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## Congress Threatens Public Radio Funds

by Thomas Pear

**WASHINGTON** Ending Congressional funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) could spell the end of National Public Radio as it is known today.

At least that's what NPR President and CEO Delano Lewis said, no matter how extreme that sounds. While most of the publicity surrounding threats on Capitol Hill to eliminate federal funding for CPB focuses on public television, Lewis recently testified to NPR's uncertain future before a House Appropriations subcommittee.

"Many rural and small stations would have to cut programming, and if that happens we would not be able to continue the (NPR) program," he said later when questioned privately.

While public television has enormous retail potential through "Sesame Street" and "Barney" toys—about \$20 million annually from Barney alone, according to CPB President and CEO Richard Carlson—Lewis noted there are no retail possibilities like that for NPR.

Public radio may be forced, then, to saturate programming with endless share-athon money gimmicks, much like present-day television evangelists, Lewis said.

### Subcommittee hearing

Still, Lewis vows to fight for NPR federal funding, although Congress seems poised to go through with slashing CPB.

The subcommittee, which met to discuss cutting the nearly \$300 million federal government annual contribution to CPB, heard a number of testimonies both for and against CPB. CPB is a federal corporation that Congress established solely for funding public broadcasting: NPR and PBS.

While NPR itself only gets about a million directly in federal funding, about \$63 million goes to NPR's 520 member stations that use the money to purchase NPR programming. Without enough purchasing stations, NPR could collapse, according to Lewis.

"How would local public radio stations replace the 16 percent of their funding that CPB funding represents on average," he questioned in testimony.

Caryn Mathes, the general manager of NPR affiliate WDET in Detroit, said CPB budget cuts would definitely affect

the station's programming. The station may lose its ability to provide dual-service programming. WDET then would be forced to choose between broadcasting culturally diversified music, that makes up 70 percent of the station's programming, and NPR news and information, which makes up 30 percent of the station's programming.

### Hurts quality

Duane W. Ryan, the director of KENW(FM) and KENW-TV in Portales, N.M., also said lost CPB funding would most likely hurt his station's quality of programming. His FM receives more than \$50,000 each year from CPB, which comes out to about 23 percent of the

station's budget.

Although Eastern New Mexico University and private donations provide additional revenue for the stations, chances are they could not replace any lost CPB revenue, Ryan noted.

There's not enough of a population base



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in Eastern New Mexico to bring in substantial private donations, and Eastern New Mexico University's budget is already "maxed out," he said.

So, along with cutting personnel, the

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## NEWSWATCH

### FCC Seeks to Re-establish Ousted Forfeiture Rules

**WASHINGTON** The FCC recently issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) seeking comments on its forfeiture policy statement.

Broadcasters and other interested parties have until the end of this month to file comments, after which FCC staffers will have 10 days to file reply comments, noted FCC Attorney Ana Curtis. The commission could adopt the policy statement as early as June.

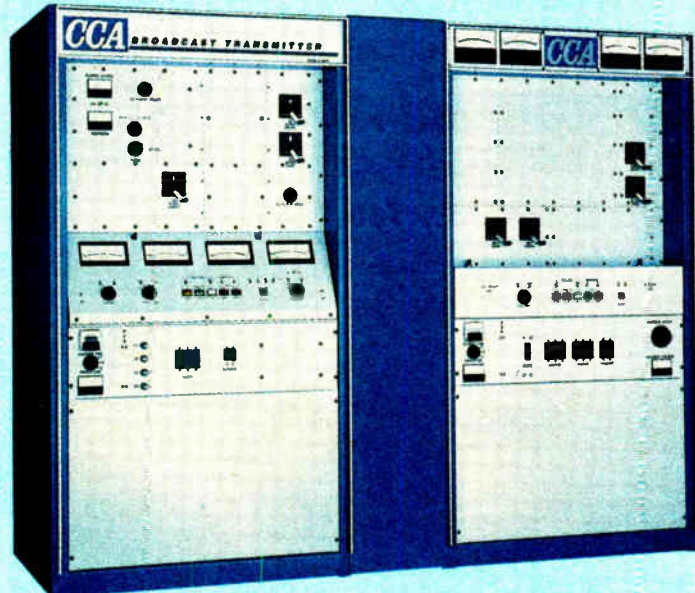
The proposed forfeiture policies, according to a commission news release "are virtually identical" to 1991 guidelines that were thrown out by a U.S. Court of Appeals in the District of Columbia last summer.

At the time of its decision, the court ruled that the FCC's 1991 "Policy Statement on Fines and Forfeitures" is substantive and, therefore, should have been subject to the same public notice and comment procedures that all major commission rules must pass.

"Basically all that happened is

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that the court said we should have gone through notice in adopting it," Curtis said.

The policy statement allowed the FCC to fine up to \$25,000 per violation for each day of a continuing violation as long as the total amount assessed for a continuing violation does not exceed \$250,000 for any single act or failure to act. Under the policy statement the FCC can still waive or deviate from assessed fines, Curtis pointed out.

In 1992 the United States Telephone Association (USTA) filed suit against the FCC in conjunction with a number

of co-plaintiffs, including the National Association of Broadcasters. They argued that without an NPRM the fine schedule violated a number of federal procedures, including the 1934 Communications Act and the FCC's own rules. The ruling saved USTA from dishing out money for its own assessed fines.

The court mandated NPRM, then, seeks comments on whether or not the base forfeiture amounts are set at appropriate levels for broadcasters.

The FCC says those disagreeing with the Policy Statement on Forfeitures and Fines should propose their own alternatives and

give reasoning as to why their own proposals would be more effective.

For more information broadcasters can call Curtis at 202-418-1160.

## House to Rethink Mandatory Affirmative Action Advertising

**WASHINGTON** Congress could redesign affirmative action requirements that mandate corporations to advertise on predominately African-American radio stations.

Hearings could come as quickly as next summer, according to a GOP staffer.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman Henry Hyde (R-Ill.) referred to a Justice Department's chastisement of the Maryland-based Chevy Chase Savings

Bank for not having enough branches in predominately African-American neighborhoods as "disturbing."

The department then forced heavy quotas on the bank, including advertising in predominately African-American newspapers and on predominately African-American radio stations.

Addressing a gathering sponsored by the Institute for Justice in the Capitol, Hyde said the department's repudiation of the Chevy Chase Bank is an example "of the way the Justice Department is reaching to the outermost points of the galaxy on making quotas the operative principle of civil rights enforcement."

## Dunnifer Wins Round One

**SAN FRANCISCO** Citing constitutional concerns, a federal court refused to  
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# DARS Systems on First Step of Long Journey

## Numerous Regulatory Barriers Still Ahead for Proponents of Digital Satellite Radio As They Wait for Commission to Develop Rules

by Thomas Pear

**WASHINGTON** Although the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) recently allocated spectrum for digital satellite radio, proponents still have to

cross numerous regulatory barriers before the technology becomes a broadcasting reality.

While the process could begin within the next few months, said Acting FCC Spectrum Chief Larry Petak, when it would be completed is "anyone's guess."

"It's potentially a lengthy process," especially, he added, "if contentions are made."

Cliff Burnstein one of the co-owners of Cue-Prime, a digital satellite broadcasting company, agreed that satellite radio is vulnerable to opposition and is still on the horizon.

"We still have to go a long way," he said. "I kind of take things one day at a time."

### Next step

The next step for digital audio radio services is for the FCC to establish a service rule proceeding, where the commission creates a wide variety of rules regulating the new technology that future DARS broadcasters would have to comply with.

During that process the commission will decide a number of spectrum issues like how to divide S-band spectrum into different frequencies and whether or not to designate a certain amount of spectrum as non-commercial. And the commission would have to determine bandwidths and emissions.

The commission also would establish procedures for licensing DARS broadcasters, he noted.

After the rules are drawn they then go out for public debate through a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM).

During that 30 to 90 day period both proponents and opponents have an opportunity to file written comments.

That could open a doorway for DARS opponents to create round two in the battle of whether or not to allow DARS because the FCC is required to examine

comments before it issues a Report and Order.

Digital satellite broadcasters can file frequency petitions after the Report and Order is filed.

The four companies that already have petitions on file—Satellite CD Radio, American Mobile Satellite Corp., Digital Satellite Broadcast Corp (DSBC) and, of course, Cue Prime—may have an opportunity to modify their petitions to comply with newly established rules before any

noted.

Despite the opposition fanfare, some of the major broadcast groups are not threatened by the prospect digital satellite radio.

### No major harm

"I'm not sure there's going to be a major harm to broadcasting," said one high-level employee in a large broadcasting corporation who requested not to be named.

USA Digital Radio Project Manager Jeff Andrew said he was not surprised at the FCC decision to allocate satellite spectrum.



additional petitions are accepted by the FCC, Petak noted.

Group owners react

"In the past, when dealing with satellite broadcasters, the commission has given applicants time to amend applications to newly adopted service rules," Petak

"We were kind of disappointed, but we thought it was inevitable," he said. When questioned about the threat digital satellite broadcasting poses to digital terrestrial broadcasting Andrew replied: "We don't feel that satellite is going to be a huge threat."

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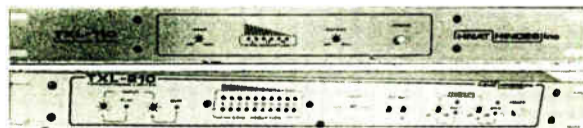
### RBDS Update

**WASHINGTON** See pages 12 and 13 for the sixth quarterly edition of RBDS Roll-Call, a comprehensive and as up to date-as-possible list of U.S. radio stations on the air with the Radio Data System (RDS), the sub-carrier that can transmit various types of data and information to RDS receivers. The Roll-Call also lists RDS equipment manufacturers, receiver manufacturers and service providers.

In a future issue RW plans to tackle RDS' status in the U.S.—now that standard has been in place for more than two years. Meanwhile, we will continue bringing the listings in order to chart the growth of the RDS industry.

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# Building Tomorrow's Infrastructure Today

**WASHINGTON** This issue's *Buyer's Guide* makes a great showing for a product category that did not even exist five years ago: digital audio workstations, or DAWs, as they are affectionately referred to here at **RW**.

Not long ago—less than two years, in fact—engineers argued, in these very pages, about the pros and cons of digital compression and what digital manipulations could mean to the life of your audio. Now, DAWs are the hottest item in the marketplace, with so much new product being designed and shipped that we can barely keep up with the news.

The hardware manufacturers are now cranking out drives and other internal computer organs that have very small rates of failure. And people like this new durability and have come to demand it. But hardware is not the only aspect of technology changing. Many of today's innovative new products are software-driven, a feature that extends the life of a product, given the only modernization a box needs can be received via modem in the form of a software upgrade.

But the whole issue of DAWs and what they allow you to do with and to audio points to a larger issue that is changing the way the radio industry conducts business. Digital is everywhere and it is software-driven. Be it the latest codec from CCS (the Prima) or a Digi-Link or Track\*Star 8 from Arrakis, digital abounds.

It stands to reason then, that the radio industry will continue to develop digital services to offer the public and create for itself lucrative new revenue streams.

If half of that battle is software development and the integration of new digital services into the hardware and daily routines of the radio industry, this issue's *Buyer's Guide* proves the industry is well on its way to victory. In fact, radio broadcasters and the software developers and equipment manufacturers that serve

them have already proven they can navigate through cyberspace.

Other evidence of the strength of the software infrastructure is the alacrity with which station automation software, a fledgling business less than five years ago, has been accepted by broadcasters. Competitive music and news/talk stations find they almost cannot do without software packages that did not exist a short time ago, including:

- Live-assist programs that allow a talk show host to know everything about the listener waiting on the line. Name, address and various other demographics (as well as the topic the listener wants to talk about) are all flashed up on a computer screen, which also tells you when to play the commercial;
- Systems to automatically record and store satellite program material and integrate it into prepared broadcast schedules which may be programmed and ready weeks or months in advance. Some systems are capable of receiving and processing data files for later retransmission by RBDS, FM subcarriers and other means;

- Software designed to keep track of traffic and billing, ad sales and station maintenance schedules that is often flexible enough to fit into any size operation, from a small rural station, to

a multistation duopoly/LMA and sometimes a national group.

Innovative software developers, with suggestions from their radio customers, are continually making it easier to broadcast high-quality programming with significant long-term savings.

The down side to all this high-flying cyber-navigating, of course, is that high-tech efficiency sometimes costs people their jobs. The time is now to do a little

more work and use a little more imagination in continuing the personal education process so that as the business changes,

effort last year.

Each year, federal employees participate in the CFC by donating money



From l to r: Wayne McKee, Beverly Baker, Commissioner Rachelle Chong, Chairman Reed Hundt, Commissioner Susan Ness, Kara Casey, Commissioner Andrew Barrett, John Winston

individuals are changing to meet the new demands of the business.

The sky is the limit when you navigate with software. It is time to figure out ways to expand your business and find ways to convert your already-demonstrated mastery of computer technology into new digital services for the consumer and business.

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If one of your favorite pastimes involves complaining about government agencies, you are not alone. And I've done my share of complaining about "Big Brother" in his many incarnations. But I believe credit should be offered where credit is due, and on that note, I extend congratulations to the FCC staff.

Late last year, Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary, national chair of the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), presented the FCC with the CFC Chairman's cup for the agency's successful CFC campaign (see photo). The commission raised more than \$220,000 in 1994, 35 percent more than in 1993. Eighty-one percent of the commission's employees supported the

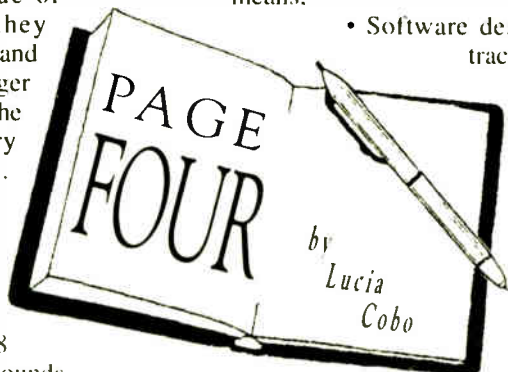
through payroll deductions or by making specific contributions. The employees can select recipients from among participating charitable organizations.

Every year the CFC awards only two Chairman's cup awards, one for the larger departments or agencies and one for departments or agencies with fewer than 5,000 employees.

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Last but not least, two items of particular interest to **RW** readers. In this issue you can find the first edition of *Public Domain*, a new monthly column by Rich Rarey, the technical director of NPR's "All Things Considered." Rich will be sharing his experience and practical tips in the studio with you, as well as conducting product evaluations of new or interesting gear.

Next issue, Alan Haber will launch *Radio Online*, a monthly column devoted to helping you "surf the cyber waves" and all that good stuff. Alan has uncovered mountains of good stuff out there, and *Radio Online* will help guide you through the maze.



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### Things to remember

Dear RW,

It has been several weeks since the original story about Underwriters Laboratories' (UL) approval of broadcast equipment, which revolved around my station—KKLA Los Angeles, first appeared (RW, Oct. 19, 1994). I have read with interest several articles since then regarding the implementation of third party approval. I would like to comment on the most recent article, that included numerous comments from UL Engineer Tony Bodetti.

First of all, we should not lose sight of who the regulatory agencies are. In the case of the KKLA Mt. Wilson installation, Los Angeles County is the agency. In L.A. the electrical inspectors work with the Department of Building and Safety.

The electrical inspectors are obligated by law to ensure that installations meet certain code requirements. Hence, we have the National Electrical Code (NEC) 1993 edition adapted by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). This was the code book used by the electrical inspector upon his visit to Mt. Wilson.

Upon reading the code book, I find no section dealing with third party verification (UL). As a matter of fact, Chapter 8 Articles 800-820, that deal with communications type equipment, only cover amateur radio and CATV systems. I find no reference to radio or television professional equipment. Article 810-1 specifically says it does not cover equipment and antennas used for coupling carrier current to conductors. Doesn't this mean transmitters?

The only reference that may apply relates to power supplies in excess of 300 volts, that must be interlocked so they are shut off if their access doors are opened. I know of no transmitter manufacturer

that does not already have this feature in place.

Teresa Hrones from UL seems to think that inspecting one piece of equipment from each run is the answer. I do not agree. What about 10-year-old equipment that is moved from one site to another as in the case of a transmitter relocation? Would UL like to put a sticker on a 50 kW ampliphase? What about transmitters that are charged in the field? A CCA-FM model 2.500E transmitter is FCC type-accepted for 2,500 watts.

By changing the platter transformer and diode stacks, it can become a 5,000 watt FM transmitter at less cost than buying a new FM transmitter. But would UL have to come out and re-certify the rig? I certainly hope not! I have seen nothing mentioned about grandfathering older equipment.

Let's take into consideration the statement that inspectors have found sloppy installations. I once worked at a station where the high voltage vault to the transmitter was connected to the transmitter with a RG-8 coax, so I know it happens. Certainly the installations need to be done according to good engineering practices and standards, and possibly this area needs tighter control rather than regulating the manufacturer.

This type of regulation would force the station engineer, and, hopefully, the owner to ensure they have a safe plant. What good is certifying the equipment if the installation is sloppy?

A UL certification on broadcast equipment is tantamount to having the "Good House Keeping Seal of Approval" put on a street sweeper (thanks to Dick Rudman). It does nothing to ensure proper operation of the sweeper, except drive its cost higher.

UL is a private concern that gets the majority of its operating costs from certifying consumer type equipment (toasters etc). In my opinion, local government agencies and UL are imposing themselves in an area that is already well regulated by the FCC. UL should stick to hair dryers and toasters and leave the broadcast engineering to the FCC, the NAB and the SBE.

Mark S. Pallock  
Chief Engineer, KKLA  
Los Angeles

### The toaster police

Dear RW,

It worries me that Underwriters Laboratories is finding reason to justify its existence within the broadcast industry (RW, Jan. 25). I receive an increasing number of calls from California station managers and engineers who have been told by local bureaucrats to remove equipment from the equipment racks because it does not have the sacred UL sticker.

Considering that most professional equipment is installed by a technically competent person and mounts in a grounded, metal equipment rack there exists little danger to public safety in the event of an equipment failure.

I laughed out loud at the quote by Teresa Hrones, UL media relations asso-

## Don't 'Newt' NPR

The Speaker of the House of Representatives Newt Gingrich has gone too far in his zeal to streamline this country's budget. Doing away with funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting reduces the budget by nano-parts, yet causes great harm to the broadcasting business, a large number of communities across the nation, and to the ideal of educational programming everywhere.

While public television may have the promise of merchandising revenue to fall back on, no such possibility exists for National Public Radio (NPR) and the non-commercial stations it serves.

As the story on page 1 of this issue indicates, the end of funding for NPR would spell disaster for a great many small and rural stations that often serve as the sole source of information and programming for small communities—oftentimes carrying out broadcasting's charter of community service and dedication far better than their commercial brethren. Many of these small stations rely on these same funds for equipment purchases and to help them complete their fundraising efforts.

Mr. Gingrich needs to think of the larger issues involved here. National Public Radio serves as a national radio service that provides quality programming (on both sides of the political spectrum) that differs from programming found on ratings-pressed commercial stations.

One of government's roles (for which citizens pay taxes) is to foster the growth of new technologies that can ultimately benefit the population. NPR has been on the leading edge of broadcast technology for quite some time: first in implementing digital equipment, CDs, satellite services (a self-supporting division) and first with RDS (now recommended by the FCC for the new EAS system). Furthermore, NPR engineers and technicians constantly participate in industry forums and tests for new technologies, e.g., the DAB listening tests in Canada.

And while the Speaker's aim may be a politically desirable one, he has gone too far. Funding for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting is no pork barrel spending. It serves a large segment of the nation's population as well as the loftier goals of education and research. Look for your budget pennies elsewhere.

—RW

ciate, stating, "The cost of UL investigation is not going to increase the price of a unit significantly."

The broadcast industry is a finite market with a limited number of potential customers. This means that expenses must be absorbed by the limited number of units produced.

The manufacturers serving the broadcasters feel every dollar of increased expense. We must pass on the expense of \$3,000 to \$5,000 that UL charges to pass blessing on any particular unit.

All units submitted by Symetrix for testing were returned in unsaleable condition (read: destroyed). Ms. Hrones's statements about "non-destructive" testing does not ring true in our experience.

Hrones misled Mr. Pear when she implied that UL inspects "one sample" and if it passes, then "the entire line" receives certification. A manufacturer must submit multiple units of each model for testing. For example, a successful test of a Symetrix 528E does not grant UL approval on the 501. Each model in our product line must be submitted. UL would dictate that a transmitter manufacturer submit samples of its entire catalog of transmitters in order to gain the mystical seal of approval.

If a manufacturer makes any changes to the power supply components over the life of the unit, the upgraded model must be resubmitted for testing. We cannot change the transformer, fuse holder or even the power switch without starting the process anew. If UL approval becomes a requirement in the broadcast industry, station owners will pay more for equipment.

Is UL approval necessary in the industry? Broadcast equipment is installed and

operated by professionals. Do we need government, or UL, protection from ourselves? UL has a role in protecting little old ladies from getting shocked when plucking Pop Tarts out of the toaster while sitting in the bathtub.

Why doesn't the U.S. Army ask UL for approval on M16s? How many of the fire trucks that you see speeding down the street have UL approval? Most people are too busy making ends meet to realize that the local government bureaucracy exercises control over the citizens only to the extent that the public relinquishes authority over their lives to them.

All station owners need to be on their phones and word processors to their mayors, city councilmen and governors, protesting this latest bureaucratic intrusion into our industry.

If we all roll over and play dead, the government juggernauts and the wannabe authorities (read: UL) will crush us into dust as they assume even more authority. The result will be increased equipment costs and higher business taxes to feed government payrolls and pensions as these jackals seek out new carcasses on which to feed.

If the NAB had more nerve, it would use its political clout to burn UL's fingers at even the mention of certifying broadcast equipment. This action should be popping circuit breakers at the SBE offices in Indianapolis. Fortunately, we don't get all the government that we pay for, but if we let the "toaster police" weasel their way into our industry, we are all in for a shocking awakening.

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# Telecommunications Player Purchases IDB

by Eric L. Odell

**JACKSON, Miss.** Consolidations and acquisitions in the radio industry not only happen to stations, but also to industries that revolve around radio. Case in point: the recent acquisition of IDB, a leading provider of radio transmission services, by telecommunications giant LDDS.

While AT&T, MCI and Sprint bank their individual growth on a continuing war of advertising attrition, LDDS Communications Inc. used its recent IDB acquisition to enhance its role as the nation's fourth largest provider in long distance and data services.

That merger, along with LDDS' acquisition of WilTel Network Services, provides a new competitor to "The Big Three" with stronger leverage in the foreign telecommunications markets and fiber optics network services.

The birth of another telecommunications giant occurred on Dec. 30, 1994, when stockholders for LDDS and IDB approved the proposed merger.

The merger was finalized later that day. Then on Jan. 5, 1995, LDDS officials announced that they had finalized the acquisition of WilTel.

"Between the merger of LDDS and IDB and the acquisition of WilTel's digital fiber optic network, LDDS can essentially provide 'one-stop-shopping' in telecommunications services to the business community," said LDDS Director of Investor Relations Beverly Buckley.

In a letter to shareholders, LDDS President and CEO Bernard J. Ebberts said "IDB's strength in international communications and WilTel's state-of-the-art digital network will be excellent complements to LDDS' current operations."

"We look forward to capitalizing on the potential synergies expected from the combination of our operations," he added.

LDDS provides both domestic and international long-distance telecommunications services to business and residential customers through its digital network. However, its international services have been limited because of difficulties in obtaining foreign operating agreements in foreign countries. IDB, on the other hand, had obtained 59 switched voice and 160 private line operating agreements in foreign countries.

With the LDDS/IDB merger, the company expects to become a stronger player in foreign communications. IDB had a very impressive number of foreign operating agreements. LDDS had some, but not a lot," Buckley said. "It is a very difficult and slow process to develop these operating agreements with foreign countries. It

was fortunate for LDDS to obtain such a large number of agreements in one transaction."

Shareholders were asked to vote on the merger in two separate meetings held here in Jackson. The merger was approved by a 68 percent margin. As a result, holders of IDB common stock will receive a .476879 LDDS share for each IDB share in a tax-free exchange accounted for on a pooling interest basis. Note holders will receive the corresponding exchange ratio adjustment to their common stock conversion price.

The merger had been clouded for a short time during the fourth quarter of 1994 with allegations that IDB mobile had infringed upon SynTech's software copyrights. However, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia dismissed all the claims asserted by SynTech and ruled that IDB could own and use the software.

"That is something that can be corrected by our own accounting procedures," Buckley said.

In addition to private line and long distance telephone services, the merger with IDB will allow LDDS to enhance

its services in facsimile and data connections, mobile satellite communications as well as radio and television transmission services.

The acquisition of WilTel from the Williams Companies, Inc., on the other


**LDDS now is the nation's fourth-largest provider in long distance and data service.**

hand, allows LDDS to expand its work in fiber optics. The fiber optic network was sold to LDDS for \$2.5 billion. Though Williams accepted the LDDS offer for the network, the company will retain certain other WilTel business units including WilTel Communications Systems, a national telecommunications equipment supply and service company, and Vyvx, which operates a national video network specializing in broadcast

television applications.

The digital fiber optic network was one of only four of its kind in the United States. The combination of LDDS and WilTel networks will result in a 15,000 mile state-of-the-art system. Much of the LDDS existing long distance traffic will be transferred to the combined network, resulting in significant cost reductions, according to Buckley.

"LDDS can now offer a wider range of products and services, especially those services geared toward larger telecommunications users," she said, adding that WilTel's fiber optic network specializes in large business customers such as government agencies and Fortune 100 companies. "The acquisition will complement our emphasis on the smaller business customer and enable LDDS to focus more on major, mid-sized accounts."

LDDS accomplished the WilTel acquisition after it had complemented a \$3.41 billion credit agreement with a group of banks managed by NationsBank. In addition to the purchase of WilTel, the credit agreement refinanced LDDS' existing outstanding indebtedness. 

## FROM THE FIELD

# WTIM Back On-Air Two Days after Fire

by Cliff Wygant

**TAYLORVILLE, Ill.** It was just another day of broadcasting. At least that's the way it started to shape up for Matt McLemore, station manager and morning host of WTIM Newstalk 1410 as he signed on at 5:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

McLemore is well liked in this central Illinois community of 12,000. He hosts the station's program from sign-on until noon. Each day, he announces birthdays, offers his opinions and discusses items that can be bought and sold.

At 6 a.m., he powered up the main transmitter to its pre-sunrise setting of 500 W. At 6:02 a.m., the station went off the air. McLemore was called by the transmitter remote control unit (affectionately nicknamed "Remo") and discovered the transmitter was experiencing a power failure.

## Fire and flood

The day also started out in quite a normal fashion for Randal Miller, the station's owner and general manager. Miller decided to get into the office a little early to take care of paperwork before the usual flood of phone calls began around 8 a.m. After rising, Miller noticed that the station was off the air. He called McLemore, who told him of "Remo's"

call. Miller called the unit and was able to turn the backup transmitter on, but no audio was received.

Miller then called the station engineer, Jim Dunn, a 25-year veteran of radio. Dunn advised him to go to the transmitter site and unplug the receiving unit in case it locked up due to the power failure.

On his way to the site, Miller noticed the obvious lack of tower lights. Assuming he would find a power failure, Miller went through the woods to the site, set in a large clearing.

As he rounded the last bend, Miller's anger over having to spend his time flipping a little switch turned into shock as he saw black smoke billowing out of the back of the transmitter building. He called the fire department from his cellular phone.

Miller shut off power to the site in the hopes of saving some, if not all, the equipment. He watched, heartsick, as 25 years of work seemed to be going up in smoke.

The fire department arrived and spent about an hour putting out the blaze that had been raging inside the metal building. Miller spent that time on his car phone, calling his insurance agent. The agent advised Miller to put together an inventory list and to start getting proposals from vendors.

By 8 a.m., Miller was in his office at the

station, talking with vendors and lining up proposals. The staff was busy fielding phone calls from listeners who were trying to tune in. During the time the station was off the air, it received hundreds of phone calls from listeners and many more from other area stations and media outlets. All expressed concern and offered help.

By noon on the same day, Miller had a complete proposal from one vendor and one almost-complete proposal from another. These were sent to the insurance company, who would be sending out an adjuster the following morning.

The next day arrived and the station began its second day of silence. Miller met with the adjuster who advised him that a new transmitter would have to be rented because the insurance company wanted a complete investigation into the cause of the fire. So Miller went back to work.


## Lease first

The vendors were notified of the change and proposals were sent back and forth. The WTIM fax machine was hard-pressed to keep up with the amount of paper being pushed through it.

