure it out.

Amid all this competition, however, the one who really comes out ahead is *you*, the prospective CB set buyer. For the first time in years, you've got a choice that is matched only by the 1969 buyer of a B&W TV set. Got the picture?

One shortcoming, however. Another trend this year is to 12-VDC power source standardization. With few exceptions, *all* new sets are being manufactured without universal (12 VDC and 117 VAC) supplies. This means you'll have to invest in an optional AC adaptor. These units, since they're offered by nearly every manufacturer, have not been included in this listing. Bear in mind, however, that with one lone exception all these adaptors are compatible *only* with equipment produced by the same manufacturer.

Next, look into channel availability. Do you really need full 23-channel operation? While prices are indeed tumbling this year,

you're still paying your biggest premium for this bag. Also, if you have decided this is what you want, make certain that's what you get.

There's nothing more frustrating than laying out \$199.95 for a 23-channel rig only to learn that it's minus 22 channels. And since most rigs require both a transmit and receive crystal for every channel you desire, you end up requiring 44 more crystals. This can easily run to \$160.00! Also check distribution offered by manufacturer you are interested in. Will you have to order your crystals by mail and possibly wait four weeks for them, or can you buy them at the friendly corner CB shop?

Prices shown here are subject to variation. To be honest, these are list. Which means, fellow horsethieves, that you can usually talk your hungry salesman down a few hard-earned bucks before closing the deal. Even the very newest low-priced sets can frequently be had for more than 10 percent off. In fact, you'd be amazed what deals you can work out if you shop around. But note that this technique doesn't apply to mail-order stores or catalog buys.

Now, before you do anything more, use this listing to narrow down your selection and *write the manufacturer!* You'll need full details before you buy. Many rigs that appear identical here may actually be in different ballparks from a size and weight standpoint, for instance. A complete directory of manufacturers and their addresses is included elsewhere in this issue (see page 104) for your convenience. ■

## 1969 CB BASE AND MOBILE TRANSCIVER DIRECTORY

### ● ALLIED RADIO CORP. ALLIED & KNIGHT-KIT

**A-2530.** This new communications set, dubbed the A-2530, has 10-channel capability and can be used both in the car and at the base station—due to its built-in universal power supply. With full 5-watt input rating, this handsome CB set retails for \$109.95.

**Safari III.** A 23-channel rig for \$89.95? You bet. So small you can hold it in one hand, the solid-state Safari III can be had with any number of optional accessories. In kit form.

**Safari II.** Still one of CB's easiest kits to put together, Allied's Safari II is particularly great for the CB



Knight-kit Safari II

newcomer who'd like to try his hand at homebrewing. But best of all—and you'll note we saved it for last—is the pricetag. A mere \$69.95.

### ● AMPHENOL CORPORATION

**PEE-WEE CB.** Otherwise known as the Amphenol 750, this amazingly tiny, full-power transceiver has been the talk of the 1968-69 season. Perfect for the beginner and oldster alike, this rig—which

weighs in at less than 3 lb—features 6-channel operation, super-heterodyne receiver (which, incidentally, has the Editors buzzing), 13 transistors, and 4 diodes. With a long coil cable, the microphone/speaker allows you to step outside of the car yet still continue your conversation. Complete with crystal for channel 9, the popular Pee-Wee CB sells for \$79.95. They just can't get much cheaper . . . or smaller.

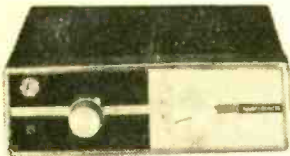
**Model 777.** A perfect base mate for the Pee-Wee is the new Amphenol 777 23-channel frequency-synthesizing transceiver. With a high-output dynamic push-to-talk microphone, dual-conversion receiver (somewhat unusual in this price range), the circuit contains 19 transistors and 10



diodes. Priced to move at \$169.95, she's a low-profile job designed for 12 VDC operation.

**Model 675.** All new electronic circuitry is free from "power robbing mechanical devices." 5 watts, 12 VDC. Channels: 10 available, channel 11 installed. With dual-conversion receiver, this solid-state unit contains 17 transistors and 5 diodes. Priced at \$159.95.

**Model 725.** Simplicity is the keyword of this compact. Another 12 VDC model (Amphenol builds them all this way), she's an 8-channel job with superheterodyne receiver and 14 transistors and 3 diodes. Priced to move at \$99.95.



Amphenol 725

**Power Pedestal.** While this section should confine itself only to Class D 5-watt transceivers, Amphenol's late-breaking entry should be noted. Why? Because their all-new solid-state 790 power converter (which transforms 117 VAC into pure 12 VDC—actually 13.5 volts) can be used with any CB transceiver, not just Amphenol's. Secret of success here is their special magnetic-strip mounting arrangement on the top of the 790 Pedestal. She'll hold just about any mobile rig you throw at



Amphenol 777 & 790

her. Better yet, it's been designed with a sound deflection system to counteract the normal "tinny" effect that occurs when a CB set with a base-mounted speaker is set atop conventional AC adaptors. The new Amphenol Model 790 Power Pedestal projects this sound out the front of the unit, actually improving its tonal quality. Price: \$29.95 with 2N544 capacitive multiplier, zener diode voltage regulator.

Rumor. Though we couldn't confirm at press time, it appears that Amphenol has even more exciting things scheduled to break early this year. Among them: a teeny, tiny mobile rig with pricetag to match, a really unusual "first of a kind" base station, and something we can't talk about yet in way of a handheld unit. Keep watching the ads, gang.

#### ● APELCO CO.

**565.** Apelco, long a leader in the marine communications arena, continues this year with its popular model 565—an all solid-state, 5-channel rig designed for mounting aboard ship. With built-in 12 VDC power supply, gimbal mounting hardware, and crystals for channel 11, she bows in at \$129.95.

**AR-15.** Here's an Apelco rig designed for use strictly as the base station, complete with self-contained 117 VAC power supply. With 9-channel capability and a speaker that doubles as a mike (reverse of the Amphenol 750 trick), there's no dangling cord to contend with. Recommended for use at yacht clubs, gas docks, or marinas. Price? \$99.95.

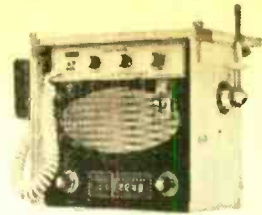


Apelco AR-15

**AR-16.** Pushbutton CB, a real rarity these days, can be had in this 10-channel rig from Apelco. But the real feature is its power source flexibility, far outdistancing the competition with 12 VDC basic plus optional 32 VDC or 117 VAC supply plug-ins. Cost: \$159.95.

#### ● AUTOMATIC RADIO MFG. CO.

**TRE-6500.** Many manufacturers tout their products to farmers, but here's a company that really goes after them in a big way. The Automatic Radio TRE-6500, otherwise known as the "tractor CB," is a full-power (5-watt) 2-channel CB transceiver plus conventional AM radio. Contains all desired CB features plus a rare 10 watts of audio output from either receiver. Though it comes



Automatic Radio TRE-6500

with built-in 12 VDC power supply, an optional 117 VAC supply is also available. Price is available from dealers, who base cost in part upon installation requirements, tractor type, mounting hardware required, etc.

#### ● AUTRONICS CORP.

**Buddy.** Autronics, though not particularly well known to new CBers, is a manufacturer of tube-type CB equipment. An example of this is the Buddy, a unit containing 17 tubes and providing full 23-channel CB capability. With S-meter and all the rest, the Buddy is designed for base-station use—complete with built-in 117 VAC power supply. Price should be checked with your dealer.

**TX-11B.** Another tube rig is Autronics 23-channel TX-11B (you figure out what the "11" stands for). It has 7 tubes, can be adapted for field or mobile use (by means of a power inverter), and sells for approximately \$124.95.

**RC-11B.** Known as Autronics "top-of-the-line" CB rig, the RC-11B is a 6-channel set with all the trimmings. Designed solely for use as a base station (built-in 117 VAC power supply), the unit is known for its high degree of circuit sophistication. With "everything," \$179.95.

**Spartan.** Breaking its unwritten constitution a bit, Autronics has elected to combine semiconductors and tubes in this set, providing the Spartan with 4 CB channels on transmit and receive and a price tag of \$149.95. Before you run off, however, you might investigate its versatility: she comes with both 12 VDC and 117 VAC power supplies.

**Deluxe.** Here's a mixture of Spartan semiconductor/tube design technology and added Buddy advantages—a rig that offers 10-channel flexibility, plus the versatility of self-con-

tained 12 VDC and 117 VAC power supplies. Price: \$169.95.

● **B&K MFG. CO.**

**Cobra 23.** B&K's big '68 set continues to be a major item into 1969. The "more power, more punch, more range" Cobra 23 is an all solid-state rig featuring full 23-channel operation with no crystals to buy. The 23 also applies in part to its semiconductor content: 9 diodes and 23 transistors. With built-in 12 VDC supply, it sells for \$169.95.



B&K Cobra 23

**Cobra V.** A scaled-down version of the Cobra 23 big brother, the Cobra V checks in with 5 channels, self-contained 12 VDC supply, and full semiconductor content at \$99.95.

**CAM-88.** B&K's real top-of-the-line rig, the CAM-88 is a "proven 23-channel performer" that will appeal to the true dyed-in-the-wool Citizens Radio enthusiasts. With S-meter, noise elimination circuit, and other assorted gadgetry, the CAM-88 bows in at \$214.95. Oh, yes! It also includes 12 VDC and 117 VAC supplies for full versatility at home or in the mobile.



B&K CAM-88

● **BROWNING LABORATORIES, INC.**

**Eaglette.** Something of a spinoff from Browning's "The Eagle" (see listing that follows), the all-new Eaglette promises to be a big item for 1969. What makes it different is that the Eaglette is a mobile rig, Browning's first. With local and long-distance switch, illuminated S-meter, self-contained crystals for all 23 channels, the new Browning



Browning Eaglette

entry promises to be quite a contender in the running for Mr. Mobile 1969. Price not available at press time.

**Golden Eagle.** For flair, sophistication, and jet-set design you can't beat the Golden Eagle. Here's where a manufacturer took a super CB station and stepped it up in quality and features. The Golden Eagle supersedes the Eagle (see listing below) with many of the former features retained and many desirable new features added. A Collins mechanical filter, for example, brings over 80 dB adjacent-channel rejection to the receiver. Unit has facilities for paging and remote speakers with separate volume controls. Price, complete with base-station microphone: \$395.00.



Browning Golden Eagle

The Eagle. Touted as "the ultimate CB rig," this hefty two-part professional CB base station is designed for the discriminating operator. The Browning Eagle offers just about every feature you can think of. A few: dual oscillator converter for selectivity and a host of "specials" too numerous to go into at length here. Your best bet is to see your dealer for complete run-down. Price? A mere \$359.00.

● **BURSTEIN-APPLEBEE**

**BA-23X.** A real sleeper that few CBers know about is this bargain from Burstein-Applebee. Fact: full 23-channel performance—with all crystals included—yet not frequency



Burstein-Applebee BA-23X

synthesizing. Fact: both mobile (12 VDC) and base (117 VAC) supplies built into the unit. Price: \$119.95 complete. A spotting switch lets you calibrate the receiver.

**BA-8.** This 8-channel rig has a tunable receiver and front-panel socket for quick change of transmit crystals. Can be used both at home and in the car. Price? \$79.95.

● **COURIER COMMUNICATIONS, INC.**

**Courier Traveller.** In a battle with Amphenol for title of "world's smallest CB rig" is Courier's all-new Traveller, a set that comes complete with crystals for all 23 CB channels. Measuring 5 3/4" x 6 1/4" x 1 7/8" in. H, the tiny Traveller is completely solid-state. It includes lighted S-meter, modulation indicator, illuminated channel selector. With 10-year factory guarantee, \$149.00.

**Courier 23.** Still more improvements this year on the famous e.c.i. rig, the "23." Features include crystals for all 23 channels, dual conversion receiver, exclusive "modulation Sampler," illuminated S-meter, adjustable noise limiter, built-in 12 VDC and 117 VAC power supply. Price: \$189.00.

**Courier Royale.** A CB rig fit for a king—or maybe you? Well, that's what the White Plains, N.Y. firm is saying about its custom-built tube set, the Royale. With a Collins mechanical filter and many, many extras, the Royale can run either off car or house current. 1969 price: \$279.00.



Courier Royale

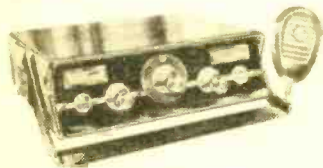
**Courier 23-Plus.** A 1968 entry that holds big promise for '69 is the Courier 23-Plus, another tube transmitter similar in design to the popular "23." This one, however,



contains a souped-up receiver "guaranteed to hear anything that's on the band" at the moment—no matter how far off. Price? \$199.00.

**Courier Classic.** The new 10-year Courier guarantee applies in full to this solid-state entry. This transistorized compact unit is designed for long-term mobile use and can put you on all 23 CB channels in a jiffy. Priced at \$199.00.

**Courier TR-23S.** Playing the "23" theme for all its worth, Courier's got a base station this time that's 23-channel delight. Neatly styled with many extras, she bows in at \$169.00.



Courier TR-23S

**Courier TR-5.** Perfect for the young enthusiast who wants to go CB and really doesn't have need to talk on all 23 channels at once, the tiny TR-5 is worth investigating. Completely solid-state and with built-in 117 VAC supply, she'll only set you back \$99.00.

● **CRAIG PANORAMA, INC.**

Craig 4301. Craig, though not yet a major CB influence, is taking on 1969 for all its worth with its new Model 4301 mobile CB rig. Providing 5-channel operation, this all solid-state unit is designed to retail for \$99.95.

● **DEMCO ELECTRONICS, INC.**

**Super Satellite.** For 1969, Demco's improved still more on its popular "Satellite." Result, the "Super Satellite." Truly a custom-tailored CB rig, the set is available in a wide variety of versions depending upon the features you select (many accessories also available). This deluxe version retails for \$430.00. Includes 23-channel flexibility, built-in power modulator.

**Ravelle 23.** A mobile unit, this Demco '68/'69 entry is a deluxe job with many extra features, including dual-conversion receive circuit and



Demco Ravelle 23

built-in AC/DC power supplies. With full 23-channel capability, she sells for \$224.50.

**Ravelle.** Here's a Demco that you can use just about anywhere. With universal power supply, she blasts her 5 watts onto whatever 6 CB channels you select. Price: \$134.50.

**Chalet.** Another mobile rig available with any number of optional Demco accessories, the Chalet comes equipped for operation on any 6 CB channels you select. Completely solid-state, it sells for \$129.50.



Demco Chalet

● **EICO ELECTRONICS INSTRUMENT CO., INC.**

**Sentinel 12.** A peek at EICO's tube line reveals the Sentinel 12, long a best seller for this New York-based concern. Basically, the "12" is a



EICO Sentinel 12

versatile 12-channel 5-watt that retails for only \$99.95. Though EICO's well-known for its electronic kit projects, these sets are all pre-wired and ready to go.

**Sentinel Pro.** Essentially an expanded version of the "12"—with full 23-channel capability, the Eico Sentinel Pro remains a big one among CBers. With literally all the extras, she sells for \$169.95, complete.

**Nova-23.** Introduced in 1968 and slated for big-time acceptance in '69 is the new Nova-23 CB transceiver. With heavy design concentration upon the receiver section, full transistorization, full 23-channel versatility, the Nova-23 retails for \$189.95. With the works.



