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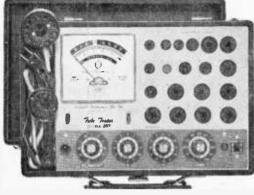
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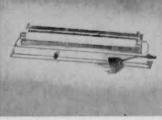
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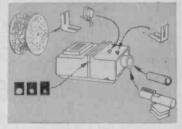


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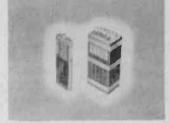


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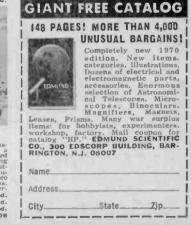
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And, if you happen to agree with me, let me know how you did it. Never can tell, I may have stumbled on the right answer with the wrong technique.

We Pass. In this issue we have omitted the Bookshelf column due to circumstances beyond our control. Please forgive us. The column will return with the next issue.

As We Go to Press. Shortwave listeners will spot an obvious goof in our Biafran story (see page 43), but it's not our fault. The provisional capital in our story is Orlu, but the provisional capital has since become Owerri. We hope Owerri will still be the capital when you read this. Either way, our Biafran story makes for exciting reading and all broadcasting frequencies and times remain unchanged to the best of our knowledge.

Hot News Item. In the past we have brought our readers some hot news items which are the original efforts of George Caisse of Levittown, Pa. Here's one more to tickle whatever or wherever you tickle best.

• Las Vegas (Special)—Rockhill Squelch, popular module and pin-up coil, brought down the house while performing a wirestripping act here Saturday night. Miss Squelch, although considered to be well abreast of the times, is alleged to have had several brushes with the law. She appeared on stage in a new gown covered with sequence, and complained that the men in blue had bugged her dressing room and crimped her style with new regulations.

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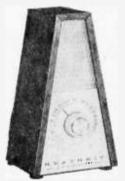


Sta-Tite Automatic Locking Pliers

quarter for use as pliers. Lock-Matic pliers are made of heat-treated steel with a chrome finish, and they will hold objects with pressures ranging from a fraction of an ounce to 1000 lb. Price is \$3.98 and you can get more info from Sta-Tite Corp., 3900 Louisiana Circle, St. Louis Park, Minn. 55426.

Keeping Time with Solid State

Here's a solid-state metronome kit, the TD-17, from the Heath Company. It's adjustable from 40 to 210 beats per minute. You set the desired tempo on a large, easyto-read dial and the volume is adjustable by a control on the back panel. There's a chart on the bottom that converts tempo in differ-



Heathkit TD-17 Metronome

ent time signatures to beats per minute. The TD-17 uses batteries and maintains its accuracy indefinitely. Unit assembles in about two hours on one small circuit board and is furnished with a cherry-finished cabinet. Price is a mere \$12.95. Write for more information to the Heath Co., Benton Harbor, Mich. 49022.

A Regular Ball o' Fire

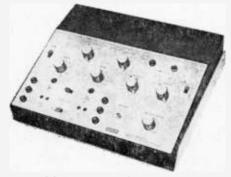
Want to make your boss happy for Christmas? Here's a new, different kind of table lighter, operated by battery. It's called ElectroMatch and it's available in black or white with gold trim. The "match" is a life-time nylon wick encased in metal with a sculptured handle. There is no flint to replace; a large fluid reservoir lasts for weeks, and batteries last for 6 months. Price is \$19.95 with a one-year guarantee. Write to Korex Industries, 821 Malcolm Rd., Burlingame, Calif. 94010.



Korex ElectroMatch Table Lighter

Hardtop Convertible

With the new EICO Model 443 you can convert your scope to a curve tracer. This transistor-diode curve tracer makes it possible for you to obtain direct readout of semiconductor characteristics on an oscilloscope. Diode and rectifier curves then can be traced include forward voltage, forward current,

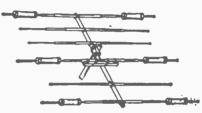


EICO Transistor-Diode Curve Tracer

reverse current, and peak inverse voltage. Transistor tests include h_{FE} , h_{OE} , i_{CEO} , v_{CES} (sat), and bv_{CBO} . Beta can be read directly from the controls on the front panel. A special matching switch allows you to compare or match sets of transistors. The Model 443 features all silicon solid-state printed circuit board construction and dual transformers for isolation and safety. Other features include a flashing light to indicate presence of high voltage on the diode test terminals, built-in oscilloscope voltage calibrators, and terminals for connecting external test sockets. The 443 transistor-diode curve tracer is available in kit form at \$69.95 and factory-assembled at \$99.95. For further information write EICO Electronic Instrument Co., Inc., 283 Malta St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11207.

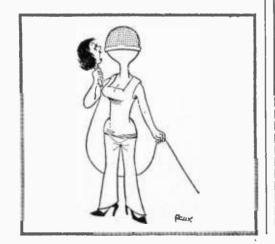
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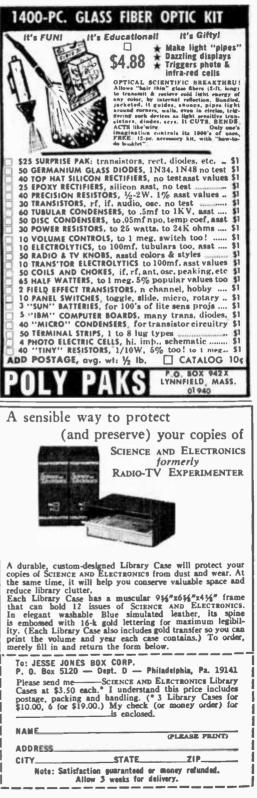
Mosley Electronics has come out with a new addition to their Trap-Master line of amateur radio antennas. This one is called Classic 36, a 6-element tri-band beam, rated for maximum legal power on 10, 15, and 20



Mosley Classic 36 Amateur Radio Antenna

meters. Features the Classic coax-fed balanced element, and the Mosley Trap-Master, making it weather- and dirt-proof for frequency stability under all weather conditions. Harware is of stainless steel, and maximum element length is 29 ft. 3 in. Weight is 69 lb.; price \$171.92. You can get more info from Mosley Electronics, Inc., 4610 N. Lindbergh Blvd., Bridgeton, Mo. 63042. (Continued on next page)





NEW PRODUCTS

Feline Power

Burch Electronics are announcing their T.ool O.peration M.odule, or T.O.M. Cat for short. It's a compact, solid-state power supply that'll give you up to 1000 watts of usable electric current when clamped to a

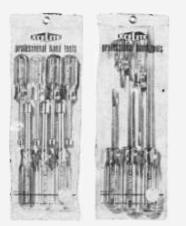


Burch Electronics Power Supply Module

12-V vehicle battery. It's designed for and can be used to operate power hand tools and 110-V lights. Size is a mere 8 x $8\frac{1}{2}$ x $5\frac{1}{2}$ in., weight 12 lb., and as Burch says, "It's as easy to carry as your lunch box." Price is \$189.50 and you can send for a brochure to Burch Electronics, Inc., PO Drawer BU, College Station, Texas 77840.

Handy Pack o'Tools

You can now get the most popular sizes of Xcelite fixed-handle screwdrivers and color-coded nutdrivers in 5-, 6-, and 7-piece assortments in a plastic case. Items included in the seven assortments include round and square blade screwdrivers for slotted screws,



Xcelite Packaged Professional Hand Tools

Phillips type screwdrivers, hollow shaft nutdrivers, and nutdrivers with 1¼-in. clearance hole depth. Each case has an eyelet for hanging on your tool board. Individual prices and details can be obtained from Xcelite Inc., Orchard Park, N.Y. 141127.

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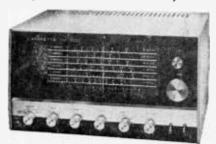
For only \$17.50 you can have Mura Corp.'s new Model WX-127 Piezo wireless microphone. You can talk through it from any FM radio located up to 200 feet away. WX-127 conforms to all FCC requirements, is static-free (Mura says even from interference created by auto traffic), and won't drift. Size is $4\frac{3}{4}$ x | x | in., weight $3\frac{1}{2}$ oz. Piezo WX-127 is powered by two mercury cells and includes on/off switch. A buffer amplifier between oscillator and power prevents frequency instability. A small printed circuit board contains an audio amplifier/modulator. oscillator and buffer amplifier. For further information write Mura Corp., 355 Great Neck Rd., Great Neck, N.Y. 11021.



Mura WX-127 Piezo Wireless Microphone

New Look for Hams

Lafayette has a new. transistorized, 6band. SSB/AM/CW solid-state amateur receiver, model HA-800. It's a 6 to 80 meter band receiver with 3 FETs and two mechanical IF filters for high selectivity with superior RF overload and noise suppression. Built-in solid-state power supply lets you operate on 117 VAC or 12 VDC. Some of the unit's features are Zener regulation, S meter, product detector, and crystal cali-



Lafayette HA-800 Amateur Receiver

brator (less crystal). Sensitivity is better than 1 uV on 20, 40, 80 meters, 0.5 uV on 15, 10 meters, and 2.5 uV on 6 meters. Size is 15 x 93/4 x 81/4 in. The price is \$149.95 and you can get more specs from Lafayette Radio Electronics, 111 Jericho Tpke., Syosset, N. Y. 11791.



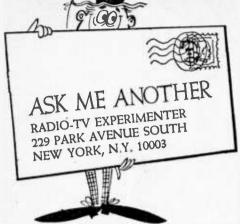
Chemtronics Tun-O-Foam Tuner Spray

Let Us Spray

Chemtronics has a new tuner spray which does away with any carbon substance, using instead a synthetic element. They claim it to be longer-lasting, capable of withstanding extremes of temperature and maintaining lubricity over thousands of channel changes. Called Tun-O-Foam, it will keep your tuner lubricated from -40°F to +290°F. Along with lubrication, Tun-O-Foam provides a cleaning and polishing action. Non-abrasive, it will not wear away thin metal platings. Price is \$2.39 for an 8-oz aerosol can and it's available from Chemtronics, Inc., 1260 Ralph Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11236. (Continued on page 100)



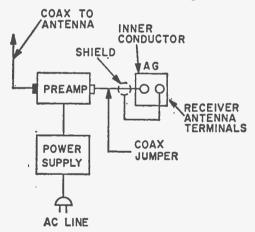




50 Miles-Wants More

I was wondering if you had plans for a directional antenna for my 150-175 MHz police band receiver. I have inquired to other magazines but have received no answer. Also, I would like to know where I can get a pre-amp for the above band. I would greatly appreciate any further information on improving reception in this band, so I can receive signals from a greater distance. At present I average about 50 miles using a ground plane type antenna.

-R. K., No. Arlington, N. J.



A detailed description of how to construct a directional VHF antenna would take up two or more pages. You can get a lot of dope on how to build one in "The Radio Amateur's Handbook" which you can buy at most radio parts stores and which describes 144-148 MHz band ham antennas. Just make the elements a bit shorter for the police band. However, don't expect a big range improvement—50 miles is sensational for that band. As for a pre-amp, you can use an Ameco PV-144 connected as shown in the diagram. But, with 50-miles range, do you need it?

Color Blind

l want to buy a color TV set but am confused. One company advertises that its sets are better because of hand-wiring. Most others use printed circuits. Which is better?

-F. A., Flushing, N. Y. Hand-wiring costs more. But, printed circuits are considered so reliable that most military and aerospace equipment employs them. Our experience indicates that the hand-wired TV sets are excellent, not necessarily because of hand-wiring, but so are many that employ PC boards. Our formula for purchasing a color TV set is simple: find the model you want in a showroom, and if it is working with good color, buy that floor model and nothing else. Sure, your set will be slightly used, but if it works in the showroom, it'll work at home.

Goodbye, Dear World

Would you tell the how to take the back off of my GE Porta-Color TV set? I took all the knobs off and the screws, it says to, but I couldn't seem to make it.

-J. H. B., Maynard, Mass. Have you tried a crowbar or beer bottle opener? Best bet is to call the GE service department in Boston and ask. Unless you know what you're doing, don't mess around with the innards of a color TV set. Frankly, if you can't get the back off, what the heck you plan to do once it's off-electrocute yourself?

RC on C with Class D 505—Yuck!

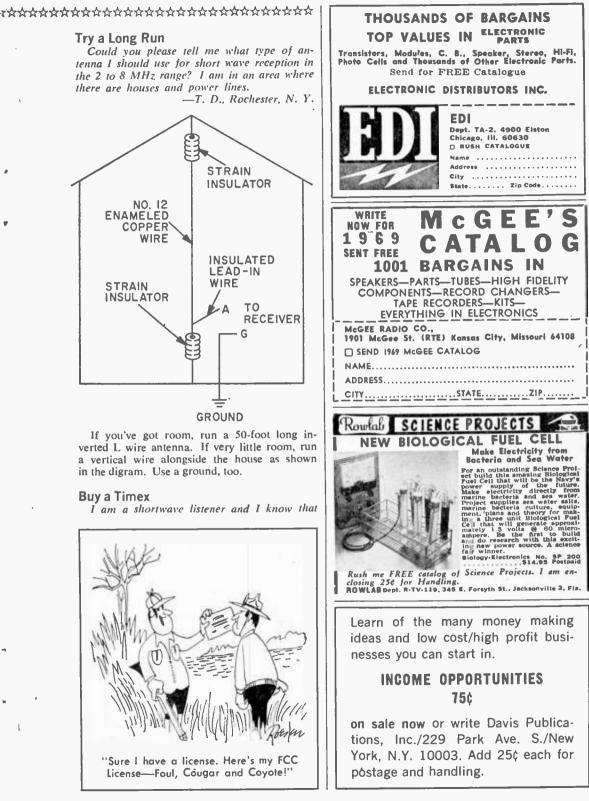
What form do I ask the FCC for in order to obtain a radio control license in the 72 MHz band?

-A. S., Evergreen Park, Ill. FCC Form 505. Same as for Class D CB. Yours would be Class C.

DXing Out-of-Town

I would like to receive Channel 3 from Hartford, Conn. (WTIC). I just bought a rotator and a Channel 3 antenna but I can only get Channel 3 from Philadelphia, including Channels 2 and 4. I thought if I could filter out Channels 2 and 4. I might be able to get WTIC. Could you give a circuit that would do that? If it is possible to eliminate Channel 3 from Philadelphia as well I would appreciate a circuit for it, too!

-R. E., Brooklyn, N. Y. You've got a sticky wicket. Filters, designed for CATV head ends (receiving locations) are available, but expensive. Try calling Vikoa on its New York City tie line, WH 3-5793. If no luck, write to Jerrold Corp., 401 Walnut St., Philadelphia. As for eliminating the Philly station, you need the most directive antenna you can get, and it should have a high front to back ratio.



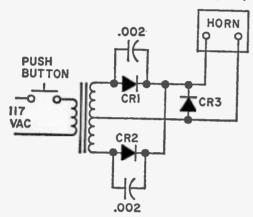
WWV and WWVH time signals are at 2.5, 5, 10 and 15 MHz so what is it doing around 7535 kHz?

J. W. R., West Hartford, Conn. That stray is a Canadian time standard station.

Up the Amps

I have a 6-volt automobile horn that I would like to operate on AC outside of the house. Is this possible? If so, how can I do it? I tried a 10.5-volt doorbell transformer but that wouldn't do it.

-G. K., Riverside, Calif.



The doorbell won't handle enough amps. When you connect it to the horn, the voltage drops because of the poor voltage regulation of your bell transformer. You can try making a power supply consisting of a heavy-duty, 12.6volt, center-tapped filament transformer, heavycurrent diode rectifiers and an inductive surge protector (CR3) which is also a heavy current diode.

Radio Power

My AM-FM-LW-MB-SW has been giving me problems. On shortwave (4.5-23 MHz) I receive unwanted television and AM/FM audio. Realignment does not help. How can I cure this?

-T.G.O., New York, N. Y. Don't we all have the same problems? The air in Manhattan is not only filled with soot, but is also polluted with radio signals and noise. There is no easy cure for your problem unless you move to Brooklyn.

Soft Egg

Recently, I ordered a 550 kHz to 30 MHz receiver and in my opinion it has the best specs for any receiver I have ever seen at its price. But one thing has puzzled me. I have read Ask Me Another for years, and in nearly every other issue there has been a letter about Q- multipliers and filters, mechanical and crystal. I have never used filters, and consequently don't know their purpose, or even what they are. I wish you would clarify me on this point, and then tell me whether the receiver I ordered will suffer, or gain, by having one. Specifications are enclosed. You will find the receiver has an excellent Q-multiplier.

-G. R. C. Sitka, Alaska The specs you sent indicate you do not need to add a selectivity filter. They're for receivers that are not selective. When your Q multiplier will allow you to adjust IF bandpass from 300 to 4500 Hz at 6 db down, up to 70 db peak and a 60 db notch, it's like asking for egg in your beer if you want more. Of course, you might like egg in your beer—or even in your coffee as some Alaskans do.

We're Still Right

In regard to an answer in Ask Me Another, you told S.R.M. of Chicago he could not convert an FM BCB receiver to 108-160 MHz. Well he can! Any FM receiver can receive, if uned properly, from 108-160 MHz. I suggest you apologize. If the receiver is not truly FM why can it receive 88-108 MHz signals. Tell me that, old man.

-Moonbeam, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Moonbeam, of course an FM BCB receiver can be converted to tune through the aviation (118-134 MHz), land mobile (150-174 MHz) and marine (152-162 MHz) bands. But you won't be able to demodulate AM aviation signals unless the receiver is modified to pick up the AM signal at or ahead of the limiters since the limiters erase AM. While you will be able to demodulate FM signals in the land



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Wants AC Only

I have an AC/DC shortwave receiver. I would like to know if there is an inexpensive way to convert it to an AC type?

-B. E. M., Sterling, Ill. / The easiest way is to connect a 1:1 isolation transformer between the set's power plug and the power outlet. They come equipped with a line cord and receptacle into which you can plug in your set. The harder way is to rewire the tube heaters from series to parallel and to install a power transformer in the set. The first way is cheaper, easier and the results are the same.

Why Ask Us?

Could you please tell me what type or types of batteries I could use in a Silvertone Model 1919 receiver?

-T. A. R., Utica, Mich.

Write to Sears, Roebuck & Co., Arthington Ave., Chicago, Ill., where such information should be on file.

Neon, Gretchen!

Now a resident of Germany, I need a used 15,000-volt 30-ma, neon sign transformer. Could you tell me where I might obtain one for say \$8.00 to \$15.00?

--P. B., Mannheim, Germany With so many taverns serving such fine beer in Germany, why don't you try asking some of the barmaids if there's a defunct neon beer sign in the basement?

Odd Ball

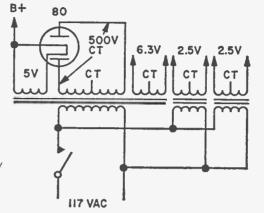
Where can I get type 832A tubes for a VHF transmitter?

-C. E. C., Pittsburgh, Pa. Metropolitan Supply Co., 468 Park Avenue South, New York, N. Y. 10016, carries them in stock. Write for their tube catalog. You might also be able to get them from Griffith M. Morgan Co., 1337 W. Fargo, Chicago, Ill. 60626.

Who Took It?

I have a Model 60 Atwater Kent radio. The

transformer near the 80 tube is missing. Where can I find a replacement?



While we recall most AK receivers, we don't remember if the 60 employs 2.5 volt or 6.3 volt tubes. If the latter, a Triad R-10 A (or equal) power transformer should do. However, if 2.5volt tubes are used, you also need one or two 2.5 volt filament transformers (Triad F-6X, for example), depending upon whether the AF output tube filaments are isolated from the heaters of the other tubes. See diagram. The same techniques can be used with other early vintage receivers.

Those Were the Days . . .

I wonder if you have any information on a broadcast station whose call letters were WEAF? I have no idea when it went off the air, but I know such a station existed because I saw an RCA AM/SW radio, with one of its push button station selectors labeled WEAF. -R. W., Washington, N. J.

It is now WNBC and is owned by NBC. It used to be owned by AT&T. By the way, there is a WEAF on the air today. See White's Radio Log.

We Aim to Satisfy

Would you please show me the simplest plans for an electronic organ (not the kind with keys but the kind with the knob you turn to get a high or low tone)?

-D. J. W., Union City, N. J. In this issue, Bud!

Remote Control

Would you please give me a simple diagram so I can build a remote unit (not wireless) to control TV volume local and/or remote along with switch capability to use remote only, local anly, or both speakers?

-R.B.V., Montgomery, Ala.

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Why bother? Allied Radio has a new Remote Speaker/Control Unit kit that's real cheap and includes a timer. It's cheaper than buying parts! get their address from their ad in this issue.

Salty TV

What kind of antenna can I use on my boat for a TV set? The built-in telescoping antenna is not adequate.

-O.H., San Francisco, Calif. You can get a very compact marine TV antenna from JFD Electronics, 1462 62nd St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11219, or almost any marina or TV store can order one for you. It has two removable, telescoping elements. You may have seen similar antennas on limousines. A long coaxial cable is included plus a control box which permits adjusting the antenna electrically for best reception on a specific channel. Sometimes a good omnidirectional FM antenna can do the job.

Go Tape Cartridge

My kids want to play recorded music whenever I take the boat out on a cruise. The needle (the hi-fi boys call it a stylus) won't stay in the record grove. Got any suggestions?

-E.T., Hamilton, Bermuda Forget phonograph records. They're being obsolesced by tape cartridges and cassettes. You can get a cartridge or cassette playback system (Continued on page 99)

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1. Allied's catalog is so widely used as a reference book that it's regarded as a standard by people in the electronics industry. Don't you have the 1969 Allied Radio catalog? The surprising thing is that it's free!

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★140. How cheap is cheap? Well, take a gander at Cornell Electronics' latest catalog. It's packed with bargains like 6W4, 12AX7, 5U4, etc., tubes for only 33¢. You've got to see this one to believe it!

★135. RCA Experimenter's Kits for hobbyists, hams, technicians and students are the answer for successful and enjoyable building, creating, experimenting and learning. Find out for yourself by circling 135 now!

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LITERATURE

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★11. Now available from EDI (Electronic Distributors, Inc.): a catalog containing hundreds of electronic items. EDI will be happy to place you on their mailing list.

★6. Bargains galore, that's what's in store! Poly-Paks Co. will send you their latest 8-page fiyer chock-full of Poly-Paks' new \$1.00 electronic and scientific "blis-dor" paks and equipment.

23. No electronics bargain hunter should be caught without the 1969 copy of *Radio Shack's* catalog. Some equipment and kit offers are so low, they look like misprints. Buying is believing.

CB-AMATEUR RADIO SHORTWAVE RADIO

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103. Squires-Sanders would like you to know about their CB transceivers, the "23'er" and the new "SSS." Also, CB accessories that add versatility to their 5-watters.

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TAPE RECORDERS AND TAPE

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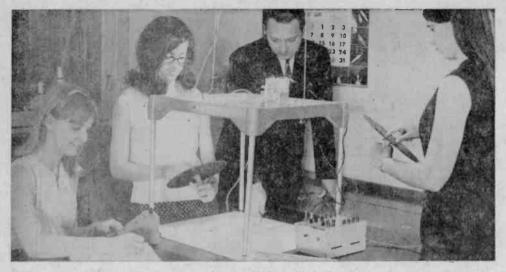
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Three students from all-girl physics class at Moline, III. high school examine wave patterns projected by ripple tank. That's instructor F. Darrell Goar in center.



If an all-girl physics class sounds a mite unlikely, take it from Moline, Ill.'s F. Darrell Goar that you're wrong. Pleased as punch with his success in attracting girls to his physics classes, Mr. Goar thinks his approach the likeliest thing since Newton's apple.

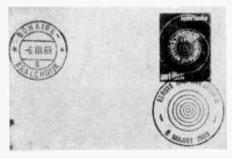
Asked why sex should split physics classes, Mr. Goar explains that girls invariably assume the role of a secretary when paired with boys as partners in lab experiments. Rather than be participants, they lapse into a spectator role, recording data while the boys manipulate the apparatus. Results to date support Mr. Goar's thesis in toto.



Mcline's all-girl physics class makes use of curriculum published by Raytheon's D.C. Heath and Co. Class has received award from American Association of Physics Teachers.



• On March 6, 1969, the Netherlands Antilles issued an attractive blue, green and ultramarine 25-cent stamp whose unusual design commemorates the opening of the islands' latest telecommunications facilities. All mail dispatched on that date from Kralendijk, Bonaire, received in addition to the regular postmark, a distinctive "First Day of Issue" cachet. This re-



Netherland's "First Day of Issue" Cashet

peats the concentric circle theme to suggest radio waves. The stamp, designed by Oscar Ravelo, a Curacao artist, features the new antenna superimposed on an outline map of Bonaire, one of the six islands that comprise the Netherlands Antilles.

• As long ago as 1887, Curacao was linked with the first trans-Atlantic cable, which had been laid on the ocean floor only a year earlier. This was significant, for Curacao enjoyed a vital position as a world trade and commerce center in the Caribbean area.

