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- "Radio" stamps are old stuff as far as philatelists are concerned. As far back as 1928, Newfoundland produced a nine-cent
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[^0]one that depicts Cabot Tower, on a high hill above St. Johns, and from which Mar coni sent his first signals to ships far out on the Atlantic.

- Television is something else, for the tube didn't get into wide use until after World War II. The first one was turned out by Switzerland, in 1952, as one of four special designs to mark the centenary of the first


Telecommunications Union. That organization was established in 1852, to formulate national and European regulations for the use of the telegraph as a public communications medium.
As the telephone, then radio and finally, TV were developed, and their use assumed by governments, these media's control were added to the union's jobs.

Switzerland's quartet of seventeen years ago are completely symbolic in design. Telegraphy is represented by a cross of dots and dashes stretching across the skies and one of the universe's galaxies; telephony, by a pole; radio by an antenna and radio waves; and TV by zig-zag waves emanating from an "eye" such as CBS has been using as its trademark.

- The first really realistic TV publicity stamp is the product of the Italian Postal Administration. On Feb. 25, 1954, when the government opened its first national TV


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network, it issued 25 and 60 lire stickers, each of which depicts a TV antenna along with an actual receiving set on whose screen a map of Italy and its off-shore islands can be clearly seen.

- A little more than a year later, on April 16, 1955, France joined the TV stamp parade. Its contribution consists of a 15 franc adhesive which features the Eiffel Tower, on top of which the French government's Parisian TV transmitting facilities had just then been installed. Circular waves emanate from it as rooftops in the foreground all have TV antennae to make the design as cluttered as the gay city's skyline.


Luxembourg was another European nation that marked the inauguration of TV, when on Sept. 1, 1955, it issued a stamp


## A word about

 our columnist . . . Ernest A. Kehr Author of articles published in newspapers and magazinesthroughout the world and numerous books, including "Romance of Stamp Collecting" which has sold more copies and been in print longer than any other stamp book written; conducted courses in philately for City College of New York and Philatelic Foundation for over 20 years. Won Gainza Paz gold medal as "most distinguished philatelic writer" at international competition in Buenos Aires in which some 2,500 entries were judged. Member of jury at more than 30 international stamp exhibitions; founder and executive chairman of Philatelic Press Club; knighted by Queen Juliana, Grand Duchess Charlotte, Popes Pius XII and John XXIII; recipient of Grand Cross, Order of Merit by President Theodore Heuss (Germany) and made member of Honor of Ibero-American Academy of History, all for developing better understanding among people through philately and education. Advisor to many famous personalities including the late President F. D. Roosevelt, Cardinal Spellman, President Magsaysay; Gen. Mark Clark, Lauritz Melchior, etc.showing its Dudelange transmitter. The following year the Saar (that territory had not yet become an integral part of Germany) issued a 15 -franc stamp showing its new transmitter in Saarbrucken.

- Argentina and the Dominican Republic were the first Western Hemisphere nations to produce TV stamps. The first-issued in 1954, is a 5 -peso value and again features the "CBS Eye" set against a symbolical pattern of TV waves. Trujillo's was a 25centavo special delivery stamp, whose design consists of a close-up view of a transmitting head atop a tall antenna tower in the island's capital.
- Germany's 1957 TV stamp probably is the most unusual of all. Issued to publicize the industry, it shows a grid pattern and dimming ball of light such as one sees as a set is turned on or off.
- A Hungarian, 2-forint stamp of 1958, shows what is reported to be 14 -story Telecommunications Building in Budspest, with radio and TV waves from a roof-top transmitter encircling the entire picture. In addition to the regular stamp, this same design dition to the regular stamp, this same design margins and inscribed, "To commemorate the Founders of Hungarian Television."

Since these "early" years of TV postage stamps, literally dozens of other countries all around the world turned out their own. There are so many of them, in fact, that the American Topical Association, 3306 N . 50th St., Milwaukee, Wisc. 53216, has issued a special handbook which lists, describes and illustrates them as a guide for collectors who want to fill an album of their own. A few are a bit elusive, so hunting for them can add a bit of sport, but most are both readily available and inexpensive.



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## Transistor Tester

The only test equipment I have is a VOM. How can I test the transistors in my radio with it?
-T. J., Dulurh, Minn.


Connect the negative lead of the VOM (set to measure DC volts) to the collector of a pnp transistor and the positive lead to its emitter. If it is an npn transistor, the VOM leads should he just the reverse. Finally, use a clip lead and short the hase to the emitter. If the voltage increases, the transistor is active and you're in business.

## The Beat Goes On

My small, portable cight-transistor radio picks up CW signals on 9.30 kHz and at ahout 690 kHz when I'm in Newport Beach. With my communications receiver operating in the 200 400 kHz band, I hear CW signals exactly the same as on the BCB except that they are much stronger. Could you please explain this?
-L. C. Tucson, Ariz.
It could be that the signals from the CW station are heing heterodyned with a signal from a strong BCB station. For example, if a CW signal on 290 kHz beats with a BCB station on 640 kHz their sum frequency would be 930 kHz . You would hear the CW signal as an audio tone since the sum frequency and the carrier of the BCB station on 930 kHz would

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not be exactly the same. Also, the $290-\mathrm{kHz}$ signal beating with a $980-\mathrm{kHz} \mathrm{BCB}$ signal would produce a beat at 690 kHz .

These may not be the actual conditions that existed when you heard the CW signals, but the principles are the same. The CW signals could have come from a beacon, Naval, or commercial shore station, or from a nearby ship.

These signals will produce a beat if the first stage of your receiver is non-linear-which would be the case if it has no RF stage ahead of it. If it has one, the RF stage could be overloading or be biased improperly for linear operation.

## Uneven Exchange

I read somewhere that it is possible to pep up a recciver by replacing the $R F$ amplifier with a tube of higher gain. I decided to do this with my Lafayette HA-63. I replaced the 6BA6 with a KGM6 (making all socket changes). Now $m y$ " $S$ " meter no longer norks, there's no increase in sensitivity, but there is some distortion. Can you tell me what I did urong and possibly how to correct it.
-P.A.J., Maspeth, N.Y.
The two tubes have somewhat different characteristics. Make sure you wired socket terminals 2 and 7 together! In general, it's better not to tamper with a receiver. The man who designed it obviously had good reasons for selecting the tubes he did; there is only a small difference in price between these two types. Gain is usually dependent on overall circuit design and the parameters given in tube manuals should not be taken too literally.

## Triangle Sound

I need a crossolier system which will pass all frequencies helow 700 Hz to a wonfer, those between 700 to 5000 Hz to a mid-range speaker and those above 5000 Hz to a tweeter. It should handle 35 watts. Can you help?

- . T., Manchester, Conn.


Here's a diagram of a crossover network for 8 -ohm speakers. If you use 16 -ohm speakers, the capacitors should be half the listed value. As to exact frequency crossover, juggle the values of your capacitors and chokes until you get what sounds best to you.

## Peak Power

I have a Lafayette wireless broadcaster which operates in the BC band. To increase its range, I have installed a tuner and loading coil on the antenna (see A). With a receiver nearby, $l$ attempted to peak the antenna. No audible change in the signal was produced by turning the condenser plates, except at a point about halfway through its rotation where the signal seemed to disappear. Conversely, a field strength meter indicates the transmission is strongest at this fade-out point. What am I doing wrong?
-S. S., Wyncote, Pa.


For one thing, at the fade-out point you have a parallel, resonant wave trap in series with the antenna. The wave trap blocks passage of your signal.

Why don't you try connecting the coil and capacitor to form a serics resonant circuit with the far end of the antenna grounded as shown in the second diagram? (See B.) This should get more current into the antenna whose length must be limited to 10 ft . according to FCC rules.

## Spy Stations?

Recently I have heard transmissions on ahout 11.5 MHz which consist of a scries of numbers, spoken in Spanish, and usually in groups of four, although there have been groups of five and six. The station signed off at 0630 GMT by saying "Hasta Luego. Hasta Luego." Could this be some sort of spy station?

Highly doubtful, but who knows? Castro never gives up. Perhaps they were price quotations of coffee.

## Beefier Bass

I have a Knight-kit KG-250 24-watt stereo amplifier. I would like to add additional bass to it since I feel it does not put out enough. Other than this, it works perfectly. Could you please
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$\square$ It would take an experienced car thief about 15 seconds flat te silence the conventional barglar alarm in your car (once he'd set i: off). No kidding, I didn't pull this number out of a hat. It's $m$ : estimate based on the length of time it took me to kill the alarm in my car.

The sad news? Just 7 seconds, including the time needed to locate the power wire running to my alarm, and the time needed to snip the wire. IIt's been a while since I installed the system, so I had to do some hunting.) I figure that a pro car crook who has been around but doesn't know where the alarm box is located would take twice my time ... about 15 seconds.

Most conventional alarms are really just noise makers. The majority use your car's horn as the noise source that's supposed to scare the crook away. The fact is that many thieves don't scare easily. I's unfortumate, but in most crowded cities the sound of a blaring horn (or even a siren, where such alarms are legal) usualy


AUTOGUARD
won't even raise eyebrows, let alone summon help. So you can bet that any lightfingered thief who has his eye on your buggy may just stick around for the few seconds it takes to disable an ordinary alarm.

Consider these facts and you'll understand why I designed Autoguard-the backup auto alarm to prevent car theft. Autoguard goes into action after my conventional horn alarm is silenced. In short, it's my second line of defense against car crooks! Any thief who'll hang around long enough to also try and disable this baby probably wants my car so badly that nothing short of taking out the engine will stop him.

In addition, my second alarm actually becomes the only effective alarm I have when my car is parked in a deserted lot or in some rural area. In these far-away places, even a novice crook might try to silence a horn. Of course, even if you don't have a conventional alarm in your car, you should consider installing Autoguard as a "first-line" alarm; it's better than most you'll find on the market.

Inside Story. The alarm system operates in two steps. The first step arms the alarm; the second step triggers it. The arming stage is controlled by your car's ignition system so that the instant the engine is started (with or without an ignition key) the Autoguard circuit arms itself. (Remember, this alarm works after the first-line alarm has been silenced and the thief has had time to jump the ignition.)

The second step-the triggering stagecan be controlled by almost any type of switch you can dig up. As I'll explain later, you can rig the device so that the alarm fires as soon as the car moves, as soon as the hand brake is released, or as soon as the transmission lever is moved. (You have lots of options.)

When Autoguard does fire, two things happen at once. First, a hidden alarm sounds (a gong is ideal); second, a short circuit is slapped across the ignition system, stopping the engine dead in its tracks.

Given enough time, a hard-boiled pro


Combination of SCR1 and K1 arms device when ignition is switched on. Triggering stage consists of SCR2 and K2.
could defeat this alarm. But you've got to admit that it's not very likely hell even try. The surprise of a second alarm firing after being comfortably seated behind the wheel should shake up even the most steel-nerved car thief.

Pulse to Gate. The Autoguard circuit is built around a pair of silicon controlled rectifiers. These solid-state switches act like electronic bear traps. Once they're made to conduct a current (upon application of a short trigger pulse to their gate electrodes), nothing will stop them from conducting except turning off the current at its source.

Once this is done they automatically reset themselves in anticipation of the next trigger pulses. Each SCR controls a $12-\mathrm{V}$ relay. When the SCR is triggered, it permits

## PARTS LIST FOR AUTOGUARD

K1-Relay assembly, 12-VDC coil and 10-A, spdi contact switch (Guardian 200-120 and 200-M1, Allied 41E5714 and 41E57181
K2-Relay assembly, 12-VDC coil and 10-A, dpdt contact switch Guardian 200-12D and 200-M2, Allied 41E5714 and 41E57191
R1- 4700 -ohm, 1 -watt resisfor
R2, R3- 270 -ohm, $1 / 2$-watt resistor
S1, S2—Spsi, normally open, key switches (Allied 5684158 or equiv.)
SCR1, SCR2-Silicon controlled rectifier (GE-XI, Allied 4983 GE-XI-GE)
$1-4 \times 4 \times 2$-in. aluminum chassis box (Bud CU883, Allied 4287606 or equiv.)
1-6-ferminal barrier strip (Cinch-Jones 6-140, Allied 47E1802 or equiv.l

Mise.-Trigger switch, alarm, 6-lug ferminal strip, heat-sink silicone compound (Dow Corning 340, Allied 60E70211, \#14 hookup wire, grommets, bus wire, solder, hardware, efc.
current to flow through the relay's coil, thereby closing its contacts.

Rectifier SCR1 is in the arming part of the circuit. Its gate is connected to your car's distributor (at the hot ignition terminal) via a simple voltage divider composed of R1 and R2. This divider scales down the $200-\mathrm{V}$ pulses produced across the points to a triggering voltage that the SCR's gate terminal can handle.

When SCR1 is triggered, relay K1 closes, and its spdt contacts (only half the contact assembly is used) apply +12 VDC from the car's battery to the second (triggering) circuit composed of SCR2 and K2. Note that the gate terminal of SCR2 is connected to terminal 4 of the barrier strip mounted on the case. Next to it, terminal 3 is connected to +12 VDC through resistor R 3 , which is mounted externally on the strip.


Heavy bus wire connects two ground leads from rectifiers. Since unit doesn't reveal itself, author used fake title to fool friend thief.

Shorting these two terminals together will supply a firing signal to SCR2, making it conduct, and thus causing K2 to close. Relay K2's dpdt contacts are both grounded when they close. One short-circuits the ignition system via the same lead that brings ignition pulses to the gate of SCR1; the other acts as a switch for the hidden alarm.
Though I have specified a $12-V^{\prime} D C$ source using your car's battery, there's no reason why you can't use a large $12-\mathrm{V}$ lantern battery (the new heavy-duty alkaline types are perfect) to power both the circuit and the sounding alarm. (As I've said, a gong is ideal, but a siren or a second auto horn can be used as well.) The battery can be hidden in the trunk or under a seat. This arrangement has the advantage of keeping the alarm going even if the car battery is disconnected by the thief.

Trigger Switch. What closes the connection between terminals 3 and 4 that triggers SCR2? Any type of switch you choose. A simple motion-activated switch,


Barrier strip provides connections for car's electrical system. Type of trigger switch and alarm mechanism you use are up to you.
for example, can be made by hanging an insulated metal chain in a small tin can. The first lurch of the can will swing the chain against the can's inner surface, thereby triggering SCR2. Remember: one of the distinct advantages of using an SCR is that a pulse lasting only a few millionths of a second will trigger it. Thus, the briefest contact of a chain against the can will set off the alarm.

As an alternate, you can use a snap-action switch (Microswitch) mounted so that it will be actuated when the hand brake is released, the accelerator pedal is depressed, the transmission lever is moved, or the brake pedal is touched. Use your ingenuity and you'll think of many more possibilities.

If you keep your car in a garage, you might even use a photoconductive, cadmiumsulfide cell as a switch. This will trigger the alarm as soon as the car is brought into the sunlight or when it passes under a street lamp at night. The more odd-ball the triggering mechanism, the better are your chances of foiling friend thief.

Safety switch $\mathbf{S} 2$ shorts the gate of SCR2 to ground when it is closed. This prevents the alarm circuit from working should an accidental short circuit provide power to the
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Only half of relay K1's contact assembly is used. Make certain terminal strip doesn't short against metal parts when box closes.


"It's finished!"

"I wlsh you'd jar loose and buy yourself a soldering iron!"

"It's John's new hobby. It has something to do with interfering with TV and blowing fuses." solderis.


# 21-SECOND T CURE-ALL 

By Homer L. Davidson

Nothing pleases ike an AOK TV set (well, almost nothing, let's saj), and rothing irks like a IV set on the fritz. Thing is, TVs have a way of telling you what - if anything -ails them with a message plain as the mose on your face. It's the inage on the picture tube that tells the story; the problem lies in interpreting what it's trying to say. Bul tha:'s easy-our 21-Second TV Cure-all includes 21 of the mcst frequently encountered TV ills, tells where the fautt lies and how to go about correcting it. Let's stert with the nisest story of all-a preperly displayed test pattern on an AOK TV set.


Tyjica IV test pattern is transmitted perfectly ronnd, perfectly centered, anj with all wedges of equal tength. Height and $w$ dth havz $3: 4$ ratio.

## TV CURE-ALL



2WHITE ALL OVER. OK so your set isn't pouring forth with the beautiful TV test pattern shown on the preceding page. Let's say all you can see is a white screen with raster lines. There may be a tweeting sound or perhaps no sound at all coming from the speaker. First thing to check is the local oscillator tube. Next, check the first RF tube. If there's still, no picture, check the IF and first video tubes. If you're still up the TV creek, check the IF tuner cable between tuner and chassis; a loose or poor soldered connection will result in no picture or an intermittent picture on the IV screen. As a last resort, check the AGC and second detector tube. And if yours is an older set, check even the sound output tube. Reason is that sets have been made where the sound tube actually furnished voltage to the tuner and IF stages.

3RUSH, RUSH, RUSH! Here we have a TV screen with no picture, snowy screen, and a loud rush. ing sound issuing from the speaker. Switching the tuning selector from channel to channel has no effect whatever. And while the screen can be lightened or darkened, there's still no picture or intelligible sound. Thing to do is check the first RF amplifier tube in the tuner (most RF tubes are located at the rear of the tuner). If the oscillator tube in the tuner were defective, there would be no snow on the screen or rushing sound in the speaker. And since we have plenty of both in this picture, replacing the RF tube should do it. If not, check the antenna lead-in. Assuming this passes with flying colors, take a close look at the antenna matching coils on the top of the tuner next to the lead-in. These may be shorted or open,


6LIKE A LASER BEAM. A horizontal white line on the screen indicates lack of vertical sweep. First things to check are the vertical oscillator and vertical output lubes (dual-purpose tubes are often found in late-model TV receivers). Also check adjustment of vertical linearity height controls. Be sure to first turn the brightness control down so only a faint white line remains, however, since leaving a bright horizontal line on the screen can easily burn a line across the phosphor on the pic-tube face. If you're handy with a VOM, you may want to pull the IV chassis. This done, check voltages on the vertical oscillator and output tubes, then give the vertical output transformer a resistance test.

7SHORT AND SQUATTY. Trouble here is plain and simple: insufficient vertical sweep. Best bet for locating culprits is to check both the vertical output and oscillator tubes, though you might start by checking the settings of the vertical linearity and height controls. A shorted or vertical transformer winding will cause the same trouble. Can't find the vertical output tube? Here's a quick rundown-in consoles: 6AQ5, 6BL7, 6CG7, 6CM6, 6CM7, 6CS7, 6CW5, 6C25, 6CY7, 6DE7, 6DR7, 6EA7, 6EM7, 6EW7, 6FD7, 6GE7, 6GL7, 6K6GT, 6KY8, 6S4, 6SL7, 6SN7, 6U8, 12AT7, 12AU7, 12AX7, 12BH7, 12BZ7, 12B4; and in portables: 5AO5, 5C75, 5V6, 7AV7, 8CG7, 8CM7, 8CW5, 8CS7, 10CW5, 10DE7, 10DR7, 10EM7, 10GF7, 11CY7, 13DE7, 13DR7, 13FD7, 13GF7, 15KY8.


4ALL WASHED UP. Even with the contrast control wide open, the best we can get out of this one is a light, washed-out picture. While local stations can be picked up, distant stations come in ever so faintly or not at all. The problem is likely a weak video or IF tube or perhaps the AGC control setting. In the event the picture has a slight trace of snow, check the RF tube or TV antenna. For the record, common video tubes for AC sets are 6AC7, 6AG5, 6AG7, 6AM8, 6AN8, 6AW5, 6AS8, 6AU8, 6AW8, 6AZ8, 6BA8, 6BH8, 6BK5, 6BK8, 6CB6, 6CH8, 6CL6, 6CL8, 6CV8, 6CX8, 6EB8, 6GN8, 6FH8, 6HL8, 6JV8, 6K6GT, 6KV8, 6LF8, 6U8, 6V6GT, 6W6GT, 12BH7, 12BY7, 12GH7; common video tubes in portables are 3BU8, 5AM8, $5 A N 8,5 A Q 5,5 A S 8,5 U 8,5 V 6,8 A U 8,8 A W 8,8 B A 8 A$, $8 \mathrm{BH} 8,8 \mathrm{CX8}, 8 \mathrm{EB8}, 8 \mathrm{GN8}, 8 \mathrm{JV8}, 10 \mathrm{GNB}, 10 \mathrm{HF8}, 10 \mathrm{JAB}$, 11 KV , $11 \mathrm{~L} 08,12 \mathrm{AT7}, 12 \mathrm{~L} 6,12 \mathrm{~W} 6,16 \mathrm{GK} 6,25 \mathrm{BK} 5$.

5LOOKS LIKE SNOW. A snowy picture can be caused by a weak RF or oscillator tube. First step is to replace the RF fube, and, if that doesn't pay off, replace the oscillator tube. Also, check the lead-in going to the TV tuner and try rotating the fine-tuning control to clear up the picture. If a light-ning- or thunderstorm has been in the area, check for a burned or open antenna coil. Some coils are mounted on top of the tuner close to the lead-in cable; others are mounted within the TV tuner itself. Still another thing to check is the outside antenna for a broken lead-in wire. Then, too, wind or rotator may have turned the antenna in the wrong direction. And, last but not least, the antenna may actually have damaged elements.


8TALLER THAN TALL. A distortion of the sort pictured here would never be the case with a properly adjusted TV set, so it's obvious that this set's owner didn't take full advantage of the TV test pattern shown in case No. 1. If you go in for fun-house mirrors, you may also dig the TV equivalent. Lacking this rather rare proclivity, you'll no doubt want to adjust the set so it displays an image as faithful to the original as possible. The vertical linearity control is your tool in this case. And while you could try to alter its setting until heads here assumed reasonable proportions, you would be far better advised to make such adjustment with a test pattern. Also, remember that many sets incorporate not one but two controls affecting vertical linearity (the second is usually termed an auxiliary control), so both must be adjusted.