At 2:45 p.m., an agreement was reached with Broadcast Electronics, and Miller was on his way to Quincy, a trip of 165 miles, to pick up a new transmitter. Even on the trip over, there were still phone calls and arrangements to make: the phone was almost as busy as the fax machine.

At 7 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 26, Miller was met at the site by Dunn, two station employees and an electrician, to move the 400-pound transmitter into its new home. Once in the building, Dunn and Miller had the unit powered up and were testing it by 9 a.m. At 10 a.m., Miller called the station and told McLemore to get ready to start programming. At 10:02 a.m., exactly 52 hours after going off the air, WTIM resumed programming.

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# Congressional Ax Could Hurt NPR

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station would have to cut NPR programs like "Morning Edition," he said.

"Where we would be hurt is we couldn't give as good a service," he said, "provided the service is still there."

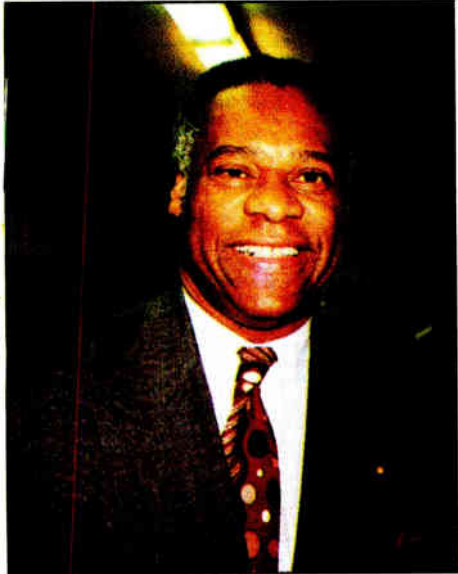
"If those sorts of funds were not available you would not get some of the programming you get now," KENW Associate Director Jim Zupancic added.

However, Ryan is hopeful that Congress will not completely cut CPB, although he acknowledged that CPB will have to endure its "fair share" of cuts as Congress attempts to balance the budget and reduce taxes.

"I believe wiser cooler heads will prevail."

One station very concerned about CPB funding cuts is KHSI(FM), another New Mexico rural station serving the Zuni Indian tribe. Unlike its KENW counterpart KHSI does not receive support from a college or university.

The station relies on its approximately \$26,000 in CPB funds, about one quarter of the station budget, for equipment purchases and other capital expenditures.



Delano Lewis

Currently KHSI is attempting to buy a digital workstation and a Sony MiniDisc. Without CPB funding "it would probably take some sort of fund raising initiative," said Station Manager Duane Chimoni.

But like KENW, the Zuni station is lacking the dense population base needed to support the station and 8,000 to 9,000 Zuni living in close proximity to the station really do not have the financial resources to support a radio station.

Most live off meager profits they make from sales of hand made jewelry, arts and crafts. "The economic base is not there," Chimoni said.

WDET also occasionally uses CPB funds for equipment purchases. A couple of years ago the station procured a loan from Wayne State University to purchase a computer for the station and is paying back the loan with CPB funds, Mathes noted.

## A necessary budget cut

Conservatives testifying before last month's committee meeting argued that cutting public broadcasting is a necessary step towards balancing the budget.

But Rep. David Obey (D-Wisc.) noted that CPB's \$300 million a year comes out to 3/1000 of one percent of the entire federal budget. In contrast, Obey pointed out, the Pentagon spends about \$300 million every 10 hours.

"We ought to look at illegitimate tax expenditures, which grant special tax favors," he said.

Lewis noted that NPR is only costing the taxpayer about 29 cents per person

## Lewis vows to fight for NPR federal funding.

per year, and said CPB funding enables NPR to attract other funds. "Every dollar in federal funding... leverages \$5 in

other funding."

At WDET, Mathes noted that her station uses CPB funding to pay for postage on mailings sent to listeners for raising additional revenue and the aforementioned computer the station purchased is for databasing the station's listener list, which will help the station compile mailing lists.

Also, CPB funding pays WDET leased antenna space on a Detroit Board of Education tower.

Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-Md.) said the deficit has increased because entitlements, a type of guaranteed congressional expenditure, have increased. He then added that discretionary spending, which

includes public broadcasting, has decreased.

"This is a very very small percentage of the discretionary dollars we spend," he said.

Rep. Roger Wicker, a freshman Republican congressman from Mississippi, said a tough budget cutting decision would have to be made on public broadcasting before Congress could deal with the tougher issue of entitlements.

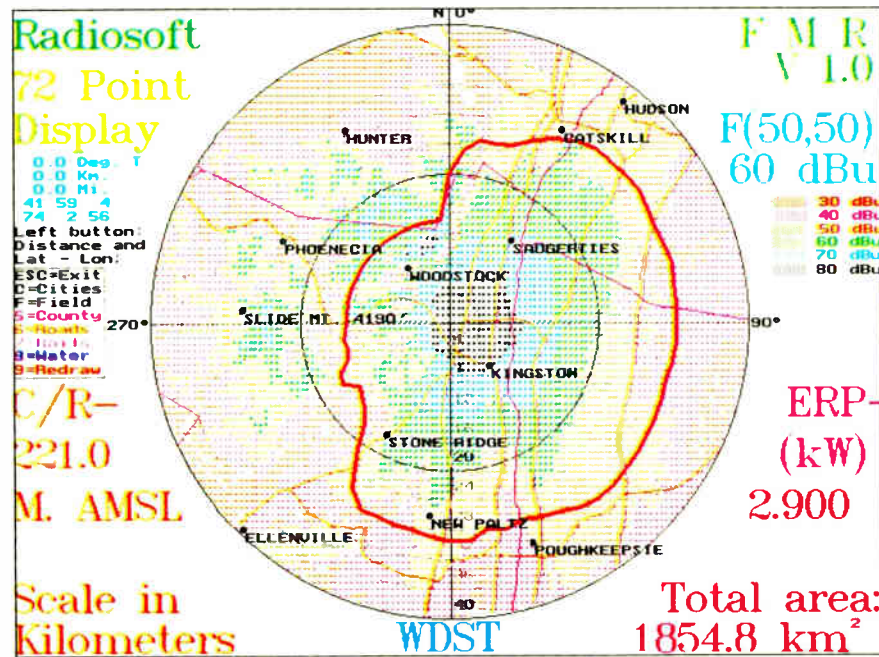
"I don't see how we'll make tough decisions on entitlements without making tough decisions on Public Broadcasting."

But Lewis noted that NPR is irreplaceable.

"No one else is providing the programming and services that NPR and its member stations offer to local communities," he said. "There are no Arts and Entertainment or Discovery channels for radio." ☺

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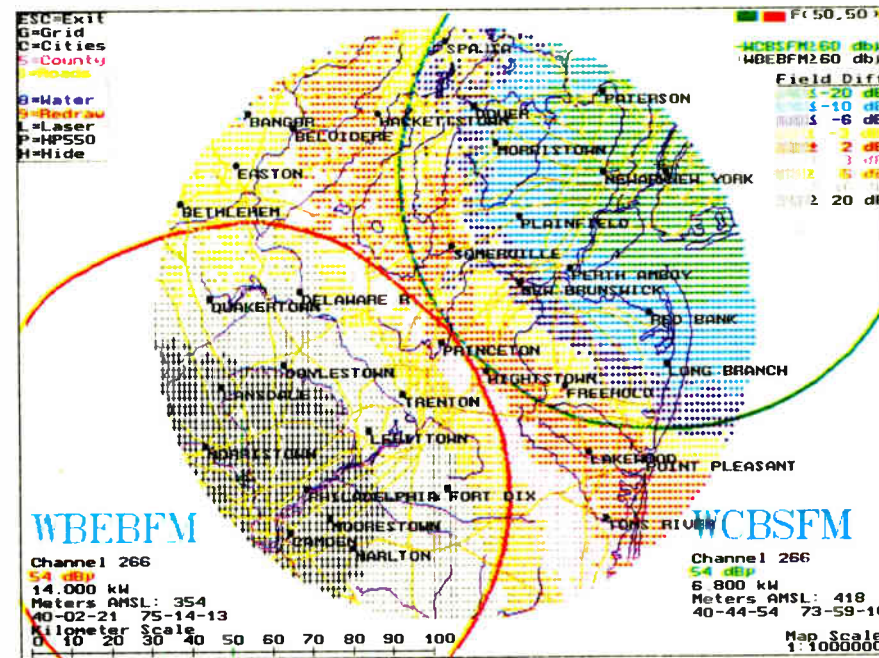
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# RF Emissions Can Detoxify Soil

by Dee McVicker

**PHOENIX** RF isn't just the stuff that radio broadcasting is made of. It is also the stuff of toxic waste cleanup. So, not only is RF found in the air but it is also found in the ground to eradicate contaminants.

Research organizations such as the IIT Research Institute (IITRI) in Chicago, began eyeing RF not too long ago in order to heat-extract toxic chemicals out of the ground. The institute had used RF in the '70s for experimental tar extraction. In the '80s, in conjunction with the Environmental Protection Agency, IITRI applied the theory to remove toxic waste from the earth.

## Precedent set

"The idea in the '70s was to recover bitumen (tar) from Utah tar sands without having to excavate and heat the soil. By injecting RF energy into a block of tar sand, the temperature could be raised

to apply the same soil volumetric heating process as a method of cleaning contaminated soils without having to excavate the earth."

The use of 60 Hz or RF energy with an electrode array inserted into a contaminated zone was shown to be an effective way of raising soil temperature and ultimately vaporizing hydrocarbon contaminants for recovery above ground. For low temperature applications where the desired temperature is below the boiling point, an electromagnetic 60 Hz method is used. But for temperatures exceeding this, the RF method is more applicable and can save excavating dollars and prevent toxins from becoming airborne.

## Fire pit

The institute's first recent decontamination field experiment using RF was done at the Volk Air National Guard Base, with a primary objective of cooking the ground enough to create gases that could be collected and contained elsewhere.

ground using triplate electrode arrays. They hauled in a 45-foot trailer that contained a modified Navy transmitter, a 40 kW AN/FRT6, for the in situ soil excavation. Frequencies of 2 to 13 MHz were applied to electrodes placed in the ground in drilled bore holes, with power con-

and others, that they recently specified a new 100 kW generator for the purpose of on-the-road RF soil decontamination, and contracted Armstrong Transmitter Corp. to build it.

In addition to being ruggedized for mobility, with extra shielding, the 100 kW Armstrong was built for 3, 6 and 12 MHz frequencies and for a variety of loads.

Load variances are one of the main con-

**Research organizations such as IIT Research Institute (IITRI) in Chicago began eyeing RF a few years ago.**

veyed to the soil by means of coaxial cables. A matching network was used to control power transfer to the soil and two perforated metal tubes were laid on the surface of the ground underneath a silicone rubber sheet. These tubes were connected to a vapor treatment system, which collected the gases.

Later, the group tested ground samples for remaining contaminants. They found that more than 99 percent of the volatile contaminants and more than 94 percent of the semi-volatile contaminants were removed, encouraging the group to get serious about applying the method elsewhere and on a much larger scale.

## Sludge test

They reported similar findings in another, more extensive test of a sludge evaporation basin known as Basin F. Here, the soil was contaminated with several pesticides and covered with a five-foot-thick clay cap. Using the same RF method, the group heated 50 cubic yards of the soil to temperatures in excess of 250 degrees Celsius over a one-month period. The result: Removal of the pesticides was in the range of 98 to 99.6 percent.

The field experimenters were so encouraged by the results of these tests,

siderations of the method, according to Stangel. "Instead of going into a 50 ohm antenna, we're going into the earth so we have horrendous mismatches. And, as a result of that, we have to have a couple different stages of impedance matching to minimize reflective power," he said.

The customized transmitter is specified for up to 3:1 VSWR at full output, according to Armstrong's Bob White, who said the unit was completely customized from the empty cabinet on up. The 100 kW will be placed in a new trailer, along with a dummy load for testing loads before powering up the 100 kW on-site.

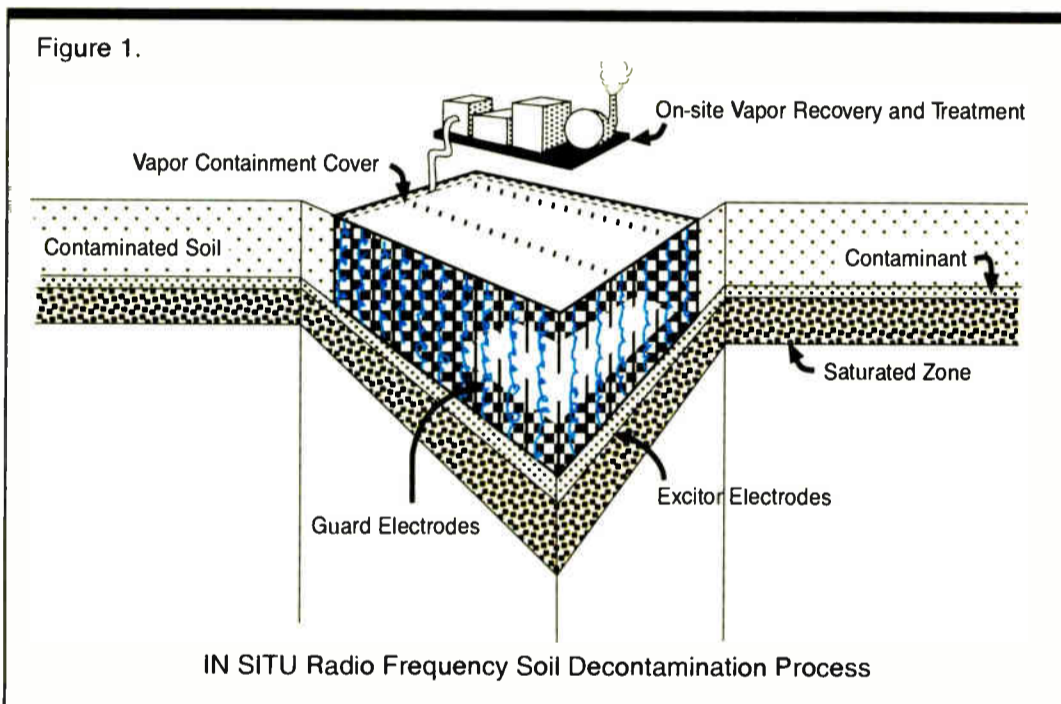
With the additional power, IITRI expects to be able to eradicate toxins from areas 50 feet by 100 feet and 20 feet deep. Temperatures vary between 100 and 300 degrees Celsius, depending on the type of toxin being eradicated. With those temperature and RF ratings, Stangel is quick to point out that safety precautions will be observed at all times. "We have to go out of our way to contain stray emissions in the vicinity of the electrode array.

Both personnel safety and equipment susceptibility issues must be considered," he said.

The new 100 kW will be traveling across the countryside, cleaning up the environment as it goes, starting in the next few months.

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sufficiently to lower the viscosity of the bitumen so that the bitumen could be retrieved by one of several petroleum methods," said Jim Stangel of IITRI. "In recent years, as environmental cleanup issues became more important, we began

The goal was to get the ground hot enough, over 100 degrees Celsius, to boil hydrocarbon chemicals out of the soil along with steam formed by vaporization. IITRI set up site at an old fire training pit and pumped 40 kW of RF power into the

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KSLX-FM	100.7	Scottsdale
<b>CALIFORNIA</b>		
KSIO-FM	96.1	Brawley
KLON-FM	88.1	Long Beach
KPCC-FM	89.3	Los Angeles
KTWV-FM	94.7	Los Angeles
KCRW-FM	89.9	Los Angeles
KATM-FM	103.3	Modesto
KHOP-FM	104.1	Modesto
KNPR-FM*	88.1	Ridgecrest
KSFM-FM	102.5	Sacramento
KPBS-FM	89.5	San Diego
KPLM-FM	106.1	Palm Springs
KYXY-FM	96.5	San Diego
KDFC-FM	102.1	San Francisco
KEAR-FM	106.9	San Francisco
KALW-FM	91.7	San Francisco
KKSF-FM	103.7	San Francisco
KCBX-FM	90.1	San Luis Obispo
<b>COLORADO</b>		
KMUI-FM	100.3	Denver
KCFR-FM	90.1	Denver
<b>CONNECTICUT</b>		
WSHU-FM	91.1	Fairfield
WPKT-FM	90.5	Hartford
WHCN-FM	105.9	Hartford
<b>DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA</b>		
WAMU-FM	88.5	Washington
WETA-FM	90.9	Washington
WDCU-FM	90.1	Washington
WGAY-FM	99.5	Washington
<b>FLORIDA</b>		
WAPN-FM	91.5	Daytona Beach
WSFP-FM	90.1	Ft. Myers
WAOA-FM	107.1	Melbourne
WLRN-FM	90.3	Miami
WTMI-FM	93.1	Miami
WMFE-FM	90.7	Orlando
WOCL-FM	105.9	Orlando
WUFT-FM	89.1	Gainesville
WOWW-FM	107.3	Pensacola
WFLZ-FM	93.3	Tampa
<b>GEORGIA</b>		
WDMG-FM	99.5	Douglas
WSTR-FM	94.1	Smyrna
WABE-FM	90.1	Atlanta
WCLK-FM	91.9	Atlanta
WKLS-FM	96.1	Atlanta
<b>ILLINOIS</b>		
WCIL-FM	101.5	Carbondale
WLRW-FM	94.5	Champaign
WBEZ-FM	91.5	Chicago
WXRT-FM	93.1	Chicago
WLS-FM	94.7	Chicago
WNUA-FM	95.5	Chicago
WNIJ-FM	90.5	DeKalb
WLLR-FM	101.3	East Moines
WAAG-FM	94.9	Galesburg
WSWT-FM	106.9	Peoria
WDBR-FM	103.7	Springfield
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WMYZ-FM	95.7	New Orleans
KCIL-FM	107.5	Houma
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WBCN-FM	104.1	Boston
WBOQ-FM	104.9	Gloucester
WBCS-FM	96.9	Newton
WMJX-FM	106.7	Boston
<b>MARYLAND</b>		
WHFS-FM	99.1	Annapolis
WEAA-FM	88.9	Baltimore
WIYY-FM	97.9	Baltimore
WXYV-FM	102.7	Baltimore
WETH-FM*	89.1	Hagerstown
<b>MICHIGAN</b>		
WIOG-FM	102.5	Bay City
WLLZ-FM	98.7	Detroit
WKOI-FM	95.5	Detroit
WJLB-FM	97.9	Detroit
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WKAR-FM	90.5	East Lansing
WLAV-FM	96.9	Grand Rapids
WKLO-FM	94.5	Holland
WRKR-FM	107.7	Portage
<b>MINNESOTA</b>		
KBEM-FM	88.5	Minneapolis
KNOW-FM	91.1	St. Paul
KSJN-FM	99.5	St. Paul
KTIS-FM	98.5	Minneapolis
<b>MISSOURI</b>		
KYYS-FM	102.1	Kansas City
<b>NEBRASKA</b>		
KESY-FM	104.5	Omaha
<b>NEVADA</b>		
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KNPR-FM*	91.7	Beatty
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KNPR-FM*	89.5	Laughlin
KNPR-FM*	88.7	Moapa Valley
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KEDG-FM	103.5	Las Vegas
KFBI-FM	107.5	Las Vegas
KYRK-FM	97.1	Las Vegas
KLNR-FM*	91.7	Panapa
KTPH-FM*	91.7	Tonopah
KEYV-FM*	103.5	Laughlin
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WWBB	101.5	Providence
WHJY-FM	94.1	Providence

<b>TENNESSEE</b>		
WYPL-FM	89.3	Memphis

<b>TEXAS</b>		
KEAN-FM	105.1	Abilene
KNLE-FM	88.1	Austin
KTTX-FM	106.1	Brenhane
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<b>UTAH</b>		
KSOS-FM	106.9	Ogden
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KSOS-FM*	96.7	Salt Lake City
KISN-FM	97.1	Salt Lake City
KSOS-FM*	98.3	Utah County

<b>VIRGINIA</b>		
WLTY-FM*	95.7	Norfolk
WNVZ-FM	104.5	Norfolk
WESR-FM	103.3	Onley
WKOC-FM	93.7	Virginia Beach
WCDX-FM	92.7	Richmond

<b>WASHINGTON</b>		
KFAE-FM	89.1	Richland
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# Canadians Issue RDS Guidelines

by Christopher Morris

**VANCOUVER, Canada** While the number of FM stations transmitting Radio Data System (RDS) information more than doubled in the U.S. last year, RDS displays are finally starting to show up in car radios, high end tuners and even portables.

But what's happening in Canada?

Many U.S. RDS broadcasts are already received in major Canadian cities, either directly or through cable. However, so far there are no Canadian RDS broadcasts, although last year the CBC conducted RDS test transmissions in

Toronto. Nor is there a Canadian RDS standard. Much of Canada's energy has been put into developing a digital audio broadcast standard.

Canada's lack of attention to RDS is set to change, however. Industry Canada, the government body that manages the radio spectrum, has issued broad guidelines that allow a broadcaster to put RDS on the air, using the U.S. RBDS standard that was implemented in January 1993.

The Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC), which licenses the Subsidiary Communications Multiplex Operation

(equivalent to the U.S. SCA service on 67/92 kHz), would also need to be notified as a formality.

At the same time, the Radio Advisory Board of Canada (RABC) in Ottawa is developing a Canadian RDS standard, through an industry committee. Some of the differences from the U.S. standard to be tackled include a Canadian station call letters algorithm (for generating the unique PI code), an English/French language bit, differing program types (PTY), additional specification of navigational information and a province/city database.

It is expected that the Canadian standard will be available later this year.

Meanwhile, in early April, the CBC will start regular RDS broadcasting from all major cities coast to coast. This follows an agreement with DCI of Cupertino, California.

DCI will use RDS Group 6 and the CBC's extensive national network of FM transmitters to provide differential global positioning (GPS) corrections, greatly enhancing the accuracy of civilian navigational equipment.

Other Canadian FM stations are expected to follow, to make their call signs "visible" on the dial, along with all the other benefits RDS provides to the radio audience.

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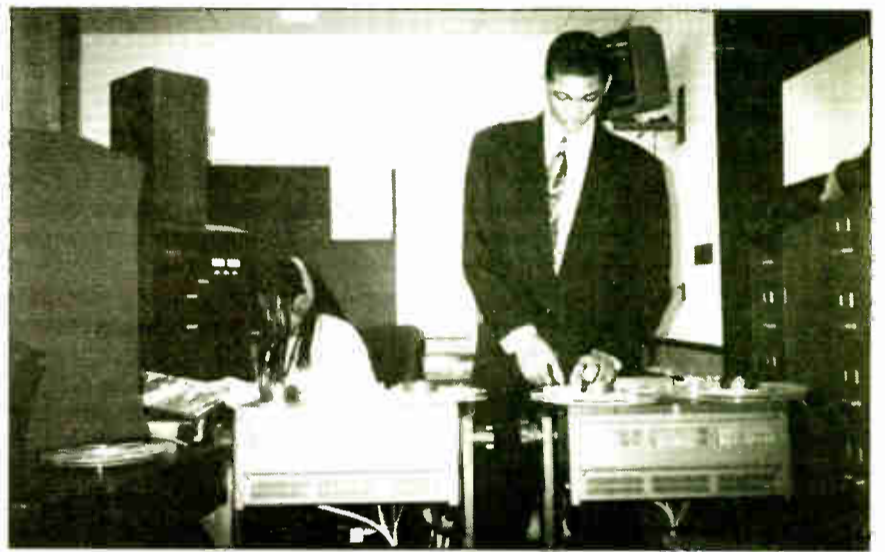
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### NPR Youth Initiative

Sixteen-year-old Charles Palmer (front) and 15-year-old Mictrena Mickel (back), two sophomores at Washington's McKinley-Penn High School— an inner city magnet school— are learning broadcasting skills through a new closed-circuit radio facility that was recently donated to the school by National Public Radio (NPR). The facility is part of NPR's "D.C. Youth initiative," which also provides students with a training program. Bell Atlantic, District Cablevision, the Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation and the Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Foundation have joined NPR to support the project in its first year. "It's a good program," Palmer said. "It keeps the attention of a lot of youth— it keeps them out of trouble."

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# NEWSWATCH

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grant the FCC a temporary injunction to shut down Micropower station Free Radio Berkeley while the commission administratively pursues permanently taking the station off the air.

"They basically set a precedent," Dunnifer said.

The next move is up to the FCC. The FCC must decide whether or not to continue pursuing Dunnifer by collecting previously assessed fines.

The commission appeared to be pursuing a strategy of slapping a shut-down injunction against Free Radio Berkeley until fines were settled, and then keeping that settlement process in indefinite limbo. If the FCC had been successful, this scenario could have kept the injunction in indefinite limbo as well.

Dunnifer's operation is part of a growing number of micropower broadcasters who transmit signals anywhere between a half watt to 30 watts, serving as local community leaflets, Dunnifer said.

While the FCC has dubbed Dunnifer as an airwaves pirate, he and his National Lawyers Guild attorney Luke Hiken see Dunnifer as an airwaves "liberator."

Dunnifer sees his case as more than just the FCC trying to shut down an illegal broadcaster. He is battling what he believes is a system of large broadcasting corporations controlling the airwaves.

"We shall not be moved or stymied by a justice system that means, in reality, "just us" corporations," he previously said.

He has vowed to fight the FCC all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, stating that the commission "can kiss my Bill of Rights."

## NAB Budget Increases

**WASHINGTON** The National Association of Broadcasters (NAB) reports that its board of directors recently approved the association's \$28.9 million expense budget for the 1995-1996 fiscal year and the association's \$32.2 million revenue estimate.

Those figures are up 8.7 percent and 9.6 percent respectively from the 1994 and 1995 fiscal years.

## Equipment Exporter to Build U.S. Plant

**RICHMOND, Ind.** Broadcast Richmond, a distributor of professional broadcast equipment to Latin America, the Far East and Africa, will build new facilities here to accommodate sales, warehousing, equipment testing and shipping.

Joe Ziemer, Broadcast Richmond president, who started the export company in March 1993, said he will build a facility of approximately 4,000 square feet on two acres he recently purchased in a Richmond industrial park.

A feature Ziemer highlighted is the dedicated test area for prewired program racks.

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For information from Broadcast

Richmond, contact Joe Ziemer in Richmond, Ind., at telephone: 317-966-6468 or fax: 317-966-5505.

## Box to Chair Radio Show Steering Committee

**WASHINGTON** The NAB recently announced that EZ Communications President Alan Box will chair the 1995 steering committee for September's New Orleans NAB Radio Show.

The committee sets the radio show's agenda, and is divided into three sub-

committees. Jeff Trumper, Denise Oliver and Doyle Rose will chair the management, programming and sales and marketing subcommittees respectively.

## Spurlock Named NAB Director Of Senate Congressional Relations

**WASHINGTON** Patricia Spurlock started her new position as the NAB's director of Senate congressional relations on Jan. 17.

Spurlock was previously a legislative assistant to Virginia Senator Chuck Robb where she handled commerce committee issues, including telecommunications issues. She also served in

various departments within Bell System Companies.

## Large Share of Houston Duopoly Sold for \$26.8 Million

**HOUSTON** Clear Channel Communications recently closed its \$26.8 million purchase of 80 percent ownership in AM duopoly KPRC and KSEV.

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World Radio History



FEEDLINE

# Certain AMs Qualify for Power Increase

by W.C. Alexander

**DALLAS** The rule changes that took place in October 1991 allow AM stations to upgrade their facilities. The stations most likely to benefit are the old Class 3 stations operating on regional channels. All these stations have been re-classified as Class B stations under the new rules, changing the old 5 kW power cap to 50 kW.

If such a station can employ a directional antenna or other means to limit radiation toward

other co- and adjacent-channel stations, a power increase may be possible. Since the rule change, some 65 stations have taken advantage of the new rules to improve their facilities. Let's look at a few preliminary steps that you can take to find out whether a daytime power increase is possible for your station.

### Know the rules

The normally protected groundwave contour for Class B and Class D AM stations is 0.5

mV/m. Other stations must provide varying degrees of protection to this contour, depending upon frequency relationship.

For co-channel stations, the interfering-to-protected contour ratio is -26 dB (a voltage ratio of 1:20). Nominally, this means that the 0.025 mV/m contour of a proposed co-channel operation cannot overlap the 0.5 mV/m contour of an existing station.

Conversely, the 0.025 mV/m contour of the existing station cannot overlap the 0.5 mV/m con-

tour of the co-channel proposed operation. This is known as "interference received." There is an exception to this particular prohibited overlap, but that would not apply in the case of an existing station upgrading its facilities.