• Until the islands attained independence in 1954, they had formed a colonial unit ruled by Holland since the days of Peter Stuyvesant and under whose New Netherlands administration they had been governed. Although there really are six islands in the group (Aruba, Bonaire and Curacao off the South American coast, and St. Maartens, St. Eustacius and Saba 1,500 miles north east near Puerto Rico) the Dutch simply called all, "Curacao," or Dutch West Indies.

• Wireless communications were installed and opened on Oct. 16, 1908, under the Netherlands Antilles Radio and Telegraph Administration, putting Curacao right behind the United States and Canada in the adoption of that thennew communications medium. The coastal radio station, PJC, was the very first one built in the entire Caribbean territory.

• Daily radio contact was established between Curacao and The Hague in 1926, and later that same year, was extended to send regular messages all the way to Java; in the Dutch East Indies, 13,000 miles away.

• These developments and Curacao's eminent leadership in the telecommunications field served to promote the setting up of a radio broadcasting system throughout the islands, with the first station opened in 1934.

• Following World War II, private radio broadcasting transmitters were installed in other Antillean islands. A United States firm—Trans World Radio, Inc.—opened a powerful station on Bonaire in 1964. This led to the signing of a contract with the Dutch World Broadcasting System to provide air-time to relay programs from Holland to the Caribbean, North and South America and even West Africa.

• The programs are carried regularly in Dutch, English and Spanish tongues on both short and medium wave broadcast bands to reach the largest possible audience within their range. Until then, Radio Nederland had to rely solely on its homeland transmitters whose power was insufficient to reach all the desired destinations.

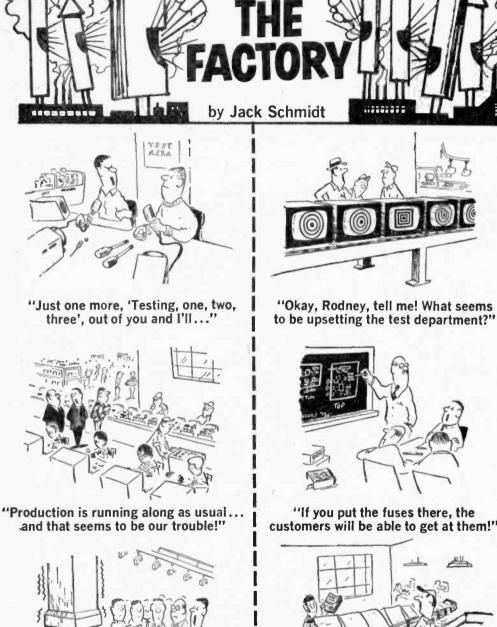
• These relay transmissions proved so successful and practical that Radio Nederland built its own facilities on Bonaire—the island especially noted for its tranquil resort beaches and flamingo flocks; unlike Aruba and Curacao, this isle has no large refinery or other industries whose electronic controls might interfere with the sending of clear signals.

• With these new 300-kilowatt transmitters, it now is possible to reach listeners on the entire Western Hemisphere, Australasia, New Zealand, Western Africa and Southern Europe. All this makes the Netherlands Antilles one of the most active and important telecommunications centers of the world.

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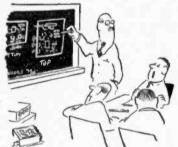
• • What's New?

• Shortly after its announcement that the Bureau of Engraving and Printing—a branch of the Treasury Department that produces United States stamps for the Post Office Department— (Continued on page 108)



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"... thereby insuring high-speed delivery to the shipping department!" "Okay, Rodney, tell me! What seems



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"If you're out of 3ME2B books, then stick in the old 2K2A instruction books!"

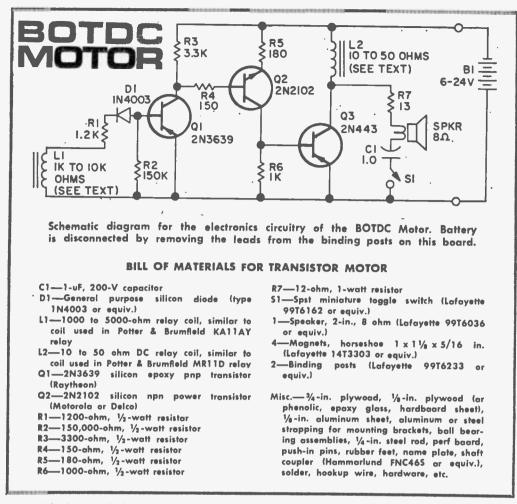
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the Battery Operated Transistor Direct Current motor you can build today!

by Charles D. Rakes

NOW HERE IS an electronic project that will baffle your non-scientific friends. Sans commutator, brushes, and/or mechanical contacting points, this motor gets its modus operandi from an unique application of the switching capabilities of transistors. Our BOTDC (Battery Operated Transistor Direct Current) motor will be a traffic stopper at any science fair and should put you in the running as a winner.

WHAT MAKES TM RUN. In a static condition (rotor stationary), no current will flow through the circuit even though the battery is connected. Reason is that the transistors are biased to cut-off (nonconducting). Thing is, though we've said no current will flow, actually a small leakage current (inherent in nearly all transistors) does flow. (Turn page)

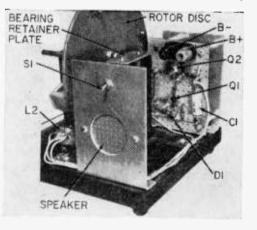


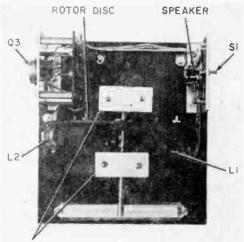
But this isn't sufficient to create a strong enough magnetic field in the driving coils to sustain rotation.

After the rotor has been given a push to start rotation with the transistors energized by battery B1, a voltage is induced in the coil as one of the magnets approaches pickup coil L1. This voltage, coupled through diode D1 produces a negative pulse on the base of Q1. This pulse turns on Q1, which delivers a positive current pulse to the base of Q2, turning it on. This, in turn, produces a negative pulse at the base of Q3, turning it on. As conduction of Q3 increases it's driven to saturation, thus placing full supply voltage across driving coil L2, creating a

Rear view showing speaker, electronics board L2, and general positioning of the various parts of the motor. Switch S1 turns off speaker which monitors the pulses as they are generated. The clicks attract attention. maximum magnetic field in it. This magnetic increase and decrease drives the rotor on its axis.

Since all of the magnets on the rotor have been oriented (see construction details) so that the magnetic field in L2 attracts them,





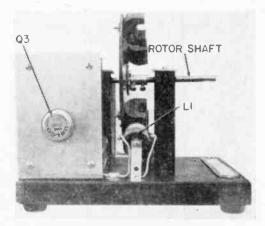
BEARING RETAINER PLATES

Top view of motor board showing position of rotor bearings that must be aligned to ensure minimum friction for rotor shaft. Retaining plates hold rotor bearings firmly in supports.

the motor magnet is magnetically pulled towards L2, thus sustaining the motion of the rotor.

Because of the positioning of the magnets, one approaches L2 while another is passing L1. This creates a new pulse, which again turns on the transistors. The pulsing on of the transistors develops magnetic saturation pulses in L2 that keep the motor in motion. Its speed is limited by the voltage of battery B1, which, in our motor, can be any DC voltage from 6 to 24 volts.

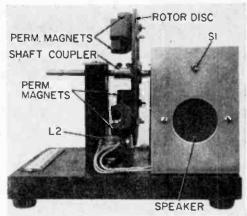
We've included a smal speaker together



Just as there are two sides for every story our BOTDC Motor has another side, too. One viewed here shows positioning of Q3 on its heat sink as well as location of coil L1. with switch it on or off, merely to attract attention if you are exhibiting your motor. Each time a pulse is developed a click can be heard in the speaker.

Current consumption is quite low (our model, using coils of 30 and 1000 ohms respectively for L1 and L2, draws 55 mA at 6 V). Therefore, you can expect relatively long battery life. If a small friction load is placed on the rotor shaft the total current drain will increase slightly. As this load is increased, slowing the rotor and eventually stopping it, current consumption will drop proportionately. When the rotor is stopped, current consumption will drop to the same level as the unit drew before rotation started (all transistors turned off).

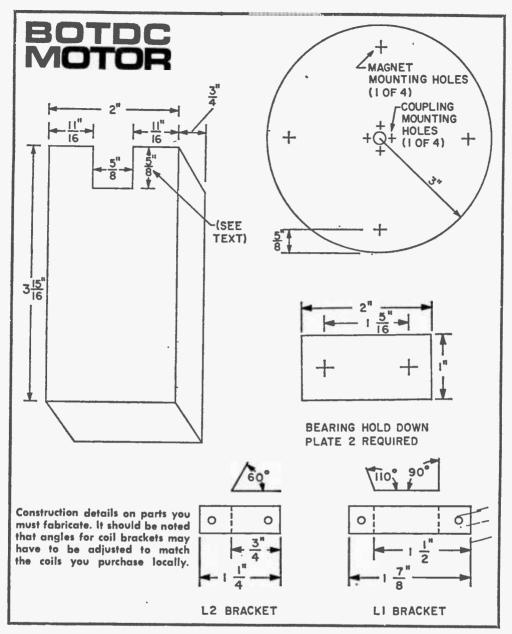
This decrease in current drain with an increase in load is just the opposite condition of that for a conventional motor in which current drain increases as the load does. If a DC motor is stalled and the current isn't shut off, the excess heat generated by the cur-



Right side of motor assembly detailing location of speaker and its mounting plate, coil L2, one bearing support block, and the rotor disc. Note shaft coupler referred to in text.

rent flowing through its windings will eventually destroy the motor completely.

Let's Make It! We built our Transistor Motor on a 7¹/₄ x 8 x ³/₄-in. plywood baseboard. We made two wooden blocks ($3^{13/16}$ x 2 x ³/₄ in.) to support the rotor. Any nonmetallic material such as plywood, hardboard, phenolic sheet, epoxy glass sheet, etc., can be used for the rotor disc (we used hardboard). The rotor shaft is made from a length of ¹/₄-in. dia. steel rod, running in anti-friction bearings. We used small ball



bearings which can be purchased from your hardware dealer, mill supply house, or surplus machinery dealer.

Coils L1 and L2 are standard relay coils. If you can't get the ones we list in the Parts List, perhaps you can find surplus relays using coils having specifications similar to those we used.

With the exception of transistor Q3, coils L1 and L2, and the speaker and its on/off switch, all electronics components are mounted on a 27% x 41/4-in. piece of perf

board using push-in pins to hold the various parts and also to serve as points for electrical connections.

Transistor Q3 and the speaker are each mounted on separate and identical 3 x $4\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{1}{16}$ -in. aluminum brackets. The mounting bracket for Q3 also serves as its heat sink. The speaker grille can be a series of holes drilled in the bracket in a suitable pattern within a $1\frac{1}{2}$ -in. circle. Alternatively, you can cut a circular hole $1\frac{1}{2}$ -in. diam. and back it up with a piece of perf board, perforated metal, or screening to protect the speaker cone.

The perf board containing the circuit components is fastened to the rear of the Q3 heat sink with $1\frac{1}{8}$ -in. to $1\frac{1}{4}$ -in. long spacers to hold it away from the heat sink and Q3's terminals in order to prevent short circuits in the wiring on the perf board.

The only other structural parts that have to be made are the mounting brackets for coils L1 and L2 and the bearing retainer plates. Details of dimensions and bending angles are shown in the drawings (those for the coil mountings are only approximate). You'll have to establish final size and angles. depending on the type of coils you actually buy. Coil L1 should be mounted on the baseboard and the bracket angled so that there is a 1/4-in, clearance between its pole piece and the face of any magnet on the rotor as it passes the coil. Similarly, L2 should be mounted on the baseboard as shown so that there is 1/8-in. clearance between its pole piece and a magnet face.

When cutting the notch that holds the bearing in the wooden blocks, keep its depth slightly less than the diameter of the bearing you're using. This will help clamp the bearing in position when the hold-down plate is fastened to the block.

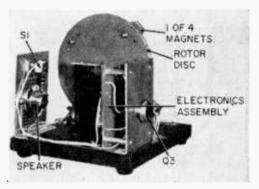
If you can't find a flange plate with a bushing to hold the shaft to the rotor disc, a simple way to make one is to start with a flexible coupling designed for mounting between a variable capacitor and dial of a radio. Carefully remove the bushings from the center supporting the washer bushings leaving the flexible arms attached to the bushings. Drill a hole in the center of the motor's rotor disc so that it will sit snugly around the shaft.

This done, slip the bushings removed from the coupler, one over each end of the shaft, and fasten the arms to the disc. What you have done, really, is to substitute the motor disc for the smaller diameter washer originally holding the two bushings together in the flexible coupling. Be sure the set screws in the bushings are tightened against the shaft to ensure proper alignment and rotation capability of the rotor assembly.

Assemble the electronics and wire the motor in accord with the schematic. Be sure to doublecheck your wiring to make certain there are no errors and that Dl is correctly polarized. Now that you've completed the hardest work of the project, you're ready to nnish putting together your motor and having some fun.

Fitting the Pieces Together. First mount the bearing mounting blocks and coil brackets to the baseboard. Slip the bearing assemblies over the ends of the rotor shaft and mount this assembly in the bearing support blocks. Before tightening the bearing hold down plates, be sure the bearings are aligned so that the shaft will turn freely with a minimum of friction.

Now mount the magnets to the disc, arranged as shown in illustrations. After mounting and wiring the electronics assembly, the speaker, and coils L1 and L2, you're ready to orient the magnets. To do this, connect the battery to the motor and connect a temporary jumper from the collector to the emitter of Q3. Slcwly rotate the



Rear view showing general placement of various parts of motor. Electronics board is held away from mounting plate with spacers.

rotor disc by hand so that each magnet is brought past L2. If the magnet is attracted towards L2, it's correctly positioned and should be tightened in this position. If, on the other hand, the magnet is repelled, loosen its mounting screw and turn the magnet 180 degrees on its axis; it then should be magnetically attracted by L2 and can be tightened in this corrected position.

Final Adjustment. Remove the temporary jumper from Q3, leaving the battery connected, and give the rotor a turn in either direction. If all is well the rotor will continue its rotation, slowly picking up speed to a maximum (dependent on battery voltage) and will continue running at full speed until the battery is disconnected.

If the rotor doesn't continue to turn and pick up speed after you've given it its initial (Continued on page 102)



A century ago the idea of sending rockets to explore outer space was a science fiction dream; today it is a fascinating reality. But for the dream to become a reality required the efforts of a special breed of men. Such a man was Robert H. Goddard—foremost of the rocket pioneers.

As a teen-ager at the turn of the century, Goddard dreamt of space exploration. By the time he finished college, in 1911, the dream had become an obsession. While most Americans were getting used to the sight of the new horseless carriages bouncing along on crude roads, the young scientist was busy designing rockets to study the outer reaches of the earth's atmosphere.

His first patent, titled "Rocket Apparatus" (shown in the accompanying illustration) was granted in 1914. Years ahead of his time, Goddard set forth advanced concepts that were to be used more than three decades later, when the United States space program began. The patent describes the use of multistage engines to reach greater altitudes and tapered nozzles to provide maximum thrust from the burning gases. The rocket was designed to carry a pay-load of photographic and recording instruments in a special gyro-stabilized compartment. At the end of the flight, the apparatus could be returned to earth by parachute, without damage to the instruments.

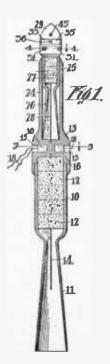
Although the patent was granted, the true significance of the invention was not recognized at the time. In a world preparing for war, it went almost unnoticed.

During WW I. When the United States entered World War I Goddard offered his services to the government. But the military authorities weren't interested in space exploration, and the young rocket expert went to work on a more "practical" project—a portable, rocket-powered cannon, capable of knocking out a tank but light enough for a foot soldier to handle. The rocket cannon wasn't completed in time for use in the first

World War. But twenty-five years later a streamlined version of the weapon was used extensively in World War II and became known as the *bazooka*.

The Liquid Rocket. Throughout the 1920s, in his spare time from his duties as a physics professor at Clarke University. Goddard continued his experiments with rocket engines. When he reached the limit of his own finances. his work was kept going with the (Continued on page 110)

A drawing that any high-school freshman can draw was Fig. 1 in Goddard's first patent.



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STOP LIGHT BARDERSCOPE by Steve Daniels, WB2GIF

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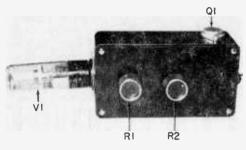
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Here's a compact stroboscope that takes only one evening to build and many more to enjoy!



brilliant as the expensive units using Xenon lamps. However, its simplicity of design and moderate cost will more than offset this major difference and certainly make this a worthwhile project to build.

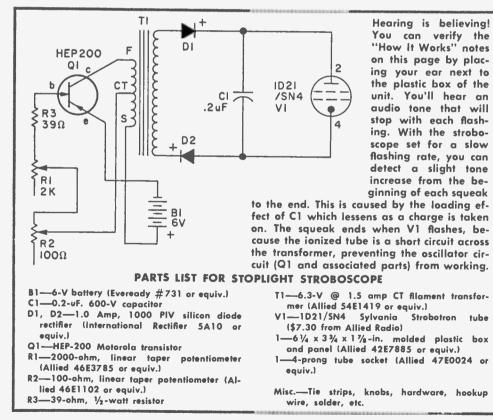
How it Works. Transistor Q1, acting as an audio oscillator, generates AC voltage in the primary of transformer T1. The secondary steps up the voltage which is rectified by diodes D1 and D2 to supply DC current to capacitor C1. When the voltage builds up high enough V1 fires, discharging C1 and the whole process is repeated. The frequency and output voltage of the oscillator is controlled by varying the base bias of transistor Q1 through R1, R2, and R3. This varies the DC pulsing, which, in turn, determines the charging of C1 and the rate of flashing of the Strobotron tube, V1.



All wired up and ready to go, the StopLight Stroboscope looks simple enough to wire in one evening. Motorola transistor can be mounted inside box---but looks exotic outside.

Note that transformer T1, designed to step down the 117 VAC (normally applied to its primary) to 6.3 V in its CT secondary, is connected in just the reverse manner. In our StopLight Stroboscope the 6.3V CT primary is the tank coil of the oscillator, and the normally 117V primary becomes the secondary, in our circuit, providing a step-up ratio of better than 18.5 to 1.

How to Make it. We used a 6¹/₄ x 3³/₄ x 1%-in, molded black bakelite case with



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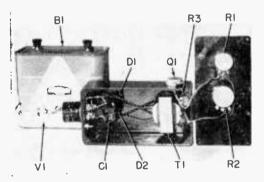
tube

matching panel to house our StopLight. Drill a $1\frac{3}{16}$ -in. hole in one $3\frac{3}{4} \times 1\frac{7}{6}$ -in. end to mount the 4-prong socket for the Strobotron. Use a circle cutter in a slow-speed drill to cut this hole. Drill holes to mount the transistor in the right-hand $6\frac{14}{4} \times 1\frac{7}{6}$ -in. side of the case near the end opposite the one in which the Strobotron socket is mounted.

Transformer T1 is mounted in the bottom of the box near the transistor terminals. A three-terminal tie strip is also mounted on the bottom but near the Strobotron socket. Resistor R3 is mounted to a tie strip fastened to the end of the box opposite the one in which the socket is mounted.

Potentiometers R1 and R2 are mounted centered on the panel of the box in the clear space between the 4-prong socket and transformer T1. Battery leads are brought out through a small hole in the end opposite the socket. The battery lead is fabricated by twisting together two pieces of different colored hook-up wire. Solder alligator clips to the leads on the ends outside the box.

Be sure to wire the potentiometers so that speed increases with clockwise rotation of R1 (course adjustment) and with counter-



With the front cover removed, the StopLight Stroboscope reveals all of its electronics. If you care to, mount the parts in a larger case and include battery holders for four D cells. Sure as shootin', the D cells will not last as long as the Eveready #731 job listed in the Parts List, but they will do the job just the same—and in one small portable box, too!

clockwise rotation of R2 (fine adjustment). If either control operates just the opposite, reverse the leads to it.

Testing StopLight. After mounting and wiring all of the parts in accord with the schematic, double-check the wiring, making sure of the polarity of diodes D1 and D2. Plug the Strobotron in its socket.

Before connecting the battery, set the con-

trols at the midpoint of rotation. Prolonged operation at highest speed could damage the Strobotron. As soon as the battery is connected the Strobotron should start to flash off and on. Rotate R1 full counter-clockwise and the flashes should slow down.

It may be difficult to notice any change created by the fine adjustment control unless you are actually observing a rotating device; then it will appear to stop the motion if the coarse control has been adjusted to the point where the motion appears to slow down almost to stopping. The flashing lamp should be brought as close as possible to the rotating object in order to shine as much light from the lamp onto the rotating object. However, remember that the Strobotron tube, V1, is made of glass. Don't jam it into a moving fan blade or gear drive.

Another operation note: do not run the StopLight so that the Strobotron tube burns continuously.

Colibration. There are several ways that can be used to calibrate the controls. One method would be to connect a frequency meter across the Strobotron and read the frequency directly which would be the same as the speed of rotation. If a frequency meter is not available, you may use an oscilloscope that has a calibrated time base. Connect the oscilloscope the same as the frequency meter was connected and count the number of pulses displayed on the oscilloscope screen. This will give an indication of the frequency.

If these lab instruments are not available to you, it's possible to shine the flashing lamp on a turntable or other rotating device whose speed is known and then adjusting the controls until the device appears to stop. This will then be your major calibration point.

Another way to calibrate your StopLight Stroboscope is to use an audio oscillator, amplifier, and speaker. Set the oscillator to a low audio frequency and shine the flashing lamp on the cone of the speaker. When the speaker seems to stop its motion, the flashing rate will be the same as the frequency of the audio oscillator.

Of course you can always borrow a General Radio Strobotoc, if you are fortunate enough to know some one who owns one and ' will be agreeable to your borrowing it.

A word of caution: remember when you have apparently stopped the motion of a rotating device by shining your StopLight stroboscope on it, the device is still running full speed, so keep your fingers away.

CB FIX-IT SPECIAL

11 STEPS TO WALKIE-TALKIE REPAIR

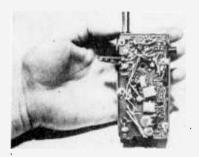
by Homer L. Davidson

D on't give up on that sick walkie-talkie! You can fix it yourself by following our 11 steps to CB walkie-talkie repair. You don't have to be a CB expert nor an expert technician to make minor repairs. Most troubles are simple and easy to locate. Only a few hand tools are needed, and five will get you ten they're in your workshop now! Have a little patience and proceed with our step-by-step guide. Remember, most CB troubles are easy to repair. It's finding the trouble that takes knowledge, and this we offer you in steps.

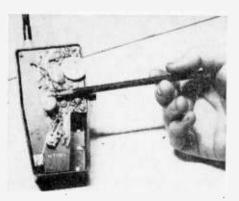




1 Check those small dry cells first! If you don't have a battery tester, check voltage with the "talk" button depressed. If one or more dry cells are low, replace all. Be sure dry cell contact surfaces are shiny bright or else you lose volts.



4 If you can't turn your walkie-talkie on and the batteries are good, then you got switch trouble. The on-off switches in most portables are flimsy and break easily. Use an alligator clip across the switch connections—if this works, a new switch is needed.



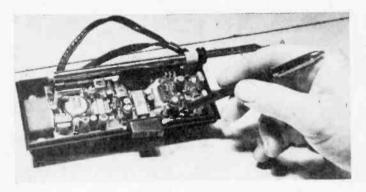
5 If your unit will not go on the air, then it's time to push, poke, and pull to detect loose components, snapped wires, etc. Poor or marginal connections are responsible for most transmitter problems. Better go back to Step 2 and do some careful inspecting and soldering.



2 One big headache common to battery equipment is loose battery leads. Use a small-tip, low-wattage solder iron while making repairs. Apply enough heat to make a good solder joint and stop. Nose around for other loose connections or cold solder joints in the printed circuit board. Check switch connections, too!



3 Walkie-talkie antennas usually break with time because of the abuse they take. Don't toss out the unit because its sky hook snapped. Multisection antennas are available at most parts suppliers and can be installed in your unit. Be sure to select an antenna that comes close in length to the original. A longer antenna does not mean better reception or more signal out—it may mean poorer operation because of detuning.

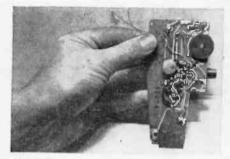


6 No reception? In superhet models this means trouble in unit's front end as a rule. Check antenna coil for broken leads or loose connections. Travel from antenna to audio section touching transistor leads as you go. As soon as buzz comes from speaker, you know trouble is in previous transistor stage. Check for physical defects and damage before yanking out any transistors.

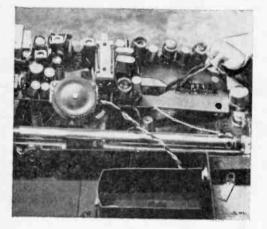
7 One good way to get rid of bugs is to spray them dead with electronic Raid. Push-to-talk switches cause a lot of trouble because of dirty contacts. It's not the switch's fault. The unit's low cost prevents use of hermetically-sealed switches, so dirt and dust will louse up the contacts. Use one of the many contact cleaners currently on the market place. A short spray and a dozen switch pushes should clean up any trouble in your rig.