9RUNNING UPHILL. Though a picture can roll both up and down, the site of the trouble is almost always the same: the vertical sync section. Best remedy is to replace both the vertical oscillator and sync tubes (often found in the one and same envelope). If this doesn't solve the problem, try adjusting both the vertical height and linearity contral settings. In some TV sets, incorrect adjustment of these two controls will result in a rolling picture. Physically check the vertical hold control for possible loose or poorly soldered connections. Should the vertical hold control let the picture roll in one direction only, look for a defective resistor or capacitor in the plate circuit of the vertical oscillator tube. And should vertical foldover occur only at the bottom of the IV screen, it's a safe bet that the trouble is the vertical output tube.
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## TV CURE-ALL



10THE LINES HAVE IT. A screenful of black and white lines can be caused by a defective horizontal oscillator tube. First, check to see if the horizontal hold control is properly set. Once it is, check the horizontal oscillator frequency setting as well as the AFC and sync clipper tube. Since the AFC tube has been replaced by a dual-diode solid-state receiver in many of the newer sets, you may discover such a unit either plugged into a socket or soldered directly into the PC board. However, all is not lostyou can replace the soldered job by snipping off the three leads close to the body of the diodes, then forming small loops in new diode rectifier leads and soldering them to the ends of the leads you just snipped off. Bear in mind that there are two basic types of hookups: a series and a parallel.

11TILT! A tilted picture can be caused by only one thing: a loose mounting screw on the deflection yoke assembly. In other words, the deflection yoke has turned on the neck of the picture tube, which can easily happen if the mounting bolt on the deflection yoke is the least bit loose. Most older TV sets have a wing nut at the top of the yoke assem. bly; newer ones generally have a metal yoke band with a $1 / 4-\mathrm{in}$. cinch-nut tightener. In the latter case, the metal band fits over the plastic tabs of the yoke assembly and snugs against the neck of the picture tube. In both instances, the procedure is exactly the same: you first set the yoke level with the frame of a picture at the top of the TV screen, then adjust this picture into position with the vertical hold control. You then recheck the level, and lock the yoke in place.


14BOTTOMS UP! Any TV picture running sideways or up-and down is sure indication that sync trouble is at hand. Check both the horizontal and vertical sync tubes, bearing in mind that these tubes may be in two separate envelopes or, conversely, snug as a bug in a rug in but a single vacuum bottle. Can't find the sync tubes? In consoles, the most probable types are 6AL8, 6AM8, 6AN8, 6AU6, 6AU8, 6AX8, 6H78, 6BE6, 6BH8, 6BU8, 6BY6, 6CG7, 6CH8, 6CS6, 6C08, 6CU8, 6CX8, 6EA8, 6EB8, 6GN8, 6GW8, 6GY6, 6HF8, 6JV8, 6KA8, 6LC8, 6SN7, 6U8, 12AU7, 12AX7, 12BZ7; and in portables, 3BU8, 3BY6, 3CS6, 3GS8, 4BU8, 4CS6, 4GS8, 4HS8, 5AM8, 5AN8, 5EA8, 5U8, 7AU7, 8AU8, 8AW8, 8CG7, 8CN7, 8CX8, 8EB8, 8GN8, $8 \mathrm{JV} 8,8 \mathrm{KAB}, 8 \mathrm{LC} 8,9 \mathrm{AU7}, 10 \mathrm{GN8}, 10 \mathrm{HF} 8,10 \mathrm{JAB}, 1 \mathrm{KV8}$, 11LQ8, 12AT7, 12AU7, 12BH7, 12SN7.

15SQUEEZED AND SQUASHED. Bigger-than-life objects on an advertised-in-Life TV are normally the result of a defect in the low-voltage power supply. In older consoles, you can suspect a rectifieı tube of some description; in later model sets and portables, you can expect to find a selenium rectifier or a silicon diode in its place. Pinpointing a defective solid:state job with a voltmeter is a pretty simple task: with the lead between the positive terminal and chassis ground, a half-wave rectifier should produce a voltage of 125 to 150 VDC. And given a full-wave job or a voltage-doubler, output should be something on the order of 225 to 260 VDC. Should this approach prove fruitless, you might also check for improper setting of the tube positioning magnet on the rear of the deflection yoke (it can also produce roughly the same symptoms).


12CHRISTMAS IS HERE! An extreme condition known as the Christmas tree effect, this problem stems from a horizontal oscillator tube or a horizontal output tube. It generally takes the form of a vertical white bar somewhere on the screen.) Also worth checking are the horizontal drive and horizontal frequency controls. First, make sure that the horizontal drive trimmer isn't more than $1 / 2$-turn from its tight-up position. Next, set the horizontal hold control to its center-rotation position, then adjust the horizontal frequency slug within the horizontal oscillator coil with a plastic adjustment tool. Turn the slug until the fine horizontal lines become wider and then plop into a full picture (if the slug is turned too far, the lines will slant in the opposite direction). Once this looks satisfactory, try rotating the station selector to see if the picture stays in view.

13FOLDED GRILLE. Looking much like the dented grille of a brand-spanking new chrome-plated gas-eating chariot, this condition can result from the very same ills that were responsible for the problems in photo 12 . The demon may be the horizontal oscillator tube. Again, it may be the dual-diode AFC rectifier, so if replacing the horizontal oscillator tube doesn't help, the next thing to tackle is the AFC diodes. Should a shorted or leaky dual-diode rectifier be the defective component, you'll generally hear a high-pitched whistle or peeping sound from the speaker. In this case, your course of action is to replace those lousy diodes as outlined previously, turn on the be no more.


16WIGGLE WORM. Though a trifle hard to show photographically, wiggles on a TV screen are ordinarily due to a 60 - or $120-\mathrm{Hz}$ component in the low-voltage power supply. They normally evidence themselves by causing the image to wobble back and forth; oftentimes, there will also be one or two dark stripes across the screen. First thing to suspect is an electrolytic capacitor in the doubler circuits. To remedy the situation, simply bridge a $100 \mu \mathrm{~F}, 450-\mathrm{V}$ electrolytic capacitor across the sus. pect. Should things improve, replace the tired and testy old job with a brand-new one, having the exact capacity and voltage ratings. Also worth knowing is the fact that a defective input filter capacitor in $A C / D C$ portables can even result in no picture, no sound, or no raster!

17SPOTTED SCREEN The trouble shown above started with a spot the size of a pin head, which, within two weeks, had grown to be big as an orange. Wha hoppen? Simple! The phosphor on the pic-tube was burning off. And the only remedy is replacement of the pic tube itself. Thing to watch for here, with older TVS at least, is incorrect setting of the ion trap (newer TVs are devoid of this device). The ion trap should always be set as close as possible to the picture-tube pin base so as to produce the greatest possible brightness. Sitll another way to ruin a pic tube is to operate a set having a defective vertical ascillator tube. As pointed out in case No. 6, the single horizontal white line across the screen will produce devastating destruction in short order, unless the brightness control is turned way, way down.
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18BLURRY, FUZZY, ANO OIM. TV pic tubes that come on with all the speed of a turtle in Tip. perary are probably tired as a fleet-footed floozy after an 8000 -meter race. For like all tubes, boob tubes begin their journey to tube burying ground the first time they're turned on. Eventually, images are blurred and fuzzy, even though brightness and contrast controls are wide open; closeups of faces reveal extreme white and blotchy areas even though such blemishes aren't present in the flesh. Tube brighteners or a special process called charging can stave off the inevitable for a time, but stalling for time is only delaying the inevitable. Best bet is to do the thing you'll eventually have to do-replace the picture tube.

19ROAR! ROAR! ROAR! Though images of this sort make for anything but pleasurable viewing, there's really little you can do to relieve the situation. The particular form of TV interference (TVI) shown here was caused by a defective power transformer somewhere on the same power line; roughly half the picture is covered with dots and dashes, and there is a good deal of picture tearing. Since there are so many causes of TVI--police radio, CB equip. ment, hams, even radio-TV stations-pinpointing the culprit nay take some time. Installing a TVI trap in series with the antenna lead-in sometimes helps. And anything you can do to increase signal strength at the receiver itself is also worth trying. Among the various steps in this direction are intstaling a narrow-band (yagi) antenna; raising the antenna in height; and using shielded lead-in cable between antenna and TV set.


20STRING OF ROPE, A vertical weaving line down the TV screen is generally evidence of Barkhausen, snivets, or RF oscillation (Barkhausen and snivet lines predominate on VHF channels). First step is to replace the horizontal output tube, which, though it may check out OK in a tube tester, may still be oscillating and causing interference. In many cases, this same type of oscillation will become more pronounced on weak or distant stations. Dressing the antenna leads away from the high-voltage cage should help. Should there be a white vertical line present on the screen, the horizontal drive control should be backed off until the line disappears. In extreme conditions, it may also be necessary to replace the horizontal output and oscillator tubes.

21TEST PATTERNS, AGAIN! Having examined case after case of typical TV ills, we're back again to the faithful test pattern. The reason is easy to explain: nothing else tells you half as much about a TV set's performance-_good or bad. When you come right down to it, there are dozens of TV test patterns, since each station transmits its own particular version (the one shown in case No. 1 is that transmitted by New York's WCBS.TV; the one above is that produced by the B\&K Television Analyst). But regardless of which pattern you have at your disposal, you can use it to determine whether your set is properly adjusted for aspect ratio, linearity, and contrast; and how it stacks up in terms of line count, line resolution, and low.frequency phase shift. In short, TV happiness is a properly displayed test pattern!

## Bamman CABCHECK



## ALLIED MODEL 1150 Battery- and AC-Operated Portable Cassette Recorder

Here's an attractive unit that's likely to prove the perfect answer to those who want the convenience of a cassette portable without the tinny sound quality and poor operating features that beset many a low-priced recorder. Selling for only $\$ 89.50$, Allied's 1150 manages to provide surprisingly good sound quality along with features common to recorders priced well over $\$ 100.00$.

The 1150 measures just $93 / 8 \times 6 \times 25 / 8 \mathrm{in}$. and uses the better type of pop-up mechanism. When the open button is depressed, the cassette immediately pops up and out; there's no fumbling to dig the cassette out of the well.

Five piano keys determine operating function. There are keys for fast-forward, fastrewind, and play/record. A fourth key provides the pause function which permits the recorder to be maintained in any mode of operation with the tape drive stopped; a fifth key controls both the stop and eject functions (a slight pressure on the key stops the recorder: additional pressure pops the cassette up and out). Two separate, top-ofdeck pushbutions provide the record interlock and the pause release.

The 1150 cassette recorder works off
either six internal $C$ cells or the $A C$ line. The recorder is normally set for battery operation and automatically switches to AC operation when the AC line cord is plugged in.
Jacks and controls include microphone, remote control, auxiliary-in (high level), and earphone jacks: AGC-METER-SP MONITOR selector switch; and volume and tone controls. The microphone normally supplied with the 1150 (with a high-level patch cord and a plug-in line cord) has a remote-control switch built in. The mike connector simultaneously provides the mike and re-mote-control connections.

The meter selector switch actually controls three modes of recording operation. In the AGC position the record volume control is disconnected and the amplifier works at maximum gain, with peak limiting to prevent overload. With the switch set to the meter position, the recording level is determined by the setting of the volume control, while record level is indicated on the built-in level/battery meter. (This same meter indicates the battery condition when the recorder is in the play mode.) And with the switch in the SP MONITOR position, the volume control and meter are used to set record level and the record signal input can be heard in the speaker. However. this last arrangement is useful only for monitoring the aux. input since feedback, with its attendant howl, will occur when the mike is used.

The 1150 is all electronic in the sense that the bias oscillator also provides the erase head current. Since a magnet is not used for


Five piano-type keys at front of unit degermine mode of operation on Allied 1150.

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erase, the background hiss level is considerably below the audible hiss level of cassette recorders using DC erase. The tone control, the usual high-cut type, goes in very slowly, providing a long, slow range of treble attenuation.

How it Sounds. Frequency measurements of budget portable recorders are rather pointless, since the units simply aren't intended for hi-fi use. We therefore judged performance of the 1150 on the basis of comparison with recorders of similar price and features.

Considering its low cost, the 1150 has a very good sound quality. Definitely not tinny, the sound is well balanced and the equal of that obtained from a very good quality solid-state table radio and somewhat better than that obtained from budget stereo record players. Playback sound level is notably high, and with very low distortion.
Motor speed is remarkably stable, even when battery-powered. Wow and flutter are reasonably low, though certainly not of hi-fi standards. We were able to make quite good music recordings even with battery power, and pre-recorded cassettes played back with acceptably low wow and flutter. Certainly the rock-and-roller will have no complaints.

The standard cassette provides, via two tracks, approximately two hours of recording. Extended-play cassettes provide proportionately longer recording times. Since all cassettes are interchangeable, a recording made on the 1150 can be played on any other cassette machine; the converse, of course, is also true.
Like other cassette recorders, the 1150 provides the tab interluck. On the back of


Close-up of Allied 1150 reveals speaker in top of case, tone and volume controls at left, dual-purpose meter near piano keys.
the cassette are two punch-out tabs, one for each track. When the tab is punched the record interlock is locked-out and the user cannot accidentally erase the recording. To re-use the cassette for recording, the punchout is covered with a small piece of tape.
Summing Up. The Allied Model 1150 Cassette Recorder provides a sound quality and convenience of operation well above that normally expected from battery-powered cassette portables. It can easily serve for specialized applications or as a family recorder.

Priced at $\$ 89.95$, the Allied 1150 is supplied complete with remote control microphone, patch cord, AC cable, carrying case, shoulder strap, and one cassette: batteries are optional. For additional information, write Allied Radio Corp., Dept. JR, 100 N . Western Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60680.


## ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE PICKUP

$\square$ A new electromagnetic pulse pickup that monitors speeds without physical contact can sense from 2 to 200,000 revolutions per minute. Yet it sells for under $\$ 5.00$ in quantity lots.

Heart of the pickup is a wirewound magnet. which induces a tiny electric pulse whenever a bit of ferrous material passes through its field. In our photo at left, the unit is measuring a fan's rpm. But Honeywell engineers who developed the unit foresee the day when speedometers, tachometers, and similar devices will all be electromagnetic rather than mechanical, as current versions are.

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## that zeros in on your rig's modulation

## By Herb Friedman, W2ZLF/KB19457

By now, just about every CBer and ham realizes the importance of an on-the-air modulation meter-the kind found in every broadcast station from here to Formosa. For only a carrier-operated meter can show you the actual percent modulation. And only with such an instrument can you establish a reference for proper mike amplification and the precise adjustment of a clipper or speech compressor.

Only catch is, there's one little-known fact about professional modulation meters that often results in a CBer overmodulating his rig and coming across like a dime store squawk box. And this happens even though his meter may show modulation is under $100 \%$.

The litle known fact? It's that professional modulation meters don't use damped vu meters! Instead, they rely on high-speed meters which can accurately follow the peaks of a modulating waveform. For it is the peaks that determine the actual percentage of modulation.

The vu meter is an average-power indicating device that is specifically damped so that it doesn't follow the peaks, thereby making it easier to read. Since a transmitter having a vu meter will not indicate peak modulation levels, when the vu meter reads $100 \%$ modulation chances are that you've already gone over the timit. This overmodulation will result in considerable distortion and some sideband splatter.

How do you know just where your rig is peaking? Simple. Spend half an evening building our Mini-Mod and you'll have a peak-indicating modulation meter that's a CBer's and ham's delight.

Peak Power. Heart of the Mini-Mod is the high-speed meter. Its 1 -in. dial has an expanded scale and its reaction time is nothing less than spectacular. Since the pointer follows all modulation peaks, it actually appears to be flying. The expanded scale between 0.2 and 0.8 ( 20 to $80 \%$ modulation) allows you to get in close so that you can adjust whatever accessories you use to boost talk power. This range is just where your speech clipper or compressor will function most of the time.

The meter's original dial calibration is used for percentage of modulation, so you use it exactly as you get it ( 0.4 is $40 \%, 0.6$ is $60 \%, 1$ is $100 \%$, etc.). Further, the builtin calibration for carrier-to-modulation is good enough for the average CBer or QRP ham. Later on we'll show you how to get a precise calibration for readings of carrier power and percent modulation.

One last item. The Mini-Mod is an in-line device; it connects in series with the transmission line and provides full-time monitoring of modulation levels. Almost any negligible amount of RF power will drive it.

Portable Package. The Mini-Mod can be built into a $51 / 4 \times 3 \times 21 / 8-\mathrm{in}$. chassis box

## Mini-Mod...

and will shrink even further if space is critical. The device can fit into a coat pocket, mount on the side of a QRP rig, or even go mobile under the dash. Parts layout is flexible, but our pictorial should help you get off to a flying start.

The meter mounts in a $11 / 10-$ in. hole and is secured by a large mounting nut which screws directly onto the threaded body of the meter. Make certain you place the fiber washer between the mounting nut and the panel; then screw the nut moderately tight-


High-speed meter has expanded scale between 0.2 and 0.8 so CB accessories such as speech compressors and clippers can be readily adjusted.
don't use a wrench. The washer provides enough friction to prevent movement.

Calibration control R2 should be mounted as close as possible to jacks J1 and J2. Either an audio or linear taper will do. The miniature version (as shown) is easier to position and costs far less. Jacks J1 and J2 should match the transmission line connectors of your present rig. (The author used phono jacks, but if your gear takes uhf plugs, by all means get the corresponding jacks.)

Calibration switch S1 is a normally closed pushbutton switch that mounts directly below the meter. Note that the modulation connection is made through the normally closed contact. The DC carrier level (read through R3) goes to the normally open terminal.

Terminal strip TS1 has 8 lugs, two of which are grounded at either end of the strip. The values of all components are critical and no substitutions (except for J1, J2, and R2) should be made. Be sure that D1, D2, and D3 are germanium diodes (not silicon), and check their polarity as well as the polarity of C2 and C4.

The polarity of the DC panel meter isn't marked on the meter's case. Looking toward the back of the meter with the terminals near the top, the positive terminal is on the left (with the lead going to SI).

Take another look at how R1 is connected to J1 and J2. The jacks are connected together in parallel with a jumper, and R1 connects between the jumper and TS1. Keep this resistor's leads as short as possible (about $3 / 4 \mathrm{in}$.), and do the same with D1. Under no circumstances should you try to stuff R1's lead into the phono jack; the excess solder will hinder insertion of a plug later on.

Check Our. Hook up your transceiver's output to either J1 or J2, and your antenna to the remaining jack. Depress Si (into the calibration position) and key the rig hy pressing down on the mike's PTT switch. You should get a meter reading when the rig is keyed. If you don't, advance R2 until you do.

If no indication is forthcoming when $S$ I is depressed, check for a wiring error (polarity of DI, etc.). Should the meter read offscale with D1 installed correctly, look for reversed connections to the meter. When you do get the correct upscale reading on the


RF jacks on rear apron mate with existing transmission line connectors. Calibration control, once set, needn't be reset if power remains same.
meter, adjust R2 until the meter reads full scale. Now release S1 and speak into the mike. The peak reading on the meter is the percent modulation.

Due to the tolerances of components used in the Mini-Mod, the built-in calibration is not $100 \%$
 accurate, so try to keep modulation peaks between 8.5 and 9.0 on the meter scale. It's almost impossible to hear the difference between $85 \%$ and $100 \%$ levels and this way you are protected from the dangers of overmodulation.

Calibration. If you have access to an oscilloscope you can calibrate the Mini-Mod with greater precision. Measure your rig's modulation on the scope and then adjust R2 until the meter indicates $100 \%$ modulation. Depress S1 and note the carrier level. This reading is the new reference for calibration ( now the unit can be moved from rig to rig since it is not dependent on the transceiver for calibration).

Suppose, for example, you get a reading of 0.8 with S 1 depressed. To ohtain a pre-
cise indication of your modulation level, you would set R2 for a 0.8 indication regardless of the transceiver you are using. If you want a full-scale calibration (at 1.0 ), simply adjust the value of R3 until you have a fullscale reading with SI depressed.

Your meter has a high-speed movement, so don't try to calibrate it against another modulation meter unless you're sure the test meter isn't damped. If you're realistic about your power needs and can keep the needle between 8.5 and 9.5 (maximum), you'll be talking cleaner than ever.


## PARTS LIST FOR MINI-MOD

Cl-500-pF, 25-VOC dise copacitor
C2-10-uF, 10-VDC ceramic capacitor
C3-200-pF, 25-VDC disc capacitor
C4-300-uF, 3-VDC tubular capacitor
D1, D2, D3-IN60 or IN34A germanium diod.
J1, J2-See lext
MI —O-1 mA, DC panel meter (Alco P-1000, Custom Components 32P1011
R1— 560 -ohm, $1 / 2$-wat $10 \%$ resistor
R2-1000-ohm miniature potentiometer thafayelle 32 H 7354 or equiv.)
R3- 910 -ohm, $1 / 2$-watt $5 \%$ resister

S1-Spdl pushbutton switch (normally closed) TS1-8-lug terminal strip $(2$ grounded feel)

Mise.- $51 / 4 \times 3 \times 21 / 4-i n$. aluminum chassis box (see toxt), decals, wire, hardware, solder, etc.

Note-The DC panel meter is available from Custom Components, Box 352, Alden Manor, Elmont, N.Y. 11003, for $\$ 4.95$ plus 60 ¢ postage and handling. (Canadion orders, $\$ 1.00$ for postage and tandling. N.Y. State residents please add sales tax.)

