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WHAT is happening to the R.S.G.B. National Mobile Rally? This annual event, as many readers will be aware, took place in the grounds of Woburn Abbey during the month of August.

It was not the day of continuous rain that made the exhibition part of the rally a wash-out-attendance was good despite the climatic conditions. Apathy on the part of the organisers and many exhibitors resulted in dismal displays on nameless stalls.

Who were these nameless exhibitors? These people were, in effect, representatives of one of our greatest national activities-Amateur radio and the amateur electronics constructor. The question being asked was, "surely this is not the R.S.G.B. National Mobile Rally? I must have taken the wrong turning!"

Exhibitors displaying new equipment and those displaying 'surplus' gear were intermixed. Yours truly spent a considerable amount of time trying to find the whereabouts of various exhibitors, without avail. Little information was forthcoming-even from the R.S.G.B. stand itself! Well-established and respected manufacturers and distributors were conspicuous-by their absence. Who can blame them?

Someone had better pull up their socks or we may see the rapid demise of what should be, as the title implies, our National Mobile Rally,

Do you remember the Radio Communications or Hobbies Exhibitions sponsored by the Radio Society of Great Britain? They were held annually in the London area and were extremely popular. What happened to them.

Practical Wireless and other "major organisations, gave their support on numerous occasions and we are justly proud of the part that we contributed by showing our flag, on behalf of the radio and electronic constructor.

This hobby of ours encompasses an exceedingly wide sphere in the field of electronics and it is the responsibility of the Editor and his staff-as a team-to balance the editorial contents of each issue-to cater for many tastes. The satisfaction that the constructor derives from 'switching it on' is extremely gratifying and indeed therapeutic. We are indeed fortunate in that we live in an era of component plethora. Of course, there are shortages in many areas, but we suggest that the pessimists cast a careful eye over the pages of our 1974/5 PW Buyers' Guide to Radio and Electronic Components.
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LIONEL E. HOWES-Editor.

## Crofton move

CROFTON ELECTRONICS have moved. Their new address is: 124 Colne Road, Twickenham, Middlesex. (Tel: 898 1569):

## A foolproof Electric Lock

SOME quite clever ideas have appeared in journals for electronic locks. But our vote goes to a professional approach recently announced which, as far as we can see, is almost fool-proof. The code for this lock is carefully stored in a CMOS shift register memory. When the "electronic" key is inserted, the code in the key is interrogated by the lock which compares it with the code in its memory. If the two codes are identical the lock will open. The key itself contains another shift register with the identical code in its memory banks. Even a small 32-bit memory would provide a possible four million combinations.
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## Wolsey's Colour King at sea

WOLSEY ELECTRONICS equipment is now being increasingly used on marine installations and the most recent of these, through Aerialwork Limited of Southampton, their agents for Southern England, has been the installation of a communal TV and radio system to the officers and crews quarters on the car ferry "Eagle". In order to receive various transmitters whilst at sea, a Wolsey Broad Band "Colour King" u.h.f. aerial and FM411 array were erected with a rotator motor and remote control unit. The aerials and mast were specially treated to withstand exposed sea conditions. The well-proved Wolsey "Mercury" amplifier was fitted and provision was made for a monochrome video cassette recorder and additional outlet points to public rooms should this be required at some future date.

The 11,500 ton "Eagle", which is controlled by one of the $P \& O$ Group of Companies-Southern Ferries-is the largest on/off car ferry to use the port of Southampton and operates a regular service to Lisbon, Algeciras and Tangier.

# FM AERIAL pre-anmplifier 

LONG-DISTANCE reception of weak FM signals is possible provided that a high gain aerial is used and that the receiver has high sensitivity. Some older types of receiver lack the sensitivity of their modern counterparts and the use of an aerial amplifier can improve reception considerably.

We have to be careful in the use of such an amplifier however, since high gain is not the only pre-requisite. If the amplifier adds as much noise as it increases the signal, then we are no better off. The amplifier must have a good noise factor, that is, it increases the signal by a much greater amount than it increases the noise.

Another aspect we have to consider is the type of reception we expect, having provided the amplifier. If the incoming signal is very weak indeed than we may be able to improve it, but if it fades away to nothing, no amount of amplification will bring it back again. This situation can exist during fading conditions, when total cancellation of the signal at the aerial occurs because of multipath reception. An amplifier can be useful, however, since it shortens the time during which the signal is unusable. Imagine a threshold level below which the signal must not fall if a satisfactory signal-to-noise ratio is to be maintained; if the amplifier lifts the entire incoming signal, this can fall to a lower level before becoming unsatisfactory.

## CROSS MODULATION

The VHF FM band is becoming quite crowded and the weak signals we wish to amplify may be situated very close to a strong local transmission. Unless our amplifier is correctly designed, a strong possibility exists that cross-modulation will occur between the various signals present, due to the high amplitude of the local signals. The signals we wish to receive may then become completely lost in the mess which results. Once this has happened, it is impossible to

separate the signals again, so we must prevent such a thing happening in the first place.

Cross-modulation can not only occur in the amplifier but also in the input stages of the receiver. A valve receiver is far more tolerant of high input levels than its transistor counterpart. Too much amplification before the receiver's RF stage can therefore cause intermodulation and it will be seen that excessive gain can be a real disadvantage. Any aerial amplifier used for FM work should therefore not have so much gain that the local signals will cause cross modulation, have enough gain to substantially improve weak signals, and, itself, have

FIG. $1 \times$ The two fers are connected in a cascose circult, the first being an amplifier white the second. is a buffer or isofating stage.



Fig. 2: This view of the amplifier shows all the components of Fig. 1. Most are mounted on either side of a metal screen to which earth returns can be soldered.
good cross-modulation characteristics. Above all, its signal-to-noise ratio should be as high as possible.

The cross-modulation requirements basically rule out the use of ordinary bipolar transistors. A very simple amplifier made up to prove the point produced a total jumble of signals which could not be separated. The use of field-effect transistors is much to be preferred, since they have a square law characteristic which helps prevent cross modulation from occurring.

## A PRACTICAL DESIGN

The circuit of Fig. 1 shows a very successful aerial amplifier using FETs in a cascode configuration. The 75 ohm aerial signal is fed to the aerial coil L1, which is tightly coupled to L2. C1 is included to improve the aerial matching resulting in a useful improvement in signal-to-noise ratio. The input circuit to the FET gate is tuned by C2 connected from gate to source of the FET, the source being decoupled to earth by the feed-through capacitor C3. This input configuration has been found to provide the optimum energy transfer from the aerial to the FET.

As in all cascode configurations, the first stage provides the gain while the second provides isolation from input to output, so preventing feedback and instability. It is possible to provide neutralisation over just one FET stage, but because of the bandwidth requirements of our amplifier, the neutralisation could not be optimised and so the gain would not be constant over the band.

The arrangement shown is a satisfactory compromise between gain and bandwidth so that a useful gain of 12 to 15 dB is obtained over the range $88-98$ MHz . The output tuned circuit consisting of C5 and L3 has a tapping for the output, which is taken to
the socket via C7 and R4. The input circuit required additional capacitive reactance to optimise the matching and it was found that the output circuit needed R4 to improve matching and prevent spurious instability. This could be the result of coupling the amplifier to the receiver by a coaxial cable less than half a wavelength long. The receiver's input impedance need not be entirely resistive.

## CONSTRUCTION

A suggested layout is shown in Fig. 2. Great care should be taken when handling and connecting the FETs. The unit should not be attached to any other apparatus while undergoing construction and the soldering iron should be earthed. This will ensure that the devices are not subjected to voltages which might damage them. Information on the coils is given in Fig. 3.

Tuning is quite simple. An attenuator should be fitted in the aerial feed so that with the amplifier connected, a weak signal is received. The cores of


Note: L2and L3 approx. 20 swg copper wire, spaced 1-diameter of wire. L. 1 insulated copper wire, interwound with L2

Fig. 3: Details of the coils and the RFC. Follow information carefully to ensure coils will tune inside the FM band, using the adjustable cores.

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## Miscellaneous

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T1, transformer \(240 \mathrm{~V} / 12+12 \mathrm{~V}, \mathrm{~F}\). fuse 100 mA and holder Alumimium box (Type AB9) \(4 \times 2\) 急 \(\times 1 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{in}\). Coaxial sockets (2), Coll formers; polystyrene 4 in. dia. with cores.
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the coils can then be adjusted for optimum performance. They should be set to approximately half way out of the windings as a starting position.