EICO Nova-23

● **GENERAL RADIOTELEPHONE CO.**

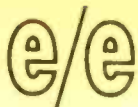
**MC-11.** Not much in the way of details available at press time, but the manufacturer is touting this one as, simply, "the best CB unit ever made." With full 24-channel capability, this all-new General Radiotelephone unit with S-meter, PA function, etc. retails at \$229.50. She comes with crystals for 1 channel.

**Super MC-9.** The tried-and-true "General" (old-time CBers will recall this one) has been revamped and fully updated for 1969 in the form of the Super MC-9. With improved circuitry, increased receiver selectivity, a new fine tuning control, and lots more, she retails at \$189.50. Complete.

**VS-6.** Bringing up the low-priced end of the General Radiotelephone line is the VS-6, a ruggedized 5-channel whoopersnooper that comes complete with built-in universal power supply. A modest \$89.50 will make it yours.

● **HAMMARLUND MFG. CO.**

**CB-205.** Okay. We all know Hammarlund is not a major CB transceiver manufacturer. But did you know that they are the world leader in "combine" receiver/CB configurations? Take this new CB-205 that's got everyone wondering what's next, for example. Basically a combination shortwave receiver (540 kHz through



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30 Mhz) and CB transmitter with full 5-watt capability, the CB-205 offers 6-channel transmit and full-band tunable receive. With built-in Q-multiplier (what's a Q-multiplier? Go ask your mother), she sells for \$259.95.



Hammarlund CB-205

### ● HEATH COMPANY

**GW-14A.** All-new for 1969 is Heath Company's factory-assembled Heathkit GW-14A. Features? Try these: 14-transistor construction, provisions for 23-channel operation, improved modulator circuit, tuning meter, automatic noise limiter, etc. But the really big news is this: it's fully FCC Type Accepted! Price: \$124.95. For the mobile.

**GW-14.** Okay, so you want a kit? Here's a version of the above which you can assemble yourself and perhaps save a bundle of dough. How much? You figure it out. Price is \$76.95 with all the features of the GW-14A.



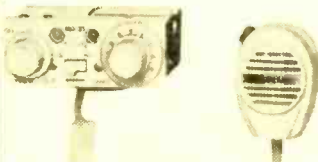
Heathkit GW-14

**GW-22A.** Basically a carryover from earlier years in the CB field, this unit continues to be a big one for the crew at Benton Harbor, Mich. A tube set you can put together yourself, the 5-channel rig can be purchased as a mobile unit for—and get this, you teenagers—for only \$49.95. Want it as a base station? Okay. It's yours for only \$47.95.

**GW-12A.** A complete 5-watt CB transceiver for only \$34.95? You bet, with this Heathkit mover. She comes with crystals for any single channel you'd like to operate and with her own built-in 117 VAC power supply. Want mobile and base versatility? It's yours for only \$39.95.

### ● INTERNATIONAL CRYSTAL MFG. CO.

**Model MO-23.** Remote-control CB is something that still is hard to come by in the Citizens Radio industry. Yet International Crystal Manufacturing Company is at it again with their ever-popular MO-23 combination tube/transistor mobile transceiver. Specially designed to be trunk-mounted with only the control head and microphone under the dash, the neat 12 VDC set will put you on all 23 channels. Seen those taxicab FM communications sets? Well, here's one for you, priced at only \$210.00.



International Crystal MO-23

**Model 660.** Here's an all-channel CB transceiver that can be used both at home and in the car. With a universal power supply built into the unit and all crystals supplied, it represents a bet worth looking into. An illuminated channel selector has 12 positions; a HI/LO switch selects either channels 1 through 12 or 13 through 23. Complete with everything, she sells for \$205.00.

### ● E. F. JOHNSON CO.

**Messenger 320.** All new for 1969 is Johnson's Messenger 320, a 23-transistor unit with 15 diodes that provides—and get this—a double-conversion superheterodyne receiver. Designed primarily for mobile use (built-in 12 VDC power supply), Johnson's new entry features combination S-meter/RF power output meter, squelch, 3-watt PA system, etc. FCC Type Accepted. Price: \$199.50. All 23 channels.

**Messenger 350.** Want to go SSB (single sideband)? It's a cinch with this unusual CB rig. With 2-channel send/receive capability, she is com-



E.F. Johnson Messenger 350

pletely transistorized and designed expressly for mobile communications. Complete price: \$299.95.

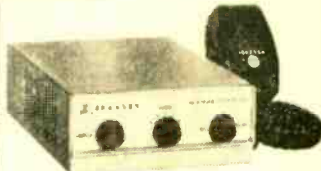
**Messenger 323.** Perhaps one of Johnson's most versatile rigs, the Messenger 323 will put you on all 23 channels and is just the ticket for the sophisticated mobile user who doesn't mind paying a bit more for better mobile performance. Solid-state throughout, she sells for \$229.95.

**Messenger 300.** Featuring double the channel-working capability of the Johnson Messenger 100 (see below), this ever-popular model provides the full 5-watt input power of the entire company line and is transistorized throughout. Receiver features a souped-up section with greatly improved selectivity. With built-in 12 VDC supply, she retails at \$189.95.



E.F. Johnson Messenger 300

**Messenger 110.** With a 14-transistor circuit, plenty of transmit/receiver pizzazz, and complete with speech compression, the all-new Messenger 110 is one of the latest transceivers rolling off Johnson's production lines. With 5-channel construction, she's priced to move at \$99.95. Complete with built-in 12 VDC mobile supply.



E.F. Johnson Messenger 110

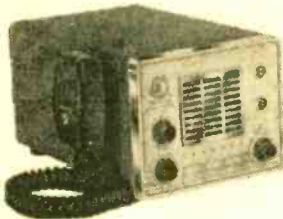
**Messenger 100.** Designed primarily for mobile use, the Johnson Messenger 100 is completely solid-state. With 6-channel operational capability, she sells for \$129.95.



**Messenger III.** Want a 12-channel mobile rig? This may be it. A popular Johnson product for several years now, this all-transistor unit is priced at \$159.95, with built-in 12 VDC power supply.

**Messenger II.** Known in many circles as a souped-up version of its predecessor, the Messenger II will put you on any 10 of the 23 available CB channels for a mere \$159.95. Special feature: universal power supply (12 VDC plus 117 VAC).

**Messenger I.** The famous 5-channel tube-type Messenger I is still being manufactured for 1969, complete with all the well-known Johnson Messenger features — including a built-in universal power supply (see above). Price: \$114.95.



E.F. Johnson Messenger I

● **KAAR ELECTRONICS CORP.** Skyhawk Mark II. With everything going up these days, it's nice to know someone out there is thinking about your pocketbook. Kaar, for example, is reversing the CB trend by slashing \$40 off the price of its pace-setting Skyhawk Mark II. New price: \$229.95. Designed for 12 VDC mobile operation, the Kaar unit has full 23-channel transmit/receive capability (yes, all crystals are included) and is so small that it can be held in one hand. With 2-year guarantee and your choice of seven color panels (even includes wood grain for your den or library), the exciting 1969 Mark II can also be had with optional 117 VAC power supply.



Kaar Skyhawk Mark II

**Skylark I.** Little brother to the unit described above, the Kaar Skylark I

also enables you to choose front panel colors at no extra charge. Ruggedly constructed and solid-state throughout, she provides 11-channel transmit/receive capability at the full 5-watt input rating. Price: \$179.95.

● **LAFAYETTE RADIO ELECTRONICS CORP.**

**HE-20T.** A new one for 1969, this Lafayette unit features 12-channel crystal-controlled transmit and 23-channel tunable receive. A 13-transistor, 10-diode entry, the HE-20T also includes a spotting switch, 455-kHz mechanical filter, TVI trap, PA versatility, universal power supply. Priced to move at \$89.95.



Lafayette HE-20T

**HB-625.** This exciting '68 unit has even more pizzazz for 1969. Featuring three integrated circuits, 18 transistors, and what Lafayette calls "40-transistor performance," the unit comes with built-in 12 VDC power supply, mechanical selectivity filter, dual-conversion receiver circuit, and full 23-channel capability. With all crystals supplied, she retails for \$189.95.



Lafayette HB-625

**HB-525C.** Another unit featuring integrated circuits (ICs), the Lafayette HB-525C offers its owner a 23-transistor circuit, dual-conversion receiver, mechanical (455 kHz) selectivity filter, variable squelch control, plus PA capability. With all 23 crystals supplied, this unit comes with 12 VDC supply for \$149.95.

**HB-23.** This compact solid-state rig also boasts an IC—an integrated circuit of pinhead size—to boost performance. You'll also find a mechanical filter to sharpen reception and a 23-channel selector. Supplied with crystals for channels 9, 13, and



Lafayette HB-23

19, the HB-23 goes for \$99.95. Also there's an all-channel version you can have for \$124.95. With built-in 12 VDC power supply.

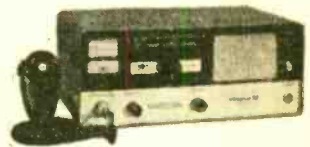
**HB-600.** A set referred to by many as the "ultimate CB rig," the HB-600 boasts a selective receiver and powerful transmitter section as well as universal (12 VDC and 117 VAC) power supply. With full 23-channel opportunities—all crystals are supplied with the rig—she bows in at \$219.95.



Lafayette HB-600

**Comstat 25A.** Known as the "top-of-the-Comstat-line," the 25A was recently redesigned with all new features for the new generation of CB enthusiasts. With 23-channel transmit/receive capability and equipped with a universal power supply (12 VDC and 117 VAC), the attractive transceiver can be had for a mere \$139.95.

**Comstat 23 Mark V.** A set that works on 117 VAC (or 12 VDC with an optional adapter), the Comstat 23 Mark V features tube-type construction throughout with all 23 crystals supplied. Receiver section has dual-conversion circuitry for sharp reception and an output jack for tape-recording received signals. Cost? \$114.95.



Lafayette Comstat 23 Mark V

**Comstat 19.** Sort of mid-range in the Comstat line is this 9-channel entry, the Comstat 19. A set that comes ready to operate on the band with a built-in 117 VAC power supply, this transceiver can be yours

for the unusually low price of only \$59.95.

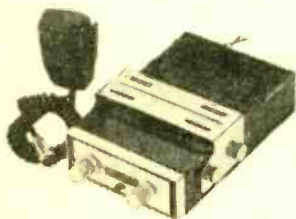
**Telstat-23.** All-channel operation is possible now with this Telstat unit. And it's also possible to go either 117 VAC or 12 VDC mobile. Inside are 17 transistors—plus an integrated circuit—bringing the total to 22. Complete with mike, crystals, etc. for \$159.95.

● **MARK PRODUCTS CO.**

**Mark Invader 23.** A new solid-state unit featuring 23-channel operational capability, the Mark Invader 23 also provides: S-meter/RF output meter, PA facility, and 12 VDC supply for mobile use. With 29 semiconductor devices in the circuit and equipped with all the crystals you'll need, the new Mark Invader 23 can be yours for \$169.95.

● **CHAS. A MESSENGER CORP.**

**Fieldmaster Model TR-18.** Just what the name implies, this all-new design is an 18-transistor, 24-channel CB set that is truly among the world's smallest. With built-in PA facility, 12 VDC supply, etc. she sells for \$149.95. Yes, you get all



Messenger Fieldmaster Model TR-18

the channels—without purchasing a single additional crystal. Also of interest, this quote from the Messenger Corp.: "4-stage transmitter, min. 3.6-watts output."

● **MIDLAND INTERNATIONAL CORP.**

**Model 13-870.** Midland doesn't sell direct to CBers through the normal routes, but many distributors and dealers do carry their ever-increasing line. With no real advertising and promotional backup directed to the CB press, however, it is possible



Midland Model 13-870

that we may have missed a few new entries. The Model 13-870 is completely transistorized with 23-channel transmit/receive capability and sells for \$149.95 with built-in 12 VDC power supply.

**Model 13-860.** Another mobiler's delight is this model, a scaled-down version of the rig described above. With 12-channel capability, she clocks in at \$99.95.

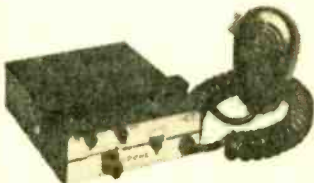
**Model 13-150.** Here's another Midland import, a completely solid-state 8-channel CB transceiver. With built-in 12 VDC power supply, she sells for \$84.95, complete.

● **MOBILEPHONE**

**Model 27.** A tube-type set that isn't much to look at but which offers full 23-channel transmit/receive capability is Mobilephone's Model 27 CB transceiver. With universal power supply, she can be used both in the VW and at home. For price, check your Mobilephone dealer.

● **MULTI-ELMAC CO.**

**Citi-Fone II.** Here's the rig that got everyone talking last year and that continues to be a big item at Multi-Elmac. The Citi-Fone II is not a transceiver, but rather a transmitter/converter. It converts your AM car radio into a CB receiver and contains its own 5-watt CB transmitter, set for operation on any one of two CB channels. Press a switch and your AM auto radio converts over. Press another switch and you're on the air. Solid-state throughout, with built-in 12 VDC power supply. Price: \$49.95.



Multi-Elmac Citi-Fone II

**Citi-Fone 99.** While everyone else is phasing out the old and bringing in the new 1969 models, Multi-Elmac just keeps their tried-and-tested sets going. Their Citi-Fone 99 is an 8-channel 5-watt rig that comes complete with universal (117 VAC and 12 VDC) power supply for use both at home or in the family buggy. Price: \$99.95.

**Citi-Fone SS.** Essentially a souped-up version of the "99," this rig has everything Multi-Elmac can offer in the way of CB equipment—including full 23-channel operation. With built-in universal power supply, she's yours for \$169.95.



Multi-Elmac Citi-Fone SS

● **OLSON ELECTRONICS, INC.**

**Olson 8.** Here's a solid-state, 8-channel CB rig that weighs 5 lb., comes with "3¼ watt output" and—believe it or not—a price tag of \$59.99! A mobile rig with built-in 12 VDC power supply, automatic noise limiter, and low-profile design, this set last year cost \$80.00. Comes with crystals for channel 11.

**Olson 12.** With squelch and PA facilities, this set is designed primarily for 12 VDC operation. It provides 12-channel operation and all features of the Olson 8 above, including solid-state construction. Price: \$99.95.

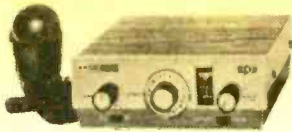


Olson 12

● **PACE COMMUNICATIONS CORP.**

**Pace 2300.** Though this set was introduced last year, it still ranks among the company's main 1969 entries. A set that comes complete with all 23 transmit/receive crystals.





Pace 2300

tals, PA facility, squelch, plus a host of other features, the Pace 2300 bows in at \$219.95. All solid-state, natch.

The Pace Plus-23. Another Pace-setter with all 23 channels (crystals supplied), this item contains all of features listed above plus a unique local/DX receiving configuration. Solid-state construction throughout, the Pace Plus-23 retails for \$199.95.

Pace 200. Here's a cute rig with 12-channel transmit/receive capability, PA feature, S-meter, etc. that's also completely solid-state. With everything and equipped for 12 VDC power, she sells for \$159.00. Neat.

Pace 100. Next is Pace's 6-channel entry, the Pace 100. Equipped with transmit/receive facilities on Channel 11, this rig also features complete solid-state construction. Price: \$129.95.

The Auto-Mate. Here's a rig that pretty much stands on its own—with the possible exception of the Multi-Elmac Citi-Fone II. With a function of converting your car radio into a full-scale CB receiver at the flick of a switch, the Auto-Mate also provides push-to-talk 5-watt Class D transmit. Designed to mount entirely under the dash, she costs a mere \$69.95.