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Crystal sets-what grandpap called a radio-still provide challenge aplenty for the man who likes to do things the way grandpap did: roll his own. Sure, it's possible to purchase a fully-wired, ready-to-go crystal set, but anyone who values authenticity isn't going to go that route. Instead, he's going to put together his own crystal set grandpap-fashion. This means buying a crystal, then mounting it, along with the necessary catwhisker and binding posts, on a suitable base. In the unit shown below, the base is a piece of solid black walnut, and the catwhisker consists of a steel needle held in place by a magnet. Since the magnet itself rests on an iron strip, adjustments can be made by moving either the needle or the magnet, or both. For those who wish to roll their own, mounted galena crystals are available for 50¢ postpaid from Modern Radio Laboratories, 12041 Sheridan La., Garden Grove, Calif. 92640.


## NO-TICKET



By Steve Daniels, WB2GIF
$\square$ Are you just itching to key that rig? Most Novices are. Trouble is, most people who are dying to get on the air need a little bit more code practice before they can take the exam and grab their ticket.

The No-Ticket Rig is designed with precisely this in mind. And while you won't DX (legally) any further than your front porch, you will have an AM transmitter that can pop the dihs and dahs into your portable radio with no trouble at all. In fact, you will be amazed at how loud and clear the signals are. A more pleasant way to bone up on theory simply ain't to be found.

Circuit Operation. Transistor Q1, resistor R1, and audio transformer T 1 comprise an oscillator circuit that produces a constant audio tone. The base of Q1 is forward biased through R1, while the emitter is forward biased through the secondary of Tl ; as a
result, the transistor conducts heavily.
When the uansformer's core is saturated, current flow stops, and the transistor is cut off when the magnetic field in the core reverses. This cycle repeats itself at a rate determined by T1, Q1, and R1.

The audio signal from Tl is injected into the RF stage through the emitter of Q2, and resistor R2 which also supplies the base bias for Q2. This RF oscillator is similar to the audio stage except that an autotransformer is used rather than a coil having two separate windings. The lower half of L1 augments the forward bias to Q2.

The modulated RF carrier appears at the collector of Q2 where it is coupled to a longwire antenna. The signal can be picked up by any nearby AM radio.

Construction. A $13 / 4-\mathrm{in}$. square chip of perf board should provide enough space for
all components. The adjustable antenna coil (loopstick) is mounted on one side of the case. You can use a larger board should things be too cramped, but all leads must be kept as short as possible.

Wire the RF stage (Q2) first and bring out three leads for the loopstick. You will have to trim these to size later on. Then wire the audio oscillator, leaving an inch or so between Ll's windings and

TI. The core of the driver transformer may become over-saturated if these components are too close together.

Note that transistors Q1 and Q2 are not critical and that substitutes are available (see Parts List). Remember that the value of R2 (and perhaps R1) may require adjusting when a substitution is made.

When all the parts are mounted and wired, your key should be connected in series with the battery connector; it operates as a switch to bring power into the circuit. That nice twisted pair of leads in the author's model was obtained by securing two hookup wires in a vise and attaching the remaining leads to an electric drill. Turn on the drill for a few seconds and you have a cable.

To mount the antenna coil, start by drilling a $1 / 4-\mathrm{in}$. hole and then reans it out until

the metal collar snaps snugly in place when the coil is pushed in. Make sure that the perf board, loopstick, and battery fit easily into the case. Connections should be as rugged as possible.

Adjustment. With the battery connected (for better voltage regulation and longer life, a mercury battery can be used), attach a long-wire antenna (between 3 to 6 ft ) to terminal 1 of the loopstick and close the case. Screw your key shut (for a constant tone) and tune across the BC band until you pick up your rig's signal. Adjust the slug of L1 to get the tone on a quiet part of the band. There's no point in trying to copy through QRM.

If the audio tone is too low, add $C_{8}$ to the circuit as shown. Any value between 01 to $.02 u \mathrm{~F}$ should do the trick.



Hottest billiards game around is being played this instant in the center of the sun. To understand the trick shots, you have to know about next to nothing.

By Jorma HyypiaNuclear reactions that occur in the core of the sun constitute a sort of super billiards game. How? Simple. Subatomic "balls" travelling at tremendous speeds collide with each other to liberate enormous amounts of energy. Astrophysicists, of course, have long dreamed of somehow refereeing this billiard game to learn what specific combination shots produce most of the sun's energy. The feat now appears to have been accomplished-by looking for the closest thing to nothing, and not finding it!

The closest thing to nothing that science has yet discovered is an infinitely tiny subatomic particle called the netutrino. Neutrinos have no mass or electric charge and travel at the speed of light. Practically nothing ever stops them. They speed unhindered through the seething sun where they are formed. Only about one in every ten billion that happen to strike the earth is actually stopped-all the rest keep right on going as though the planet weren't there.
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These "space spooks" are the only known nuclear reaction products that can give us direct information about the solar fires burning deep inside the sun. They are products of these nuclear reactions and, most importantly, they reach us completely unchanged. The same cannot be said of electromagnetic radiations also created in the solar process. These radiations collide with solar particles billions upon billions of times before reaching the surface of the sun. In so doing, they are changed in character. Electromagnetic radiation can therefore provide only indirect information about the solar energy-producing processes.

Recently, a team of scientists headed by Raymond Davis Jr. of Brookhaven National Laboratory set out to trap some of the solar neutrinos. In their first two attempts they failed completely to catch neutrinos that could be attributed to solar rather than other galactic sources.

But even though no solar neutrinos were caught, the experiment was by no means a failure. The negative results were considered so significant by the astrophysical community that leading scientists in the field
rushed to re-think and revise their long-held views about solar processes-even about the evolution of the universe as a whole!

Why this was so will become clear after we see just what sort of nuclear billiard games go on in the sun. Incidentally, note that we'll continue to speak about nuclear rather than atomic reactions. Reason: the intense heat of the sun strips all or most of the electrons off the atoms, so the processes are properly termed nuclear.

Solar Billiards. The nuclear reactions thought to occur in the core of the sun are like complicated billiards games involving "balls" of various sizes and energy potentials. There are two basic games going on at the same time. The game of lesser importance in terms of total energy production is called the CNO cycle. Reason is that it involves a series of nuclear changes that produce various isotopes of carbon, nitrogen, and oxygen. This cycle is a sort of trick shot that Old Sol uses now and then to add a little variety to an otherwise tedious and endless championship game.

The more important game is called the proton-proton chain. This game is believed to account for about 98 percent of the total energy produced by these two nuclear processes. It is a multi-step game consisting of an initial opening shot, followed by one or

## Nuclear billiards trick shot (at left) accounts for only tiny amount


all of three possible terminal sequences. If you're beginning to think that Old Sol is a sort of celestial Minnesota Fats, or a slick nuclear hustler in that Great Pool Room in the Sky, think again. It's just Mother Nature flubbing about in a most haphazard manner. Basically, she's a lousy pool player. It may take her thousands of years to make a single simple shot, or scores of billions of years to connect with a more difficult carom!

If Mother Nature is indeed such a mediocre player, how does she manage to create so much solar steam? The truth is that she keeps such an enormous number of nuclear balls in constant motion that a great many accidental hits are bound to happen. The probabilities are all in her favor that a certain percentage of the nuclear balls will fall into the right energy pockets to score energy releases.

Perhaps it's just as well that she isn't more adept. If she could make every shot count, the energy release would be so great that it would undoubtedly blow our entire planetary system into cosmic cue chalk dust.

Our nuclear billiards photos below provide simplified explanations of these two energy processes. The billiard balls represent various transmuted elemental isotopes; the golf balls represent protons (nuclei of light isotope hydrogen atoms); the white, black,
variegated, and spotted marbles respectively represent gamma rays, neutrinos, positrons, and electrons. Pay particular attention to the black ball neutrinos in the explanation we're about to begin.

As the elements are transmuted from one to another, the attendant mass losses are translated into released energies. For example, when two protons fuse to form heavy hydrogen (H-2, or deutron) a little excessive proton mass is released in the form of energy. And when an additional proton fuses with the heavy hydrogen to form helium-3, still more energy is released.

While studying the billiards diagrams, note that two different types of nuclear transformations are indicated. Most of the transformations result from particle collisions. Any given particle may have to wander about in the seething solar core for a very long time before an accidental collision with just the right kind of reactive second particle occurs. Scientists have calculated these average wandering times with the use of probability mathematics. Remember that these times are the statistical averages of times that may in fact be much shorter or much longer.

The second type of transformation involves spontaneous decay of a particle formed by particulate collision. In our CNO

## of sun's energy output-it's proton pool that really socks it to us!



Photo at left depicts CNO trick shot; photo above shows first step in proton pool.


In step 3, formation of beryllium 7 leads to production of two helium-4 nuclei.


Following proton-proton reaction in step 1 , helium nuclei fuse, forming helium 4.


Final step in proton pool game. Beryllium 4 now splits into two helium-4 nuclei.

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mockup the two striped balls represent car-bon-13 and oxygen- 15 isotopes which decay into new products without interaction with other particles. These reaction times (half lives) are much shorter than the search-andreact times required in collision type transmutations

CNO Trick Shot. Though this nuclear billiards game accounts for only about 2 percent of the sun's energy output, it deserves a brief play-by-play description. This is because it illustrates a catalytic process involving the two types of transformations just discussed.

The opening shot of the CNO game (indicated by the cue stick) is anything but a fast break. Any given carbon-12 nucleus may have to hang around for about 40,000 years before Mother Nature aims a proton just right to hit it. When the hit is at last made, a gamma ray is chipped off the carbon as it is converted to nitrogen-13.

The pace of the game now quickens. In about ten minutes the nitrogen 13 decays spontaneously into carbon-13, simultaneously releasing a positron and an electrontype neutrino.

Then the game bogs down again. After some 6000 years the carbon-13 is hit by a second proton to form nitrogen-14 and a gamma ray. When a third proton strikes the nitrogen-14, oxygen-15 and another gamma ray are produced. You might just as well take a space-cruise around the Milky Way while waiting for this last shot to come off;
there will be about a million years of near misses before it happens!

The game is now almost over. The oxy-gen-15 decays into nitrogen-15, a neutrino, and a positron in about two minutes. The final play comes 20 years later when a fourth proton smacks into the nitrogen- 15 to form helium-4 and carbon-12.

Aside from the energy released, the net result is the formation of a helium- 4 atom from four protons, and the complete recovery of a carbon-12 nucleus identical to the one used to start the game. The carbon-12 catalyst can now wait around for 40,000 years for another round of the same game which also may last more than a million years.

Proton Pool. Some 30 years ago physicist Hans Bethe theorized that the major part of the sun's energy is produced by a protonproton chain fusion reaction. At that time there was no way to prove the theory. But in the following three decades supporting evidence grew to such proportions that the significance of Bethe's conjectures could no longer be doubted. In 1967 Bethe at last won a long-overdue Nobel Physics Prize for his work.

The proton-proton chain consists of an initial reaction (step 1) followed by three possible terminal reactions (see our photos). Initially, two protons collide to form hydro-gen-2 (heavy hydrogen or deuteron), a positron, and a neutrino. The average time required to bring about such a collision with any given proton is 100 billion years! But after this reaction does occur, another proton is likely to be absorbed by the deuteron


Argon nuclides formed in goldmine neutrino "telescope" are detected by counters contained in 8 -ft section of $12-\mathrm{in}$. naval rifle. Installation here is for Brookhaven National Laboratory.
in only two seconds to form helium- 3 and a gamma ray.

The first of the three possible terminal reactions consists of a simple fusion of two helium- 3 nuclei to form helium-4 and two protons. As we'll see shortly, the absence of product neutrinos in this chain reaction is highly significant.

These first two reactions produce quantities of helium- 3 and helium- 4 which can now fuse to start off the second terminal sequence by forming beryllium-7 and a gamma ray (step 3). The average time needed to bring about this collision is 30 million years. In a year or so the beryllium-7 may capture an electron to produce lithium-7 while freeing two neutrinos. The lithium-7 grabs a passing proton almost immediately to produce two helium-4 nuclei. Note that in this terminal sequence helium- 3 is in effect converted into helium -4 through a temporary fusion with a helium-4 nucleus already present at the start.

While the beryllium-7 in this reaction chain is wandering about looking for an electron, it may instead bump into a proton which converts the beryllium into boron-8 and a gamma ray (this is step 4). The unstable boron- 8 soon decays into beryllium-8, a positron, and a neutrino. The beryllium-8 in turn splits apart into two helium- 4 nuclei. Note that in each of the three possible terminal sequences the final product consists of one or more helium-4 nuclei.

Neutrino Clue. Solar physicists will not be content until these highly convincing theoretical possibilities are proved and sorted out in terms of their relative importance by means of actual experiments. But how does


Originator of proton-proton theory, Dr. Hans Bethe received belated Nobel Prize in 1967.
one peer into the heart of the sun? Ordinary optical instruments are useless because they can detect only photons of light which have been bounced about and altered in various ways on their tortuous travels to the surface


Tin-hafted scientist Raymond Davis, Jr. of Brookhaven National Laboratory searches for neutrinos from center of sun in 4900-fi depths of Homestake Gold Mine located at Lead, S.D.

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of the sun. The only hope is to work with next to nothing. As we said, the neutrino is so close to being nothing that it can zip out of the sun's core at the speed of light, unaffected by the seething and boiling mass around it.

Just as one baseball is like any other baseball of the same type, one neutrino is pretty much like any other neutrino. You can't tell one from another by color, size, or any other physical characteristic. But. like basehalls, neutrinos can and do have different kinetic energies depending on who or what puts them into motion. A low-energy neutrino is like a baseball hit into a pop fly, a highenergy neutrino is the same kind of baseball walloped into a home run. You can easily pick the infield hits from the pop flies and the single home run by running an eye down the energy column for neutrinos believed to be formed in solar processes:

Source (nuclear reaction)

## Energy

(million electron volts)
Proton-proton chain:
Proton to deuteron (step 1)
Beryllium-7 to lithium-7 (step 3)
Boron-8 to beryllium-8 (step 4)
0.420 MeV
0.861 MeV and
3.383 MeV
14.06 MeV

CNO cycle:
Nitrogen-13 to carbon-13 $\quad 1.20 \mathrm{MeV}$
Oxygen-15 to nitrogen-15
1.74 MeV .

Experimentally, the problem facing physicists was to devise a scientific mitt to catch and count invisible neutrino "balls" travelling at the speed of light. They then had to extrapolate these rare catches into a reasonably accurate estimate of the total numbers and kinds of neutrinos pouring out of the sun.

This is a tough ball game, made even tougher by the need to weed out and discount those neutrino balls that originate from other celestial ballparks. i.e., stars other than our own sun. No one mitt could be expected to catch all types of neutrinos-the pop flies as well as the homers. Hence the equipment was designed to trap mainly high-energy neutrinos presumed to be created during the boron- 8 decay process and the CNO cycle.

Clean Catch. The most suitable scientific fielder's mitt turned out to be $100,000 \mathrm{gal}$ lons of dry cleaning fluid contained in a huge


Solar-neutrino-hunting "telescope" in Homestake Gold Mine covers $20 \times 48$ - fi area.
tank located almost a mile underground in the Homestake Gold Mine in South Dakota. The tank was placed in the mine so that the overlying earth would screen out all interfering particles except neutrinos. The tetrachlorethylene cleaning fluid was used because it provided an abundance of chlorine atoms (the heavy isotope, chlorine-37).

When a solar neutrino. passing through the liquid, happens to collide with a chlorine atom, the chlorine is converted into an atom of radioactive argon- 37 having a half life of 35 days. Any argon- 37 that is produced is later trapped in a special charcoal filter, from which it is removed and sent to Brookhaven National Laboratory. There, a special radioactivity counter mounted inside a 12 -in. thick Navy gun barrel determines the amount of argon- 37 present and. indirectly, the number of neutrinos that had been captured.

Every chlorine atom in the huge amount of liquid (enough to fill an Olympic swimming pool!) is in effect a potential "mitt" ready to grab a passing neutrino. There are two million trillion trillion such mitts in the tank ( 2 followed by 30 zeros), and it had been anticipated that ten billion billion neutrinos of various kinds would pass through the tank every day. Considering the enormous number of catchers and pitched balls, the actual number of catches predicted was astonishingly low-only one to four per day!
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Come those long winter nights-if you think the broadcast band on your receiver is jammed from end to end, you ain't heard nothin' yet, baby! In between those powerhouse stations, nearly everyone can receive real DX. What you want are the $1000-500$-, and even 100-watt regional stations that rarely get airborne during a snowstorm.

That's real DX! For there are few BCLs (broadcast listeners) outside their local turf who ever get to hear these signals, let alone know that the stations exist. If you dig deep enough you'll hear real Bluegrass music from a station in West Virginia, or some authentic French folk music from a flea-power station in Quebec. How about gutsy, hawdy logging songs from the Northwest?

Just add extra sensitivity to your BC receiver
your dial with DX

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Britton We do suggest you use a 4 -section, 5 -mH RF choke for

## BCB booster

RFCl, though such a choke may be difficult to obtain (see Parts List).

Note that only one section of a 2-section tuning capacitor is used. The 2 -section capacitor is pretty much standard stock at your electronics distributor. However, if you can obtain a single-section, $365-1 / 1 \mathrm{~F}$ tuning capacitor, substitute it by all means (again, see Parts List).

First step is to mount tuning capacitor Cl temporarily. Position it as close as possible to the left side of the cabinet and make certain it doesn't interfere with LI. Maximum chassis area should be on the right side to leave.room for all the components mounted with Q1.

Mark the locations of all holes to be drilled, remove C 1 , and drill all cabinet holes. Make certain before you drill any holes that B 1 's holder (which is mounted on the rear apron) will not interfere with the antenna binding posts JI and J2, or output jack J3.

Wiring Wizard. Install the components in this order: capacitor Cl , the two terminal strips, battery holder, JI, J2. J3, S1, and finally, LI. Note that L1 has a green dot between two of its terminals. Orient LI so that the dot points downward towards the bottom of the cabinet. Take extra care when wiring L.1 and refer to both the schematic and outline of Ll's terminals. Completely wire L1, then install D1. Mount Q1, then install R1, C2, C3, C4, and RFC1. Solder all connections except the negative lead of BI (coming from the battery holder).


Booster covers entire BCB with single tuning capacitor. No calibration is neces-sary-you simply tune for maximum signal.


Author used miniature power switch for 51, but any spst toggle switch will work. Locale RFCI as far as possible from coil 11.

Snap a 9-V battery (or a mercury equivalent) into the holder-observing polarityand connect a DC milliammeter between Bl's negative terminal and the chassis ground. The meter's negative lead goes to the negative battery terminal and the positive lead to the chassis. Set the meter's range so it will indicate between 5 and 20 mA full-scale.

Double check all connections to Q 1 (you won't get a second chance if you've made a wiring error) and then turn S1 on. As soon as power is applied, the meter should indicate approximately 2 to 4 mA . If the meter indicates much less than $2 \mathrm{~mA}, \mathrm{Q} 1$ probably has an open lead.

If the meter indicates between 5 and 10 mA , check the value of R1. If necessary, increase R1 to 1000 ohms until your meter indicates less than 5 mA . Should the meter indicate more than 10 ma . quickly turn off S1 and check carefully for a wiring error. You may also have to install a new FET! Once the meter indication checks out. remove the meter from the circuit and connect Bl's negative terminal to the chassis.

Installation and Alignment. Output jack J3 should be connected to your receiver's antenna terminals with the shortest possible length of low-capacity coaxial cablethe type made for automobile antennas. If you use a long lead, or a standard coax such as RG-8/U or RG-58/U, the signal loss between the booster and receiver will be severe, perhaps approximating the total gain from the booster.

If you can't obtain a piece of low-capacity cable from your local auto-radio installer, you can substitute a standard, low-loss, foam-filled cable such as RG-58/U-Foam (see Parts List). You can even purchase one of the cheaper replacement auto antennas and use a section of the supplied cable.

Connect the booster to your receiver and the antenna to binding post J . If possible, connect binding post J 2 to a ground. Tune in a signal at the very high end of the BC band (near 1500 or 1600 kHz ) by setting ('1 so its plates are completely open; then adjust L.1's slug for peak reception.

To avoid having your receiver's AVC mask the peaking, tune in the weakest possible signal, one just over the noise level. A more accurate alignment can be made by connecting an RF signal generator to JI and using the weakest possible signal from the generator.

Using the Booster. Few signals, if any, will be strong enough to overload the FET, so no switch has been provided to cut the booster in and out of the transmission line. Note, however, that DI will short out excessively high voltages picked up from transmitters, lightning discharges, etc.

To tune in a station, simply set C1 to one of three positions: plates fully closed for
low-end reception, plates half-open for midband reception, and plates fully open for high-end reception. Then tune in the desired signal on your receiver and peak the reception with C 1 -that's all there is to it!


Peaking LI's slug for maximum output is only alignment required. Slug is accessible af top rear of BCB Booster's cabinet.

Should you experience some instability as Cl is tuned, make certain the shield of the output lead from J3 is connected to both the booster's and the receiver's chassis (ground terminal). If you still experience
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DYNACO Model PAT-4 Stereo Preamplifier and Model 120 Stereo Power Amplifier



Here's a stereo amplifier system which should settle, once and for all time, that hi-fi question of questions: "Which is better, components or integrated amplifier?" The hard facts: in terms of flexibility and convenience, the Dynaco PAT-4/Stereo 120 combination can walk all over any integrated amplifier we've put our hands on.

Think of just about any important soundprocessing feature and you'll find it in the PAT-4 preamp. And with a solid 120 watts out of the Stereo 120 power amplifier (its sole reason for being is amplification), could anyone want for more?

The Combo. The PAT. 4 is an all solidstate stereo preamplifier designed to handle virtually any combination of signal sources. The selector switch inputs are tape head, phono, tape, tuner, spare, and special. Naturally, the tape head input is NAB equalized; the so-called tape input is intended for the output of a tape preamp such as that con-
tained in a tape deck. Both the tuner and spare inputs are for high-level signals.