For first adjacent channel stations, the ratio is -6 dB (a voltage ratio of 1:2). The 0.25 mV/m contour of a proposed operation cannot overlap the 0.5 mV/m contour of an existing first adjacent-channel station. Likewise, the existing station's 0.25 mV/m

contour cannot overlap the proposed first adjacent-channel station's 0.5 mV/m contour.

There is no protection ratio for second or third adjacent-channel stations per se—a "prohibited overlap" rule applies instead. The 5 mV/m contours of second adjacent-channel stations and the 25 mV/m contours of third adjacent-channel stations cannot overlap one another.

### Look at the contours

With these rules in mind, the next step is to find the protected and interfering contours of all nearby co- and first adjacent-channel stations, along with the 5 mV/m and 25 mV/m contours of all the nearby second and third adjacent-channel stations, respectively.

To begin, you will need three things: a current FCC AM database, the appropriate ground conductivity (M-3) maps, and the FCC groundwave curves for all the frequencies being considered. The database is available on-line through Broadcast Data Services, Dataworld and others, or you can purchase it from numerous vendors. The M-3 maps and groundwave curves are available from the FCC's copy contractor or your consulting engineer.

Using the database, retrieve all the records for all the stations from three channels below to three channels above your frequency within a fixed distance of your site. Use your transmitter site coordinates for the center of the search. If your area has relatively low ground conductivities (4 mS/m or less), use 500 km as the search radius.

Now plot the transmitter site location of your station on the M-3 map. Using a divider, use the lat-long scale provided in the margin of the M-3 to plot the location accurately. Continue by plotting the sites of the other stations found in the search, beginning with those closest to your site and working outward.

### Closest co-channel

Pick the co-channel station closest to your site and, using a straight edge, draw a line directly between the two sites. Using a protractor, mark off radials from the other station in five-degree increments to either site of the direct bearing over an arc of 30 degrees or so.

Using a divider, straight edge and the map scale, find the distance from the other station's site to each conductivity break along each of the radials marked in the previous step to a point that equals the distance between that station and yours. For example, if your station is 300 km from the other station, find the distances to all the conductivity breaks on all the marked radials out to 300 km from the other station's site.

With the appropriate FCC groundwave curves graph and the inverse distance field (IDF) value for the other station's

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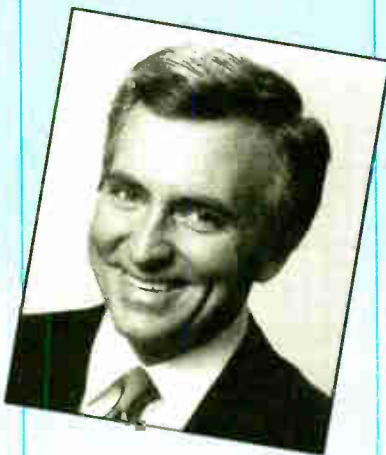
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# Some AMs Hike Output

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antenna on each marked radial, use the "equivalent distance method" (described in 47 C.F.R. §73.183(e) and §73.183(f)) to find the distance to the other station's 0.5 mV/m and 0.025 mV/m contours on each marked radial. Plot a point on each radial representing the distance from the other station's site to each of these contours, then connect the points for each contour using a smooth curve.

To find the maximum permissible radiation (MPR) from your station to the other station, first draw a line from your site to the closest point on the other station's 0.5 mV/m contour. Measure the distance

from your site to this point. Note the bearing and find the distance to all the conductivity breaks along this radial as you did on the radials from the other station. With the appropriate FCC groundwave curves graph, determine the correction factors for all the conductivity breaks using the equivalent distance method.

### Reverse the factors

Reversely applying the accumulated correction factor for the last conductivity on the radial before the other station's 0.5 mV/m contour is encountered, find the field strength on the groundwave curves graph that corresponds to the distance from

your site to that contour. Divide 0.025 by this value and multiply by 100 mV/m. This will yield the maximum IDF that your station can radiate without overlapping the other station's 0.5 mV/m contour with your station's 0.025 mV/m contour.

Repeat this procedure on the radial from your site to the closest point on the other station's 0.025 mV/m contour. This time, divide 0.5 by the field strength value read on the graph and multiply by 100. This will yield the maximum IDF that your station is permitted to radiate without interference received from the other station.

Whichever of these two calculated maximums is lowest represents the maximum permissible radiation from your station toward the other station. It is possible, in areas with varying conductivity, that the closest points on the 0.5 mV/m and the

0.025 mV/m contours of the other station will be on widely separated azimuths. In that case, both may be significant in a directional antenna design.

Now, continue with this procedure for all the other nearby co-channel stations. Plot their 0.5 mV/m and 0.025 mV/m contours, find the bearing to the nearest point on each from your site, and find the MPR toward each.

When all the co-channel MPRs have been computed, move on to the first adjacent-channel stations. Plot their 0.5 mV/m and 0.25 mV/m contours and find the nearest point bearing to each from your site. Find the maximum IDF toward each point in the same manner as with the co-channel stations, dividing the value of your contour (0.5 mV/m or 0.25 mV/m) by the field strength found on the graph and multiplying by 100 mV/m. Again, the MPR toward each station is the lower of these two numbers.

### Second and third too

Finally, find the MPR toward all the nearby second and third adjacent-channel stations using the 5 mV/m and 25 mV/m contours, respectively.

To see what can be achieved in the way of maximum power for your station using its existing site and antenna system, you will need to know your existing IDF on the radial toward each of the other stations' contour nearest points. If your station is presently non-directional, the IDF is the same in all directions and that makes it easy. Otherwise, calculate the standard-pattern IDF value for your station on each radial. Then divide the MPR toward each station by your station's IDF on that bearing. Do this for all the bearings you have calculated. Find the lowest number, square it and multiply by your present power. This will give you an idea of what power is permissible using your existing antenna system.

If this preliminary study shows that a substantial increase may be possible, get on the horn to your consulting engineer and discuss it with him. Have a full day-time allocation study run and, if necessary, a new directional pattern designed.

Should the power you calculated come up much lower than your present power level, it is probably due to existing overlaps with other stations. Many stations were permitted on the air in the late 1950s and early 1960s with some of the protection standards waived, and this resulted in a lot of existing overlaps. The new (1991) rules also created a lot of existing first adjacent-channel overlaps by implementing a new -6 dB protection ratio. In the past, FCC policy has been that existing overlaps can remain as long as the total area within the overlap zone does not increase. Therefore, it may still be possible to achieve an upgrade using a directional antenna, limiting radiation in the direction of the existing overlap while letting it out in clear directions.

Keep in mind that consulting engineers have access to a lot of resources that may give different results than you achieved in your study. An example of this is the use of measured conductivity data; this must be obtained from the FCC's files and will often have considerable effect upon the allocation picture. Making conductivity measurements along certain radials is another tool that can sometimes be used to advantage. If the measured conductivity is considerably lower than that shown on the M-3 map, the MPR along the measured radials becomes higher.



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STATION SKETCHES

# Keep Turntables in Tune for Classic Vinyl

by Tom Vernon

**HARRISBURG, Pa.** Industry experts predict that thousands of records will never be re-mastered and released as compact discs. For stations with classic album rock or nostalgia formats, this means a continued depen-

force is within the specified range. There is a trade-off here. Higher tracking force equals better sound, but with increased record wear. Lighter force is less destructive to records, but getting top sound will be more difficult. One leading tone-arm has a self-calibrating system for

tedious trial and error process of adding weight and balancing several times.

With phono cartridges, azimuth is defined as the perpendicular angle of the stylus to the record when viewed from the front of the cartridge. To adjust the azimuth you will need a cart alignment jig or a small mirror. Verify that the reflection of the front edge of the cartridge is parallel with the scribed line on the jig.

If you're using a small hand mirror, then the front edge of the cartridge and its reflection must be parallel. You may need to bend the cartridge mounting ears ever so gently to achieve perfect alignment, or mount a small rubber grommet under the cartridge so that the mounting screws function as an adjusting medium, as in tape heads. Proper azimuth adjustment is vital to good stereo separation. (See Figure 1a.)

**Stylus overhang**

Stylus overhang refers to the distance the stylus extends beyond the center of the turntable. This may be checked via the overhang adjustment tool that comes with the headshell, or with the cartridge alignment jig. The latter has the advantage of taking into consideration the mounting position of the tone arm. Some headshells allow you to slide the cartridge

back and forth, others have a series of tapped holes where the cartridge may be mounted. In

that the shank of the stylus is parallel with the tone arm tube, as viewed from the top or bottom (Figure 1c). Deviations from this will result in a fixed tracking error, and added distortion.

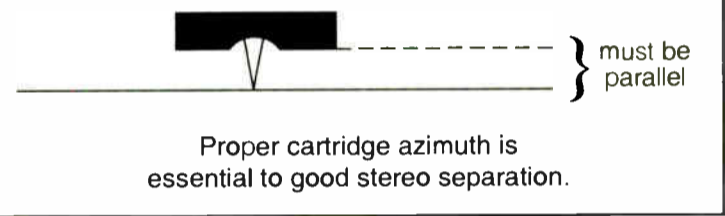
Like tape heads, phono cartridges must be precisely oriented in relation to the medium they encounter, or audio quality will suffer. Once steps are taken to properly orient the cartridge and

Table 1.

Item	Description
stylus force gauge	Shure SFG-2 or equivalent
test record	Audio-Technica AT-6605 CBS stereo test record STR-116
cartridge alignment jig	Cart-A-Lign or equivalent

dence on turntables, if only to resurrect *discus obscurus*, and setting tracking force; simply slide the small weight to the

Figure 1a.



dub it to another medium.

Some small market and college stations may still be heavily dependent on turntables. This month's column explores turntable system maintenance, and how to squeeze the most out of what was once the mainstay of music radio.

First, the requisite test gear needs to be assembled. This may be difficult if you are starting from scratch or missing items, as none of these things are still manufactured. Table 1 gives a complete listing.

**Start alignment**

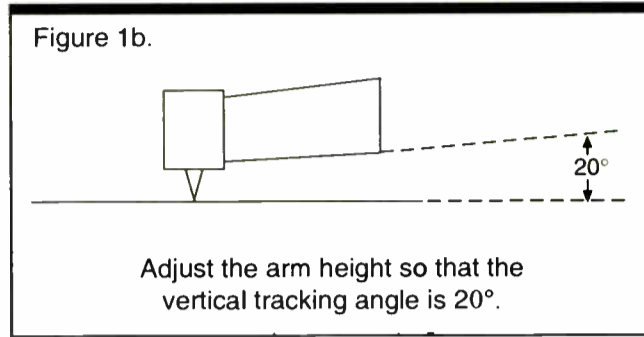
Alignment starts with the turntable enclosure. Verify proper alignment, front to back and side to side, with a bubble level. Most pieces of furniture have floor levelers, so fixing this is an easy process.

Next, be sure the cabinet has enough mass so that the stylus does not pick up footsteps, building vibrations or feedback from monitor speakers. The latter is particularly hideous, as it can cause muddiness and loss of definition, in addition to feedback.

The usual remedy is to load the pedestal down with cement blocks or sandbags. Just be sure you stack the weight evenly, and the unit is still level after being loaded. If you have the enclosure-within-an-enclosure scheme, be sure the inner cabinet does not touch the outer, and that all wiring has sufficient slack.

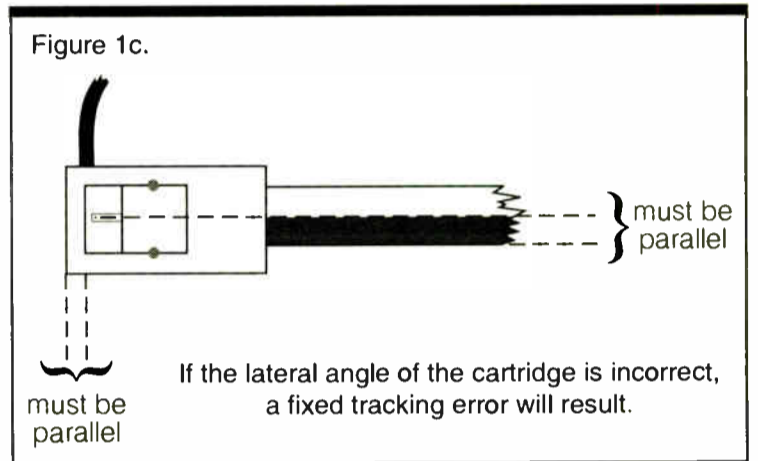
Verify that the stylus tracking

Figure 1b.



any event, overhang should be  $\pm 1/16$  inch from the reference line.

Figure 1c.



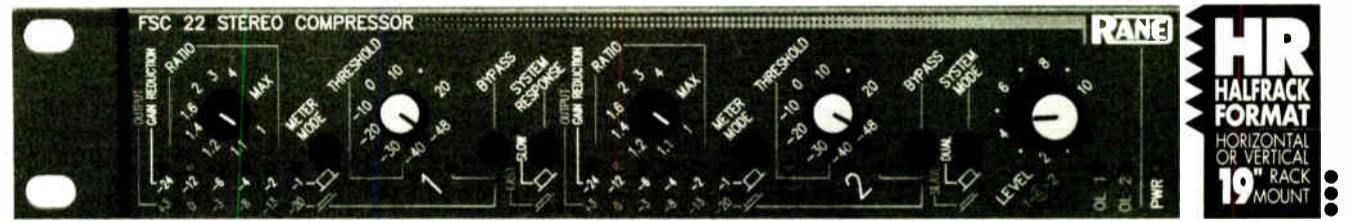
The vertical tracking angle must be adjusted so the diamond tip is parallel with the record surface, when viewed from the side. This equates to 20 degrees, and is adjusted by raising or lowering the arm height, as illustrated in Figure 1b.

Finally, the lateral angle of the cartridge must be adjusted so

set its tracking force, electronic alignment can begin, and that is where we'll resume in the next edition of *Station Sketches*. See you then.

Tom Vernon's other writing activities involve reviews of multimedia CD-ROMs for computer magazines. He can be reached at 717-367-5595.

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# WORKBENCH

## More to Tower Paint Than Meets the Eye

by John Bisset

**SPRINGFIELD, Va.** It will be spring soon, and if you budgeted for tower painting this year, now might be a good time to seek out your local Sherwin-Williams paint store. Tell the store manager that you would like to speak to a professional coatings sales representative to prepare a paint spec for your tower.

There are more than 800 of these reps. working out of more than 2,000 Sherwin-Williams paint stores.

John DiMarco is one such representative, and he covers the Washington metro area. His free service includes visiting the tower site, assessing the condition of the tower paint, discussing the owner's requirements—does he want a paint job to last two or 10 years—and determining

the limitations of getting the job done, including what kind of surface preparation is required and whether the work can be done during the day or at night.

The professional coatings sales rep will then assist the station engineer in preparing the bid specs, and recommend the name and addresses of several local painting contractors. The station awards the contract to the painter of its choice.

While the towers are being painted, the Sherwin-Williams rep will visit the site periodically to insure the specs are being met. Once the job is done, a final inspection will be conducted. This symbiotic relationship worked well for WFAX in Falls Church, Va. Mitchell Miller was pleased with the entire process. Because the station's tower is located in a shopping center, the painting was done at night to minimize spills on shopping center patrons' cars. The professional painting contractors got the job done quickly by using a pneumatic basket or bucket. It stands to reason that the job would go much faster if you are not worrying about losing your grip as you paint.

I was curious as to how Mitch found out about Sherwin-Williams' service. It

seems he had made no progress in finding a tower company to paint the station's tower and figured a paint store might be able to help. Finding John DiMarco at Sherwin-Williams was like striking gold.

You have probably found, like I have, that few tower companies want to be bothered with painting towers these days. You may have also found that if dealing with gypsy crews, the job may never get done. We had a station here in Washington where the crew painted the underside of the round members only. Looking up from the ground, the job looked great. From the air was a different story.

At another station, the crew demanded half payment on arrival, purportedly to purchase supplies. Their supplies included a large quantity of beer and they disappeared from the job site a third of the way through. The station was out the deposit money, plus the job still wasn't done. On top of that, the crew made off with the paint.

I have also seen sloppy paint jobs on AM towers that included painting over the insulators for sampling loops or coax lines that were supposed to be isolated from the tower. All of these nightmares can easily be alleviated by writing a paint spec.

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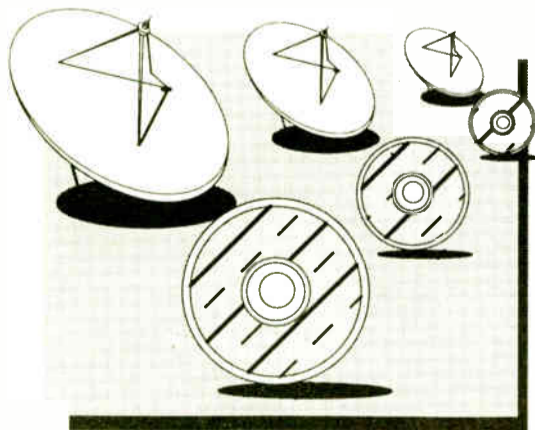
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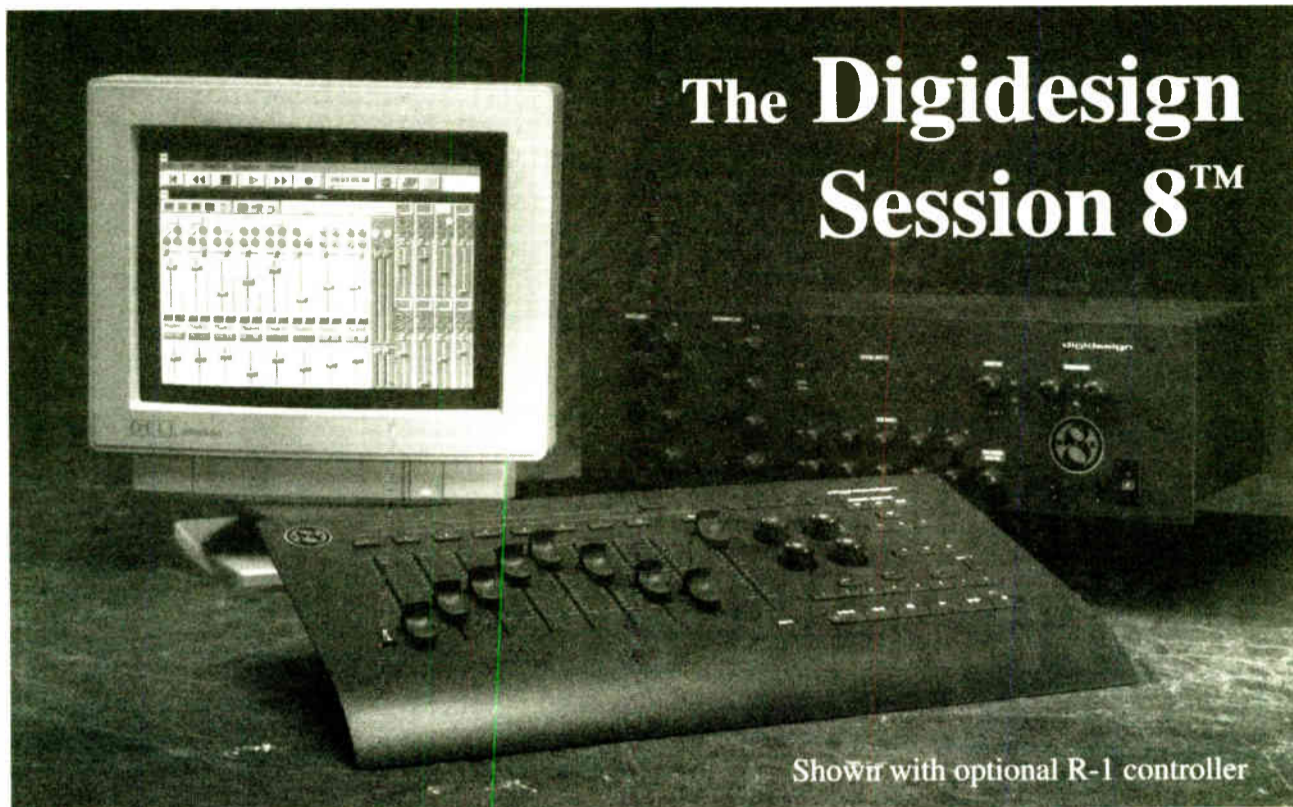
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# Tips for Workstations

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If you want further information on Sherwin-Williams' service, circle **Reader Service 118**. If you have any tower painting horror stories, fax them to me for inclusion in *Workbench*. Your fellow engineers would appreciate knowing how you handled the nightmare.

Lest I become barraged by letters from legitimate tower painting companies, I know there are some good ones out there. However, on behalf of my engineering brothers and sisters, I have got to ask, "Where are you?" It would sure help to see your business card in the services section of *RW*.

Getting Sherwin-Williams into the act means that reputable painting contractors will be recommended. These are not necessarily tower climbers, so you may want to carefully outline your specifications. The finished product will last and is far from slip-shod.

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It amazes me how '95 seems to be the year for digital workstations. If your station has not budgeted for one, expect your program director and production guy to start hounding you for even the cheapest system. Once you get one on board, the fun will come when it is time to troubleshoot it.

Let me offer first-hand advice—even though it is digital, keep it simple. A case in point... Recently we experienced a distortion problem with an AKG editor. The left channel would just start sounding very strange. After exchanging audio boards and searching for that "digital bugaboo," the problem was traced to the XLR connectors. In order to properly mount the PC in the workstation stand, right-angle XLRs are used.

As you may know, these connectors are not the greatest for reliable, long-term connections, especially when the cables get flexed. The tension put on the cables as the workstation was moved out for cleaning, maintenance, etc., took its toll. One of the wires broke and was alternately opening up or shorting to the other pins.

The moral of the story: Just because it is digital does not mean the problem is with the computer.

Speaking of workstations... Alan Peterson, *RW's From the Trenches* columnist, sent in a tip courtesy of Laura Tyson at Roland. Alan has a Roland DM-80 digital audio workstation at WNNK-FM Harrisburg, Pa. and was running into a situation where the unit would suddenly change time base and then refuse to run.

Apparently there is a secret keystroke sequence that "hotkeys" the DM-80 from Internal clock mode to MIDI timecode. This feature permits music-to-video users to jump back and forth between modes. The "secret" combination is easy to press accidentally during a project, resulting in a DM-80 that sits with a flashing Play light, but no playback.

To return to the proper mode, press System and look for the field that displays Time Base. Most likely it will read: MTD (for MIDI time code). Use the data wheel to return it to Internal, and the DM-80 will sync up to its own internal clock and run the same as always.

Although Alan forwarded this tip to *Workbench*, he wanted readers to know the real credit came from his production department and Laura Tyson.

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Thank you for your submissions to *Workbench*. This column is really your column. Taking the time to send a submission, no matter how brief, demonstrates your commitment to helping others. As many of the "oldtimers" retire and leave broadcasting, hundreds of simple tips slip away. I would like to encourage you to make a resolution to submit something to *Workbench* this year. *RW* will send you a modest thank you, and you will be helping your fellow broadcast engineers.

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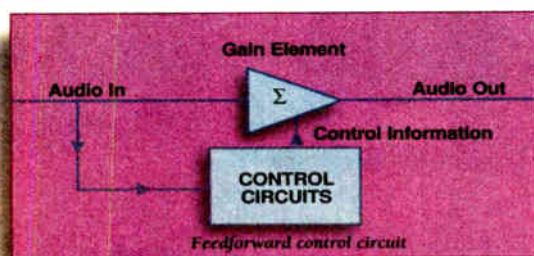




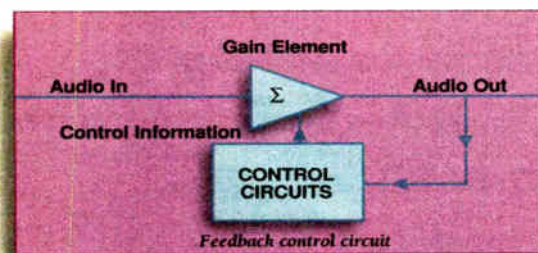
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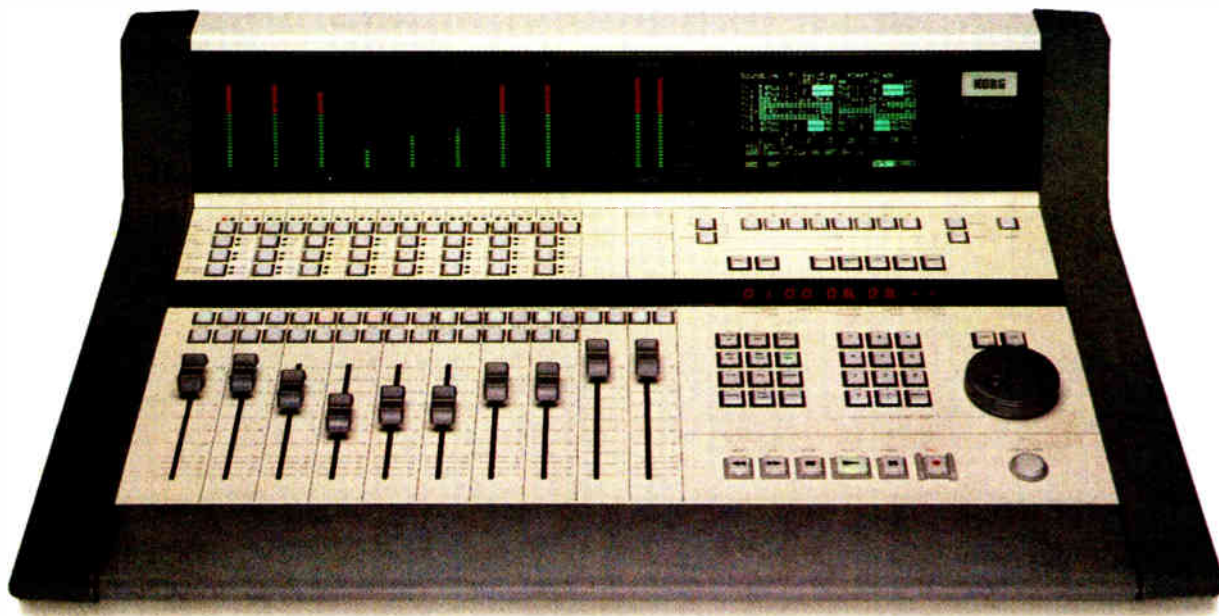
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## PRODUCT EVALUATION

### t.c. electronics Upgrades M5000

by Ty Ford

**BALTIMORE** Having received accolades and awards for the M5000 Digital Audio Mainframe almost two years ago, t.c. electronics of Denmark has continued to develop new software for the system, the latest of which is called MD2 (\$600).

With the MD2 upgrade, the M5000 can now be used as a tri-band compressor/limiter/expander (all functioning simultaneously) through either its analog or digital I/Os. Additional copies of the software, at \$300 a copy, allow a single M5000 to handle from two to four gain reduction jobs independently, within the same two-rack-space mainframe.

The A/D-D/A converters in the analog modules are quoted as 18 bit, 64x oversampling in and 20 bit out. The internal bus is 24 bit. The digital I/Os will accommodate 32 kHz, 44.1 kHz and 48 kHz through SP/DIF, AES/EBU or optical ports. The M5000 comes with a memory card slot for JEIDA or PCMCIA cards.

The 3.5-inch front-panel diskette drive is another option for saving and loading user programs and new algorithms. The company offers trial versions of new software programs and upgrades. They are unlockable with a code issued by the factory and programmed to work for a certain number of hours before becoming inaccessible.

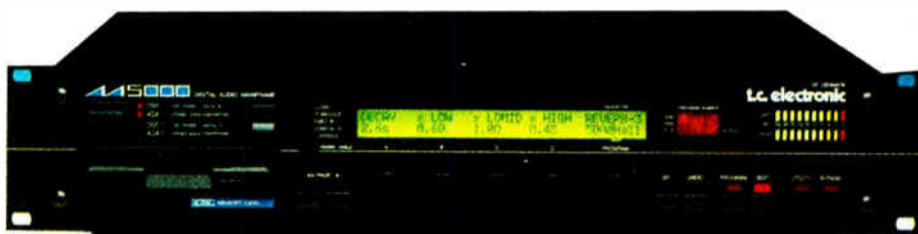
All processing is done in the digital domain. There are up to 57 different parameter adjustments for the MD2 gain reduction algorithm. The algorithm can be used as a one-, two- or tri-band stereo

processor with adjustable frequency crossover points and 1/3 octave resolution. The stereo compressor, limiter and expander each operate independently on up to three frequency bands.

MD2 also includes a soft clipper, a digital "look ahead" function to prevent overshoots. Gain reduction junkies take note: This software, when improperly used, could swallow you up whole, leaving

rest of your audio chain is still analog, you can save a few bucks by opting for the DSP2. The bottom line here is that a M5000 setup to control the audio for two analog-in transmitters would run \$6,464.