## RESULTS

Results using the prototype are most encouraging. A Wolsey FM4 aerial is fitted to a 12 ft mast attached to a chimney. Low-loss coaxial cable links the aerial to the amplifier, which is then connected to the Quad FM1 tuner. The receiving site is in Southern Hampshire and the aerial is beamed half way between London and Wrotham. There is virtually no difference between the reception of local signals from the Isle of Wight and those from Wrotham, including these stations' "local" transmissions, Radio Solent and Radio London. Capital Radio can be received, even though it is adjacent to Radio Solent. Mono reception of Capital is satisfactory $90 \%$ of the time; stereo about $50 \%$ at the time of writing. Other signals received are Radio Bristol, Radio Oxford and LBC which seems very consistent.

It should be pointed out that all long-range reception is vulnerable to interference from electrical apparatus such as vacuum cleaners and drills. The hash from a vacuum cleaner nearby may completely obliterate the distant signal despite all our efforts to receive it. The local oscillators of TV receivers operating on Band 1 may also radiate and


Fig. 4 : Circuit of a suitable power supply for the pre-amplifier.


The finished pre-amplifier. The power supply board shown here was taken from a commercial pre-ampliffer.
cause interference. This problem, however, is becoming less troublesome as more and more viewers move to UHF.

Reflected signals from aircraft appear in and out of phase with the main signal so cancelling at the aerial in a cyclic manner. This gives rise to drop-out of the signal accompanied by a "chuff-chuff" noise, something like a steam train. Despite these problems, however, worthwhile reception of distant signals is possible for a high proportion of the time, provided a good aerial is available.

Power for the amplifier can be obtained from a simple power pack as shown in Fig. 4 or, alternatively, two PP9 batteries may be used. The current drain is only 4 mA , so battery life would be long.

The Siliconix FETs have been chosen for their excellent signal-to-noise ratio and they can be obtained from Atlantic Semiconductors, 143 Loughborough Rd, Leicester LE4 5LR. The alternative BF256 can be obtained from Ambit International, 37 High St., Brentwood, Essex CM14 4RH.

## PW *DERBY' STEREO HEADPHONE AMPLIFIER AUGUST 1974

Fig. 1: Bottom, right. "To R123TTr103 base" should read "collectof".
Fig. 1: In the symbol for Trs the collector shoutd be the emitter, with arrowhead inwards (PNP), The emifler shoutd be the collector to base Tr6, C16 and D2. The diagram of the component layout, Figx 8, is correct and not affected.
Fig. 9: On the DISC/RADIO switch S1, pole connection Sfd should be marked R106, not R116.


## CONSTRUCTIONAL DETAILS

Construction of the tuner is very simple but it should not be undertaken by someone who has not had some previous experience in miniature electronic circuitry. The components are closely packed and may be damaged easily if overheated by a soldering iron.

Because of the high gain in parts of the circuit and the high frequencies involved, careful attention to the layout of the circuit is very important if instability is to be avoided and best performance obtained. Great care must be taken to ensure that no undesirable stray coupling can exist between sensitive parts of the circuit.
Fig. 4 shows the underside of a printed wiring board which has been designed to ensure stable operation and Fig. 5 shows the component side of the same board. This consists of a sheet of copper, or ground plane, broken only by bare patches where component leads pass through. The narrowness and close proximity of some of the conductors on this board, however, make it difficult to produce by normal 'kitchen table' techniques. Those readers who prefer to purchase a ready-made board may do so from the firm mentioned in the components list.

## SCREENING

Liberal use has been made of screening between circuits and it is with these screens that construction should begin. They consist of strips of double-sided copper-clad board $1^{\prime \prime}$ high with lengths as shown in Fig. 6.
Start with the screen marked $A B$ and put a small blob of solder on the bottom corner at both sides at point $B$ and, on the side facing the printed wiring board only, at point $A$. Then hold the screen in position and run solder between it and the board to tack it into place at the points at which the solder blobs were applied. When you are sure that the screen is vertical and in the correct position it may be finally fixed by producing a fillet of solder between both sides and the board. This can be done by running the soldering iron along in contact with board and screen whilst feeding in solder.
Repeat this process for screens $\mathrm{CD}, \mathrm{DE}$ and FG but leave HJ until later to allow access to the IF compartment. Where two screens meet they should be joined by a fillet of solder in the same manner. Small marks are provided on the underside of the board to indicate the correct positions of the screens.

## TUNER HOUSING

Fig. 6 shows the completed tuner mounted in an $8^{3}{ }_{4}$ in $\times 5^{3}{ }_{4}$ in die-cast box with all component positions marked. Start by placing the board and transformer in the box where shown and centre-punching through the mounting holes. Drill and countersink 6BA holes for the board mounting bolts and 4BA holes for the transformer.
Holes should be drilled in the side of the box for the sockets for aerial input and audio output and for the 17 leadthrough insulators carrying connections to the front panel as listed in Table 1. Two further holes are required in the end of the box for the mains input grommet and fuseholder. The positions for these components are shown in Fig. 6 and the photograph of the tuner box which appeared in Part 1.
Mount all the components except the board, remembering to fix a couple of solder tags under one of the transformer mounting bolts. Connect two separate insulated wires to one of these earthing tags and route them close to the sides of the box to leadthrough terminals 14 and 17. Next connect wires to the two 12 V terminals on the transformer and attach them to terminals 15 and 16. These wires carry current for the scale illuminating lamps on the control panel. Where a number of wires run together in close proximity it is convenient and tidy to make them up into a cable form.

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Fig. 6: Layout of components and Screens in the receiver.
NOTE-TO correspond with the layout shown here, two alterations should be made to the circuit diagram, Fig. 2: (a) C216 should be connected between earth and the junction of R221/C214, not to pin 1 of IC202. (b) The top ends of R226 and R227 should be returned to the junction of R224/C227 and not direct to the +13 V line.


Fig. 7: Winding information for all coils.

## POWER SU'PPLY

There are few components in the power supply section, but care must be taken to ensure that diodes D301, D302 and capacitor C301 are correctly connected. Mount and solder the power supply components shown on Fig. 6, but omit IC301 and R205 at this stage.

Now connect up the mains lead, fuseholder and transformer as indicated in the circuit diagram. Connect to the other earthed solder tag the mains earth, the transformer centre tap, the transformer screen and the pad marked ' $E$ ' on the underside of the board. The earth return for the rest of the circuit is via the board mounting bolt in the power supply section. For testing the board out of the box, a temporary earth link can be provided by a wire soldered to the ground plane and connected to a transformer earth tag. It is important that this earthing arrangement is adhered to as other arrangements may result in the appearance of 50 Hz ol 100 Hz hum at the outputs of the tuner.

## TESTING

As an initial test connect a voltmeter across C301 and switch on. The meter reading should rise immediately to about +18 V . If not, switch off and check the wiring and the polarity of D301, D302 and C301.

When this test is satisfactory switch off and insert IC301, ensuring that it is the correct way round. Solder the pins to the pads on the underside of the board using as little heat as possible. Pin 7 should also be soldered to the ground plane to complete the power supply earth return. Now connect the voltmeter to the junction of R302, R303 and switch on: the voltage will rise to about 13 V . This completes the construction of the power supply.

Assembly of the remainder of the pcb is easier if the earth and AC leads from T301 are now disconnected, allowing the board to be completely removed from the box.

## FRONT END AND OSCILLATOR

Winding data for all of the coils is given in Fig. 7 and it is worth spending a little time in ensuring that they are made correctly so that the receiver is easy to align when construction is complete.

Mount the components in the positions indicated in Fig. 6 taking care that the coils-are correctly positioned and that the active devices are soldered in correctly. All components should be positioned as close to the board as possible except for $\operatorname{Tr} 103$, which must be at least ${ }_{4}{ }_{4}$ in from the ground plane, and the coils which should stand about $0 \cdot 1$ in clear of the board and all other components. Wires which are connected to earth should be soldered both above and below the board in the RF sections.

## IF SECTION

Earthed leads in this section are also soldered to both sides of the board, except for the centre pins of the ceramic filters which are only soldered to the underside. Treat the ceramic filters as you would active devices and apply as little heat as possible to their leads whilst soldering. Omit R205, located in the power supply section.

When the IF section is complete solder in the final screening partition HJ as described earlier.

## DEMODULATOR AND DECODER

It is most important that the integrated circuits in this section are inserted the right way round or an expensive failure may result when power is first applied. Fig. 6 shows the correct orientation. When soldering the pins of the integrated circuits, treat them as you would transistors and apply as little heat as possible whilst ensuring that the solder wets both of the surfaces to be joined.

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## Geoffrey Smith

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Take Paddy, for instance, who's a Londoner. He's got a 45 ft tower with a high gain 3-element rotary aerial, whatever all that is. He's also got a KW2000 transceiver, a KW1000 linear and a fistful of achievement certificates. He's totally blind, yet operationally he's as efficient as any sighted person. If this wasn't so, he wouldn't be a member of the First-Class Operators Club. This exclusive body limits its members to 500 top-notch morse code operators throughout the world. Paddy finds morse relaxing, after talking all day in his job as a bank telephonist.