As for the phono input, it accommodates up to three cartridges in jacks available on the rear apron: standard RIAA-equalized low-level magnetic pickup, ceramic pickup, or RIAA-equalized high-level magnetic pickup (if such is ever made). And the input designated special can be wired as a microphone preamplifier or as a second equalized input for a low-level device, such as a second magnetic pickup (instructions are provided).
There is also an "over-ride" jack on the front panel. Intended for high-level signal sources, it automatically disconnects the input selector switch whenever there is a plug inserted.
Three for Two. Three outputs are provided. The first is the standard tape output, connected before the preamp's tone and volume controls. The two remaining outputs are connected to the preamp's output. One of these is used for driving the power amplifier; it is connected to the amplifier through a stereo monitor jack on the front panel which automatically mutes the power-amplifier feed when the headset plug is inserted. The second is intended for a tape-recorder feed when it is desired to utilize the tone, volume, and filter circuits of the preamp. It is not muted when a headset is used.

In addition to the tape input on the selector switch, there is a spring-return tape-monitor switch that allows monitoring from a threehead recorder (but only if the recorder is being fed through the standard tape output jacks).

Controls Galore. The PAT-4 is equipped with the usual dual concentric bass and

> Manufacturer's Specifications for Dynaco Model PAT-4 Preamplifier

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Straightforward as an amplifier can be, Stereo 120 is clean and uncrowded as they come. Business-end of amplifier has only input jacks and speaker terminals; line cord and power switch are on opposite side.
treble controls, of course, but there's much more: switch-selected. bass-boosted loudness compensation; a low-frequency filter: and a three-position high-frequency filter providing very sharp cutoff at 15,10 , or 7 kHz . Other controls and switches are volume, balance, and two unusual channel selectors.

The channel-selector switches allow any of the following combinations: sterco. 1, to both channels, R to both channels, $6-\mathrm{dB}$ stereo mixing, or mono/mono. The 6-dB stereo mix provides a fixed 6 dB of stereo separation to avoid the extra-spacious pingpong effect usually obtained with phones. The mono/mono circuit allows each channel to be used as a separate mono circuit. For example, using a $78-\mathrm{rpm}$ phono on one spare input and a tape on the other, either input could be fed in mono to the speakers.

Four AC receptacles are provided: two are switched and two are unswitched. The switched receptacles can be used to control power to a tuner, say, and to the power
Left and right preamplifiers in PAT-4 are PC assemblies which mount vertically in center of chassis (photo at right). Note open space between components, even inpul selector switch, which makes kit assembly extra easy. Rear apron of PAT-4 is loaded with input and output jacks providing most any desired combination of functions. Unit accepts three different kinds of pickups.


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amplifier. The unswitched receptacles will power most anything.

The Stereo 120 amplifier is a straight solid-state sterco amplifier rated for 60 watts rms per channel. It has no controls other than an on/off switch.

Performance. Since a user would most likely utilize both the preamp and the amplifier, we tested the combiration as though it were a single integrated amplifier. In other words, our measured performance is for the complete PAT-4/Stereo 120 system.

Though the amplifier is rated for 60 watts at $0.5 \%$ THD (total harmonic distortion) with an 8 -ohm load, the maximum THD at 60 watts with both channels driven measured $0.35 \%$ between 20 and $20,000 \mathrm{~Hz}$. Maximum power output for $0.5 \%$ THD into 4 ohms was just short of 50 watts, and just short of 40 watts into 16 ohms. Input sensitivities are given in our table.

The preamp's output voltage at the rated input level(s) was approximately 2 V rms at


# LABCHECK 

Overall frequency response of combined PAT-4/Stereo 120 system. Curves at high end show rolloffs achieved with high filter; with filter out of circuit high-end response was flat to 40 kHz . As explained in text, low filter has minimal effect on program material, maximum effect on rumble.

the preamp outputs and 0.15 V rms at the tape output.

The low-pass filter proved sharp, being only 3 dB down at 70 Hz and 20 dB down at 10 Hz . In practical terms, this means the filter has little effect on the normal low-frequency program material but provides sharp attenuation of rumble frequencies. The highpass filter, as shown in our curves, was also extremely sharp, with little attenuation below the rated frequency.

Even with áll controls wide open there was almost complete silence from the system. The noise level measured better than 70 dB down on the magnetic phono input.

The Listening Test. Our ear test satisfied us that the Dynaco pair was the excellent
system our instruments indicated, the overall sound being as good as can be expected from quality equipment. The big plus, of course, is the phenomenal flexibility of the PAT-4 preamplifier.

The PAT-4 is supplied complete with a metal cover (not particularly attractive, we might mention) for $\$ 129.95$ factory-wired, $\$ 89.95$ in kit form. The Stereo 120 amplifier, complete with cover, is priced at $\$ 199.95$ factory-wired, $\$ 159.95$ in kit form. Both kits go together rather easily, so the kits represent an even better buy than the wired versions.

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# This scope calibrator has zener diode regulation to give you the accurate CRT traces you really need 

By Thomas R. Sear, WA6HOR

Precise measurements are in! As our article on the laboratory oscilloscope (see Radio-TV Experimenter, October/November, 1968) pointed out, today's waveforms require the best calibrated equipment you can get your hands on. If you don't have the accuracy, you just haven't got it.

More and more sophistication is the answer. Thing is, hobbyists and experimenters often find that their ideas, ambitions, and knowledge are just too advanced for the limited equipment they can afford. Operating funds simply don't permit the kind of expenditures they would like to make. As a result, many experiments and tests go right down the drain due to a lack of hardware.

Our Rapid-Pulse Calibrator is one answer to your equipment problem. If you measure a lot of electrical phenomena with an oscilloscope and want the accuracy to do the job right, this pocket calibrator will put your scope's trace right on the ol' graticule division where it belongs.

Our Rapid-Pulse Calibrator is a precision voltage source that effectively calibrates the vertical sensitivity of your scope so that your measurements will be uniform as well as accurate. You name it-square waves, sawtooths, pulses, time markers, modulation levels, power-supply ripple-all these waveforms and more can be measured with an accuracy that's limited only by the maximum frequency that your oscilloscope's vertical amplifier will pass.

Operation. This calibrated voltage source has a free-running multivibrator consisting of Q1 and Q2. A buffer stage (Q3) is followed by a precision voltage divider made up of R6 through R10. The unit is powered by a $30-\mathrm{V}$ battery. The voltage applied across the divider network is regulated by Dl , a zener diode that provides a constant reference voltage.

The multivibrator provides a square-wave output (Fig. 1) with a peak voltage equal to the value controlled and passed by Dt (i.e., 25 V ). The oscillator

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circuit has two 2 N 1307 transistors operated as commonemitter amplifier stages, with regenerative feedback coupled (via $\mathrm{C} 2 / \mathrm{R} 2$ and $\mathrm{CI} / \mathrm{R} 3$ ), from the collector of one to the base of the other.

Each transistor is alternately cut off as the other conducts to saturation. The positive and negative half-cycles of the square-wave output have a time constant determined by the RC network, the overall frequency being 1200 Hz . Most oscilloscope manufacturers seem to like this frequency for a calibration voltage. It's great for amplifier troubleshooting.

The multivibrator output is coupled to the base of Q3. This buffer stage is used as an


Fig. 1. Square wave serves as calibrated voliage source for accurate scope displays. emitter-follower to prevent loading of the oscillator by either the zener diode or any external circuit driven by the unit (if it's used as a square-wave source). The zener diode connected to the enitter of Q3 serves as voltage source for the divider network.

You have the choice of a $25-$ - 10 -, 2.5-, $0.25-$, and $0.025-\mathrm{V}$ (peak-to-peak) output. Just select the output that is appropriate for the signal amplitude you want to measure, set your scope's vertical gain control for a


Multivibrator (flip-flop) circuit produces square-wave output at frequency of 1200 Hz . Buffer slage (Q3) prevents loading of oscillator by zener diode (D1) or external circuif.
convenient deflection on your graticule, and leave the gain control alone while you do your measuring.

Construction. The unit is housed in a $51 / 2 \times 3 \times 11 / 2$-in. utility box that takes up so little space it's portable as a pill. Construction is straightforward and component layout isn't critical. Still, we suggest you follow the photos for best results.

Use a low-power iron if possible and be sure to apply some kind of heat sink to semiconductor leads when you solder them in place. Try long-nose pliers, alligator clipsanything that'll work. The author used a phenolic circuit board with standoff terminals as tie points, but the usual perf-board-and-flea-clip arrangement can also be used and will do just fine.

When your calibrator is assembled, simply clip the battery into its holder, flip power switch SI on, and the desired square wave voltage will appear at the appropriate tip jack. No warmup is necessary.
Adjustment. To test the unit for the


Insulated jacks J1 through J6 provide separate outpul for divider network. Pin jacks were used, but you can use other lypes.

## PARTS LIST FOR RAPID-PULSE CALIBRATOR

B1—30-V bathery IEveready 413, Burgess U20 or equiv.l
Cl-.022-uF, 200.VDC fubular capacitor
C2-.001-uF, 200-VDC dise capacitor
D1-25-VDC, $1 / 4$-wall zener diade (Motorola 1/4M252, Allied 49E26 $1 / 4$ M252 or equiv.)
JI thru J6-Insulated tip jacks IH.H. Smith 240, Allied 24B9156 or equiv.)
Q1, Q2-Pnp germanium transistor IGE, RCA 2N1307; HEP-2 ar equiv.)
Q3-Npn germanium fransistor (Sylvanio 2N214; HEP-641 or equiv.l
R1, R4- 10,000 -ohm, $1 / 2$-watl $5 \%$ resistor
R2-13,000-ohm, $1 / 2$-watl $5 \%$ resisfor
R3-68,000-ahm, $1 / 2$-wall $5 \%$ resistor
R5— 330 -ohm, $1 / 2$-wall $5 \%$ resistor

R6—6040-ohm, $1 / 2$-walf 1\% resistor
R7—3010-ohm, $1 / 2$-waff 1 \% resistor
R8-909-ohm, $1 / 2$-wall $1 \%$ resisfor
R9-90.9-ohm, $1 / 2$-wall $1 \%$ resislor
R10-10-ohm, $1 / 2$-wall $1 \%$ resistor
Note-R6 thru R10 are precisian, metal-film resistors (IRC type CECT-O or equiv.)

SI-Spst loggle switch
$1-51 / 2 \times 3 \times 11 / 2$-in. oluminum chassis bax (LMB 139 or equiv.)

Misc.-Perf board, push-in terminals, $1 / 4$-in. spacers, baltery holder IKevstone 183, Allied 18E5918 or equiv.l, spaghetti, decals, wire, solder, hardware, etc.
first time, set your scope's controls for an AC input, a medium-speed trace, and a vertical sensitivity of ahout 15 V per major division. Connect the Rapid-Pulse Calibrator's $25-\mathrm{V}$ output to the scope's vertical input. Again, refer to Fig. I and adjust the scope for a stable displa!. The trace should show very fast rise and fall times and a flat top and bottom.

If the waveform isn't symmetrical (see Fig. 2), the value of R2 should he adjusted until the correct trace is obtained. The waveform in Fig. 3 would indicate that the vertical amplifier of your oscilloceope is tending to oscillate and is distorting the input waveform. This peak (over-response) may be due to your overloading the amplificr, or a problem in the scope's circuitry. Some adjustment is necessary.

Test Traces. Calibration of your scope's vertical input is accomplished by the substitution method. A voltage of known amplitude (i.e., 25 V peak-to-peak) is applied to the input as a substitute for the signal ahout


Author used phenolic circuit board and standoff terminals. However, perf board and nea clips will do just as well.
to be tested. The vertical gain control is adjusted for an exact (easily read) deflection on the CRT. If the deflection is exactly one division on the scope's graticule, every 25 V of signal will deflect the trace exactly one more division. Remember that all oscilloscope measurenents are peak-to-peak. The signal voltage is measured from maximum positive to maximun negative portion of the waveform.

As long as the vertical gain control isn't disturbed, you have a visual voltmeter with a sensitivity of 25 V per division. (This as-


Fig. 2. An unsymmetrical waveshape can be corrected by adjusting the value of R2.
sumes a deflection of one division for the $25-\mathrm{V}$ input. However. the calibration voltage and scope display will acually depend on a specific situation.) Now, whatever test signal is fed into the scope, its amplitude can be compared with the calihration voltage.
l.ooking at Figs. 4, 5, and 6, we see typical waveforms whose amplitude can now be measured accurately. Fig. 4 is a sine wave having an amplitude of 4 divisions. Since gur calihrated sensitivity is 25 V peak-

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to-peak, we have a signal voltage of $4 \times$ 25 V , or 100 V peak-to-peak. The trace in Fig. 5 has an amplitude of $2.2 \times 25 \mathrm{~V}$, or


Fig. 3. Trace indicates that overshoot is starting to develop. Distortion is due to either excessive gain or scope circuitry.
55 V peak-to-peak, while Fig. 6 works out as $2.6 \times 25 \mathrm{~V}$, or 65 V peak-to-peak.

Undoubtedly you will use your oscilloscope as a supplement to your VTVM or VOM. While the scope measures only peak-to-peak voltages, most meters are calibrated to indicate rms (root-mean-square) values. To avoid confusion when working with these different instruments, you should know how to convert from one value to the other. Two formulas are all you need:

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\begin{gather*}
V_{r m b}=\frac{V_{\text {penk to poak }}}{2.828}  \tag{1}\\
V_{\text {poak ta pook }}=V_{r_{m},} \times 2.828 \tag{2}
\end{gather*}
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Fig. 4. Using a calibrated output of 25 V peak-to-peak, sine wave occupies four divisions on graticule. Input equals 100 V .

Using the first formula for the $100-\mathrm{V}$ signal of Fig. 4, we find the rms value to be 35.4 V . This is the effective value your VTVM would read if it had the required frequency response. You can work out the rms values for Figs. 5 and 6 using the same formula. Look at a book on AC theory and make sure you understand peak vs. rms values.


Fig. 5. These rapid timing pulses have amplitude of 2.2 divisions; multiplying this figure by 25 V gives us 55 V peak-to-peak.

If you switch to DC coupling and connect a DC signal to your scope's vertical input, the trace will shilt in accordance with its amplitude. With the gain calibrated for 25 V per divison, a shift of 3 divisions will work out to $3 \times 25 \mathrm{~V}$, cr 75 V . There is no need to convert from a peak-to-peak value when measuring DC; your scope acts like a directreading voltmeter.

The advantages of a calibrated scope over a VTVM or VOM are many. A meter simply cannot do justice to the various complex waveforms you'll want to measure. One picture is still worth a thousand meter indications.


Fig. 6. Sawtooth voltage occupies 2.6 divisions, giving input of 65 V . Equation above can change this peak-to-peak value to rms.



Electronic fishing takes some paraphernalia (photo of left) but then most any kind of fishing does lask ony fisherman). Below center, fishermen find both aluminum boat and gasoline generator light enough for loading on stream bent. In shallow water, approved fechnique for electronic fishing is to wade, pulling boat slewly along (iphote at bottom).
system works like this: under average conditions there is an effective field radiating out about 12 feet from each electrode. The positively-charged pole is terminated in an expanded grid about 15 x 24 in . Fish that come into this field are captured by a force known as the electrotoxic effect which herds them around the positive electrode. As they approach the pole, the increased intensity of the current stuns them and the fish turn on their sides and float to the surface. Then the scientists scoop them up with a fine mesh net.

The electro-toxic effect is one of the most interesting features of the device. It is present only with DC current. And for reasons still unknown, the fish will inmediately face toward the positive electrode


Drifting into deeper water, aide mans oars while biologists Richard Thompson (left) and Ben Palfen (with net) reach for nexi specimen. In photos below, biologists examine specimens taken on drift with electronic fishing gear (at right); another displays $51 / 2-\mathrm{lb}$. largemouth bass caught with electronic fishing pole he is holding.

when encountering this current. This electric pulse also causes the fishes' bodies to twitch, resulting in a swimming action in the direction of the pole. All the fish caught are as good as fish caught in the usual way.

Up With Hooks. At present, the electronic method of fishing is on debatable ground when it comes to commercial use. If everybody fished electronically, some cautious fishery scientists say it would disturb the ecological balance of the finny world.

In short, while the Feds' unusual method of fishing makes for an interesting fish story, it's not to be swallowed hook, line, and sinker. It's the hook us wee people will be catching our fish with for years to come.



Secret of reel-less fishing, pulsing unit (above) welghs less than 3 lb , can easily be mounted atop generator (photo at left).


Sexiest thing on radio since Tokyo Rose, Titana drove me wild, wild, wild. Yet as the space ship landed, I had reason to wonder whether either she or that rarest of all QSLs would ever be mine.

By C. M. Stanbury II

The first space vehicle successfully launched from Earth was Sputnik I back in 1957, right? Wrong! A private organization, name of Montalban Electronics, began a series of satellite launchings from a secret Antarctic base, year of 1950. Came 1959, and Washington and Moscow were still playing with their here-we-go-round-the-mul-berry-glube satellites. Yet Montalban was already at the point of sending a manned expedition into deep space. That's when I got into the act.

Me. I'm Mike Tanner-radio technician by profession, soldier of fortune by temperament. and a fanatic DXer by choice. So when Montalban offered me this job at the South Pole, I grabbed it. After all, how many guys ever get a chance to DX from down there? Thing is, Montalban never did get around to briefing me on this space angle until I arrived.
In charge of Montalban's space facility was a fat character who used the code name Rinaldo. He also headed the expedition itself. Rinaldo, who always talked in a sort of nasal whine, wasted no time in explaining the mission and what was expected of yours truly.
"For the past nine years we at Montalban have been in radio contact with intelligent beings in the vicinity of Saturn."

At first I thought he was pulting me on. The vicinity of Saturn? It sounded even wilder than when I set up a CIA $50-\mathrm{kw}$ portable BCB station in Aden (like space vehicles, these existed long before the public knew anything about them). The unit included three giant towers which were airtransportable because of a revolutionary lightweight alloy developed by Montalban (the towers only looked heavy).
"Yes. While Saturn itself is uninhabitable, the planet's major moon. Titan. is 3500 miles in diameter-larger than Mercury and almost the size of Mars. Because of this and a hot gaseous emission from its interior, Titan has sufficient atmosphere and warmth to support life." Rinaldo went through this spiel perfectly deadpan.
"The space people told you all this?"
He pointed to a map of our solar system on the wall behind his desk. "And told Montalban how to build the space ship that will take us there." He paused a minute. "You can listen to these transmissions for yourself if you like, on 18 MHz . We'll provide you with a translating device."
"And why do we want to go to Titan?"

Rinaldo smiled ever so slightly. "You want to go to Titan for $\$ 50,000.00$. Montalban, on the other hand, wants to negotiate a treaty with the Titans. Trade a certain rare substance found only on Earth for their cosmic knowledge."

Even for that kind of money the thing sounded too risky. "Suppose I decide not to go? There's nothing in my contract about Saturn, you know."

The fat man stood up. "That would delay the flight until we found another technician. You would not be paid, of course. And you'd be detained until that treaty with Titan was concluded."

It may have been Antarctica but I had begun to sweat a little.
"Montalban has spent a great deal of money on this project and wouldn't risk a disloyal employee divulging information on Titan before the deal is cinched. Whatever the Titans have to offer, Montalban intends to have exclusive rights to it on this planet."
"And if I go, what's my part in the mission?"

Rinaldo pressed a button on his desk. Instantly, the planetary chart projected on the wall behind him was replaced with a picture of the CIA's portable BCB station. "We picked you, Mr. Tanner, because of your previous experience with this unit." Rinaldo sat down again. "Titan's ionosphere is such that this station, obtained through one of our Washington contacts, would be best suited for communications purposes. On Titan me-dium-wave frequencies behave like shortwave channels do on this planet."

I had to admit, at least to myself, that Titan sounded like a BCB DXer's dream.
"But we"ll give you time to think about it, Mr. Tanner." Rinaldo pressed another button on his desk and the office door slid open behind me. "Overnight."
"You're a real sport."
"And on your way to your quarters, do pick up one of those translating devices from the lab so that you can monitor Titan for yourself."

1 did.
In order to monitor Titan signals, you first filter out all the modulation (which is just noise designed to discourage unauthorized listeners) and feed the carrier into an oscilloscope. The scope is then scanned by an appropriately programmed computer which decodes the message. When I tuned then in they were advertising their cosmic knowledge.
(Continued on page 113)



## INJECTORALL

 MODEL 5007-in-1
Printed Circuit Kit

If you've ever tried to duplicate the PC board used in a Radio-TV Experimenter project, you know how difficult it can be to lay down the resist when the foil is very closely spaced. In tact. in some of the latest mini-size PC projects, the width of the tape resist is actually gleater than the area between two foil connections!

But once you're equipped with an Injectorall 500 PC kit you can tackle just about any PC job an editor can dream up. Reason is that the kit is specifically designed for finefoil layout.

The Injectorall 500 kit consists of a resist pen, etchant, resist solvent, a $1 / 16$-in. drill bit. two small copper-clad boards (useful for practice and small projects), and a plastic carrying case that doubles as the etching tray. The really big item is the resist pen-which appears to be a standard fiber-tip fine-line loaded with resists instead of ink. (With it, you can actually draw a fine accountant's line just as you would with a fine-line fiber pen.)

The Acid Test. To check the Injectorall 500 kit we tried making a board from a project that had appeared in our sister publication. Elementary Elifotronics. We first placed a piece of carbon papar between the copper-clad hoard and the PC latout. then traced the foil outline with a hal'point pen. When we removed the carbon paper the layout was visible on the board. Next, we painted around the edyes of the outlines with the resist pen. Finally, we tried filling in the outline with the pent.