WALKIE-TALKIE



Let's face it, you drop a walkie-talkie and you have to pay the price. In this case it means removing the printed circuit board and patching it up if necessary, not to mention the epoxy work needed on the case.

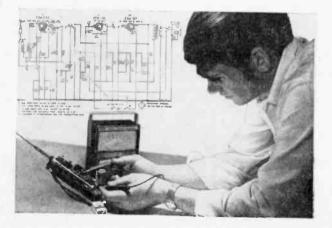




The sound from walkie-talkies is never hi-fi, but it can get worse with time because dirt, dust, humidity, and what-not tear, jam, warp, etc., the speaker cone. A quick test is to listen to the receiver at low volume—if it still sounds bad, it's time for a new speaker. Most jobs are 8-10 ohm units available from electronic supply houses. Pick a PM speaker replacement with the exact dimensions as the original.

10 If your receiver looks like it was salvaged from a vacuum cleaner bag, it's due for a thorough cleaning. Here's where old-fashioned GI spit and polish will pay off. Use Q-tips and water-color brushes to wipe and brush away the gook. You'll be surprised at the defects that can be uncovered this way.

If the first ten steps do not get your walkie-talkie on the air, you're in for some dog work. Most rigs come supplied with schematic diagramsuse them to pinpoint troubles. Make resistance measurements and continuity checks. Use the lowest scale setting when possible and likewise for voltage checks. If a transistor tester is available, check each transistor. It's a good idea to compare measurements against your other unit if you own a pair. It's up to you now, we ran out of space.





D^{ay} begins early in Biafra. In Orlu, since April the provisional capital, truck convoys, loaded with supplies flown in during the night, rumble in from the makeshift airstrip at Uli, 18 miles away. Not far from the town, radio engineers warm up a shortwave transmitter. A rhythmic tuning signal radiates across the African farmland.

In the tin-roofed town, Biafrans awaken to the sound of tramping feet and the abrasive shouts of drill sergeants counting cadence. Thousands of receivers are switched on.

"This is Radio Biafra, the home service of the Broadcasting Corporation of Biafra. The time is 25 minutes before six and we are broadcasting in the 41-Meter band. We invite you to join in our morning devotional service."

This morning, as on nearly 900 mornings before, Biafrans, two-thirds of them Christian Ibos, arise listening to hymns and prayers from Radio Biafra. Most will have no breakfast. Their faith must sustain through half a day.

By 6 a.m., a second transmitter is on the air. It's the Voice of Biafra, the overseas

service, beaming a newscast to the outside world. Most Biafrans, though, still are tuned to the domestic channel for the "Early Bird" program, a wake-up show with fanfares, pep talks and rousing music.

"Say it loud!" exhorts an announcer. Throughout the country the still sleepy audience shouts back at their loudspeakers, "I'm Biafran and I'm proud!"

For the B.C.B.'s chief engineer, A. S. Alaribe, formerly senior sound technician for the Eastern Nigeria Broadcasting Service, it has been months of scrounging spare parts in a dwindling local market, keeping his transmitters together with spit, string and sealing wax. It has been equally tough for the university dons who write the programs, and for announcers, all veterans of broadcasting in Lagos and Enugu. Probably not since World War II has a station had to operate under such trying conditions.

Before WW II. Broadcasting in Nigeria isn't new. It began in Lagos back in 1936. After the war, 13 medium wave government relay stations, three of them in the Eastern region, were built. Shortwave came in 1952, when a 300-watt experimental station was

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set up in Enugu. A broadcasting house was constructed the next year and, later, more powerful transmitters were added.

Enugu's second station, the commercial Eastern Nigeria Broadcasting Service, began on October 1, 1960, Nigeria's independence day. It used the two 10-kilowatt transmitters made by Pye Telecommunications Ltd., in England. These, one a medium-wave station, the other shortwave, plus a 10,000-watt shortwave transmitter added to the Nigerian Broadcasting Corporation's Enugu relay in 1965, were taken over by Biafra.

When the paper revolution became a real war in July 1967, the B.C.B. was more than a month old. The Voice of Biafra was active on 4855 kHz, the ex-ENBS frequency. Radio Biafra programs were aired by the NBC government relay on 3980 kHz.

Nigeria's opening offensive stalled and the hastily trained Biafran army pushed for-



walked inside. To a startled technician, he announced the takeover of the NBC midwest relay station. A similar scene took place at the nearby Broadcasting House studios on Ikoba Road.

They stayed until September 18, when at 4 p.m., Midwest Radio left the air. It was thought—incorrectly it turned out—that the easterners were dismantling the radio equipment for shipment to Enugu. Two days later the newly proclaimed Republic of Benin, a separate entity, but allied with Biafra, fell. Benin City again was in federal hands.

Back to Biafra. The tide turned and the Nigerians pushed toward. Enugu. With his capital in danger, the 33-year-old Ojukwu made plans to evacuate the government to safer ground. The word came down from Dr. Ifegwu Eke, commissioner of information, "Pack up and move out!"

The three transmitters, especially the seven-year-old medium waver, were big and bulky. But contingency plans had been in advance and there were plenty of willing hands. Main switches were pulled and the

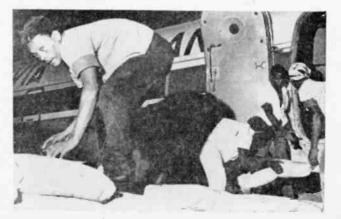
dismantling work began.

A week before Enugu fell on October 4, a truck convoy headed for Aba, 120 miles south. Headlights dimmed, the string of lorries

Biafrans don't care how the food comes as long as it comes. At left, UNICEF airlift brings bags of powdered milk —a commodity that's very scarce in Biafra. Below, an aircraft is unloaded in the dead of night, fearful of Nigerian air attack. Some 150 to 200 tons are delivered nightly.

ward to within 135 miles of Lagos, capturing Benin City, capital of adjoining Midwest State.

Republic of Benin. On August 9, a truckload of soldiers headed out Benin City's Agbor Road. Leaving the sprawl of low, yellow buildings behind, the vehicle wound its way up the wooded slope of Ikpoba Hill. Beside a converted two-story residence they piled out of the truck and a young officer



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followed blacktopped Highway 3 through Awgu and Okigwi. There the road bulged west, crossed the Imo River[\] and straightened southward again to Umuahia. A final 37 mile stretch and they rolled into Aba.

In the new capital, Biafran radio was rebuilt. Its new antennas already up, the 4855 kHz. station was back on the air just 72 hours after it shut down. Two weeks later, the other shortwave station, its frequency changed to 6145 kHz., was reactivated as the Voice of Biafra. Strangely, this move and two subsequent ones were never announced. The B.C.B. still announces its location as Enugu.

Broadcasting continued despite problems. Hard to replace tubes failed. Tape recorders sputtered and stalled. Apologetic announcers often broke in to advise that "Until we can continue with the broadcast, here are some records."

One major interruption occurred on April 4, 1968 and lasted two days. On that date, Nigerian Ilyushin jets dropped eight bombs on Aba, destroying and damaging a number of buildings and killing 36 persons. Another type of harassment, radio jamming, began in July but with slight success.

On the Move Again. Aba was lost on September 4, but again one jump ahead, the stations were moved

to Biafra's third capital, Umuahia. This shift was accomplished in just 36 hours.

For the young republic things hardly could have been worse. Its rickety air force had been shot out of the sky long before. Its soldiers were lucky to go into combat with a bullet or two each. Civilians were dying, thousands per week, from starvation.

Then two things happened to change the picture. International relief flights began arriving with food to stem the starvation, and France's Charles DeGaulle, for reasons never explained, decided to help Biafra. An (Continued on page 104)

Biafran Background

Eighty-five years ago, the colonial powers, tired of wrangling over the spoils, met in Berlin to divvy up Africa. To Britain went the chunk that would become Nigeria, an uncohesive territory of feuding tribes. For years London provided the glue that held it together. But with independence in 1960, Nigeria came unstuck. Tribal jealousies triggered coups d'état, political assassinations, and in 1966, the mass murder of 30,000 lbos. The lbos are a remarkable people, ambitious, industrious and educated. They've produced doctors, scientists, engineers and successful merchants. Convinced they were marked for genocide, some eight' million of them sought refuge in their traditional eastern homeland. There, in Enugu on May 30,

ern homeland. There, in Enugu on May 30, 1967, their leader, Lt. Col. Chukwemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu proclaimed Biafra's independence.

The Nigerian government of Maj. Gen. Yakubu Gowon in Lagos vowed to end the rebellion with "swift, surgical police action." Armed with modern British and Russian weapons, his forces launched their campaign. But for more than two years the usually outgunned, seldom outfought Biafran army held out, though driven into an enclave one-tenth its original size. The death toll has been staggering, thousands on both sides killed in combat, and at least a million and a half Biafrans victims of starvation.

Cut off from the outside world, except for an overtaxed airlift, the Ibos' talents for improvisation paid off. From their home-refined gasoline—only a bit more potent than Biafran Survival Gin—to their hand-rolled cornsilk cigarettes, they've proved necessity is the mother of invention.

With a basic need to communicate with its people, and tell its story to the world, Biafra has placed a high priority on radio broadcasting. Here, for the first time, is the story of how, despite great difficulty, Africa's newest nation has kept its radio voice alive!



Blink in Christmas the novel neon way with our noble gas circuit that can count up to five!

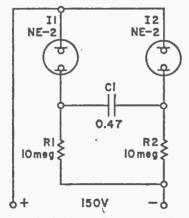


by William F. Splichal, Jr.

"Tis the time to be jolly, etc., etc., etc." Want to build Christmas or other seasonable decorations that are more attractive, relatively inexpensive and real attention getters? And, at the same time you can impress your friends and neighbors with your ability to apply your mastery of electronics to things other than being a ham or CBer.

We built an attractive, twinkling *Star of Bethlehem* by using a 5-stage ring counter employing five neon lamp oscillators that are fired and extinguished sequentially at a fixed rate. Neon lamp oscillator/ring counters can be built from a few inexpensive components and can be applied in many ingenious ways to animate displays and decorations. We have included information on how to connect any number of lamp oscillators in combinations of two or more, as needed, for other different applications.

Although our Twinkling Star is operated from a self-contained AC power supply, and we have included information for the supply, these ring counter/oscillators will work as

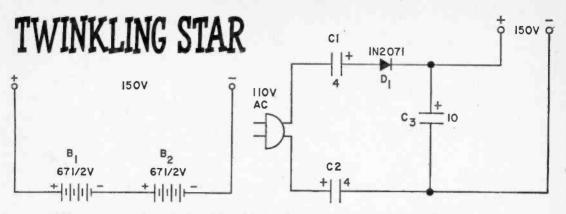


It may not look like a ring counter, but it is! This basic circuit can be extended to 3, 4, 5 or more sections—using one lamp per section. well from batteries. The current drain is quite low and the batteries should last for several months of operation.

Why It Twinkles. The simple twoelement neon lamp, heart of the oscillator/ ring counter of our project, provides for the stepping from one to another lamp oscillator. The neon lamp is also a relaxation oscillator, which in this application is a voltage generator.

Neon gas acts as an insulator when low voltage is applied to the two elements of the NE2 lamp, and prevents the flow of current. As this voltage increases, the force applied to the gas eventually becomes of sufficient magnitude to force electrons to flow towards the positive element. This flow of electrons from the gas atoms causes the atoms to become more positive and creates current flow to the negative element, which flow increases the total current flow. In this manner the neon gas in the lamp is transformed from an insulator to a conductor. This condition is called ionization, and can be used as a switch to step current flow from one lamp to the next lamp through the coupling capacitor.

Applying this operation to our circuit we see that when voltage from the power source is switched on to the first neon lamp, the voltage begins to charge the capacitor coupling the first lamp to the next lamp. This action is repeated from lamp to lamp in the string to the last lamp. It then starts all over again because the last lamp is capacitively coupled to the first one. The frequency of flashing of the lamps is determined by the time constant of the RC network formed by the coupling capacitor and the drain resistor. The frequency is increased (faster flashing) as the capacity of the coupling capacitor is reduced and, conversely, the frequency is decreased (slower flashing) as



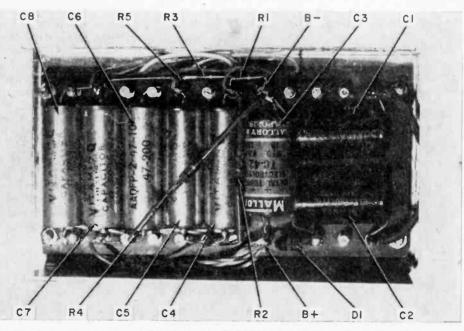
It takes power to drive the Twinkling Star—a lot of volts but very little milliamps. Circuit at left is battery powered and will last through Christmas season. Circuit at right lets the line do the work. Capacitors C1/C2 offer some line isolation.

the capacity of the coupling capacitor is increased.

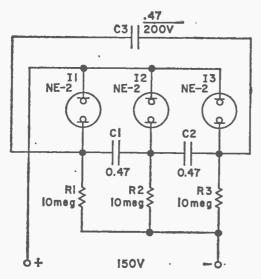
Be a Star Maker. We cut our star from a $1\frac{1}{4}$ -in. thick sheet of Styrofoam twelve inches square. Drill a $\frac{1}{32}$ -in. diameter hole at each of the points of the star. Force an NE2 neon lamp through each hole from the rear so that its tip will protrude about $\frac{1}{2}$ in. from the front of the star.

For easy identification later on, different colored hook-up wire leads should be soldered to the lamp leads before positioning the lamps. This will come in very handy later in the construction to help establish the sequence of flashing at the completion of construction during the testing of the unit. At that time the stepping sequence will be determined. Be sure the lamp leads are separately insulated and do not short out after the backing is cemented on.

The ring counter/oscillator assembly and its power supply are housed in a $5\frac{14}{x} \times 3x$ $1\frac{14}{4}$ -in. metal interlocking chassis box. The base of the box is screwed to the backing of the Styrofoam star before the backing is cemented to the Styrofoam. Drill a hole

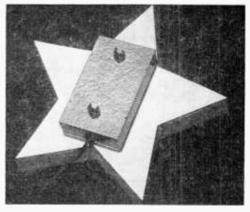


Here's a guts eyeview of the electronics behind Twinkling Star. Parts placement and wiring location are not critical—just do a neat job and the lights will blink.



Here's our friend, the ring counter, again! Compare to schematic diagram below to discover how additional lamp sections are added.

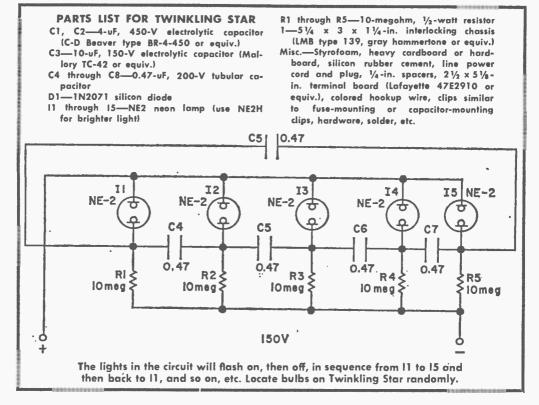
near the center of the base of the box large enough to feed the lamp leads into the box. It would be a good idea to protect the wires with a rubber grommet in the hole. Use silicon rubber or similar cement to cement



The back of Twinkling Star shows how all the electronics is packed in an aluminum box.

the heavy cardboard or hard-board backing, which has been cut to match the shape of the star, to the Styrofoam. Cut channels running from each lamp to the center on the rear of the star in which the lamp leads lay. Feed the leads through the backing material and the base of the box before cementing the backing.

All of the components, except for the (Continued on page 108)



JANUARY, 1970



by MARSHALL LINCOLN

Is Your Radio Club Dying?

A frequent comment I read in ham radio club papers and hear from individual hams goes something like this: "Boy, our club sure is in bad shape. I can't get the guys to do anything. Only a handful show up at meetings, and they just want to sit around. Nobody has any real interest in the club."

Does that sound familiar? Did you think your club was the only one with that kind of trouble? Well, it isn't, not by a long shot! Lots of ham clubs are suffering the doldrums, and lots of club presidents and editors are moaning and crying about the troubles they're having in keeping the "good old club" going. The wailing they do across the land sounds like 40-meter phone on a winter Saturday night!

What's gone wrong, and what can be done about it?

Well, it seems to me that nothing has gone "wrong" in the sense that a villain can be found to blame for the troubles so many clubs are having. However, there certainly has been a change in the nature of ham radio in recent years, and this change has apparently affected club activities more than any other ham activity that comes to mind.

Likes Attract. The main reason that so many clubs were so active and successful in years past, it seems to me, is simply that nearly everyone in ham radio had basically the same interests: building or buying or modifying equipment, putting it on the air, and talking to one another to see how good it was. There were only two modes of operation in general use: AM and CW—and just about everybody used both. The radio club was the common meeting ground in every city for guys with these interests to get together. From these meetings came field trips, contests, local nets, auctions, technical discussion nights and many other activities in which everyone was interested.

But, my, how things have changed, haven't they?

Opposites Repel. This is the age of specialization, in ham radio just as in business and industry. Go to a club meeting today where there may be a dozen guys assembled, and you'll find nearly every one of them is interested in a different phase of hamming. One may be a DX hound, another may be a traffic handler, a third may be on SSB, the next guy may be on FM, the next fellow is getting set up for RTTY, and the next fellow is a CW contest hound, and so on. Every one of them works hard at ham radio and enjoys it tremendously, yet his interests have virtually nothing in common with the others! Is it any wonder this club soon will dry up and die?

Of course not, yet there's nothing really "wrong" that has created this situation—it's just that, except in large cities with a large number of hams, there isn't much chance for a "general interest" ham radio club to be very large and active any more.

Talk to Yourself. So, what to do about it? Maybe it's time to back off and take a fresh look at just what purpose a club should serve. Some of the radio clubs which are staggering along with few active members and lagging interest should have a good heart-to-heart talk with themselves, and decide if they aren't just beating a dead horse. Why should club officers scold their members for lack of interest in the club—when maybe it's the club's fault for having lack of interest in its members! If everyone in a club is interested in a different phase of ham radio. maybe the club should stop trying to be a "general interest" club and pick up one or two of these specialties as the main "theme" for the club. Sure, the members who aren't interested in these specialties will drop out. So what? The guys who are left will have a new interest in the club, and probably will begin dragging some of their buddies to meetings. The club may not wind up with as large a membership as it had originally, but it probably will be more lively and active—and that's what really counts.

The Age of Specialists. Many of the ham clubs which are still lively today are the ones which cater to the interests of a single group of hams, such as those in RTTY, or FM, or TV, or those who concentrate just on DX, or on contests or on traffic handling or mobile operating, or such like. Other hams in the same community who are not involved in the special interest of the club may be barely aware that the club exists, but that doesn't really matter. The important thing is that some sort of club activity, which can benefit a number of hams, has been preserved by tailoring the club to the interests of a group of potential members.

I'm still in favor of a good, active "general interest" ham club in every community, *if* it's possible to maintain one and hold the interest of a significant number of the community's hams. However, all too often, it has been shown in city after city across the nation that these clubs just don't hold the interest of many of the community's hams. So, turning to a specialized club seems to be a sensible alternative.

Once you hit the specialty trail, you still need some activities to keep members' interest up. There's a growing number of mobile clubs across the country, since mobile hamming is extremely common these days. Even in this field, though, there are specialties! Some guys work SSB and others work FM. A few still work AM, but this is dying out. Most mobillers stick to just one band—with 75, 40, 6 and 2 probably the most common. The guys on 75 and 40 generally work moderately long range, while the guys on 6 and 2 generally make local contacts. Right here, you have at least four specialties just among mobile operators! The guys on 75 don't understand what 2-meter operation is like, for instance, and generally couldn't care less.

So, where can you go from here? Well, some mobile clubs go in for hidden transmitter hunts, which can be pretty exciting and still safe if they're properly managed. Others volunteer to help out local charities during their fund drives, or work with the local police on Halloween night vandalism patrols. Just a couple of this type activities in a year can hold a club together, since the time between these mobile outings can be spent planning, organizing and working on equipment for the next activity. Helping out at parades, golf tournaments, fireworks displays and model airplane contests are just a few more opportunities for the mobile crowd to keep a club active.

Some clubs seem to have a lot of competitive spirit, and encourage contests among members, or sponsor contests in which members and non-members alike are welcome to participate. This allows a club to "blow its own horn" by awarding certificates to persons who may not belong to the club, but may become interested in joining.

Some clubs have taken on outside chores, such as helping present radio classes at a blind school, or conducting classes for prospective novices in the community. These activities can involve quite a number of members, if done well, since there is equipment to be built, antennas to be erected, class out-(Continued on page 109)



Operating WB41CJ at the Kennedy Space Center are WA4LJG on 40 Meters (left), K4DJN on 15 Meters, and, with just a piece of him showing, is WA4WBG on 20 Meters. The Space Center Amateur Radio Society begins special operation on Apollo lift-offs, continues for several hours, and sends certificates to stations logged.



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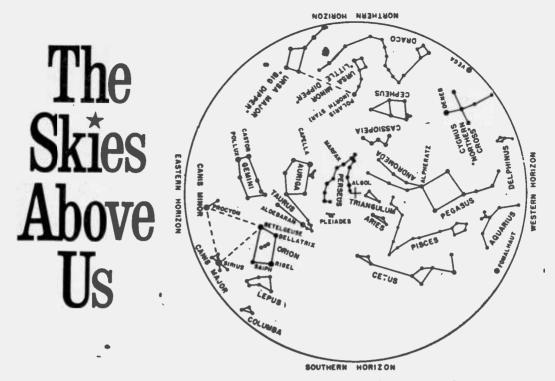
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by Dr. Roy K. Marshall

The stage is now being set for the performance of the most brilliant cast of stars of the whole year. So often questioners have asked me why the sky is so much clearer in the winter, so the stars seem so much brighter. The fact is that the stars now beginning to dominate the eastern sky constitute the biggest batch of the brightest stars to be found anywhere in our sky of midnorthern latitudes.

🛨 In early December, at 9 p.m., the brightest star in all the heavens-Sirius, the Dog Star-glitters and flashes colors like a brilliant gem, low in the eastern sky, a little toward the south. By early January, it will be in the same part of the sky at 7 p.m. and will be well up in the southeast at 9 p.m.; its violent glittering will be much subdued because it has cleared the disturbed air close to the horizon. Anyone who looks at the sky for more than a minute or two, and takes the pains to observe the behaviors of the stars as he raises his eyes slowly from the horizon to the zenith, will soon sense that it must be our air that produces the twinkling and dancing of the stars. At the horizon we are receiving starlight that has passed through the worst and longest layer of air, while at the zenith the path is shortest.

★ If you see a moderately bright reddish

THE NIGHT SKY IN DECEMBER

star between Capricornus and Aquarius, that is not shown on December's map, it will be the planet Mars. Only one other planet, Saturn, is in our evening sky now; fainter than Mars and yellow-white in color, it stands well up in the east at sunset, between Aries and Pisces.

★ A little north west, almost exactly opposite Sirius, the Northern Cross in the constellation Cygnus stands upright, flanked by Vega to the north and Altair to the south. They have done their act in summer and autumn and are bidding us good-bye until the summer comes again.

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Back to the east once more, the mighty * hunter-warrior Orion, on his side, leads Sirius and Procyon up the sky. There are two groupings of stars that a great many people see and ask about; one is the fine three-star lineup marking the belt of Orion, the other is the tight little cluster of six stars known as the Pleiades, in the constellation Taurus, the Bull. Sometimes the Pleiades are called the Seven Sisters, because they were the seven daughters of Pleione and Atlas. Except with a keen eye, only six stars will be readily seen; a very keen eye, under excellent conditions, might be able to see nine. ★ Even a very small telescope or a good pair of binoculars will show, south of Orion's

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Belt, one of the most exciting objects in the heavens, "a piece of frozen chaos," I have often called it. In photographs taken with large instruments, it is a magnificent turbulent mass of hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen and other gases in the nucleus of which is a little cluster of very hot stars whose ultraviolet radiation excites the gases to shine. \star This great nebula may be the result of an enormous cataclysm in the distant past. Now the damage may be repairing itself because with radio telescopes, very recently, we have found here dull infrared objects 1 that may be newly-forming stars, made of dust and gases of the ancient cataclysm drawn together by their mutual gravitational attraction, but not yet sufficiently compact to bring to shine with visible light. Several new faint visible stars has also appeared here in recent years, revealing their youthful instability by an erratic variability of light. ★ `In the distant future, this great nebula may have become a star cluster with a few remaining wisps of gas, as are the Pleiades today. This charming cluster yields readily to a small telescope, revealing scores of stars fainter than the group of six naked-eye objects which mistakenly is often called the "Little Dipper," just because it is little. There is only one the Little Dipper, and it

☆☆☆ The maps show the principal stars which are above the horizon at latitude 34° North at about 9 p.m. standard time at the middle of the month. These maps are practical star location guides anywhere in the United States throughout the month showing the sky at 10 p.m. on the first and at 8 p.m. on the last of the month. To look at the night sky in December and January, select the proper map and hold it vertically. Then turn the map so that the point of the compass toward which you are facing shows at the bottom of the map. 화화☆ Our special thanks go to the Griffith Observatory in Los Angeles, California. 会会会

WESTERN HORIZON

hangs by the end of its handle from Polaris, the North Star.