. . . a friend who'l/ nudge me . . . .
Whilst operating he's also often using his tape recorder to make copies of a comprehensive course in radio. It's a voluntary job. He does it to help beginners in a national radio club for the disabled to study for their exams to get a transmitting licence. Actually, this is the course I've been floundering through but I find tape study tough going. What happens is that I come to a spot on the tape where I'm not sure what's meant, so I solve the problem by applying my own particular brand of logic. Usually I coast along through the next mile or so of tape before I gradually begin to realise that, way back, I came to some wrong conclusions, because
nothing is making sense any more. What I really need is a friend locally who'll nudge me back on to the right road.

I have to be honest, though, and admit that I have another difficulty. I'm a radio romantic. I marvel each time I'm reminded that there, dancing amongst the petunias in my garden, is music and speech from all over the world. Radiophonically speaking, the wonder of it clouds my thinking and makes the next process even less credible. That's the bit where these inaudible signals are channelled along a piece of copper wire, fed into a box, dissected and then rendered capable of being amplified to an ear-bursting loudness, in stereo if desired.

. . . . music dancing in my garden . . . .
It's difficult to think of a better hobby than amateur radio for those who are on their own a good deal. At the flick of a switch a friend from the next street or the other side of the world can come into the room. Thanks to non-visual radio waves, the guest is certain not to feel awkward or embarrassed. I can't always say the same about people I meet in the High Street when I'm being pushed along in my wheel-chair in real live 3D colour.

## Bye Bye, Mr. Smith

When I'm around, people often become ill-at-ease and behave unnaturally. Conversations tend to go on above my head and the breeze wafts down to me such remarks as "Can he dress himself?" or "How does he pass the time?" Knowing I'm blind they're quite likely, on parting, to bend down, cup their hands round my ear and bellow "Bye Bye, Mr. Smith, pleased to see you looking so well!" If this action makes them feel particularly foolish then they may cap it by tapping me lightly on the head as we move away.

Well, of course, you don't get these problems with amateur radio, so I decided to look out for a short
wave receiver. A fellow I contacted said he had one to sell and would bring it round. In this transistor age I was expecting something small so I was very surprised to find it took two strong men all their time to huff and puff it into my den. After heaving it on to the top of a chest-of-drawers, one of them had to make a second trip to fetch the separate speaker unit. It was the owner who stayed behind and passed the time by telling me how sad he was to be losing his set. He'd gone and brought one of these new-fangled Japanese tran'sceivers which slipped into one of his bureau drawers but the receiver part wasn't half as good as the one he was offering me, a pre-war Hallicrafters Super Skyrider SX-28. Its age, in fact, seemed to be its main selling feature. He assured me that the instruction manual, if not the set itself, was of considerable antique value!

. . . . how sad to be losing his set . . . .
After the speaker had been hoisted into place on top of the set, and a temporary aerial erected, I was invited to move over and inspect the instrument. It certainly seemed impressive. It bristled with knobs, had a couple of capstan-like wheels and three little glass windows which, apparently, lit up like a doll's house. The main structure was built of metal, including the slotted lid which reminded me of an Edwardian pavement grating. The matching speaker was finished off in the same style with what felt like a metal footscraper bolted across its front! Still, it sounded good and the price seemed reasonable, so I bought it.

## Conversation piece

Right from the start it's been an interesting conversation piece. Strangers immediately find that their eyes are drawn to the corner where it stands. 'What's that?' they ask. When I explain that it's a Super Skyrider short wave radio made in Chicago when Al Capone was a lad, I never fail to get one of those drawn-in whistles. All in all it's been a good friend. When in good health its oscillations rose to the heights and plunged to the depths in grand style, vibrating everything vibrateable in the room. Yes, it's certainly been a lively period-piece but sadly the breath's gone out of it now.
What happened was that a ham came from the town to these country parts for a few day's fresh air.

On learning that there was a short wave listener in the area, he looked me up for a chat. He also tuned my set and got it going well on all pistons. It made his day to hear his pals back home having a local chat across the town. After he'd gone I carried on listening to them until it was time to make lunch and tune in to "The World at One" on my domestic set. At two o'clock, though, my curiosity drew me back to the Hallicrafter. I wanted to know if they were still at it, but all I got when it warmed up on the frequency where I'd left them, was a spluttering, spitting noise. I mused to think that they were perhaps frying up a couple of transformers in oil for a light lunch. It was only as the smell, thick enough to taste, wafted across to me that I began to realise the seriousness of the situation. Hurriedly I snatched the mains plug out of its socket and then waited nervously by in my wheel-chair, hoping the set wouldn't burst into flames. Thankfully, it didn't. After a series of pings, twangs and cracks it gradually cooled off.

## Disposing of a Skyrider

My set is now something of a problem. There's no one in the house strong enough to move it but we don't want it to become a permanent fixture. My wife suggested that we should gradually disembowel it by taking bits out weekly and putting them in the dustbin until we're left with an empty shell. Personally I prefer to search for a couple of men who could take it down to the garden as it stands and bury it. It would be a more fitting end, I feel, for it to rest in a quiet corner where the radio waves could blow freely over it. What we really need, of course, is a little practical help and advice from a local radio enthusiast. Disabled people like to be independent but with the best will in the world there are some jobs they just can't do.

... . the smell wafted across to me . . . .
This is why the radio club for the disabled, which I mentioned earlier, is always very pleased to welcome helpers who are fit and active enough to lend a hand occasionally. If you feel that you could give a little help at times to invalid radio enthusiasts who have struck a bad patch, write to Evelyn Boakes secretary of the Radio Amateur Invalid and Bedfast Club at RAIBC, Bristol Road, Cambridge, Glos. GL2 7BQ. It could be that someone disabled in your area is anxiously waiting now to have a chat with a knowledgeable, good-hearted chap like you!

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## Testing Board D

Build the circuit for Board D and install it on the sub frame with all the necessary interconnections (including those to the front panel) EXCEPT for the lead from the blanked ball output to Board E. Instead connect a temporary link between the last diode input of Board E and the BALL signal input to Board D. This will by-pass the ball-blanking and allow you to see the ball at all times to check that the ramps are working.

Set VR11 and VR12 to maximum resistance and switch on. You should immediately see the ball moving about the screen, but do not worry if it is stationary near one of the corners of the tennis court. You are bound to have to carry out a bit of lining up and you must follow the procedure to be described very carefully. It is not difficult but needs a little patience.

## Final Adjustments

Press the Ballboy button and the ball should jump to an approximately central position on the screen. Use VR3 and VR4 of Board A to get the ball as near to the centre as possible and then take your finger off the button. The ball will move obliquely across the screen and should rebound as it hits each base line.

It may be that the ball rises to the top left hand corner and stops before it reaches a base line; this means that the voltage control is not having sufficient effect on the ball's position. In this event use VR3 to move the ball from its stationary position until it just touches the top base. The ball will immediately start to move down the screen but will not move sideways. Now adjust VR4 so that the ball is in contact with the left base. All being well the ball should now move freely across the screen rebounding from all the bases.
If there are problems in getting the ball to reach both extremes of its vertical and horizontal travel you might have to bring the base lines in a little. Once this has been done check that the Ballboy freezes the ball's movement somewhere within the "court".

Now remove the temporary link from board E and connect the Blanked Ball output of Board D permanently to the last diode input to the mixer stage. Switch on and press Ballboy-almost certainly the ball will not be visible because it will be blanked off. Press the Service button on one side and hold it down for a few seconds. The ball should appear from that end's base after a brief delay. As soon as it appears try playing a brief game and check that the ball disappears when it hits an end base. Finally test the other end's service and then adjust the ball's speed with VR11 and VR12 to suit the standard of your play. When doing setting up adjustments it is always advisable to have the ball moving at its lowest speed.

## Installation

Now that the game is complete it only remains to finish off the installation within the case, using self tapping screws to secure the subframe. Make sure that the mains input lead is suitably clamped and that the earth wire goes to the case. Use two short lengths of 16 swg enamelled copper wire twisted together once or twice over three-quarters of an inch to provide the uhf output coupling capacitor. Using the centre core only of coaxial plug, connect one end of this capacitive lead to the output of the modulator. The other end goes direct to the output
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## * components list

## FRONT PANEL \& CASE <br> Potentiometers <br> VR13, VR14 $5 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ linear sliders <br> Switches (all push-button type) <br> S1, S2, S3 DP changeover, non-locking <br> S4 DP Push-ON/Push-OFF, 250 VAC rating

Ahiscellaneous
SK1 $75 \Omega$ panel mounting coax socket
SK2 $50 \Omega$ panel mounting coax socket (for video output if required)
Case including front panel; hinge for panel; mainscable grommet and clamp; earthing tags; plastic feet.

Fig. 20: Inter-board wiring diagram and Front Panel circult for the completed game.