PC kit consists of resist pen, etchant, solvent, plastic case, and two copper-clad boards.
For small areas the pen did just fine, but larger areas required resist fill with a tube of resist or resist tape. Also, we used the resist pen to mark small circles at the drilling points.
The board was then placed in the plastic tray and covered with etchant. After about (Continued on page 117)


To use 500 kit, you trace outline of PC foil layout on board, trace around outline with resist pen, then fill in larger areas with rèsist. Etchant takes approximately 20 minutes to do its job.

## The CATV Caper

What's going on in community antenna land - and who's behind it all!

By Charles Simpson

Nearly 60 million American homes reach up and snatch TV signals out of the air. They pick them up on everything from indoor rabbit ears to a fish-like skeleton of rods on their roof. But another group of American homes -about 4 million-couldn't care less about antennas. Their signals sneak into the set through cable. If the futurists are correct, the two groups will do a turnabout. Someday, goes the prediction, most homes will be wired for TV reception.
The reason is CATV-Community Antenna Television. It's coming out of the hills where it began back in (Continued overleaf)


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the days of 1949 to bring signals down the mountain to TV-starved backwoods areas. Public acceptance has been so strong, it's now invading big towns like New York, San Francisco, and Philadelphia. Catv is even trying on a new name. More and more insiders are calling it Cable TV-which foretells the day when entertainment won't be the only type of service fed down the line.

Whatever the name, the wired-TV industry is fulninating with new developments. The U.S. Supreme Court recently handed it several momentous legal decisions and engineers are dreaming up innovations to expand its


Head end of CATV system includes high-gain antennas for different channels and signalprocessing equipment-is often unmanned.
technical possibilities. Since these developments nibble at the foundation of commercial TV broadcasting as we know it today, it's worth a closer look at catv to see where it is and where it may be headed.

Only No. 2. Since televiewing has turned out to be the nation's second biggest addiction (sleeping is first-measured in hours) catv neariy begged to be born. The technical idea is easy. If TV signals are shaded from a town by rough terrain, or $w$.akened by an obstructing horizon, one answer is height. So catv technicians head
for the hills to erect large antennas which snare signals at great distances. The signal is then routed via coaxial cable down the mountain and split among homes below. Some systems even use microwave relay to "import" signals picked up hundreds of miles away.
Early installations were crude. The cable might have been merely an open-wire line. Amplifiers to boost sagging signals were often simple types, actually intended for matv, the Master Antenna systems for motels and other short-run applications. Nevertheless those early catv systems tickled the hungry eye of the TV viewer. They often multiplied the number of channels he received from maybe one, to four or five. It wasn't long before technology could fill his dial with 12 channels. Today engineers talk about routing more than 30 programs through a single cable. Bringing in more viewable channels, though, is not the only reason for catv's soaring success. Better reception. as we'll see. runs a close second.

Hometown, U.S.A. What happened in I.afayette, Indiana, illustrates how catv can grab a whole population. After cablemen came into town, they advertised the im-


Banks of signal processors are part of automatic head-end operation. Devices amplify signals and sometimes switch channel frequencies. minent catv system to a potential 16,000 subscribers in the area. No less than 6000 homes, signed up for the service. The shocker is that the system wasn't even turned on yet! Existing reception in the area explains catv's potent appeal.

Nestled in the Wabash Valley, Lafayette viewers had only one local TV station. It was Channel 18, a uhf outlet. Since the FCC lav which requires uhf reception on all sets was barely on the books at the time, most sets couldn't even receive the lone local signal. So townspeople erected tall towers, elaborate antennas, and rotors to intercept tantalizing city signals passing over nearby hilltops. TV reception, though, was hardly better than poor.

The cable company solved the problem by finding the highest available antenna site just outside of town. On high terrain they raised a huge $250-\mathrm{ft}$. tower and topped it with separate high-gain antennas for each receivable channel. Signals were processed (see photo) and led down to town through miles of coaxial cable. linemen strung wire on more than 6000 utility poles to reach every corner of town. Some 350 amplifiers along the way fortified the system against power loss. Each paying subscriber received a house drop to drive his TV set with studio-quality-pictures.

Was it worth an installation fee (\$18.50) and a monthly subscription charge ( $\$ 4.50$ ) for the service? To answer the question,


Signals from antennas feed trunk line which is main coax cable into town. Amplifiers are mounted on poles to boost distribution lines.
consider what the townspeople could now see on their screens: from Chicago came independent station WGN-TV, plus an educational outlet, WTTW-TV. From South Bend came Notre Dames WNDU-TV. Indianapolis stations supplied two of the big networks via WFBM-TV (an NBC outlet) and WLWI-TV ( ABC ), as well as independent WTTV. A signal captured from Elkhart, Indiana, brought in WSJV. The catv company also fed the local TV station through the cable, as well as Channels 72 and 76 of the Midwest Program on Airborne Television Instruction. (The uhf frequencies of the last three are translated down to regular vhf channels.)

That's not all. Subscribers on the cable also received a local music/weather program
on an unused channel. It shows time, temperature, winds, and other convenient information. All the while, music from a local FM station plays when the viewer tunes this channel.

So this Indiana town received 10 channels where only one had existed before. When non-believers saw the quality and diversity of signals on neighbors' screens, many quickly became converts to Catv.

TV, Yes or No? The Lafayette phenomenon is easy to comprehend. There was a yawning gap to be filled and catv did it. Up to now the youthful industry has con-


Bridging amplifier is used to tap signal from main cable and feed lines to individual homes. Circuitry consists mostly of ICs.
structed about 2000 systems around the country. Nearly 12 million people today willingly pay for programs they couldn't see hefore or received only at great expense because of difficult or impossible reception conditions. Ahout 400 new systems are now under construction and nearly 2000 more communities have given the go-ahead to cable operators. Another 1700 communities are considering applications for new systems. (Since cables use city streets and utility poles. catv operators must be awarded a franchise from each local government.)
The lure of catv is seemingly endless. Not too long ago one operator installed a system in Greensboro. N.C. Success was hardly assured since the town is within 80 miles of II commercial TV stations. What's more, the FCC allowed this operator a maximum of four signals in the system. Despite suct strictures, the company signed up 5000 subscribers in the first 10 months of operation and expects 10.000 by about now. The monthly fee to subscribers is $\$ 5$ and few people drop the service once it's installed. Seems that anywhere catv strings its wires, viewers respond with sock-it-to-me fervor.

Born free? The medium's explosive growth was bound to attract attention. As coaxial tentacles spread and coffers filled, cablemen discovered they'd touched off con-.

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Main coax cable (on utility pole) runs from left to right under support cable. Splitter (cenfer) provides four separate house drops.
siderable controversy. Broadcasters (TV station owners ), the telephone company, and other interests viewed catv as a renegade poacher that could grow to threatening proportions.

The broadcasters saw the specter of competition. If catv could relay air signals into the home, it could also insert its own channels on the line. This simply requires an unused channel on the TV dial. A catv operator could originate his own programs and embark on what's called "cablecasting." Next step would be to sell time and commercials, like the regular stations do. Broadcasters were also horrified by their special poltergeist-pay TV. A cable can feed homes via a closed-circuit with movies, plays, and sports, and bill the viewer.

So broadcasters also saw increased competition for the viewer's eye. The local TV


Weather information is typical of program CATV puts on unused channel for subscribers. Rotating mirror reflects image into lens.
stations were now joined by distant "imports" which might prove economically disastrous, especially to many shaky independent uhfTV stations.

Another antagonist (at least from the catv point of view) is the telephone company. Although the total amount of cable TV business is piddling by phone company standards, mention communications and the giant stirs. catv, after all, rides alongside phone lines into the home and could grow to formidable proportions.

At the heart of the issue is data transmission. Today's phone lines operate at low bandwidth to carry a narrow range of voice tones. The catv coaxial cable, on the other hand, can carry thousands of voices or other messages simultaneously, since frequency response rises to hundreds of megacycles. This could provide pathways for linking, say, a centralized computer to homes for doing income tax returns, or even supplying Mom with a recipe for braised pheasant. That brand of data transmission is, of course, the province of the phone company. So Ma Bell is interested in catv.

It explains why she has increasingly expanded her influence in the medium. About one in four cable systems today is either owned or leased by a telephone company. The broadcasters haven't been sitting still, either. They now own about one in three catv systems and their piece of the pie is rapidly increasing as new systems are built.

Trade and Mark. Copyright has triggered another lively issue. Obviously a catv operator picks up copyrighted programs and merchandises them for profit. Fairness, you might say, dictates that a cableman should pay a royalty for enticing subscribers with such protected items as Bonanza and Roger Ramjet. But there's another side to the argument.
catv operators see it this way: every set needs an antenna, and cable TV merely supplies it as a service to the viewer. It's in the same category as a viewer's own antenna, or the master antenna which feeds many sets in one building or location. Copyright, therefore, doesn't apply.

The argument failed to convince a U.S. District judge who ruled that catv was, in fact, liable to pay a royalty on copyrighted programs. (In the test case at hand, programs were motion pictures produced by United Artists.) Though it was generally agreed within the catv industry that royalty fees were inevitable, events then took a surprising twist.

The case reached the U.S. Supreme Court in 1968. The Court echoed the cable operators" argument in saying: "It is true that a Catv system plays an "active' role in making reception possible in a given area, but so do ordinary television sets and antennas catV equipment is powerful and sophisticated. but the basic function the equipment performs is little different from that performed by the equipment generally furnished by a te.evision viewer."

Thus the high court tossed out the earlier decision and caty did joyous handsprings. It was now cleared of copyright obligations. The Supreme Court had found catv "on the viewers side of the line"-not the "performer's" side. like a TV broadcaster (who must pay copyright fees). Despite the ruling, there is still feeling within the catv industry that copyright fees may yet be required at some future date, probatbly after new legistation is passed by Congress.

The 1968 copyright victory was one of two important Supreme (ourt rulings affecting the industry. At about the same time. the Court clearly affirmed FCC althority to control catv. Although the Commission had assumed such authority lack in 1966. it touk a court decision to clinch it. The te, case concerned a cable company importing a Los Angeles TV signal into San Dieg.. The rub was that the operatur also wanted to send his own commercials over the line. This was contrary to an FCC ruling which forbade the operator trom "originating adtvertising materials." The case ultimately reached the Supreme Court with the victory going to the FCC.

Though there is no blanket restriction on catv commercials today, the FCC has the power to decide each case. Another cable operator, for example,


Since distant channels may not duplicate local stations, operators use programmed switchers to prevent reception of these signals.
distant signals. A catw sybtem may not bring in programs from a distant station when they duplicate programs carried by lucal stations. (Thi, only applies on a s ime-day basis. Programmed switchers at the caiv head-end automatically prevent wuch duplication.) Further. it a calv operator wishes to build a system in one of the nation's top 100 TV markets, he must obtain FCC approval. The Conmission then decides whether the system will hurt existing TV stations.

The liveliest action in catv today is in those 100 top markets. the hig cities that contain a vast proportion of CV viewers. Why a cable where channels are usually numerous and close at hand? One operator neatly answers the question. Viewers in Astoria. Oregon, he says. get a clearer pic- was not ordered to stop originating commercials hecause it couldn't be proved that he was hurting TV broadcasters.

With FCC jurisdiction firmly established, the Conmmission's other regulations over catv take on renewed force. For example, each system must carry on the cable all local channels, in addition to

Officials of Newport Beach watch installation of underground cable. Trench is dug quickly with special equipment and no poles need be used.


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ture of Johnny Carson than New Yorkers located a few blocks from the studio where he originates. Manhattanites often suffer horrendous TV reception. Ghosts, rollovers, herringbones, jitters, overloads, and other distortions are common as signals careen and collide through concrete canyons. Buyers of color sets get Excedrin headaches (in blue) after spending $\$ 599$ to see psychedelic confetti. But the cable is coming to the rescue. As in several other large cities, catv operators in New York are laying cable and signing up subscribers.

Big-city operation is no easy matter of stringing cable along utility poles. The cable must often run through underground ducts at a phenomenal cost (as high as $\$ 100,000$ per mile.) Operators hit another snag at the threshold of large multiple dwellings-the landlord, who usually wants part of the take for admitting the cable.

It's the high cost of cable-running in the city that's caused Catv men to look skyward. Like the broadcasters, cable companies want a free ride through the atmosphere. The quest for cheap signal distribution has led to two new proposals.

First is microwave relay. Microwave transmissions have long been used by catv operators to import distant TV signals that couldn't be picked up by mountaintop antennas. A recent trial approval by the FCC also allows microwave transmissions on a local basis to hop over underground ducts.

For instance, an $18-\mathrm{GHz}$ signal is beamed


Typical microwave relay link for closedcircuit TV. Parabolic dishes, 4 miles apart, handle line-of-sight $2.5-\mathrm{GHz}$ fransmission.
toward apartment houses. A small receiver atop the building converts the microwave signal (which can carry several dozen channels simultaneously), and programs are fed through the building's cable network. The range of the microwave signal is now about 12 miles. Though microwave relay is usually considered a point-to-point medium, one catv operator believes the beam can spread over a large arc to cover many buildings at once.

Is cable really best for good TV reception? The professionals ought to know. Here, best possible signal is generated by sfudio in color-TV picture tube manufacturing plant run by Philco-Ford. Almost $61 / 2$ miles of coax cable is used to transmit studio pictcies for required quality contr.l.



By Ron Michaels



The audience fidgets in their seats for a few monents, then the house lights slowly and majestically dim to a genile glow. The curtain rises and the show begins.
Once upon a time, scenes like this happened only in movie theatres. Happily, the the very same thing can now take place in your own living room before a slide or homemovie show. You provide the fidgety audience, and this unusual device-which we call the Autodim-will provide the smoothly dimming house lights.

All you need do is plug a floor or table lamp (up to 300 watts) into its socket. At the downward flip of a switch, the lamp slowly slides from normal brightness down to whatever level you preselect-anywhere from just under full brightness to a justvisible golden glow or even total darkness. When the show's over, you flip the switch upwards and the light level rises back to normal (smoothly, but about twice as fast as the dip down).

Actually, the Autodim is more than just a gadget. By bringing room lights down slowly-the downwards trip takes about 8 seconds-rather than turning shem ofl all
at once, viewers' eyes have time to become accustomed to the change. You and the members of your audience will applaud the lack of visual blackout.

How It Works. Heart of the circuit is a conventional full-wave SCR light-dimmer circuit (shown within dotted lines on the schematic diagramı). In usual applications, this circuit is controlled by a variable resistor in the emitter circuit of the unijunction transistor (Q2). The degree of dimming depends on the amount of resistance present in the emitter circuit.

In the Autodim circuit, the usual variable resistor is replaced by a field-effect transistor or FET. This device (Q3) functions as a voltage-controlled resistor; the more negative the voltage applied between the gate and source electrodes, the greater the resistance between the drain and source electrodes. Thus, the FET's gate/source voltage in effect controls the light dimmer circuit.

The smooth downwards and upwards sliding operation of the dimmer is achieved by feeding a smoothly decreasing or increasing voltage sweep to the FET. How this is done is best explained by considering what the

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different front and side panel controls do.
Function switch S2 is a three-position lever switch. In its uppermost position (manual), the FET input terminals are connected directly across manual light-lever control R5. This means that the device will function much like an ordinary dimmer circuit-varying R5 will change the light level. Prime function of R5 is to permit you to set the "normal" light level in your living room (this will be the "up" or "high brightness" setting).
When you flip switch S2 to its center position (AUTO UP), capacitor C3 is placed across the FET's gate/source circuit. This is a time delay capacitor, and you may find that it now takes several seconds for the light level to reach the normal level you specified by setting R5. This delay corresponds to the time required for C3 to charge.

When you flip the switch to its bottommost position (AUTO DIM), the FET input circuit, complete with capacitor C3, is switched from control R5 to control R4 (the low limit set control). As the capacitor discharges to the more negative voltage represented by Kt 's setting, it smoothly carries the FET's input along with it. As a result, the room lights slowly dim until they reach the low point you specified by setting control R4. There they remain until you flip the function switch back to auto UP. R5's high-
limit setting then takes over, and the capacitor charges again, carrying the FET input voltage and the room light level up with it.

Building It. The cahinet used for our model is a $4-\mathrm{in}$. wide sloping panel aluminum utility box (Bud AC-1612-A or equiv.). However, there's nothing critical about the layout, so don't hesitate to custom-mount the aUTODIM most anywhere you wish. All of the components except the switches, manual control R4, and output socket Jl (which are all cabinet mounted) are mounted on a piece of perforated phenolic chassis board. Using epoxy, cement a small heat sink for the SCR onto the chassis; then wire the other components on the chassis board using pushin terminals as soldering points.

Double-check the polarity of the diodes and transistors before you solder them in place. Note that the "case" lead on the FET (see the diagram supplied with the transistor) should be cut off before you mount the unit. Also, use considerable care when you solder the small solid-state components, since both the unijunction and FET can be easily damaged by excess heat.

The wiring to the "left" of R1 on the diagram (including the SCR and the diode bridge composed of DI through D4) will handle high AC or DC voltage ( 117 VAC and approximately 100 VDC , at different circuit points). so keep leads well spaced, and be especially watchful for short circuits. The circuit itself is not grounded to the case. However, since an improbable combination of component failure and short circuit could, conceivably, make the case electrically hot,


Front and rear views of completed Autodim. Unit is plugged into AC outlet; slide projector plugs into socket at rear of Autodim. Because of this arrangement, switch 51 must be on for projector to operate. Note position of grounded, three-prong socket (JI) at rear of unit.


## PARTS LIST FOR AUTODIM

C1-0.1-uF, 200-VDC iubular capaditor
C2-.001-uF, 200-VDC tubular capakitor
C3-.47-uF, 200-VDC Iubular capacitar
D1, D2, D3, D4-200-PIV, 3-A silicen rectifier (Motorola HEP-162 or equiv.)
Jl-Panel-mounting, grounded three-prang sockel
Q1-Silicon-controlled rectifier (GE X-1, Allied 49B3 GE-XII
Q2-2N2160 unijunction transistor 'GE, Allied 49E3 2N21601
Q3-Field-effect Iransistor (Motorola HEP-801)
R1-18,000-ohm, 1-watt resistor
R2—27-ohm, $1 / 2$-watt resistor
R3-2200-ohm, $1 / 2$-walt resistor
R4-250,000-ohm, $1 / 2$-watt, linear taper potentiometer

R5-10000-ohm, $1 / 2$-watl linear taper patenliometer
R6-15,000-ohm, $1 / 2$-watt resistor
R7-10,000,000-ohm, $1 / 2$-watl resistor S1-Dpst toggle switch
S2-Dp3t lever switch (shorting confacts)

Misc.-Aluminum chassis bay (see text), metal bracket, perforated chassis boord, push-in terminals, heat sink (Lofoyette 19H1526 or equiv.) 4.5-V battery (Eveready 333 or equiv.l, battery holder, knobs, 3-wire grounded line cord, terminal strips, $1 / 4$ - in. spocers, zip cord, solder, wire, hardware, etc.
a three-wire, grounded line cord must be used. Connect the green ground lead to the case.

Bias battery Bl is mounted in a battery holder inside the top of the case: current drain from this battery is miniscule, and it should last for well over a year of normal dimmer use. When no setting of R4 will dim room lights completely it's time to replace the battery.

Note that screwdriver-adjust pot R4 is mounted on a small metal bracket bolted to the chassis board. Cut a small access hole in the side of the case so that you can reach R4's slotted shaft with a small-blade screwdriver.

Adjustment and Use. Setting R4 can be tricky because of the time delay effect of capacitor C3. To adjust it, plug a lamp into the unit and set the function switch to the auto dim position. Turn R4's shaft fully counterclockwise to produce a fully lit lamp
(if you've wired the pot's lug's backwards, you may have to turn the shaft full clockwise). The lamp will require several seconds to reach full brightness.

Next, turn the shaft in the opposite direction, in small steps. After some movement you'll note that the lamp brightness will decrease. Allow at least 10 seconds between each step to give the circuit time to stabilize. Stop the procedure when you reach a lowbrighıness setting you consider pleasing.

Before each use of the autodim, flip the function switch to manual and use R5 to set the normal room light level. Bear in mind that R5 will be effective only over about 30-percent of its rotation; at the far clockwise and counterclockwise settings the room lights will be either full off or full on.

You may also find that setting R5 to its maximum lights on full-on position introduces occasional slighı flickering. This is caused by the ultra-sensitive FET unijunc-

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tion circuit responding to slight voltage transients. To remove them, simply back off on R5's rotation slightly; maximum room brightness level will be unaffected.

One final point: whenever you turn the device on, cycle the lamp brightness down


Two views of Autodim with cover removed. As explained in text, heatsink for Q1 is first cemented to chassis board, then other components are wired in place using flea clips as soldering points. Hole drilled in side of cover permits screwdriver adjustment of R4.
and up once or twice. This will permit capacitor C2 to build up a proper charge. You'll probably observe that on the first downward dip, the light level will follow a kind of rollercoaster path, as C2 charges
Timing Modification. If you wish to lengthen the time of the downward light level dip, increase the value of C3. As a rule of thumb, doubling its value (to 1.0 $u \mathrm{~F}$ ) will double the down and up times.


## TWO-BAND TUNER IN A ONE-BAND CASE



As any TV technician well knows, frequencies of TV channels have a habit of hop, skip, jumping across the spectrum. (Channel one, now defunct, once fell between 44 and 50 MHz , yel channel two opens up on 54 MHz and channel seven way up on 174 MHz .) Worse yet, the fact that there are two distinct FM bands in use has meant that most TV sets have actually incorporated two distinct tuners-one for VHF channels, the other for UHF. Now, a new luner developed by Oak Mfg. Co. puts UHF and VHF funing circuits in a single housing. Dubbed the Mark IV, the funer owes its success to two factors: invention of a new switching scheme and some unusual, threetransistor circuitry.