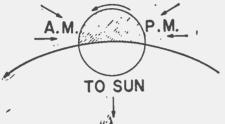
* The heavenly twins, Castor and Pollux, are northeast of Orion and the fainter star, Castor, deserves our attention now because, near it, is the point in the sky from which a shower of meteors called the Geminids (from Gemini, the Twins) appears to radiate in mid-month. The significance of meteors and meteor showers will be made clearer in the article which follows. For now, however, let it suffice to know that, if it is clear on the nights of Dec. 12 and Dec. 13, you should be prepared to bundle up and watch for these briefly luminous bits of cosmic debris. There will be a crescent moon but it will not interfere, because it will have set before the best time to start to observe. Another shower occurs on Jan. 3, perhaps not so important as the one in December, but watch for it, too, especially if the earlier one is clouded out. These meteors are the Quadrantids, from Quadrans, the Quadrant, an obsolete constellation off the end of the handle of the Big Dipper.

Now, discover what you should know and do about these "shooting stars." $\star\star$ One area of astronomy in which the interested star-gazer can make a contribution without any equipment except patience and



The Skies Above Us

willingness to watch the sky is in observations of meteors, commonly called "shooting" or "falling stars." It always amazes me that only a very small portion of our populace knows how frequent are these fleeting points of light. But this ignorance is, of



Top view of earth in orbit shows why we see more meteoroids after midnight. Higher velocity at impact causes brighter trails.

course, a reflection of how few people ever bother to look at the sky except, perhaps, to see whether it's clear or cloudy, and then only for a brief moment.

 \star These phenomena occur as the earth, in its annual journey around the sun, collides with tiny bits of cosmic "junk," usually ranging is size from a small pinhead to a

Lower arc (not to scale) is earth. Upper arc represents atmosphere at 70 miles where meteoroids begin to glow. From any one spot on earth the observer can see only four one-thousandths of the total viewable meteoroids for any given period.

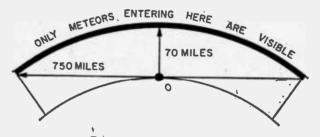
very small pea. They become visible because of friction with the air as they enter our atmosphere, yet soon disappear because, in our present concept, they are not strong, solid bodies, but are tiny icy dustballs. The mass of an average easy-to-see meteoroid (as we call them before they collide with us) may be such that about 150 of them would scarcely weigh one ounce!

How, then, can such a small object become so bright, especially when we may see it begin to glow at a height of 70 miles or more? The speed with which it enters the important part of our air can range between 7 and 43 miles per second, depending upon whether it catches up with us or meets us head-on; any speed in this range is sufficient to bring the particle to a very high temperature as it batters its way through trillions of molecules of air per cubic centimeter and the kinetic energy is converted into radiation. The filament in an incandescent lamp is very small, but it can emit a lot of light because it is very hot.

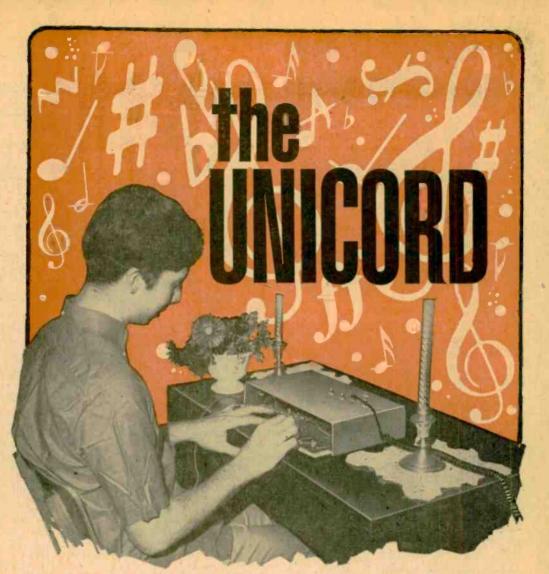
From careful observations by earnest groups of observers, the random rate of meteors is found to be seven per hour. This presupposes that the sky is very clear and there is no bright moon or artificial light to reduce the contrast. When we realize that this is the count for a single observer at one spot on the earth, and that he sees only about a thousandth of the total volume of the earth's atmosphere, we can begin to realize how much of this cosmic "junk" is out there.

Moreover, not all of that geometrical volume of the atmosphere is equally good for the observations. The horizon air is ten times as far away as the zenith air, so meteors are dimmed by a factor of 100 because of distance and the situation becomes even worse because of the long light-path through the denser, dirtier air near the horizon.

 \bigstar In the paragraphs above, an interested person should be able to set up a useful observing program for himself and friends.



First of all, find an exposed place free from city lights or their glare in the sky. Avoid nights with a bright moon. Second, be comfortable and relaxed, as lying in a chaise lounge. If the night is chilly or cold, use the old astronomical rule: if you can keep your hands and feet warm, less bundling-up will be necessary. When lighting a cigarette, close the eyes. When talking with a companion, don't turn your head. Concentrate on one wide area of the sky instead of skipping here and there. Third, make records. Before starting serious observing, make up a sheet with quarter-hours marked off on the left (Continued on page 106)



You can build this multiple chord organ with tremolo for less than \$30 by Steve Daniels, WB2GIF

You're sick of those circuits for electronic organs that work great but let you play only one note at a time? You can't afford the bread for a "Mighty Wurlitzen," but you still want to be able to play chords? Well then, our Unicord is just what the doctor ordered. Employing unijunction transistors, it can be built for about 30 bucks. And, best of all, you can play complex chords up to a maximum of five notes over a range of better than an octave. In addition, it has tremolo that can be switched on when you want it and a switch to give you bass boost or brilliance at will. Output of Unicord can be fed to any phono input on a radio or TV, PA or hi-fi amplifier, tape player, etc.

How It Does It. Commercially built electronic console organs are designed with separate divider or generator stages for each note in

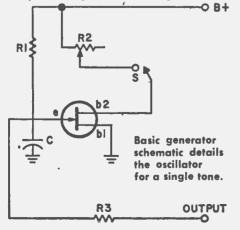
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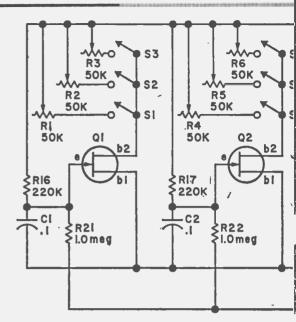
order to provide flexibility and range. That is why you pay hundreds of dollars for these instruments. Our Unicord is built around a basic module containing five tone generators with circuitry that derives three notes from each generator. Frequencies of these notes are adjustable by means of three variable resistors. You can play no more than one of each of three derived tones from each generator at any one time. However, this has proven to be a minor problem when the notes are properly distributed between generators, since the organist can combine the output of more than one generator to make up chords.

Since all of the tone generators are idenucal electronically, the technical description for one applies to all. Reference to the schematic diagram for the complete module, and also the separate basic generator schematic, will make it easier to understand the following functional description of Unicord's circuit.

Depressing a key applies B+ to its respective unijunction generator circuit. Referring to the basic generator schematic, this charges capacitor C through its associated resistor R1 until the peak point voltage of its UJT is reached. At this point the 2N2646 UJT now starts to conduct current through its base b1. The junction voltage at the emitter is clamped almost to ground. The current through the transistor then decreases and the transistor is driven to cut-off.

Capacitor C now begins to recharge and the cycle is repeated. The repetition rate,



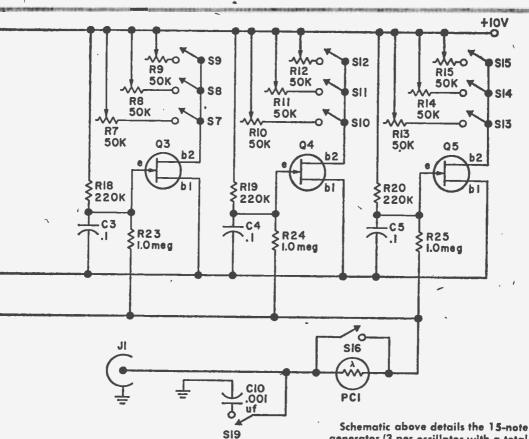


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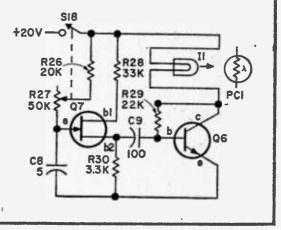
- C6-1000-uF, 25-V electrolytic capacitor (Allied 43E5864 or equiv.)
- C7—500-uF, 15-V electrolytic capacitor (Allied 43E6268 or equiv.)
- .C8—5-uF, 15-V electrolytic capacitor (Allied 43C6624 or equiv.)
- C9—100-uF, 15-V electrolytic capacitor (Allied 43C6633 or equiv.)
- C10—0.001-uF, 150-V tubular capacitor (Allied 43C1636 or equiv.)
- D1, D2—1-amp silicon diode (Allied 24C9572 or equiv.)
- 11—6-V, 50-mA miniature screw base incandescent bulb (H.H. Smith #2418-26)
- J1—Open circuit phone jack (Allied 47E4955 or equiv.)
- PC1—Clairex photocell type CL604L (Allied 60E7465 or equiv.)
- Q1-Q5-2N2646 unijunction transistor
- Q6--GE-10'general purpose transistor
- Q7-2N2160 unijunction transistor
- R1 through R15—50,000-ohm trimpot (Allied 46E3674C or equiv.)
- R16 through R20—220,000-ohm, ½-watt resistor
- R21 through R25—1.0-megohm, ½-watt resistor
- R26-20,000-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor
- R27—50,000-ohm, linear taper potentiometer with switch (Allied 46C5523)

which actually establishes the frequency of the note, is determined by the RC time constant. End result is an audio voltage, developed at the emitter and coupled to the output buss through the high resistance iso-



- R28-33,000-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor
- R29-22,000-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor
- R30—3300-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor
- \$1 through \$15—Keys (switches) for playing notes—see text
- \$16, \$19—Spst toggle switch (Allied 47E4955 or equiv.)
- \$17-Spst toggle switch (Allied 56E5604 or equiv.)
- 518—Spst switch mounted on R27 (Allied 46C5359 or equiv.)
- T1—Power transformer, 117-V, 50-60 Hz pri; 12.6 VCT, 2-A sec (Allied 54E4200 or equiv.)
- 1—Lamp holder for miniature screw base G-3 1/2 lamp (Allied 60E8077 or equiv.)
- Misc.—10 x 13 1/2 x 3/4-in. plywood for base, sheet aluminum or tin cans for keys, plastic discs for key tops, perfboard, flea clips, wire, solder, 193/ x 11-in. piece of sheet iron or aluminum, 1/2-in. spacers, etc.

Schematic above details the 15-note generator (3 per oscillator with a total of 5 oscillators). Schematic below is for tremolo unit. Lamp 11 of tremolo unit excites photocell PC1 of generator unit.



lating resistor R3. So much for the generation of a tone.

Tremolo is produced by energizing a photocell with pulsed light. Lamp I1 is driven by a low-frequency oscillator similar to the tone

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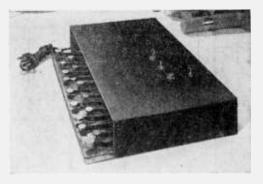
generator oscillator. Negative pulses from base b1 of oscillator Q7 are coupled to a common-emitter, fixed-bias amplifier Q6, which has lamp I1 connected in its collector circuit. Transistor Q6 is cut-off whenever re-

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. verse bias pulses are applied to its base, thus raising and lowering current flow through 11, causing 11 to proportionally increase and de-- crease in illumination.

These variations, in turn, increase and decrease the output of the photocell. And since the photocell is in series with the output of the tone generator, the generator output is varied at the same rate. This variable output produces the tremolo effect. Tremolo is disabled by closing switch S16, which shorts out the photocell.

Bass boost/brilliance switch S19 inserts a 0.001 uF capacitor between the output buss



The completed Unicord shown with its cover in place. Cover adds class over solder joints.

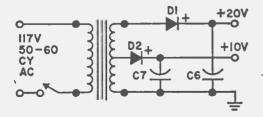
of aluminum or tin cut from a tin can. The natural keys are $2\frac{1}{2}$ -in. long and the sharp keys are $1\frac{1}{2}$ -in. long. Keys are formed so that the front half is elevated near the rear portion. When the keys are screwed to the

Musical	Frequency	Musical	Frequency
Note	(Hz)	Note	(Hz)
(Middle) C C# D D# E F F	261.63 277.20 293.66 310.55 329.63 349.23 370.41 392.00	(Middle) G# A A# B C C C# D	, 414.90 440.00 465.00 493.88 523.25 554.40 587.32

THE UNICORD ORGAN TUNING CHART

and ground to produce the equivalent of a bass boost by filtering out higher harmonics. The output has more brilliance when S19 is open and has the bass boost effect when this switch is closed.

On Being an Organ Builder. The basic 5-tone, 15-note generator is mounted on 10 x $13\frac{1}{2}$ x $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. piece of plywood, along with the 15 keys and required power supply. All of the keys are made from 7/16-in, strips



Instead of dropping resistor, dual voltage power supply provides 10 VDC for tone generators and 20 VDC for tremolo unit. wood base at their rear, the elevated front accounts for the spring return action; this occurs whenever the organist removes his finger from the key. Cement plastic discs (not over $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. in diameter) on top surface of the front of each key. An insulator prevents hum being introduced by body contact through organist's finger.

Place 9 wood screws in a straight line, spaced $\frac{7}{8}$ -in., center-to-center, $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. from the front edge of the base board and 6 wood screws in between the 9, $1\frac{3}{4}$ -in. from the front edge as shown in our photo. Before tightening these screws connect together, with bare wire, groups of three (starting from your left when facing the board) and extend these busses by connecting insulated wire leads approximately 5 to 9-in. long which will be connected to the generator later on during the construction. Mount each key to the board with wood screws. Screws should be placed in a straight line, $2\frac{3}{4}$ -in. from the front edge of the board on $\frac{7}{6}$ -in.

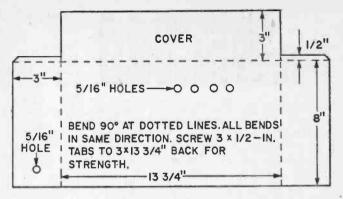
Cover bent from a single sheet of thin aluminum or steel. If metal brake not handy, place aluminum between two hard surfaces to make bends.

centers. Fasten a soldering lug under each screw for making connection between the key and the tone generator before tightening the key to the board.

The power transformer, diodes, and filter capacitors that make up the power sup-

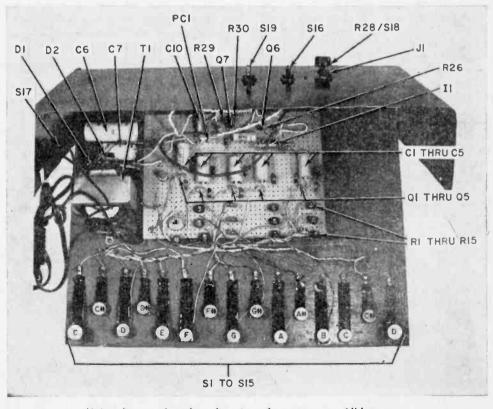
ply are mounted the rear left-hand corner of the base board. The perf board, containing the electronic circuitry, is mounted in the remaining space on the base board.

All components for the generator, the tremolo circuit and bass boost, with the exception of switches and tremolo control, are mounted on a $7\frac{1}{4} \times 5\frac{1}{4}$ -in. piece of perf board. Follow the layout we use as detailed in our photo. In hooking up the keys use as



many different colors of wire as are available. This will help identify the various notes when you are tuning the organ.

Use flea clips or push-in terminals for terminating circuit to external parts such as tremolo control, power, and bass/brilliance switch not mounted on the perf board. We used flea clips for each base b2 lead of the UJTs for connecting them to the keys. Take care when soldering the diodes and UJTs: if



Unicord opened to show location of components. All keys are mounted on $\frac{7}{8}$ -in. centers. Note that natural and sharp keys are alternated except between E and F, and B and C.

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possible use an alligator clip as a heat sink temporarily clipped to each lead during the soldering. Separate the photocell about 2 in. from the lamp in the output of the tremolo circuit.

When mounting the perf board to the base board use $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. spacers to raise it above the base board. Do not fasten it down until the unit is completely wired and tested. It will be easier to adjust the trim pots if the perf board is free to be moved around during this operation.

A suitable cover for the entire assembly can be made from a 1934×11 -in. sheet of metal, either aluminum or sheet iron. Notch out the two corners, leaving a $\frac{1}{2} \times 3$ -in. tab to be fastened to the back of the cover with sheet metal screws; these tabs will strengthen the cover. Bend the sheet as shown in the drawing to form a box-like cover.

On Being an Organ Tuner. The easiest way to tune the organ, especially for those who have a musical ear, is to compare the organ output signal with the desired note produced by a musical instrument known to be in tune. A piano, guitar, violin, banjo, ukelele. or accordion will be ideal as any one of these instruments has had each of its notes tuned to specific frequencies, which can be repeated as often as desired. If none of these instruments is available, an accurately calibrated audio oscillator will serve just as well. The accompanying chart tabulates the correct frequency for each note. Once you have determined that the tone generator and tremolo are working properly, and you do get an output from the Unicord when each key is depressed, you are ready to tune it. The Unicord should be fed into the high impedance input of your amplifier. The photo of the Unicord with cover raised has the specific note assigned for each of the keys indicated for each key. When tuning, hold down a key so that the Unicord output will be heard while you strike the same note several times on your musical instrument.

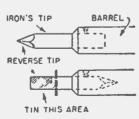
Here is where that good musical ear comes into play—compare the tone of the Unicord note with that of the musical instrument and adjust the trimpot associated with the key being tuned until the note from the Unicord is identical to the note of the instrument. Repeat this operation for all 15 keys and then you are ready to try your hand at being an organist.

If you should use an audio signal generator as your standard tone source instead of a musical instrument, you first set the audio generator to the frequency for the note you are tuning (determined from the chart), feed the output of the audio generator as well as the output from the Unicord, to an input of your amplifier and then proceed to make the same tuning adjustments described for tuning with a musical instrument. For those purists who are extremely sensitive to true tone, or those who may have a "tin ear," you can use a frequency counter on the output of the Unicord, if one is readily available.

Now that it's properly tuned you can idle away the hours playing your favorite chords to your heart's content. Our guess is you'll be loath to find a project that's half as much fun as your Unicord.

• When a soldering iron having a removable solid copper tip held in place with a setscrew begins to lose its heating ability due to the filament aging,

GRIN and **TIN**



here's what you can do. Loosen the setscrew, remove the tip, and place it in the barrel backwards. File the newly-exposed surface of the tip lightly to clean off scale, then heat the iron and tin the tip with a thin layer of solder. When you place the tinned portion of the tip back into the barrel, more efficient heat conduction will result and the iron will operate at or near its original heat output.

• For a neater job of soldering a wire or cable to a lug, build a dam around it with a pipe cleaner as shown. This idea is particularly good for automotive or radio jobs, where precision is necessary.—V. H. LAMOY.



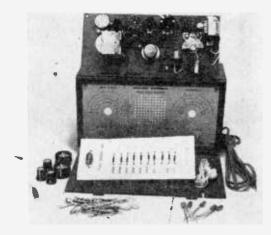
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RADIO SHACK GLOBE PATROL 4-Band, Solid-State BCB/SW Receiver Kit

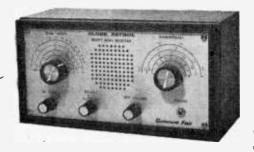
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The modern kit is so good, so thoroughly designed and illustrated, that there is real if little *fun* obtained from construction; if you place the parts in the right place it's almost guaranteed to work. About all you can expect from a kit is a substantial savings of money, good performance, but very little in the way of electronic experimentation. In fact, if the kit works right off the bat and requires no troubleshooting the electronic experimentation is zero.

But now there's a kit that offers hours and hours of real experimentation—just to get it working. A kit with a parts layout that just itches for experimentation, almost inviting the builder to try component substitutions. What is it? It's the Radio Shack "Science Fair" GLOBE PATROL shortwave receiver, priced at about \$20; and \$20 is just a few dollars more than the cost of the components needed for the crummy crystal radio



Here's the Radio Shack Globe Patrol kit in its virgin state. Just a little knowhow from you and it blooms beautifully.



project foisted on virtually every Junior High science student from here to Lower Slobovia. In fact, the Globe Patrol kit contains well over \$20 worth of *good* components of the type used by many experimenters.

The Globe Patrol is a three-transistor, line powered, *regenerative* shortwave receiver and amp that tunes from .55 to 30 MHz. It is supplied complete with plastic cabinet, rear cover and a screened front panel. The receiver has both a main tuning and bandspread dial, earphone jack and built in speaker. The entire circuit is assembled on a printed-circuit board on which all major components have been factory mounted to some degree. The instruction manual has both schematic and pictorial diagrams, and is arranged in the step-by-step system common to all major kits.

We go into detail on the kit so you may fully understand the challenge and experimental possibilities.

Assembling the Kit. All major components are supplied premounted on the PC board (at least they are supposed to be premounted). You will find that transformers T1 and T2 are loose, from knocking around, and must be mounted. Other than the underside pictorial there is nothing that indicates the correct color-code wire connections for the transformers; so your first challenge will be to remount the transformers correctly (we said the kit will be fun). After you pass the transformers' mounting tabs to the board, solder the tabs to the foil so they won't fall off again. The foil appears to be covered with a plastic sheet. Don't try to remove the sheet as it protects the copper from oxidation which will make soldering difficult. Solder right through the sheet. (This is not mentioned in the instructions).

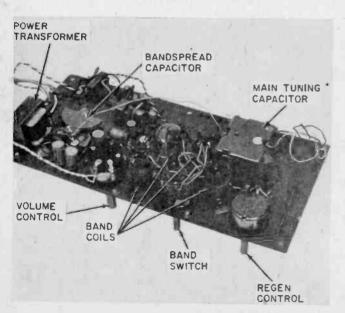
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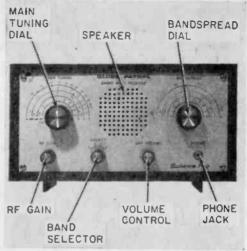
Next step is to plug in the remaining components and solder. Don't bend the leads over on the foil. Let the leads stick straight through the hole, solder each component as it is installed and clip each lead close to the board ($\frac{1}{8}$ " from board).

You will find that somebody goofed and forgot the most important connections those to the main tuning capacitor. So do it this way. Position the board with the control shafts facing down and the RF coils nearest you. The tuning capacitor terminals will now fall vertically, two near you and two near the back of the board. The top back terminal is not used. The bottom back terminal connects to hole 13 and to the bandspread capacitor stator terminal. The top front terminal connects to coil A terminal 3A. The bottom front terminal connects to bandswitch terminal SW3.

Complete the kit wiring except for the antenna connections to the terminals on the back cover. Place a strip of tape over the linecord PC board terminals and over the power terminals on the back of the volume control. All high voltage will now be covered and it will be safe to handle a "hot" chassis.

Checkout. Temporarily connect the hank of wire (the supplied antenna) to the radio's antenna input wire: carefully dress the leads





Completely assembled, the Editors found that assembly was no trouble at all. Pre-cut and stripped wires make work go fast! from the RF coils so they or the attached components are neat and non-shorting and connect the line cord to an outlet. Apply power by rotating the volume control full clockwise (maximum volume), set the bandswitch to band A (broadcast band) and advance regeneration control till you hear noise or a station. Tune the main tuning capacitor for a loud station—it better be loud because the speaker volume is very low. The speaker is an extra feature and best listening is obtained with the supplied earphone.

Typical of regenerative RF front end and simple diode detectors there is virtually no

selectivity; perhaps one, two or three very strong BC stations will fill the band from end to end. Next, try the remaining bands. Performance will most likely be good on bands B and C and virtually non-existent on band D (13 to 30 MHz). If you ever receive anything on band D consider it a bonus.

The Globe Patrol is supplied with an experimental kit of components that lets (More on page 105)

Completed printed circuit board has a very wide-spaced component layout. This permits easy experimentation by component substitution. You may have to remove speaker mounted under board when making some of the changes.

EXPERIMENTING WITH... BEN FRANKLIN'S

Discover how capacitors work by duplicating some original experiments performed in the 18th Century.

Many people like to think of Benjamin Franklin as one of the founding fathers of our country. As one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, he is regarded as a great statesman and humanitarian. In addition, "Old Ben" was considered one of the leading scientists of his era and was as well known for this in Europe as he was in America.

That is why, when the Continental Congress searched for a man of prestige to send to France to ask for assistance in the American War for Independence, they chose ol' Ben Franklin.

Franklin's original experiments with static electricity contributed to world-wide recognition of his scientific ability. His analysis of the principles of the Leyden Jar was the result of one of his great experiments.