Pace Auto-Mate

### ● PEARCE-SIMPSON, INC.

Sentry II. A solid-state touted as "the world's first 5-channel CB radio with a Class B push-pull audio amplifier, super-sensitive receiver, and full-powered transmitter that comes with either palm microphone or telephone handset at no extra cost," P/S's Sentry II makes an impressive

appearance. Other features include one-year warranty, "4.0 watt power output," and an effective noise limiting circuit. Price: \$99.90.



Pearce-Simpson Sentry II

Director 23. Here's a rig boasting a final transistor "that won't blow—even if you key up and forget to connect the antenna." Other items: she's a 23-channel transceiver with all crystals included, "4.0 watts output" assured by manufacturer, "HetroSync" frequency synthesizing techniques, etc. With 12 VDC power supply built in, this solid-state unit sells for \$269.90.

Guardian 23B. Another set with the exact same price tag as the Director 23, this one employs nuvistors for a super-sharp, double-conversion receiver. With universal power supply, this set comes complete with all crystals.



Pearce-Simpson Guardian 23B

Companion II. This mid-range (price-wise) CB set comes with a telephone-type handset instead of conventional push-to-talk mike for an extra \$5.00, or with conventional carbon hand mike if you'd rather go the regular route. Features include: tunable receive, 5 fixed transmit/receive channels, output power "3.5 watts." With universal (12 VDC and 117 VAC power supply) voltage capability, she bows in at \$159.90.

Companion IV. With a telephone handset furnished at no extra charge, the P/S Companion IV is a 10-channel, solid-state transceiver with many additional features. This is basically a mobile rig which the manufacturer says "will operate even when the battery is too low to start the car." (Should come in handy if you need a tow). Price: \$139.90.



Pearce-Simpson Companion IV

### ● J.C. PENNEY

Penney Pinto 23. Yes, believe it or not, the J.C. Penney Company is now in the 1969 CB business—and not just retailing someone else's equipment! The Penney Pinto 23, on sale at all Penney Auto Centers, features full 23-channel transmit/receive, S-meter, squelch control, PA system, and external speaker jack. An illuminated color-coded dial shows the proper channels for transmitting. Compact wood grain cabinet tops off this unusual entry. With all crystals, she's yours for a more \$129.00.

### ● POLYTRONICS COMMUNICATIONS

PC-23C. Ranking among those teeny tiny '69 rigs, the Polytronics PC-23C is a compact mobile rig featuring full 23-channel performance (yes, all crystals are included). Completely transistorized, the set provides double-conversion superheterodyne receive, full 5-watt input and "3.5 watts output," signal-strength meter, illuminated channel selector, and a choice of custom-colored trim (green, red, blue, beige) at no extra charge. With everything, \$199.50.

PC-23. Known as the big brother of the Polytronics set line, the PC-23 is available in a series of models priced from \$299.50 through \$379.95, depending upon the custom features you desire. Basic set is a tube-type design (including nuvistors), 23-channel construction, including also "exclusive spectral-tuning." With universal power supply and PA facility.

Poly-Pup. Transistorized throughout, the tiny Polytronics Poly-Pup has been revamped for the new 1969 market and is a basically attractive model to boot. Comes with 7-channel versatility and mobile supply. Price: \$149.50.

Poly-Otter. With an unlikely name like that, you'd expect an equally

unlikely application—and you'd be right. Billed as the first CB rig for motorcycles, this one is sealed against the elements and bolts to the bike's rear rack or replaces one saddle bag. She's remotely controlled from the handlebars and features 7-channel operation. Price: \$199.50.

**Utility 5.** Perfect for heavy-duty industrial field work, the Polytronics Utility 5 has been ruggedized in an aluminum case and has been completely weatherproofed. With special rechargeable batteries, this work-horse prices out at \$259.95. A similar model for ranch or farm, the Poly-Communicator, is priced at \$243.95.

● **RADIO SHACK CORP. (REALISTIC)**

**TRC-24.** Well worth investigating is Radio Shack's 23-channel TRC-24, a set with all crystals supplied. Featuring 18 transistors, 4 diodes, and 1 thermistor, the transceiver uses frequency synthesis to achieve this



Realistic TRC-24

versatility without commanding an unrealistic (no pun intended) price. With an illuminated channel selector, S-meter, and dual-conversion receiver, the TRC-24 retails at only \$139.95. Complete with built-in 12 VDC power supply.

**TRC-18.** Another set receiving a lot of press these days is Radio Shack's TRC-18. She features 12-channel performance, illuminated channel selector, S-meter and all the rest, the TRC-18 has an unusual "extra"—that of being capable of receiving and transmitting on one crystal per channel! Equipped with Channel 11, the company has recently been offering a free 5-crystal pack (you specify channels) to new buyers. Price: \$99.95. With 12-volt mobile supply.

● **RAYTHEON COMPANY (RAY-TEL)**

**TWR-11.** Though Raytheon has been quiet lately about its CB line, the truth is that their established products—such as the TWR-11—will continue on quite big in 1969. The "11," a glistening "super-star transceiver" (pictured in ads at Tiffany & Co. jewelers with a girl in leopard-skin jacket), features 10-channel operation, 12 VDC supply, host of options. The set is solid-state throughout and sells for \$159.95, complete with pushbutton tuning.



Ray-Tel TWR-11

**TWR-9.** The TWR-9 is a 6-channel radio with base station application capability, thanks to its universal (117 VAC and 12 VDC) power supply. Smartly styled, she sells for \$99.95.

● **REGENCY ELECTRONICS, INC.**

**Imperial.** An unusual entry for '68 that will be continued into 1969 is Regency's Imperial, subject of many lavish 4-color ads. Why is it unusual? Because it's one of very few SSB (single sideband) transceivers on the market. Actually transmitting double sideband (DSB), it can receive either one, hence a total effect of providing 46 usable CB channels! Otherwise, it's very much like the Range-Gain II. Price: \$299.00.



Regency Imperial

**Range-Gain II.** A neat 23-channel DSB (double sideband) transceiver, the Range-Gain II comes with universal power supply (12 VDC plus 117 VAC) so you can go either base or mobile. Priced at \$235.00.

**Charger.** Here's a delight of a CB rig designed expressly for the CBer



Regency Charger

on the go. A 12-channel transceiver with built-in 12 VDC power supply, the Charger is solid-state throughout. Priced at \$110.00.

**Pacer II.** An 11-channel base or mobile CB rig (universal power supply), the Pacer II was previously part of the "Metrotek" line of medium-priced CB equipment. Price: \$110.00.

**Bronco.** The most inexpensive of the Regency CB entries, the Bronco is a solid-state 8-channel rig with all the extras you'd want for the price . . . including built-in 12 VDC power supply. Priced to move at \$89.95.



Regency Bronco

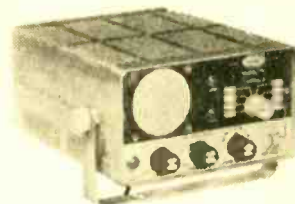
● **ROBYN COMPANY**

**Bronco 7 Plus 4.** No relation to Regency's Bronco product, this Robyn entry is an all-transistor CB rig with 11-channel transmit/receive. Designed for use in the family auto, it has an interesting feature of using the microphone as a private listening speaker when the user so desires. Priced at \$139.50.

**Robyn 24 Range Gainer.** Top-of-the-line entry from Robyn is their "24" Range Gainer, a neat rig with full 23-channel capability. With a unividing 12 VDC and 117 VAC operation, it's been priced at \$189.50. versal power supply built in (pro-

● **SONAR RADIO CORP.**

**Model H.** This 7-channel CB rig provides an external socket for additional crystals — something quite unusual these days — and works from 12 VDC in the car or 117 VAC at the base. Price, \$159.95.

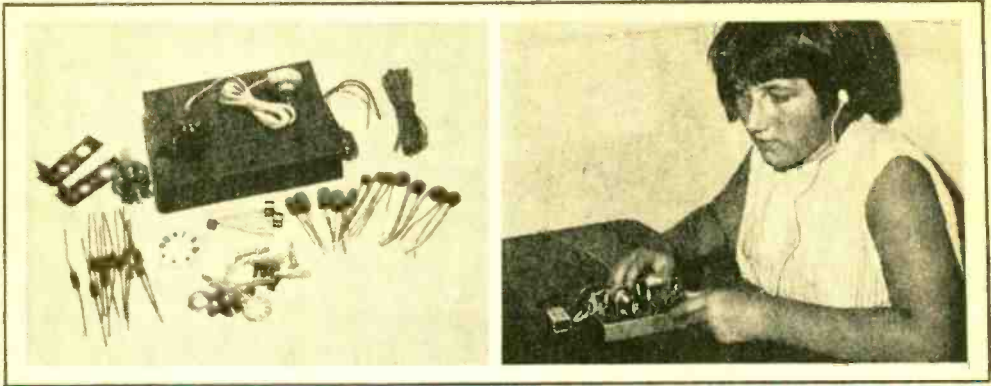


Sonar Model H

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\$7<sup>95</sup> buys this



## BEGINNER'S SHORTWAVE RECEIVER

This handy rig rides SW like crazy and really socks it to ya!

By Bill Britton

**A**ll too often the so-called beginner's kit is either too difficult to assemble, requires additional components (which you discover only after the project is almost completed), or gives performance worth about a tenth of the selling price. So let's say you're a novice at construction and would like to tackle something that is worthwhile, something that's really designed with *you* in mind.

What to do? Simple! Latch onto the Radio Shack Science Fair 3-transistor shortwave radio kit. It costs but \$7.95, and gives you more than your money's worth in performance. Add a simple handsread and volume control, as we'll show later, and you'll have an SW radio as good as Pop used to use way back when.

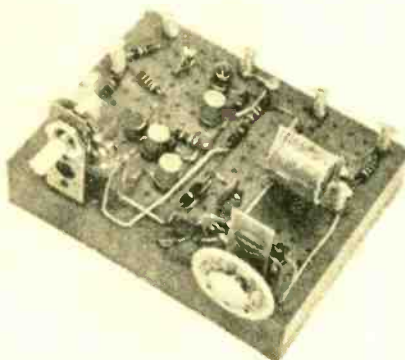
The Science Fair SW radio kit employs one transistor as regenerative detector, a hook-up famed for phenomenally high sensitivity, and a minimum of circuitry. (It's also known for poor selectivity—the ability to reject signals near the desired one, but then you can't have everything for \$7.95.) In addition, two stages of AF am-

plification pump plenty of volume from the crystal earphone supplied with the kit.

As supplied, the receiver will tune from 3 to 40 MHz, depending on the coil in use. But like most regen circuits of this type, it is really "hot" only to about 20 MHz.

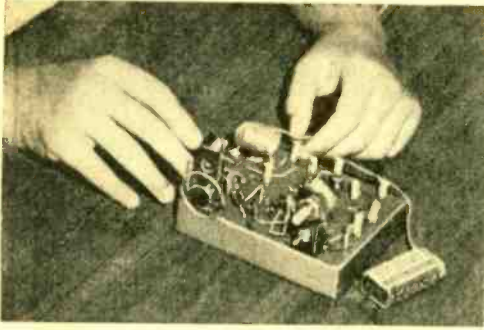
**A New Idea.** The Radio Shack SW kit utilizes a new type of "beginner's assembly technique" that's amazing only in the sense that no one has thought of it before. The box the kit is packaged in is made of heat-resistant plastic and has a keyed perf board on one side; the holes are labeled from 1 to 16 across the top and from A to M along the side. The builder simply installs the components on the perf board exactly as shown in the almost full-scale pictorial.

Spring-type push terminals are used for external connecting points, such as the antenna, battery, and headphones. The regeneration and tuning controls mount on pre-drilled brackets supplied with the kit. Unlike most other kits in this price range, tie-point terminals are not used. Instead, the com-



Completed beginner's receiver without modifications. Coils pop right into springs.

# e/e SW RECEIVER



Series of plug-in coils are easily wound using an AA battery as coil form. Performance should be checked before securing coil with Scotch tape, etc.

ponent leads are pushed through the holes on the perf board, twisted together, then soldered. The soldered connections prove stiff enough to support the components.

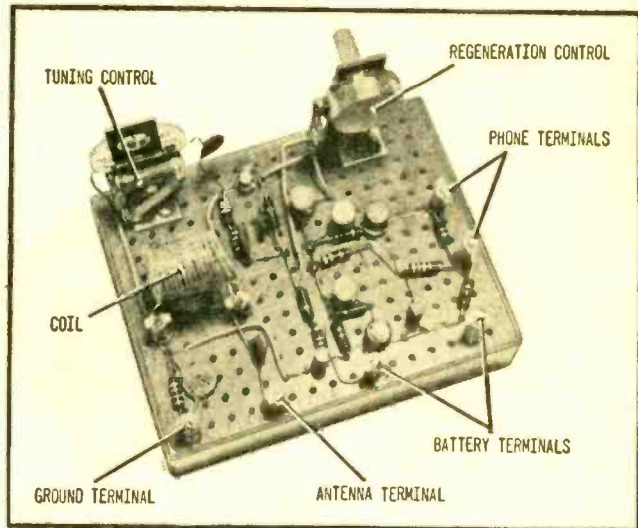
Anyone who follows instructions should have the kit completed in, at most, two evenings. Then come the coils.

**Simplified Coils.** First, a warning. The kit instructions don't tell you that there is only enough wire supplied for winding the coils. Therefore, use some spare #22 or #24 solid, insulated wire for the coils (you'll need it).

The coils are wound as described (15 turns, 8 turns, etc.), using a standard AA cell (penlight battery) as the coil form. Don't worry about neatness, since anything that looks even remotely like a coil will likely work. If the coil has a tendency to spring open (and the larger, low-frequency coils will), simply hold the coil together with a few turns of Scotch tape.

In the event you run short of wire before winding all the coils, you can use #24 solid, plastic insulated wire for frequencies below 15 MHz and #22 solid insulated or uninsulated wire for

*Detailed view of circuit layout on plastic perf board, which is actually part of box. All mounting holes are identified for simple point-to-point wiring. Radio comes complete, except for 9 V battery.*



frequencies above 10 MHz. (The frequencies overlap because of the coil winding data supplied. For less than 9 turns, #22 wire can be used.)

Should you find that you would like a particular coil to cover a slightly lower or higher frequency, that's easy, too. Simply compress the coil to lower the frequency slightly, or stretch the coil to raise the frequency. If you intend to wind *all* the coils for full frequency coverage from 3.0 to 40 MHz, we suggest you purchase a roll of Radio Shack's #278-003 wire with the kit.

When the kit is completed it's only necessary to connect an antenna, a battery, and the crystal earphone supplied. Since there's no power switch, you simply connect the leads from the supplied battery terminals to the appropriate spring-loaded binding posts.

Use the longest possible antenna, and if possible, utilize a ground (to a cold water pipe or equivalent).

**Unmodified Performance.** Reception involves tuning the variable capacitor and adjusting the regeneration control for maximum signal strength. This will occur just before the receiver breaks into oscillation (a continuous whistle).

Don't expect the performance of a \$100 receiver. But do expect the unit to do a good job of receiving moderate to strong signals up to about 20 MHz, very strong signals to about 28 MHz, and some extremely strong stations above 28 MHz, too.

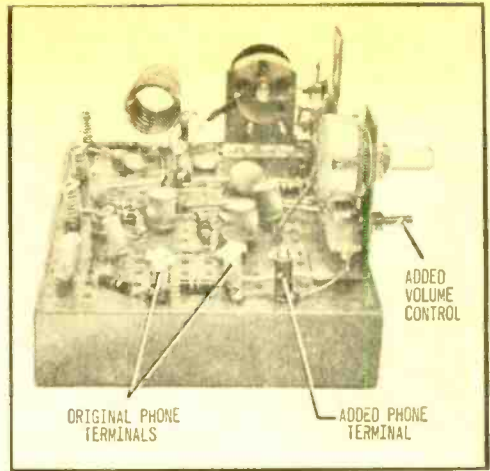
**Adding Bandsread . . .** A few simple, inexpensive modifications can sharply improve performance and convenience. Since the tuning capacitor supplied with the kit



covers a relatively large tuning range, separating two very close stations tends to be difficult. But by adding a small trimmer capacitor of 25 to 50 pF across the main tuning capacitor, it's possible to separate closely spaced stations.