Broadcast engineers with a duopoly or AM/FM combo can process both stations' audio separately from the same rack. If all sources are digital, and subsequent stages past the M5000 have digital



With the MD2 software, the M5000 is a powerful processor.

only the tip of your tweek stick, which it would spit out so forcefully that the stick would be buried irretrievably in the sales manager's head.

#### Modular approach

The M5000 takes the modular approach. The two-rack-space unit holds up to four modules. When fully loaded with four digital cards, the M5000 provides separate processing for four digital stereo signals. For every analog signal you wish to process, one analog module and one digital module are needed.

There are two digital cards. The DSP1 card costs \$500 more than the DSP2 card, because it has digital I/Os. If the

inputs, the M5000 could be configured as four separate digital compressor/limiter/expanders. According to the manufacturer, if the M5000 loses power, it will still pass all audio.

There is also a blank faceplate version of the M5000, the M5000X, in case you don't want people to be able to get to the controls or be able to see your settings. It requires the ATAC remote unit (\$1,775), a small unit with a large cold-cathode, backlit, bitmapped display, which can control up to ten M5000Xs via an RS-485 interconnect. The ATAC comes with a 10-meter cable.

Production directors will be whining a lot if the chief engineer gets an M5000

for the transmitters because, in addition to the dynamic control provided by the MD2 software, the unit also has very nice-sounding reverb, delay, chorus effects and digital sampling. A fully-loaded sampler (3 SIMMs) provides 380 mono seconds at 44.1 kHz and 349.2 mono seconds at 48 kHz with 24-bit resolution.

#### Digital toolbox

Describing those features, however, requires more space than I have for this article, especially since t.c. electronics has just debuted "MD2 Part Two." The Digital Toolbox.

Implementing The Digital Toolbox, a free upgrade, requires a M5000 with two digital cards. All digital routing between digital cards is done internally. The Digital Toolbox allows dithering to 16-, 18- or 20-bit resolution; digital filtering with DC cancelling; stereo four-band digital parametric EQ with 1/3 octave resolution; fade in/out tools with Fletcher-Munson filtering; balance and phase adjustments for M/S encoding/decoding; swap and delay functions; high-resolution (72 dB) metering with peak hold; a phase correlation meter and a digital audio calibration section with tone generator.

Although I didn't get a chance to play with the Toolbox, the 57 adjustable parameters for the dynamics section kept me more than busy. The M5000 comes with a list of dynamics presets. You can edit these and save them as your own masterpieces.

This brings me to my first minor complaint. Even though the manual is well laid out and fairly easy to understand, the "Save" process, which allows particular settings to be saved and named, could use

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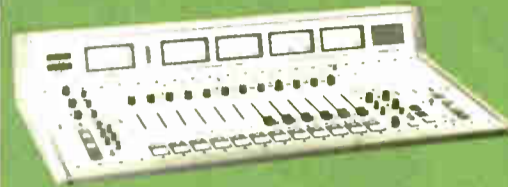
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# M5000 Upgraded With MD2

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some streamlining. Comparisons can be made between adjustments, and there's also a front-panel bypass switch. These are vital to this system because, with this many adjustable parameters, you will, at some point, become incapable of distinguishing what sounds good or better.

I suggest that new users work off-line for a few days until the frenzy of dealing of dealing with 57 parameters subsides.

## Parameter plus

In addition to the analog input and output levels, R/L balance, low cut, LF/MF crossover, MF/HF crossover, Soft Clip, individual band levels, 0 dB Reference and meter resolution adjustments, the following list of parameters and their ranges must be read to be appreciated. So here they are by section:

**Compression Threshold:** up to three bands, each adjustable from -40 dB to +12 dB. **Compression Ratio:** up to three bands, each adjustable from Off through 1.12:1 to Infinity:1.

**Compression Makeup Gain (read only):** up to three bands, automatically adjusted. **Compression Attack:** up to three bands, each adjustable from 0.3 milliseconds to 100 milliseconds.

**Compression Release:** up to three bands, each adjustable from 20 milliseconds to 7 seconds. **Compression Feed Forward:** up to three bands, each adjustable up to 25 milliseconds of delay that allows the compressor to prepare for

the incoming audio. This value should be set equal to or greater than the compressor attack time. The Nominal Delay setting must always be equal to or greater than the Feed Forward time.



**Compression Crest Factor:** up to three bands, each adjustable through Peak, RMS and 6 dB to 24 dB. Determines whether compressor will react on peak levels, RMS levels or in between.

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**Limiter Feed Forward:** up to three bands, each adjustable up to 25 milliseconds. Similar to the compressor in operation. This value should be set to equal to or greater than the Limiter Attack value. If set to 0 dB, the limiter will behave as a standard analog limiter, and may pass overshoot audio.

**Expander Threshold:** up to three bands, each adjustable from -94 dB to -15 dB. **Expander Ratio:** up to three bands, each adjustable from Off up to Infinity:1. **Expander Attack:** up to three bands, each

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adjustable from 0.3 milliseconds to 100 milliseconds. **Expander Release:** up to three bands, each adjustable from 20 milliseconds to 7 seconds. **Expander Range:** up to three bands, each adjustable from -40 dB to 0 dB.

**Parameter Link (PAR-LNK):** Toggles On/Off. When on, this links the parameters on any given page so that adjustment of one knob changes the values on all of the bands. Don't use this if you want different values for each band to remain different. It readjusts the bands to the same value.

**Nominal Delay:** up to 25 milliseconds of digital delay, common to all bands. The nominal delay value should not be set lower (faster) than either the compressor or limiter Feed Forward parameters. Doing so will disable those parameters.

Navigation controls for the M5000 menu system consist of knobs and toggle switches. By the second or third day of use, my use of those controls became automatic. Most of the dynamics control windows, in addition to showing the specific adjustments for a set of parameters, show the metering for the amount of compression, limiting and expansion for each band of audio. This visual support is extremely helpful.

Like most first-time users, I immediately became overly fascinated with the possibilities. After micro-tweaking for several

hours, my listening differentiation was so greatly reduced that I had to give up and come back the next day with fresh ears.

## Sound quality

The M5000 does offer a truly amazing amount of control over the audio that passes through it. Although the user who is relatively uninitiated in the intricacies of gain reduction can get excellent results with presets, it is the "power user" who plumbs the depths of the device in search of the ultimate adjustment who will most appreciate the M5000. It is, after all, being promoted to mastering engineers as a device to be used for cleaning up the funky little things that happen during music recording sessions that are ignored or overlooked.

Radio and TV engineers may actually have to deal with a much wider spectrum of problems, due to the increased number of audio sources.

In conclusion, while the M5000 is certainly not a cheap box, especially for single-application purposes, its value becomes more apparent when it is configured for multi-application uses. Uses such as processing audio for two transmitters or as an effects processor, equalizer and sampler during a recording session and a mastering tweaker during the final mix for spots or music are definitely in the realm of possibility.

In my opinion, the t.c. electronics M5000 is the road more manufacturers should be on.

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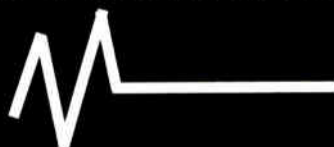
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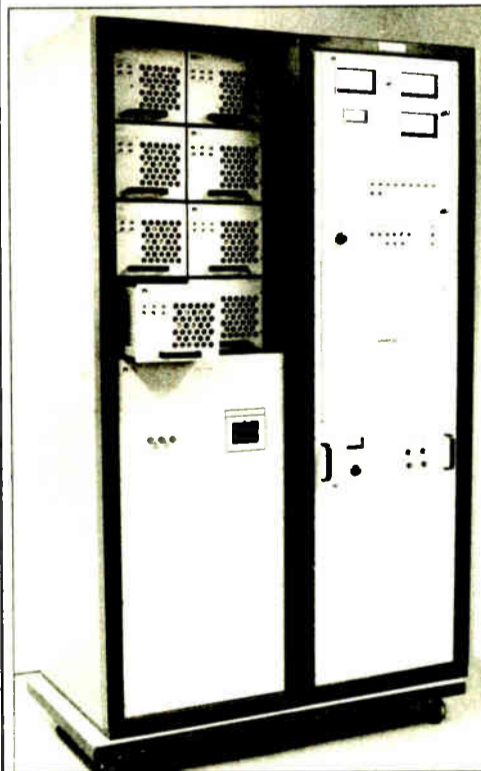


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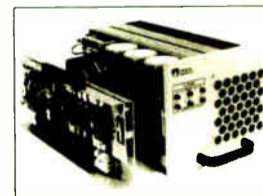
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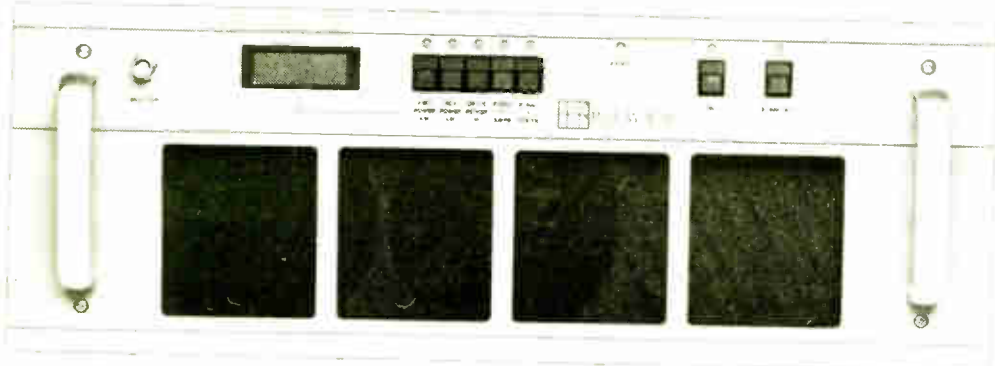
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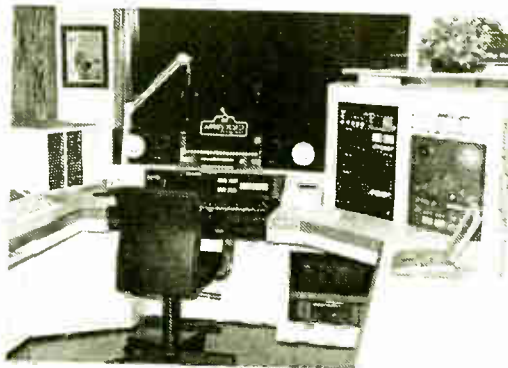
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## PRODUCT EVALUATION

# Audiophile Sound from Genelec's 1030As

by Bruce Bartlett  
with Jenny Bartlett

**ELKHART, Ind.** I have almost nothing to say about the powered, Genelec 1030A nearfield speakers. That is the highest compliment I can pay to a pair of monitors.

They are so neutral, they have no "sound" color to speak of. Like a wallflower, they disappear into the background and just let you hear your mix—bad or good.

Made in Finland, the pricey Genelec 1030A (\$2,000 per pair) is a two-way, ported nearfield monitor with a built-in power amp. The drivers are bi-amped, which gives more SPL and less distortion than an external amp of equal power.

When you first pull one of these speakers out of its packaging, you know this is a serious listening tool. Construction quality is superb.

## Features

On the front, we see a 6.5-inch ported woofer and a 3/4-inch metal-dome tweeter. The woofer has a rubber surround. The tweeter is mounted in a wide-open horn that Genelec calls a DCW, or Directivity Control Waveguide. According to Genelec, the DCW provides uniform dispersion, as well as "perfect phase and delay uniformity at the crossover frequency."

On either side of the DCW are two slits that form the port. A pilot light on the front baffle shows when power is on.

On the back panel are DIP switches for treble tilt, bass tilt, and bass roll-off, which let you match the speaker to any application. Switch functions are clearly labeled. The owner's manual recommends switch settings for five different speaker positions.

I agree with the suggested setting of -4 dB low-frequency shelving for nearfield use. Incidentally, the manual is a model of good technical writing and layout.

A rotary pot sets the input sensitivity from -6 to +6 dBu for 100 dB SPL at 1 meter. Signal input is via an XLR connector. On the back are the on-off switch and AC mains input.

Inside the cabinet, a power amp provides bi-amping. The amplifier is shock mounted to prevent rattling. Available "short-term" power is 80 watts for the woofer and 50 watts for the tweeter. A special circuit protects the drivers from overload. Both speakers are identical, and each has its own power amp.

You can set the speaker horizontal or vertical. The cabinet measures about 12 inches high by 8 inches wide by 9 inches deep. It weighs 15 pounds.

Although each speaker is compact, the sound is big and loud. Peak SPL is rated at 115 dB at 1 meter.

I auditioned the Genelec 1030A before

making any measurements. The opinions here are my own, and are not a critique by RW.

## Listening tests

On Donald Fagen's "Kamakiriad," the vocal sounds natural, not tubby. The overall sound is smooth and non-fatiguing. Being small, the speakers lack deep bass but don't sound thin. Bass is tight. There's a very wide sweet spot, so the producer and mix engineer can hear the same amount of treble. Percussion is clear without being sizzly.

Los Lobos' "Kiko," a pop recording with abundant percussion and deep bass, plays very loud without a sense of strain. You can turn up the amp into distortion, but it's more than loud enough before distortion sets in. Great tonal balance—not boomy, not thin. Detailed sound.



On Bryans Adams' "I Need Somebody," the sound is aggressive. Lots of snare smack and guitar crunch. And with Pat Metheny's "Secret Story" CD, the sound has fantastic impact. You can hear everything that's going on in this complex mix, such as detailed triangle hits and guitar strums.

With John Scofield's jazz CD, "Time On My Hands," the Genelec sounds the least colored of any speaker I have ever heard. Cymbals are clean but not piercing. Bass isn't boomy.



Genelec 1030A nearfield speaker

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weak, but they are not doubled in frequency by second-harmonic distortion. Also, lack of subwoofer-type bass is normal for small speakers.

Acoustic-bass slaps have a palpable quality. Ms. Cole's vocal is warm and realistic.

Paul McCartney's "Unplugged" CD has pretty, delicate acoustic guitar sounds. The 1030A is the best reproduction of this CD I've ever heard. The sound is clear but not harsh, and stereo imaging is very sharp.

On Stravinsky's "Firebird Suite" recorded by Telarc, the deep bass-drum roll is sensed rather than heard. String tone is just right, with a gentle airiness. Bass-drum whacks really hit you. Brass is clear but not edgy or sizzly.

Using a Techtron TEF analyzer, I measured the Genelec 1030A with a mic one meter away at woofer height. Its time response is good but not spectacular. The woofer kicks in about 0.2 Msec after the tweeter, then there's some cabinet-edge radiation 0.2 Msec later, about 16 dB down.

The frequency response is amazingly flat. It's 55 Hz to 17 kHz  $\pm 2$  dB, the flattest nearfield I've yet measured. Off-axis response at 30 degrees is down only a few dB above 1 kHz, showing that the dispersion is very wide.

## Summary

The Genelec 1030A is easily the finest nearfield monitor I have ever reviewed. It sounds neutral and measures extremely flat. Thanks to its tone controls, you can tailor its response for a variety of situations. The internal bi-amping gives plenty of loud, clean sound.

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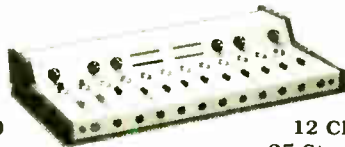
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# Production Challenges for 'ATC'

*Editor's Note: The following is a new column that will appear regularly in Studio Sessions. Rich Rarey, technical director of National Public Radio's "All Things Considered," will share his musings on the inner workings and techniques of NPR's technical production as well as his own insight on radio production. Several of his columns also will feature hands-on reviews from NPR studios.*

by Rich Rarey

**WASHINGTON** Welcome to The Public Domain, a forum on radio public, and... well, who knows what other topics?

Things have been busy here at NPR lately—they tell me it has to do with some sort of fuss about funding for public broadcasting—but in spite of the fuss, we are still distributing network programming every day and evening, as usual.

NPR's oldest program, "All Things Considered," is preparing for a format revision and enhancement this fall; the news program will be extended to two hours, with the live feed beginning an hour earlier, at 4 p.m. (eastern).

While an additional half-hour combined with an earlier broadcast time seems like a modest endeavor for ATC, the changes will bring more depth to NPR News in general, because the supporting "desks" (foreign and national, for example) will be adding reporting and editorial staff. Of

course, this adds to the technical demands.

Being technical director, it is my job to make sure the electronic components and the talent work smoothly together in order to produce a quality program.

The NPR news magazines, of which ATC, "Morning Edition," and "Weekend Edition" are examples, are comprised of news pieces that range from one minute to 22 minutes in length. These pieces are filed by reporters working alone or with NPR producers and engineers, and each receives a notable amount of aural attention.

## Master "feed"

Allow me to elaborate. Let's take a typical reporter, we'll call him "Willy," and send him overseas. I should mention that "Willy" could well have been "Wilma," because the NPR reporter pool has many talented women and men. After "Willy" arrives at the international trouble spot and gathers his interviews, he will then create a master "feed" cassette by dubbing the actualities he's selected from the original machine to his second cassette machine.

He'll then find a quiet spot to record his voice tracks onto the feed cassette. Depending on his deadline, he may dub whatever ambience he's gathered onto the feed cassette, or he may simply cue the original cassette to the first ambience section he wishes to feed.

Now, "Willy," how will you feed your material? If the area has an infrastructure, such as ISDN service, using existing



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terminal adapters and codecs is preferred. The BBC has extensive links throughout the world, and can sometimes provide higher fidelity paths back to

London, where NPR can route it to dedicated fiber circuits to Washington.

## ISDN or POTS?

Otherwise, plain old telephone service (POTS) will have to do, enhanced by a single line Comrex or other frequency extender.

If "Willy" is gathering interviews and has to file without enhancing equipment, Alligator clips (known by the BBC as "Croc" clips) pinched on the two phone mouthpiece terminals will work for feeding tape (although in some countries it's illegal to dismantle telephones). If actuality tape is an absolute must, placing the telephone mouthpiece over the cassette's playback speaker is a last resort.

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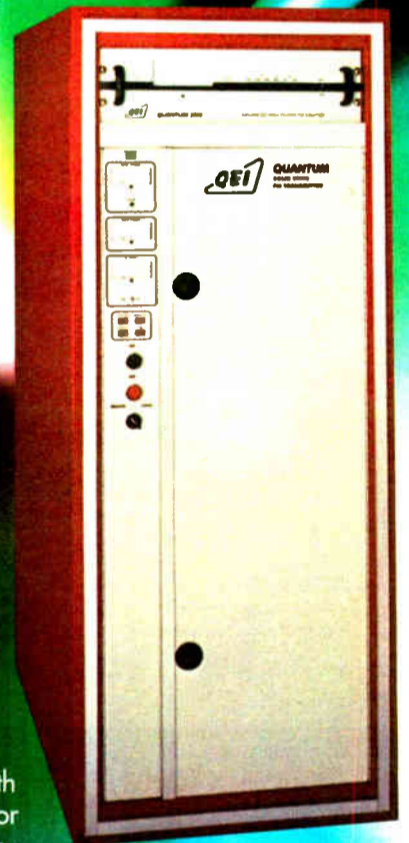
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# Production Challenges

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POTS connections from strife-torn places are precious: getting a telephone call through can take 30 minutes, and "Willy" and the NPR Washington engineers are extra careful not to accidentally "lose" the call.

In more severe locales where POTS is not a reliable option, we've had reasonable luck by using rented satellite telephones. Modern satellite phones are briefcase sized, capable of powering from AC or car battery DC, and with the reduction in size is the reduction of complexity of finding the proper satellite.

Although these great devices work well for offshore oil rigs and construction people, we've found that their analog audio bandwidth is severely limited, and digital artifacts halo and hector "Willy's" voice and sound.

## Using digital codecs

In 1994, NPR engineer Leo del Aguila took a satellite telephone to Haiti to assist the NPR reporters there, and he used a CCS CDQ1000 ISDN codec connected to the data port of the satellite phone. This gave truly remarkable results, roughly a 10 kHz bandwidth both sending and receiving.

In remote locations where television networks have set up shop, renting their spare satellite audio channels for feeds to the United States has provided better-than-POTS quality, but usually forces the

NPR crew to work within the television transmission deadlines.

Signals from these satellite channels have required extensive planning to route to NPR. If the originator is CNN, for instance, the signal is beamed to New York or Atlanta, thence to a domestic satellite, then to NPR. I'm personally looking forward to portable transmission technology that is globally available, has high audio quality, does not require any local infrastructure, and most importantly, won't blow the entire engineering budget on its use. Say, the Star Trek communicators with a "tape input" jack would do fine—but until then we'll have to make do with the old ways.

Now that "Willy" has an audio connection to NPR in Washington, he plays his master feed cassette and his ambience to the Record Central (RC) facility. The RC engineer adjusts incoming level, monitors quality control—listening for peak distortion, hum, and working with the reporter to minimize other noise—and ensures that the material is being recorded, but does not add EQ.

## The finished pieces

As NPR reporters usually file pieces that vary in finished length from two to 18 minutes, in addition to filing news spots, the time needed to feed the material grows; a finished five-minute piece that has three components, reporter

tracks, interview actualities and ambience may take 15 minutes or more to feed in its component form. A green postcard, called the QC form, is affixed to the reels as they leave the RC. The form is a check-box review of the sound quality, with spaces to write specific problems the RC engineer has heard.

This one card is the link between the production staffs and technical staffs; it provides continuity to track technical problems the reporter may have producing the piece, and gives the mixing engineer advance information on what audio problems, if any, are in the piece.

Sometimes material is so poor, it is rejected by the engineer. Causes such as distortion, unintelligibility, reporter's cassette head azimuth changing, all can

Paragraphic EQ and dbx compression/limiting. The mixing engineer will almost always need to assign one EQ chain to clean up the actualities and the second to enhance the reporter's tracks as needed.

Complex news pieces, usually longer, will have several "scenes" where interviews and sound take place. The ambience is used here to aurally change "scenes." If "Willy" had several of these ambience cuts, and expected them to be mixed together with the tracks and actualities, we would have five reels playing at once—a bit much to control without automation. So a submix of the tracks, actualities and one ambience section is created first, then played back with the additional ambiences mixed in as "Willy" has directed in his script.

When the piece is finished, it's timed and leadered and labelled, ready for air. On breaking news, it may be finished twenty seconds before it's to air, or may even be played

## This thumbnail description of "Willy" basically demonstrates the way we put together "All Things Considered."

ruin the material.

The rejection follows the piece and must be overridden by the program producer if it is to be mixed for air. Fortunately for "Willy," all of his tape has arrived, and sounds fine.

A production staffer splits "Willy's" tracks, actualities and ambience into separate reels, and splices paper leader tape around every element. (As an aside, we technicians liked the strength of plastic leader tape, but the plastic tended to hold static electricity, and could make electrical "pops" upon playback.)

After leadering, "Willy's" separated components are taken to a news studio and mixed together from multiple analog reel-to-reels into the finished news piece.

## A little EQ

The engineer will apply audio processing to the components, typically filtering first, then EQ, then a light touch of compression to restore natural apparent loudness. Each NPR news studio has two channels of UREI Little Dipper filtering, Orban

back from the production studio it was mixed in—because there is not enough time to physically run it into the NPR studio 2A, the news on-air studio. (When this happens, I always get a "Broadcast News" flashback—sometimes art imitates life.)

This thumbnail sketch of Willy the reporter sending material to NPR for broadcast is basically the way we put together segments for each "All Things Considered." Although a piece's content is as fresh as today's news, the methods we employ to get it on the air, sounding as good as it possibly can, are—though perhaps not "old fashioned"—remarkably proven.

In coming months I'd like to introduce you to some of the "players" in public radio, and respond to the many good topic suggestions you've already e-mailed to me. Until next month, I remain, your obed't eng'r.

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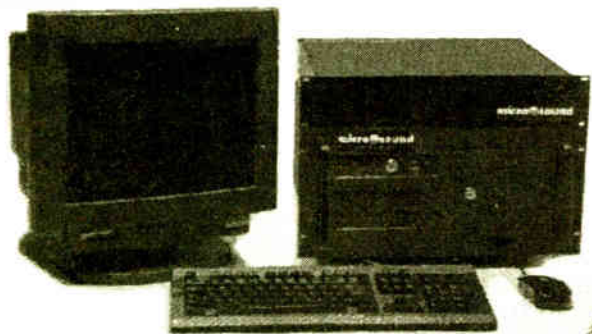
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## PRODUCT EVALUATION

# Seeing Red Instead of Green

by Ed Bukont  
and John Gatski

**FALLS CHURCH, Va.** The \$60 Whirlwind Cable Tester has been available for several years. It is used by a number of music studios and musicians for determining the condition of microphone and other kinds of audio cables. It seems a natural for broadcast use.

Whirlwind makes a lot of quality products including cables, connectors, mixers, etc. A robust, palm-sized device packaged in a shielded metal "bud-box" type enclosure, the Cable Tester appears to be a quality product.

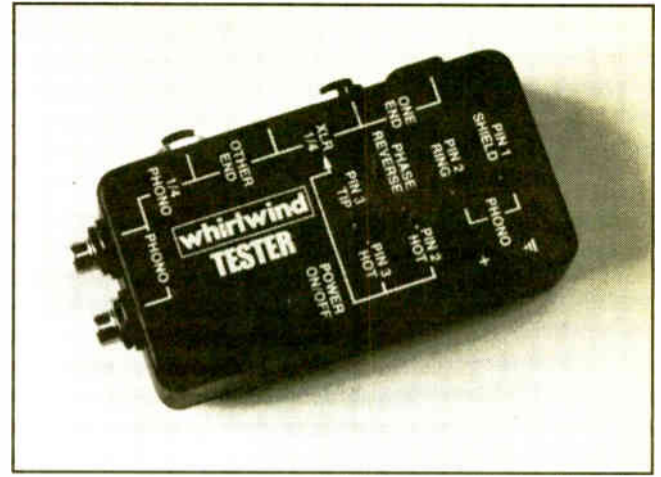
Housed in a 4.5-inch-by-2.5-inch black-metal case, the Cable Tester provides a lot of connectors and LEDs for determining cable status. Included are XLR male and female jacks, two quarter-inch jacks and two phono jacks. A simple power switch and LED indicate when the 9V-battery-powered device is on. LEDs light to indicate correct phasing between signal conductors and ground/shield conductors. There are a total of five LEDs.

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ting down behind a rack in some dark corner of the stage or studio. The use of LEDs rather than incandescent lamps ensures a longer life and that the indicators will work when they are supposed to—especially in dark corners. Because the unit only sees occasional duty usage, battery life should be considerable.

Cable testing is straight forward with the XLR-to-XLR. When evaluating an



Whirlwind Cable Tester

XLR-to-XLR, all the green LEDs light. If Pins 2 and 3 are reversed, the red phase reverse light lights.

This red LED is a bit confusing, however, because it also lights when Pin 2 is hot during XLR-to-quarter-inch or RCA jack combo testing. Some people may think that the red light is indicating a problem with Pin 2 being hot because the LED is glowing red.

This procedure is further confused by the fact that the Pin 3 hot LED is green. If you read the owner's booklet, howev-

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er, it tells you how to test the different kinds of cables and connectors, and that Pin 2 hot is the red LED.

Still, this double-duty red LED is somewhat confusing. It would be better if the phase reversal used the red LED and the Pin 2 hot had its own green LED.

### The hot pin topic

This brings up another issue: Why is Pin 3 hot anyway? Although this setup is common in the music industry, it is not the standard established by the Audio Engineering Society, the Society of Motion Picture Television Engineers or others. The standard stipulates that the "hot" pin of a 3-Pin XLR is Pin 2.

The common misconception of Pin-3 began during the late 1950s as a disagreement between Ampex and its competitors of how to view the connector. Although the argument was seemingly laid to rest nearly 20 years ago, some insist (including Whirlwind) that there is a difference between the "broadcast" standard of Pin-2 and the so-called "music or recording" standard of Pin-3.

All in all, the Whirlwind Cable Tester is a well-built, seemingly durable, portable tester that tests the majority of cables that broadcast production people use. I do have reservations about the red LED being used for phase reverse and Pin 2 hot, but once you learn what it means in different applications, there is no problem. Still, the Whirlwind Cable Tester is high on our list of maintenance must-haves.

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## DIGITAL DOMAIN

# Digital Resolutions for the New Year

by Mel Lambert

**LOS ANGELES** I hope it is not too late to wish RW readers the compliments of the season, and to offer my own short list of New Year Resolutions, with a digital spin. Here they are:

- Come to Terms with Digital Connectivity. There is no denying that both within a radio station and between media delivery centers around the country, the reliable transmission of digitized information is one of the key factors to a successful future. Accessing stored sound files from remote hard drives requires a reliable, robust network that can be used to relay material from one location to another.