The earliest known apparatus capable of storing an electrical charge was labeled a Leyden Jar, the forerunner of present-day capaci- (Continued overleaf) by Charles Green W6FFQ

BEN FRANKLIN'S LEYDEN JARS

tors. The first Leyden Jar was made by Pieter van Musschenbroek, in the town of Leyden in the Netherlands.

It consisted of a glass jar, filled with water with outer surface wrapped in metal foil. Electrical connections to the water was made by a wire touching the water. Other versions employed metal shot or metal foil inside the glass jar.

Benjamin Franklin's experiments proved that the electrical charge is actually stored in the glass, and not in either the inner or outer foils. You can confirm Franklin's discoveries by following our plans for building a Leyden Jar and an Electroscope and then use them in the experiments outlined, which closely follow Franklin's original ones.

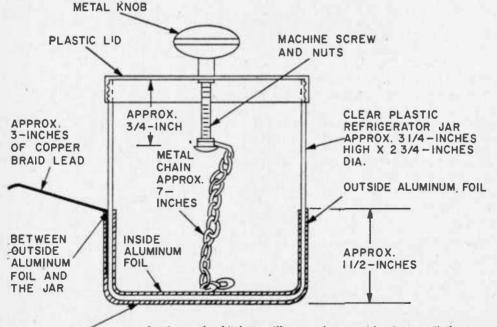
Constructing a Leyden Jar. We made our Leyden Jar by covering the inner and outer surfaces of a clear plastic refrigerator food storage container with ordinary aluminum foil. We used one $2\frac{1}{2}$ -in. high by $2\frac{34}{10}$ -in. diameter, fitted with a snap-on lid although the size is not important. This is a convenient size for construction and for handling during the experiments. The foil was formed to the jar to a height of approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. from the bottom and held in place with Scotch tape.

A piece of copper braid, or braided shielding from shielded wire, about 3-in. long is held in contact with the outer foil by slipping it between the outer foil and the side of the jar before taping the foil. Check to be sure that the braid makes good electrical' contact with the foil.

A metal drawer knob, mounted in the center of the lid, to which a length of metal chain is fastened, is used to connect to the inner foil.

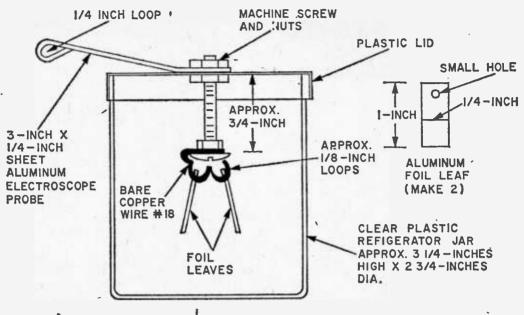
Constructing an Electroscope. The electroscope is an elementary indicator of an electrical charge. We used the same type and size of clear plastic refrigerator container for the electroscope as was used for the Leyden Jar.

A short length of #18 bare copper wire was formed to contain two open loops about $\frac{1}{3}$ -in. in diameter and was then fastened to the head of a $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. long machine screw by means of a nut and washer. The bolt was then mounted in the center of the jar lid. A 3-in. length of sheet aluminum, $\frac{1}{4}$ -



OUTSIDE ALUMINUM

A trip to the kitchen will reward you with almost all the raw materials needed to assemble a workable Leyden Jar. Dimensions are not critical, but try to duplicate author's prototype.



Details for building the Electroscope, a primitive indicator of electrical charge on a body. It, too, is made from kitchen materials and odd items from your workbench.

in. wide, is mounted to the outside surface of the lid under the locking nut for this bolt. Form a ¹/₄-in. loop on its free end to use this strip as a probe. Cut two pieces of aluminum foil 1-in. long and ¹/₄-in. wide. Punch a clearance hole near the top of each piece so that each can be hung separately on one of the loops previously formed in the copper wire that is fastened to the jar cover.

Assembly for Dielectric Experiments. A clear plastic drinking cup (2³/₄-in H x 3¹/₂-in. dia), with tapering sides, plus aluminum foil muffin baking cups are the principal materials needed for this experiment.

The cup for the inside conducting plate is cut to a height of $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Make 1-in. loops in a piece of #18 gauge bare copper wire and bend one of the loops to form a right angle on one end so that the wire will be perpendicular to the bottom of the muffin foil cup when fastened there. Total length should then be approximately 4 in. Tape this looped end to the bottom inside the cup making certain that a good electrical contact between the wire loop and the cup is maintained.

The outer foil cup is cut to a height of about 1¼ in. Form the cups to the inner and outer surfaces of the plastic glass so that they fit snugly but can still be easily removed. This is a necessary physical requirement of the experiment. Make two

exact pairs of cups for inside and out.

The accompanying drawings and photos detail the construction of these devices as well as showing how they are used in experiments.

Emulating "Old Ben." Now that the construction work is finished, let's conduct some experiments to prove Old Ben's theory and also to learn more about the action of a capacitor.

These experiments must be made in a very dry environment; they will not work under conditions of high humidity. If at all possible work in an air-conditioned area. Make certain that the rubbing cloth is completely dry and discard it for a fresh one frequently to avoid its becoming dampened by moisture from your hands. Drive off excess moistue by heating the cloth in an oven.

The experiment is begun by holding a plastic or glass.rod firmly in one hand and vigorously rubbing its free end with a cloth. Immediately upon stopping the rubbing, touch the free end of the rod to the metal knob of the Leyden Jar. Repeat this action about a dozen times. Each time the rod contacts the knob electricity flows from the rod to the jar, building up the charge in the jar. Be careful not to touch the end of the rod you have rubbed with your finger as this will discharge it.

You test the jar for its charge by bringing

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the copper braid connected to the outside foil near the metal knob in the center of the lid. A spark will be seen to jump between the braid and the knob as the braid is brought close to the knob. An NE2 neon lamp can be used for this indication by connecting one lead to the braid and touching the knob with the other lead. The lamp will light momentarily. It is possible to store enough electrical energy in the jar to create an electrical charge of sufficient magnitude to shock you, so be careful not to touch the jar with your fingers.

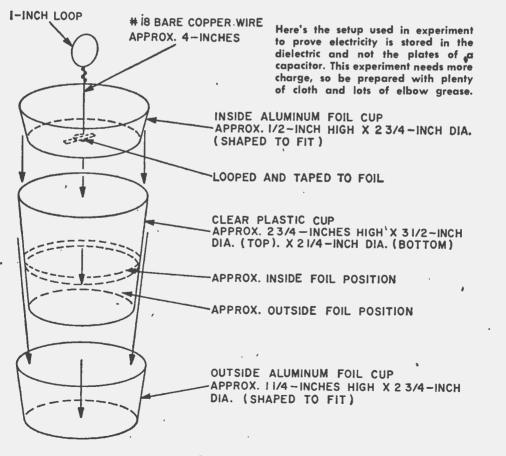
One Leyden Jar Experiment. Franklin charged his Leyden Jar with static electricity produced by vigorously rubbing a glass rod with a dry cloth. He repeatedly rubbed the rod to full charge and then touched it to

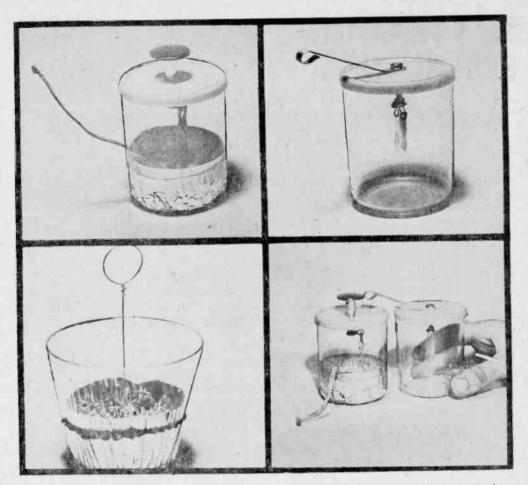
the metal knob in the lid of the Leyden Jar.

The vigorous rubbing of the rod with the cloth transfers some electrons from the rod to the cloth, thus making the rod more positive and the cloth more negative. Franklin is credited with using the words positive and negative to designate differences in polarity. A plastic rod can be used in place of a glass one. When using a plastic rod, however, electrons are transferred from the cloth to the rod and therefore the polarity is reversed.

You can use an old tooth brush handle, or an aligning tool, or a swizzle stick, or glass or plastic stirring rod.

The electroscope you built can be used to indicate the charge on the Leyden Jar. Bring the probe of the electroscope in contact with the knob of the jar. The foil leaves will move apart indicating that the jar is charged. The distance that the leaves move apart will be proportional to the amount of charge. You can prove this by varying the amount of the charge you place on the jar (change the number of times you touch the rubbed rod to the knob on the jar). Discharge the





Top left and right photos show constructed Leyden Jar and electroscope, respectively. Bottom photos show capacitor (left) used in the experiment and Leyden Jar (right) coming in contact with electroscope to detect electrical charge. These simple electrical charge instruments were the exotic test gear used by Ben Franklin back in the 18th Century.

electroscope just before contacting the jar with its probe, each time, by first grounding the probe.

A Dielectric Test Experiment. Experiments on Leyden Jars were conducted by many scientists. However Benjamin Franklin was the first to determine exactly how the Leyden Jar stored electricity. His findings became the basis for the development of the capacitors we use so profusely in electronic and electrical equipment today.

Franklin proved that the electrical charge is stored in the jar (the dielectric) rather than on the conductors (the plates) by carefully removing the inner and outer conductors after charging his Leyden Jar.

We can reproduce this experiment by setting up the material we prepared earlier, described in the previous paragraph on page 69 headed: Assembly for Dielectric Experiment.

Place the plastic drinking cup in the foil cup formed for the outside of the glass and place the foil cup, with the copper wire lead taped to it, inside the glass. Charge the assembly in the same manner as the Leyden Jar was charged. The success of this experiment is dependent on as large a charge as possible. Have extra cloths available to activate the rod that charges the assembly more times than when charging the Leyden Jar. Take care not to touch the lead wire from inner cup, or the plastic cup.

When you have charged the assembly, carefully lift out the center foil cup. using plastic photographic print tongs, and set this foil cup aside.

Now is when the second set of foil cups

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you made previously is used. With the plastic tongs pick up the foil cup from this second set of cups and carefully place it in the plastic cup. Then, still using the plastic tongs, lift the plastic cup containing the second inner foil cup from its original outer foil and place it in the outer foil cup of the second set you made.

At this point bring the probe of the Electroscope in contact with the wire loop taped to the inner foil cup. You will note that the Electroscope's leaves separate, indicating that the assembly is still charged. Now discharge the Electroscope.

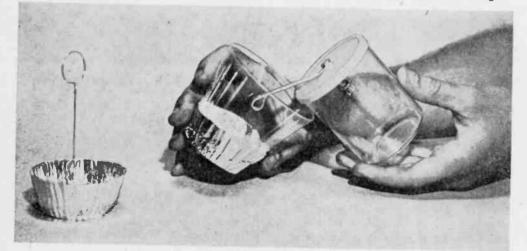
Recharge the assembly and then carefully remove the inner foil cup again. Holding the assembly by the outer foil cup only, tip the plastic cup so that the probe of the Electroscope comes in contact with the lower

BILL OF MATERIALS FOR THE LEYDEN JAR ELECTROSCOPE AND DIELECTRIC EXPERIMENT ASSEMBLY

- 2-Clear plastic refrigerator jars approximately 31/4-inches h1gh x 23/4-inches in diameter
- 1—Clear plastic drinking cup approximately 2 ¾-inches high x 3 ½-inches in diameter (top) and tapered to approximately. 2 ¼inches in diameter at the bottom
- 1-Plastic or glass rod
- 1-Plastic photographic print tongs
- Misc.—Cloths (wool or cotton), household aluminum foil, aluminum foil baking cups (muffin size), metal knob (drawer knob see text), machine screws and nuts, metal chain, copper braid, scotch tape, #18 solid copper wire, etc.

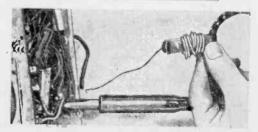
inside section of the plastic cup. Observe that the leaves of the Electroscope separate, indicating a charge on the plastic cup even though the inner metal foil conductor has been removed. You may have to move the probe of the Electroscope around to locate a spot where you get best foil separation.

The center foil of the capacitor has been carefully removed to permit sampling the charge on the dielectric with the electroscope. Move probe about to locate the greatest charge.



SOLDER CLIP TIP

• You'll have no trouble keeping track of rosin core solder when working on kits. Just purchase a trouser clip at a bicycle store, slip it over the iron cord and wind some solder around clip so it can't come off. — Joe Gronk



Science and LAB CHECK

EICO MODEL 635 Socket Conglomerate Vacuum Tube Tester

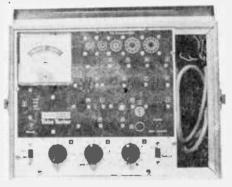
The corner drugstore comes to your elec-, tronics shop. Well, maybe not the drug department or soda fountain, but most certainly that¹ ever popular *drug store tube test* $er \dots$ for the EICO 635 Tube Tester is an electronic tube tester for your work bench with the speed and simplicity of the drugstore models.

Way back when the vacuum tube was king, a tube tester looked like a tube tester should look, with lots of knobs and switches that set up, among other things, the tube connections for a single socket. If you had 8-pin tubes, you would first set up the filament connections, say pin 2 and 7, or 1 and 8. Then you'd set up the connections for every other tube element because there was just one single test socket per type to accommodate all tubes using that socket.

Just try to imagine one of those "flight control" panels in a drugstore; odds would be that more tubes would be ruined by improper element settings than in the TV sets from which they were removed. So smart manufacturers built drug store testers with

several sockets per tube type (8 pin, 9 pin, etc.), each socket having a different wiring arrangement so that a few sockets of each type automatically accommodated hundreds of tube types. Not only did this speed up tube

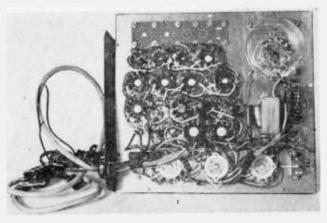
The EICO tube tester may look like a lot of hard work to wire, but it's not really. Just take your time and recheck each connection to avoid hard-to-find mistakes. Guts fit into nice luggage-type carrying case with cover.



testing by eliminating up to 10 switches and controls, but the possibility of error was sharply reduced because the user had to set perhaps two or three controls, instead of 10 or more.

EICO's new Model 635 tube tester uses this same multi-socket technique, ensuring fast, efficient and low cost tube checking (\$44.95 kit form; \$69.95 wired).

What's It Like? The 635 is housed in a supplied luggage-type portable case, with a storage compartment for the test leads. Sixteen sockets (of different types) provide for testing of any 'tube in general consumer equipment use; from Nuvistors, to loctals, to 8 and 12 pin 110° CRTs. A supplied tube data book indicates which tube socket to use for a given tube type, and the settings for the 4 operating controls, which set up the filament voltage, meter sensitivity and interelement connections. The user then looks at the short/leakage panel lamp. If it's on, (Continued on page 103)



thar's GOLD in them that hills?

All solid state and in kit form is the Heath Company's Model GD-48 metal locator. It uses the induction balance method—change in tone to detect metals. (Write to the Heath Co., Benton Harbor, Mich. 49022 for details.) Price: \$59.95

> The Treasure Seeker uses the heterodyne principle ta alert the user af metal nearby. In kit farm and all salid state, it can easily be assembled by a beginner. (Write ta Kits Industries Inc., 729 Ceres Ave., Las Angeles, Calif. 90021 far data.) Price: \$29.95

Blackbeard's treasures are still hidden in many a cove waiting for the lucky' treasure seeker. But don't trust to luck! Put your trust in a metal locator and find that pot of gold! The three units illustrated on this page will also find small iron objects, hidden pipes, coins, jewelry, and more on sandy beaches, back yards, and even them thar hills!

> Wired and ready to go is the Mark II Treasure Probe. A heterodyne device, the unit uses silican transistars. (Write to Treasure House, 2139 Highway 9, Lakewaad, New Jersey 08701 far facts.) Price: \$22.95



Here's a quickie way to blend the old and the new. Build a transistor radio into the base of an old-fashioned horn loudspeaker and you've got the makings for some real good conversation.

Your friends will do a double-take when they hear *soul* from the 60s coming out of a 1920ish speaker. Just latch onto a horn salvaged from an attic, barn, auction, or second-hand store, and you've won half the battle.

Next trick is to build a transistor radio into the hardwood base. We've used a "Build-In" Radio Shack model 12-1150 which has six transistors, its own volume control and switch, and a 2¼-in. PM speaker. This go-go accessory should be just right for your installation. Of course, the size of the radio and the base might depend on the exact model horn you wind up with.

We used black walnut stock about $\frac{5}{16}$ -in. thick to make a base measuring $6\frac{34}{4} \times 5\frac{34}{4} \times 1\frac{12}{2}$ in. The open-bottom box was put together with small nails and wood glue. It was then sanded smooth, given a coat of walnut stain, and rubbed to a shining finish with soft facial tissues.

The Radio Shack chassis is enclosed in plastic and can be mounted on the side of the base with short flathead machine screws. (Angle brackets or epoxy cement might also be used.) Cement the speaker or mount it with brackets, right over the opening cut into the base. This is where sound will be fed out through the horn.

A metal angle bracket keeps the 9-V battery in place. After the components are wired according to the schematic, all you need do is attach rubber feet to each corner (Continued on page 108)

BILL OF MATERIALS FOR HORN SPEAKER

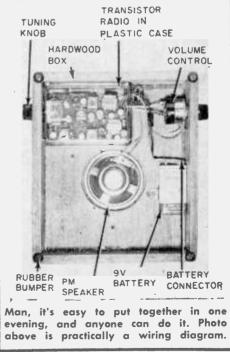
1—"Build-In" transistor radio (Radio Shack 12-1150 or equiv.)

1—9-V battery (Burgess 2U6 or equiv.), 2—Short flathead 6-32 machine screws

Hardwood base: 1—6¾ x 5¾ x 5/16-in. piece

1-1-3/16 x 5/16-in. piece, about 25 in. long (for sides)

Misc.—Speaker horn, 4 small rubber feet, metal stock for angle brackets (optional), flange or fittings (see text), battery connector; volume control, PM speaker, knobs (if not supplied with radio), solder, hardware, etc.



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the IMPOSSIBLE DREAM...



You take the high road; I'll take the low road . . . and you know as well as I do, baby, that it'll be bumper-to-bumper for both of us all the way there.

unsnarl the entangled traffic



Above, monitor console permits engineer to override computer anytime. Right, system's keyboard.



Kit (below) modifies signal controller so it can be activated by computer. If no instructions are received from computer, controller functions normally.



Left, display station located on printer keyboard furnishes means for checking system visually. Below, pole-mounted sensors which feed data to IBM computer.





Largest electronic traffic brain in the world is the new computerized traffic control system that has been installed on one of the busiest and most congested boulevards in the U.S. Controlling vehicular flow on Queens Boulevard in New York City, the system controls 120 signalized intersections, with an estimated 850 three-level (red/amber/green) signals and over 390 walk/don't walk controls. In essence here's what happens: 36 overhead sensors located at key points along the Boulevard aim sonic beams at lanes of traffic. Associated with these sensors is an IBM 1800, a computer that measures volume and direction of traffic, then adjust lights for a more effective movement of that traffic.

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ELECTRONICS AND LOVE

□ In this scientific age, many of us take our mechanical world for granted. We go about ignoring some of the inspirational things that the machine has accomplished, and we tend to think of the machine only as a means to furthering our own luxury. But at the Mill Neck Lutheran School for the Deaf on Long Island, N.Y., the machine and the men involved with them are not taken for granted.



It is here that one sees the great and the good things that the machine can be used for in our electronic age.

Housed in an old Tudor style mansion on beautiful grounds covering some 85 acres are the classrooms, library, and living quarters for faculty and students. In this school are the men and the machines that are used for rehabilitating these youngsters so that



Mirror and feather become invaluable teaching tools as they enable child to see how closely her lip movements resemble teacher's. Right, effect of earphones is apparent.



when they leave they are on an almost equal level of learning with other youngsters their age. At Mill Neck one can observe the teachers and technicians working together to build the body and the spirit of another human being to live a normal and happy life.

The importance of the machine and the associated electronics for teaching the deaf isn't realized until the visitor sees these ma-

OVERCOME A SILENT WORLD

chines at work. An ordinary visit becomes a revelation. One sees for the first time how a child reacts to her first sound with special electronic earphones capable of penetrating her deep and silent world. Like a stone thrown into a well, they break the surface of this deaf child's world. Her spirit comes rushing to the surface of our world, for communication has been made. (Turn page)



Each child wears portable auditory training equipment that can be adjusted to suit his needs. Teachers rely heavily on both gestures and written word to communicate with them.

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Below, child learns to identify simple objects. Thanks to headphones, instructor can give child name of object at same time child is looking at picture, thus reinforcing learning process. Book shown here illustrates farmyard animals.





Above, students listen intently as instructor fills them in on details of studies. Below, teacher uses flashcards to help youngsters boost wheir knowledge of basic arithmetic.





Left, audiological test is administered to each child enrolled in Mill Neck. Purpose is to gauge precisely how handicapped child is before he begins studies.



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

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Are your home-town FM stations listed correctly in White's Radio Log? If you believe there is a correction called for in White's listings, please check first with your local station. For each callsign obtain the correct city location and frequency. (Remember, even though your local paper may list a station as a "home-town" station, it may be officially licensed by the FCC for operation in the next city). Get all the facts on a piece of paper (be very brief), include your name and address, and mail to White's Radio Log, RADIO-TV EXPERIMENTER, 229 Park Avenue South, New York, N. Y. 10003. Your help in contributing to the accuracy and completeness of White's Radio Log will be sincerely appreciated. —Editor

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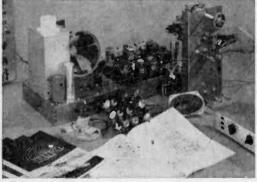
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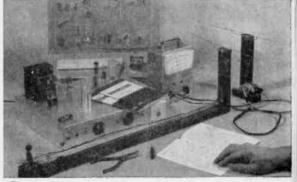


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WVTS Terre Haute, Ind,		Miami, Fla.		IWXTA	Greencastle, Ind.		wzzw	Augusta, Ga.	