A typical installation using a Hammarlund type MAPC capacitor is shown in our photo. The capacitor is mounted on a Vector control bracket of the type supplied with the Vector experimenter chassis kits. The holes in the bracket will fit exactly the spacing of the kit's perf board if it's mounted at holes I16 and K16. (If necessary, clip the corner of the bracket at K16 to ensure clearance of the kit's tuning capacitor bracket.) Mount the capacitor as low as possible in the bracket, and cut off all excess (so you don't cut your fingers when tuning).

Connect the trimmer capacitor's *stator* terminal to the tuning capacitor terminal



*Small, miniature volume control goes directly below regen control, making use of pre-drilled hole in bracket. Additional spring terminal is for headphone.*

#### BILL OF MATERIALS FOR BEGINNER'S SW RECEIVER

- 1—Shortwave radio kit (Radio Shack 28-110)
- 1—9-V battery (Radio Shack 23-464)
- 1—25- to 50-pF trimmer capacitor (Hammarlund MAPC or equiv.) (optional—see text)
- 1—500,000-ohm miniature potentiometer (Lafayette 32 T 7361 or equiv.) (optional—see text)

Misc.—Wire, ground clamp, etc.

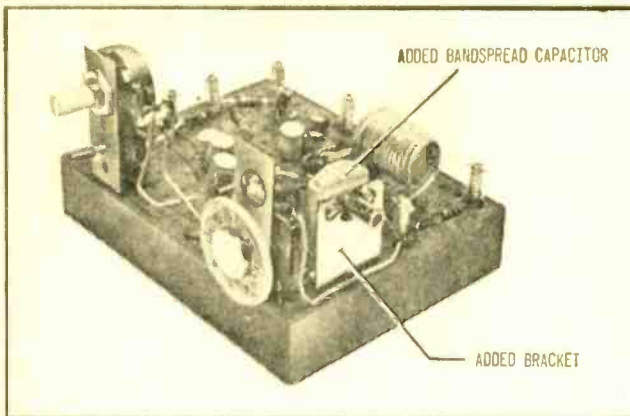
which is connected to capacitor C4 (on the left of the tuning capacitor). Next, connect the trimmer's *rotor* terminal to the coil spring post at F16. Put a knob on the shaft, and the bandspread modification is completed.

... **And Volume Control.** The crystal earphone supplied with the kit produces a sound level approaching the threshold of pain. While the level can be reduced by cranking down the regeneration control, the receiver's sensitivity is also reduced and you

might skip over a desired station while tuning. For better control of volume, we suggest adding a miniature 0.5 megohm potentiometer (Lafayette 32 T 7361 or equiv.) in series with the crystal headphone.

To do so, install the potentiometer in the bracket hole directly below the regeneration control (on the left side of the receiver). It will be a very tight fit, but if you loosen the regeneration control's mounting nut you'll be able to slip the headphone control into the hole. (A standard size control definitely will *not* fit.) Position the headphone control so the terminals point to the left. Then, place a Vector type spring terminal, or any other terminal, at hole J1.

The crystal earphone supplied normally connects to the spring terminals at holes E1 and H1. When the modification is completed the earphone will connect between E1 and the new terminal at J1. To effect this change, connect a wire from the spring terminal at H1 to the bottom headphone control terminal. This done, connect the center headphone control terminal to the new spring terminal at J1. And that's it! The receiver now has both bandspread and a volume control, and you're ready for some good SWL-ing! ■



*Bandspread capacitor can be installed on small Vector control bracket located between variable capacitor and coil. Space should be adequate, but make sure connections from capacitor are short.*



# FOR BULLS AND BEARS

**T**he Ultronic Systems subsidiary of Sylvania Electric Products Inc. has developed a desk-top brokerage unit that can retrieve extensive, detailed financial market information at the touch of a finger and display it instantly on its own video screen. The new unit, called Ultronic *Videomaster*, can summon and simultaneously display 17 specific up-to-the-second details about any of the more than 8000 securities, regardless of the pace of market trading. It can simultaneously monitor any 18 selected securities and report on their performance. It can alert its operator to special stock situations within price limits he sets. In addition, the unit provides optional capabilities for displaying market summaries, financial news service, and economic background data from both internal and external computer sources.

Basic information for the unit is derived from the Ultronic Systems market data network, the most extensive of its kind in the world. The network ranges from Hong Kong to Switzerland to Lebanon to New York, covering most of North America and Free Europe. In conjunction with Reuters, Ltd., the worldwide news agency, the company also provides the nation's newest financial news service.

The Ultronic *Videomaster* unit consists of two major components—a keyboard and a video unit that has a picture screen measuring 12 inches diagonally. The keyboard consists of 26 keys lettered A to Z. Keys A to J also include the numbers one to 10, respectively. The keyboard also includes other keys labeled with abbreviations commonly used in the financial community, such as PR for “preferred,” representing a class of equity security; WI for “when issued,” representing a security traded, but not yet

available in the form of a certificate signifying ownership.

The keyboard is detachable, allowing greater flexibility in the arrangement of desk and office space to meet customer requirements. For example, the keyboard can be associated with a large-screen video monitor displaying the information.

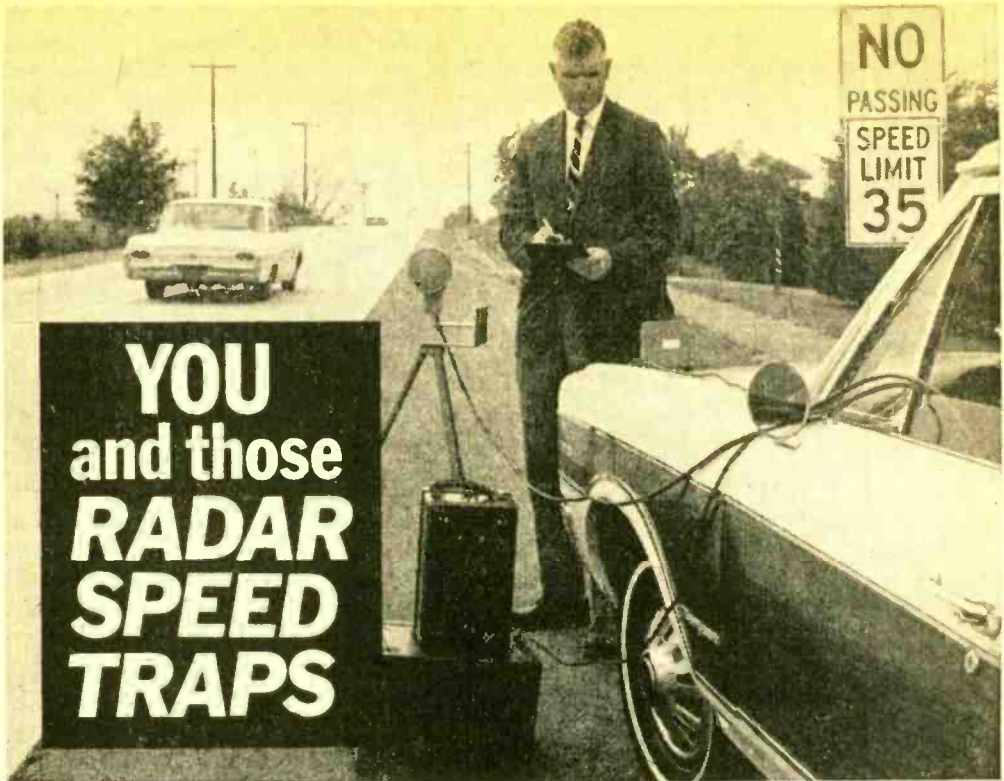
Ultronic *Videomaster* employs three basic operating modes to provide specific market information and service most demanded by brokers. Each mode displays a separate set of data. The operator of the unit can switch back and forth between the modes without having to re-program his selections.

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Here's Sylvania's new desk-top brokerage unit that can retrieve a wide range of financial market information at the touch of a finger. Named Ultronic *Videomaster*, the unit features a keyboard which can summon specific information about any one of more than 8000 securities, as well as general market data. The information is displayed on the 12-in. video screen in concise, easy-to-read form.





# YOU and those RADAR SPEED TRAPS

Could it be the letter, not the spirit, of the law they get you on?

By Thomas S. Kneitel, K2AES, KQD4552

**P**olice radar traps (they call them "speed meters" in polite company) are taking over the American highways! Really! Fact is, it's almost impossible to drive along any major highway without passing through secret radar beams set up solely to monitor your driving. Right this minute there are almost 10,000 speed traps in operation in the 50 states!

It shouldn't come as any surprise to you to learn that there are 15 in Chicago, or 22 in Los Angeles. But does it grab you a bit when you find out that Biggs, California (population: 831) has a trap? And would you also believe Hayden Village, Idaho, hometown to 39 hearty souls, has a radar trap as well?

In truth, speed meters have become a farce and a disgrace to law enforcement, a shabby tool used by even the most miniscule jerkwader as a way of bringing money into the local treasury from unsuspecting out-of-area motorists. Radar, once the proud wonder-child of a technological society, has (in the case of radar traps) been turned into a gnarled, ugly, many-handed monster.

Paul C. Petrillo, a professional traffic engineer in charge of the Traffic Engineering and Safety Service of the AAA-affiliated Automobile Club of New York, says, "Most motorists can't help becoming unintentional violators when traveling on highways that have speed limits that do not match road conditions." Arguing that radar traps have little effect on highway safety, Petrillo says that motorists are the best judge of the most safe speed for a given stretch of road.

You're shook up now. You've just been told that there should be no protection against motorists being swallowed up by lunatics in 500-horsepower locomotives doing the Indianapolis bit. Not so!

You'll first have to prove to me that a marked patrol car staffed by a single officer cruising up and down a stretch of road is less effective (and more economical) for road safety than The Man hiding in the bushes like a sneak with a few thousand dollars of complicated electronic gear, radioing ahead to *another* officer with instructions on who to pull over for a ticket.

Whatever became of the motorcycle cop

## RADAR SPEED TRAPS

of old, hiding behind the billboard? He's been replaced by Big Brother, skulking around in the shrubbery with his magical black box!

**What It Is.** The radar used by police is a type known as "Doppler Radar." This radar operates on the principle of relative motion between a source of the radar waves and a reflective surface causing a frequency shift in the reflected wave. The effect is similar to the case of an automobile going past a pedestrian. If the driver blows the horn, the pitch seems higher when the car is approaching than when it is going away.

In the case of speed meters, continuous radiation at a specific frequency is beamed towards oncoming traffic and some is reflected back to the officer operating the gadget. The reflected signal is compared with a sample of the transmitted wave, and the resulting shift in frequency, proportional to the speed of the moving car, is called the *Doppler shift*. At a speed of 100 mph, the Doppler shift is 73 Hz.

Radar speed meters are usually employed in either of several popular ways. The most familiar method is to have the antenna mounted on a tripod by the side of the

road and connected to the radar unit (hidden from the motorist's view) by cable. Sometimes the car is parked on the shoulder of the road with the antenna in the trunk or mounted by the driver's window like a spotlight. The speed indicator is in view of the officer who checks out all oncoming traffic. When a speeder is picked up, the officer can then radio ahead to another car. Sometimes, too, the radar car itself takes off after the errant motorist for the presentation of the driving award, returning to the stake-out spot when the fun is over.

When properly calibrated, radar speed meters are accurate to within 1%. Their weakness is heavy traffic, which causes confused meter readings. Of course, deliberate RF jamming would also do this, but anybody wishing to try that little trick is asking for some additional kicks from the FCC.

**The Evidence.** When you get pulled into court after having been picked up by radar, you have only a slim chance of talking yourself off the hook. Usually, the officers have an inked tape record of your sprint to show to the judge. And even though it's just a squiggly line which doesn't offer any proof that it represents a record of *your* car, a conviction ordinarily follows shortly thereafter.

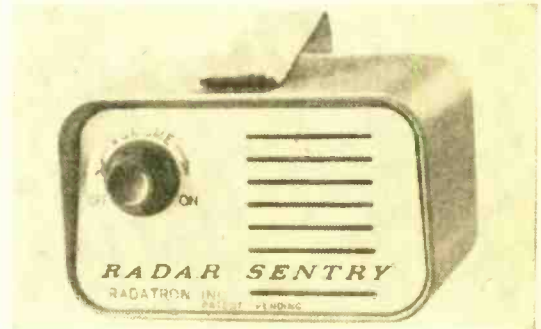
In Nassau County, N.Y., police recently added a new twist to eliminate any such



*Comfortably seated in radar-trap vehicle, this officer has only to radio ahead to pickup car and ZAPI— instant speeding ticket. Unit immediately above dash is Stephenson Radar Speedanalyzer, which, if we are to believe the luzz, tells the nice man all he needs to know about your speed, remotely.*



Having been warned by road sign that speed is radar-controlled, driver at right keeps ear peeled to radar deflector. Unit in car and in photo at right below is Radatron's Radar Sentry; unit in photo at left below is produced by Solar Electronics.



doubts. A Volkswagen bus parked by the side of the road snaps a combination photo of your car along with a meter reading of your speed. Just try laughing your way out of that one!

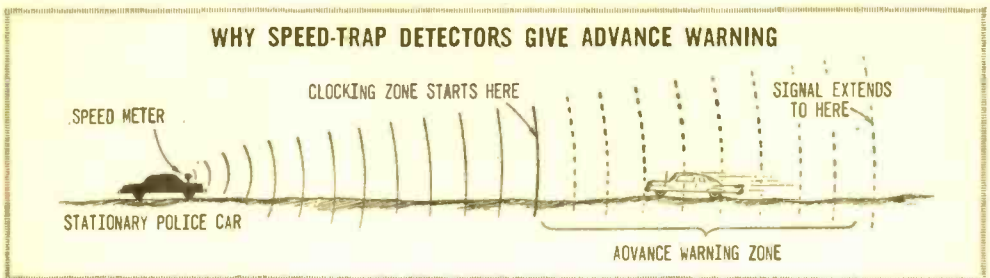
**Can They Be Jammed?** There is only one legal way of jamming a radar speed meter, but it isn't particularly practical. It requires that you mount a 16-in. speaker on the front of your car, stretch a piece of plastic kitchen wrap tightly across the speaker's face, and glue strips of aluminum foil to the plastic. When a 2000- to 3000-Hz tone is pumped into the speaker it will cause havoc with the meter readings. Assuming you drive a large truck, you might just have room for a setup of this sort. But then large trucks (at least the ones I've driven behind) never seem to get up the moxie to do much better than 30 mph, even with a good tail

wind helping them along.

Other rumored tricks (like placing ball bearings in the hub caps, dragging lengths of chain beneath the car, and placing bundles of tinfoil beneath the grille) are totally useless for jamming.

Of course, the *best* protection against getting radared is not to speed in the first place. But speeding is a very peculiar word without any hard definition. Nobody will argue that roaring through a 30-mile zone at 75 mph isn't speeding—but did you ever notice that you sometimes gain a little extra speed while driving down an incline?

You don't have to make any effort to do this; even if you take your foot off the gas it happens and you end up exceeding the speed limit. Short of riding with your foot on the brake or dropping down into a lower gear you'll pick up 5 to 10 mph within the



## e/e RADAR SPEED TRAPS

first few hundred feet of even a gentle slope and not even notice the difference. Is that speeding?