## Hard drives

While a standardized file structure and data-storage format might be something that we'll see in the near future, today's manufacturers are at least listening to the marketplace and innovating designs that enable stations to source drives from third-party vendors. The resulting cost savings and non-reliance on a single vendor can only raise the comfort threshold in these newer—and sometimes baffling—technologies.

In addition to the familiar ISDN, DC3, T1 and other data highways that are finding increasing application in the land of radio, there are newer, emergent technologies that are worthy of our attention. ATM (Asynchronous Transfer Mode) is being offered in a growing number of workstations and music-replay systems, to enable high-speed access to remote storage devices and other components.

With its theoretical data throughput of several gigabytes per second using twisted pair or optical connections, ATM holds a great deal of promise for intra-system connections, as well as potential application for home-delivery systems of the not-too-distant future.

- Become more "Compression-Conscious." Digital audio data compression, in one form or another, is impacting just about every aspect of modern broadcasting, from satellite delivery systems and backhauls, to data storage and STL links.

## Inevitability of compression

These complementary encode/decode systems can dramatically reduce the amount of spectrum and storage space required to carry 16-bit audio over terrestrial and satellite transmissions, as well as enhance the amount of available space for hard-disk/floppy/MO recorders.

In practical terms, the vast majority of the currently available codecs are extremely reliable in operation and, with care and attention to some primary operational factors, can provide reliable functionality within a variety of applications. However, as I have mentioned before, data compression is, essentially, a destructive process, whereby data is removed from a signal. In most cases, we cannot hear the results—the system vendors wouldn't remain in business for very long if the process was too obtrusive—but care does need to be paid to certain factors.

For example, encoding delays might cause problems if, for example, audio from a sports remote is being carried over a data-compressed ISDN link, and the commentator or talent is monitoring off air. And in some transform-based systems, dependent upon the width of each frequency band and the degree of overlap, decoding the signal might produce small amounts of pre-echo.

By far the biggest constraint, however, comes from the inability to perform multiple generations. Each time the material is decoded, re-encoded and stored to hard disk, for example, our audio signal is passing through another generational stage.

As with all signal-processing techniques, there is a finite limit to the number of times that we can perform these encode/decode cycles before the result becomes highly audible.

The bottom line is simple: Limit the number of analog encode/decode stages to the minimum, and study the effects of

**These encode/decode systems can dramatically reduce the amount of spectrum and storage space requirements.**

sequential coding using different algorithms. Specifically, we should determine how the coding scheme handles random and sequential errors in the transmission or recording medium. We should also determine what artifacts might be produced if the signal is to be equalized, compressed or otherwise processed after it has passed through a bit-reduction system. (We might also attempt to find out what compression schemes, if any, have been used on material that is arriving via modem or other delivery systems.)

- Investigate Data-Storage Options. For the majority of stations, the storage of material on a variety of media can produce headaches of legendary proportions. Storing and accessing NAB carts, CDs, DAT tapes, analog reel-to-reel tapes, etc. is normally a matter of providing sufficient physical space within the traffic, production and/or air studio, and then labeling everything so that it can be found with a minimum of delay.

## A blessing or nightmare?

Digital storage systems, on the other hand, can be a blessing and a logistical nightmare. While everything is now gathered together neatly and conveniently in one location (maybe across multiple-net-

worked drives), their organization into file directories can mean that finding a specific data file or schedule log can slow down the operation. Also, backing up and restoring literally gigabytes of data needs to be approached with methodical patience and consistency.

In many cases, there are alternate solutions. Removable hard drives allow portions of a playlist, for example, to be held on one or more drives and then transported easily from one location to another. High-capacity MO drives allow "plug-

and-play" for a growing number of workstations—provided that they offer sufficiently fast seek and access times—while Data DAT, Exabyte and other linear media can store a great deal of data in a remarkably small amount of space.

- Familiarize yourself with Integrated Designs. With disparate techniques for storing and accessing the materials required for radio programming—including music, commercials, jingles, liners, IDs and other digitized audio—I would hazard that successful workstation and audio-delivery devices will include the ability to control a variety of system functions from the console or alternate control surface.

## A need for standardization

In addition, the use of standardized control protocols for DAT machines, CD players, cart machines, etc., enables these and other devices to be controlled from that same central location. Fortunately, a growing number of radio equipment manufacturers are now incorporating standardized command protocols—including nine-pin P2 and its variants, network-capable ES-Bus schemes plus MIDI Machine Control. This development will streamline the integration of additional system components, including signal-processing devices such as compressors, limiters, reverbs and equalizers. In addition to conventional transport and electronic commands—including stop/start/play/ wind and record-enable functions—ES-Bus allows status and other information to be extracted from distant systems.

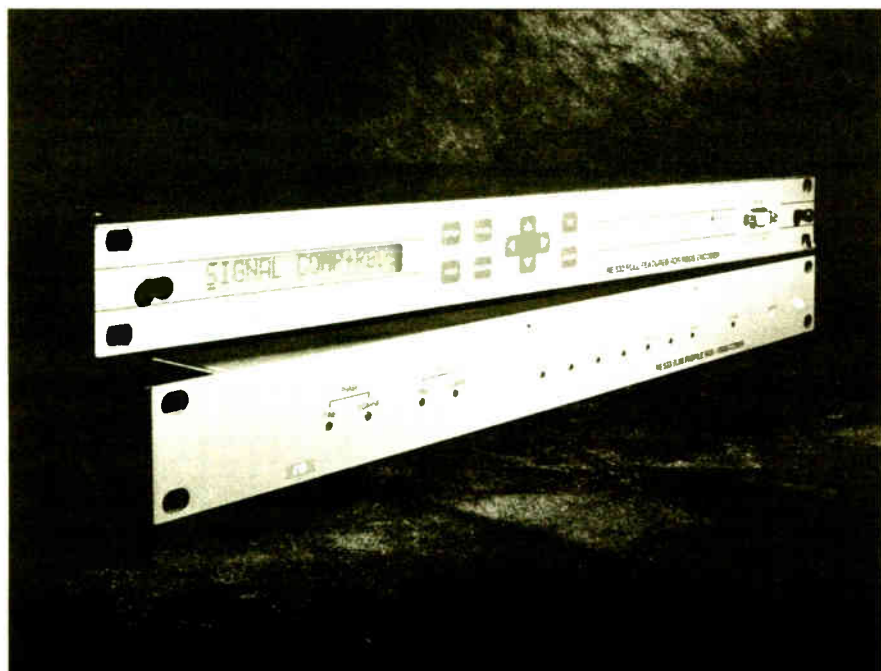
For automated record/replay operations, the ability to poll each transport for machine-status and location information means that automated sequences can be initiated, and pre-programmed "What-if?" sequences implemented if, for example, a CD player stops suddenly, or fails to respond to a set of transport commands.

As always, the start of a new year provides a timely opportunity for all of us to examine technical and operational alternatives now being offered to broadcasters. As is now becoming obvious, implemented correctly, the new generation of digital technologies will revolutionize the way we can generate, schedule and deliver high-quality audio to our listening audiences.

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## SIGNAL-TO-NOISE

# Improved Scoopman, Broadway Mics

by Frank Beacham

**NEW YORK** Audio recording has always been more about art than science. That is one of the reasons it's so much fun. Every time the big guys make leaps toward the "perfection" of audio technology, some little guy comes along, bucks the trend and creates a classic recording on a shoestring in a garage.

It was with great amusement that I read the recent story in the New York Times on the movement of many major recording artists to add hiss, distortion, noise and other imperfections to their new releases. The trend even has a buzz word: "lo-fi."

## Back to "lo-fi"

I was particularly amused that some radio stations complained that a recent Mariah Carey recording of the song "Dream Lover" had a defect when, in fact, old-fashioned needle scratches were mixed into the tracks intentionally.

At first, Columbia Records decided to remove the ticks from the master tape but decided to drop any changes when the tune hit the top ten on Billboard's charts.



Scoopman II and docking station

Another irony is that Sony, one of the world's premier manufacturers of digital recording equipment for studios, owns Carey's record company. So much for that corporate synergy.

The reason for the retreat from digital, say some in the recording industry, is a yearning by audiences for more genuine performances. Super-clean, highly produced records sometimes come off with a cold perfection that is often too slick and overly processed.

"There's definitely a trend toward dirtier tracks," said David Kahne, a senior executive at Columbia Records. "Tape hiss, guitar-amp noise, low-level garbage. Five years ago, we would have cleaned all that up. But today, the prevailing wisdom is to go lo-fi and let that noise become part of the music."

According to the Times, artists such as John Mellencamp, Los Lobos, the Red Hot Chili Peppers, Dr. John and Richard Thompson are retreating from the sound of digital recording. Those who have already achieved commercial success with lo-fi are Beck, Sebadoh, Liz Phair, P.J. Harvey and Sheryl Crow.

The staple hardware of lo-fi includes cheap microphones, four-track analog tape recorders, tube electronics and classic instruments, like the Fender Mustang electric guitar that was favored by the late Kurt Cobain of Nirvana. For the real purist, Kahne said, vintage recording tape is a must, even though it's almost impossible to find.

Of course, this movement didn't happen overnight. Back in 1982, Bruce Springsteen recorded the album

"Nebraska" in his basement on a four-track cassette portable studios. These days, the multi-channel analog cassette-based project studio is so inexpensive that virtually anyone can afford to own and use one.

It is refreshing to observe that a lot of people are now returning to the basics in audio recording. Of course, the real artistry in recording has always been in the imagination, not in the hardware. But that's a lesson that each generation seems to have to re-learn.

A Scoopman Flash! For fans of Sony's

not so lo-fi "Scoopman" digital tape recorder, there's great news. This summer Scoopman II (also known as the Model

recorder at CES in Las Vegas last month. However, our friend Michael Garrison, owner of The DAT Store in Los Angeles,

**Super clean, highly produced records sometimes come off with a cold perfection.**

NT-2) will finally appear. Though silent on the specs and price, Sony showed a mock-up of the new subminiature digital

learned in Japan that Scoopman II will include four seconds of RAM storage  
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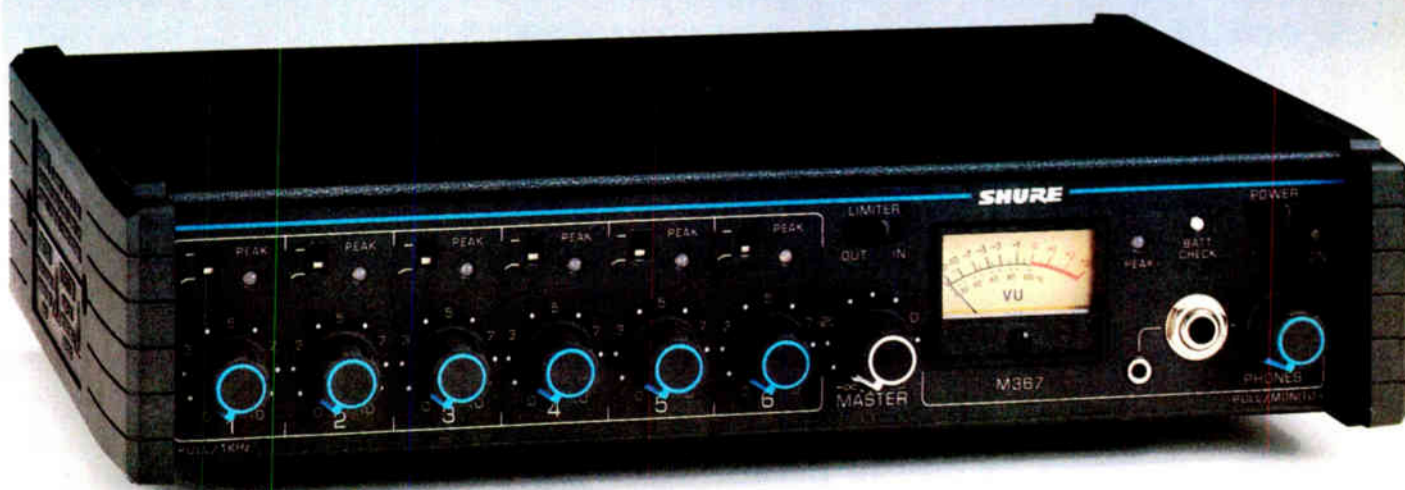
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# Scoopman Adds New Features

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memory that will allow a new auto reverse feature to function without losing any of the recording. On 120-minute cassette, it will be capable of two hours of uninterrupted recording.

The gold-colored NT-2, which is even

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smaller than the original NT-1 Scoopman, also adds solenoid controls and features an optional docking station that will allow the user to record 48 and 44.1 kHz digital tape formats through an optical digital input. The NT-2, like its predecessor, records only in the 32 kHz mode.

**Evil SCMS**

An optical digital output on the docking



Sondheim miking Broadway

station will allow direct digital dubbing from the NT-2. The dubs can be in the original 32 kHz format or converted by the dock to 44.1 kHz. This conversion will allow master tapes made on the NT recorder to be dubbed digitally to the DAT format.

Unfortunately, the evil Serial Copy Management System (SCMS) is at work here to complicate the dubbing process, but it is easy enough to beat the system, and I'm sure many users will.

The NT format—with its postage stamp-sized digital cassettes and lack of data compression—is one of audio's best-kept secrets. However, some very distinguished recordists have begun using the format. Garrison's DAT Store recently sold an NT-1, the original Scoopman, to Frank Sinatra, who uses it to record and evaluate his rehearsals.

**Sondheim's tirade**

Stephen Sondheim, one of Broadway's most influential composers, had some harsh words for modern audio technology at a recent Showbiz Expo discussion in New York City. Sondheim said he and collaborator Hal Prince used to sit in the second balcony to view plays in the era before amplified sound in Broadway theaters.

"Up there you had to really listen," Sondheim said. "You'd lean forward in your seat to hear the voices on the stage. "In doing so your concentration becomes laser beam intense. You may be 150 feet away but you are in the play."

But today's audiences, Sondheim said, are conditioned by the compelling sound of TV and movies. "If a (Broadway) show is not miked (and amplified) they will turn it off," he said.

And the same goes for the actors. Sondheim said he tried an unmiked rehearsal of "Sunday in the Park with George" with actors Mandy Patinkin and Bernadette Peters, both of whom have powerful voices. Both, he said, were so used to hearing their voices bounced back at them from the sound reinforcement system that they felt the performance wasn't working without the microphones.

At this point, Sondheim said, he regrettably gave up on returning

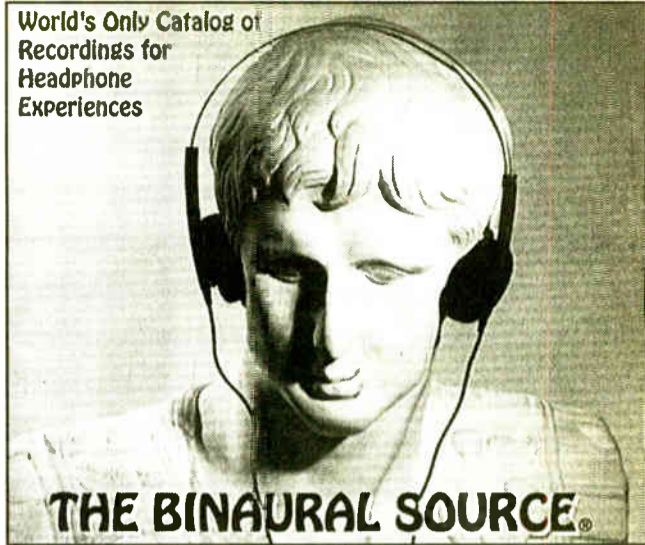
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# Multitracking from Eight to 16

by Bruce Bartlett  
with Jenny Bartlett

**ELKHART, Ind.** If you want to record a concert with the best possible mix, the way to go is multitracking. I'll describe how I used this method to record a concert by Mississippi Heat, a Chicago blues band.

The mics were supplied by the PA company, TPC Productions in Bridgeman, Mich. Shure SM57 cardioid dynamics were used except for two EV CS-15 cardioid condensers over the cymbals. There were seven mics on the drum set, three vocal mics, and one mic each on two electric guitars and the harmonica amp.

The mics were split three ways to the house mixer, monitor mixer, and my recording mixer (see figure). A passive device, the splitter had three outputs wired in parallel—no transformers.

Hum was no problem because TPC supplied its own distributed power system. Also, each mic connector on the splitter had a ground-lift switch. If we heard a buzz on a particular mic channel, we flipped the ground lift. We also got rid of buzzes by turning off phantom power on all but one console.

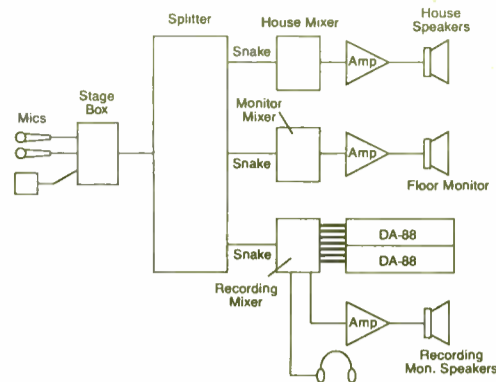
TPC loaned me a 40-input Studio-master console to do the recording mix. Biggest one I ever used. I was havin' fun. Using a Tascam DA-88, I recorded

on all eight tracks with digital precision.

Because the DA-88 can record nearly two hours of CD-quality music on a Hi-8 video/audio cassette, it's ideal for taping live concerts. No more frantic reel changes. I fed the eight outputs of the DA-88 back into the console to create a monitor mix, and recorded the monitor mix onto DAT as a backup.

Back home after the concert, I mixed the eight tracks to a stereo DAT while adding EQ, vocal compression and reverb. Because the close-up mics picked

Recording scheme



up no room sound, we needed reverb to get a live feel. EQ was minimal: a slight boost at 5 kHz on the drums for attack, 10 kHz on the cymbals for crispness, 60 Hz on the kick for bottom, and 3 kHz on the kick for attack.

We had no tracks to spare for audience reaction. So after each song, I turned up the master faders to hear the applause that leaked into the stage mics.

After some editing on a digital audio workstation, the tape was played October 8 over WVPE-FM, the local blues/jazz/folk station.

Two weeks later I recorded a live concert of New Wings of Faith, an R&B gospel band with eight singers. It was my first use of two sync'd DA-88s to record 16 tracks. I connected the special sync cable between them, set one machine to address 0 and the other machine to address 1. Then machine 1 chased the transport actions of machine 0.

When you hit record on the master DA-88, the slave DA-88 takes a few seconds to lock to the master. Then the two machines track with single-frame accuracy. It's an amazing sight.

These were the track assignments:

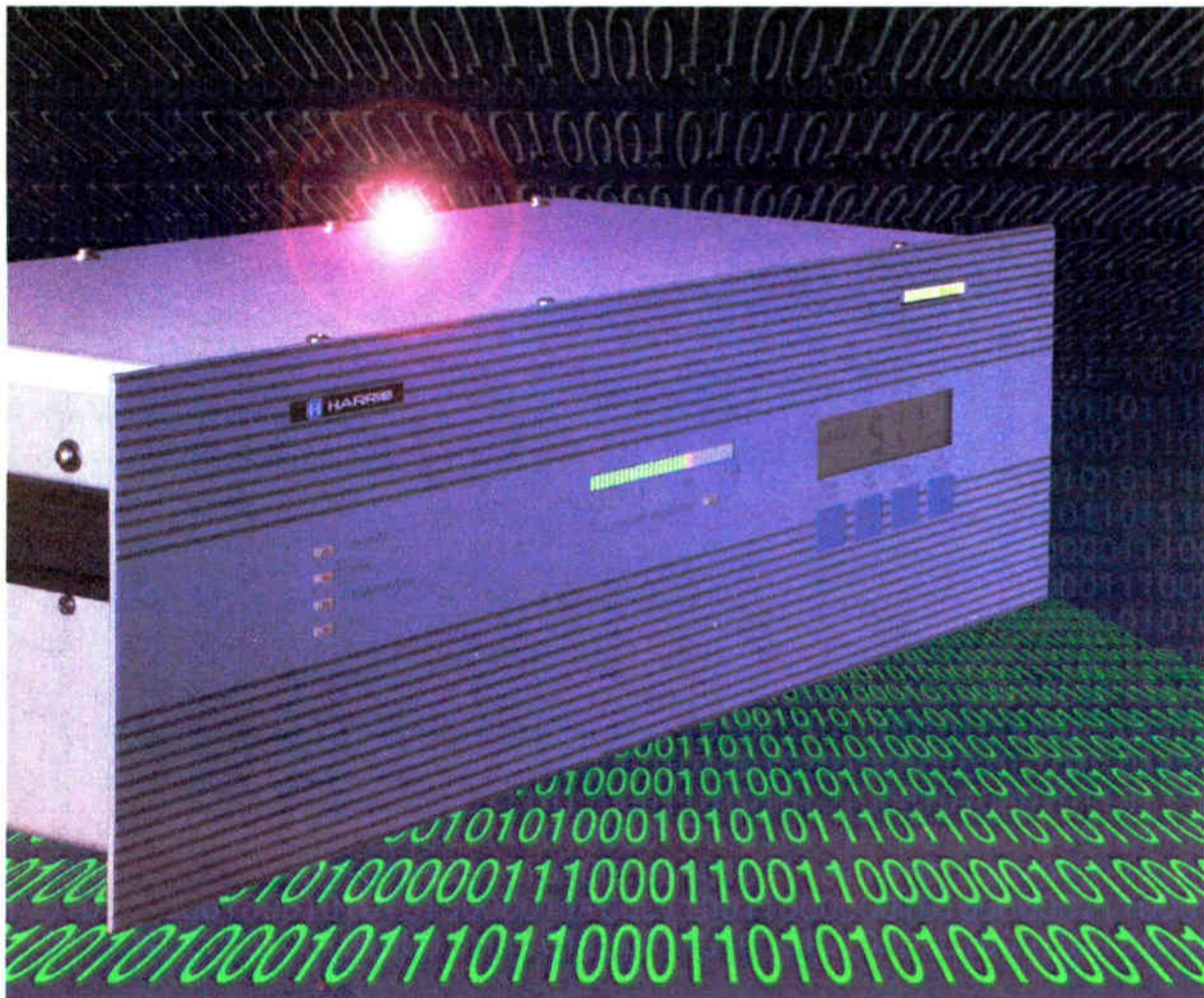
- Track 1: kick SM57
- Track 2: drum mix: hi-hat, snare, toms (SM57s), overheads (EV CS15s)
- Track 3: keyboards (left mix direct input)
- Track 4: keyboards (right mix direct input)
- Track 5: Percussion mix (two EV RE-16s)
- Track 6: sax/synth mix (EV RE-16 and direct input)
- Track 7: lead vocal (Crown CM-312 headworn mic)
- Tracks 8-16: vocals and audience

To fit everything onto 16 tracks, I set up submixes for the drums, keyboards, percussion and sax. In a typical drum submix, all the mic faders are set to the same level, but the cymbals' condenser mics are turned down a few dB to compensate for their higher sensitivity. I put the kick drum on its own track because its level in the mix is critical.

To mike the audience in stereo, I placed a pair of cardioid mics in an ORTF array, near the front of the house aiming toward the rear. This way, the audience mics picked up less of the house speakers. The mics also picked up the audience in front of their mouths, which helped articulation. While mixing, I could bring up the audience mics enough to hear clapping without muddying the sound.

The musical program flowed from one song to another with no breaks for 90 minutes. I knew I could not handle a 90-minute nonstop mixdown. So I mixed the program in segments, then edited them together later with a DAW.

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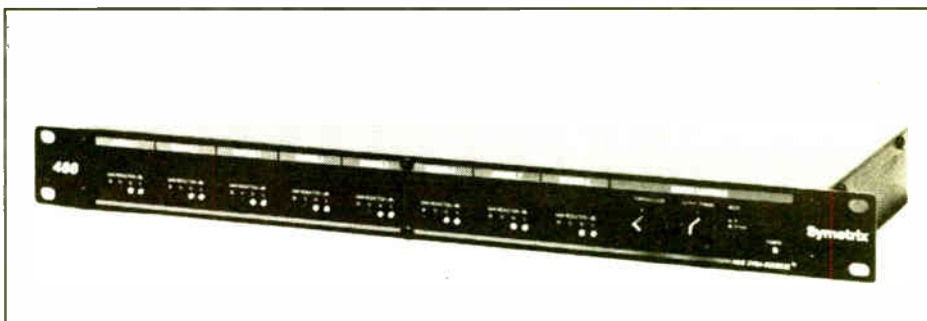
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# It Was 1969 and I Spun 45s

by Ken R.

**TOLEDO, Ohio** When I first sat down between those two 16-inch turntables and stared into that mic for the first time in the late 1960s, Bill Drake-ism had not yet completely muffled personality radio with the blanket of ultra-tight formats. General managers had not yet completely squeezed the life out of most

radio dayparts in an effort to obtain a uniform "product." And satellites were used for spying on Russians, not providing 24-hour chunks of programming.

Disk jockeys (we actually spun 45 rpm records) had the chance to experiment, to be heard. Because most markets only had a handful of AM radio stations (FM was only heard in doctors' offices), each station had a significant

share of the audience. The shift from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. was known as "Housewife Time" in those days... and even that daypart had a huge audience.

## No splinters yet

Formats hadn't yet splintered into "A/C," "Soft A/C," "A/C for People with..." and on and on. There were but three formats: MOR stations (Middle of the Road for those of you born

after 1960), Top 40 stations (now called CHR), and a few little country stations. You could tell a country recording artist by his pointy shoes, enormous sideburns which came to a

some things haven't changed that much.

At programming meetings, we used to guess which records and features people would like to hear on the radio. Today stations buy

## We used to guess which records people would like to hear on the radio.

point mid-cheek, and those songs about bars and women. Well, come to think of it...

research. The research tells them their audience wants a better variety of soft hits, no rap and a better selection of Freddy and the Dreamers records, for example. Thus, the station slogan becomes... "This is K-Poop, with a better variety of soft hits, no rap and a better selection of Freddy and the Dreamers records."

After every darn song they repeat this rambling litany! Stations even make the poor receptionist mouth this pabulum every time she picks up the phone.

Then you have all these computers. I guess back then mainframes existed at giant universities and space centers, but people didn't use them for organizing checkbooks, let alone running a radio station.

Back when I obtained my third class license, I had to study hours and hours and drive 100 miles to take a test just to get it. People who bought radio stations actually liked radio. They hung onto their little stations, nurtured them, listened to them, got involved with them. Today radio "properties" are swapped like trading cards, and the people that own them aren't even radio people. They're insurance companies or publishing houses with someone in charge of "Broadcast Properties Acquisition."

I can't imagine any of these guys stopping into the studio to pal around with the air talent. Come to think of it, there are not that many air talent people! The format's coming out of Phoenix on the bird. ("It's 22 past the hour.")

## Slogans abound

And what ever became of call letters? They used to come in two flavors: W and K. Those were followed by two or three more letters chosen from the alphabet. Occasionally these would spell something cute like "WHAT?" or "WHO?" Now call letters have been replaced by words like Kiss, Magic, Arrow and Power Pig (hello?). A station's legal call letters are usually snuck in with the city of license in a one-second blurb between two spots at :55 past the hour.

All these "move-in" stations think no one will find out they're really in suburbia (not in Metropolis) if they bury the name of the actual community they promised to serve. Citizens groups used to care about this and write the FCC when a station's programming wasn't doing anything to serve the community.

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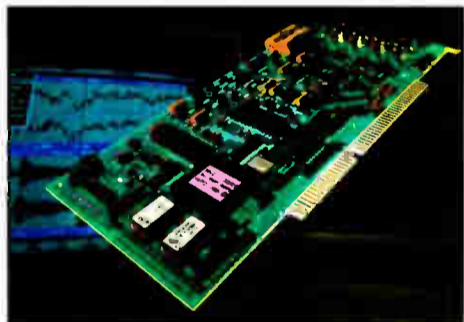
**Fact:** FastEddie's split-screen editor and MIX tool let you overlay sounds. You can lay a voice over a music bed, and then lay sound effects on top of the voice-over. There is no limit to the number of sounds so you can layer in FastEddie. So, even though The CardD System is called a "2-track" system, it does the production work that used to require a multitrack tape machine.

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# Spinning 45s in 1969

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Now this is such a non-issue as to be a joke.

And then there's the music. Each year Beatle records get more and more airplay because the tunes had a melody and some emotions people could relate to. Will anyone still be singing Snoop Doggy Dog's songs in 20 years? How about next week?