Canadian FM Stations By Call Letters

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Canadian AM Stations By Call Letters

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CHNO	Sudbury, Ont. Halifax, N.S.	900 960		Antigonish, N.S. Yorkton, Sask.	580	CKBI	Prince Albert, Sask. Matane, Que.	- 900	CKNR	Elliott Lake, Dnt. New Westminister, B	1340
CHOK	Sarnia. Ont.	1070	CIIB	Vernon, B.C.	940	CKBM	Montmagny, Que,	1490	CKNX	Wingham, Ont.	.C. 980 920
	A jax. Ont.	1390	CIIC	Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.	1050	CKBS	St. Hyacinthe, Que,	1240	CKOC	Hamilton, Dnt.	11.50
CHOV	Pembroke, Ont. Welland, Ont.	1350		Langley, B.C. Kirkland Lake, Ont.	850	CKBW	Bridgewater, N.S. Barrie, Ont.	1000	CKOK	Penticton, B.C.	800
CHOB	Powell River, B.C.	1260		Joliette, Que,			Hull, Que.	1400	CKOM	Saskatoon, Sask.	1250
сном	Vancouver, B.C.	1320	CILR	Quebec, Que.	1060	ČKČK	Regina, Sask.	620	CKOT	Dseycos, B.C. Tillsonburg, Ont,	1240
CHOR	Calgary. Alta.	810	CJLS	Yarmouth. N.S.	1340	CKCL	Truro, N.S.	600	CKOV	Kelowna, B.C.	630
CHUI	Edmonton, Alta. Québec 4, Que.	1110		Fort William, Ont.	800	CKCM	St. John's, Nfld.	620	СКОХ	Woodstock, Ont.	1340
CHRD	Drummondville, Que.	800		Regina, Sask. Montreal. Que.			Sept-lies, Que, Quesnel, B.C.	560	CKOY	Ottawa, Ont.	1310
CHRL	Roberval, Que.	910	CIMT	Chicoutimi, Que.	1420	CKCR	Salmon Arm, B.C.	570	CKPC	Brantford, Dnt. Prince George, B.C.	1380
CHRS	Jacques-Cartier, Que.	1090	CINB	North Battleford, Sask.	1050	CKCV	Québec, Que.	1280	CKPM	Ottawa, Ont,	550 1440
CHRT	Riviere du Loup, Que.	1450	CJNR	Blind River, Dot.	730	CKCW	Moncton, N.B.	1220	CKPR	Port Arthur, Ont.	580
CHSC	St. Catharines, Ont. Saint John, N.B.	1220	CIOB	Winnipeg 10, Man.	680	CKCY	Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.	920	CKPT	Peterborough, Ont.	1420
CHSM	Altona, Man.	1150	CIOC	Lethbridge, Álta. London, Ont.	1220	CKDA	Victoria, B.C. Amherst, N.S.	1220		Beauce, Que.	1460
CHTK	Prince Rupert, B.C.	560	CION	St. John's, Nfld.			Dauphin, Man.	730	CKRC	Winnipeg, Man. Red Deer, Alta.	630
CHTM	Thempson, Man.			Vancouver, B.C.	600	ČKDR	Dryden, Ont,	900	CKRM	Regina, Sask.	850 980
CHUB	Nanaime, B.C.	1570		Grand Bank, Nfid.			New Glasgow, N.S.	1320	CKRN	Rouvn, Que,	[400
CHUC	Cobourg, Ont. Toronto 7, Ont.	1450		Ottawa, Dnt. Guelph, Ont.	1150	CKEK	Cranbrook, B.C. Kentville, N.S.	570	CKRS	Jonguière, Que,	590
CHVD	Dolbeau, Que	1230	CIRI	Kenora, Ont.	1400	CKEY	Toronto, Ont.	1350	CKSA	Lloydminster, Alta.	1080
CHWK	Chilliwack, B.C.	1270	CIRN	Niagara Falls, Ont.	1600	ČŔŦĦ	Toronto, Ont.	1430	CKSB	Saint-Boniface, Man. London, Ont.	1050
CHWO	Oakville, Dnt.	1250	CJRS	Sherbrooke, Que.	1510	CKFL	Thetford Mines, Que,		CKSM	Shawinigan, Que,	1410
CHYM	Kitchener, Ont.		CJRW	Summerside, P.E.I.	1240	CKGB	Timmins. Ont.	680	CKSO	Sudbury, Dnt.	790
CIAD	Leamington. Ont. Montreal. Que.	710 800	Que	Ste. Agathe des Monts,	1000	CKGM	Westmount, Que,	980	CKSW	Swift Current, Sask.	1400
	Cabane. Que.	1240		Estevan, Sask.	1280	CKID	Matanc, Que. Sarnia, Ont.	1340	CKTB	St. Catharines, Dnt.	610
CJAT 1	rail, B.C.	610	CISN	Shaunavon, Sask.	1490	CRIL	Saint-Jérôme, Que.		CKIK	Kitimat, B.C. Sherbrooke, Que.	1230
	Port Alberni. B.C.	1240	C180	Sorel, Que.	1320	CKKC	Nelson, B.C.		CKUA	Edmonton, Alta.	580
CIBM	Causapscal, Que., with		CISS	Cornwall, Ont.	1220	CKKR	Rosetown, Sask.	1330	CKVD	Val-d'Or, Que,	900
	o at Rimouski, Que, Belleville, Ont,			Trois-Rivières, Que. Kirkland Lake, Ont.	1150	CKKW	Kitchener, Ont. Oshawa, Ont.	1320	CKVL	Verdun, Que,	850
CIRRI	Rimeuski, Que.	900	čivi -	Victoria, B.C.			Kingston, Ont.	1350	CKVM	Ville-Marie, Que.	710
CJCA E	dmonton, Alta,		CJVR	Melfort, Sask.	1420	CKLD	Thetford Mines, Que.	1230		Williams Lake, B.C. Kingston, Dnt.	1240 960
CICB S	Sydney, N.S.	1270	CJWA	Wawa, Ont.	1240	CKLG	Vancouver, B.C.	730	CKWW	Windser, Ont.	580
	Halifax, N.S.			Edson, Alta>	970	CKLM	Montreal, Que.	1570	CKWX	Vancouver, B.C.	1130
	eodstock, N.B.			Montreal, Que, Middleton, N.S.	730	CKLS	La Sarre, Que. Windsor, Ont.	1240	CKX B	randon. Man.	1150
	tratferd. Ont.	1240	CKAP	Kapuskasing, Ont.	580	CKLW	Lindsay, Ont.	800 910	CKXL	Calgary, Alta.	1140
CIDC [Dawson Creek, B.C.	1350	CKAR	Huntsville, Dnt.	630	CKML	Mont Laurier. Que.			Salmon Arm. B.C.	580 580
CIDA I	Drumheller, Alta.	910	CKAR	-I Parry Sound, Ont,	[340]	CKMP	Midland, Ont.	1230	čŔÝL"	Peace River, Alta,	580
CIEM	Edmundston, N.B.	570	CKAY	Duncan. B.C.	[500]	CKMR	Newcastle, N.B.	790	VOAR :	St. John's, Nfld.	1230
CIEDS	miths Falls, Ont. livière-du-Loup, Que.	630	CKBB	Barrie. Ont. Bathurst, N.B.	950	CKNB	Campbellton, N.B.	950	VOCM	St. John's, Nfld.	590
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White's World-Wide Shortwave Stations

Propagation Forecast. Ever wonder where all that speaker noise comes from? Well, even if we eliminate all the local sources such as automobile ignition systems, fluorescent lights, your neighbors' TV sets, etc., most of the noise between 3 and 30 MHz is still man-made. We are of course referring to jamming, but not just the kind caused by the ultra left and the ultra right against each other's broadcasts. Most shortwave jamming, which usually takes the form of a buzz-saw-like noise, occurs on the utility bands and is carried out by the military to discourage unauthorized listening. The jamming is aired over non-directional antennas on the same frequencies being used for communications. But the latter use highly directional antenna arrays which enable them to override the interference at any chosen receiving site.

While in theory buzz-saw noise is restricted to utility frequencies, if the listener uses a relatively inexpensive receiver (as most SWLs do), such jammers can—and often do—produce images on shortwave broadcast bands. And despite the already overcrowded band conditions, we can safely forecast that this "propagation" problem will get worse as all the major military powers continue to develop more effective jammers. For example, American Electronics Laboratories recently unveiled a new high-powered airborne model which can operate at altitudes up to 50,000 feet.

There are other shortwave noise sources such as static generated by thunder storms during North American winter. This noise emanates almost entirely from the great tropical rain forests. There's also internal noise from your receiver, the stars, solar eruptions, and more. We'll talk about some of those next issue.

Hey, we've got a few letters in our mailbag which bring up some points worth mentioning since the topics asked about seem to be a familiar theme in our reader mail.

Reader Thad McConnell of Brighton, Mass., wants to know why some stations indicate their frequencies in "kiloHertz." Seems that his receiver is calibrated in "MegaHertz" and he feels that somebody ought to standardize or at least coordinate the broadcasters and the receiver manufacturers. Well, it may be a bit confusing but once you grasp the basic message here, Thad (and all others who have asked about this), it's a snap.

You see, these two terms are practically the same; kiloHertz means "thousand-cycles" and MegaHertz means "million-cycles."

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WHITE'S SHORTWAVE SECTION

Dec. 1969/ Jan. 1970 LISTENER'S STANDARD TIME	ASIA (except Near East)	EUROPE, NEAR EAST & AFRICA (N. of the Sahara)	AFRICA (S. of the Sahara)	SOUTH Pacific	LATIN AMERICA
0000-0300	25, 31	41, 49	60, 41e	31e, 41w	(49), 60, 90
0300-0600	41, 49	31	19w	31, 41, 60w	49, 60, 90
0600-0900	25, 49w	13, 16, 19	19	25, 31	49
0900-1200	16, 19	13, 16, 19	19, 25	19 (poor)	25, 31
1200-1500	16, 19	13, 16, 19	19, 25	19 (poor)	25, 31
1500-1800	16, 19	31, 49	60e, 31w	19 (poor)	31
1800-2100	16, 19	25, 31	25, 31, (60w)	16, 19	(49), 60, 90
2100-2400	16, 19	31, 41, 49	60	16, 19	(49), 60, 90

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

Since a million cycles is a direct multiple of a thousand cycles, the term MegaHertz is merely a shorthand version of stating kilo-Hertz—just like you would find it easier to say \$25-million rather than \$25-thousandthousand. To convert kiloHertz into Mega-Hertz, change the comma in the frequency to a decimal point (11,575 kHz becomes 11.575 MHz), and vice versa to change from MHz to kHz.

Next, Howard Freeman of Miami Beach, Fla., is hung up on a sky hook; that is to say that he's in a quandary. He wants good SW reception in all directions and similar quality reception on the broadcast band. He hasn't got room for an antenna farm so he asks for our opinion on what he should do. A broadcast band antenna might be too long for good shortwave reception and a shortwave antenna cut-to-frequency might be inadequate for broadcast; then there's the problem of which way to orient (aim) the antenna for the directional properties of whichever antenna he decides to use. Oh boy, sounds like you've really got a problem, Howie, our advice is to be totally unscientific and copout on engineering considerations, such as those you have questioned. Here's what you do. Go out and buy 100 feet or so of insulated antenna wire (we like #14 stranded) and some insulators—then start stringing. Don't worry about a thing, except to place an insulator wherever it is going to zig or zag as you string from tree-to-tree or buildingto-tree. Don't worry about direction, don't be too concerned about the thing being too long for shortwave or the other way around. For receiving installations this long-wire nightmare should be dandy.

Arlo C. Carlton of Okmulgee, Okla., asks if we can give him the *complete* schedule of times and frequencies for National Bureau of Standards station WWV in Washington. Arlo, baby, they upped and moved WWV to Ft. Collins, Colo., a few years ago. The full 24-hour schedule is a bit too complicated and lengthy for printing here, but the station is on the air with clock ticks, various audio tones, voice announcements, radio propagation forecasts, and assorted other tidbits just about all day and night (execpt for a few minutes of silence each hour). They are on 2500, 5000, 10000, 15000, 20000, 25000 kHz. They send a QSL card for reception reports and will mail you their full schedule

kHz

2410 2440

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3205 YVRV

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3242 3255

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4025 4652 4725 Call

YVLG 2480 YVPD 2614 DAM

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Name kHz Call Name Location R. Puerto La Cruz La Cruz, Venez. Santarem, Brazil Maracay, Venez. Caracas, Venez. Elmshorn, W. Germany R. Emis Rural R. Giradot R. Tiempo (time signals) 90-Meter Band-3200 to 3400 kHz Naiguata, Venez. Brazzaville, Congo Abidjan, Ivory Coast Fortaleza, Brazil Nirgua, Venez. Santarem, Brazil Campo Grande, Brazil Maceio, Brazil Maria, Peru Quillabamba, Peru La Paz, Bolivia Huanuco, Brazil Santo Domingo. R. Litoral R. Brazzaville R. Abidjan R. Assuncao R. Nirgua R. Emis Rural R. Education Rural R. Gazeta R. Tingo R. La Convencion R. Viente Siete Decimbre Deciembre Huanuco, Brazil Santo Domingo. Dom. Rep. Guatemala City, Guat. Santa Ana, Bolivia Criggon, Gt. Britain Guayaquil, Ecuador Loja, Ecuador R. Huanuco R. San Juan R. Escuela Radio R. Santa Ana (time signals) R. Ecuador R. El Progresso 60-Meter Band-4750 to 5060 kHz

4760	CP62	R. Bolivia	La Paz, Bolivia
4765	ZY N37	R. Feira de Santana	Santana, Brazil
4775	CP84	R. Los Andes	La Paz, Bolivia Potosi, Bolivia
4785	CP74	R. Indoamerica	Potosi, Bolivia
4792	HIAS	Onda Musical	Santo Domingo,
			Dom. Rep.
4800	OBX7C	R. Onda Azul	Puno, Peru
4810	OAX2U	S. San Ignacio	Jaen, Peru
	YVRC	V. de Apure	Apure, Venezuela
4830	CP70	R. Grigota	Santa Cruz, Bolivia
4840	OBX5E	R. Andahuaylas	Andahuaylas, Peru
4850	HCCV3	Ondas del Zamora	Loja, Ecuador
4860	NUK D	R. Peking	Peking, China
4870	YVKP	R. Tropical	Caracas, Venez.
4880	YVKF	Ondas Populares	Caracas, Venez.
4892 4900	HROM	R-TV Francaise	Cayenna, Fr. Guyana
	CE490	V. del Uluia	El Progresso, Honduras
4908 4915	CP88	R. Transandina	Los Andes, Chile
4925	ZVA4	R. Amboro	Santa Cruz, Bolivia
4935	ZYA6 CP110	R. Icarema R. Norte	Sobral, Brazil
4945	DZB6	National Teachers	Montero, Bolivia Manila, Philippines
1713	0200	Coll.	Coro, Venezuela
4950	YVMM	R. Coro	New Delhi, India
4960	VUD	All India R.	Quito, Ecuador
	HCGHI	R. Tarqui	Santo Domingo,
4980	HIKZ	R. Dif Popular	Dom. Rep.
4985	ZYZ15	V. de Oeste	Cuiaba, Brazil
5000	MSF	(time signals)	Teddington, Gt. Britain
	WWVH	(time signals)	Maui, Hawaii
5010	_	Forces BC	Singapore, Malaysia
5020	HJFW	Trasmis, Caldas	Bogota, Colombia
5025		V. Amazona	Amazonia, Brazil
5035	HROE	V. de Fronteras	Tegucigalpa, Honduras
5045	ZK5	R. Raratonga	Raratonga, Cook Is.
5055 5075	ZYX24	R. Cultural	Guiaba, Brazil
50/5	HJGC	Accion Cultural	Bogota, Colombia
5192	CR6RV	R. Clube de Moxico	Moxico, Angola
5545	_	R. Peking	Peking, China
5870	mine.	R. Peking	Peking, China

49-Meter Band-5950 to 6200 kHz

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5935		R. Peking	Peking, China
5955		R. Liberty	W. Germany
	CE595	R. Nuevo Mundo	Santiago, Chile
5960	HRHR	V. de Occidente	Tegucigalpa, Honduras
5970	_	R. Brazzaville \	Brazzaville, Congo
5975	ZYT44	R. Guaraja	Florianapolis, Brazil
5980	ZFY	R. Demerara	Georgetown, Guyana
5985	LRS2	R. Splendid	Buenos Aires , Argentina
5995	-	V. America	Thessaloniki, Greece
6000		R. Afghanistan	Kabul, Afghanistan
6005	C P58	R. Progreso	La Paz, Bolivia
6010	HJFK	V. Amiga	Bogota Colombia

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upon request. Write to Station WWV, National Bureau of Standards, Ft. Collins, Colo. 80521.

Meanwhile, settle down and get some serious logging under your belt.

Location

KIIL	Cui		Location
6020		R. Caraibes R. Peking	Port au Prince, Haiti
6025	CEUM	R. Peking	Peking, China Talca, Chile Taipei, Formosa Wooferton, Gt. Britain
6030 6040) CE603) BED9	V Free China	Taipei Formore
6050) (V. America	Wooferton, Gt. Britain
6055 6062	CP18	R. El Condor	Oruro, Bolivia
6062	OAXBL CFRX	V. America R. El Condor R. Telesar CFRX	Pucallpa, Peru
6070 6080	CFKX	R. Berlin Int'l	Oruro, Bolivia Pucallpa, Peru Toronto, Ont. Berlin, E. Germany
	HCDG	2 R. Bolivar	Guayaquil, Ecuador
6090	-	R. Luxembourg I R. Oficial del	Luxembourg
6095	OAX4F	R. Oficial del	
6105	RECAL	Air Force Station R. Charitas R. Tamoio R. X-E-T-S S-O-D-R-E R. Condor BBC V. del Cauca	Taipei, Formosa
6110	ZPAL	R. Charitas	Asuncion, Paraguay Rio de Janiero, Brazil
6115	7YC7	R. Tamoio	Rio de Janiero, Brazil Tapachula, Mexico Montevideo, Uruguay Bogota, Colombia London, Gt. Britain Popayan, Cotombia Lisbon, Portugal Lusaka, Zambia Manila, Philippines Port au Prince, Haiti Santo Domingo
6120 6125 6130	XETS CXA4	R, X-E-T-S	Montevideo, Uruguay
6125	HCFB2	S-O-D-R-E	Bogota, Colombia
6140	—	RRC	London, Gt. Britain
6140	HJEQ	V. del Cauca	Lisbon, Portugal
6155	HJEQ CSB52	R. Renascenca	Lusaka, Zambia
6165	_	R. Zambia	Manila, Philippines
6170	AVPI	Philippines BC	Port au Prince, Haiti
6185	DUH2 4VPJ HIAU TGFT ZAA	V. de Libertad	
6190	TGFT	R. Nacional	Dom. Rep. Tikal, Guatemala
6200	ZAA	R. Tirana	
6200 6234 6335	-	K. BUGADEST	Budapest, Hungary
6520		R. Peking R. Peking	Budapest, Hungary Peking, China Peking, China
0320			
	4	I-Meter Band—7100	to 7300 kHz
7105		R. Nacional Thai TV Co.	Madrid, Spain Bangkok, Thailand
7120		Ihai TV Co.	Bangkok, Thailand
7120	VUD	BBC All India R.	Cyprus New Delhi, India
71.40		BBC	Cyprus
7150		BBC BBC R. Niger	London, Gt. Britain
7155		R. Niger	Niamey
7140 7150 7155 7165 7165 7170 7180 7190	_		Hilversum, Netherlands Kohima, Jadia
7180	_	All India R. All India R. V. Free Korea R. Belgrade Swice BC	Kohima, India Bhopal, India Seoul, Korea Belgrade, Yugoslavia Rerne Switz
7190	HLK30	V. Free Korea	Seoul, Korea
7200	-	R. Belgrade	Belgrade, Yugoslavia
7200 7210 7220 7230 7235 7240		Swiss BC	Berne, Switz.
7230	_	R. Peking	Peking China
7235		R. Pakistan	Karachi, Pakistan
7240		R. Garoua	Garoua, Cameroon
7255 7260		K. Belgrade Swiss BC R. Budapest R. Peking R. Pakistan R. Garoua R. Sofia All India R. Military BC Corps R. Moscow	Budapest, Hungary Peking, China Karachi, Pakistan Garoua, Cameroon Sofia, Bulgaria Madaar Jadia
7270	VUM BEC28	Military BC Corot	Madras, India
7270 7280	-	R. Moscow	Moscow, USSR
7290	-	R. Moscow RAI	Rome, Italy
7295 7305	-	R. Moscow R. Peking	Moscow, USSR
7305	_	R. Peking	Pragua Crach
7443	НВХ	R. Prague United Nations	Geneva Switz
7660 9009	_	K. Peking	Peking, China
9009	4XB31	Kol Yisrael	Tel Aviv, Israel
9340	_	R. Peking	Sotia, Bulgaria Madras, India Hualein, Formosa Moscow, USSR Rome, Italy Moscow, USSR Peking, China Peking, China Tel Aviv, Israel Peking, China
	31	-Meter Band-9500	to 9775 kHz
9504	OAX8E	R. Loreto	Iquitos, Ecuador Bucharest, Rumania Montevideo, Uruguay Warsaw, Poland Monrovia, Liberia Sarawak, Malaysia Port au Prince, Haiti Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania San Salvador, El Salvador
9510	_	R. Bucharest R. Sarandi R. Warsaw	Bucharest, Rumania
9515 9525	CXA7I	K. Sarandi	Montevideo, Uruguay
7525	_	K. Warsaw Y. America	Montovia Liberia
9530 9535	-	R. Malavsia	Sarawak, Malaysia
9545	4VC	V. Reveloucion R. Tanzania	Port au Prince, Haiti
0000	YSS	R. Tanzania	Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania
9555	155	R. Nacional	San Salvador, El Salvador
9565	DMQ9	Deutsche Welle	Cologne, W. Germany
9570		R Australia	Melbourne, Australia
9575	BED91	V. Free China	Taipei, Formosa
9585 9590	_	R. Niger R. Peking	Reking Chies
9595	ZYN29	R. Cultura	Niamey, Niger Peking, China Bahia, Brazil
9600	OAXIR	R. Talara	Talara, Peru
9610	VLW9	Australian BC	
9420		Comm.	Perth, Australia
9620		R-TV Francaise	Paris, Franco

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WHITE'S EMERGENCY RADIO STATIONS

kH:	Call	Name	Location	kHz	Call	Name	Location
9625 9630 9640 9645 9655 9660 9675 9685 9690 9700 9710	CR6RL ZYV40 — OAZ4L BED73 VUD	BBC R. Club de Angola BBC R. Cultura Trans World Radio R. Malaysia R. del Pacifico V. Free China All India R. BBC R. Peking	London, Gt. Britain Pocos, Brazil	11910 11920 11925 11935 11945 11945 11965 11980 12010 15020	H5K9 ZYS35	V. Thailand R-TV Francaise Trans World R. R. Club Paranaense R. Nederland BBC V. America R. Peking R. Peking R. Hanoi	Bangkok, Thailand Paris, France Monte Carlo, Monaco Curitiba, Brazil Hilversum, Netherlands Cyprus Okinawa Peking, China Peking, China Hanoi, N. Vietnam
9720	CR6RZ	Emis Oficial	Luanda, Angola		19-	Meter Band-15100	to 15450 kHz
9730 9740 9745 9755 9760 9770 9810 9905 10175 10175 10775 11570 11685	BEC62 TGWA 4VEH FTK77	R. Berlin Int ¹ I. V. America Air Force R. Nederland V. de Guatemala R. St. 4VEH R. Moscow BBC R. Peking (time signals) R. Moscow R. Peking	Berlin, E. Germany, Woofferton, Gt. Britain Taipei, Formosa Hilversum, Netherlands Guatemala City, Guatemala Cap Haitien, Haiti Moscow, USSR London, Gt. Britain Peking, China Postove, USSR Peking, China	15100 15115 15130 15140 15150 15160 15170 15180 15195 15215 15225 15240 15250	HCJB 	Windward Is. BC V. de los Andes R. Liberty R. Australia R. Ankara R. V. Gospel R. J. Gospel R. J. Gospel R. J. Gospel R. V. Gospel R. Warsaw V. de Melo V. Sweden V. America	St. Georges, Grenada Quito, Ecuador Germany Melbourne, Australia Lima, Peru Ankara, Turkey Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Tokyo, Japan Warsaw, Poland Montevideo, Uruguay Stockholm, Sweden Manila, Philippines
	25-	Meter Band—11700	to 11975 kHz	15260 15275	<u> </u>	Far East Network R. Warsaw	Tokyo, Japan Warsaw, Poland
11710 11720 11730		R. Sweden All India R. R. Canada R. Nederland	Stockholm, Sweden Deihi, India Montreal, Que. Bonaire, Neth, Antilles	15320 15360 15385 15435	BED38 DZF3 DMQ15	V. Free China R. RSA Call of Orient Deutsche Welte	Taipei, Formosa Paradys, S. Africa Manila, Philippines Cologne, W. Germany
11740 11745	HVJ	Trans World R. Vatican Radio	Monte Carlo, Monaco Vatican City		16	Meter Band—17700	to 17900 kHz
11755 11765 11775 11785 11785 11785 11795 11800 11805	LRX ETLF CEI180 VUD	R. El Mundo R. Sweden R. V. Gospel Deutsche Welle R. Warsaw R. Society Naciona Agri. All India R.	Santiago, Chile Delhi, India	17705 17745 17760 17780 17785 17815 17835 17850		R. Novo de Julio BBC R. V. Gospel All India R. RA1 V. America R. Free Europe R. Bucharest	Rio de Janiero, Brazil London, Gt. Britain Addis Abba, Ethiopia Delhi, India Rome, Italy Tangiers, Morocco Lisbon, Portugal Bucharest, Rumania
11820	VUD 4VEH	All India R. R. Station 4VEH	Delhi, India Cap Haitien, Haiti		13	-Meter Band—21450	to 21750 kHz
11845 11855 11860 11870 11875 11885 11890 11905	DZH8 BED45 ZYN32 ORU4 ETLF DMQ11	R. TV Francaise Call of The Orient V. Free China V. America R. Society V. Friendship R. V. Gospel Deutsche Welle	Paris, France Manila, Philippines Taipei, Formosa Thessaloniki, Greece Bahia, Brazil Brussels, Belgium Addis Ababa, Ethiopia Cologne, W. Germany	21450 21485 21490 21500 21560 21640 21655		R-TV Francaise Vatican R. BBC R. Brazzaville Deutsche Welle R. Japan R. Norway	Paris, France Vatican City London, Gt. Britain Brazzaville, Congo Cologne, W. Germany Tokyo, Japan Oslo, Norway

White's Emergency Radio Station Listings for the Washington-Baltimore Areas

SCIENCE AND ELECTRONICS furnishes this exclusive listing of emergency radio stations as an aid to our many readers now engaged in the fascinating and rapidly growing hobby of monitoring emergency radio communications. We have and will be publishing similar lists devoted to different metropolitan areas in forthcoming issues so that you'll be able to accumulate a sizable array of this difficult-to-obtain data. Refer to the index on page 81 for our 1969 program. Our 1970 brand new schedule will be announced in the next issue.

If you desire to obtain similar lists from other areas in the United States that have not been published in this magazine in 1969, then we suggest you write to Communications Research Bureau, Box 56, Commack, N. Y. 11725. They may have a list of emergency radio services that covers your locality. Include a stamped, selfaddressed envelope with your request.

WASH	INGTON METROPOLITAN POLICE
KFZ835 KGA829 KGA885 KGB808 KGB808 KGB831 KJR291 KOP401 KOP401 KOP404 KOP404-5 KOP406 KOP406 KOP407-10 KOP413-4	155.415 39.02 155.25 155.25 155.25 39.02 154.86 154.86 154.86 154.86 156.03 156.03 156.03
DIST	RICT OF COLUMBIA FIRE DEPT.
KCR293 KGA6H	154.19 154.19
	BALTIMORE POLICE DEPT.
KCX351	154.65 155.43 155.61

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KCX352-3 KCX355-62	154.65 155.61 154.65 155.61
KCZ841	453.20
KGA4I0	154.65 155.55 155.61 155.67 453.05
	453.30 453.35 455.50

154.31

BALTIMORE FIRE DEPT.