By C. M. Stanbury II<br>December 1968/January 1969

One change that deesn't show up on the propagation chart this time of year is a subtle shift which will take place in reception from Africa and Latin America. As spring approaches. the emphasis will gradual!'y shift from equatorial stations to those further south into the southern hemisphere. This especially applies to $D X$ below 9 MHz .

On 49 meters you can start looking for stations in Argentina. Chile, Uruguay, and of course southern Brazil (where Portuguese is the language). On 60 Meters you'll see gradually improving reception from potential hot spots like Rhodesia, Angola, South Africa and Zambia. With the exception of

Angolans, a particularly favorable time for this area is between 2200 and 2330 EST, when many broadcast voices in lower Africa S/on.

Shortwave listeners can expect regular reception from R. Hanoi on 15015 kHz (just one kiloHertz below our Apollo man-on-themoon program's prime SW channel) during afternoon hours. Prior to this current phase in the sunspot cycle, after noon hours have been the poorest time for Asian reception in most of North America. Incidentally, North Vietnar.'s menu includes English at 1500 EST, se don't mistake their announcer for one of our men on his way to the moon.

| RADIO-TV EXPERIMENTER PROPAGATION FORECAST |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Feb./March 1969 LISTENER'S STANDARD TIME | ASIA (except Near East) | EUROPE, NEAR EAST \& AFRICA ( N . of the Sahara) | AFRICA (S. of the Sahara) | SOUTH PACIFIC | LATIN AMERICA |
| 0000-0300 | 19, 25 | (31), 41, 49 | 49,60e, (90e) | 31 | 49,60 |
| 0300-0600 | 41, 49, 60 | 31 | 31 | 41, 60, (90) | 49,60 |
| 0600-0900 | 19, (31), 49w | 16, 19 | 19, (60w) | 25,31 | 31,49 |
| 0900-1200 | 19,25 | (13), 16, 19 | 19, 25 | 25 | 31 |
| 1200-1500 | 16, 19 | (13), 16, 19 | (19), 25 | (25-poer) | 19 |
| 1500-1800 | 19,31 | (19), 25, 31, (49) | 31, (49e), 60e | (19-poor) | 31 |
| 1800-2100 | 16, 19 | 25, 31 | 31,60w, (90w) | 16, 19 | 49,60,90 |
| 2100-2400 | 16, 19 | 25,31 | 60, (90) | 19,25 | 49, 60, 90 |

To use the table put your finger on the region you want to hear and log, move your finger down until it is alongside the local standard time at which you will be lis-ening and lift your finger. Underneath your pointing digit will be the shortwave band or bards that will give the best DX results. The time in the above propagation table is given in standard time at the listener's location, which effectively compensates for differences in propagation characteris-ics between the East and West Coasts of North America. Abbreviations: w-Western North America and e-Eastern North America. When w or a follow a band listing, it means the band is only good for that part of the continent. The short wave bands in brackets are suggested as possible second choices. Refer to White's Radio Log for our wcrld-wide Shortwave list.

By MARSHALL LINCOLN

## What Price Ham Radio?

- "Psst! Hey, buddy! You want a ham license? You do? Good. Just step back here in this dark doorway where nohndy can see us and I'll fix you up. You say you don't know the code? Aw, c'mon, Clyde, don't be a dunmy-you don't need that stuff any more! And youre not so hot on theory? Forget it! Just step back here in the shadows and I'll show you how to get a genuine han ticket real easy. By this time tomorrow, you'll be on the air, having a hall!"’

An imaginary conversation? Right now fortunately, it is. But there are forces at work trying to make our little back-street melodrana for real.

All sorts of individuals and organizations have been taking stahs at making it easier to get a ham ticket. Any of those stabs could be a stab in the back for ham radio if they succeeded.
"We're just trying to inject more new blood into ham radio," they proclaim innocently. "Ham radio is not growing proportionately to the rest of our society, so we're just trying to encourage more people to take up this fascinating hobby."

And I say "Hogwash."
Ham radio does not need quantity to thrive, it needs quality. Increasing the number of hams will do nothing to make our hobby healthier if those hams get their licenses through easy exams that fail to weed out incompetents.

Not one of the proposals for easicr licenses and expanded privileges will stand this test: will the proposal improve the ahility of the new licensee to understand the operation of his equipment or to carry on useful, meaningful communications.

Some of the nutty proposals call for abolishing the code test, or for a slower code
speed than the present 5 wpil required of Novices and Technicians. Some of the proposals seek to put Novices or Techs on 10 Meters, or Novices on 6 Meters. or Novices back on fone on 2 Meters. Others seek to make the Novice ticket renewable, thus missing the whole point of having the Novice Class in the first place: purely as a means of obtaining on-the-air experience in work. ing toward a higher-class ticket.

Every now and then. someone who pretends to be of sound mind proposes creation of a new type of license, which might be called a "hohby" license or a "communicators" license, with little or no examination of applicants. Idle talking has become such a hig part of our easy-come, casy-go society that some misguided souls think filling the air with meaningless chatter should be extended to all ham hands.

None of these proposals hold water when you ask how they would make ham radio better. What is clear is that they would water down our ranks tremendously by bringing in a lot of warm hodies, many devoid of brains.

A while back, we finally got hack on the right track toward upgrading the Anlateur Radio Scrvice with a return to incentive licensing. Iet's keep that plan in operation by junking all these silly requests for giveaway licenses. If we don't, we'll he giving away han radio. And we'll never get it hack.

New DX Challenge. For several years, the future of the DXCC award has heen in douht. For the ham who has everything, DXCC hecame a hollow victory. After all, once you have it, what can you do for an encore?

Now, there is an encore powible, and it's a dilly! A new fire-band DXCC award has
been created by the ARRL. To receive it, a ham must have confirmation of at least 100 countries on each of five separate bands. Some of the hard workers probably have the QSL cards stashed away right now to get this award, but there's a hooker: all contacts must have been made after January 1, 1969!

That'll separate the men from the boys for quite a while, and breathe some new life into what had become a "so what?" type of award. With the current sunspot cycle starting downhill and a slice of 40 -Mcter DX frequencies now taken away from all hut the Extra and Advanced Class operators, this award is going to be the object of some feverish activity.

High-Priced Hamming. "Never mind the bruises-collect, collect, and make a speech now and then about restraint and holding the line."

That's Ernie Welling. VE2YU, complaining, and he has plenty to complain about. Ernie is editor of electron (a Canadian electronics magazine), and he writes a regular column in the magazine dealing with ham radio.

Lately he's been taking editorial pot shots at the high taxes, duties, and fees which Canadian hams must pay, and he appears to have a sharp aim. When you consider what our neighbors north of the border must pay for licenses and taxes on their equipment, it's remarkable there is any ham radio in Canada at all.

The latest oppressive indignity to be dumped on the VE/VO hams is a fantastic increase in license fees: from $\$ 2.50$ to $\$ 10.00$ ! That's a $400 \%$ increase, and they have to pay it every year! Amendments to an existing license now cost \$6.00!

Ernie's reaction to this dumbfounding development is concise and to the point:
"The increase in the amateur license fee is an outrage. It has been forced on the licensees without consultation; it is visited upon

Omnigraph, patented in 1904, once struck terror into the hearts of would-be hams. Held by Forest Arden, W7IJP, spring-driven instrument furnished code for tests in license exams.
a group who are not using radio for profit or reward; it penalizes a large number of non-wage earners; it will seriously affect the growth of the hobby among the young, where the country needs it most; and it does not correspond to any increase in services by the Department of Transport. We will obviously have to stop thinking of this as a license fee because what we now have on our hands is a tax-'a contribution levied for support of the government." "

Those words could well be taken to heart by U.S. hams, who have rather blithly accepted our license "fees" without questioning where the money really goes or what it's spent for. (For the record, license fees which U.S. hams pay do not go into the FCC budget, and they are not proportional to the amount of service which hams receive from the FCC.) I've insisted since the beginning that these are not fees we pay-they are taxes in the true sense of the word. What's more, they are unfair, discriminatory, and illegally-levied taxes at that.

Our Canadian comrades have the same problem, save that they must cough up more than we do. We could be next in this mad mania of modern governments to tax everything in sight and then keep raising the price.

Ernie reports there has been quite a ruckus raised over the license-fee increase, with several petitions filed opposing it.

But the license tax isn"t the only price of being a ham in Canada. For all store-bought equipment, there's also the not-so-little matter of the $15 \%$ Federal excise tax. Then there's the $11 \%$ Federal sales tax. In some cases, there's a provincial sales tax. And if
(Continued on page 114)



#### Abstract

An up-to-date Directory of North American AM, FM, and TV Stations, including special sections on World-Wide Shortwave Stations and Emergency Stations for Selected Areas


$\square$White's Radio Log was founded in Providence, R. I. hy Charles De Witt White as an extension of his earlier publishing activities. Interestingly enough, these, in turn, were a continuation of the business established hy his father: the publication of city directories, street guides, and municipal tax guides.

In the early days of broadcasting, compiling a list of operating stations and their frequencies was no simple task. Reason was that prior to the Dill-White Radio Act of 1927, any feed merchant, auto dealer, barber, or undertaker who wanted to advertise his wares or services had only to select a frequency and go on the air. A great many experimenters and businessmen did just that.

Nevertheless. Mr. White's directory publishing experience had convinced him that he could successfilly assemble a radio log. In 1924 he justified this conviction with The Rhode Island Radio Call Book, following this sliortly after with White's Triple List of Radio Broadcasting Starions.

In 1927 the two publications were merged and nation-wide distribution established. In ens.ing years related publications, such as Sprnsored Radio Programs, Radio Annuuncer's Guide, Shori-Wave Schedule Civide, and a special Canadian edition of the Log ( which had had its title shortened to the one it bears today), were also issued.

The Log itself eventually reached a combined circulation of well over a million copies. It also came up with some rather
unusual hedfellows. In 1929-31 it was distributed as the Enna Jerrick Radio Log (to promote the sale of shoes): in 1938-9 as the Gencral Electric Radio Log to promote General Electric's "sensational 1939 receivers with pushbutton tuning."

The Fall-Winter number of the 1927 Log listed 701 U.S. stations. Most powerful were WEAF (now WRCA). New York, with 50.000 watts: KDKA. Pittshurgh: WGY, Schenectady: and WJZ. (now WABC). New York, each with 30.000 watts: WGN-W1.IB, Chicago, with 15.000 watts: and Boston's WBZ, also with 15.000 ). Five stations listed (one a Junior High School in Norfolk. Va.) operated on a mighty 5 watts: more than 100 stations had outputs of less that 100 watts.

The current Log cross-indexes over +244 U.S. standard-hroadcast ( AM1) stations. over 2247 U.S. frequency-modulation (FM) and over 810 television stations, has a complete compilation of Canadian hroadcasters, and, in addition, has a comprehensive world-wide roster of shortwave stations.

With the success of his Log. Charles De Witt White (a direct descendant of Peregrine White, the first child born on the Mayflower's historic crossing and hearer of the name of another illustrious ancestor. De Witt Clinton) disposed of his city directory and street guide interests. In time, he transferred his editorial operations to Bronxville, N. Y., a suburb of New York City, where he could remain in close touch with the
broadcasting industry. On April 6. 1957, having only recently completed revising and updating material for the 34 th consecutive year of his Log. Mr. White died in his slcep. He was 76 years old.

Charles De Witt White's daughter and heir, Mrs. W. R. Washburn, sold all rights in and to the Log to Science \& Mechanics Publishing Co., and entrusted us with continuing her father's work. This we were proud to do back in 1958 in the fifth issue of Radio-TV Experimenter-then an annual publication.

Beginning with our first bimonthly issue in 1964, White's Radio Log was divided into three parts (it had grown to 60 pages in size and was much too large to incorporate in any one issue). From 1964 until the present, we published the Log in three parts, updating each part right up to press time.

Now, in 1969, the size of the Log again necessitates a change. Therefore, White's Radio Log will be published in six parts during 1969. In each issue we will include a major listing for either AM Broadcasting

Stations, FM Broadcasting Stations or Television Stations; plus the expanded WorldWide Shortwave Section (brand new for each issue); plus the all-new Emergency Radio Listing for major U.S. cities (a different major city will appear in every issue).

In this issue of Radio-TV Experimenter, White's Radio Log contains U.S. AM Stations by Frequency, World-Wide Shortwave Stations, and Emergency Radio Listings for Chicago, III. and Surrounding Communities.

As always, as we go to press on each issue of White's Radio Log, station additions, changes, and deletions are made by the U.S. and Canadian governments. The same holds true for the world-wide shortwave broadcasters Therefore, the Editor cordially invites all readers to inform him of any changes that must be made to keep the $\log$ up to date. (In some instances our readers discover and notify us of changes hefore the FCC or DOT officially inform us.) Keep your cards and letters coming-they are most sincerely appreciated, and it's the one way you can help us make a better Log.

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## U.S. AM Stations by Frequency

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W.P., power in watts: d, operates daytime only; $n$, operates nighttime only. Wave length is given in meters. Listing indicates stations on the air up to Detober 14, 1968.


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KFQD Anthorage, Alaska wSB Attanta, Ga.
WBMD Baltimore, Md. KMMJ Grand Isiand. Neb. KSEO Durant, Okla.
KXL Portland, Oreg. 250 d
WPDX Clarksburg, W.Va. 1000 d
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KFMB Sam Diego, Cal. KGU Honolulu. Hawail WJR Detrolt, Mieh.
WCPS Tarbore, N.C.
770-389.4
KUOM Minneapolis. Minn. WCAL Northnold, Minn.
WEW St. Louls, Mo.
KOB Albuquerque, N. Mex. WABC New York, N.Y. KXA Soattle, Wash.
780-384.4
WBBM Chleago. III. WCKB Dunn WBEB Forsst City, N.C. KSPI Stilimater, Okla
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KO8Y Texarkana. Ark. KABC Los Anpolesis. Callif. WFBE Leesburo. Fia WFUN Miami, Fla. WOXI Atiante, Ga. WYNR Brunswiek. Ga. KORA Calro Ga.
KEST Kealsainua, Hawail KBRV 8oda Springe, Id WRMS Beardstown. III. KXXX Colby, Kams. WRUM Rumpord. My. WSGW Saplnaw. Mieh KGHL Blilines. Mant WWNY Watertown. N.Y WWNV Walsurtile. ${ }^{\text {W. N. Y. }}$ WTNC Thomasvilis, N.C. KFGO Fargo, N.D. KWIL Albany, Orig. WPIC Sharon. Pa . WEAN Proyldene WWBD Brovideneo R.I.
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WHOS Decatur, Ala. WMGY Montgomery, Ala. KNY Juneau. Alask KYOM KUZZ Bakersheid, Calif. KBRN Brighton, Colo. WLAD Danbury, Conn. WRKV Rockvilit. Conn. WSUZ Palatka, Fia. WJAT 8wainsbaro KXIC lowa City, lowa WCCM Lawrence. Mass. WVAL Sauk Rapids. Minn. KREI Farmington, Mo WTMR Camden. N.J. KJEM Okla. City, ok WCHA Chambersbur

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KEYN Wichita, Kan. WEYA Loulsvilie. Ky. WLSA Plkeville, Ky. WC WE Brunswiek, Maln WLMD Luncel, Md. WATC Gaylord, Mich. KTIS Minneapolis, Minn WDDT Greenvilto, Miss. KFAL Fulton, Mo. KJ8K Columbus, Nebr.
WOTW Nashua, N. H. KOA Denver. Colo. WRUF Galnesvilie, Fla. WEAT W. Palm Beaeh, F
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WAYE BaltImore. Md, W8BS Gt. Barrin位on, Mass. KNUJ Naw Ulm. Minm. WMAG Forest. Mlss. MAR8 Bolen, N. MA. WFMO Fairment, N.C.
WSTH Taylorsville, N. C. WSTH Taylorsvillo, N.
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WDVC Dedavills, Ala.
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KNEW Oakland, Calif. KOXR Oxnard, Cal. WRCH Now Britain, Conn. WPCH Now Britain. City. FIa. WGAF Valdota Ga.
KBGN Caldwall, Ida. wako Lawrene ovilis, Ill. WSUI Iowa City, Io wLCS Baton Roure WABI Bancer, Maline
WFDF Flint Mich. wCOC Meridi nt Mist KOYN BIIIIngs, Mont.
KBIM Reswelf. N. M. WRKL New City, N.Y.
WLAS Jacksonvile, N.C KCJB MInot, N.Dak. WBRJ Marietta, 0 . KGLC Miaml, Okla. KURY Brookings,
WAVL Apollo. Paz. WGBI Geranton, Pa. WSEA Yort, Pa.
WPRP Ponce. P. WNCG North Charlezton, 8. WORD Spartanbure. 8.C. WJCW Johnson City, Tenn.
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KEZU Rapid City. S.Dak. 10000 WLIV Livingston. Tenn. 1000 d KELP EI Piso. Tex.
 KYEL Vernal, Ulan KITN Olympla, wash KXLY Spokis, Wish. Wash. WWMN Fairmont, W.Va. WOKY Milwatkee, Wis.

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KEWO Paradise, Cal.
KIUP Durango. Colo.
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WHAN Haines City. Fla.
wJAX Jacksonville. Fla.
WKXY Sarasota. Fla.
WMGR Balnbridse, Ge
KSEI Pocatello, Idahe
WTAD Quiney, Ill.
WHON Centerville. Ind. Ky.
WFMD Fradorick, Md
WREB Holyoke, wass.
WBCK Battle Creek, Mleh.
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KCCC Carlsbad, N. M.
WSOC Charlotte, N.C.
WWNH Rochester. N.H.
WBEN Bunte. N.Y.
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WKY oklahoma City. Okla. 5000
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KRSP Salt Lake City, Utah 10000d
1070-280.2
WAPI Birmingham, Ala. 50000 WNX Los Angeles, Calif. 50000 WBC Indianapolis, Ind. KFDI Wiehita, Kans. KKDO Hannibal. Mo. WKDR Plattsburgh, N.
WNCT Greenville. $\mathrm{N} . \mathrm{C}$. WHPE High Point. N.C WKOK Suntury. Penn. WHYZ Greenvile. ©. WFLI Lookout Min., Tinn. OIA Memphis, Tenn. KNN Alies. Tox.
ENR Houston Tox WINA Charlottesvilis, Va WKOW Madison. Wis.

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KAC Athens, Ala. Sic Santa Cruz, Callf VCG Coral Gables, Fla. WFIV Kissimmes. Fia. loE Port si. Job, Fla. WPIE Marietta, Ga. WPOK Pontiac. Ill. NNWI Valparaiso, ind. KOAK Red Oak, la. WKLO Loulsvilio, Ky. WOAP 0 wosso, Mith. KYMN Northnield, Minn. KGCL East Prairie. Mo. WUFO Amherst, N.Y. WEWO Laurinhurg. N.C. WWDR Murfreesboro. KNDK Langdon, N.D. WMVR Sidney. 0 . KWJJ Portland, Oreg. WEEP Pittsburgh, Pa WLEY Cayey. P. $\boldsymbol{A}$.
KRLD Dallas, Tex.
WKBY Chatham, Va
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KAAY Llttle Roek. Ark. WQIK Jacksonvillo, Fla. WBAF Barnesville, Gat. WCAA Emngham, III KHAL Honolulu, Hawail WFWR Ft. Wayne, ind. KNWS Waterloo, lowa WDLV Donalsonvillo, La. WBAL BaltImore. ind. WILD Boston, Mass. WMUS Muskepon. Mleh. WTAK Garden city, Mieh. KEXS Excolslor Springs, Mo WKTE King. N. C. KTGO Tioga, N.D. WMWM Wilmington. $D_{\text {, }}$ WKSP KIngstree. S. WENR Englawood. Tonn WJKM Hartsville. Tonn. W GOC Kingspert Tenn KANN Ogden, Uiah KING Seattlo. Wash. WISS Berlin, wis
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WLBB Carrollton, Ga. WHLI Mompstead, N. WKYC Cleveland, 0 .
WGPA Betnlehem, P
$1110-270.1$
WBIB Centrovilio, Ala, KRLA Pasadona, Cal.
WALT Tampa, fla. WEBS Calhoun, Ga
KIPA Hilo. Hawail WKDZ Cadiz Ky
WFCG Franklinton, La.
WJML Petostey. Mieh
WKRA Holly Springs, Miss. 1000 d KFAB Omahe, Nebr. WSFW Seneta Falts, N.
WBT Charlotto, N.C.
WELX Xenia, 0 .
KBND Bend, Okla
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WVJP Caquas, P.R. $\quad 250$ KDRY Alamo Heights. Tex. 1000 d 1120-267.7
WUST Washinoton, D.C. KMOX St. Louis, M
WWOL Bunalo, N. $V$. WWOL Bufalo, N. Y KPNW Eugene, Ore,
KCNW Springheld, Ore. KCLE Cleburne, Tex.