The program director who was my mentor (the late Don Armstrong) used to tell me announcers were guests in peoples' homes. He made sure we never said anything that would bring shame to the radio station. He wouldn't want his kids or his mother to hear anyone with a potty mouth. Character mattered. Today bathroom habits, sexual apparatus and about anything else you could imagine are used on the air in an effort to get ratings. And surprise... they do get

ratings today.

When I chose to end my radio career in 1977, I had a brief stint as a television director. One old timer at the station told me about the good old days when they used to edit video tape with a razor blade. We laughed at his description of this stone age technology because we had brand-new 2-inch video tape machines (which have long ago become fossils consigned to the junk heap). Now I am one of those old guys.

In re-reading these musings, I know I sound pretty bitter here. But actually, for the last 16 years, I've enjoyed a great career running a jingle and audio production studio with state-of-the-art equipment that produces commercials for the kind of radio that I have just criticized. It's just every so often I think about the "radio" I entered in 1969... the "radio" that doesn't exist anymore.

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*Ken R. is president of Ken R. Productions in Toledo and an occasional contributor to RW.*

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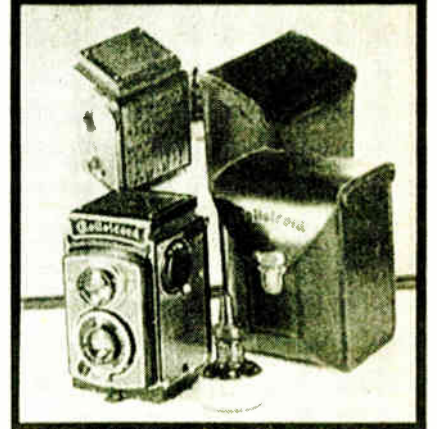
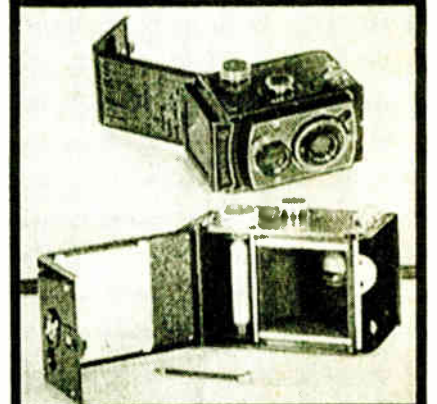
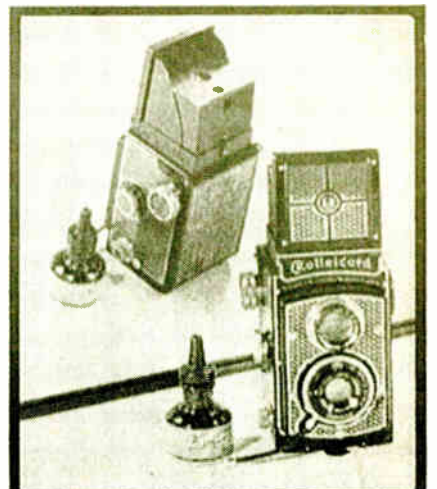
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## Digital Audio Workstations

### PRODUCT EVALUATION

# Foundation 2000 Built for Speed

by Bruce Bartlett  
with Jenny Bartlett

**ELKHART, Ind.** For many years I have reviewed software that converts a computer into a digital audio workstation. The time is right to look at a stand-alone, hardware-based DAW to see what

you get for the extra cost.

The fastest one on the market is the Fostex Foundation 2000. An eight-track digital audio recorder, editor and mixer, the Foundation 2000 records on hard disk or magneto-optical (MO) disk.

The 2000 is meant to be an inexpensive editing system that is easy to learn and fast to use. According to Fostex, you can learn the system in about 15 minutes with no computer background.

The system comes in two main parts: the disk drive/electronics unit and the Edit Controller. The electronics unit is a 19-inch by 12-inch by 24-inch gray box, while the Edit Controller is the size of a computer keyboard.

### Hands-on controls

Because the Edit Controller works with buttons, it is an easy transition for those who prefer hands-on controls. It has four groups of buttons: "tape" transport, editing, memory points and display controls. You point at a touch-sensitive screen to display tracks, meter the audio and perform other functions. There's a big LED time display. A solid brass jog/shuttle wheel lets you smoothly scrub the sound track. It has a nice feel, and the sound is just like tape scrubbing.

Because the Edit Controller lies flat on your desk, it's much less fatiguing to use than a computer monitor and mouse. So the 2000 is ideal for stations that do a lot of editing and need to do so very quickly.

The 2000 has 16 audio channels and records on eight tracks. Audio specs exceed those of compact disc. The 18-bit A/D converters use 64 times oversampling, while the D/As use eight times oversampling.

Plug-in modules let you expand and

configure the system to meet your needs. Here are the options:

- RPE (removable project environment) is a removable hard disk drive that stores 540MB or 1.2GB. The RPE inserts into other Foundation 2000 systems for easy project transfer. You can also plug in a 5.25-inch half-height SCSI device of your choice, even a magneto-optical (MO) drive. More drives and archiving devices can connect to the rear SCSI port.

- ACE Card 1 is an internal digital mixer. It does eight by two mixes in real time

Standard features include RS-422 nine-pin master/slave machine control, MIDI, MTC, GPI, SCSI expansion, serial communication and cascading/expansion ports. The MIDI and RS-422 ports can talk with external

controllers and transports, such as the Fostex RD-8 digital multitrack.

Fostex offers many Foundation 2000 systems with different options built in. Make sure you get what you need. The system I reviewed, Foundation 2000LS, costs \$16,995. It comes

without a mixer but includes a sync board, letting it be a master or slave to a video transport. Most broadcasters will be happy with the 2000LX (without sync), which costs \$14,995, or the non-expandable 2000RE, costing \$8,995. To

### Product Capsule: Fostex Foundation 2000



**Thumbs Up**

- ✓ very fast
- ✓ ergonomic
- ✓ easy to learn



**Thumbs Down**

- ✓ noisy fan (see text)
- ✓ no programmable ducking (see text)
- ✓ occasional lag in soundtrack scrolling

For more information, contact Budd Johnson in California at 310-921-112; or circle **Reader Service 53**.



Foundation 2000: A standalone, hardware-based DAW

and includes three-band parametric EQ. ACE Cards 2 and 3 (out later this year) are an eight-bus mixer with compressor, limiter, noise gate, selectable EQ and more aux sends. Other ACE cards are being developed. Time compression/expansion is available via software.

- Synchronizer Module is an LTC reader/generator and VITC reader, with word clock and video sync references. The unit chases timecode while playing audio in forward and reverse directions. It supports hard lock when it follows sources that are slower than play speed.

- Two-channel I/O Module has two analog ins, four analog outs, AES/EBU and SPDIF digital in/out. Analog Multichannel I/O Module gives you eight analog ins and outs. Digital Multichannel I/O Module offers eight digital ins and outs, SDIF-2 multichannel and ADAT optical formats.

- DFM Module is an automated mixer with moving faders and LED readouts.

- S/Link and Edit View software from Synclavier convert audio and EDL files between other DAWs and the 2000.

compare, a computer with eight-track editing software and a 1GB hard drive costs about \$3,750, but it's harder to learn and use.

### Using the system

The Foundation 2000 really is easy to learn. In about 10 minutes I assembled the unit and connected it to my mixer. In another 15 minutes I had recorded and overdubbed four tracks of music, voice-over and sound effects. In another 90 minutes, I finished the quick-start tutorial that covered editing basics. The clear, concise user manual was a big help.

The cooling fan in the electronics unit is very noisy, so you might have to put the unit in another room. Fortunately, a long cable connects the electronics unit to the Edit Controller.

You can get up to speed quickly because the 2000 records, overdubs, plays and shuttles much like a tape recorder. There's no need for a keyboard, monitor or mouse. Some computer editors can slow your creative flow and make editing difficult, but the Foundation 2000 lets you breeze through

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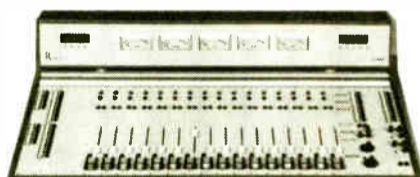
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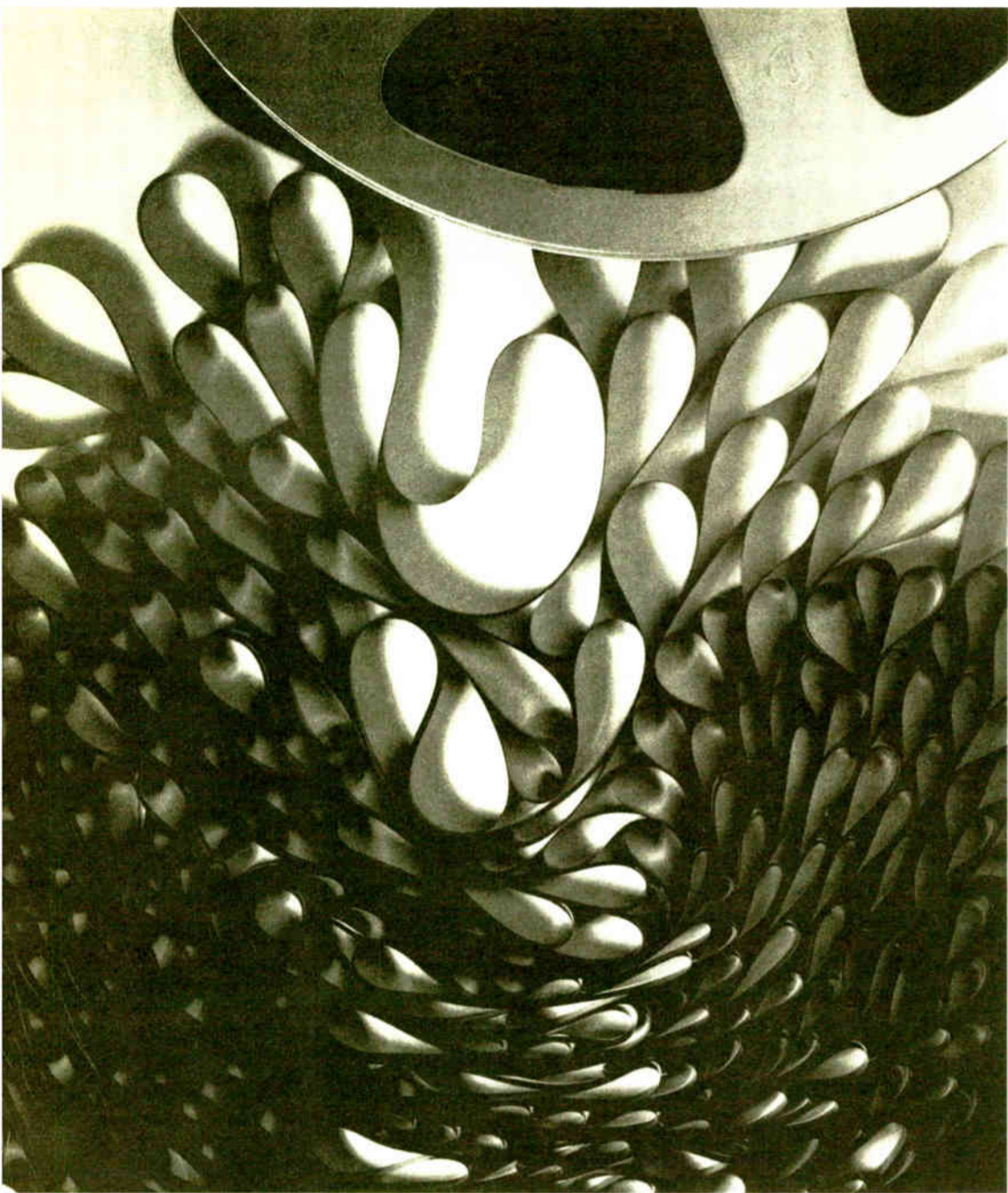
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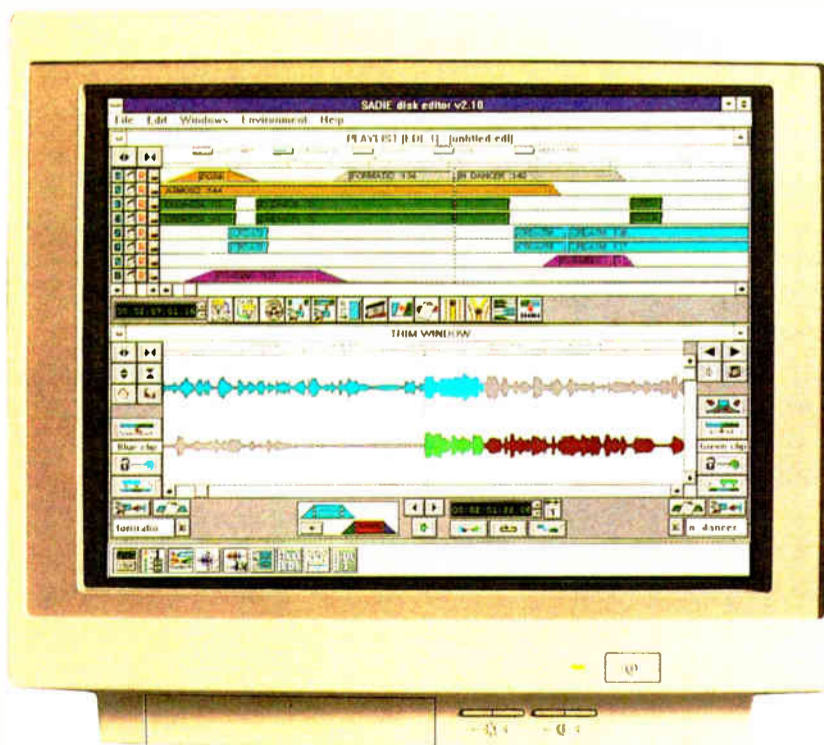
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by John Peace  
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have compared Trak\*Star to many Windows-platform sound cards and various Audio Workshop-type software. Not only are the Trak\*Star analog-to-digital conversion cards superior in audio quality, but the software also

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## Hands-on Fostex DAW

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projects.

Here's how you might put together a typical spot with a music bed, announcer and sound effects. Record stereo music on tracks 1 and 2, voice on 3, and effects on 4.

First, set tracks 1 and 2 to record-ready mode. Buttons in use light up. Tap Meter on the touchscreen; a row of meters appears so you can set levels.

Next, tap Tracks on the touchscreen to see the eight tracks. You can zoom in to see one or two tracks at a time. Hit the Record and Play buttons, and record the music bed. Repeat this process for tracks 3 and 4 to overdub voice and effects. Audio is displayed as a soundtrack on the touchscreen.

You might want to edit the voice track by doing an automatic punch-in (Auto Record). It's easier than with a tape recorder. Jog to the punch-in point, press In, jog to the punch-out point and press Out. Rewind to the top and hit Record. The 2000 will start recording at the In point and will exit record mode at the Out point.

Editing speech is a piece of cake. First you touch a blank area of the screen and set the voice track to record-ready. Zoom in to the desired resolution of the waveform (zooms are instant). Then press the Ripple button, which will slide audio to fill in the gap where you will cut out material. To cut out an unwanted sentence, jog or play to the beginning of the goofed sentence and press In. Jog to the end of the goofed sentence and press Out. Press Cut and the edit is done.

Edits are non-destructive because you can Undo and Redo them, six levels deep. Even if you accidentally record over a track, you can recover the previous audio by tapping Undo. Seems like

magic the first time you try it. Edits are saved to disk automatically. When you turn off the machine and turn it back on, your work in process comes back up.

As you record or play back, the audio waveform scrolls past a stationary cursor. This is more intuitive than in a software DAW, where the cursor scrolls past the waveform. When you scrub quickly with the 2000, though, the waveform scrolling lags slightly behind the scrub-wheel action. You might want to scrub by ear rather than by eye.

As for other features, the 2000 can instantly trim the start and end of an audio event. Cut, copy, paste and adjust overall gain in a track. Slide audio events in time. Store audio in a built-in librarian for later retrieval. Drop up to 500 markers to mark desired segments of sound. Find cue points instantly. Fade in, fade out or do real-time crossfades on all tracks at the same time. There's no wait for a crossfade to calculate. The system is not designed to duck music under voice, but you can do it with your mixer or with the optional plug-in mixer.

The Fostex Foundation 2000 is a pleasure to use. Although it costs more than a computer workstation, it lets you zip through projects with less fatigue. It's an easy transition for station personnel. And it's a fully professional system, free of bugs. Three station engineers I called said that it worked great and quickly paid for itself.

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eight tracks simultaneously. Many of the other systems I have tested distort as you add more tracks, and the units sum all of the audio files.

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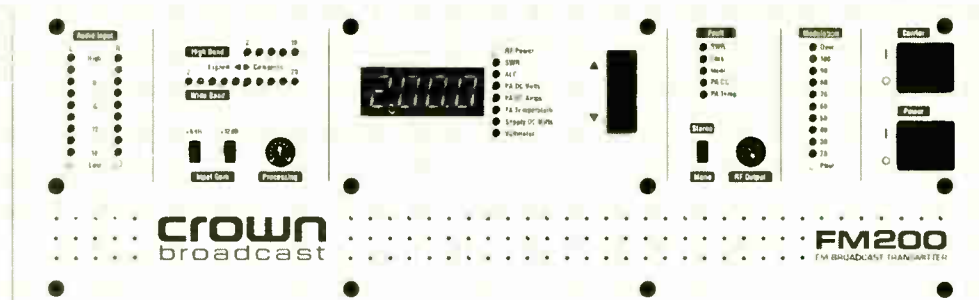
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## USER REPORT

# WJR Says 'Bye' to Analog with Korg

by Rick Wiggins  
Creative Director  
WJR(AM)

**DETROIT** There is one piece of equipment in my studio without which I could not function. Take every other scrap of gear away. As long as I have that one indispensable tool, I'll be fine. That one tool that I value above all others is... my typewriter. The second most valuable piece of gear in the room is my Korg SoundLink.

My technical understanding of this workstation is hardly extensive. When I get into my car, I don't care what makes it go and stop. I don't care how I get there, as long as I get there. Likewise in the studio. If I can get a piece of equipment to do what it says it can do and it makes something sound the way I hear it in my head, then I'm a happy production guy.

Although the SoundLink is sturdy, it is not designed to satisfy a production director who lives for "soundscaping," "sweetening" and adding "just a touch of EQ." What the SoundLink is designed to do is a myriad of production tasks that will render your analog studio obsolete.

The fact that everything I need is in the SoundLink, and that I know how to find it all and use most of it, is an indescribable

boon. Push a button or two, spin the wheel, and there are your effects, storage, mixing, cutting and pasting.

I have a few favorite features on the SoundLink. The waveform scrubbing works great. I'm told that this function has something to do with precise editing; I like to scrub backwards and make myself sound like a character from Twin Peaks.

## Storage, retrieval

I am also impressed with the storage and retrieval ability of this workstation. It provides roughly four hours of hard drive capacity before you have to back up to an 8mm data storage tape. No more closets full of 10-inch master reels.

Backing up to a tape, restoring from a tape and clearing backed-up material from your hard drive working area are all fairly time-consuming operations on this system. You can get these processes started in a matter of seconds, but you'll have to give the SoundLink ample time to do its thing.

Full-range EQ, limiter and reverb all offer the ability to establish and then save almost countless individual sets of parameters, which can be accessed for future applications.

The automation capability of this workstation is almost too cool. No more trying to remember what comes up when, on

which track and how loud it is relative to the 36 other elements you can't remember. Lay in your sounds, put them where you want them, establish your effects set-

ture of the SoundLink: the Undo button. There is only one level of Undo, but that is enough to have saved me from spinning out on more occasions than I can possibly recall.

Perhaps the single most impressive feature of this system is its remarkably user-friendly manual. There is a huge book of hieroglyphics, too, but the slender quick reference manual should help you slash your way out of just about any dead end. It is a wonder of simplicity: simpler, in fact, that the SoundLink itself.

## Training regimen

The Korg professional who spent two days training me on the system suggested that it would be "at least six months before you feel comfortable enough to start doing all your stuff on the SoundLink." Putting it all in perspective, though, if I had wanted a simple system, I would have bought some toy. But I wanted something with slightly more extensive capabilities.

The day the Korg guy left is the day I said

goodbye to analog production, and I have never gone back.

The SoundLink is not my favorite creative tool. But until the company fits it with a Correcto ribbon, it's as close to perfect as anyone, technically adept or not, has a right to expect.

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SoundLink: No Correcto ribbon, but close to perfect

tings, etc. Then, simply roll the thing from the beginning, mixing as you go.

After you have done all your slide fader moves, they are in there for keeps, pre-mixed by you anytime you call up the session containing that piece of work. Don't like what you did? Keep all but the part you don't like and re-mix it. Don't like any of it? Hit the Undo button and mix it again, erasing a piece or track at a time, or all at once if you have the guts.

That brings me to the most valuable fea-

## USER REPORT

# ADX Lightens Workload

by Jim Bollella  
Production Director  
WMMX-WOCT(FM)

**BALTIMORE** We inherited our Pacific Recorders and Engineering (PR&E) ADX workstation when we bought what is now WOCT. Fortunately, we also inherited the engineer who bought the system and who received training from PR&E. As production director, I was lucky enough to arrive after the ADX acquisition.

Flexibility is the word that conveys all of the benefits I get from the ADX. It offers plenty of problem-solving options to the user, all of them easy to access. I can't explain all the intricacies of the ADX, but I hope to cover some of the features that have made life in the age of production-hungry duopolies a little more enjoyable.

Somewhat unique to the ADX is the interface panel. The panel allows most of the often-used functions (fade in/out, edit mode, auto locate, copy/paste, etc.) to be accessed without the mouse or keyboard. Having worked on a mouse-based system in the past, I can say that the speed increase is significant.

The interface panel (by Pacific Recorders and Engineering) seems largely responsible for making the software (by Do Re Mi) more practical for radio applications. If the interface panel were to go dark, all of the functions could still be performed with mouse and keyboard.

Clients are amazed when they see their spots edited on the workstation. They're astonished at the speed, ease and accuracy. A production person, though, will be much more impressed by the multitude of

features that allow you to manipulate edited sound cues.

Any cue can simply be clicked and dragged to any of the eight tracks. No other steps are necessary. Horizontal and vertical moves are quicker and easier on the ADX than on any other system I've seen or read about. The capture function brings any selected cue to the time line regardless of location. I punch the capture button like a rat in a behavior modification experiment.

For minute adjustments in timing, nudge buttons are provided on the interface panel. They offer one frame + or - and quarter-frame + or - increments. I use these buttons constantly to get that perfect timing that took far too long with analog (and digital systems without nudge capability). I am spoiled by them and can't imagine working on a digital system without them.

In the mix view, so many parameters are adjustable that final mixdown is often more like babysitting. These parameters include fade ins/outs, volume of each cue, sync points, crossfade, segue and splice.

Because our console is severely limited (it's an on-air board), I appreciate being able to do as much as possible on the workstation. We have a Pacific Recorders console coming, but it's good to know you can plug the ADX into any studio and it will perform beautifully.

Another facet of the system's flexibility is the ease with which entire folders and individual sound cues can be imported to any location almost instantaneously. We use two hard drives and a magneto-optical drive (MOD), so this is more than a

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## USER REPORT

# Money-saving SAW Shines at WPLY

by Sean Caldwell  
Production Director  
WPLY(FM)

**PHILADELPHIA** A large part of a production director's job requires editing and multitrack production, so when a new product comes out that simplifies the task and doesn't cost an arm and a leg, I smile. Software Audio Workshop, or SAW 4.0, a professional Windows-based eight-track digital audio workstation from **Innovative Quality Software**, provides several benefits, with only a couple minor disadvantages, compared to

more costly digital editors.

One of my client stations, Gannett's KHKS(FM) in Dallas, introduced me to the software. They demonstrated the program, mentioned the price and I was sold. List price is \$600, but you can find it on the street for less than \$500.

SAW, categorized as software, does not require the purchase of any costly proprietary hardware. Instead, the program uses any sound card you have through Windows, quite a benefit because many of today's sound cards are capable of sounding every bit as good and much less expensive than the \$5,000 analog-

to-digital converters found in some other products. SAW, combined with a 486 computer, a sound card and a 1GB hard drive, provides a great digital multitrack system for under \$4,000.

A station without digital equipment in the production studio suffers a real competitive disadvantage. With the SAW program, we produce promos, commercials and song edits cleaner, faster and more precisely than ever before. The digital editor really shines when it comes to spot updates and revisions. If I need to move a music bed back to accommodate a slightly longer voiceover, I simply click

and it's done.

It still takes time to input the music, voice and sound effects, but I have input some of our most used elements for instant recall on any project. Once the elements are in the system, you're ready to piece the project together. Position the music, voice and any other elements wherever you want, relative to each other. SAW processes everything with incredible speed. Compared to other workstations at our station or others I have used in the past, this system is by far the fastest. SAW makes promo and commercial production a breeze with a sensible screen layout, fast screen redraws and down-to-the-sample editing resolution.

Another feature I like is the utilities rack. This software add-on—that lists for \$349 and sells on the street for around \$275—has really been a plus. You access the utilities via a SAW pull-down window. With this software, you can use audio compression and limiting, parametric EQ with adjustable hi- and low-pass filters, echo and delay, auto-panning, and file format and sample rate conversion.

Select a region, visually set up the compressor's threshold, ratio and peak levels and preview the sound. If it sounds right, hit OK and the file is altered. If you decide later you don't like the sound, select Undo and the last alteration is immediately erased. In the future I would love to see a reverb algorithm, but the fact that SAW can do the above processing is currently an advantage over many other workstations.

There must be a downside for any workstation costing less than \$25,000, right? Right. At present, the eight-track SAW is made up of four stereo tracks. That's great for music, but for voice you're eating up two tracks on the screen and hard drive when you only need one. Not a problem when the new version comes out the second quarter of 1995.

In the preliminary look, you might ask, "Where are the faders?" They are on-screen, and over time I have found this to be an advantage. In the past I put together a very fast-moving promo with many bed and effect changes. Only after the seventh try mixing down the project did I get all the volume changes right. With SAW (or any other digital editor without an outboard fader unit) you spend more time pre-planning your volume changes. Come time for mix-down, there is nothing to do but hit start. One feature I wish this system had is "group move" capability on the multitrack screen.

Users of Windows will most likely feel comfortable learning SAW, but if using a computer and Windows is new, this program may be a challenge. For hardware, I purchased the Audio Labs Card+, which has the ability to add a digital I/O card. The Turtle Beach cards are also highly recommended for professional audio use.

SAW is a great choice if you are looking for an entry-level audio workstation. You may find you like SAW better than most other high-end workstations. The program is fast. Innovative Quality Software's technical support is excellent and buying it won't take out your engineering budget for the next two years. The new version of SAW is on the way with 16 individual tracks and even more features.

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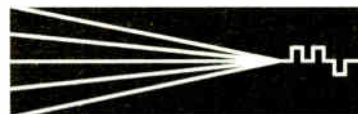
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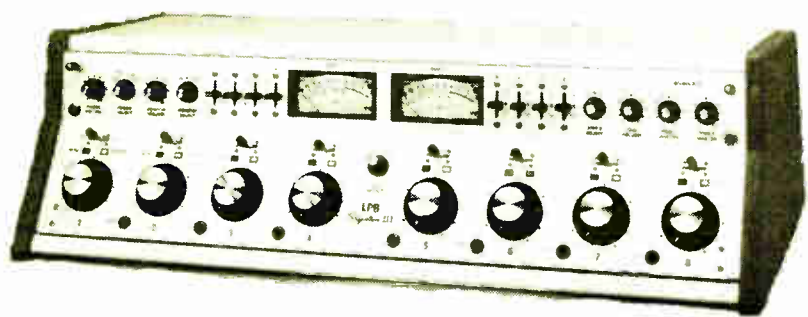
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## USER REPORT

# SADiE: Cornerstone of Digital Studio

by Steve McFarland  
Production Director  
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**MINNEAPOLIS** After using Studio Audio Digital Equipment's SADiE for almost a year, we feel certain that it is and will continue to be the cornerstone of our digital studio. After spending a lot of time searching for a platform to fit with existing equipment and looking for the means to spread the latest technology throughout the other recording studios, we found that SADiE would allow us to realize our plan for future growth.

Much of the beauty of SADiE is that it can be installed in an existing PC, a 486 dx 2/66, with the familiarity of a Windows-based system. We also wanted to take advantage of Studio Audio's advanced DSP technology. Another consideration was the price; the SADiE was very affordable.