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THERE are often occasions when it is desirable to control a circuit, or a piece of machinery, with push buttons. The classic case is the two button system for starting and stopping a lathe; when the green button is pressed the lathe starts running and continues to do so until the red button is pressed. These high power push button contactors are usually of an electro-mechanical design and rely on a relay tripping and latching itself "in" when the start button is pressed; pressing the stop button breaks the current through the relay coil and the relay drops out.
We can produce a simple circuit that will perform the same function for small currents and its applications are numerous. For remote switching of radios, burglar alarm trips, starting and stopping logic circuits or possibly in a domestic lighting system for switching lights on and off from different locations.

## Practical Circuit

The circuit is shown in Fig. 1 and to make the application general we are carrying out the switching of the external circuit via a relay, RL1. All the control circuitry is at low voltage but there is no reason why the relay should not control low power mains circuits if desired. To show how the system will respond to signals from more than one station we have built in two extra push buttons, S2 and S4, but for single station control these can be omitted. For more than two stations it is only necessary to parallel other push buttons with S1 and S2 for the "Start" function and an equivalent number of buttons with S3 and S4 for the "Stop" operation.


Fig. 1: Circuit of the switch with provision for additional stations.
The circuit is basically a bistable using complementary transistors; when one of the start buttons is pressed base current flows into Tr 1 and the relay pulls in switching on the external circuit. Simultaneously the voltage at the collector of Trl falls to nearly zero and current then flows from the emitter of Tr2, through its base and via R2. Because of this
base current through $\operatorname{Tr} 2$ the latter transistor turns on and its collector voltage is pulled up to the positive rail. This action provides an alternative source of base current for Trl through R3 and when the finger is removed from the start button the relay is held in by this positive feedback loop. This switching action is very fast and once initiated cannot be reversed, hence the action is "once and for all" which means that very positive switching is produced so there is no possibility of contact bounce in the electronics (although this may not necessarily be the case with the relay contacts).


Fig. 2: Layout for 2-station switching, using Veroboard. No breaks are required in copper rails.

To get the relay to drop out it is only necessary to stop the base current flowing through Tr2 and this is done with the stop button(s) which shorts its base to +9 V diverting any base current. D1 is present to protect the base/collector junction of $\operatorname{Tr} 1$ from the high reverse voltages that are produced by the inductance of RLI.

The relay can be of any type designed for low voltage ( 6 to 9 volts) operation but should have a coil resistance greater than 100 ohms. Conventional or reed relays can be used. Alternatively the relay and Dl can be replaced by a resistor in the range of 150 to 1000 ohms if all that is required is a logic signal, which can be extracted from the collector of Trl. Another option is to replace it with a 6 V 0.04 A bulb or an LED, with a suitable limiting resistor if the circuit is to be used for visual indicating.

## $\star$ components list




## *TONE CONTROL LUNT

THE tone control unit was designed for experimental audio application where tone controls may be required for signal equalisation. Two identical printed circuit boards are used but a single channel may be constructed if desired. For maximum flexibility volume and balance controls were not added to the unit, but these may be incorporated if required.

## CIRCUIT

The circuit for one channel is shown in Fig. 1. An emitter follower Trl gives a medium input resistance with a low output resistance driving a Baxandall type tone control circuit. This uses negative feedback around an integrated circuit to give well defined tone control characteristics. The DC. bias for the integrated circuit is derived from the supply via R9 and R10. Capacitors C7 and C9 are decoupling components.


Fig. 1 : Circuit of the Tone Control Unit with test voltages indicated. The right-hand channel is shown, the left-hand channel being similar.



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Figs. $2 \& 3$; above, show the PCB actual size and layout of components on the PCB. Two such PCB's are required for a stereo unit. Fig. 4: left, indicates the performance of the tone controls. Fig. 5: below, shows how volume and balance controls can be added, if required.


layout using LEKTROKIT could be used if required. No detailed dimensions are given since this will depend on the constructor's individual requirements and the layout is not critical.
The DC voltages shown on the circuit diagram may be measured for the nominal supply voltage shown.

## * components list



If these DC conditions are correct then an AC signal may be applied to the unit and the overall performance checked. If no test equipment is available then a listening test must suffice. The tone control characteristics are shown in Fig. 4.

## VOLUME AND BALANCE CONTROLS

If required, volume and balance controls may be added as shown in Fig. 5. This will however depend on the application and the existing system. For maximum flexibility in experimental work it might be better to have completely separate controls for bass. treble and volume rather than have them ganged.

The balance control shown reduces the gain for each channel to 0.8 times the central value. However this should not present a problem because tone controls are usually inserted into a system at a point where adequate signals are available.

## SCRATCH \& RUMBLE FILTER

This unit was developed for experimental audio applications where scratch and rumble filtering may be required to improve the results obtained from a record player or tape recorder. It was originally built as an "add on" stereo unit, although it could equally well be incorporated into a permanent system. The unit was designed on two identical printed circuit boards so that a single channel can be constructed if desired.

## THEORY

The basic scratch and rumble filters used here are shown in Fig. 6a and 6b respectively. The theoretical design of such circuits is complex and many variations are possible. The unity voltage gain amplifier shown will have a power gain because it has a high

(a) Scratch filter


Fig. 6: (a) Basic circuit of a scratch filter. (b) shows the arrangement required for a rumble filter.
input impedance but a low output impedance. An emitter follower is sometimes used but an integrated circuit allows the unity gain to be more closely defined.

For the scratch filter the capacitors have no effect at mid frequencies and the overall gain is unity. As the input frequency is increased Cl and C 3 bypass the signal to earth and there is feedback from the output of the amplifier through C2 back to the input circuit. This arrangement gives a sharper 'turn-over'


These traces show the response of the filters to a 1 kHz square wave input. Top, scratch filter only. Bottom, rumble filter only.
of the frequency response than would be possible using only passive components. Similarly, for the rumble filter, at mid frequencies the capacitors have a low impedance and the overall gain in unity. As the input frequency is decreased the capacitors increase in impedance and the output is reduced.

## CIRCUIT

In the practical circuit of Fig. 7 the amplifiers are formed by 741 integrated circuits. The output terminal pin 6 is connected directly to the inverting input pin 2. This gives the required non-inverting buffer with a high input impedance and a low output impedance. The right hand channel only is shown in Fig. 7 and the left hand channel is identical. Trl forms an emitter follower which drives the scratch filter and also provides the correct DC bias for the integrated circuit. The rumble filter can be
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Fig. 7: Circuit of the right-hand channel of the complete Scratch and Rumble Filter for stereo.

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Figs. 8 and 9 : Full size diagram of the PCB with component layout. Again, two PCB's are required for a stereo amplifier.



Fig. 10: feft, 音equency response of the scratch fiter. The response of the rumble filter showa on the nght


The finished Scratch and Rumble filter for a stereo set-up. The input impedance is $15 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ and the output impedance low.

## $\star$ components list



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driven from the scratch filter or directly from Trl. In the rumble filter R10 and R11 maintain the correct DC conditions for the circuit and their parallel resistance gives the R3 of Fig. 6b. Capacitors C9 and C109 are decoupling components.

## CONSTRUCTION

Construction is straightforward, as shown in Fig. 8 with a separate board, Fig. 9, for each channel. Sockets Sk1 and Sk2 are common to both channels. Components for the second channel are listed as C101, etc, as in normal practice. Although a printed circuit was used in the prototype, a similar layout using LEKTROKIT could be used if required. It is advisable to purchase the filter components before the layout is finalised as capacitor sizes vary and the types used were among the smallest available.

Although the 8 pin DIL versions of the 741 are specified in the article, it is worthwhile noting that the round package versions have the same pin connections and the leads can be spread to fit the printed circuit board if required. No detailed dimensions are given because this will depend on the box used, the size of which is not important.

## TESTING

The DC voltages shown on the circuit diagram should be measured for the nominal supply voltage shown. If these DC conditions are correct then an AC signal may be applied to the unit and the overall performance checked. If no test equipment is available for this purpose then a listening test must suffice. The characteristics of the filters are shown in Fig. 10.


# SPECIAL <br> PRODUCT <br> REPORT <br>  

THIS report applies to the Heathkit SW-717G, the latest model from the SW-717 range of receivers. The SW-717G shortwave receiver covers the medium waveband and three short wavebands. The receiver tunes continuously from 550 kHz ( 550 metres) to 30 MHz ( 10 metres) in four overlapping bands and will receive a.m., c.w. morse code or single sideband (s.s.b.) signals.
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The assembly manual for the Heathkit SW-717G is an excellent and informative work. The assembly instructions are clear and concise and the accompanying sketches


The block diagram, left, indicates the function of each stage of the SW-717G. The photograph, above, shows the completed printed circuit board fitted to the chassis.