As you've probably guessed, such sites are among the more favored locations for radar traps. So, too, are other spots where unsuspecting motorists (especially ones not familiar with the roads) can be expected to accidentally and temporarily speed because of road conditions.

Such favorite places also include spots where the speed limit abruptly drops without adequate notice to drivers; long and gently sloping inclines on a parkway (especially if they terminate in a right-hand curve); and long, relatively straight, stretches of suburban highway where the speed limit seems to be strangely low.

Speed traps are almost always set up in the same spots with little variation. The police know the most effective places to

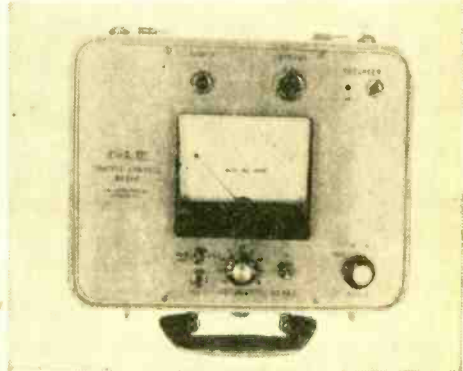
catch the unwary and there's little point in arguing with success; besides, if they change spots they might face the horror of nabbing a local resident. For instance, a radar stake-out is in place almost daily a mile or two south of Exit 10 in the southbound lane of the New Jersey Turnpike; it seems a total success. In Florida, you can count on one going eastbound from Bithlo and Cocoa on state road 520. Anyone who drives a lot soon learns to spot the most likely road conditions for trap growing.

You also get to know that the mere fact that a community has posted a vast array of radar warning signs does not necessarily assure you that radar is actually in use there. Similarly, the absence of signs doesn't mean that there is no radar in use.

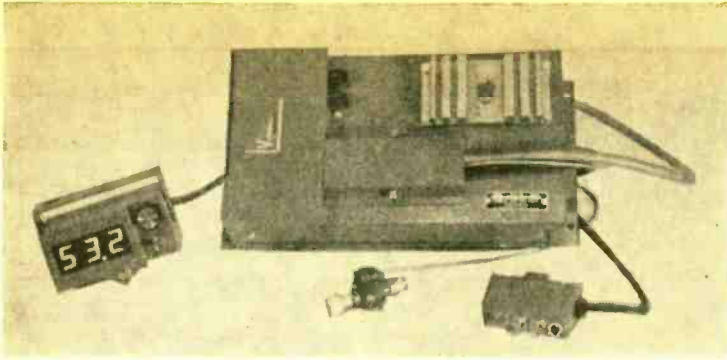
Just as there are roads where radar traps bloom like posies in June, there are times and conditions which will seldom face you with one. Nighttime (except on major Florida highways) generally means radar-free motoring; snow or ice on the roads and heavy snowbanks alongside also spell radar-



Three devices used by police in radar-trap setups: above, radar speed meter installed in glove compartment with automatic chart recorder at right (entire installation would be unnoticed by passing motorist); right, portable radar unit; below, radar antenna on window.







Latest unit to be added to police arsenal of speed-trap devices is the Vascar (Visual Average Speed Computer And Recorder for those who don't dig abbreviations). Already reported in Maine, Indiana, and North Carolina, unit permits fairly accurate speed checks even though both police car and suspect car are in motion.

less driving. Even a heavy rainstorm sends them all back whence they came. Highways without shoulders (like elevated roadways) and crowded city streets with traffic lights at each corner are almost devoid of them.

Don't forget, however, that there are a number of non-radar speed-catching devices which can be used in different applications and instances. These involve black cables stretched across the roadway at 22 feet apart or white stripes painted across the roadway several hundred feet apart. A new gadget known as Vascar enables the police to check your speed while *their* car is in motion (with radar they must be parked) and moving towards or away from you.

**Is There Protection?** The best protection, if you figure that you're a candidate for the microwave beams, is to go Greyhound and leave the driving to them. If you're a zooming maniac who hasn't had a nodding acquaintance with a speed limit in 10 years, you deserve to be removed from the scene, even by something as shady as radar. If you're like most motorists—easy prey to underhanded and rigged setups coldly calculated to catch you off guard under extenuating road conditions—there is *some* hope for defending yourself.

To begin, study the cars parked along any roads in areas of the kind we've been talking about. If they look like typical un-

marked cars (solid white, black, and maroon are popular), be on your guard. Secondly, you can purchase either of two radar detecting devices to warn you of radar traps before they start putting you on the squiggly line.

For the record, there are two different radar frequency bands in use today. The old *S-band* is on 2455 MHz, and the newer *X-Band* is at 10,525 MHz. There are only about 650 units still on the S-band.

The detecting devices are small (about the size of a pack of smokes) and contain batteries, circuitry, and a speaker. You clip them onto your car's sunvisor and aim their antennas down the road ahead of the car. When the set detects a radar signal from a speed trap, the device makes a high-pitched whine which continues until you are out of the radar "zone of influence."

You get an advance warning before you actually hit this clocking zone because the radar signals extend down the road for at least twice as far as they are being used by the trap. If the trap is measuring at 500 feet out, you will get a signal at least 1000 feet out—sufficient time for you to safely slow down the 5 or 10 mph necessary to save you a ticket. Of course, if you're really burning the old rubber, you'll never be able to bring your car safely under control because some X-band traps start clocking at only 150 feet out. To drop 60 to 30 or 40 mph in 150 feet on sudden notice is impossible for most motorists and cars.

**The Units.** Of the two detecting devices now being marketed, the one most often seen is the *Radar Sentry* (sometimes marketed under the name *Driver Alert*), manufactured by Radatron, Inc., 232 Zimmerman St., N. Tonawanda, N.Y. 14120. The unit stands guard on both the S- and X-bands simultaneously; when there are no incoming

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**Clocking Ranges  
of Typical Radar Speed Traps**

Band Used	Can Measure (feet)	Can Be Detected At (feet)
S	175	300-500
X	150	300
X	300	600
X	500-600	1000 or more

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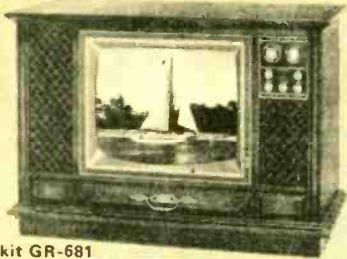
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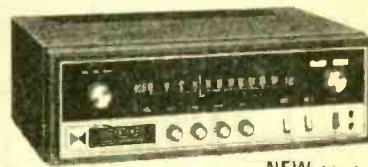
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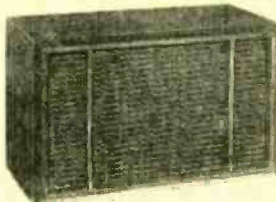
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# THE BIG CB PUTT-ON

**W**alter Hagen, golf titan of the 20s, was first to admit that everything about tournament golf has changed since the days when he caddied at Oak Hill Country Club in Rochester, N.Y. (Hagen, for the record, is one of 37 members of the Professional Golfers' Association, an honor even the most snobby would be reluctant to snivel at.)

Everyone expected new faces among the top finishers at this great tournament course, where gifted young Lee Trevino of Texas defeated defending champion Jack Nicklaus. But the method used by the Rochester Holst Club to control crowds at the Oak Hill Country Club was *not* expected.

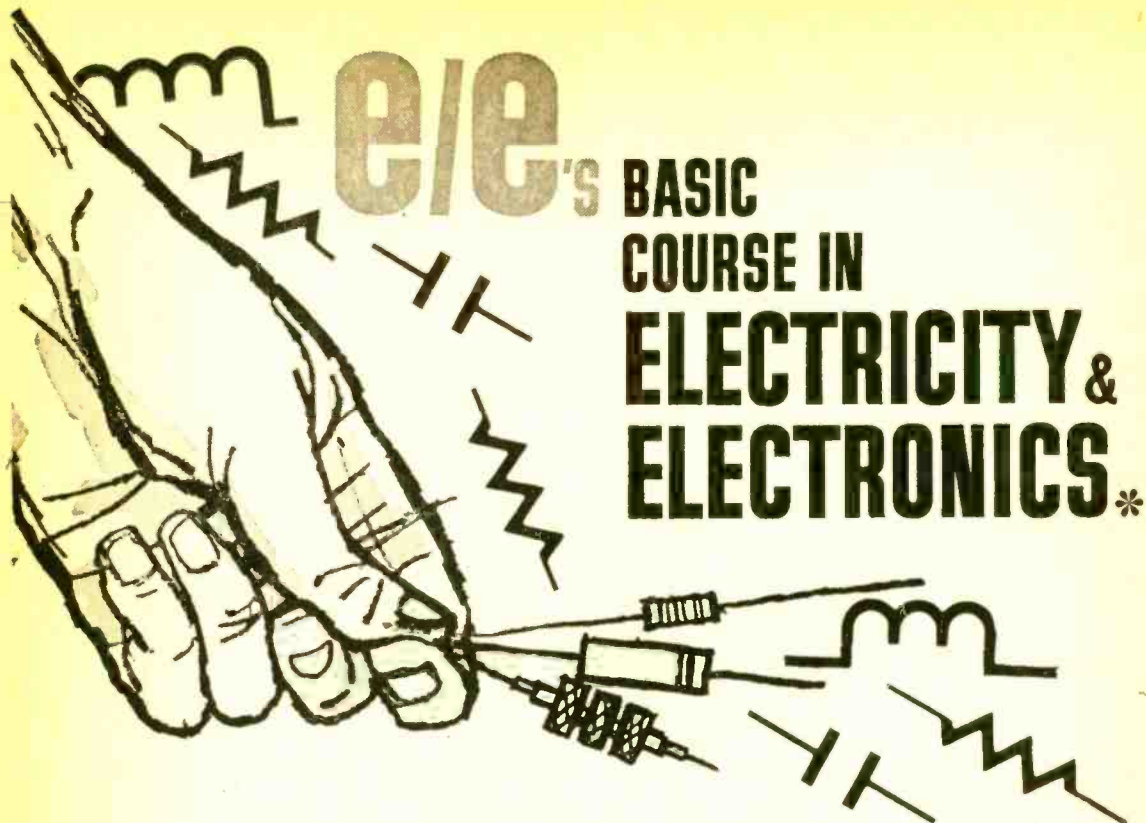
Archie C. Clarke, Chairman of the Communications Committee, was the Rochester member assigned responsibility for providing communications for gallery management and security control. Through cooperation of the E. F. Johnson Co. of Waseca, Minn., he was able to set up a complete two-way radio network among the 18 marshals controlling the crowds at each green. Each was equipped with a Johnson Messenger 100 portable CB transceiver; the Club House sported a Messenger III base station.

Thanks to this unusual use of CB, play was speeded up and crowd control maintained throughout the four days.—*Joe Gronk* ■



*Unseen by participants and fans, 18 marshals quietly and efficiently maintained crowd control during recent '68 U.S. Open Golf Championship held at Oak Hill Country Club in Rochester, N.Y.*





## PART VI—UNDERSTANDING BASIC CIRCUIT ACTIONS

**W**HAT YOU WILL LEARN. It is important that you learn what an electrical or electronic circuit is. You will now learn to recognize the basic elements every circuit must have. When you complete this chapter you will be able to examine a circuit and determine how it works. In addition, you will learn the simple fundamentals used to determine how any electric and electronic circuit works.

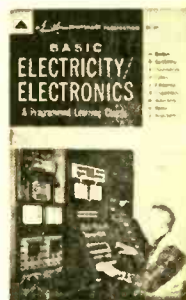
### ELECTRICITY AND ELECTRONICS

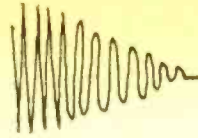
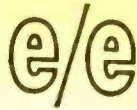
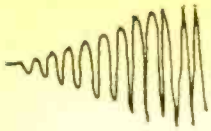
You will read or hear many definitions for electricity and electronics which will seem to establish a difference between the two terms. Are they really different? The truth is, electricity and electronics are far more similar than they are different.

#### Electrical Circuits

In an electrical circuit, current from a voltage source flows through conductors to an electrical device. *(turn page)*

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In passing through the device, current causes it to operate—a lamp lights, a motor rotates, a doorbell rings, an oven heats, etc. The electrical device, whatever it may be, must be part of a circuit connected to a voltage source. Compare this to an electronic circuit.

### Electronic Circuits

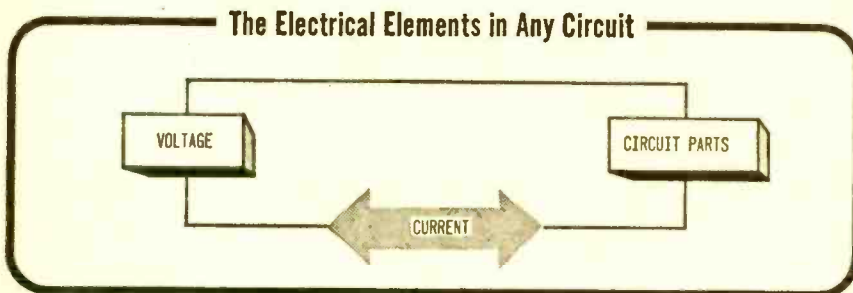
In an electronic circuit, current from a voltage source flows through conductors and electronic components to perform a desired electronic function. For example, radio and television receivers contain many electronic circuits. In a radio, the functions of each circuit are such that the set reproduces a sound transmitted by a broadcast station many miles away. Circuits in a television set function in a similar manner and make it possible for you to see as well as hear a broadcast.

### Basic Fundamentals

A radio or television set is plugged into the same voltage source as a lamp, motor, refrigerator, or any other electrical device. Current and voltage make no distinction between an electrical or electronic circuit. They react the same in either. The components that have been built into the circuit(s) determine how current and voltage will be used to make the electrical or electronic device operate.

The following diagram expresses this concept by showing the relationship of the three elements contained in any circuit. If you accept the concept this illustration reveals and always remember it, you will have no difficulty in learning the electrical or electronic theory required to become a good technician.

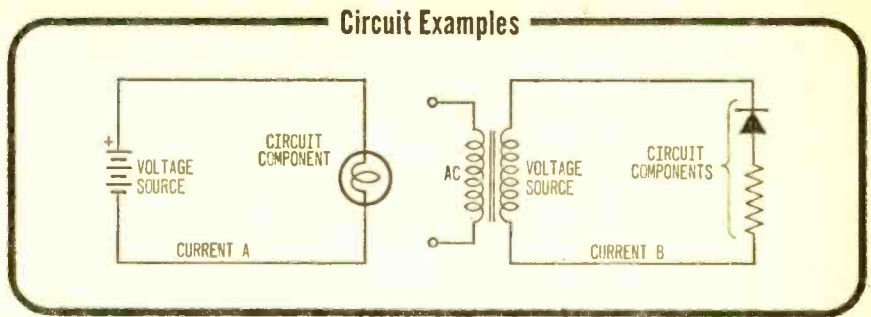
What does the illustration say? It states that any circuit contains only three factors—voltage, current, and circuit parts—which influence the circuit's operation.



Voltage, as you know, is an electrical pressure that causes current to flow under proper conditions. Current flows if there is a closed loop (complete path) from one side of the voltage source through the circuit components to the other side. The amount and type of voltage to be applied and how much current



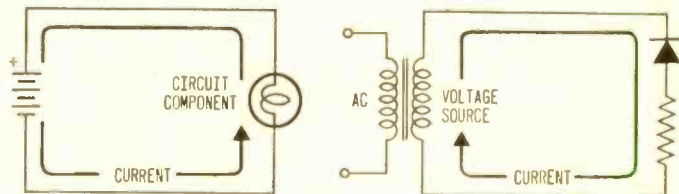
will flow is dependent on the type and value of components used in the circuit. As an example, you have seen circuits similar to those shown in the schematic diagrams below.