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KRDU Dinuba, Callf. KSDO San Diego, Cal.
WMGA Moultric, Ga. WMGA Moultris, Ga. KLE! Kallua, Hawail
KLEY Wellington, Kan. KWKH Shreveport, La WCAR Datroit, Wich. WOGY Minneapolis. Ming 50000 KBLR Bolivar, Mo. WNEW New York. N.Y WPYB Bonson, N.C. WASP Brownsville, Pa KBGH Memphis, Tenn
WDTM Selmer, Tenn. WDTM Selmer, Tonn.
WISN Milwaukes. Wis. 1140-263.0 KRAK Saeramento, Callf.
KNAB Burlington, Colo. KNAB Burlington,
WQBA Miami, Fla. WQBA Miami, Fla, KGEM Boise, Idato
WSIV Pekin. Ill. WSIV Pekin, Ill.
WAWK Kendallille, Ind.
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| KIFW Sitka, Alaska | 250 |
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WAZF Yazoo City. Miss. KOCE Joplin, MO. KLWT Lebanon, Mo. KWIT Moberly, Mo
KBMN Bozeman, Mant. KHDN Hardin. Mont. $1000 d$ KXLO Lewistown. Mont. 1000 KLCB Libby, Mont,
KTNC Falls City, Nebr. KHAS Hastings. Neb. KELY Ely. Nov. KLAY Las Vegas. Nev.
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WHUC Hudsan, N. Y. WFAS Little Falls, N. Y. WSKY Ashovillo. N.C WMAR Fayetteville. N.C. WISP Kinston Point, N.C WNNC Newton, N.C. WCBT Roanok. Rap., N KOIX Dickinson. N. Nak. C WCOL Columbuer. 0 . WIRO Ironton, 0 . ${ }^{\text {O }}$ WCWA Tolen. 0.
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KGRO Pampa. Tox. KGRO Pampa. Tox. KSST Sulphur Sprgi., Tex. KWTX Waco, Tex.
KMOR Murray, Utah KOAL Price, Utah woy Burlington. Vt. WBBI Abingdon, Va. W8BI Abingdon, Va.
WOOI Brookneal, Va. WFVA Credericksburs, Va. WNOR Norfolk. Va.
KWYZ Everett, Wash. KREW Sunnyside, Was WTOG Logan, W.Va. WHAP Parkersburg, W,Va. WCLO Appleton. Wis. WCLO Janesville, W/a KVOC Casper, Wyo.

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KCYN Williams, Ariz.
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WUSJ Lockport. N. Y. WALL Mrddletown, N.Y. WJRI benoir, N.C. WTSB Lumberton. N.C. wOXF Oxford. N.C WOOW Greenville. N.C. WAIH WInston billem KGPC Grafion, N.Dak. WNCO Ashiand, 0 .
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WKRZ DII City, Ps
WHAT Philadelpha, Pa
WRAW Reading, Ps
WBRE WIkes.Barro, Pa.
WPA Williamaport. Pa.
WUNA Aquadilia. P.R.
WOKE Charleston, S.C.
WSSC Sumter, S.C.
KIJV Huron, S. D
KRSD Rapld City, S.Dak
WKRM Columbia. Tenn.
WGRV Greenevilio Tenn.
WKGN Knoxville, Tenn.
WLOK Momphis, Tenn.
KwKC Winehester. Tenn.
KWKC Abilene. Tex.
KTSL Burnett. Tex.
KSND Corsicana, Tox.
KSET EI Paso, Tex.
KLBK Lubback, Tex.
KPON Pampa. Tex.
KOLE Port Arthur, Tex.
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WMA Orange, Va.
KSMK Knacnrtes. Wach.
KAPA Raymond, wash.
KHEL Wenatchee, Wash
WEPR Clarksburg. W, Va.
WMON Montgomery, W.Va. WOVE Woleh. W.Va.
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KYCN Wheatiand, Wyo
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WELB Elba. Ala.
WGAD Gadsden, Ala.
KLYD Bakprtfield. Callf KCKC San Bernardino, Cal. KSRO Sante Rosa, Callf. KKAM Pueblo. Colo. WNLK Norwaik, Conn WINY Putnam, Conn. EZY Cocoa, Fla.
WCAF Dada City. Fla


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WGPC Albany, Ga.
WBHF Cartersvilie, Ga. WCON Cornelia, Ga. WKEU Grifinn, Ga. WMVG Milledsevitle, Ga. WBYG Savannah. Ga. WVLD Valdosta. Ga. KVSI Montpelier, Ida. KEEP Twin Falls, Idaho WON Kicero. II. WCVS Springfield, ill WLYV Ft. Wayne, Ind WXVW Jeffersonville, Ind. WASK Lafayette, ind. WAOV Vincennes. Ind. KLWW Cedar Rapid KWBW Hutehinson. Kans. WTCO Camphellsville Ky. WWXL Manchaster, K WLKS W. Liberty. K K81G Crowley, La.
KNOC Natchitoches, La, WNPS Now Orleans, La WLKN Lincoin, Me WRKD Rockland, Maine WKTG South Paris, Maine WTBO Cumberland. Md, WTHU Thurmont. Md. WATZ Alpena Townshid. Miehi
WHTC Holland, Mich. WMBM Troll Min.. Mich WKLA Ludington. Mieh. Nowberry. Mich. WHLS Port Huron, Mien,
KATE Albert Lea. Minn.
BBN Bemidji, Minn.
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WROX Clarhsdad. Minn WCJU Columbiale. Miss. WIXN Jaekson. Miss. WKK Meridian M YROB West Point Mi KFTW Fredericktown. Mo WMBH Joplin. Mo. KIRX Kirksville. Mo KOKO Warrensburg, Mo. KWPM West Plains, Mo UODI Great Fails. Mont. $K$ GMY Missoula, Mont KRBN Red Lode. Mont KVCK Wolr Point. Mont. WBE Beatrice, Nebr.
KONE Reno. Nev.
WKXL Coneord. N.H.
WFPG Atlantle City, N.J.
KRZY Albuquerque. N.M. KLMX Clayton, N. Mex.
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KENM Portales. N. Wex
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WWSC Gien Falls.
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WKAL ROme. N.Y
W GNC Gastonia, N.C.
WIZS Henderson. N.C
WHKP Hendersonville, N.C. WHIT New Bern. N.C. WFBS Spring Lake. N.C KGCA Rugby. N. D. WJER Dover. Ohio WMOH Hamilton. Ohio WLEC Sandusky, Ohio
KWHW Altus. Okla.
KGFF Shawnee, Okla
KSIW Woodward, okia.
KEED Eugene. Ore
KFLW Klamath Fails, Ore KWGO La Grande, Ores.
WWGO Erie. Pa,
WBPS Portland, Ore.
WFRA Franklin, Pa.
WPAM Indiana, Pa,
WMPT S. Williamsport. Pa.
WJPA State Coilege, Pa.
WCPR Washington. Pa.
WWR Coam. P.


KDBM Dillon，Mont． KBON Omahe．Nobr． WLDB Atlantic city，N．$\%$ KRSN Los Alamos，N．Mox． KRTN Raton．N．Mex． WBTA Amsterdam．N．Y． WKTA Batavia，N．Y． WICY Malone，N．Y WOLC Port Jervis．N．Y． WSSB Durham，N．C． WFLB Fayetteville．N．C． WRNB Now Bern，N．C． W8TP Salisbury．N．C． WSYP Salisbury．N．C KHSL Wettingef．N． D ． KNOC Hetlinger．
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WKVT Utah
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WFAD Middebury，Vt． WIKE Newport．Vt． WCVA Culpeper，Va． WVEC Hampton．Va． WAYB Waynesboro．Va．
KBRO Bremerton，Wash． KVAC Forks．Wash． KENE TODPenish．wash KENE Toppenish．Wash．
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WAKE Valparaiso，Ind
WMJL Marion．Ky
KWRG Now Roads．La．
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$1510-199.1$ KALF Mesa．Ariz． KSOM Ontario．Cal
KIRV Fresno．Cab． KTIM San Rafael，Callt． KDKO Littiefon，Colo，
WNLC New London．Conn． WWBC Cocoa，FIa． WINU Highland，III． WKRC Jollet．III． KIFG Iowa Falls，Iowa KANS Larned，Kan． KPBC Port Sulphur，La WMEX Boston，Mass WLKM Three Rivers，Mleh． WKPO Prentiss，Miss． KCCV Independence．Mo
KTTT Columbus，Nobr． WRAN Dover，N．J． WJIC Salem．N． WPUT Brewster，N．Y． WE2B Solma．N．C． WLGN Logan， 0WLAC Nashville，Tenn． 50000KCTX Childress．Tox．KABH Midland Tex．KMOO Mineola，Tex．KROB Robstown．Tox250d
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WXPQ Eatonton. Ga.
WNMT Garden City.
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WSVI Shelbyille, Ind.
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WKJR Muskegon Hit.. Mith
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WSLT Ocean City-Somers
WKBW Buffalo. NiY
WTHE Mineola. N.Y.
WOSL Macksville. N.C.
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KYXI Oregon City. Ore.
WCHE West Chester. Pa
WRAI San Juan, $P$. R.
WKGR Myrte Beach. S.
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WAOK Newport．R．I．WKKR Plekens S．C．WBFJ Woodbury．Tenn．KBUY Ft．Wor：h，Tox，
KGBC Gidiveston．Tex．KEDA San Antonio．Tex，KEDA San Antonio．Tex
WRGM Rlehmold，Va．
KFKF Bellevue．Wash．KFKF Bellevue．Wash． 1000$1550-193.5$
WAAY Huntsvile，Ala．
WMOO Mobile．Ala．
KUAT Tucson，Ariz．
KXEX Frusno．Cali．
KKHI San Fran．，Calif．
KQXI Arvada．Cola．
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## World-Wide Shortwave Stations

$\square$ This time our big contest (the one without prizes or awards, that is) is going to be a bit different. It seems, from the mail we receive, that too few monitors know some of the basic rules of the road for DX'ing. That gave us the idea to ask you some questions on the hobby itself along with our usual demands for you to listen for off-beat DX stations. Scoring info at the end of the quiz.

1. What basic information bits should be sent to stations when you are submitting a reception report with the hopes of getting a QSL card in return?
2. When, after as many as three tries on your part, a station refuses to acknowledge your signal reports with a QSL card, you should: A-Notify all radio clubs that this station is a non-QSL'er and should be blacklisted; B-Send them a carbon copy of your original report every two months until they come through with a QSL card: C-Forget them and give up; D-Give them a few more chances before giving up, possibly with a more detailed or different approach to the report you send: E -Write to the station and let them know that they are being "unfair" to the DXing hobby.
3. True or False: The longer the wire for the receiving antenna, the better the chances you will have for pulling in those far away stations.
4. True or False: 26 or 27 mHz is about the upper limit of the radio spectrum insofar as the DX hobbyist is concerned.
5. Here's a rarie from out in the Pacific; it's the station of the Fiji Broadcasting Commission on 6005 kHz , heard around 0300 GMT. They are hard to hear in the Eastern half of the States and Canada but will QSL promptly. The address is Box 334, Suva, Fiji Islands.
6. A clandestine (secret location) station calling itself "Radio Free Russia" is now being heard on 6368 and 6376 kHz around 1900 GMT. Can you hear this one?
7. Anybody for Nepal? Don't all scramble at once to hear Radio Nepal on 4795 kHz now that their new higher powered rig is installed. Loom for them on from 1320 to 1620 GMT. Also heard testing on 9590 kHz.
8. Yeah man. here's a chance to hear Yemen, that little kingdom in the middle east which has been in the news during the past few years. A station calling itself
"Yemeni Royalist Radio," and thought to really be in Yemen, is being heard at 1640 GMT on a frequency somewhere between 9972 and 9985 kHz .
9. New Korean station is the "Voice of Hope," operated from Seoul by the S. Korean Army. Look for it on 6170 kHz at 1200 and 0815 GMT.
10. Guess what? That old pirate Radio Libertad is back (according to many reporters) and guess where they are; you betcha-right on 6000 kHz , the frequency formerly used by Radic Americas from Swan Island. This was predicted some time ago - that when Radio Swan/Americas closed down its functions would be taken over by Radio Libertad. Check the channel in the evenings.

Scoring. Take 10 points per question or DX challenge, with 1 point deducted for each thing you forgot to include in your answers to question 1.

Here are the answers to the questions:

1. Send them a detailed report listing all announcements and musical selections monitored during a period of not less than 15 minutes duration, information on their signals (foding, strength, interference, modulation quality). the time you heard them (in GMT), the date, the details of your receiving equipment. and an International $R e$ ply Coupon to pay the return postage for your QSL.
2. The answer is $D$. Never try to blacklist a station or send them a nasty letter. QSL cards are a courtesy to the hobby and not a necessary part of the station's obligation to

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the world public．Your reception report has only minimal value from a technical stand－ point and if the station never received it，they would really be just as happy．Maybe your report got lost in the mail，or maybe the station persomel are busy，maybe they are slow answerers，or maybe your report was inadequate．Don＇t lose patience，just send them a more detailed report－possibly in their own language．

3．Ialse！The most efficient antenna is a directional one which is cut for the specific
band you are monitoring．A long，long，long， zig－zagging random length wire may actual－ ly be very poor for hearing certain frequen－ cies or in certain directions．

4．False！It may be the upper frequency limits of International Broadcasting，but it is the hottom edge of a whole new world of so－called＂utilities＂DX which consists sev－ eral ham bands，police，fire，husiness，and emergency communications．With an inex－ pensive VHF receiver and a small antenna you can receive more thrills and excitement than you ever Ireamed possible．See our new listing following the World－Wide Short－ wave section．

| $\mathrm{kHz}_{2}$ | Call | Identification | Location | GMT |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3985 | HCER5 | Escuelas R． Populares | Riobambs． | 2345 |
| 4765 | － | R－TV Congolaise | Brazzaville． |  |
| 4795 | HIAS | S．Dominro R | Congo | 0430 |
|  |  |  | D．R． | 0400 |
| 4820 | HRVC | HRVC | Tequcigalpa， Honduras |  |
|  |  | Emis．Oficial | Luanda，Angola | 0500 |
| $4880$ | － | R．Yarscuy | Yaroculy Venczuela | － 0300 |
|  | YVKB | R．Venezuela | Coracas，Venez | 0245 |
| 4895 | － | R．RSA | Johannesburg． |  |
| 4900 | YVNK | R．Juventud | Barquisimeto， | 0510 |
|  | VLM4 |  | Venez． | 45 |
| 4940 |  | R．Mil | Brisbune．Austra Santo Domingo． | 0910 |
| 53 | HRRZ | R．Jutigal | D．R． | 0430 |
|  |  |  | Honduras． | 1045 |
|  | HJCQ | R．Nacional | Bogota，Colombia | 0010 |
| 4965 | HJAF | R．Santa fe | Bogota，Colombia | 0515 |
| 4990 | YVMO | R．Barquisimeto | Barquisimeto． |  |
|  |  |  | Venez． | 0115 |
|  | OAXBV | R．Eco | Lima．Peru | 0340 |
| 6025 | OAx | Southern Cross R． | La Paz，Bolivis | 0130 |
| 48 |  | R．Togo | Lome，＇Togo | 0545 |
| 5875 | HRN | V．de Handuras | Tequcigalpo |  |
|  |  |  | Honduras | 0135 |


|  | 60－Meter Band－ $5950-6200 \mathrm{kHz}$ |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5960 | HRRH | V．de Occidente | San |  |
| 5970 |  |  | Honduras | 1210 |
| 5975 | ZYT44 | R．Globo | Bogot，Colombis Fiorianapolis． |  |
| 5985 | LRS2 | R．Splendid | Braz． Buenos | 0925 |
|  |  |  | Araentina | 1010 |
| 5990 | － | RAI | Rome，Italy | 0415 |
|  |  | BBC | London．England | 0345 |
| 6000 | － | R．Inconfidencis | Belo Horizonte， |  |
| 6005 | CFC | CF R | Braz． Montreal Que． | 45 |
| 6010 | CJCX | CJCX | Sydner．N S． | 0950 |
| 6025 | HCJB | $V$ de los Andes | Quito．Ecuador | 0715 |
| 6030 |  | R．Bughdad | Baghdad．Irag | 0250 |
| 6035 | TIFC | Faro del Caribe | San Jose．C．R． | 0320 |
| 6045 | － | RRI | Jakarta，Indonesio | 1215 |
|  |  | R．Santa Rosa | Lima，Peru | 0150 |
| 6070 | CFRX | CFRX | Toronto．Ont． | 1000 |
| 6075 |  | R．RSA | Johannesburg． S．Afr． | 2345 |
| 6110 | － | BBC | London，England | 0315 |
| 6120 | 4VEH | V．Evangel＇que | Cap Haitien，Haiti | 1015 |
| 6130 |  | R．Nacional | Madrid．Spain | 0315 |
|  | CHNX | CHNX | Halifox，N．S． | 0400 |
| 35 | － | R．Habana | Havana，Cuba | 0300 |
| 613 | － | R－TV franesis | Papeete．Tahiti | 0510 |
| 6140 |  | R．El Sol | Cali，Colombia | 1020 |
| 6155 |  | Far East Net | Tokyo，Japan | 1000 |
|  | ZAA | R．Tirana | Tirana，Albania | 0150 |
| 6180 | HJKJ | E．Nueva Granada | Bogota，Colombia | 0300 |
| 6165 | XEWW | XEWW | Mexico City，Mex． | 0110 |


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| 6185 ZYR77 | R．Bandeirantes | Bandeirantes． <br> Brazil | 1000 |


| 41－Meter Band－7100．7300 kHz |  |  |  |  |
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| $\begin{aligned} & 7110 \\ & 7115 \end{aligned}$ | － | BBC R．Peking | London，Enaland Pekina．China | 0250 |
| 7125 | ETLF | R．V．Gospel | Addis Ababa． |  |
| 7155 | － | R．Peking | Ethiopia | 0330 1140 |
| 7165 |  | V．America | Okinawa | 1100 |
| 7295 | ZAA | R．Tirana | Tirans，Albania | 2330 |
| 7345 |  | R．Prague | Prague，Czech． | 2215 |
| 9490 | ZAA | R．Tirana | Tirana．Albania | 0140 |

3I－Meter Band— $9500-9775 \mathrm{kHz}$

| 9505 | HISD | HISD | Santo Domingo， D．R． | 0315 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | R．Japan | Tokyo，Japan | 113 |
| 9510 |  | BBC | London，England | 0610 |
|  | OAX4V | R．America | Limo，Peru | 0730 |
| 9520 | ZLI8 | R．New Zealand | Wellington，N．Z． | 0700 |
|  | OAX4J | R．LaCranica | Lima，Peru | 0310 |
|  | － | Danish BC | Copenhagen． |  |
| 9525 | － | R．Warsaw | Warsaw，Pola | 0150 |
|  |  | R．Habana | Havana，Cuba | 0745 |
| 9530 | 二 | NHK | Tokro，Japan | 0945 |
|  |  | R．Moscow | Moscow，USSR | 0700 |
| 9540 | ZL2 | R．New Zealand | Wellington，N．Z． | 0545 |
| 9545 | DMQ9 | Deutsche Welle | Cologne， $\mathbf{W}$ ． Germany | 退40 |
| 9560 | － | NHK | Tokyo，Japan | 1915 |
|  | － | R．Australia | Melbourne， |  |
|  |  |  | Australia | 0730 |
| 9580 |  | R．Portales | Santiago．Chile | 0530 |
| 9590 | PCJ | R．Nederland | Hilversum，Neth． | 0145 |
| 9595 | JOZ3 | Japan BC | Tokyo，Japan | 0945 |
| 9600 | － | BBC | London，England | 0745 |
| 9605 | － | R．Prague | Prague．Czech． | 2245 |
| 9610 | － | A．B．C． | Perth．Australia | 1045 |
| 9615 | ORU | Belgian Radio | Brussels，Belg． | 2230 |
| 9620 | － | R．Belgrade | Belgrade，Yugo． | 2210 |
| 9625 | － | R．Canads | Montreal，Que． | 0630 |
| 9630 | 二 | R．Prague | Prague，Czech． | 0115 |
| 9635 |  | R．Prague | Praque，Czech． | 2315 |
|  | ZYR83 | R．Aparaceida | Rio de Janeiro， |  |
| 9640 | HLK5 | V．Free Korea | Seoul，Korea | 0815 |
| 9660 | VLQ9 | R．Australia | Melbourne， Australia | 0910 |
| 9665 | － | R．Maloysia | Kuala Lumpur． |  |
|  |  |  | Moloysia | 1230 |
| 9675 | $\bar{\square}$ | NHK | Tokvo，Japan | 1100 |
| 9685 | BED73 | V．Free China | Taiwan，Repub． Chins | 0945 |
|  | － | R－TV Algerienne | Algiers，Algeria | 0950 |
| 9710 | － | Trans World R． | Bonaire， |  |
| 9725 | － | B8C－Far East | Neth． | 0300 1030 |
| 9730 | － | R．Berlin Int＇l． | Berlin E German | 0200 |
| 97.10 | － | R．Moscow | Moscow USSR | 0940 |
| 9750 | － | R．Soc．Nacional | Santiago Chile | 0100 |
| 9770 | － | R．Austria | Vienna，Austria | 0400 |


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| $9860-$ | R. Peking | Peking, China | 1030 |
| $11290-$ | R. Peking | Peking, China | 1100 |


| kHz | Call | Identification | Location |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | GMT

13-Meter Band-21450-21750 kHz

| 21465 | - | R. Berlin Int'l. | Berlin, E. Germany 0630 |
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| 21495 | CS.A67 | V. West | Lisbon, Portugal 1845 |
| 21550 | BBC | London, England | 1600 |
| 21555 | - | BBC | London, England |
| 215700 |  |  |  |
| $21610-$ | PCJ Nederland | Hilversum, Neth. | 1900 |
| 2150 | BBC | London, England | 1500 |

# Emergency Radio Station Listings for Chicago and Surrounding Areas 

Including all of Cook, Du Page, and Lake Counties in Illinois and northern Lake County, Indiana

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| Winnetka | KSA591 | 155.25 | KBQ217 | 154.19 |
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| Wood Dale | KS1668 | 155.37 | 155.01 | Mobiles |
| KBH777 | 154.265 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 155.37 |  |  |
| Woodridge | KAZ417 | 155.01 | KGW780 | 154.31 |
| Worth | KSD226 | 155.37 | 155.19 | KCZ472 |
|  | 154.28 |  |  |  |

INDIANA MUNICIPAL POLICE \& FIRE DEPTS.

| City | Police |  | Fire |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Call | Freq. | Coll | Freq. |
| East Chicago | KSA499 | 155.37 | KSC252 | 154.31 |
| East Gary | KSD539 | $\begin{aligned} & 155.73 \\ & 155.13 \\ & 155.37 \end{aligned}$ | KJJ456 | $\begin{aligned} & 154.28 \\ & 154.31 \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  | KSD468 | 154.28 |
| Gary | KSA441 | 155.01 | KS8939 | 154.43 154.19 |
|  |  | 155.37 | KFZ781 | 154.31 |
| Hammond | $\begin{aligned} & K \$ 1570 \\ & \text { KSA455 } \end{aligned}$ | 155.37 155.37 | KAZ894 | 154.34 |
| Highland | KSE473 | 155.61 155.37 155 |  |  |
| Hobart | KSC288 | 155.13 | KSC286 | 154.28 |
| Munster | KSE425 | 155.37 155.13 | KSC758 | 154.37 153.89 |
| Ogden Dunes | KSE514 | 155.37 155.13 | KSH760 | 154.31 |
| Portage | KS1420 | 155.37 155.13 | KGW668 | 54.31 |
|  |  | 155.37 |  |  |
| Scherervilla | KSG984 | 155.37 |  |  |
| Valparaiso | KSA547 | 155.13 155 | KGL509 | 154.31 |
| Whiting | KSA784 | 155.13 | KFG523 | 154.34 |
|  |  | 155.37 |  | 154.34 |

## COUNTY AGENCIES

Cook Co. Sheriff: $154.68 \quad 155.37 \quad 155.535 \quad 155.595 \quad 159.09$ Note-Mobile units of municipal police departments can operate on 154.68 in order to contact Cook Co. Sheriff or III. State Police. Main Cook Co. channel is 159.09. DuPage Co. Sheriff: 155.37158 .79
Lake Co. (III.) Sheriff: 156.21 158.97 Note-158.97 is main channel.
Lake Co. (III.) Fire Dept.: 153.89154 .40
Note-153.89 is main channel.
Lake Co. (Ind.) Sheriff: 155.37

## STATE POLICE

$\begin{array}{lllllllll}\text { Illinois: } 39.46 & 42.50 & 42.52 & 42.56 & 42.60 & 154.68 & 154.92 & 155.37\end{array}$ Narcotics Cantrol Div. (mobiles) 39.06154 .71
Public Welfare PD (mobiles) 155.43
Indiana: $42.42 \quad 155.37$
Ind. Toll Road Comm. 154.755155 .415156 .03

## FORESTRY

City of Chicago: 159.45
DuPage Co.
31.86

## PUBLIC UTILITIES

Chicago Dept. Water \& Sewers
Commonwealth Edison Co.