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fed with $75 \Omega$ coax) the following amateur s.s.b. stations were heard at good strength on the 80 M amateur band during July this year, (The reviewers' favourite band), ZL3GS, PY2FOA, ZL4KF, PY2FUS, all at good signal strengths. In addition many stations from the USA and Canada were logged over a week of early morning listening. On the 20M band, most parts of the world were logged including VP8. If one remembers that the majority of amateur band signals emanate from low power transmitters (compared with BC stations) the performance of the SW-717G is indeed impressive.
No problems were encountered during assembly (assembled by the reviewers' young son) and the receiver, after initial tests, worked immediately upon switching on-in fact, before alignment.
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## GRUNDIG CUT PRICES

GRUNDIG have cut the prices of two of their most popular car radios. The WK2503 l.w./m.w. push button receiver with tone control now costs $£ 29 \cdot 16$ (rec. retail price including VAT).
The 3-band model WK3001 with manual tuning and push-button tone control now retails at $£ 20$.
Grundig tell us that in spite of these price reductions, there are no changes to the two receivers.

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## ACROSS

8 Plans to correct Pam's distortion?
Plans to correct Pam's distortion? (4)
Disc-jockeys in bowlers? (8)
10 Has no longer got it taped? (6)
12 Group receiver fixed (3)
15 Bewilder with a complicated circuit? (5)
16 The spiral of electricity charges (4)
17 Beams over the television? (5)
19 Much of a rectifier from a friend? (4)
20 Marine ultrasonics, like Richard said (5)
21 Often an extreme state of modulation (Abbrev.)
25 One in the eye for the TV screen? (6)
26 Manufacturer for BBC's American sound? (8)
27 Chief part of a main conductor? (4)
28 Singular example of personal reception (9)

## DOWN

1 It seems to resist more after induction (9)
2 Is it a receiver or some other mechanism? (9)
4 Disapproval expressed of surface noise (4)
5 It has current for hi-network induction (5)
6 Bit of a blow to prepare for 16 Across? (4)
7 Love radio shows when she's in them? (4)
11 Woolly sound from their ramshackle designs! (4)
12 Extra volume instruction finishes employees (5)
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14. Valve charges passed by this device? (9)

18 Glass shutter mechanism (4)
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An indication of call-up? (4)

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## BULD A BLACK-LEVEL CLAMP

Most monochrome receivers use a.c. coupling at Some point in the vided circuits. The result of this is that the black level shifts as the average pictute content changes, In consequence the contrast range is compressed as darh areas become lighter and dark detall is lost. D.C Restoration can help but the best answer to the problem is to use a driven cifimp. The circuit described-with full construcfional details-was devisedifor use th the Thorh 950 Mk 11 chassis but should work in almost any monochrome recelver using $\{$ valye video outpút stage. Accurately timed pulses deriged from the line output stage are used to drive the clamp.

## RASTER CORFECTION IN, $110^{\circ}$ COLOUR RECEIVERS

New circuits have had to be devised for plocushion distortion cofrection in the new generation of $110^{\circ}$ coloum recelvers. This means extra knobs for he devated knob-twiadier to try out. As the methods af cortection used are quits novel, however it is important to know whet the citcuitry is dolñ. The message from Hanold Peters in this issue is reassurikg however: "don't panic, it's easyl"

## CHANNEL IDENTIEICATION WITH VARICAP TUNERS

One bt the problems of the DX-TV enthusiast or those seeking extra channels with a varicap tuner is that no accurate indication of the channel selected is provided. Accurate channel identification in electronically tuned sets can be provided however by means of the simple and Inexpenslve meter circuit to be described this month.

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## PART 12-R C FILTERS

CAPACITORS behave, to some extent, like resistors in a.c. circuits in that they exhibit a form of resistance to current flow. Unlike a straightforward resistance the effect produced by a capacitor depends on the frequency of the current trying to flow through it. To distinguish between this special sort of resistance and the conventional type-with which we are all very familiar-we call the capacitor's resistance reactance. Strictly speaking it should be called capacitive reactance.

A capacitor allows high frequency signals to flow through it more easily than low frequency signals therefore we can say that the reactance of a capacitor decreases as frequency increases. The actual value of the capacitor (microfarads or picofarads) also controls the reactance. The higher the capacitance the lower the reactance. The effect of frequencies is superimposed on the relationship between capacitance and reactance hence we can derive a simple formula for calculating the reactance of any capacitor at any frequency.

$$
\mathrm{X}_{\mathrm{C}}(\text { capacitive reactance })=\frac{1}{2 \pi f \mathrm{C}}
$$

where the reactance is in Ohms, f is in Hz and C in Farads

Although reactance has units of ohms just like resistors we cannot simply add the reactance of a capacitor to the value of a resistor when they are connected in series because a phenomena known as phase shift occurs in such a circuit when a.c. signals flow-we shall be saying more about this next month-therefore we have, again, another simple formula for calculating the nett value of the two in series.

$$
\mathrm{Z}=\sqrt{\mathrm{R}^{2}+\mathrm{X} \mathrm{c}^{2}}
$$

Z is called impedance and again is measured in ohms

So long as 'we deal with the effective resistance to a.c. of the circuit as a whole in terms of impedance we can use values of d.c. resistance or capacitive reactance in voltage divide calculations just as if we were dealing with resistors in d.c.
circuits. The only thing to remember is that one set of calculations is only valid for one particular frequency.

The frequency dependence of reactance is very useful to us because it enables us to tailor the frequency response of circuits-we can design and build filters which will pass, or block, signals having preselected frequency ranges. In this part we shall look at just one area where this application is well known-tone controls in audio amplifiers.

If we feed a set of a.c. signals of different frequencies into the circuit of Fig. 82 the reactance of the capacitor decreases as frequencies increase; if this is combined with the total circuit impedance for each frequency we care to consider we can work out what the output voltage would be as a fraction of the input voltage by a simple potential divide calculation.


Fig. 82 : Basic circuit for a top cut filter,
We would find that for a fixed amplitude input signal the output voitage would fall as the frequency of the signal increased. If you have the inclination you could work this out by taking any pair of values for $C$ and $R$ and using the equations we have just mentioned. If you were to do this you would find that a doubling in frequency would halve the output voltage thus we arrive at the statement that an RC filter stage of this type has a falling response to frequency with a factor of 2 (or 6 dB ) per octave. Because the circuit attenuates high frequencies we call this a top cut filter and it is very often used as a "mellowing" circuit for low price record players and radios.

You can see-or rather, listen to-the effect of a circuit based on this principle by making up the project shown in Fig. 83. In this circuit we have an oscillator in the shape of a multivibrator (Tri and $\operatorname{Tr} 2$ ) the frequency of which can be adjusted

by VR1. We have designed it to run at quite low frequencies but the square wave output is very rich in harmonic content. If this were listened to in its raw state the wave produced would sound rich and throaty-rather like a clarinet. If we remove some of the high frequency harmonics with a filter the sound becomes more mellow with flutelike qualities.

R5 in conjunction with VR2 and C3 form the top cut filter (R6 and C4 are only there to give us effective coupling to the loudspeaker driver stage). VR2 allows us to change the total circuit impedance and thus alter the potential divide effect of $\mathrm{C} 3-$ this effectively shifts the frequency at which the filter starts to take effect. A high value for VR2 will reduce the top cut action (in simple terms you could imagine it as divorcing the capacitor from the rest of the circuit!). Reducing the value of VR2 to zero gives maximum top cut effect.

Make up the circuit on $T$ Dec as shown in the layout; be careful that the collector of $\operatorname{Tr} 3$ is approximately mid rail-to do this you might have to vary the value of R7 slightly. With VR2 set to maximum resistance you should hear the clarinet type of sound already described and reducing it should mellow the signal considerably. Ideally you need as large a loudspeaker as possible to get the best effect. Try different frequency settings of the oscillator and at the same time substitute different values for C 3 in the range of $0 \cdot 01 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ to $] \cdot 0 \mu \mathrm{~F}$.

Fig. 83: left, demonstration circuit of a top cut filter. R7 should be selected to produce a quiescent voltage of 2 V at the collector of Tr3. Fig. 85: below, shows basic bottom cut network.

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While you have the circuit built you can easily investigate the properties of a bottom cut (or bass cut) filter. The basic circuit is shown in Fig, 85, Note that the capacitor and resistor have changed places; at high frequencies the capacitor provides very little series reactance hence attenuation of these frequencies is small but for low frequencies the capacitor increases the circuit's impedance and the potential divide action between the resistor and the impedance is quite significant-hence the low frequencies are attenuated.

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Fig. 86: This circuit of the bottom cut filter is similar to Fig. 83 except that the positions of the components C3 and R5 are interchanged.