Though SADiE's manual states that the software is designed to be simple to understand and to use, it is a very complex system. Prior knowledge of Windows and MS-DOS based computers is most helpful in flattening your learning curve. Don't be put off by the system's complexity. Once you learn the basics, you'll be amazed at the ease with which you tackle the extra features.

The fader automation is a great feature. I use it to create almost every promo and commercial. It is also necessary when using a mouse to control up to eight tracks simultaneously. With this feature you can make countless corrections to achieve that flawless mix. The automation information can be stored and recalled, and re-created or changed or overlaid with another track.

The length of any given production is limited only by the size of your storage space on a SCSI hard drive. A number of our commercial and promo productions have been longer than usual. Having the extra room to maneuver and work within the system has been a lifesaver.

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## Analog mindset

Marking, editing, trimming and cross-fading basics become second nature once you escape the mindset of analog production and step into the world of non-destructive digital editing with SADiE. But that's not all that is available.

Though I didn't think that I would ever stop calling upon my Digitech TSR-24 multi-effects processor or even the old Eventide Model H3000 Ultra Harmonizer, I have found myself taking advantage of the convenience of SADiE's digital signal processing. Functions include bounce; dynamics, such as compressor controls, expander controls and gate controls; EQ; noise abatement; resampling, including digital varispeed, sample rate conversion and sub-sample microtiming; and timescrunch. I must confess that I am glad that the harmonizer is still available, as SADiE's time-

scrunch leaves quite a bit to be desired.

Our facility also includes a Kurzweil K2000 keyboard. I have created MIDI-sequenced music tracks using Cakewalk Professional 3.0 and processed them to SADiE, also running on the screen.

If you are considering using your studio to generate extra income, it is possible SADiE can help. The system allows for controlled CD and cassette pre-mastering, as well as

audio-video post production. A complete DAT backup system is also included.

If you are considering SADiE, I would suggest a large monitor, possibly a 17-inch one. Some icons and buttons may not seem terribly intuitive at first, particularly if you have trouble seeing all the detail. It is a loaded system, but there is always help available; that may be the best value of an already value-packed deal. We purchased

our SADiE system directly through Jeff Boggs, the stateside representative.

The service and follow-through have been outstanding. We have put beta versions of software through the grinding mill and made a number of improvement suggestions that have been welcomed with an open mind. Software updates are delivered promptly, questions answered quickly and solutions to system challenges handled professionally.

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## USER REPORT

# Sonic Solutions Replaces Razors

by Peter Swanson  
Engineering Supervisor  
WGBH(FM)

**BOSTON** Ever since the advent of affordable digital recording, we at WGBH have been looking for a way to edit our work in the digital domain. We were dubbing our digital masters onto analog tape and then blade editing. When DAT became available, we recorded on DAT, edited on analog and dubbed back to DAT for air. Even when DATs replaced our cart machines, we still aired a product several generations down, edit-

ing with the "Gillette" method and throwing lots of tape in the dumpster.

Five years ago we began our search for a tapeless digital editing system. Luckily, as our search progressed, many players entered the market, and systems that cost hundreds of thousands of dollars were eclipsed by newer designs at much lower prices. After a two-year search, we made our selection: Sonic Solutions. What drove us to purchase a Sonic was a set of powerful features, namely modularity, expandability, speed and the ability to perform multiple tasks simultaneously.

Sonic Solutions workstations, even at the

entry level, offer the ability to edit while recording. We can load one person's material while editing and auditioning a separate project. With mid-level Sonic Systems, you can load in and load out while editing related or unrelated material.

Although the Sonic was one of the more expensive systems when we bought ours, its power and exclusive features easily justified the cost difference. Since then, Sonic's prices have dropped to the point where I would be hard pressed to consider the competition.

Modular features that we have added include TimeTwist, a very powerful time-

squeezing and -stretching feature which now comes bundled with the "Radio Station" package. It practically paid for itself when we were able to take a custom-composed and -recorded theme made for our sister (WGBH-TV 2) station's programs and painlessly shorten it to fit a condensed time slot.

We have also added NoNoise to our system. Problems such as tape hiss, background hum, rumble and surface noise are easily eliminated with this powerful tool. Designer Reverb allows us to fatten up audio without leaving the digital domain.

## Day-to-day editing

As an electronic "blade" editor, the Sonic System is fast and flexible. All edits are non-destructive. Your original recording on the computer's sound hard disk is never altered. All splices are transparently written to an edit decision list (EDL) file. Splices are accomplished in a flash, because Sonic does not have to calculate and re-record the sounds that occur across a splice. Instructions saved in an EDL tell the system what pieces of files to join, and it does so, on the fly, during playback.

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You get an on-screen digital virtual console as part of your system. Sliders and equalizer controls can be manipulated via mouse or a MIDI controller. If you like, the Sonic can record and remember your fader moves as you play your EDL.

Editing is both an aural and a visual experience. You can scrub edit audio in a way that sounds like reel-rocking in the analog world. You can also see what you are about to cut. We edit a lot of dry reads by a terrific presenter who happens to make a lot of mouth noises. The Sonic System quickly zooms and redraws its waveform display, so we can pick out and eliminate little clicks, smacks and pops.

## Software "tune-ups"

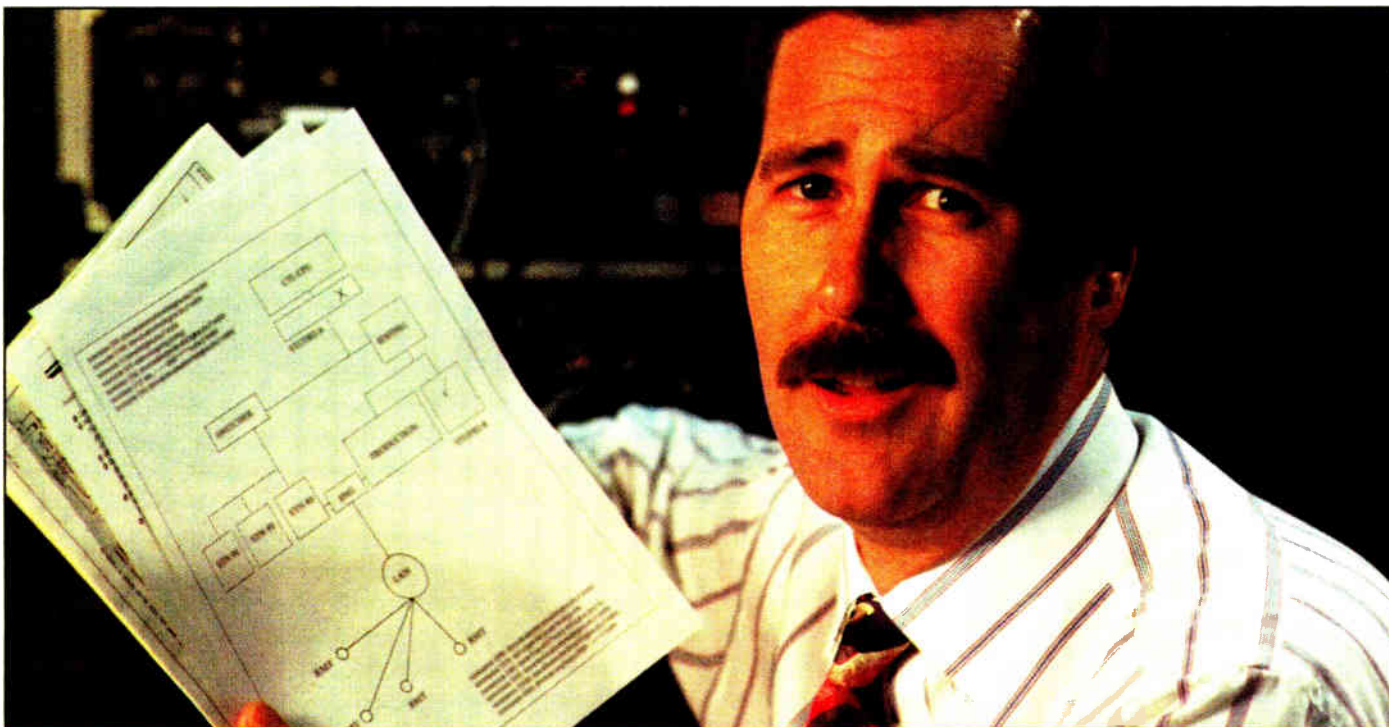
When we took delivery of our first Sonic, we were working on software release 1.3 and it worked well. There were aspects that were a little clunky, but the overall effectiveness of the system was undeniable. Three years later, we are on version 2.15, doing slick drag-and-drop editing track to track that I could not have envisioned on day one.

Given the solid design of the DSP cards and system architecture, the software "engine" can be tuned up with each revision. Every few months, we get a shipment of the latest model of the Sonic System. Those floppy disks make our system as current as the systems being shipped today. As I write this, we are installing our second Sonic Solutions system.

The Sonic Solutions systems work on a Macintosh platform. Being a DOS partisan, I probably spent more time on the phone with Sonic in the beginning than a Mac user might. This has never been a problem because Sonic's customer support has been absolutely top quality. I have found phone messages from support people, checking to see if their suggestions for fixing a problem had worked.

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## USER REPORT

# Microsound Delivers at Woodstock '94

by Chris Andersen  
Owner  
Nevessa Production

**SAUGERTIES, N.Y.** In the chaotic atmosphere of music, mud and madness here last August during Woodstock '94, Nevessa Production provided editing services to MediaAmerica for the nationally syndicated radio broadcast coverage of the three-day event.

MediaAmerica's agreement with Polygram, so as not to infringe on the FPV television coverage, was that stage performances be excerpted. Our other editing duties included processing the constant flow of audio field reports and interviews from the teams of reporters.

## The proposal

When Frank DeSantis, director of programming for MediaAmerica, first approached me about the task, he was looking for a team of fast razor blades and analog decks. I knew I had a better way. My experience with

**Microtechnology Unlimited's** Microsound

digital audio editor as a playback source for television production for the last six years proved it to be a fast, great-sounding and highly reliable system.

Considering the volume of material to be quickly edited at Woodstock, I proposed to provide two Microsound units and two engineers to handle the task. Frank, although initially apprehensive about trusting his show to a computer, was convinced that the Microsounds could do the job after a demonstration in Manhattan in July.

At the show were two revolving stages, with a recording truck assigned to each

half of the stage. These four stereo feeds were fed to our 48-foot broadcast trailer and routed to DAT machines that recorded everything. A team of tape operators monitored these machines and logged the performances, noting any profanity, which could not be tolerated in our broadcast.

The digital outputs of these recorders fed the AES digital inputs of our Microsound editing systems so that we could transfer directly from the stage, time permitting. Two additional DAT recorders within the editing suite fed the SP/DIF digital inputs of the computers for material from the reporters' DATs or stage performances that were recorded earlier.

The two Microsound editors ran on



Chris Andersen, ready to edit with Microsound

Windows 3.11 on stock 486 IBM-platform computers with 8MB of RAM in each. They shared 3GB of storage over an ethernet network that provides just over 4.5 hours of CD-rate audio.

## Non-stop shifts

For three days, my associate Ted Orr and I handled all of the editing in almost non-stop shifts. The field reporters rushed in with their hot interviews, telling us what to cut. With Microsound, this process is extremely fast. You just highlight the area to be deleted, hit one key

and boom: next edit, please. Because all editing is non-destructive, second thoughts were easily accommodated by the ability to undo anything at any time.

Lynnsey Guererro, chief producer of the broadcast, handed us a tape of an artist's performance with instructions of which songs he wanted to include in the segment. We loaded the selections into the editor, tipped and tailed each, and overlapped the applause in and out. If we found any profanity within the selection, Microsound enabled us to reverse the tiny portion of the program that included the offending word without changing the beat or inserting a distracting masking beep. These reversals were virtually undetectable.

Once assembled, we output the edited segment to a DAT machine and then tossed it down to the broadcast booth at the end of the trailer. After a while, the room at the end of the trailer felt like an insatiable monster constantly hungry for more program. The analog outputs of the Microsound units were also routed directly to the broadcast booth.

When the schedule was especially tight and there was no time to transfer to a DAT, we played our segments out of the computer directly to air. It was thrilling in a way to know that my hard drive was connected to 250 radio stations and all of America. Because Microsound has never crashed in my experience, I was confident in its ability to perform in this critical application.

The show ended Sunday night, with an exhausted but satisfied crew. To his surprise, Frank DeSantis was promoted in the closing credits to vice president of programming for MediaAmerica, in part for his successful coordination of this difficult radio event. The rest of us still haven't seen the last of the mud.

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# Production More Enjoyable with ADX

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little handy. A transfer window exists in every mix view so that with a few clicks of the mouse, you can transport any sound cue from any source into the current mix instantly. Again, I'm spoiled by this feature.

As mentioned, the ADX will perform in any studio, but it is designed to perform best in the most demanding applications. With the flying fader mix station, it is highly competitive, perhaps the best in its class, in my opinion. To use the Mixstation module, you must have a Pacific Recorders production console, either the Productionmixer or the ABX. However, PR&E has developed another workstation with the automated mixing surface right on the workstation. I think it's called the Ensemble.

Because I am currently without a Mixstation, the extent of my knowledge is limited. I do know that each module has a window indicating what cue is being played as well as what is coming next, and mix corrections are as easy as placing your finger on the fader as it moves. Every facet of the mix is remembered. It's quite a time and effort saver over on-screen automation I have seen. Also, the price has recently dropped quite a bit.

Of course, the ADX is not without faults. The biggest drawback for me is the lack of on-board processing. I need much more in the way of outboard gear to get what I'm really looking for, and even that will not replace on-board capabilities. Just the addition of EQ would be a big improvement.

There have been a few small glitches in the software, and we've had to call PR&E to work through a couple of them.

Nothing major, and I am told they will be fixed in the soon-to-be-released software update.

Because of these problems, I've had the chance to test PR&E's customer service, which has been great. They make sure you understand everything about the problem and how to solve it before they hang up the phone.

The ADX will crossfade, segue and splice elements via buttons on the interface panel, but I never use these functions because they can't give me exactly what I want. I always customize fade times, for instance, to fit the situation. Prefab functions just do not mesh with the creative process very often. In fact, they're almost a contradiction. That's why I keep pushing for a mix station.

I spent a couple of days with our engineer learning to use the ADX and then a couple of days on my own literally playing with it. Some systems are easier to learn, but I don't believe they offer the flexibility, speed and power of the ADX. Less powerful software, after all, is always easier to learn.

I always tell anyone who asks me about workstations to check out the ADX. To date, I have yet to talk to anyone who hasn't been thoroughly impressed after doing so. The flexibility of the ADX indeed saves time, but ultimately, I find it improves the quality of my work. And that is what we're all after.

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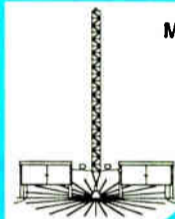
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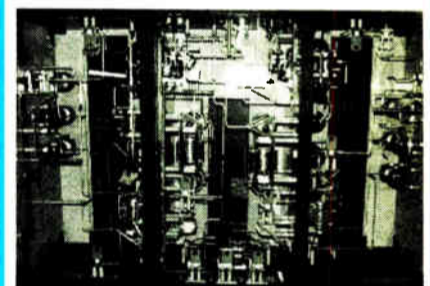
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## USER REPORT

# Synclavier Exceeds Expectations

*Multi-Track Employs Three Systems from Synclavier That Meet the Demanding Needs of Digital Editing*

by Ed Douglas  
Sound Editor/Digital Systems Integrator  
Multi-Track Digital

**TORONTO** When Multi-Track decided to go digital in 1988, it set some pretty high criteria for any prospective system. The market then consisted of proprietary digital editors, as the technology for Mac- or PC-based systems was non-

existent. The only system that met and exceeded the company's exacting requirements was the Synclavier 9600. Multi-Track Digital now has three of these systems.

### Seamless integration

This system may not be for the faint of heart. The Synclavier 9600 offers complete integration of hard disk and RAM-based sample playback. The system that

I work on has 16 tracks of direct-to-disk playback, 28MB of sample RAM with 32 voices and uses a Mac II as its front end. It offers a seamless integration of disk-based and RAM-based events in its 200-track sequencer.

The system has always offered SMPTE chase and lock with one-quarter frame accuracy. The responsiveness and sonic clarity of its audio scrubbing is unparalleled, and it offers a non-destructive editing accuracy of 80 subframes.

The system defaults to recording at 50 kHz, although it is capable of recording one to four channels anywhere from 1 to 100 kHz in 0.1 increments and can be configured to record up to 16 channels simultaneously. Digital inputs are also an option.

The Synclavier Company seems committed to keeping up with the latest technology when it comes to storage, currently offering compatibility with 5GB removable drives for quick turnarounds on projects. (9GB removable compatibility is coming.) Magneto-optical (MO) storage is also available for RAM-based samples.

After the tracks were cut, the producer decided to revoice one of the secondary characters. With 27 minutes on each of the 16 direct-to-disk tracks, I found some room, recorded the new material and, lo, the reading was faster than the original. No problem. Opting not to use time compression/expansion, I decided to edit my way out. The ability to ripple and shift all of my edits for dialogue, music and effects as I cut in the new material saved time, hassle and my stomach lining.

### Software is key

The key to a great digital editing system is its software and interface. The EditView front-end software for the

**The responsiveness and sonic clarity of its audio scrubbing is unparalleled.**

Synclavier provides a horizontal or vertical timeline with configurable tracks and outputs. Non-destructive fade-ins/-outs

and region tweaking are accomplished by dragging handles on each event. The audio is scrubbed during the dragging process, which allows for quick and accurate placement of handles with no guesswork. A time-saving waveform display will be available in the next update.

For those of you who are in a lather at the level of sophistication outlined above but think the hardware is out of your budget, the Synclavier Company is hard at

work on a version of EditView that will run other manufacturers' hardware.

### To pool or not to pool

The Synclavier incorporates a rigid architecture in regards to tracks per drive. There are strict limits to the number of events that you can play off one track, regardless of how many voices your system has.

Systems that use track pooling allow you to have a maximum number of voices from a single drive, regardless of the location of the audio on the drive.

Removable drives reduce the advantages of the former scheme to a degree that I am envious of the flexibility of a track pooling architecture. It is my wish that The Synclavier Company address this hurdle in future updates.

The software is good and keeps getting more powerful. The hardware is solid, sometimes running three shifts, 24 hours a day, for up to two months without complaining. That kind of reliability is worth a great deal when you can't afford to have any downtime.

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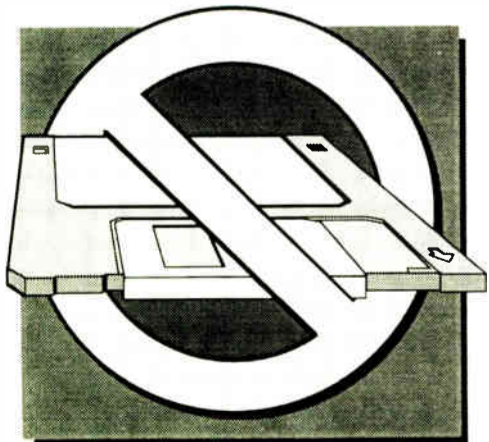
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Oh, did I mention MIDI? The system has an integrated MIDI interface as well, and can trigger your favorite synth or FX unit via MIDI events from the sequencer.

### Acid test

Although the systems at Multi-track are used primarily for dialogue and sound effects editing for feature films and television, I have cut an entire radio play on the system. The layout was as follows: four tracks of dialogue, six tracks stereo FX, plus specifics and stereo ambiance loops played back from RAM, four tracks of stereo music being played back simultaneously, and all elements available to be cut, replaced or shifted with a minimum of effort.



## USER REPORT

# Studio Knows No Limits with Dyaxis

by Jim Baldree  
Chief Engineer  
Pfeifer Studios

**LOS ANGELES** There are a lot of digital audio workstations on the market, and deciding which one to buy is no easy task. After seeing most of them in action, it's amazing to realize that all of them are ultimately trying to do the same thing. They all look different, sound different and even perform similar tasks differently.

I purchased the Studer Editech Dyaxis II system for a number of reasons. First and foremost is sonic quality. When doing pre-mastering editing for CD projects, I always point out to my client the Dyaxis II's excellent sound quality, achieved by Studer's proprietary A/D-D/A conversion technology.

During a recent project, for instance, the source material was not DAT but analog half-inch tape. After completing the project, we compared the original analog half-inch with the output of Dyaxis II, and the results were remarkable. No one in the room could tell if we were

listening to the half-inch tape or the Dyaxis II. This is truly a testament to Dyaxis II's sonic characteristics which do not color the original material during the transfer, editing and lay-back process, a feature often overlooked when comparing workstations.

I also produce commercials and promos, both audio for video and radio spot production. While most DAWs provide simple editing functions, the Dyaxis II's editing tools, via the controlling MultiMix software, are intuitive, fast and powerful with functionality far beyond the rudimentary cut-and-paste capabilities associated with some systems.

In addition to the editing features, I need a system that can mix with full dynamic automation, eliminating the need for a large console. Dynamic automation is simply the ability to remember or automate each output volume fader change, channel routing, muting and panning information. I can create as many different mixes as needed and recall any mix at any time. Everything (music, dialogue, sound effects and

voiceover) is mixed and stored by the Dyaxis II.

One of my favorite features is "ingredient" automation, which is different from the channel-based output automation. Ingredient automation is the ability to remember or automate volume changes on each ingredient (e.g., clip/edit). Why is



Pfeifer Studios appreciates Dyaxis II's sound quality.

this so important? Because Dyaxis II can play an unlimited number of ingredients at the same time, it's important that each ingredient can have not only its own volume level, fade in and fade out, but also have its own fader. This means that I can slope, duck and fade each ingredient individually.

Another feature I need is the ability to play as many tracks as I want without running out of "voices" and being required to sub-mix elements. Every DAW has its limit of tracks that it can play in real time. This limit, based on available bandwidth, is usually eight, 12 or 16 playable tracks at once depending on how much

money you have. After this limit is reached, other DAWs apply the "brick wall" effect, keeping you from playing more tracks than it can play in real time.

After having worked on the Dyaxis II, it is difficult to imagine working on other systems where I had to worry about how many playable tracks were available. The Dyaxis II can always play as many simultaneous tracks (i.e., ingredients) as I want by utilizing a feature not found in any other DAW that I know of called non-real-time mixing. I just keep creating more virtual tracks for any of the outputs and it just keeps playing them all.

There is an algorithm within

the MultiMix software that is always analyzing my VirTraxx (i.e., virtual tracks) workload. If it encounters an area it can't play in real time, then it simply performs a temporary sub-mix to an empty part of one of my hard disks. For my clients and for me, that means that, creatively, there are no limits. I can continue layering, adding, modifying, over-dubbing and recording new audio elements and it just keeps playing everything.

All of this technology, including a 1GB hard drive, is housed inside a three-rack-space chassis. Up to six additional drives, either optical or fixed hard drives, can be attached to each processor and up to six processors can be combined, providing up to 24 channels of I/O with 48 tracks of real-time playback. Dyaxis II comes standard with the ability to sync to house sync, chase to time-code, and has full machine control. For those applications where no time code or synchronization capabilities are needed, such as radio production, an even lower-cost entry-level version is available. It simply connects to a Macintosh with one SCSI cable and one serial cable. There are no cards that have to go inside the Mac, and there are no special interface boxes needed.

There are many more reasons why I chose the Dyaxis II, but these are fundamental. I hate work-arounds and limits, and the Dyaxis II keeps me from dealing with either.

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## INDUSTRY ROUNDUP

## User Expectations Changing As DAW Technology Improves

by Whitney Pinion

**WASHINGTON** The need to have audio product in a digital form and the desire for speedier production continues to drive the use of digital audio workstations (DAWs), according to manufacturers. As the technology for DAWs matures, so too do the expectations of their users.

Tim Schweiger of BSW says that as the PC takes over in the realm of digital audio production, customers are becoming more demanding of the software and its capabilities. "Several years ago, users were amazed that PCs could replace hardware," he says. "Now they're asking, 'Is that all it does?'" And customers expect these improved capabilities at a reduced price.

One of the expectations of users that pressures workstation manufacturers in a powerful, positive direction, says Korg's Rod Revilock, is that people do not want to accept computer system idiosyncrasies. "People using the first digital systems were expecting them to crash," he says. Now, "manufacturers are having to come up with equipment that's as stable as traditional audio equipment."

Schweiger says that he has noticed that manufacturers are incorporating hardware into their equipment, actual control panels instead of a mouse or keyboard. The computer is gradually becoming the "silent partner" in digital audio production, he says. Users are satisfied having a computer as the brain of the system, but they want more hands-on control.

Revilock agrees that computer-based systems will continue to proliferate, even though many people are not comfortable using traditional computer controls to do audio production. "Most systems are trying to replace the keyboard and mouse

for a more efficient utilization of technology" like random access, he says.

Although a number of useful features, including more audio tracks for recording and mixing, time compression and FQ, are being incorporated into computers, some people in the industry have become disillusioned with the computer and want to return to a hardware platform. Schweiger calls these people "power users," production people who generate a high volume of commercials and other material.

Hardware-based systems tend to cost more than those that are PC-based, yet users have the advantage of a dedicated production device, one that's not being shared with, say, word processing. Plus, the speed of the system is not dependent upon the processing speed of the computer.

Users are hardly calling for a return to razor blades. To remain competitive, the radio broadcast market must continue to be more and more digital, says Eric Richardson of Fostex. "Digital audio workstations are the perfect means for transmissions between producers of material and broadcasters," he says.

What gets verbalized the most is that users want interfaces that they are familiar with. Revilock says, "It's actually got more to do with what works rather than with what the user is familiar with," he says. Trying to improve traditional interfaces is an example of "reinventing-the-wheel-just-to-do-it kinda thing."

Ultimately, users are going to be drawn to solid products with reliable customer support. "The vast majority of the market wants a complete solution and someone who will stand behind it," says Jon Young of Arrakis. He said that eventually he expects to see this complete digital solution in a single box.

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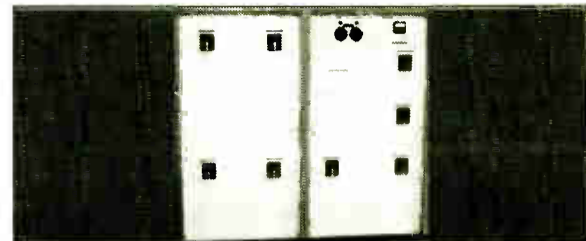
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## USER REPORT

# DSE-7000 Allays Fear of Digital

by **Steve Wilmes**  
**Production Director**  
**WFBO-FM/WZRX-FM/WNDE-AM**

**INDIANAPOLIS** Supervising production at a multistation group is not advised for those who seek a calm, leisurely career. Our production schedule averages 40 to 50 new spots per week, plus a lot of spot assembly with tags and numerous station promos. That keeps about 15 people hopping in and out of our three production rooms.

When we first considered moving to digital production, I found the prospect unsettling. Analog had drawbacks, but at least everyone knew how to use it. As for digital, we couldn't spend months retraining our staff. And what if the digital system were to crash? We can't afford any downtime.

In 1991, with these reservations in mind, I attended a dealer's mini-seminar on the Orban DSE-7000. I was amazed at how much it could do and how easy it was to bounce sounds around. The monitor screen was new, although the control surface looked familiar. Impressed, we asked to have a demo DSE-7000 sent to the station. We bought our first one that year, we bought a second one last year and we plan to buy our third this year.

It was immediately apparent that the DSE-7000 was far easier to use than

**The DSE-7000 is a complete system that comes ready to use out of the box.**

other workstations available at the time, or today, for that matter. Ease of use, combined with superb sound, convinced us to buy the first one. Reliability and major system upgrades convinced us to stick with it for our second and third units.

The DSE-7000 is a complete system that comes ready to use out of the box. The control surface has familiar features, such as long-throw faders, backlit tape transport controls and a scrub wheel. All mixing and editing functions are real time in RAM, and processing is linear PCM.

The DSE-7000 offers simultaneous real-time manipulation of eight tracks and allows bouncing of all eight tracks, plus two effects returns to any one or two tracks for infinite layering. Editing features include instantaneous Undo, dedicated edit point buttons, and functions that were either tedious or impossible on analog: leader, cut, copy, move, loop, swap and backtime, etc.

Since we bought our first unit, the DSE-7000 has gone through several hardware and software upgrades, as well as substantial price reductions. Hardware upgrades include RAM memory expansion up to 70 track minutes (at 32 kHz), DAT backup, digital I/O, full sample rate conversion and availability of up to 2GB of hard disk storage.

All DSE-7000 software upgrades are free. One new software feature that really impresses me is on-board time compression and expansion. What if you have a perfect 22-second read for a 20-second doughnut? No problem. The DSE-7000 can squeeze it to fit effortlessly. The sound quality on this feature is unbelievable.