Peoples Gas Lt. \& Coke Co.
N. Indiana Public Service

HOSPITALS \& MEDICAL

| Chicago-Michael Reese | KBK820 | 47.46 |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Chicago-State Hosp. | KDP359 | 155.34 |
| Elmhurst-DuPage Co. | KDJ465 | 155.28 |
| Harver-Amer. Red Cross | KIZ501 | 47.42 |
| Evergreen Pk.-L. C. Mary | KCP524 | 155.28 |
| -ake County Home | KCW 438 | 155.28 |
| Libertyville-Cordell Hosp. | KCN222 | 155.28 |
| ParkRidge-Am. Red Cross | KBG640 | 47.42 |
| Waukegan-Lake Co. Gen. | KCW657 | 155.28 |
| Waukegan-Lake Co. T8 | KCW661 | 155.28 |
| Waukegan-St. Therese | KCW 658 | 155.28 |
| Waukegan-Victory Mem. | KCW660 | 155.28 |
| Zion-Benton Hosp. | KCW 659 | 155.28 |
|  |  |  |
| MARINE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS. |  |  |
| CHICAGO AREA |  |  |

Calling and emergencv: 2182 kHz 156.80
U.S. Coast Guard: 20032182266226702678268626942702 3241 $32533402.54403 \quad 53206230 \mathrm{kHz} 41.22$
Continuous Weather Forecasts: KWO39 162.55
CHICAGO AREA AERO EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

Emergency channel: 121.5
Air search \& rescue: 121.6 (soon changing to 123.1 )
Civil Air Patrol: 4468450346034630 kHz 26.62 |43.9 148.15
LAND TRANSPORTATION
$\begin{array}{llr}\text { Chicago Transit Auth. } & \text { KSA977 } & 44.54 \\ \text { Chicago Motor Club } & \text { KSA756 } & 37.50 \\ & \text { KSE5 } 12 & 452.55\end{array}$
457.55

## CIVIL DEFENSE NETWORKS

III. State
45.44

Lake Co. III.
155.28


## Temptress, Towers \& Gold

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"The Universe and everything in it, even you, repeats each 82 billion years. With our help you can escape this purposeless cycle and live continuously forever outside the Universe. Come to Titan and be saved!" The message coming out of my computer was being read by a sexy female voice. Once each hour she identified herself as Titana.

I ike I said, yours truly is a fanatic DXer and logging a moon of Saturn was about the rarest catch I could imagine. So what really persuaded me to go on the mission wasn't Montalban's 50 grand (though I never turn down money): it was the Titan QSL I'd be able to bring back for my collection.

I logged the date, time, exact frequency, and Titana's message word for word to prove my reception, then got a good night's sleep. We blasted off at $5: 00 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$.

Traveling at $300,000 \mathrm{mph}$, the flight took a little over three months. Throughout the journey Titana's voice kept urging us on with descriptions of those delights to be found on her "planet." Sunlight, of course, is definitely on the dim side by the time it reaches Titan (Saturn blocks it completely at times), so the whole sphere is lit artificially in Disney-land-at-night fashion.

Titana also pointed out that the ground was strewn with rubies, emeralds, and diamonds which we could have for the taking. This excited Rinaldo almost as much as their cosmic knowledge. Meanwhile, I checked those giant portable towers every day for possible vibration damage. Much to my surprise, there wasn't any. The ship Titana had designed for Montalban took the speed as coolly as though it were standing still.

As we passed Mars and Jupiter I tuned the bands in search of DX but all I could hear out there were Titana's seductive tones. And our first look at the place seemed to confirm her wildest claims. We landed in the central square of a crystalline city which was bathed in psychedelic blue-and-green light.

Though we landed at the spot designated by Titana, there was no one on hand to greet us. But when Rinaldo, myself, and Montalhan's three security men stepped out of our space ship. the ground-exactly as she had promised-was covered with those precious stones. We hent down to pick up a few, and that was our mistake.

The moment we were distracted, Titana and an armed guard of about 40 stepped from the shadows with their laser guns trained on us.
"Welcome to Titan, moon of Saturn." Titana had long red hair, a 36-24-36 figure. and looked like a human save that she was almost transparent. Titana was a real looker if you dig spooks. She nodded and five of her "men" (wholooked to be $100 \%$ human) boarded our ship and went straight to that compartment where my giant towers were kept. Titana assumed her most charning smile. "My soldiers aren't really human. They're androids designed to resemble you Earth people."

Rinaldo had become a little grim. "This is hardly the way to begin fruitful negotiations." He still gripped Titana's rocks tightly in his pudgy right fist.

One of her androids returned and bowed in Titana"s direction. "Their portable antenna is on board and in good condition."

Titana walked past yours truly on her way to Rinaldo. "You're kind of cute for a human." she nurmured, looking me straight in the eye. I'm going to keep you around a. while."

1 felt reassured in a creepy kind of way.
She faced Rinaldo. "There really is nothing to negotiate. We plan to take over your planet by infiltrating its power structures (Concluded on next page)


## Temptress, Towers \& Gold

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with our androids. The only obstacle had been a means to control these androids at widely scattered points."

A crane-like device wheeled itself up to our ship and began to unload the towers.
"When you have finished with those, take this one and his bodyguards to my lab." Titana pointed to Rinaldo and the crane nodded. "Our computers have deduced that the secret alloy which makes towers of this size portable just happens to be the same one which will enable us to control our androids in your planet's particular magnetic field. All we have to do is transmit a radio signal near Earth's gyrofrequency from these towers and any android within range will then
respond perfectly to our every command."
Rinaldo dropped his rubies and diamonds, one by one.
"Of course the first agency we'll infiltrate will be Montalban Electronics, by building an android in your likeness."

The crane swooped up Rinaldo along with the three security men, then carried them and my towers off toward Titana's lab.

Titana turned to me. "But I'm going to give you some of those lessons in cosmic knowledge I promised over the air." She motioned for me to follow her into the city. "Ill show you how to really escape the Universe."

So I knew all was not lost. And the way things are now, I still stand a pretty good chance of getting my QSL from the moon of Saturn-if, that is, I can figure out how an opaque Earthman can make out with a transparent Titan, name of Titana.

# Ham Traffic <br> Continued from page 89 

the equipment is imported, which most of it is, there's a $221 / 2 \%$ import tariff!

See what I mean when I say it's surprising there are any hams in Canada!

I asked Ernie what effect all these taxes have on hams and experimenters, and he replied: "Quite simply to smother hobby electronics. Take the catalog price of anything in the U.S. and add $50 \%$ for the Canadian price. For example, the Heathkit


HW-16 Novice transceiver costs $\$ 99.50$ from Benton Harbor and $\$ 149.50$ from Toronto (then there is an $8 \%$ currency difference, too). Little wonder we have such difficulty increasing the number of hams in Canada."

For Canadian hams, apparently the best bet is to join together and keep protesting in any effective way possible, in hopes government will someday respond. U.S. hams should keep a sharp eye peeled for any attempt to try the same thing here.

Are Phone Patches Legal? At this writing, the answer is still "no." But there is hope the good folks at Ma Bell may someday be forced to approve them if they meet reasonable technical standards.

An FCC decision a while back in what is known as the Carterphone case held that telephone companies may not arbitrarily stop their customers from connecting "a private radio system" to their telephones. as long as the radio doesn't interfere with the telephone company's equipment or other people's use of it.

However, Ma Bell is protesting that decision. So, a clear-cut, permanent answer may be delayed a while. Meanwhile, most phone companies probably will continue to look the other way if you're using a phone patch, as long as it doesn't create interference on the phone lines and as long as you use it for "public service" communications, not commercial purposes.

For example, not even the mighty voice of the Bell System can deny that ham radio phone patches linking overseas servicemen
with their families is a noble, worthwhile service. While the diplomats are still carving up the world to suit their personal ambitions, it seems reasonable that those of us who are left should be allowed to talk to one another occasionally.

Here's Lookin' At Ya. Want to see the mug of that fellow you've been talking to on 40 Meters? Here's your chance. Television is now permitted on the ham fone bands!

You may have heard about some of those special experiments run by hams on 20 Meter fone a while back with special permission of the FCC. The results were so good, and so many technically-minded hams have shown an interest in TV, that picture transmissions are now permitted on all fone bands from 75 Meters through 225 MHz .

No undue interference with regular fone operation should result, the FCC comments, for two reasons: 1) Operation is allowed only on those frequencies which are restricted to Advanced and Extra Class operators, and so these frequencies should be less congested than the rest of the fone bands; 2) Bandwidth of the TV signal should be no greater than a single sideband signal on bands below 6 Meters, or a double sideband signal on 6 Meters and above.

Actually, according to the FCC's official report, there's more chance for the fone signals to interfere with the TV signals than vice versa!

The type of picture transmitted will be what is called slow scan, which is capable of sending only still photos or stationary scenes. Fast-scan images, needed for so-called live TV, such as we're accustomed to seeing on the commercial boob tube, require a much wider bandwidth. And there just isn't room for this type of transmission, except on much higher frequency bands.

So, the ham TV signals on the lower bands will be basically still photos instead of moving images. But TV, they'll be nevertheless.

Sending photos of people, equipment, scenery, QSL cards, and possibly of schematic diagrams should be fairly routine before long for those who have the necessary equipment and the ability to use it. Most of the fellows build their own gear, incidentally. You don't have to be rich to enjoy ham TV - just have a little extra technical savvy.

Pictures have already been transmitted across the Atlantic on 20 Meters. With a bit of skip activity ahead of us for a year or two, we're bound to hear much more.

## Ask Me Another <br> Continued from page 26

tell me how I might be able to accomplish this? $-R$ S., Berkley, Mich.
The engineers who designed the amplifier indicate that increasing bass response could cause the amplifier to oscillate because of the feedback loop in the circuit. To get more bass, use bigger speakers in appropriate baffles. You might also place the baffles in corners of the room to improve efficiency.

## On to mm Waves?

Do you know where I can buy a receiver that picks up 225 to 297 MHz frequencies? How much do they cost?
-E. D., Madison, Wis.
More than $\$ 1000$, Charley! And what's to hear except bloop-blecp telemetering signals? Why not leave this sort of thing to vhf engineers?

## What is It?

While salvaging parts from an old 5-tube BCB receiver, I found a strange part which I have sketched (see diagram). On one side there is the number 21B4847. I would like to know what this thing is.
-A. K., Allanta, Ga.


It's undoubtedly a circuit module-probably made by Centralab. To find out for sure. write to the manufacturer of the radio for the service manual for that particular model. Who knows, you may be in for a big surfrise!

## Dropout

I have a GE Model 260 portable radio and the power source is a 2 -volt battery. It can be operated while it is on charge or on the battery alone. Is there any way I can modify it so I can use it mostly on AC current and not bother with a battery at all?
-R. E. H., Rock Hills, Ill.
Stay with the battery and charger, friend. The battery functions both as a hum filter and voltage regulator.

## Poolroom in the Sky

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Fascinating Failure. When the first results of the Homestake neutrino experiment were revealed by Dr. Raymond Davis Jr. of Brookhaven National Laboratory, an elite clique of solar physicists rushed to recheck and recalculate their mathematic models of the sun. Why? Because the neutrino trap had failed to eatch even the few neutrinos predicted!

A layman might figure that the experiment was a bust. Not so the physicists who apparently continue to have complete faith in the reliability of the equipment. The generally accepted conclusion in scientific circles is that the high-energy neutrinos that the equipment was designed to catch simply aren't being generated in the amounts previously thought likely. This negative result may prove to have been a milestone in solar research because it brought about an intensive re-examination of existing theories about solar energy processes.

Neutrinos derived from the decay of boron-8 in the sun were expected to he observed; their absence now suggests that the flux of these neutrinos is less than 2 million per square centimeter per second. Also, if the sun were producing energy by the historically famous CNO cycle, neutrinos resulting from the decay of nitrogen-13 and oxygen-15 would have been observed. Since these also weren't detected, it is concluded that less than 9 percent of the sun's energy is produced by the CNO cycle.

It now appears that practically all of the sun's energy is created by the relatively simple proton-proton chain reactions shown in steps 1 and 2; the initial proton-proton fusions yields only low energy neutrinos, and the helium- 3 fusion to form helium- 4 yields no neutrinos. This conclusion is still tentative since one or two experiments of this complexity and delicacy can hardly be considered adequate for a firm decision.

The Davis experiment brought happy con-firmation-even if tentative-- of the deductions of those physicists who already had theoretical reasons for believing that the helium- 3 fusion dominates in solar energy production. For example, in 1967 T. A. Tombrello of the California Institute of Technology reported that two groups at the institution had carried out làboratory experi-
ments leading to the conclusion that the helium fusion process accounts for virtually all of the sun's energy, not merely half of it as had previously been supposed.

Drawing Boards Again. The Davis experiment sent other leading astrophysicistsincluding John Bahcall, associate professor of theoretical physics at Cal Tech, a leading solar theoretician who works in collaboration with his wife, Neta, Prof. William Fowler, and Dr. Giora Shaviv (now at Cornell Uni-versity)-scurrying back to their drawing boards. Purpose: to rethink and redraw their mathematical solar models.

In 1967 Bahcall estimated that the flux of high-energy neutrinos that reach the earth from the sun is in the order of 16 million neutrinos per square centimeter per second. This estimate was derived through complex calculations based on what was then believed about the density, chemical composition, age, and temperature of the sun.

When, in February 1968, Davis announced the results of his first solar neutrino experiment, Bahcall went back to work using newer experimental values of nuclear reaction rates and new information about the composition of the sun. He wound up with a new estimate--a probable flux of 5 million neutrinos. But he conceded that his paper estimate might still be high because of uncertain factors in his equations, and that the flux could be as low as the 2 million indicated by the Davis experiment.

Bahcall concurs that the helium fusion process is almost surely the main energy system of the sun. But the scientist doesn't stop there. He offers other rather radical conclusions based on the Davis experiment.

1) The sun is composed of a smaller percentage of elements heavier than helium than had been expected-less than 2 percent of the total mass.
2) No more than 25 percent of the original primordial mass of the sun was composed of helium.
3) The central temperature of the sun is about 14.9 million degrees Kelvin, or 27 million degrees Fahrenheit.
4) The central density of the sun is about 150 grams of matter per cubic centimeter.

If these conclusions stand the test of time and of further neutrino experiments, a lot of textbooks will have to be re-written. Many a cosmologist will have to ponder where his theoretical speculations went wrong because some of the most popular scientific theories concerning the evolution of the universe de-
pend on the now seemingly refuted assumption that the primordial sun consisted of more than 25 percent helium.

The "facts" and figures contained in countless astrophysical texts will have to be revised. For example, most modern references report that the central temperature of the sun is in the order of 15 to 20 million degrees Centigrade ( 59 to 68 million degrees Fahrenheit), and that the central density of the sun is 100 grams per centimeter. These are significantly out of line with the new conclusions drawn by Bahcall.

It would apear that Dr. Davis, in his lonely vigil deep in the depths of a South Dakota goldmine, is leading the science of astrophysics into some new and exciting discoveries. And how is he doing it?

By looking for, and not finding, next to nothing!

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20 minutes the excess copper was no longer evident, and the PC board was removed from the etchant and washed. A few strokes of the brush attached to the cap of the resist ink solvent bottle quickly removed the resist, and the board was ready for drilling.

We found that the $1 / 16$-in. drill bit supplied with the kit is just about right for most standard components-transistor, capacitor, resistor, and diode leads.

Under An Hour. From start to finish, it took about 50 minutes to complete a $21 / 2 \times$ 4 -in. PC board. Areas around the edges of the etched foil where the resist pen was used were sharp and unaffected by the etchant. Small fill-in areas protected by the resist pen were also unaffected. However, larger areas showed some etchant attack, indicating that we had not built up a sufficient layer of resist.

Unlike some use-up-and-gone kits, replacement supplies are available for the Injectorall 500. For additional information and prices, write Injectorall Electronics Corp., Dept. S, 4 North Rd., Great Neck, N.Y. 11024.

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## The CATV Caper

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A second system, known as Laser Link, is still highly experimental. Again, an air signal is used to bypass costly underground cable runs. This one's similar to a microwave relay in that a signal bearing many channels is beamed at apartment buildings. However, at a frequency of about 42 GHz , the wave (in the millimeter range) approaches the visible-light or infrared portion of the spectrum. (The system does not use a laser, as the name would imply.) Since such signals often resemble light in certain transmission characteristics, it remains to be demonstrated how well the system will work during fog and other complications. The developer states that the Laser Link's range is unaffected by weather conditions at distances up to three miles.

Looking Ahead. The invasion of large cities is only one phase in cable TV's astounding development. Consider what some believe are catv's possibilities:

A wired city concept sees a vast number of homes connected to the cable. With a capability of more than 30 channels, the system would not only bring TV into the home, but a variety of other services. Some examples: newspaper via wire, computer services, alarm systems, and banking facilities. One concept, the remote reading of gas and electric meters, has already been tried.

Also in the experimental stage are two-way communications via cable so a subscriber may transmit signals through the line back to the source. This would enable a student to query a computer, for example, and get help in his homework. Proponents of TV-by-wire thus point out that congested airwaves could be freed for use by hard-pressed mobiic communications.
catv has proved to be a runaway success almost any place it lays cable-even where channels are already receivable. A growing public seems more than willing to pay a monthly tab of about $\$ 4$ to $\$ 5$ for additional channels and the guarantec of elear reception (which is especially critical for color). If industry growth keeps up, it could live up to a prediction made by one of its leaders. That is, if all restrictions were lifted, $90 \%$ of all homes would be subscribing to catv service within 10 years.

## Autoguard <br> Continued from page 35

device. Switch S2 should be kept closed during long trips or whenever the alarm is out of commission for long periods of time.

You may notice on one of the photos the printed legend, "caution . . . do not use charger when engine running." After building the device, I decided to add this bit of camouflage. The alarm looks like a battery charger, so why not confuse anyone trying to find it? Only you and I know that this battery charger is really a thief discharger.

Building Hints. Autoguard fits inside a $4 \times 4 \times 2$-in. aluminum chassis box. There's nothing critical about parts placement, but leave as much space as possible between components. Short circuits could be embarrassing when you're on the road.

The two SCRs are mounted at one end of the box. Use the mounting kit provided with the SCRs, and put some heat-sink compound underneath the mica washers to help transfer heat between the SCRs and the aluminum. Actually, the SCRs don't dissipate much power when they're conducting, so an additional heat sink isn't necessary. In. sulate the SCRs from the metal box.

The circuit is designed for use with a 12-volt, negative-ground electrical system whenever a car battery is used as a power source. However, it can't be used in positive ground or 6 -volt systems-for these installations, you'll need a separate 12 -volt lantern battery.

## BCB Booster <br> Continued from page 59

instability (using the proper shielded connections) install capacitor Cx across L1, as shown in the schematic; Cx should be a $500-$ VDC disc capacitor rated between 10 and $25 u u \mathrm{~F}$.

AVC Masking. If it appears your BCB Booster has no effect make certain you are not tuned to a medium-to-strong station, as the receiver's AVC action will simply compensate for the booster's additional gain! The booster's gain will generally be noticed only on very weak signals, signals too weak to be received normally without using it. Tests indicate that the booster will literally fill dead spots on any BCB receiver's dial.

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