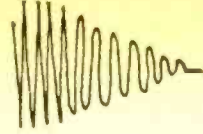
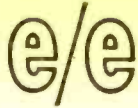
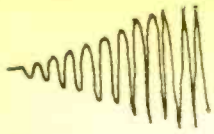
- Q1. What is the voltage source in part A above? In part B?
- Q2. What is the circuit component in part A? What are they in part B?
- Q3. Which way will current flow (clockwise or counterclockwise) in parts A and B?
- Q4. Which part (A or B) contains a circuit that is a closed loop?

**Your Answers Should Be:**

- A1. The voltage source in part A is a *battery* and in part B it is a *transformer*. (You may have stated AC or electrical outlet for part B. However, you must get into the habit of looking at the voltage that is applied across a specific circuit shown in a diagram. The left side of the transformer may be plugged into a 117-VAC outlet, but it is in another circuit consisting of the primary winding and the outlet. The circuit shown contains the voltage source and the circuit component. Remember to look for the specific voltage that is applied to an individual circuit.)
- A2. The component in part A is a *lamp*. In part B the components are a *diode* (upper) and *resistor* (lower).
- A3. Current will flow *counterclockwise* in part A and *clockwise* in part B.



- A4. *Both circuits are closed loops.*

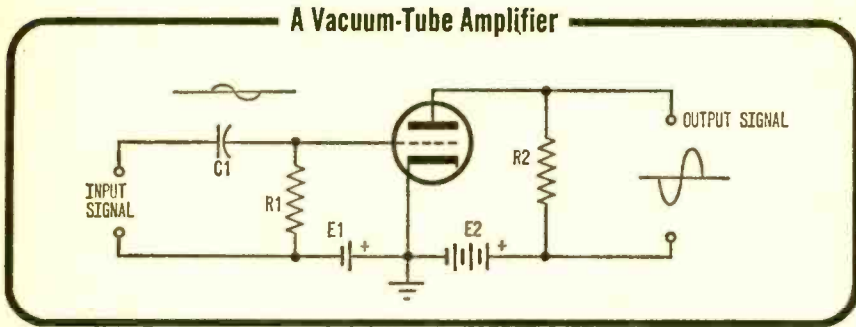


You were not expected to give as long an answer as those shown above. If you arrived at the specific answers correctly, you have shown that you remember and can apply the information studied in other chapters of this course.

The questions and explanations were included to underline a significant point—whatever happens in any circuit depends on the effect circuit components have on its voltage and current. This may sound like a very simple, easily understood statement. but those who do not study circuits with this simplicity in mind will find them difficult. Those who approach every circuit and resolve its complexities in terms of this simple, always reliable statement will have no trouble whatsoever.

### ANALYZING ELECTRONIC CIRCUITS

Using the approach stated in the preceding paragraph, see if you can follow the analysis of a basic amplifier circuit. The circuit is similar to one of those used in preceding chapters.



#### Circuit Function

This circuit uses a vacuum tube. The function of the circuit is to amplify (increase) the voltage of the input signal, as shown in the difference between the input and output waveforms. Disregarding the input and output signals for a moment, you can find two voltage sources in this circuit—there are two battery symbols. The actual circuit will probably not have batteries; the symbols merely show that there is a DC voltage source across the points indicated.

- Q5. The three basic factors of any circuit are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Q6. The best method to use in analyzing any circuit is to determine the effect that circuit components have upon applied \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Q7. Redraw the vacuum-tube amplifier circuit and show the

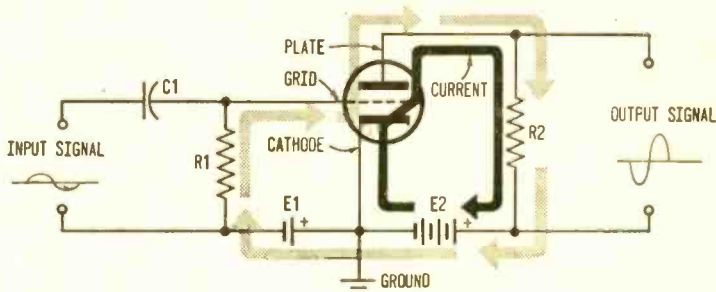


path and direction of current through the closed loop that includes E2.

- Q8. The three active elements in the vacuum tube above are -----, -----, and -----.
- Q9. The purpose of the circuit is to ----- the input signal.
- Q10. The two battery symbols are used to indicate -- ----- is being applied.

**Your Answers Should Be:**

- A5. The three basic elements of any circuit are *voltage*, *current*, and *components*.
- A6. The best method to use in analyzing any circuit is to determine the effect that circuit components have upon applied *voltage* and *current*.
- A7.



You had two choices for the current path. They are represented as solid and shaded lines above. Although the solid line is correct, do not feel bad if you chose the other.

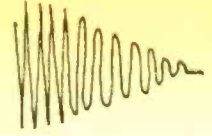
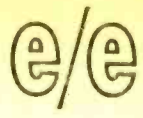
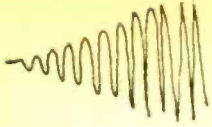
- A8. The three active elements in the vacuum tube are *control grid*, *cathode*, and *plate*.
- A9. The purpose of the circuit is to *amplify* the input signal.
- A10. The two battery symbols are used to indicate *DC voltage* is being applied.

**Control by the Grid**

Current (the solid line in the preceding diagram) flows through the vacuum tube (a triode) if its plate is positive with respect to its cathode. This is the purpose of E2. The amount of current that flows can be controlled by the voltage on the control grid with respect to the cathode. In fact, a small change in grid-to-cathode voltage causes a large change in plate current.

The grid-to-cathode voltage is negative and, if sufficiently high, will stop current flow altogether. As this voltage is made less negative, more and more current will flow.

The input to the triode amplifier circuit has the same shape as an AC-voltage waveform. It appears on the grid as a voltage also. Capacitor C1 and resistor R1 play a part in placing this signal voltage on the grid. The line through



the center of the input waveform is called a *reference line*. (Voltage must always be thought of as being with reference to, or with respect to, some other point in the circuit.) In this case the reference line refers to the DC grid voltage (bias). The part of the waveform that is above the line is positive voltage, and the part below the line is negative. Since it is AC, the voltage of the signal is regularly changing from positive to negative.

The purpose of E1 is to establish a uniform negative voltage between the grid and cathode. This makes the grid negative with respect to the cathode. In this circuit, current will not flow from the grid to the cathode. The changing voltage of the AC waveform is also on the grid, subtracting from or adding to the voltage of E1. When the signal voltage is going positive, it subtracts from the voltage of E1. For example if E1 were -1.5 volts (negative from grid to cathode) and the signal were +0.5 volt at a given instant, voltage on the grid would be reduced to -1 volt (the grid still negative with respect to the cathode).

- Q11. The control grid is (negative, positive) with respect to the cathode.
- Q12. What will be the voltage on the grid when the signal voltage is -0.5 volt?
- Q13. E2 makes the plate ----- with respect to the cathode.
- Q14. The amount of plate current that flows is controlled by the ----- on the -----.
- Q15. In a triode amplifier, a small change in grid voltage causes a (small, large) change in plate current.
- Q16. The purpose of E1 is to make the ---- negative with respect to the -----.

**Your Answers Should Be:**

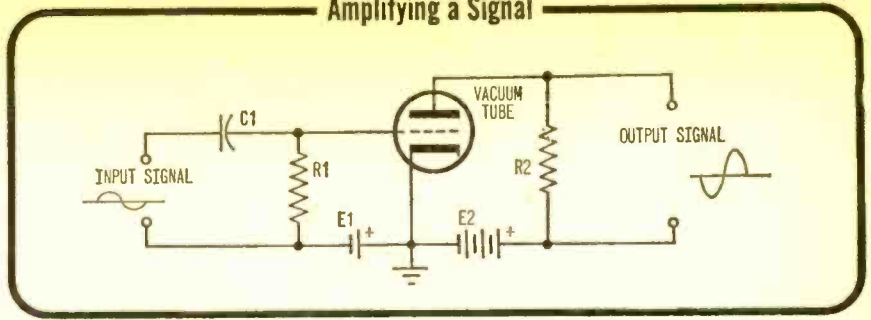
- A11. The control grid is *negative* with respect to the cathode.
- A12. *2 volts*.
- A13. E2 makes the plate *positive* with respect to the cathode.
- A14. The amount of plate current that flows is controlled by the *voltage on the control grid*.
- A15. In a triode amplifier, a small change in grid voltage causes a *large* change in plate current.
- A16. The purpose of E1 is to make the *grid (control grid) negative* with respect to the *cathode*.

**Change in Plate Voltage**

As you can see, the voltage on the grid changes in accordance with the



## Amplifying a Signal



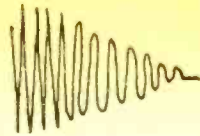
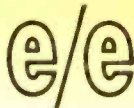
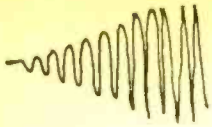
changing voltage of the signal. Current through the tube changes in a like manner—it increases when the signal rises in the positive direction. This is because the negative repelling voltage of the grid is being decreased. When the signal increases in the negative direction, it adds to the negative voltage on the grid, causing plate current to decrease.

The changing current of the tube passes through R2 on its return to voltage source E2, causing the voltage across R2 to change in the same manner as the changes of the signal voltage. Since a small change in grid voltage causes a large change in tube current, the changes in output voltage across R2 are greater than the corresponding input changes on the grid. Thus, the signal has been *amplified*.

### Circuit Analysis Summary

The entire explanation or understanding of this vacuum-tube amplifier circuit is based on the effect the circuit components have on current and/or voltage. This is true of any circuit. You should have had very little difficulty in following the explanation even with limited knowledge of electricity. The reason, of course, is that everything was explained in terms of changes in voltage or current with respect to the components of the circuit. The effect that vacuum tubes, resistors, capacitors, and even voltage sources have on a signal moving through a circuit requires a great deal of careful explanation. If you will remember to always relate the detailed descriptions to the effect they have on voltage and current changes, you will have no trouble.

- Q17.** In a triode amplifier, the (negative, positive) terminal of a DC voltage source is applied to the control grid.
- Q18.** The (input, output) signal causes grid voltage to vary.
- Q19.** Grid voltage regulates the amount of plate current by (attracting, repelling) electrons in the tube.
- Q20.** The circuit which is shown above is called a(an) \_\_\_\_\_ because it increases the voltage of the input signal.
- Q21.** The plate of the tube is kept at a (higher, lower) (negative, positive) voltage than the cathode.
- Q22.** The circuit amplifies the input signal because (small, large) changes in grid voltage cause (small, large) changes in plate current.



Q23. The changes in plate current cause (small, large) changes in plate voltage.

**Your Answers Should Be:**

- A17. In a triode amplifier, the *negative* terminal of a DC voltage source is applied to the control grid.
- A18. The *input* signal causes grid voltage to vary.
- A19. Grid voltage regulates the amount of plate current by *repelling* electrons in the tube.
- A20. The circuit is called an *amplifier* because it increases the voltage of the input signal.
- A21. The plate of the tube is kept at a *higher positive* voltage than the cathode.
- A22. The circuit amplifies the input signal because *small* changes in grid voltage cause *large* changes in plate current.
- A23. The changes in plate current cause *large* changes in plate voltage.

### CIRCUIT COMPONENTS

How many different circuit components are there? If this question is worrying you, you are worrying needlessly. There are only three major components (parts).

#### The Major Parts of Any Circuit



#### Resistors, Capacitors, and Coils

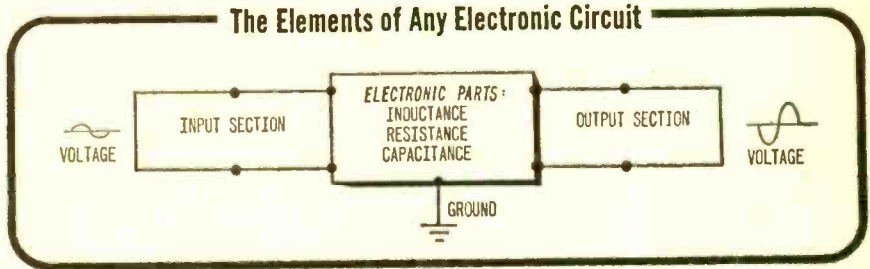
All circuits, regardless of their complexity, contain at the most only three different kinds of parts—*resistors*, *capacitors*, and *coils* (often called *inductors*).

The effect that a resistor has on current or voltage is measured in terms of its *resistance*, a term with which you are already familiar. The effect of a capacitor is measured in *capacitance*. The effect of a coil is called *inductance*. The effect each has on voltage or current depends on whether it is DC or AC, and, if AC, how rapidly the voltage or current is changing. But each effect—resistance, capacitance, or inductance—is based on a few easily learned principles.



## Circuit Applications

The illustration below shows that an input signal is converted to that shown at the output because of the effect of circuit resistance, capacitance, and inductance on the signal as it passes through the circuit. By this manner, the operation of any circuit can be explained. The *ground* symbol shown in the illustration is normally used as a reference point for zero voltage.



You might think that the symbol for a vacuum tube or transistor does not look like an inductance, capacitance, or resistance. You are correct. However, the way a vacuum tube or a transistor operates can be explained by how it reacts in terms of resistance, inductance, or capacitance when current is passing through it or when voltage is applied to it.

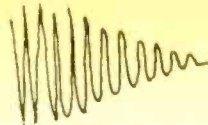
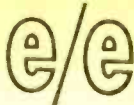
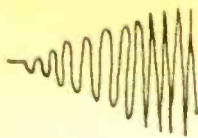
- Q24. The three different electrical factors in a circuit are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and circuit components.
- Q25. The three different types of circuit components are \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and coils.
- Q26. Operation of a vacuum tube can be explained in terms of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

### Your Answers Should Be:

- A24. The three different electrical elements in a circuit are *voltage*, *current*, and *circuit components*.
- A25. The three different types of circuit components are *resistors*, *capacitors*, and coils.
- A26. Operation of a vacuum tube can be explained in terms of *resistance*, *capacitance*, and *inductance*.

## CHANGING VOLTAGE AND CURRENT

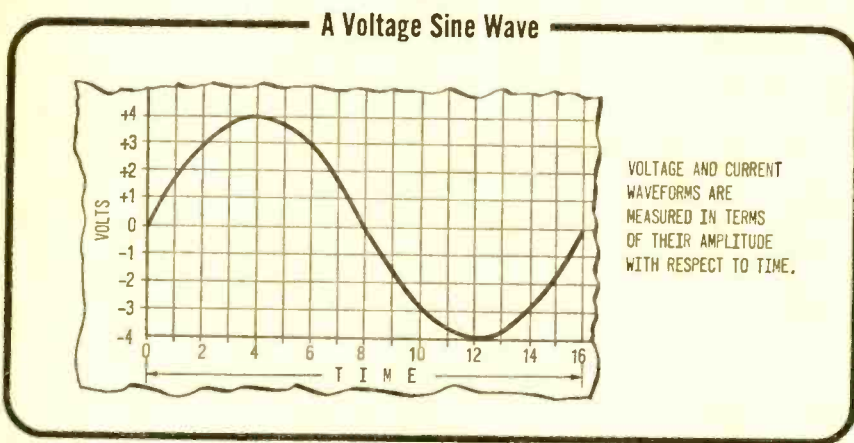
Circuits in electronic equipment are designed to obtain the performance desired of the equipment. A signal entering the first circuit is converted into an output signal that becomes the input to the next circuit where it is converted again. The input-conversion-output sequence continues through all the circuits



until a waveform is obtained that will cause proper operation of the output device.