By reducing the low frequencies of the square wave we effectively draw more attention to the high harmonics and the sound becomes very raspy or harsh. Control over the degree of filtering is provided by VR2 which is now, effectively, divorcing R5 from the rest of the circuit; the lower the value of VR2 the greater the filtering effect.



Both these types of circuit are used in simple tone control applications and they frequently form part of the tone forming circuits of electronic organs as the experiment should make very clear. There is a fundamental problem with this type of circuit; it operates by removing part of the signal and the signal that is left is always of lower energy than that which went into the filter. Such a filter cannot by any stretch of the imagination be considered as one which, for example, "improves" the bass of an amplifier. In practice, of course, one can cut the treble and then turn up the volume control of the amplifier; this will euhance the bass frequencies but the enhancement is caused mainly by the extra gain from the amplifier. The filters we have just described come into the category of passive filters.

In most high-fidelity amplifiers we like to be able to cut or enhance each end of the audio frequency range with single controls. This means that our
filter must be somewhat more complex-we need to turn to active filters. These are circuits which will range from giving preferential amplification to certain frequencies through a central "neutral" condition-in which the input signal is unalteredto a condition which reduces the signal from the range of frequencies in question.

A demonstration circuit incorporating such a bass filter is shown in Fig. 87. This circuit is for a very simple record player amplifier; the circuitry around Tr 1 and $\operatorname{Tr} 3$ has already been described earlier in the series. The active filter is centred on Tr2. The values of R4, R5, C2 and VR2 have been carefully selected so that when VR2 is set in its mid position the gain of $\operatorname{Tr} 2$ stage is approximately unity at a frequency of 1 kHz .

The wiper of VR2 receives two signals; one is the direct input signal coming through R4 and the other is a negative feedback signal from R5. When the


Fig. 88 : Layout of the amplifier shown in Fig. 87 with the bass control circuit components inserted.
wiper is at the left hand end of its track (in the boost position) the wiper sees the input signal unmodified by any reactive elements but C2 feeds back high frequency signals from the collector of Tr2. These signals are out of phase with the input and effectively reduce the amplitude of high frequency signals at the wiper. Because we have removed the series effect of VR2 to the input signal its overall amplitude will be larger and this fact in conjunction with the attenuation of high frequencies provides a bass boost. When the wiper is at the right hand end of its track C2 provides a reactive path for the input signal and will, of course, pass high frequency signals preferentially. By cutting out the effect of VR2 on the feedback signal the overall negative feedback is considerably increased and the nett effect is a lowering of the stage gain to low frequencies-in other words the bass will be cut.


Fig. 89: A combined feedback tone control circuit designed by Baxendall, frequently found in audio amplifiers.

By connecting a crystal cartridge to the input (selecting R1 to prevent overload distortion) you should be able to hear the effect of this circuit quite clearly. if a reasonably good loudspeaker is used.

You can, at the same time, experiment with a treble boost/cut circuit-also shown in Fig. 87. The extra network simply substitutes for the circuit between the dotted lines at connections A B and C. Again the gain of the stage at 1 kHz will be about unity when VR3 is set mid way. When the wiper is at the left hand end C3 passes high frequencies and the negative feedback, overall, is low thus giving a boost to high frequencies; when it is at the right hand end the extra series resistance of VR3 reduces the input signal and the negative feedback of high frequencies through C4 is also increased. This gives rise to treble cut.

In practice these two circuits would be combined as we have shown in Fig. 89 providing the amplifier user with virtually independent control of both the low and high frequency ends of the audio spectrum with the centre frequency ( $1 \mathrm{kHz} \mathrm{)}$ unaffected. Such a network is sometimes named after its original designer-Baxandall. You might like to try building the complete network on a piece of Veroboard together with $\operatorname{Tr} 2$ and its bias components; the complete stage should be capable of insertion in almost any type of amplifier at the volume control stage, if you wish to improve the tone control arrangements.

To be continued

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socket on the back of the case. When this is done use Araldite to hold the twisted wires together.

Now connect a short lead between the case and the $0 V$ rail of Board E, as shown in Part 2. This must be the only link to chassis in the whole system. Under no circumstances should the metal case of the modulator be allowed to come into electrical contact with the main system's chassis-this will put a dead short across the power supply.

The prototype has proved to be quite robust, having stood up to a lot of travelling and to use at an exhibition. Little adjustment has been needed apart from the initial setting up described in the above paragraphs. However, should it be necessary to carry out adjustments the design allows easy access to all the preset potentiometers. When doing this be careful not to catch the back of your hand on the pins of the mains switch which will, of course, be live.

## Corrections to Overall components list

(page 235 of July issue)

1. Polystyrene capacitor quantities:

1000 pF should read 2.
2200 pF should read 5.
Diode types:
2. 1N4004 should read 1 N4001, although either type is satisfactory in this circuit.

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between the earth planes on the top and bottom of the board by passing a piece of wire through the hole near to the connecting pad marked 'SW' and soldering it to both sides of the board.

## WIRING UP

Connect wires to the leadthrough insulators on the side of the box and route them in a cable form as shown in Fig. 6. Table 1 shows the point on , the board to which each wire should be connected. Leave enough wire to allow the board to be removed from the box without disconnecting the cable. If any meters or switched facilities are omitted the appropriate wires may be left out and the necessary connections made directly on the board. Re-connect the wires from the transformer, including the temporary earth lead from the ground plane to the earth tag, in readiness for testing.

Next month we will give constructional details for the front panel, together with final test and alignment procedures.

## EDITORIAL VACANCY ON PW


#### Abstract

PW invites applications, in writing, for the position of Technical Sub-Editor on the magazine. Previous experience of editing technical material, correcting proofs and article make-up highly desirable. A general knowledge of electronics should be coupled with an interest in the problems of the home-constructor. Applications should be addressed to the Editor.


## ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

## VERY FISHY

MANY moons ago (1972 to be precise) RCA announced details of an improved type of TV camera tubea silicon intensifier type. Having wondered ever since about the applications (other than military) I checked. Would you believe it, one application is the detection of fish from a flying aircraft and at night time too:

Apparently sea plankton glows very slightly and this is detectable by the silicon intensifier. The fish disturb the plankton when they swim near it and thus the fish can be seen from an aircraft flying at some thousands of feet. Before anyone thinks this a little crude, I should add that, so sensitive are these tubes, the observers can even tell the actual species of fish involved.

## SO SARIE!

But it's not only American companies which design and manufacture interesting devices. An example of something from England is Sarie--the brain child of EMI Electronics Ltd. This simple name hides a most ingenious semi-automatic radar identification equipment.

Think of a foreign ship, steaming along and watching British naval exercises. The foreign ship will be using it's radar to keep an eye on the whole operation. But such an observer can be disguised and so can it's radar equipment. Such disguises don't fool Sarie. She is a passive receiving system which looks round for any signals. Once she spots a radar signal she immediately displays this on a digital/alpha numeric LED readout. Radars are known and classified by characteristics-size of the pulse, width of pulse, duration, frequency etc etc.

The previous approach was to first pick up the radar signal, then examine it on an oscilloscope and try to measure the characteristics. Having eventually done all that, it was necessary to hunt through a huge
list of radars trying to match up the characteristics and thus, finally, identify the radar.

This can now be done by Sariein a few seconds. The signal received (on standard receiving equipment) is simply fed into Sarie. She immediately shows all radars in her memory which have characteristics like those being received. These signals are arranged in order of likelihood. Further information is then derived from the signal and Sarie will eliminate the "probables" leaving the identified radar on the screen plus all the information about its characteristics. The significance of this can be appreciated already. However, whereas at sea during an exercise, the identification of a foreign radar can be a casual affair, think of a missile. To spend several minutes hunting through lists could be the last hunt you ever did! Sarie holds a unique place in U.K. electronicsshe allows the listener to be listened to.

## MORE CCDS

Charge coupled devices (CCDS) showed great promise as solid state television camera tubes. Some systems have already been marketed which employ CCD sensors. Fairchild, for example, have a television camera about the size of a packet of 20 cigarettes. Versatility of the CCD technique is now being realised in other areas and perhaps the most prominent is that of using it in a computer memory. Various systems already exist-tape, magnetic disc and drums etc. Drums are popular and can store large amounts of information. Now, the memory scene is being upset, because the CCD memory seems to offer a quite fantastic edge on anything else-so far! Comparing CCD memories with drums illustrates the point. An American company is currently working on a CCD memory which can store some eight million bits of information. To store the same amount of information a drum would
need to be bigger and heavier. The CCD device weighs only one eighth, measures only one tenth and consumes only one sixtieth of the power which a comparable drum system would use. Remember too that the CCD device is solid state, no moving parts, no maintenance. The desk top computer will soon be old hat and we will end up with wrist watch computers if things carry on at this pace. Perhaps those 007 gimmicks aren't so far fetched after all.