Of course, some other workstations boast more options, most of which might be great for video post production or MIDI recording but not really necessary for cranking out radio spots. In fact, we've had a popular Mac'n'mouse system

installed here for two years, but only one member of our staff has bothered to master it.

That's one reason we're getting a third DSE-7000. Everybody here loves it. The screen is basically self-explanatory. If you get stuck anywhere in the process, just push the Help button. The software tells you where you are and provides options for your next step. It's essentially a built-in user's manual.

The DSE-7000 is so straightforward that we've had people from the sports staff come in and teach themselves to

edit actuality pieces. Some had their first pieces on the air just a few hours later. Most of our production staff fully mastered the system within a couple weeks. All told, we probably have 20 users on the system any given week.

As for reliability, we've had zero downtime on our first unit in four years of use. It never crashes. I think the only maintenance so far has been replacement of a light bulb under a switch.

These days, no matter how hectic it gets, I have no digital fears. The DSE-7000 never lets us down, and because it saves so much time, it gives us the opportunity to be more creative in our work.

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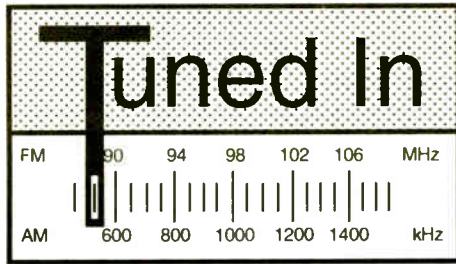
In January, **Harold W. Lorensen** retired from **Superior Electric**. The longest-serving employee in the company's history, Lorensen joined Superior Electric in 1948, 10 years after its founding.

**JBL Professional** announced three appointments within the company. **Mark Mayfield** was named market manager for sound contracting, cinema and residential sound; **Mark Halvorsen** was appointed project manager for JBL's Control Series speakers; and **Marc Spector** was named marketing manager for the musical instrument, broadcast and tour sound markets.

**Neotek** selected **Stephen Rose** as the

company's new director of sales and marketing.

**Neutrik USA** announced the hiring of



**Mike Lynch** as western regional sales manager, and the promotion of **Ellen Wagner** to the position of marketing communications coordinator.

**North America Network** added three new staff members. **Bob Dane** joined the

sales and marketing department as an account executive for the Washington, D.C., area. **Lynn Harris Medcalf** joined the station services group as a RadioTour manager. **Tim Reilly** accepted the position of marketing assistant.

**Alan Hardiman** joined **The Synclavier Company** as director of sales.

**Eventide** announced the appointment of **Nicholas Rose** as director of audio engineering.

**David A. Jones** was hired as general counsel of **Hubbard Broadcasting Inc.**

**Hajime (Jim) Yamaguchi** was elected president of **TEAC America Inc.**

**EFI Electronics** announced the appoint-

ment of **Richard D. "Dick" Clasen** as the company's new president and CEO.

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**Harrison by GLW** moved its Nashville offices. The new address is 7104 Crossroad Blvd., Suite 118, Brentwood, TN 37027; phone: 615-370-9001; fax: 615-370-4906.

**Harris Corp.'s Broadcast Division** was awarded a contract from the U.S. Information Agency (USIA) to furnish the world's first one-megawatt solid state medium-wave broadcast transmitter.

**Omnitronix Inc.** was awarded a contract for the U.S. Special Operations Command for the design and production of a solid state, frequency-agile and mobile AM broadcast transmitter.

**California Microwave's** subsidiary, **ViaSat Technology**, appointed **Unisource Satellite Services**, located in the Netherlands, to be a European distributor of LYNXX transportable Inmarsat-B terminals.

The Cumming, Ga., facility of **Panduit Corp., Identification Products Division**, was awarded Registered Firm status in compliance with the requirements of ISO 9001:1987.

**Tektronix Inc.** announced that it signed eight regional sales firms to serve as manufacturer's representatives in the United States. These firms include: **Hartmann and Associates** of Chicago, Ill.; **Hartmann Associates** of Long Valley, N.J.; **Marketing Concepts** of Irving, Texas; **Northshore Marketing** of Seattle; **Optimark** of Chestnut Hill, Mass.; **Preco Inc.** of Scottsdale, Ariz.; **Studio Supply Co.** of Nashville, Tenn.; and **David Carroll Electronics Inc.** of Richmond, Calif.

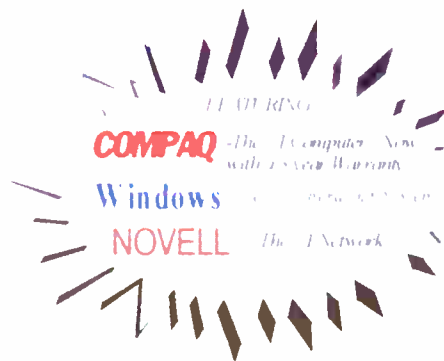
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 Def. Source -HI Recept Optos -YES  
 Block Play -OFF  
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ACTIVE SOURCES

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	HILL TOP CAPE (PAUL REY)	00:00:07	00:00:59		2:46:7:5	
	SARGENT IRRIGATION (P. LHOUMET)	5:20:45	00:00:45		15:705:7	
	End Of Block				25:42:12	
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A	UPBEAT JINGLE	00:07	B DOWN JINGLE	00:00	C AFRICA	00:00
D	LADIE'S LAUGH	00:03	E TELE (JERRY)	01:13		
F	STAR TREK TRAN	00:11	G AL ONE AGAIN (H	00:11	H MEDUSA JINGLE	00:04
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K	JINGL F LONG FA	00:00	L FTRIAL PLAMP	02:52	M TELE (JERRY)	01:13
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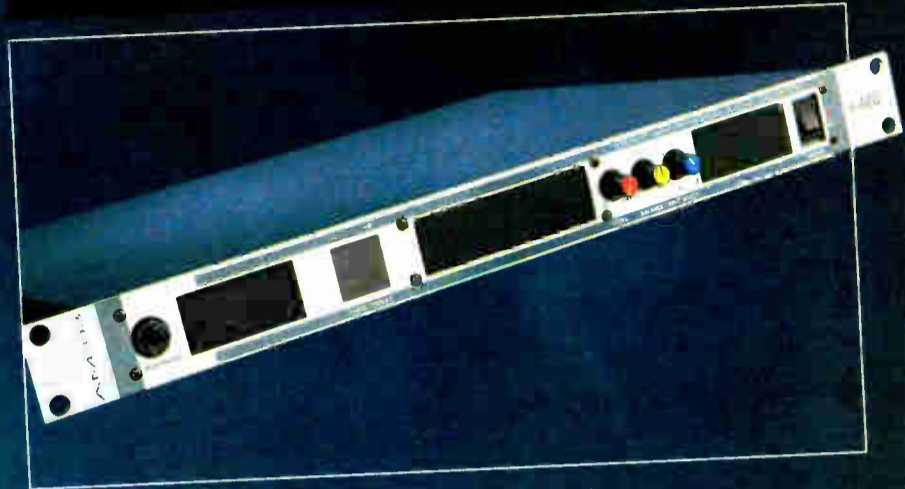
### Digital Telephone Hybrid AEQ TH-02 EX

- Frequency Extender Mode as standard feature.
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  - The AEQ BC-500 comes with 4 blank modules to enhance this configuration.



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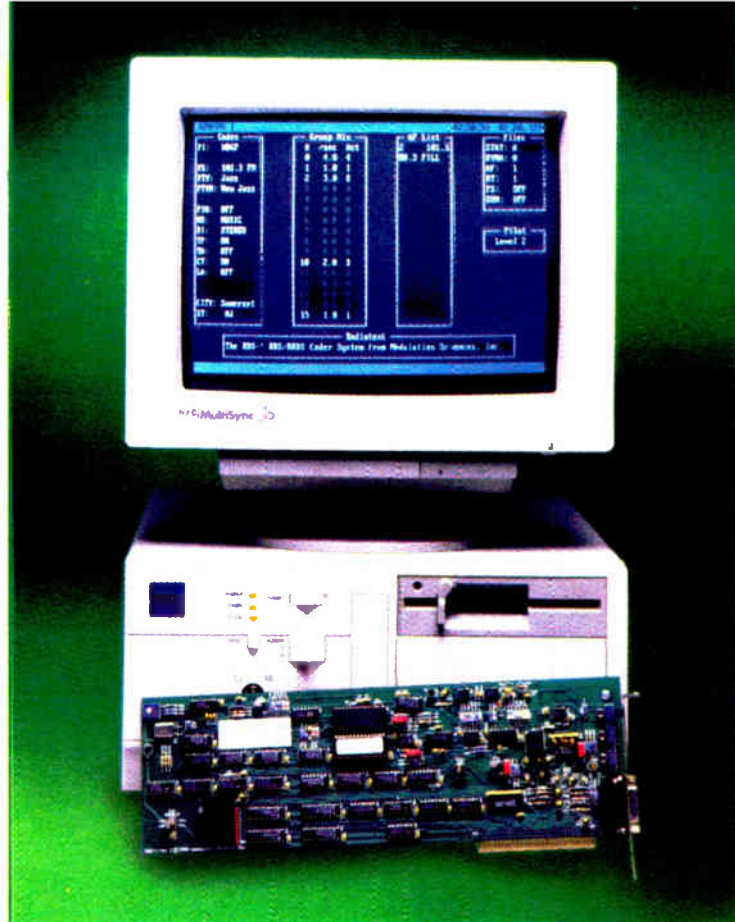
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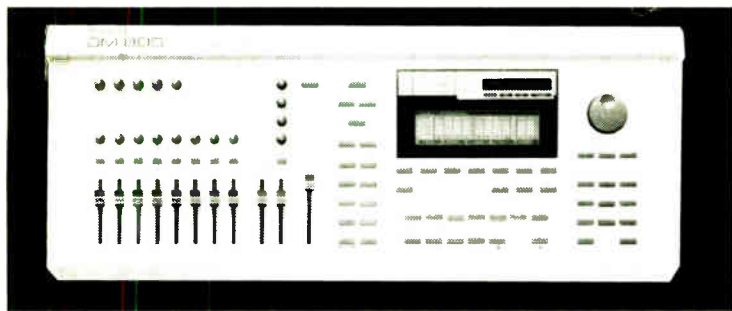


**ROLAND**

**Roland DM-800 Multitrack Disk Recorder Offers Full Features of Digital Audio Workstation**

**LOS ANGELES** The DM-800 multitrack disk recorder from Roland, weighing less than 13 pounds, is a portable, full-featured digital audio workstation.

The DM-800 offers non-destructive recording and editing.



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video display output, optional ADAT or DA-88 communication bus, 300 virtual tracks, full dynamic automation and an optional RS-422 interface.

This unit incorporates a 12-channel digital mixer, including eight dedicated faders with gain and pan control, two stereo aux returns and a stereo main output fader. Roland's proprietary DSP provides a 24-bit two-band, fully automated, semi-parametric digital EQ with controllable gain and frequency on all channels.

Tape-like transport controls for record functions and an alpha dial and alphanumeric keypad contribute to the ease of operation of the DM-800. Five function keys control editing functions, such as punch-in/out, section loop, audio profile, preview scrub, time stretch/compression, and manual mix or compu-mix selection. Also included are eight triggers and 40 markers.

A built-in LCD display for viewing system, waveform and track-based parameters comes standard on all units.

For information, contact Erika Lopez in California at 213-685-5141; fax: 213-726-8865; or circle Reader Service 136.

**OTARI**

**Otari Offers New Software, Hardware For RADAR System**

**FOSTER CITY, Calif.** Otari offers new software features and hardware options for the RADAR (random access digital audio recorder). This multitrack hard disk recorder now features reverse play to timecode, jog nudge, interlock, additive and momentary solo modes, one-button record and track-arm record, programmable peak and clip hold times, reverse clipboard, and .WAV file import utility.

The optional ADATLINK card allows optical digital connection between RADAR and the Alesis ADAT/Fostex RD-8. This card inserts into the RADAR's internal bus and allows the RADAR to be used as an editor for audio recorded on the ADAT. A parallel interface card allows RADAR to be controlled from Otari remote controllers, as well as automation systems such as SSL, Neve and GML. The RADAR backup station is an off-line system designed for backup of RADAR removable hard disks. The system uses a standard PC computer with supplied software and hardware interface card.

The RADAR is available in 8-, 16- and 24-track configurations. The 8- and 16-track versions are expandable with 8-track upgrades to 24 tracks. The optional remote is fully functional, with 99 cue points, scrub/job wheel, Qwerty keyboard, keys for track arming and soloing, and dedicated edit function keys.

For information, contact James Goodman in California at 415-341-5900; fax: 415-341-7200; or circle Reader Service 35.

**DIGIDESIGN**

**Upgraded ProTools Package by DigiDesign Includes Application Software, NuBus cards and the Company's Audio Operating System**

**MENLO PARK, Calif.** The latest version of Digidesign's Pro Tools digital audio workstation increases modularity and expansion capabilities by providing users up to 48 tracks of record/play, up to 64 analog or digital channels of I/O and the Digidesign TDM virtual digital mixing and plug-in environment.

Pro Tools is sold as a "core system" with the choice of an eight-channel Digidesign audio interface. The Pro Tools III core system consists of one Disk I/O, a NuBus card that supports SCSI hard disk connection for up to 16 tracks of record/play for one or more hard disks, as well as support for one eight-channel audio interface; one DSP Farm, a NuBus card that supplies hardware processing power for mixing and plug-ins; Pro Tools 3.0 application software; TDM-enabling software and bundled DSP plug-ins; and DAE, the Digidesign audio operating system.

This system offers 16 digital tracks (or voices) and support for eight channels of system I/O with the addition of a Digidesign audio interface. Customers have the choice of the 882 I/O or the new 888 I/O audio interface to complete their system.

For information, contact Wendy Butler in California at 415-688-0611; fax: 415-327-0777; or circle Reader Service 5.

**THE BLUE GROUP**

**PhoneByte from The Blue Group Emulates Reel Machine on IBM**

**CLEARWATER, Fla.** PhoneByte from The Blue Group is a custom software package designed to emulate a reel machine in a specific environment. Running on an IBM-compatible 486 computer, PhoneByte interfaces with the air studio telephone hybrid to automatically record phone calls and time them, inserting a time/date stamp and labeling each of them. This software can store, sort, recall, stack and edit audio files.

Operated with either a mouse or custom keyboard, PhoneByte remotes to the user's console much like a reel or cart machine but offers extended remote capabilities. Files can be stored in mono or stereo, compressed or uncompressed audio, at 15 kHz or better. Timers indicate edited and unedited file lengths, with count-up and countdown timers on playback.

The one-keystroke design simplifies and accelerates operation. Stacking allows a random selection of calls to be played back in selected order, either individually or as a series. Editing is done with a basic cut-and-paste style similar to razor blade-type editing. PhoneByte is non-destructive, and all edits can be adjusted or deleted. With the optional Personal Touch feature, each user can build a unique array of drops, liners and sound effects.

PhoneByte also can be used for any recording and playback in the on-air studio.

For information, contact Ben Umberger in Florida at 813-442-1665; fax: 813-531-4897; or circle Reader Service 212.

**AUDION LABS**

**VoxPro Replaces Reel-to-Reel Recorders For On-Air Broadcast Studio Operations**

**SEATTLE** VoxPro 1.5 from Audion Laboratories is a digital sound editing system specifically designed to replace reel-to-reel tape recorders in on-air broadcast studios. Created by broadcast veterans, VoxPro operates like a word processor for sound.

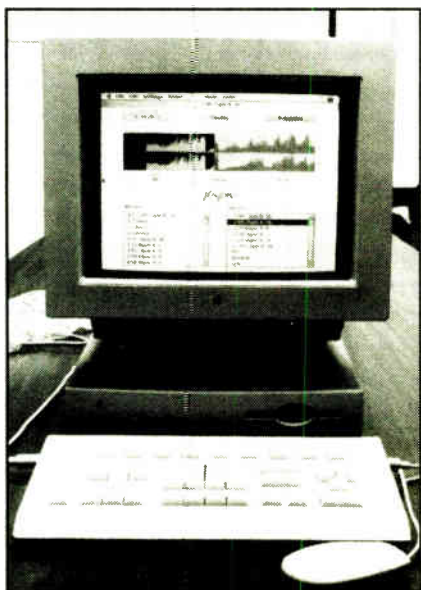
Employing an ultra-high-speed, control room-oriented user interface, VoxPro enables DJs, news announcers, producers and other control room professionals to record and edit broadcast-quality audio with speed and precision, using the simplicity of cut, copy and paste.

VoxPro 1.5 includes two new features that add to the product's ease of use and performance. First, VoxPro can be configured for operation in 16-bit stereo or 16-bit mono. Both modes provide digital audio that is CD quality (44.1 kHz sampling rate).

Second, the Time Slip function allows the user to separate the left and right channels in a stereo recording so that one channel plays first with the other channel following it. With Time Slip, if a caller speaks at the same time as the announcer, the

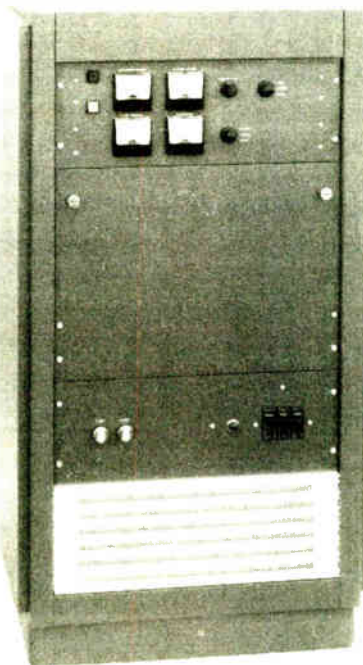
user can select the portion of the recording where the voices overlap, and separate the left channel from the right.

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## SONY

## Sony DAE-D5000 Unit Expands Capability

**MONTVALE, N.J.** The new DAE-D5000 digital audio workstation from Sony Electronics complements the 24-bit random access storage capabilities of the Sony PCM-9000 Master Disc recorder to provide a stereo digital audio workstation with digital audio resolutions up to 24 bits at 48 kHz.

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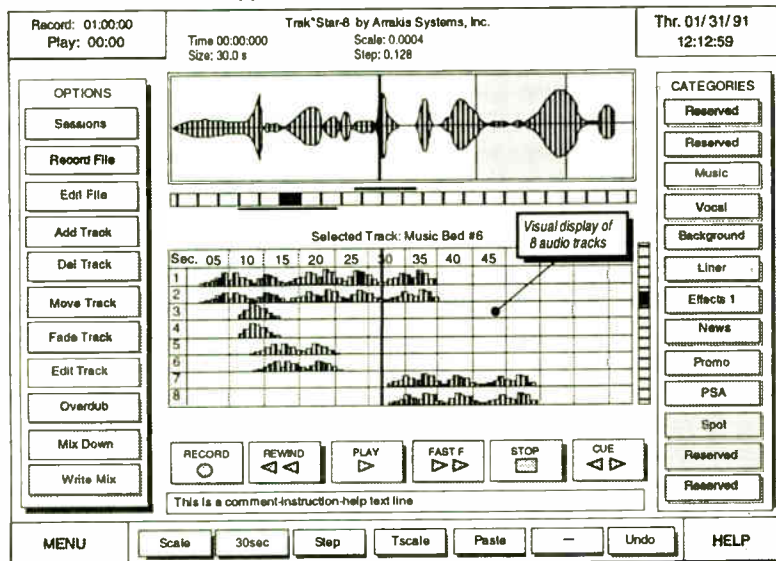
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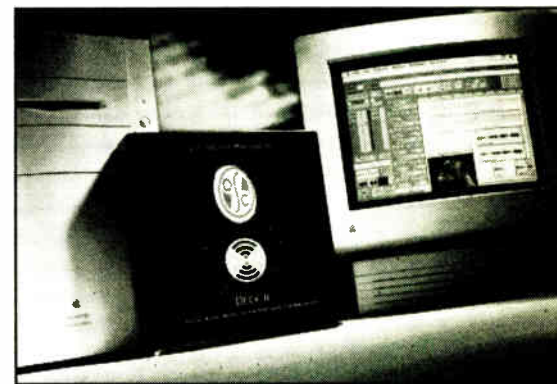
## DECK II Macintosh Software Integrates Digital Audio, MIDI; Upgrade Available

**SAN FRANCISCO** DECK II from OSC is a Macintosh-based software that integrates digital audio and MIDI. This software also runs on any Quadra 840AV, Quadra 660AV or Centris 660AV. Version 2.2 of DECK II plays backup to 12 tracks of 16-bit digital audio on any Power Macintosh, with no audio card or additional hardware required.

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## LPB

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Another new feature of the SALSA available at this year's NAB is the CD recorder option. Built into the SALSA, the CD recorder allows the user to dump production work to a single CD (up to 74 minutes of spots), which can then be played on any CD player in the station.

For information, contact John E. Devecka in Pennsylvania at 610-644-1123; fax: 610-644-8651; or circle Reader Service 128.

## TURTLE BEACH

## WAVE Edits Wave Audio in Windows on Hard Disk

**YORK, Pa.** WAVE for Windows, a graphics software package from Turtle Beach Systems, is designed to edit wave audio on the hard disk of any Windows 3.1-compatible computer. WAVE provides recording, editing and playback of digital sound. With WAVE, the user can rearrange a piece of recorded music, add fade-ins and fade-outs, choose from a wide selection of sound special effects, such as reverb, digital delay, echo and flange, boost the low end on sound effects with the parametric equalizer, remove mistakes and pauses from narration tracks, and create unusual system sounds.

WAVE works with any Windows 3.1-compatible sound card.

WAVE has all the features of a tape recorder and works with 8- or 16-bit, mono or stereo, 11.025, 22.05 or 44.1 kHz sampling rates. It can import and export .SMP, .SFI, .WAV, .16, .8 and .VOC file formats.

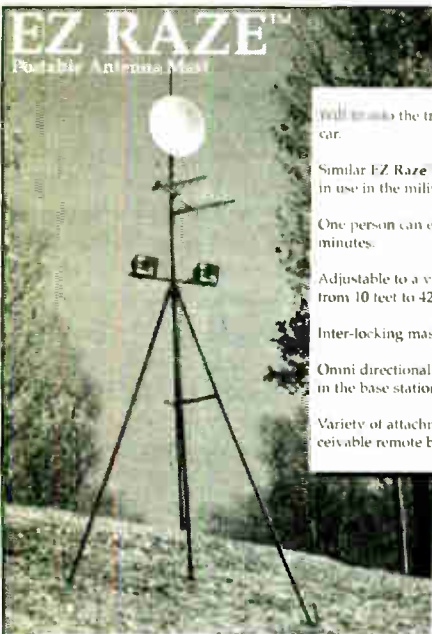
New features of WAVE include an on-line help function and a speed controller, which can alter the speed of a recorded file, making it up to 200 percent faster to 50 percent slower. WAVE also features new automated effects presets, called EFX Clips. The user can make narration sound like a cyborg and add "total grunge" distortion to a guitar track or a "grand canyon" reverb to voice files.

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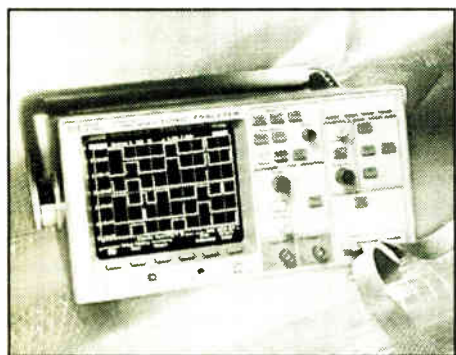
The Panasonic Factory Automation Co. offers the VP-7732A audio analyzer with digital interface that can be used for DCC, MD, CD, DAT and satellite broadcasting PCM applications. The VP-7732A offers digital signal sources based on EIAJ.

A sine wave is generated by a 24-bit audio sample signal. The VP-7732A also offers three types of analog signal sources: a direct digital synthesizer (DDS) with frequency range of 5 Hz to 210 kHz, a low-distortion RC oscillator with frequency range of 10 Hz to 50 kHz and an optional signal source for IMD measurement.

The graphic display offers spot and two-dimensional measurement, spectrum measurement with FFT analysis and direct digital audio signal analysis.

The VP-7732A also offers multiple measurement functions, including DC level, DC level ratio, AC level, AC level ratio, frequency, THD, THD+N, S/N ratio, phase, wow and flutter, PCM dynamic range and optional IMS SMPTE/CCIF.

For information, contact Kevin Dunoon in Illinois at 708-288-4471; fax: 708-288-4430; or circle **Reader Service 30**.



## Logic Analyzer

Combining an oscilloscope with a logic analyzer, the 16-channel HP 54620A from Hewlett-Packard gives engineers and technicians the ability to troubleshoot complex digital circuits quickly and easily.

The HP 54620A is designed for engineers who routinely use an oscilloscope instead of a logic analyzer to test and debug new circuit designs. Logic analyzers tend to be more complex than needed for routine debugging, yet oscilloscopes offer only one or two channels.

The HP 54620A features a simplified control panel and streamlined setup procedures. The unit uses oscilloscope-like knobs. All functions of the HP 54620A are accessible through direct-access controls.

The unit also allows users to connect an oscilloscope via a front-panel trigger output. Linking the two instruments gives users a complete picture of circuit operation, with the logic analyzer providing signal relationship information and the oscilloscope displaying parametric waveform information.

For information, contact Hewlett-Packard in Colorado at 800-452-4844, ext. 8598; or circle **Reader Service 115**.



## Digital Processing Software

Waves offers WaveShell, a program which allows real-time processing of digital audio with any one of Waves' plug-ins.

WaveShell turns the Q10 parametric equalizer, the L1 ultramaximizer and the C1 compressor/gate into "outboard" digital processors for real-time applications, such as DAT-to-DAT or DAT-to-CDR mastering, tracking and mixing. Waves plug-in users can select any one of the processors installed on their system and adjust all parameters in real time. WaveShell also allows the user to load, save and perform and A/B comparison of setups.

Version 1.0 of WaveShell runs on DigiDesign DSP hardware for the Macintosh.

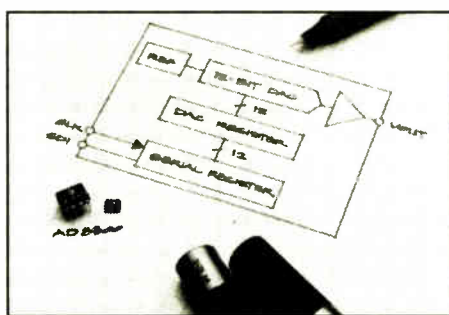
For information, contact Brian Covington in Tennessee at 615-588-9307; fax: 615-588-9472; or circle **Reader Service 23**.

## Wireless Mic System

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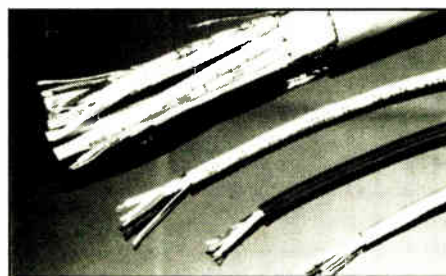
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For information, contact the company in Massachusetts at 617-937-1428; fax: 617-821-4273; or circle **Reader Service 209**.



## Digital Audio Cables

Gepeco International Inc. offers the two-pair (Part No. 552402) and eight-pair (Part No. 552408) cables, designed specifically for use in digital audio and time code applications. All of the Gepeco multi-pair digital audio cables, which also include four- and 12-pair cables, maintain 110 ohm AES/EBU time code requirements, conform to NEC Article 800 and are UL Listed Type CM.

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#### Spectral Translator Acts As Link Between Company's Digital Audio Workstations and Modular Multitracks

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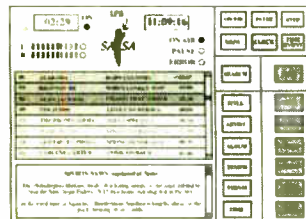
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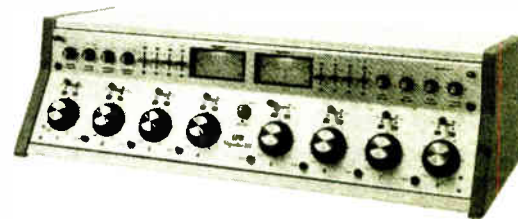
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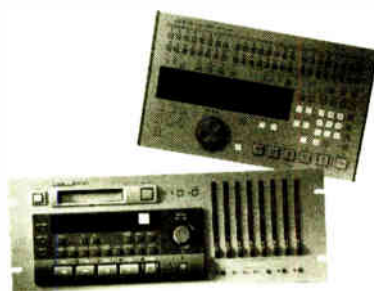
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