### Voltage and Current Waveforms

Since the exchange between circuits is accomplished by voltage and/or current, a means of describing a waveform (signal) becomes very important. Like any other object, a waveform has dimensions. A sheet of paper, for example, is so many inches wide by so many inches long. A waveform has height and width dimensions also, but different units are used to describe them.



The illustration shows a single cycle of a voltage waveform. The AC *sine wave*, as this particular waveform is called, is continually changing at the rate indicated by its curvature.

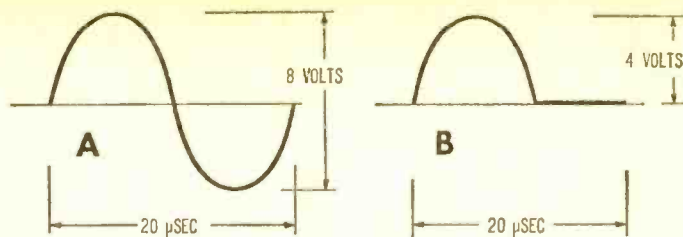
### Circuit Applications

Normal presentation in equipment diagrams indicates the amplitude of a waveform in terms of its maximum values. See diagram on next page.

Part A (page 101) shows the same sine wave as on the preceding diagram. The dimensions are 8 volts from its positive peak to its negative peak. The time duration of one cycle is 20  $\mu\text{sec}$  (microseconds). A microsecond is one-millionth of a second. Part B shows the same waveform after it has been rectified (using a diode circuit, for example). The single peak remaining is 4 volts from zero to maximum positive. The time duration of the cycle is still the same 20  $\mu\text{sec}$ .

Understanding the dimensions of a waveform is very important. Waveform representations of signals are used constantly in electronics, since a vast amount of information about a signal can be put into this picture form. Amplitude and time values allow you to describe specifically what the voltage or current will do in a circuit.

## Waveform Representations



- Q27. In an equipment, the output signal of one circuit becomes the ----- for the next circuit.
- Q28. The exchange of signals between circuits is accomplished by ----- or ----- waveforms.
- Q29. The dimensions of a waveform are ----- and -----.
- Q30. A sine wave is a continuously (steady, changing) voltage or current.
- Q31. In the diagram on the opposite page, what is the amplitude of voltage at time increment 4?
- Q32. What is its value at time increment 8?
- Q33. What is the amplitude at time increment 12?

### Your Answers Should Be:

- A27. In an equipment, the output signal of one circuit becomes the *input signal* for the next circuit.
- A28. The exchange of signals between circuits is accomplished by *voltage* or *current* waveforms.
- A29. The dimensions of a waveform are *amplitude* and *time*.
- A30. A sine wave is a continuously *changing* voltage or current.
- A31. At time increment 4, voltage has risen to *+4 volts*.
- A32. At time 8, it is *zero volts*.
- A33. At time 12, voltage has decreased to *-4 volts*.

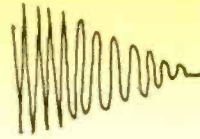
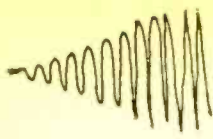
### Amplitude and Frequency

As you have learned, waveforms can be described by their time and amplitude dimensions. How is this done?

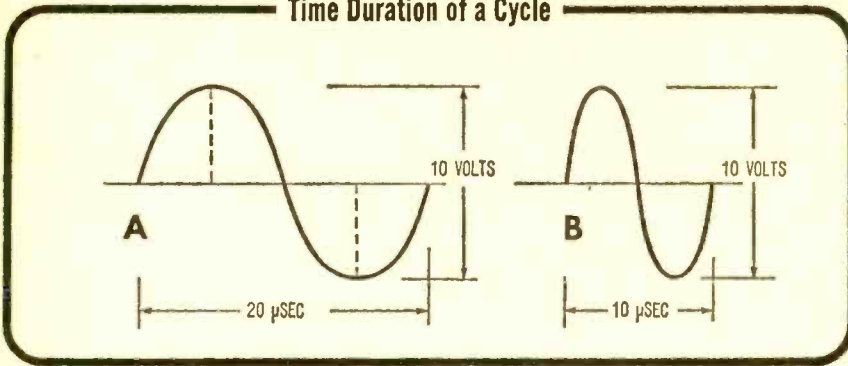
**Time Dimension**—Time is the horizontal dimension of a waveform. It is usually represented in terms of seconds, milliseconds (1/1,000 of a second), or microseconds (1/1,000,000 of a second).

The time line for a waveform usually represents the duration of one cycle. In part A above, it is 20 μsec and in part B it is 10 μsec. From this, the duration of a portion of a cycle can be determined. In part A, a half wave (half of a full cycle) is 10 μsec. A quarter wave in part A is 5 μsec.





### Time Duration of a Cycle

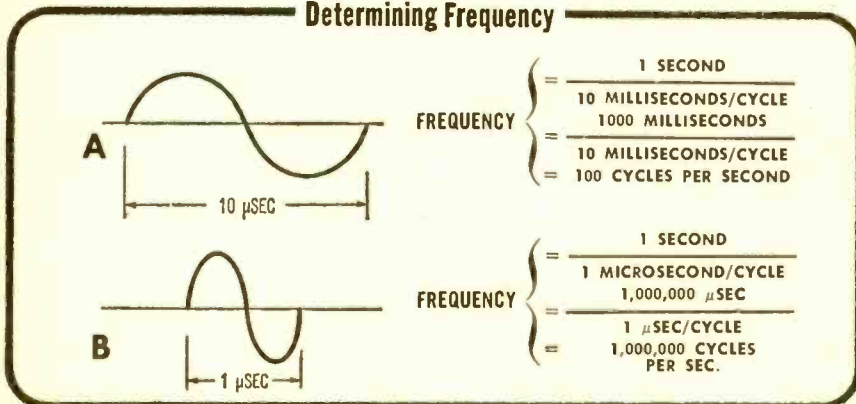


**Frequency**—Since a waveform cycle repeats itself continuously, its frequency can be determined. The frequency of a signal is the number of times that it repeats itself in a certain period of time, usually one second. If the time duration for one cycle is one second, the signal repeats itself once each second. Its frequency, then, would be one cycle per second. If one cycle is 1/10 of a second in duration, it repeats itself 10 times in one second, resulting in a frequency of 10 cycles per second. As you have already determined, the arithmetic expression to find frequency is:

$$\text{Frequency} = \frac{\text{one second}}{\text{time duration of one cycle}}$$

If the time duration is expressed in milliseconds or microseconds, the top and bottom values of the right side of the expression must be expressed in the same units of time. In other words, both top and bottom values must be either in seconds, milliseconds, or microseconds. Failure to have these values in the same units of time is a common source of error when solving this type of problem.

### Determining Frequency



- Q34. The time dimension of a waveform is measured from (left to right, bottom to top).
- Q35. There are ----- microseconds in a second.
- Q36. There are ---- microseconds in a millisecond.
- Q37. A full cycle is 60 milliseconds. What is the duration of a quarter cycle?
- Q38. What is the frequency of a 100-millisecond cycle?
- Q39. What is the frequency of a 0.001-second cycle?

**Your Answers Should Be:**

- A34. The time dimension of a waveform is measured from *left to right*.
- A35. There are *1,000,000* microseconds in a second.
- A36. There are *1000* microseconds in a millisecond.
- A37. A full cycle is 60 milliseconds. A quarter cycle would be *15 milliseconds*.
- A38. A 100-millisecond cycle has a frequency of *10 cycles per second*.
- A39. A 0.001-second cycle has a frequency of *1000 cycles per second*.

**WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED**

1. There is little difference between electrical and electronic circuits. Both are based on identical principles. There is a difference, however, in the manner in which the circuits are applied.
2. Whether it be an application of electricity or one of electronics, circuits operate in a manner that is determined by the effect the components of the circuit have on current that is passing through the circuit or on the voltage that is applied to the circuit.
3. All electronic components, regardless of their name or description, are either resistors, capacitors, inductors, or a combination of these. The effect they have on voltage or current is called resistance, capacitance, and inductance. Since these are the only elements that constitute any circuit, learning their principles well and then applying their effect on current and voltage makes analysis of how a circuit works relatively easy.
4. Many students do poorly in learning electronics because they get lost in descriptive detail. To prevent this from happening to you, fit the function of each component into its place in the mental image you have retained of the entire circuit and what it is designed to do.

**NEXT ISSUE: PART VII—Understanding Transistors**

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Sonar FS-23

**J-23.** A tiny transistorized CB transceiver, the J-23 comes complete with all crystals you'll ever need, has PA feature, a long list of extras, plus built-in 12 VDC mobile power supply. A top-of-the-crop item, the J-23 sells for \$230.95.

### ● SQUIRES-SANDERS, INC.

**The Admiral.** Topping the list of new S/S entries for 1969 is the Admiral, an all solid-state 23-channel CB base station. Features include: pulse eliminator, 5-watt transmitter, speech compression, desk mike, "dual antenna," Hi/Lo sensitivity switch, PA facility, on-the-air light, digital clock, etc. With 117 VAC supply, she sells for \$329.95.

**The Commodore.** Another 1969 23-channel model, the Commodore features solid-state construction, double-conversion receiver, crystal filter, 7-kHz selectivity, adjustable squelch, pulse eliminator, etc. A mobile rig, she sells at \$199.95.

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Squires-Sanders Commodore

**The Skipper.** Another 1969 entry is S/S's 23-channel Skipper. This rig features dual-conversion receive, solid-state construction including—get this—an integrated circuit plus field effect transistor, illuminated S-meter, solid-state T/R switching, speech clipping, PA facility, etc. With built-in 12 VDC supply, it sells for \$159.95.

### ● SSBCO

**Model ASB-11.** With one of the shortest manufacturer's names going, SSBCO has been producing an interesting line of combine AM/SSB transceivers for quite some time. The Model ASB-11, for example, is an attractive set with 5-channel operational capability featuring a Collins mechanical filter. Equipped for 12 VDC operation, she sells for \$277.50.

**Model ASB-11A.** A deluxe version of the Model ASB-11 described above, this one has a built-in noise blanker circuit. Price: \$322.50.

**Model SSB-27.** Similar to Model ASB-11 without the AM feature. Only \$249.95.

**Model SSB-27A.** A deluxe version of the Model SSB-27. Has built-in noise blanker. Priced at \$299.50.

### ● TRAM ELECTRONICS, INC.

**Titan II.** Where else can you pay almost \$500 for a single CB set? Certainly a Cadillac in the Citizens Radio field, the new Titan II wraps two CB rigs into one. The rig—much



Tram Titan II

the same as the SSBCO ASB-11—features both sideband and AM, only this time it's double sideband. Completely compatible with all single sideband, double sideband, and standard AM CB stations, the Tram Titan II comes with multi-function S-meter, power meter, Collins mechanical filter, multi-stage RF gain control, plus many, many extras. Price: \$482.00.

**The Titan.** One of the very few CB rigs in this price category (above \$400), the Tram Titan goes virtually unchallenged as one of the finest base station transceivers on the market today. With a 117 VAC power supply and full 23-channel capability, it's regarded highly in CB circles. A perfect base set for the mobileer with an XL-100, she sells for \$434.00.

**The XL-100.** The XL-100 lights up flashing the channel you're operating on a large dial. Additionally, it comes with a wide variety of special features and is designed expressly for mobile work. Extremely small, the unit is equipped for all 23 channels. Selling price: \$318.00.

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**Rustler II.** A set with tunable receive—and spotting switch plus squelch control plus noise limiter—and 11-channel transmit, the WRL Rustler II also puts a crystal socket on the front panel for added versatility. With power supply (117 VAC and 12 VDC), she sells for \$79.95.

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### Radar Speed Traps

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signals it produces a low hissing noise reminiscent of a broadcast receiver not on a station. As you pass airports or near large harbors, you may hear the set gurgle or bleep a few times whenever the airport or ship radar scans past your antenna; these signals do not sound anything at all like the steady whine of a radar trap.

A second unit, the *Radar Detector*, is produced by Solar Electronics, Box 15371, Denver, Colo. 80215. This unit tunes *only* the X-band and does not pick up S-band, ship, or aircraft radars. In fact, until you actually enter an X-band trap, the set makes absolutely no noise or sound at all because of a built-in squelch circuit. A test button on the front panel enables you to set off the set's warning signal in order to check out the battery condition and to familiarize you with the warning.

**Are They Legal?** According to the manufacturers of these devices, they are legal in 48 states though a few communities have laws against their use. The two forbidden states are Massachusetts and Virginia.

As for the morality of using the devices, there is obviously both a pro and a con. One manufacturer of detectors reasons that the units actually help to promote road safety, his argument: with a detector in his car, a motorist is more likely to keep his eye on the speedometer and drive at posted speeds.

Could be, though you might also argue that this man has an ax to grind. Whatever the case, the fact remains that the electronic age has brought forth upon our highways 10,000 eyes to monitor your driving habits. ■

### Newsan

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response to any of the four signals may be a jerk or a sudden movement of bands, arms, or legs, or a more subtle response such as the blinking of an eye. Priced at \$285.00, the unit is inexpensive considering it can be used to test 12,000 babies before batteries need replacement.

### What Has Edison Wroth

The greatest single advance in lighting economy since the introduction of the light bulb has been announced by Westinghouse engineers. They have developed a new fluorescent lamp with a life rating of 18,000 hours based on three hours burning per start. On rapid start circuits this represents an increase in lamp life of 50 per cent over the ordinary 40-watt fluorescent lamp now on the market. This rated life of 18,000 hours compares to an average rated life of 750 to 1,000 hours for an ordinary household incandescent light bulb.

A key feature of the new Extended Service lamps is the fact that they operate on all standard 40 watt ballasts and in all 40 watt fixtures. This was accomplished by Westinghouse engineers through the use of a new diameter T-10 glass tube, improved control of phosphors, a change in internal lamp pressure and gases, and an advanced electrode design.

The new lamp will mean substantial savings for industrial and commercial fluorescent lamp users. The longer designed life of the Extended Service lamps will mean fewer lamp replacements thus substantially reducing the total maintenance costs over that of ordinary lamps. Also, group relamping can now be done at much longer intervals. When ordinary 40-watt installations are experiencing about 10 per cent failures, those using the new Extended Service lamps will just start to experience the first normal failures. ■

## For Bulls and Bears

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The "Quote" mode simultaneously displays 17 items of information pertaining to a particular security. The information is updated continuously as market transactions affect the issue. The video screen display includes this current market data: the most recent sale price and time; an arrow indicating if the price is higher or lower than the previous transaction; bid and asked prices; high and low prices; opening and closing prices; volume.

Presented at the same time is this key background data: the latest 12-month earnings per share of the company whose security has been selected; the annual dividend; the price-earnings ratio, and the yield.

The display also includes an alerting signal to indicate a current news report that may affect the security and when the issue trades ex-dividend.

The "Marketminder" mode allows the Ultronic *Videomaster* user to simultaneously select and monitor the market price performance of up to 18 separate stocks. What's more, the unit is equipped so that the user can quickly and easily change any or all of the 18 securities.

The mode allows the broker to keep in direct touch with a personally selected list of securities that might be of interest to traders or other customers who are following the trend of certain securities.

In addition to monitoring the latest prices of 18 selected securities, the "Marketmind-

er" mode also indicates by a flashing plus or minus sign beside the issue when the price of a selected security breaks out of a trading range which was previously assigned by the *Videomaster's* user.

The trading range limit is assigned by use of the third basic mode, called "Limitminder."