KGC220

MARYLAND MUNICIPAL AGENCIES

Station		Police		Fire
Adamstown Adelphi Annapolis Arbutus Arunold Arundel-by-Sea Avalon Shores	KGA921	, 159.21	KGE630 KCR899 KGR372 KGD308 KGD322 KGD324 KGC673 KGU660 KGE349 KGD306	46.42 33.74 33.86 46.50 46.50 46.50 46.46 46.50 46.50 46.50 46.50
Benedict Bladensburg Boring Bowleys Quarter Braddock Hts. Broaklyn Bryans Rd. Cape St. Claire Carroll Manor Chesapeake Bch.	KJN738	453.90	KGC700 KGC667 KJ1557 KGC527 mobiles KGF504 KGE630 mobiles	153.83 46.42 46.46 46.42 46.50 46.42 46.50 46.42 46.50 46.42 39.10 39.30
Chillum Deale Dundalk Earleigh Estates Eastport Edgemere Edgewater English Consul Ferndale Frederick	KGA247	155.49	KC R899 KGG372 KGD316 KGC699 KG8466 KGD728 KJ8937 KGC710	33.74 33.86 same 46.50 46.50 46.50 46.50 47.46 46.46 46.46 46.50 46.46 46.50 46.42
Galesville Gambrills Glen Burnie Glyndon Green Haven Halethorpe Herald Harbor Hughesville Hyattsville	KFF284	155.13	KGC724 KGC711 KGC332 KGC530 KGD312 KGD312 KGC349 KGC702 KGC281 KGC281 KGD281 KGD281 KGD217 mobiles	46.50 153.83 46.50 46.46 46.50 46.46 46.50 46.46 46.50 46.42
Hyde Park Indian Head Jessup			KGC604 KEL445 KGD307	46.46 46.42 46.50
Jonestown Lake Shore Lansdowne La Plata Lintwood Lintwood Lloyds Lombardee 8ch. Lutherville Marley Park Middleborough Middle River Mt. Airy	KGG527	159.09	KG8740 KGC608 KG8686 KAP751 KGC947 KGC707 KGC274 KGC274 KGC648 KGC648 KGC648 KJL553 VGE124	46.50 46.46 46.42 46.06 46.50 46.46 46.50 46.46 46.50 46.46 46.46 33.94 153.83
New Market N. Beach N. Point Orchard Bch. Pitesville Potomac Hts. Powhatan Bch. Prince Frederick Riva			KGC710 KGC710 KGC9961 KGE207 mobiles KGC909 KCC372 KCR278 KGD323	46.42 33.82 46.46 46.50 46.50 46.46 46.42 46.50 33.82 33.82 33.82 46.50 153.83
Rockaway Bch. Rosedale Secretary Sykesville Towson	mobiles	39.26	KGC605 KGC607 KAP753 KGC765 KGC701	46.46 46.46 46.06 33.94 46.46

Station		Police_		Fire
Waldorf W. Annapolis White Marsh Woodland Bch. Woodlawn			KGC622 KGC845 KGC629 KGD724 KGC632	46.42 46.50 46.46 46.50 46.46
MARYLAND COUNTY AGENCIES				
Anne Arundel	Co.			
Annapolis	KG8645	39,58	KGD479 KGD479	154.28 154.34
Millersville Severna Park	KBC879 KGB353 KGB419 KGB419 KGR249	39.98 154.77 154.77 156.21 458.55		
Baltimore Co.				
Baltimore	KGA340 KGA340 KGA340 KGA340	39.42 39.44 39.62 39.72		
Catonsville Cockeysville	KGA340	37.72	KGE206 KGC337	46.46 46.28
Dundalk Edgemere Essex Fullerton Halethorpe Middle River Parkville	KGC983	39.42	KGE206 KGC337 KGK762 KGE248 KGE205 KGE210 KGD224 KCL506 KGE211	46.46 46.46 46.46 46.46 46.46 46.46 46.46 46.46
Pikesville Towson	KGA340	39.62 39.42	KG E207 K B J 658	46.46 46.46
	KGA340 KGA340 KGA340 KBP322 KBW809 KGA203 KGA809 KGA888 KGA890-3 KGA895 KGD993	39.44 39.62 39.72 39.44 34.99 34.99 34.99 34.99 39.44 39.44	KEY850-2 KGL513 KBT795 KBT795 KGC337 KGD295 KGC337	46.46 46.46 46.46 46.46 46.52 154.28
Woodlawn		37.11	KGE208	46.46
Calvert County	<u>v</u>			
	mobiles mobiles	39.10 39.30		
Carroll Co.				
Westminster			KGN512	154.28
Howard Co.				
Clarksville Elkridge Ellicott City Jonestown	mobiles ,	155.37	mobiles KDZ328 KDZ331 KDZ326 KDZ332 KGG529	154.28 154.25 154.25 154.25 154.25 154.25 154.25
Lisbon Savage W. Friendship			KDZ327 KDZ330 KDZ329	154.25 154.25 154.25
Montgomery C	0.			
Beallsville			KDT347 KDT347	153.95 154.16
8ethesda	KCP560 KCP560	154.71	KCP601 KCP601 KCP601	153.95 154.16
Damascus	KCP560 KCP561 KCP561 KCP561	155.64 154.71 155.52 155.64	KCP601 KCP600 KCP600	154.28 153.95 154.16
Gaithersburg	KGA24I KGA24I	155.64 453.55	KCP599 KCP599	33.78 154-16
Hillandale Kensington			KDT349 KDT349 KDT345	153.95 154.16 same
Laytonsville			KDT348	same

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Station		Police		F	ire
Rockville	KGA241 KGA241	154.71	KGC		33.78 153.95
Silver Spring	KG8972 KFT235 KFT235	same 154.71 155.52	KFT2 KFT2		153.95 154.16
Prince Georges	Co.				
Cheverle District Hts.	KGA240	158.73	KGA KGA KGA	361	33.74 33.86 46.12
Forestville Hyattsville			KGA KGA		33.74 same 154.28
Seat Pleasant	KFC749	154.95	KO/	(301	134.20
MA	RYLAND	STATE	POLIC	E	
Baltimore	KGG 862 KGN 485	39.10 39.10	39.26 39.34	44.74 44.74	
Church Hill College Park Etlicott City Forestville	KAU730 KGA911 KJD351 KGH654	44.74 39.10 39.10 39.10	39.26 39.26	44.74	453.55
Frederick Hughesville Jessup	KGA918 KAU729 KGA915	39.10 44.74 39.10 44.74	44.74 39.26	39.34	44.74
Marlboro Prince Frederick Quantico	KAU736 KJD349 KGD979 KAU731	39.10 39.10 44.74	44.74		
Randallstown	KBC660	39.10	39.34	44.74	

MARYLAND TOLL ROAD POLICE

KGE796

KAU732

KGC866

Rockville

Sykesville

Towson

39.10

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44.74

39.34 44.74 39.26 44.74

Annapolis	KDL813-4 KGF986		39.30 39.30	44.74	
Chestertown Fairfield	KGG415 KDL812	39.10	44.74 39.30	,,,,,,	
Glen Burnie	KBT 576		39.26	39.30	39.34
Hallowing Pt. Leonardtown	K8S713 KGD716	39.10 39.10	39.30 39.30	44.74	
Pikesville	KG8744	39.10	39.26	39.30	39.34
Waldorf Westminster	KGA916 KGA917	39.10 39.10	39.30 44.74	44.74	

MARYLAND GAME & INLAND FISH COMM.

31.34 31.46 151.205 159.24 **Owings Mills** KGE486

MD. DEPT. OF FORESTRY CONSERVATION

31.34 31.46 151.145 151.205 151.325 151.355 159.24 159.39

MD. STATE TAX ENFORCEMENT UNIT

39.10 39.22 Stevensville **KGE774**

VIRGINIA MUNICIPAL AGENCIES

Alexandria	KIC737 mobiles mobiles	453.55 158.91 158.97	KF8899 K1E939-43 K1M627 K1N753 K1G374	154.43 154.43 154.43 154.43 46.18
Baileys Cross Falls Church Herndon Vienna	K18289 K1H761 K1K522	156.15 39.54 155.70		

COUNTY AGENCIES

Arlington County

Station		Police	F	ire
Arlington	KI 8346 KI 8346	158.79 453.55	KIC338	154.13
Fairfax Count	ⁱ y			
Alexandria Annandale Burke Centreville Chantilly Clifton Dunn Loring Fairfax	K18950 K18950	39.54 453.55	KEL429-30 KEL431 KEL506 KEL424 KEL426 KEL425 KEL425 KEL427 KEL434 KEL436 K8H638	46.08 46.08 46.08 46.08 46.08 46.08 46.08 46.08 46.08 46.18
Falls Church			KEL423 KEM583	46.08
Forestville Franconia Herndon			KEL428 KEL432 KEL421 KEL433	46.08 46.08 46.08 46.08
Lorton			KEL420 KEL422	46.08
Vienna			KEL435	46.08
Loudoun Cou	inty			
Lessburg	K1G504	39.50	KI U862	46.30

VIRGINIA STATE POLICE NETWORKS

Base stations: Mobile units:	42.88 42.68	155.01 42.70	42.86	42.88

VA. STATE FISHERIES & FORESTRY NETWORKS

31.66 151.265 170.475 171.425

MISCELLANEOUS EMERGENCY UNITS

DC continuous weather forecasts: KH836 162.55 Md. State CD nets: 47.46 47.50 Baltimore CD: 161.25 161.79 Prince Georges Co. (Md.) CD: KGG524 47.62 D.C. hospitals: 155.16 Baltimore hospitals: 155.28 155.34

LAND TRANSPORTATION UNITS

DC Transit System: KGB421 31.14 DC Auto Emergency: KGG615 159.05 150.965 Baltimore & Annapolis Busses: KES909 43.72 Auto Club of Md.: KCT862/150.92 KCJ261/150.93 KGE416/452.55

AERONAUTICAL UNITS

Civil Air Patrol: 143.90 148.15 Aero Emergency: 121.50 Aero weather briefings: 122.60 FAA Flight Service: 122.20 126.70 135.90 Private aircraft enroute: 122.10 122.20 Private aircraft enroute: 122.10 UNICOM: 123.00 Dulles Int'l. Airport Tower: 119.20 119.70 122.55 126.10 Friendship Int'l. Airport Tower: 109.70 120.40 118.70 121.10 125.90 Wash. Nat'l. Airport Tower: 109.90 118.10 118.30 119.10 120.80 126.55 127.00 134.10

RAILROADS

REA Express: Balt.-KG-E870 DC-KDE998 160.68 Wash. Terminal: KEX505 160.29 160.35 160.44 160.62 Canton RR: KGX531 160.98 Pennsylvania RR: 160.80 161.34 Southern RR: 160.245 160.83 160.95 Wash. & Old Dominion RR: 161.16 Western Md. RR: 161.40 B&O RR: 160.23 160.32 160.41 160.53 160.89 161.07

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Patapsco RR: 160.59 160.645 161.13 161.355 Richmond & Fredericksburg RR: 160.305 160.335 160.395 160.425 160.455 160.48 160.515 160.545 160.575 160.77 160.86 160.92 161.04 161.10 161.22 161.28

MARITIME UNITS

Marine Calling & Emergency: 156.80 Ship-to-Shore Telephone: KGD518/KAQ383 161.90 Intership: 156.30 I56.40 Chesapeake Bay Pilots: KGE257 156.60 Glidden Co.: KGD822 156.35 Bethlehem Steel: KGC339 156.45 Triangle Towing: KGW337 156.45 156.90 156.95 Baker Whiteley Coal: KGD253 156.50 Md. Shipbuilding: KGA563 156.55 Md. Drydock Co.: mobiles 156.55 Wilson Line: KWB451-3 156.80 156.90 Balt. Maritime: KDD601 156.90

MOBILE RADIOTELEPHONE CHANNELS

ZA-33.42 ZB-33.54 ZF-33.30 ZH-33.34 ZL-35.66	ZM-33.38 ZO-35.26 ZR-35.50 ZW-35.62 ZY-33.46	JK-152.78 JP-152.51 JR-152.81 JS-152.69	YJ-152.63 YK-152.66 YL-152.64 YP-152.60 YR-152.75	QA-454.45 QB-454.55 QF-454.65 QJ-454.40 QP-454.50 QR-454.60
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Ask Me Another

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for under \$50 which will operate from a 12volt battery. The roll of the boat will have no effect on the tape—but watch what you eat!

Need Address

l need the address of Standard Radio Corporation in America. I have a miniature radio which needs service, and cannot find the address.

-R.T., Pen Argyl, Pa.

It is 60-09 39th Ave., Woodside, N.Y. 11377. And the next time you need an address of a manufacturer visit your local library. Most electronic manufacturers are listed in the *Electronics Buyers' Guide*, published yearly. If they're not in there, try the *Thomas Register*.

Emergency Battery

l am planning to use a 12-volt automobile storage battery as an emergency power supply for my radio equipment and I would like to have some tips on the care of the battery. I would also like to know how long I should charge the battery with my one-ampere charger. -S.M., Bronx, N.Y.

Get a hydrometer and check the specific gravity of the cells at regular intervals. It should be between 1.260 and 1.300 when the battery is fully charged.

Radio Heaven Maybe

I'm an SWL and tune in mostly on 25 meters. There, I occasionally hear a sound that might be produced by trumpets and a French horn. It is about three bars duration and repeats itself indefinitely. What is it? ---M. G. Z., McKeesport, Pa.

We don't know, but why don't you write lyrics for it—it just might make the top-ten. Can our readers help us out?

FM is Not AM

Please tell me how to modify my FM re-

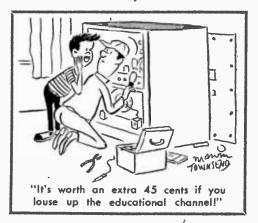
ceiver front end to extend its range from 108 MHz to about 122 MHz.

--L. J. H., Chattanooga, Tenn. While it could be done, you wouldn't benefit since there are no FM stations up there, only AM aviation stations—which your set would not demodulate.

Wasted Watts

I have an old TV set that was given to me which I use only as a phono amplifier. I would like to make it more compact by eliminating the picture tube. However, I learned that it is in series with the rest of the set and the amplifier section won't function without it. Can I replace the tube with something smaller and still use the set as a phono amplifier?

--R. T., Harrisburg, Pa. You're burning up a lot of kilowatt-hours of power running a whole TV set and making use of only two or three of its tubes as a phono amplifier. If the set draws 160 watts and you get one watt of audio out, you've got a mighty inefficient lash up. Since you can buy a comparable amplifier in kit form for as little as \$10.95, why don't you have the trashman take away that old TV set?



New Products

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Hey Mable! Packaged Cable!

Now you can buy your coaxial cable in handy dandy packages, thanks to Amphenol. The line includes pretested RF cable assemblies most used by communications experimenters, CBers, and hams. Pictured, for example, is a 20-ft. length of RG-58/U type polyfoam cable with Astroplated PL-259 connector on one end, spade lugs on the other. So now you don't have to bother with the salesman measuring and cut-



Amphenol Packaged Coaxial Cable Assembly

ting short lengths of cable and searching bins for the proper coax connector. There's also a 3-ft. package, ideal for use as a patch cord or communications jumper cable, between radio transceivers and linear amplifiers, coaxial switches, test equipment, etc. Other lengths go from 12 to 100 ft. Prices and literature available from Amphenol Distributor Div., Bunker-Ramo Corp., 2875 S. 25th Ave., Broadview, III. 60153.

By Jupiter! Via Telescope

Now that all the world is an astronomer, wouldn't it be wonderful to have your own backyard telescope? Can't afford it? Edmund Scientific have put on the market a 6-in. mirror telescope optics kit (stock No. 71,191) for \$75.00 which would cost about \$250.00 already assembled. The mirror itself is already ground and polished, aluminized and overcoated, and there's a 3/8-in. thick elliptical diagonal with 13/4-in. major axis and 11/4-in. minor, a 28 mm

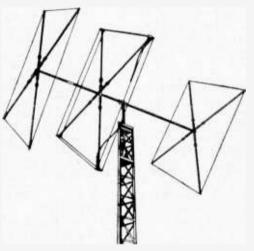


Edmund 6-In. Mitror Telescope Optics Kit

focal length Kellner eyepiece with 50° field of view and standard 1¼-in. barrel diameter and 2 achromats mounted in black anodized aluminum. The kit comes with a 36-page book, "Telescopes You Can Build," as well as specific instructions. The 6-in. reflector telescope will pick up four times as much light as a 3-in. scope, enabling you to view stars up to the 13th magnitude and resolve star clusters. To order by mail, or for more details write Edmund Scientific Co., Edscorp Bldg., Barrington, N.J. 08007.

Join the Mod Squad

Here's a new Mosley CB cubical quad with polarization which they're calling the Mod Quad (Model MCQ-27VH). The switching system includes a double radiator element, two gamma matches, and a polarization control box which permits polarization change at the flip of a switch from within the base station. The Mod Quad has three widely spaced elements on 14-ft, boom for top gain. High directivity elim-



Mosley Mod Quad MCQ-27YH

inates unwanted side and back signals and low radiation angle keeps the signal close to the ground for maximum distance. Construction is of copper-coated steel wire, heavy-duty aluminum tubing, molded high-impact insulators, and stainless steel hardware. Feed point impedance is 52 ohms nominal, and the unit has forward gain of 9 dB compared to reference dipole, 11.1 over isotropic source. The Mod Quad withstands a wind load of 151 lbs. and weighs about 40 lbs. Price is \$122.05 and you can get more specs from Mosley Electronics, Inc., 4610 N. Lindbergh Blvd., Bridgeton, Mo. 63042.

We the People Want Public Service

Included in Channel Master's new line of public service band communications receivers is Model 625A, which covers the 30-50 MHz low band and the 147-174 MHz high band. It has three separate tuner and converter circuits with four IF stages for best sensitivity, selectivity, and signal-to-noise ratio. It operates on batteries or AC through a built-in power supply and battery rejuvenation circuit. The 6252A fea-



Channel Master 6252A Police-Public Service Band Receiver

tures variable squelch, and is supplied with an external antenna connecting cable for mobile use with standard car antennas. And there's a write-on log panel to record most-used frequencies. Dual Band Model 6252A price is \$59.95 and you can write for further information to Channel Master, Ellenville, N.Y. 12428.

Reverrrrb!

You can convert your sound system, stereo or monaural, to full-dimension reverberated sound with this new Gibbs Reverberator. Featuring a 10-watt amplifier specifically designed for reverberation, the unit uses solid-state components. Distortion is less than 3% at 1000 Hz, and both input and output impedance is 8 ohms. There are terminals on the rear panel for stereo or monaural amplifier leads and an auxiliary speaker. Controls on the front panel permit full tone control and the amount of reverberation desired. You can also run the music source without turning on the reverberation unit or



Gibbs Reverberator

disconnecting any amplifier or speaker leads. Price is \$70.00 and further information may be obtained by writing to Gibbs Special Products Corp., 450 N. Main St., Janesville, Wis. 53545.

Now Hear This! PA Amp!

The new Allied 45-watt public address amplifier, model 3246T will power sound columns, outdoor weatherproof trumpets, indoor baffled speakers, or may be packed into a speaker case for portable use. It features a silicon-transistor circuit, inverse feedback, sound reproduction for paging, voice, or music distribution. The 3246T has microphone precedence-permitting paging over a program in progress. Rear of chassis has an AC outlet, and a low-frequency filter may be switched in to cut feedback and protect speakers from overload. Mike inputs are switch-controlled for low or high impedance. There are two auxiliary inputs to connect a phonograph, tuner or tape recorder. It can be used in either constant-voltage or standard im-

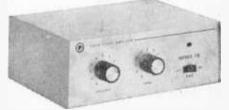


Allied 3246T Public Address Amplifier

pedance installations. Other features: separate calibrated bass and treble controls, gain controls for mike and auxiliary inputs and extra large master gain control. Frequency response is 40-10,000 Hz. The 3246T amplifier is priced at \$79.95 and you can get an optional topmounting 4-speed turntable for \$24.95. Write Allied Radio Corp., 100 N. Western Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60680 for info.

Neat Li'l Amp

We have here model 790 from Trutone Electronics, an all-silicon solid-state audio amplifier with a sine wave output of 6 watts. Can be used at home, in offices, schools—anywhere you want microphone paging or music. The amplifier is supplied with one input for high-impedance microphone or music; speaker output is 8 ohms, 25-V line, 70-V line. Housed in a tan metal cabinet measuring $7 \times 6\frac{1}{8} \times 3\frac{1}{8}$ in., the unit is said to have foolproof operation. Should the output of the amplifier be shorted, mismatched, or have no load no harm will come to the transistors. Carrying a warranty of one year, the 790 is priced at \$61.50. For further information write to Trutone Electron-



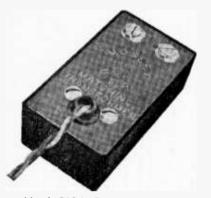
Trutone Raymer 790 Amplifier

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ics, Inc., 14660 Raymer St., Van Nuys, Calif. 91405.

Swing from SWL to BCB

Mosley Electronics' TRS-57 transformerbalun for SWL antennas has been developed to adapt their SWL-7 and RD-5 shortwave listening antennas to receive standard broadcast bands below 4 MHz. The transformer-balun automatically transforms the doublet into the long wire antenna necessary for broadcast

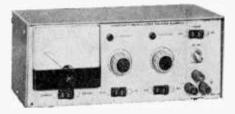


Mosely TRS-57 Transformer-Balun

band reception, eliminating the need for an additional antenna to receive local stations and distant cities. On regular shortwave bands, the TRS-57 acts as a balun to provide balanced receiver input. You can install it on the back of your SWL receiver with a screwdriver. Adaptable to any shortwave listening doublet, the TRS-57 is \$7.43 and more information can be had from Mosley Electronics, Inc., 4610 N. Lindbergh Blvd., Bridgeton, Mo. 63042.

Are You a Solid-State Experimenter?

Heathkit's new IP-28 regulated power supply should appeal to experimenters who work with solid-state circuitry. Without using the



Heathkit IP-28 Regulated Power Supply

sensing terminals it delivers up to 30 VDC at 1 amp maximum load with less than 50-mV variation. There's a Remote Sensing feature that reduces the voltage variation at the load to less than 20 mV. A front panel rocker switch selects either 1-10 VDC or 1-30 VDC ranges, and the output is continuously variable. The IP-28 also has variable current limiting in two switch-selected ranges from 10-100 mA or 10 mA to 1 A. A 3¹/₂-in, meter can be switched to read either voltage or current, with two pilot lamps indicating which is being monitored. Styled in beige and brown like the rest of their instrument line, Heath says the IP-28 goes together in about 8 hours with circuit board-wiring harness assembly. Price is \$47.50 and you can get more specs from Heath Co., Benton Harbor, Mich. 49022.

BOTDC Motor

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start, disconnect the battery and transpose the connections to L1. This reverses the phasing of this coil. Reconnect the battery and your motor should run merrily along. If it doesn't, you must have made an error in wiring that was not revealed when you double-checked it. It's easy to make a mistake in connecting the transistors or diode, so check them once more.

When the motor is running properly and the speaker switch is turned on, you'll hear a clicking in the speaker every time a magnet passes L1 and generates a pulse. The repetition rate of the clicks will increase as the speed of the motor increases.

Whenever the motor isn't operating be sure to place the magnet keepers on the magnets and also be sure to remove them whenever you want to run the motor.

To make an attractive unit for a display, why not paint the baseboard and the rotor disc and magnets in contrasting or complementary colors? Perhaps the addition of an old commutator and brushes removed from a discarded conventional motor and some old worn-out ignition points that have been removed from your car can be worked into your display. These would show the difference between the older methods of switching current to make a motor run and the use of transistor switching to accomplish this function and how your Transistor Motor has done away with parts that wear out.

This project will provide you with mechanical, electrical, and electronic experience and could, at the same time, also win a prize for you at your next science fair. So go ahead and get started now and be ready in time for the competition.

EICO Tube Tester

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the tube is N.G. and no further checks need be made. If the lamp is out, the user depresses the *quality* switch and gets a good or *bad* meter reading.

Supposedly, the EICO 635 can indicate a short between a tube's #1 and #2 grids, and the tube data book gives a test procedure. Unfortunately, the instructions say "move the designated switch", but nowhere does anything indicate which switch is the "designated switch". (Your unit may come with an addenda to the instructions.) Permanently attached cables for testing tubes with grid cap and CRTs are always at hand in the storage compartment.

Getting Into Theory. The EICO 635 is an *emission* tester, meaning it expresses a tube's quality in terms of the cathode's electron emission. This testing technique is based on the generally correct assumption that a tube which puts out a normal emission is *good*, being *bad* when the emission is below the rated specification. (The '635 automatically selects the correct meter range for a good-bad indication.)