## SNAP

The photographic fraternity among us may be heading for an era where no film exists-no negatives. The hint is that amateur photographers of the future will sport a video camera recording direct on to magnetic tape. The age of hand-held consumer video cameras is about to dawn and already the electronics companies are gearing up to provide all the necessary equipment. The latest item of interest comes from BASF who has developed a cassette system using magnetic tapes with a playback time of 90 minutes. The tape has 28 tracks and reverses automatically in a fraction of a second when the end of one track is reached. Rumours tell of a two-hour tape under development. The interesting thing about the BASF approach is that it is a major departure from the conventional rotating heads along angled tracks. The BASF system uses the reverse; longtitudinal tracks and fixed head.

The electronics for the consumer video camera is an expensive affair and has to be very much cheaper before it becomes a marketable proposition. However, with the development of CCDs (those devices again) a solid-state cine camera could well be just round the corner.

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## National Semicon LM1820N AM Superhet

INTEGRATED circuits are becoming much more widely used in all types of radio receiver. As experience is gained by the collaboration of the semiconductor and receiver manufacturers, the devices produced become more and more complex internally as it becomes possible to incorporate more functions into a single device. At first sight one might expect that such ICs would be of use mainly to the receiver manufacturer rather than to the


Fig. 1: Pin connections for the LM1820N.
Fig. 2: below, circuit for receiver using ganged permeability tuning.
amateur enthusiast. However, the complex internal circuitry allows the use of simplified external circuits, which is very suitable for the amateur constructor!

Manufacturers design devices primarily for the high volume user but it is very pleasing to note that the devices are now being made available to the amateur constructor almost as soon as they reach the large manufacturer.

This month's device is the National Semiconductor's LM1820N superhet AM radio receiver which incorporates all the active devices required between the aerial and the audio detector diode. It can be used in receivers up to about 30 MHz .

The 14 pin dual-in-line device contains two amplifiers, one as an RF stage and one as an IF amplifier, a mixer-oscillator, an AGC detector and a zener diode voltage regulator. Most of the external components used consist of tuned circuits, the selectivity depending entirely on these circuits and not on the IC itself. In addition, a detector circuit and an audio amplifier are required; an IC audio amplifier will normally be employed so that the whole receiver is as compact as possible.



Fig. 3 : Receiver with variable capacity tuning, VC1/2/3 being ganged.

## CIRCUITS

The pin connections of the LM1820N are shown in Fig. 1. A typical receiver circuit (excluding the audio amplifier) is shown in Fig. 2 together with the internal circuitry of the LM1820N in the form of a block diagram. It can be seen that the inputs and outputs of the RF and IF amplifier stages are brought out to separate pins. This improves the versatility of the device, since one could, for example, omit the receiver RF stage and use the amplifier for another purpose.

The circuit of Fig. 2 is designed for permeability tuning. That is, the iron dust cores of the aerial tuned circuit L1, the RF tuned circuit L3 and the oscillator tuned circuit L6 move simultaneously into or out of the three coils to tune the receiver.

The component values shown are the ones tried by the writer, since no values are shown on the receiver circuit in the manufacturer's data sheet. For simplicity only one waveband is shown in Fig. 2, but it is not difficult to employ a number of switched coils for L1, L2, L3 and L6 to provide a number of switched wave bands.

## POWER SUPPLY

The absolute maximum supply line voltage is 16 V , but it is wise to regard the circuit design maximum voltage as 14 V so as to allow a reasonable margin of safety. An internal zener diode is connected between pins 3 and 8 so it is important to note that a resistor must be connected between the positive supply line and pin 3 or the supply voltage will be connected directly across the zener. Unlike most ICs there is no direct connection between the receiver positive line and any pin of the LM1820N.
The zener diode stabilises the pin 3 voltage at about $7 \cdot 1 \mathrm{~V}$. The total supply current required is about 18 mA and it follows that a resistor R2 of about $330 \Omega$ should be connected between pin 3 and the receiver positive supply line for typical supply voltages of about 12 to 14 V . The device will, in fact, function
when the supply voltage is below the zener voltage. The maximum permissible current into pin 3 is 35 mA and the maximum dissipation at temperatures up to $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ is 850 mW .
The output of the RF amplifier stage at pin 13 is connected internally to the collector of an npn transistor. The current required by this transistor passes through the resistor R1 and L3 in the circuit of Fig. 2. The mixer output (pin 14) is also connected to the collector of an internal npn transistor, obtaining its current through the primary of IFT1.
The steady component of the voltage at pin 2 should be equal to the potential at pin 3, accomplished by connecting a tuned circuit between the pins. This circuit resonates at the oscillator frequency.

The output of the mixer stage at pin 14 feeds IFT1 and the signal from this is fed into the IF amplifier through pin 7. The output from this amplifier at pin 6 is fed into IFT2. The secondary of the transformer feeds the detector diode D1 which provides the audio output. R3 may be replaced with a $20 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ volume control.
The IF output from pin 6 is fed to the AGC input pin 5. The two internal diodes act as a peak-to-peak detector. The resulting AGC control voltage is smoothed at pin 10 and provides a suitable time constant in controlling the gain of the RF stage.

## VARIABLE CAPACITY TUNING

The amateuf constructor may find it easier to use the LM1820N in the type of circuit shown in Fig. 3 in which tuning is carried out by means of a three-gang variable capacitor, VC1, VC2 and VC3. The RF coil L3 is tapped which leads to a simpler and more efficient circuit. (The coil L3 of Fig. 2 was not tapped because this can cause problems with permeability tuning.) One could also consider the possibility of using semiconductor variable capacitance diodes for tuning purposes.

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## by Eric Dowdeswell G4AR

LOOK to your laurels, my lads! Pride of place this month goes to Julie Rose (Warley, West Midlands) who has sent in any excellent log. Her Dad handed over his version of the PW 'Progressive' receiver to Julie and she's spent most of her spare time in the last couple of years listening on the amateur bands, aided and abetted by a No. 19 set bought for 10 p at a jumble sale! Clever Dad removed the TX and VHF bits and fitted up a power pack and output stage. A Yaesu FR50B is in the offing, if Santa gets the message in time!

## And now-SSTV!

Paul Barker (Sunderland) made me sit up with his reception reports on SSTV (slow scan TV) stations he had 'seen'! Equipment includes a homemade electrostatic monitor and an MK Products electromagnetic monitor which has recording facilities. Receivers include an FRDX500, Trio JR310 and Sony TFM1600. The aerials are 15 and 20 m dipoles and a six element Yagi on 2m. Paul is to be congratulated on getting away from the SSB/CW routine and it is to be hoped that others may follow his example and 'look' into the possibilities of SSTV. Sorry about that!
John Porter (Baslow, Derbys) queries the SQ prefix heard of late. Just another of those silly 'change for change's sake', I'm afraid. Some SP anniversary I understand. The habit is very common nowadays especially in contests, no doubt netting the user a few extra million points since the country/prefix chaser cannot afford not to work him 'just in case' he is a new one!
Tony Price BRS33946 (Brierly Hill, Staffs) will have to have another go at the RAE. Hard luck Tony, but I'm sure the exam experience will have been worthwhile. I'm glad to see you haven't given up amateur radio in favour of stamp collecting! Tony reports that WB4SPG is hoping to activate Saipan in the Pacific 10 to 15 October, mostly CW but some SSB on 80, 40 and 20 m . Tony also logged TG9GI who was
running just 5 watts of SSB. That's really QRP, although the call is always worth a couple of extra $S$ points! By the way, Tony uses a Collins 75A4 (lucky him!) and a TA32 for 10,15 and 20 m .

Alan Rae (Glasgow) concentrated on 40 m SSB this time. He and his fellow members of the West of Scotland ARS are very aggrieved on having the club's KW2000 stolen recently. Stan Sharred (B'ham) is still finding useful DX on 160 m in the height of summer (I must be joking!) including ZB2AY for a new one. Michael Crimes (Exeter) was pleased to change his 9R59DS for a Yaesu FR50B but says 'no more VHF until the converter's IF is changed' so he was forced to listen on HF for a change.

## Congratulations

Graham Nicholls (Banbury) is just 16 and really off to a flying start in amateur radio having just passed his RAE, and probably his code exam by now. He says 'can copy 20 wpm in my head' so writing it down at 12 wpm shouldn't present much of a problem. How wise of him to go for the Class A licence from the start and have the run of all the bands even though he is interested only in 70 cm and 2 m at the moment. Graham's version of the G3HBW 2 m converter reached out to OE3QMD/P and his F3PH/ F3FC converter caught DL3BSA which isn't bad with bedroom yagis! He can always hang his socks on them when conditions are duff! Max France (Warrington) sent in a very impressive first log of 80 m SSB heard on his R107 with either a 60ft horizontal wire or a $30 f \mathrm{ft}$ vertical and a home-made ATU.