When the Ultronic *Videomaster* is switched to the "Limitminder" mode the operator of the unit may, in effect, ask the unit to notify him electronically either through the "Marketminder" or the "Limitminder" mode when a specific security has advanced or declined in price to pre-determined limits.

When either limit is reached, a light on the Ultronic *Videomaster* keyboard switches on. In addition, a plus or minus sign flashes beside the selected security. The plus or minus signs also appear on the "Marketminder" mode. The indicators continue to signal until such time as the operator decides either to alter or even completely eliminate the limits.

In addition to the three basic operating modes, Ultronic *Videomaster* also has an exceptionally broad capability for employment of optional modes.

Among the optional features is a "Market Summary" mode. By switching to this mode, the operator will be able to display instantly a wide range of general market information, including the volume of trading on the New York and American stock exchanges; the number of stocks up in price, lower, or unchanged; the major stock index averages; stocks leading in trading volume, and significant market sub-indices. ■

## Hey, Look Me Over!

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zles, including a blank that can be customized by the user. The glue is non-toxic, non-irritating, and non-flammable. Model 250 is available at hardware stores for \$22.95, complete with 3/32-in. orifice nozzle and 60 sticks of glue. For literature, write to Consumer Products Center, United Shoe Machinery Corp., 221 Oley St., Reading, Pa. 19601.

### How to Drown out the Instruments

For all you vocalists who're tired of having your sonic time beaten by amplified guitars,

drums, organs, sitars, and all like that, Atlas Sound has produced the Banshee. It's a cobra-flare horn, and it will spray out the vocals with 125 watts of peak power. Frequency response of the Banshee is 100 to 12,000 Hz, and the sound intensity is claimed to be 131 dB! Man, that should drive your ear drums to the center of your head. Impedance is 16 ohms. Banshee has a built-in pre-wired phone jack; you just insert a speaker cable with a two-conductor phone plug and everybody can really dig those crazy lyrics. Atlas recommends a speaker stand to elevate the sound above the crowd. It's best to keep the audience below the sonic boom. Atlas has two models, the SS-4 for \$25, the SS-2 for \$48. The Banshee is \$121.00, and for more poop, write Atlas Sound, Parsippany, N. J. 07054.

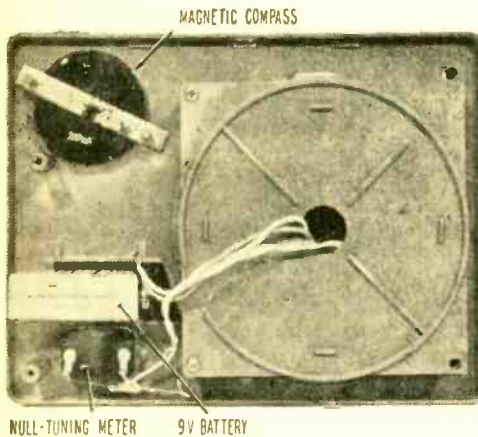


## Hartman Direction Finder

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have this information (you may be using a road map to chart your way through a national park), Hartman tells you the difference between magnetic and true north for land mass and waters in and around the United States. It's so simple to use that any Boy Scout can show you how.

**Does \$59.95 Buy Accuracy?** Though the rotating radio compass is calibrated in 5° divisions, 1° can be estimated with reasonable accuracy, and a few test plots estab-

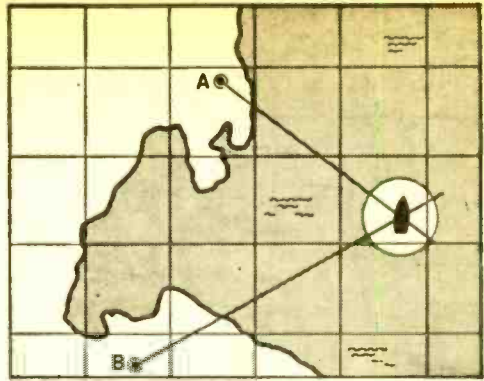


Transistor radio is mounted under frame that secures azimuth dial. Battery compartment allows easy access.

lished that the navigator can expect an overall accuracy of 1°—comparing favorably with RDFs priced several hundred dollars more than the RDF-101.

Note that in our example of using the RDF-101 no mention was made of “boxing the compass” to compensate for a boat's magnetic effect. This is because the RDF-101 magnetic compass is pre-compensated to reduce the effects of nearby magnetic objects. Because of “bending” of radio waves caused by mountains, etc., the RDF-101 delivers maximum accuracy using radio stations located up to 25 miles, though you can put yourself “in the ball park” with stations located a greater distance.

**Paraphernalia, Bah!** Throw away the instruction book! One of the features we found particularly appealing is the anodized aluminum plotting directions on the back of the RDF. The plotting instructions are illustrated, and the user can easily determine his

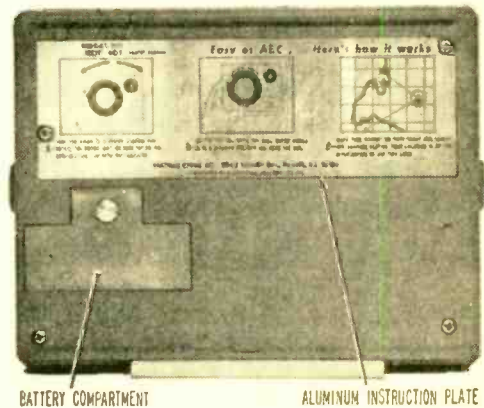


Navigator is at point where bearings from two or three BCB stations cross. Station Locator is included.

position even if the instruction book is lost.

**How It's Made.** The RDF consists of a transistor BC radio mounted in a rotating frame—the azimuth dial. The 9-V Burgess 2U6 (or equiv.) battery is a standard transistor radio battery available in most stores, and is changed through a cover on the back panel. A plastic cover protects the radio from water spray.

**Summing Up.** Though priced at a rock-bottom \$59.95, the Hartman Marine RDF-101 provides the accuracy and dependability of direction finders priced many times higher. By using standard broadcast stations for direction finding, it eliminates dependency on beacon stations requiring “homing” navigation systems, and also does away with tidal charts and wind calculations. And, of course, you get the advantage of an RDF system and a portable radio all in one case. For additional information write to Hartman Marine Inc., Dept. TG, 65 7th Ave., Newark, N. J. 07104. ■



Permanent instructions are provided on back of RDF. When lubber line points to N, rotate azimuth dial for minimum reading (null) on meter; this gives bearing.



## Czech-Mate

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scribe the national disaster. It was like a Czech Chet Huntley saying, "David, we're in one hellava mess!"

A midwest SWL, Gerry Dexter heard another Prague-based underground radio on 11,990 kHz during an eight-minute English newscast. "Operating from occupied Czechoslovakia," it aired programs continuously in English, French, German, Italian, even Arabic.

To escape detection and provide communications within the occupied territory, a number of the stations shared the 21-Meter channel. Schnabel logged the following exchange.

*"Free Legal Transmitter Eastern Bohemia, base four . . . Come in Northern Moravia . . . Crocodile is calling . . . Southern Moravia, please report in . . . Goodbye, we'll be seeing you . . . Transmitter Brno, came in . . . Friends in Brno, we thank you . . . This is Northern Moravia."*

But there were more personal messages, too.

*"Simon Picha from Cáslav. Your family is fine. Grandma and the children are fine. You are to call 25-217 in Hradec Králové."*

**The U.S.S.R., smarting** from the strong world reaction to the takeover, fought back. For the first time since 1961, the Russian language programs of the Voice of America and the BBC were jammed. Even neutral R. Sweden and DeGaulle's Radiodiffusion Television Francaise had their programs blocked. To do this, the electronic buzzsaws and squealers temporarily were shifted from R. Peking channels to the western frequencies.

Non-communist nations were accused of aiding the "subversive elements" in Prague. A West German film crew was arrested and charged with harboring an illegal shortwave station in their van. R. Moscow reported the alleged discovery of an underground radio on the grounds of an unidentified western embassy. Maybe it was true. Clandestine voices originated from even more improbable locations, including—would you believe—dreary old Pankrac Prison, headquarters of the secret police.

To counter the broadcasts, the invaders set up their own clandestine, R. Vltava (Mol-

dau), somewhere in East Germany. But hardly anyone listened to the bland explanations by foreign-sounding speakers that the "liberation" soldiers had entered the country to protect against counterrevolutionary plots. Czech ham radio operators added to R. Vltava's miseries by gleefully jamming the signals with their own transmitters.

Strangely enough, the biggest threat to the free stations was posed by a railroad train. Packed with direction finding equipment for ferreting out the hidden transmitters, it crawled slowly across Czechoslovakia from the border.

At Ceska Trebova, a rail junction 80 miles east of Prague, Czech State Railway workers rebelled. They would take the train no further, they vowed. For hours the cars stayed on a siding. Then the 25-Meter station sent out this urgent message:

*"All railroaders alert! All railroad personnel in Hradec Králové! The occupiers have taken the locomotive and have forced the train crew to continue. The disabled train is again on the move, its goal unknown. Railroaders, the liberty of our legal broadcasts is endangered. We alert you that more remains to be done. This train must be stopped!"*

By the time the long overdue train limped into the capital and its electronic gear was unloaded, it was too late to do the Russians much good.

In a crematorium chapel, an honor guard of uniformed railway employees wept as the coffin of Jindrich Krahulec was carried past. A 20-year-old locomotive engineer, Krahulec had been shot to death by Red soldiers.

The end came on August 29. The broadcasters had argued for continued resistance, but once their national leaders had been forced to submit to Soviet demands, the stations could not hold out long. Grudgingly, their staff members agreed to a return of censorship as an indispensable means of achieving the withdrawal of foreign troops from the cities.

All programs of the phantom network were routed through the Prague studio, where they were carefully censored. Several days later, these programs were replaced by the official, but no longer free, radio and television services.

*And what of the familiar voices? It's not known what, if any, part the English-speaking announcers played in the underground operations. Since the resumption of the regular R. Prague programming, the voices of Milan Brod and Jean Novakova have again*

been heard. Still unaccounted for at this writing are Cecille Krizova, Vladimir Novy, and the Slavikova sisters, Paula and Jana.

As for those who fought and lost, Pelikan and Hejzler suddenly found themselves on "extended vacations." For others, who were able to leave the country, it was self-imposed exile. Still others, apparently, were able to return to their old jobs, though their subsequent fate is unknown.

"We have lost because we wanted everything," said one.

But in their gallant loss they won the lasting respect of their countrymen and the world. ■

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generator set to 10 Hz can be connected to the EXTERNAL SYNC jacks, with S3 set to EXT. Make sure that the RF output isn't too high; it may overload the receiver and distort the IF response curve.

Many checks of IF response can be made without markers by simply examining the overall shape of the response curve. A marker generator, however, can be connected to the EXT MARKER jack.

A large paper capacitor (about 0.1  $\mu$ F) should be connected across the oscilloscope's vertical input to narrow the frequency response and sharpen the marker on the response curve trace. Keep the marker generator's amplitude as low as possible to prevent overloading the receiver and distorting the response curve. You should adjust the marker frequency to check IF response curve limits.

The IF transformers can now be tuned for the correct response. You can also check the performance of Q multipliers or IF filters by watching the peak or dip in the response curve as they are operated.

With a couple of good books on hand, you and your Dio-Tracer will easily master most any alignment problem that comes up. And the few inches of space that this generator takes up on your workbench should prove to be extremely valuable property. ■

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the Ord, Nebraska shortwave listener entered the picture. Reading of Alix's plight in a radio club bulletin, Barry Deal decided to help. "Operation 803" was born.

Barry's plan was to buy several of the vital 803s in the U.S. and ship them to the Haitian station. Barry's request for donations in an SWL bulletin brought a response from a number of shortwave listeners. Soon the necessary funds were collected. A temporary hitch developed when the teenager was unable to locate the transmitting tubes in his home town. A Voice of America official then suggested a mail-order source and the young listener placed an order for two of the tubes.

**Jeremie Thank-You.** By late summer, the 803s were on their way to Haiti.

## AR Amplifier

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distortion or coloration on thundering chords or brass crescendos.

As for workmanship, the AR amplifier is one of the finest examples of quality construction we have seen in consumer equipment. Chassis components are mounted as though the amplifier were destined to be blasted to the moon and back. Wiring is oversized, with insulation we haven't seen outside of military equipment. Transistor leads on the PC boards are left full-length, reducing the possibility of soldering heat damage during assembly. Wiring, even where not usually done, is clamped or taped down. And a PC board, which is nowhere near the metal cover, is covered with "fish paper" to further reduce the possibility of a short (which couldn't happen anyway). It is really no wonder that AR is able to offer a truly unconditional guarantee in terms of reliability and performance.

The AR amplifier is supplied with a perforated cover and a slightly oversized front panel. A customizing wood escutcheon is also supplied as a separate item. The amplifier can be used "as is," as a component, or it can be placed in a panel cut-out with the oversized panel concealing the cut. For a

Some time later, Barry received a letter in French, bearing the Jeremie postmark.

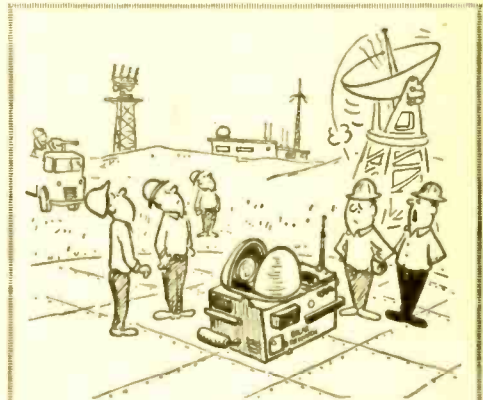
"This week I had the great joy of receiving at Jeremie Customs the two 803 tubes that you shipped," Alix wrote. "I thank you very much for this big gift!" The station owner promised Barry that "La Voix de la Grand Anse" would return to the air as soon as possible. That promise has been kept. Recently, listeners have reported hearing 4VAF broadcasting popular music and infrequent French announcements. "La Voix de la Grand Anse" has been heard on its old frequency of 5090 kHz, signing off at 0055 GMT. Other reports state it has been heard until after 0115 GMT, indicating apparently that its schedule is still a bit irregular.

Radioteletype interference on the 60-Meter frequency often makes reception very difficult, but because of "Operation 803" Jeremie's residents still have their station and DXers still have a chance to tune one of the rarer stations in the hemisphere. ■

professional installation the entire front panel can be removed to allow installation of the wood escutcheon.

**Summing Up.** The AR amplifier will provide even the most critical hi-fi enthusiast with all the clean power, optimum response, and low distortion he will ever need or could possibly use. As an extra bonus he will get some of the finest construction to be found in consumer equipment.

For additional information, write Acoustic Research, Inc., Dept. D, 24 Thorndike St., Cambridge, Mass. 02141. ■



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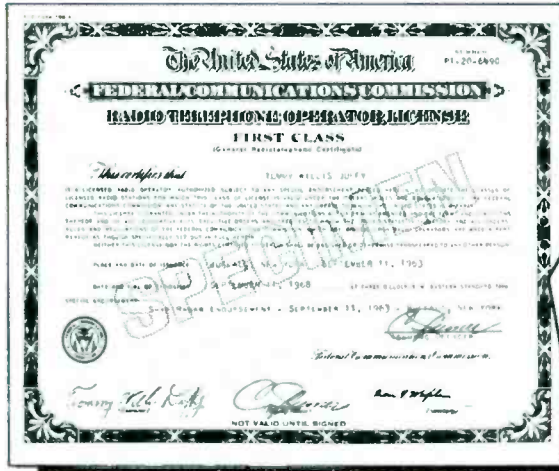
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