The emission check is made by converting the tube to a diode by shorting all the grids and plate together. In effect, all grids become a plate. Thus, the only active tube elements are a cathode and plate (a diode). Since the plate current of a diode for a given value of plate-tocathode voltage (all other circuit constants being equal) is determined by the cathode emission, the number of electrons streaming from the cathode at a given voltage, the meter can be calibrated to indicate the degree of cathode emission in terms of good or bad. As a tube ages the cathode coating burns off, and the emission falls with the loss of coating. When the tube can no longer emit sufficient electrons the tube function fails.

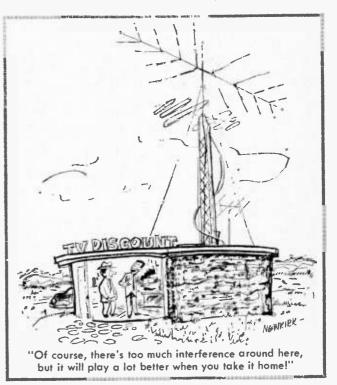
Limited Filament Voltages. The EICO 635, as do

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many other modern tube testers does not provide every single filament voltage in current use; in fact, only 8 colleges are provided. The tester, however, is calibrated so that the meter readings are correct for any tube, based on the recommended filament voltage. For example, a tube with a filament in the 6.3 to 8.4 volt range is checked with 6.3 filament volts. Within a given tube type, the meter readings are a relative indication of quality (emission) between different tubes. As with other emission tube testers, you cannot relate the meter readings between different tube types, so don't try.

An interesting feature is a bank of plastic tube pin straighteners across the top of the panel that, while they do not straighten the pins in exact alignment as do metal pin straighteners, they at least ensure that the sockets will not be damaged by misaligned tube pins.

The EICO 635 kit is simple enough in the sense that there aren't many components, just innumerable interconnecting wires between the sockets. If you take your time connecting to the tube sockets, there's just about nothing that can go wrong. For additional information write to EICO, 2831/2 Malta St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11207.



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officially unofficial French airlift, via her former colonies of Gabon, Dahomey and the Ivory Coast, brought in just enough arms and ammuntion to shore up the tottering regime.

This Trip Was Special. One afternoon last October, an antiquated DC-4, one of eight planes on the Gabon-Biafra run, stood on the tarmac of a military airport at the edge of the sea, seven miles from Libreville. Under the watchful eye of French security men, sweating Gabonese loaded the aircraft. An hour later, the flight crew, three Frenchmen, drove up in a tiny Citroen. By 6 p.m. their plane was airborne, on its way to Uli, 450 miles away. Usually these flights carried long, rope-handled ammo boxes and army rations. That evening, though, the cargo was different.

A half hour out of Annabelle, code name for the Uli strip, cabin lights were switched off. Landing flaps lowered, the plane descended through the warm darkness. Parallel rows of runway lights flashed on below. The DC-4 settled bumpily on the widened stretch of highway that serves as Biafra's international airport. Immediately, the field's lights went out.

A Biafran ground crew skillfully and swiftly shifted the large crates from the aircraft to waiting trucks. Two hours and sixty miles later, the special cargo arrived at its destination, a hidden transmitter site just outside Umahia.

In the wooden crates were a brand new shortwave transmitter and a gas-fueled gen-' erator to power it. The compact, 10 kilowatt transmitter had been purchased secretly in Europe from the Swiss electronics company, Brown, Boveri and Co. Ltd. Possibly because the Swiss government had chewed out a munitions maker for selling arms to Biafra, the Baden, Switzerland electronics firm wasn't about to say much about the deal.

"We're not in a position to answer any of your queries," a company spokesman wrote tersely.

The Biafrans, though, were more talkative. The transmitter, it was explained, was converted to portable operation by B.C.B. technicians. In a short time it was broadcasting on 7304 kHz., replacing the old home service transmitter that had been wandering around the low end of 60 Meters.

Signals On—Shifti In November, the foreign service was moved to 6100 kHz., to avoid increasing interference. This frequency shift lasted until last February when the Voice of Biafra returned to 6145 kHz.

The two oldest transmitters, the then eight-year-old Pye equipment, were retired after hard service. The 49 Meter band station was installed in a supposedly permanent side, a converted home outside Umushia, and connected to a directional antenna, beamed west. The new transmitter, its programs aimed eastward, was parked nearby.

A mile away, studios and administrative offices were beehives of activity. Broadcasts were prepared by high-powered groups of civil servants and university lecturers. Research and writing involved the work of 40 separate committees. The Newstalk group scripted at least three different broadcasts each day. These were later reprinted in the official Biafra Newsletter publication. A trio of college profs and four assistants, the Outlook program committee, turned out six topics daily. Because there were more trained broadcasters than were needed, some of the staff joined the army. Others visited refugee camps to bring cheer to the destitute. Still others, unemployed musicians and performers, formed a Biafran version of a USO road company.

USO—Biafran Style! One rainy afternoon on the Owerri front, soldiers of the Mongor and Destroyer Battalions waited in the muddy marketplace of an obscure village. Eventually two tired buses plowed through the mire into the square. A cheer went up as a troup of men and women entertainers climbed from the vehicles.

For an hour, a first class band, several singers and a chorus line, described by a Radio Biafra staffer as "mouthwatering," entertained the Ibo GIs. Then it was back to the buses and a jolting ten mile ride to the next bivouac.

The long expected push on Umuahia came last April. Several weeks of fighting forced the Ojukwu government to again move its capital, this time to Orlu. On the 14th, the stations moved for the third time. But several days later they were back on the air again.

Tune In Biafra! Today, Radio Biatra, still operating from Orlu, is best heard around 0430 sign on a frequency that varies from 7301 to 7312 kHz. The Voice of Biafra signs on at 0455 GMT, on 6145 kHz., but is often hard to hear because of interference.

The war cut off all regular postal service and for a long time SWLs were unable to get verifications from the Broadcasting Corporation of Biafra. But where there's a will, there's a way, and enterprising DXers finally figured out how to get their QSLs.

Reception reports may be sent to P. C. Chigbo, a special Biafran representative and former radio administrator, at Box 8861, Abidjan. Ivory Coast. Chigbo welcomes reports that "show the time of reception (GMT), name of announcers and any details of reception and the degree of clarity and strength of broadcast." He's not saying how, hut he has ways of getting these reports to station officials inside the isolated country.

Or, you may write to C. A. Onycani, Suite 814, 342 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017, and request that he forward your letter to the proper authorities for reply. In either case, at least *four* international reply coupons, available at your post office, should be enclosed. Replies often take a number of months.

What does the future hold for Biafra? No one can say. But Biafrans think they can make their independence stick. If they do, a large share of the credit must go to the dedicated men and women of incredible Biafran Radio!

Radio Shack Globe Patrol

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try different amounts of feedback and bias for optimum performance on each band. (It may be necessary to remove the two screws that support the speaker to interchange some components.)

Experimenter projects. First thing is to soup-up each band to maximum; all except band A which has no adjustment. Note that the amount of positive feedback is determined by the capacitors connected between Q1's collector and the coils' feedback winding: C13, C14 and C15. If the capacitors are too small there is not enough sensitivity and you'll hear very little. If they are too large the receiver will break into a permanent squeal. Best results are obtained with a specific value of capacity, so try different values between the two supplied with the kit. Because the tolerance of Q1 is very broad you might even get better performance with capacitors values slightly higher or lower those supplied.

Next, try different transistors at Q1 to see the effect of *converter* and *amplifier* types. Any transistor manual will list similar transistors to the 2SA518 that is supplied. You might also try some general purpose or audio types to see the effect of transistor high frequency cut-off (you won't hear high frequency signals). Just remember to use pnp transistors, and to cross over Q1's base lead when installing the transistor or you'll wind up with interchanged collector and emitter leads. Different transistors may require dif-

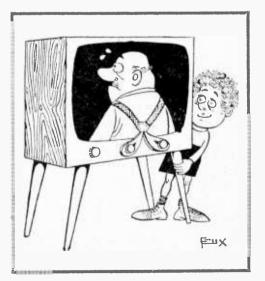
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ferent feedback capacitor values for optimum performance.

Next, try a few junk-box transistors at Q2 to increase the audio amplification. Don't use transistors with a Beta (gain) in excess of 200.

Just keep in mind throughout your experiments that the Globe Patrol is not going to deliver "great" performance. It's strictly a *fun* project that will receive medium to strong signals to about 13 MHz.

Go Get It, Tiger! The Globe Patrol Shortwave Receiver is on sale at all Radio Shack stores or by catalog direct from Radio Shack, 730 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, Mass. 02215. Here's your quick and easy way to discover the world of shortwave receiver experimenting.



The Skies Above Us

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edge; leave a column for writing in the number of meteors observed in a 15-minute interval; leave some more room for any notes, such as "very bright," "faint," or a distinctive color or whether it left a persistent streak behind it or even burst. Whenever it is necessary to make notes, it is best to be equipped with a small flashlight whose glow is filtered through a taped-on piece of red cellophane; red light does not destroy the eye's dark adaptation. Fourth, here is where it is valuable to know the constellations, or at least to be able to find them on a star map, so the apparent path of the object can be indicated. Special skeleton maps on which paths can be marked will be supplied to serious observers by Dr. C. P. Oliver, American Meteor Society, Narberth, Pa., 19072. Write to him for conditions. Copies of your records should be sent to the same address.

★ As any hunter goes out for his game at a time and place most likely to yield some results, so the meteor hunter may choose the best time as well as a good place, as described earlier. Let's stay with the "random" meteor, for which the correct designation is "sporadic." We should see more of them after midnight than before, as the diagram indicates, because then we are on the "front" half of the earth in its orbital motion and, assuming that they come in equal numbers with equal average speeds from all directions, we meet them head-on, whereas before mignight, they must catch up with us. They too revolve around the sun, in an infinite number and variety of orbits.

It may be interesting to some of the readers of this magazine to know that radar has been very valuable to us in extending our knowledge of the number and the paths of meteors, even by day. In bludgeoning its way through the atmosphere, the tiny particles ionizes molecules of the air, and these tracks will be detected by radar, even if the particles themselves are far too small to reflect the waves.

★★ In Mark Twain's delightful Eve's Diary, he has her say, "By watching, I know that the stars are not going to last. I have seen some of the best ones melt and run down the sky."

★ If anyone has ever written a lovelier

or more graphic description of the appearance of a meteor, I have never seen it. And then she goes on: "Since one can melt, they can all melt; since they can all melt, they can all melt the same night."

And so it must have seemed on the night of Nov. 12, 1833, two years before Mark Twain's birth, according to an account in the *Georgia Courier*:

"... At about 9 p.m. the shooting stars first arrested our attention, increasing in both number and brilliancy until 2:30 a.m., when one of the most splendid sights perhaps that mortal eyes have ever beheld was opened to our astonished gaze. From the last-mentioned hour until daylight the appearance of the heavens was awfully sublime. It would seem as if worlds upon worlds from the infinity of space were rushing like a whirlwind to our globe ... and the stars descended like a snowfall to the earth...."

At Boston, that night, one actual count for the fifteen minutes before 6 a.m. led to a total of more than 30,000 meteors per hour! While it was this shower of meteors in 1833 that produced a burst of interest in these evanescent objects, there had been a shower of almost equal importance on November 11, 1799. On November 13, 1866, in Europe, and at the same time of year in 1867 in America, other showers were seen, but they were less spectacular than the one of 1833. These meteors all appeared to emanate from a small region in the constellation Leo, from which they gained the name Leonids. Because of the apparent periodicity of about 33 years, they were anticipated in 1899, 1900 and were disappointing. In 1901 the rate of the Leonids was only about 800 per hour, and since that time the shower had been disappointing until in 1966, when in the hour before dawn of Nov. 17 in Arizona, the rate was estimated at 150,000 per hour!

★ Showers of meteors coming from the direction of the constellation Pereus have been traced as far back as 902 A.D. and there is one possible occurrence recorded by the Chaldeans about 2700 B.C. These Perseids are usually quite reliable, although not very numerous. Around Aug. 12, each year, a single diligent observer might see as many as 50 meteors per hour, between 2 a.m. and dawn, and most of them will be Perseids. ★ In 1741, 1798 and eight times during the nineteenth century, fine showers of meteors radiating from the constellation Andromeda were seen, in late November. In 1885, the rate was estimated as 75,000 per hour! But the last time this shower was seen, and then by no means as spectacular, was in 1899, although a few of the meteors may be seen each year. But in this shower we find the reason for such displays.

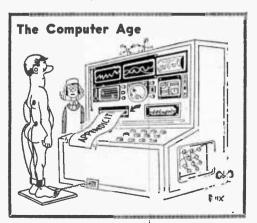
🛨 In 1772, an astronomer named Biela discovered a comet which revolved around the sun in a period of 6.2 years. It was seen again in 1805, 1825 and 1832. In 1845 it was seen to have split into two comets, perhaps because of a close approach to Jupiter, and it returned again in 1852 as double, with the two objects much further apart. Since that time, the comet as such has not been seen, but there was a good meteor shower from Andromeda on Nov. 27, 1872, a few weeks after the comet should have passed, and a faint hazy patch of light, rapidly fading, was seen in the opposite point of the heavens, which may have been the gases in the comet's head.

★ The meteors followed the path of the comet and so other showers have orbits that are those of known comets. In 1862, Lewis Swift discovered a comet whose path is the same as that of the Perseid meteors, with a period of about 120 years. The astronomer Tempel discovered a comet in 1866 whose orbit is the same as for the Leonids. with a period of 33 years. Our present view is that the head of a comet contains the kind of friable particles that are the meteoroids that produce ordinary sporadic and shower meteors. By collision, they knock each other about and some of them leak out of the comet. Sometimes they remain fairly close together, for the most part, and then we have meteor showers like the Leonids-a few each year as we cross the comet's orbit, but a big shower when we get in step and encounter the main mass. The Perseids seem to be strewn more uniformly along the comet's orbit, to produce more or less the same kind of shower every year. Perhaps this indicates that the particles have been leaking out of the comet for a long time.

★ Sometimes the comet has been known first and sometimes the shower has been known first and the comet discovered later. We have some showers well established with no associated comet known. The Geminids, with their maximum predicted this year for the nights of Dec 12 or 13, fall in this last category. Perhaps their parent comet has been so depleted that it, like Biela's, will not be seen again, or it has not yet returned to our neighborhood in recent centuries. The hourly rate of about 50 meteors, year after year, similar to that of the Perseids, may indicate an old, long-period comet.

★★ When an exceedingly large meteoroid is not entirely consumed by its passage through our atmosphere, we call the remaining portion of it that falls to the ground a meteorite, especially when we can pick it up and put it on display. It is generally agreed that a meteoroid must have a mass of at least ten pounds when it enters our air, about 70 miles up, before any appreciable part of it-say, about one ounce-can survive the beating the original object takes. Even so, a conservative estimate is that, on the total land area of the earth, more than 500 such bullets from space come to rest in an average year. When we consider how much of the land is desert or forested or uninhabited for other reasons, it is not remarkable that our museum cases are not stuffed to overflowing. It is a remarkable year when more than three or four previously unknown meteorites are announced, either "finds" from old landings or "falls" from objects actually observed as very brilliant meteors, perhaps accompanied by horrendous sound effects.

A meteor so bright that it attracts attention even if you aren't looking at the sky is called a fireball. One that is very brilliant and explodes, splattering the sky with fragments, is a bolide. These exciting bright objects are likely to be meteorite-droppers and the professionals depend upon amateurs and average citizens for help in observing them. But this field is so great that it must be saved for another time.



Stamp Shack

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that a gigantic press capable of printing intaglio stamps in nine different colors in a single run, word was released that it was in the process of acquiring another one to produce stamps by the rotogravure process. Once in complete operation, it no longer will be necessary to contract with private printing firms for multi-color issues, such as was done with the last two "American Arts" stamps.

• A brand new, completely revised and updated edition of the Ambassador, a leading world-wide stamp album in its price range, has been published by H. E. Harris & Co., Boston. To be certain that the new edition would provide only for stamps which are currently easy to obtain at low prices, every page of the previous edition of the Ambassador was reviewed, and many revisions made. This principle enables the collector to fill the entire album without great expense. The new volume has historical and geographical descriptions of 150 nations, useful "How to Collect Stamps" guide, Stamp Finder, Collector's Dictionary, and a colorful World Map revised to show the very newest countries. The album's handsome vinylcovered binder can be expanded to accommo-

Twinkling Star

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lamps, are neatly mounted to a $2\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{6}$ in. terminal board having two rows of 12 terminals in each row staked at $\frac{1}{2}$ -in centers. The two rows are separated about 2 in. apart. After mounting resistors, capacitors, and the diode to the terminals as shown in the photo, fasten the terminal board to the base of the box. Use $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. spacers to raise it from the metal base in order to prevent possible shorts. Be sure to observe correct polarity of the electrolytic capacitors and the diode rectifier.

Now, temporarily connect the lamp leads to the terminals and plug the power cord into an outlet. The lamps should blink on and off at random. Observe the stepping sequence and change the temporarily connected lamp leads around until you have oriented them to a stepping sequence you prefer (clockwise, counterclockwise or random), and then solder leads to the terminals.

We mounted two clips on the outer surface of the removable half of the box to

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H. E. Harris Co. Ambassador Album

date annual supplements and/or blank pages. The 1969 Ambassador Album is available at \$4.50 from dealers or from the publisher. H. E. Harris & Co., Dept. O, Boston, Mass. 02117. • Another helpful book is "Know Your U.S. Stamps," released by Scott Publications, 488 Madison Ave., New York, N. Y. 10022. The 94-page book, which also sells at \$2.50, is a compendium of information which will assist the average collector in distinguishing between the many domestic issues whose designs many seem casually the same; but which have slight differences of engraving, paper, watermark or perforations and therefore are considered separate varieties.

facilitate clipping the star to the tree. We also cemented a gold Christmas seal centered on the front of the star to decorate it.

Forms other than a five-pointed star can be made from appropriate material and fitted with the flashing lamps. For example, you can make a candelabrum, an odd animal form, a facsimile of a building, etc. Use your imagination and build interesting animated decorations.

Horn Speakers

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of the wood base. This'll help protect polished surfaces.

To mount the horn on the base you'll have to shop around for flanges, fittings, etc., that will allow you to join the neck of the horn to the box. If you want the horn to mount flush on the base (like the author's models), you'll have to disassemble the magnet assembly in the horn and then bolt the horn in place with fairly large wood screws. Be sure to mount a small speaker inside the horn if you choose the flush installation.

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lines to be written, code practice to be conducted, all these in addition to the obvious duty of giving the class lectures and administering novice or technician exams. Hams who have engaged in such activities, especially to help handicapped persons learn to become hams, generally report they began to appreciate their hobby much more when they saw how hard others have to work to join the ham ranks.

Get Out Doors. Field Day can become a big thing for a club in the preparation for it is spread out over several months, so that it can be well organized instead of just a lastminute hurry-up mass of confusion. Advance preparation for Field Day is being frowned on by some operators as not in keeping with the "spirit" of this activity, but I disagree. One of our obligations as radio operators is to provide communications for emergencies if we're needed, and Field Day is supposed to be a test of our ability to operate under emergency conditions. You certainly can't argue against adequate preparation for emergencies, so I believe advance preparation for Field Day is right in keeping with the purpose of this contest. Just as our traffic nets operate every day of the year, handling routine messages, to keep in practice for the emergency that could come anytime, so I believe advance preparation, and maybe even some practice runs, are appropriate for Field Day. Maybe some of this activity could charge the batteries of YOUR club.

For your Hammy Calendar. With tongue in cheek, the editor of The Blurb, published by the Phil Mont Mobile Radio Club of the Philadelphia area, inserted this notice in the club paper: "The Tuesday Evening SSB Net will meet on Fridays during April instead of Mondays as originally scheduled. After April, the net will resume operation each Wednesday, since most of the members have been unable to get together on Sunday evenings anyway."

Now, is that clear, everybody?

Up, Up, and Away. With manned trips to the moon again making space exploration a front page item, members of the Space Center Amateur Radio Society at the Kennedy Space Center, Florida, have been giving quite a few hams a big thrill by making on-the-air contacts at the time of important launchings.

Operation at the club station, WB4ICJ, at the Space Center begins at the time of liftoff of the giant Saturn booster which send our astronauts to the moon, and continues as long as the energy of the operators holds out—generally 8 to 10 hours, I'm told.

To everyone contacted during this period who sends a QSL to the club along with a few stamps to cover expenses, the club sends a certificate prominently featuring the designation of the launch which occurred on the date of the contact.

A photo of some of the station operators in action during a launching is shown with this ham column.

Frequencies used by WB4ICJ during launches, according to information supplied by Ambrose Barry, W4GHV, the club's publicity chairman, are 3975, 7275, 14,340, and 21,340 SSB plus 15-meter novice CW. Although the club has been using only dipole antennas, they have made numerous DX contacts in addition to the hundreds of stateside contacts. Some stations have had to "wait in line" literally for hours to make contact following major space launches.

Members of the club include both government and industry employees at the Space Center. Meetings are in the Space Center Headquarters building at 4:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, with visitors welcome.

Herb Gatchell, WB4HZB, is club president. and the club's mailing address is Box 21073, Kennedy Space Center, Florida 32815.

You're Welcome to Butt In. That, in effect, is what K3HNP said in an item in the Penn Wireless Association paper, the X-Mitter. He was explaining the use—and often the misuse or misunderstanding—of the signal QSK, which can be very handy on CW.

It allows a station suddenly troubled with interference to tell the other guy about it---so the two of them can wait until the interference ceases, or move to a different frequency if they wish. It also often allows the (Concluded on next page)

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sending operator to realize when interference affecting his reception begins, or when a third operator wants to join the QSO.

How is this done? Simply with an electronic TR switch—either a tube or a solid state gadget which connects the receiver to the antenna. This TR (meaning transmitreceive) switch replaces the old fashioned antenna changeover relay. Whenever the transmitter is not actually transmitting, the receiver is immediately re-connected to the

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aid of a series of small grants from the Smithsonian Institution. By 1923 he had designed a rocket engine that ran on liquid fuel—the forerunner of the great Saturn rockets that are powering the Apollo moon flights.

It was a test of a liquid fueled rocket that focused national attention on Goddards work. On a summer evening in 1929 he sent a 12-ft, instrument-laden rocket into the air from a launch site on the family farm in Massachusetts. The liquid fuel burned with a brilliance that could be seen for miles. Nearby residents reacted quickly. Thinking it was an airplane, in flames and crashing, they sent for fire engines and ambulances. When the furor died down, Goddard was left in the unenviable position of having to explain it to local officials as well as to reporters who had come searching for a sensational story. The resulting publicity led short-sighted Massachusetts officials to issue an injunction against further rocket launchings. Fortunately, however, the newspaper accounts attracted the attention of Charles A. Lindbergh who, in turn, brought Robert Goddard to the attention of the wealthy Guggenheim family.

With financial aid from the Guggenheims, the scientist was able to continue his experiments at a new test site in New Mexico. There, in a friendlier atmosphere, he carried on his work on liquid-fueled rockets. His experiments led, ultimately, to the granting of more than 200 patents. But there was little enthusiasm for rockets or space antenna so the sending operator can hear what's going on whenever he's not sending even between the dits in a letter "I," if you please!

Such TR switches often are built right in some of the modern ham gear on the market. For older gear, there are several easy-tobuild designs available in the popular ham handbooks, and there are several good commercial units on the market.

So the next time you hear a guy sending "QSK," you'll know what he means. And don't wait too long before you get equipped to say the same thing! Once you've tried it, you'll wonder how you ever got along without this convenience.

exploration in the United States during the 1930's. Even with the beginning of World War II, the Allied military authorities foresaw only limited applications, such as bazookas.

During WW II. In Germany, however, top-secret developments of rockets for military use had been underway for some time. The dramatic results of Hitler's rocket program came in 1942, when England was attacked by German V-2 rockets from a secret launch site on the continent. When the first of these rockets was captured intact and examined, it was discovered that it used many of the principles disclosed in Goddard's published patents. Although the U.S. military leaders had largely ignored Goddard's inventions and patents, the Germans were much wiser and did not—much to the regret of the people of England.

In his own country, full appreciation of Goddard's efforts came too late. The U.S. space race did not begin until after his death in 1945. When it did begin, his earlier discoveries played a vital role in the progress that has led so rapidly to the current exploration of the moon.

At one time it was said that the United States could not send up a rocket or put a satellite in orbit without infringing on one or more of Goddard's 200 patents. Official recognition of this fact came in 1960—fifteen years after his death—when the United States government awarded one million dollars to Goddard's widow and to the Guggenheim Foundation for infringement of the patents.

Copies of Goddard's Rocket Apparatus patent are available for fifty cents each from the U.S. Patent Office, Washington, D.C. 20231. In ordering, give the number of the patent—No. 1,102,653.



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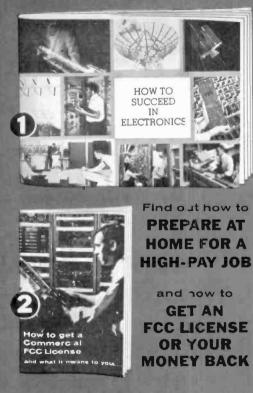
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