## SSB-the hard way

Tim Charles (Colchester) plucked up courage to tell me that he is only 15 but a dedicated listener to the amateurs. His Teleton 702 portable hasn't got a BFO so 'I resolve SSB and CW by superimposing a local carrier from another receiver'. He does the same with his modified Bush 90A covering the HF bands between them. Oh well! As Tim says 'one day I'll have to make up a simple BFO'. It would be easier!

Not much space for personal chat this month! Any 9R59DS experts out there??? Several readers complain of excessive hum when using headphones, perhaps not entirely unexpected since these low impedance headsets are probably intended for hi-fi stereo reception and respond well to the 100 Hz ripple frequency! A capacitor, around $0 \cdot 5 / 1 \mu \mathrm{~F}$ in series with headset might help reduce the bass response.

## Log Extracts

Julie Rose:- 80m CT2BN C31FO EL7F FP0YY (0530) VK3DN VP2LH ZL2AKK ZL2BT ZL3GS ZL4KS ZP5AL 40m EA7PW 7X2AN 20m HI8MOG 5X5NK.

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P. Barker:- 20m C3IBL F0CH/FC HMIBK HZ1SH KC4AAC (Antarctica) KC6SX KV4BW R1A, R2C etc (Russian contest calls) VE8DC (Ellesmere Is.) VQ9BP XT2AA 15m TR8SS ZE4JS ZS3TP Seen on 20m SSTV:- DL3DW DK2MH DK5EL F8KW G3VGU KIOKW YU2CDS YV1AQE.
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T. Price:- 20 m CO2FA CR4BS DUIXKE HK0BKX KG4GO KH6IJ KL7MF KM6DZ KS6DH KW6HF TG9GI ZL4BX (2300) 15m HI8EJH.
A. Rae:- 40m CM7EG CX3UE MIC PJ2CW ZS3PT.
S. Sharred:- 160 m EP2BQ GD3WPS/P WA8IJI ZB2AY 80m 5Z4LW CE6EZ FY7YF ZS1MH 40m HC1XG TI2PZ VK3MR 20m 5T5MG DU1NRS FGrXC FL8OM HRIJBS KL7BJW 15m CX2CA TR8CQ.
M. Crimes:- 20m VU2DK 15m LU9HG VQ9GP CE3AQW IS0SQF.
G. Nicholls:- 2 m DC8CB DK6QK GD8EXI GM8AGU/P HB9QQ LXIDU OE2CAL/P OKIWSG/P OZ1OL All SSB. 70 cm DL3SBA DL7SGN F9FT G3KMS G8BGU All SSB.
M. France:- 80m CE6EC CP8CX CR3WB EP2VJ FY7AU TJ1EZ TR8AI VP2SAF VP5KG VP8NP ZD9GD 4S7PB 8P6CX 9M2BX.
T. Charles:- 80m PY4TK ZL3FA ZL3PX ZL4KF 40m TG9PW VK2WC YV4ZA ZL3DR ZL4BO ZL4CM. CW stations in bold. remainder SSB.


## MEDIUM WAVE BROADCASTS

 by CHARLES MOLLOYChristopher Owens (Stoke-on-Trent) has a Bush PB12 receiver and a 15 ft outdoor aerial. His medium wave log includes Radio Carlisle on 755 kHz ; Radio Blackburn on 854 kHz ; Radio Derby on 1115 kHz ; Piccadilly Radio, Manchester on 1151kHz ; IBA Birmingham also on 1151 kHz and Radio Humberside on 1484 kHz . Christopher asks for information about French and German broadcasts on the low frequency end of the medium wave band. Guide to Broadcasting Stations published by Butterworth is available in most bookshops. It lists the majority of European stations on the medium waves together with a few of the more distant ones that are heard regularly and it is a good guide for the newcomer to the band.

Christopher Hall of St Julians in Malta who has been trying to pick up the BBC on the medium waves with his Telefunken multiband receiver, asks for information about medium wave propagation. During the daytime reception is by the ground wave only and the range, even of high power stations is limited. After dark the radio waves are reflected by the ionosphere and they can travel quite a considerable distance provided there is a path of darkness between transmitter and receiver. Reception of the UK in Malta on the medium waves should be possible after dark provided a selective receiver and an outdoor aerial are used.

DXers in the UK often hear North America on the medium waves during the winter months when a path of darkness falls across the North Atlantic before midnight. The band becomes quieter after 2300 hrs GMT when a number of European broadcasters close down for the night and this is the time to hunt for Canadians, which are the first to appear. Listen for CBN in St John's Newfoundland on 640 kHz ; CJON also in St John's on 930 kHz ; CHER Sydney, Nova Scotia on 950 kHz and CBA in Moncton, New Brunswick on 1070 kHz . These stations are heard regularly in the UK when conditions are favourable. Propagation is variable on this path so if nothing is heard at the first attempt then try again a few evenings later. As midnight approaches stations in the United States can be heard. Look for WOR in New York City on 710 kHz ; WNEW also in NYC on 1130 kHz ; WCAU Philadelphia on 1210 kHz and WKWB Buffalo NY on 1020 kHz . An outdoor aerial or a medium wave loop aerial should be used for this type of DXing as it is unlikely that North America will be heard at any strength with a portable receiver and internal aerial.
David Birch (Trowbridge, Wilts) has been busy on the medium waves with his VTO transistor radio. He reports hearing Vatican Radio on 1529 kHz ; Trans World Radio, Montecarlo on 1466 kHz ; and programmes in English from West Germany on 1268 kHz , Warsaw on 1502 kHz and the Voice of America on 1295 kHz at 2100 hrs GMT. Our regular reporter Brendon McNamee who lives in Portrush, Northern Ireland has been DXing with his Sharp BZ-23 receiver. His log includes Radio Tirana, Albania on 1394 kHz ; Radio Prague on 1286 kHz and RTE Dublin on 1250 kHz .
We wish to thank those readers who have sent in reports for the Short Wave Broadcast and VHF/FM bands, we hope to resume publication of these features as from next month.

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## PERFORMANCE

The RF input resistance at pin 12 is typically $1 \mathrm{k} \Omega$. The transconductance of the RF stage at 1 MHz with a $100 \mu \mathrm{~V}$ signal at pin 12 is about 120 mmho , but decreases with the applied AGC and, at higher frequencies, with the frequency. The mixer input impedance is typically $1.4 \mathrm{k} \Omega$ whilst the mixer transconductance is about 2.5 mmho with a 1 MHz 1 mV input signal at pin 1 . The oscillator voltage at pin 2 is about $1 \cdot 7 \mathrm{~V}$ RMS.

If the IFT between pins 14 and 7 is replaced by a suitable ceramic filter, a better response curve should be obtainable. Ceramic filters operating at the normal IF frequency of about 455 kHz can provide a response curve with a flat, broad top for good quality reproduction, but with the steep sides required for the reception of a weak signal close to a much more powerful one. If such a ceramic filter is employed, a single tuned circuit may be used for IFT2.

For broadcast band reception on the medium and long wave bands, a ferrite rod aerial could be employed instead of L1 and L2 of Figs. 2 and 3. However, the LM1820N is really intended for more critical applications. The Fairchild equivalent is the $\mu$ A720DC while the NE546A is the equivalent in the Signetics range.

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－Adaptable to discrete（CD4）use


Project 805SQ


The output from any good stereo cartridge feeds into Stereo 80 and passes via the tape outlet to the 80SQ decoder．Here the signal is separated into its constituent 4 channels，those for the front being accepted by the Stereo 80，those for the rear going from the decoder to the two additional power amplifiers and speakers．

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# The Project 80 programme to date 

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Stereo 80 pre-amp/control unit

$260 \times 50 \times 20 \mathrm{~mm}$ ( $10 \frac{1}{4} \times 2 \times \frac{3}{4}$ ins.) separate slider controls on each channel for treble, bass and volume.INPUTS - Mag. P.U 3mV (RIAA corrected) ceramic -300 mV . Radio 100 mV , Tape 30 mV . S/N ratio 60 dB . Frequency range -20 Hz to $15 \mathrm{KHz} \pm 1 \mathrm{~dB}$. OUTPUTS -2.5 V rms max (30V. supply) and tape plus AB monitoring. PRESS BUTTONS for P.U., Radio and Tape. Operating power - 20 to 35 V . Black case with white indications.
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Z. 40

Size $-55 \times 80 \times 20 \mathrm{~mm}$
9 transistors
Input sensitivity -100 mV
Output - 12 watts RMS continuous into $8 \Omega(35 \mathrm{v})$ Frequency response $-10 \mathrm{~Hz}-100 \mathrm{KHz} \pm 1 \mathrm{~dB}$
S/Nratio-64dB
Distortion $-0 \cdot 1 \%$ at 10 watts into $8 \Omega$ at 1 KHz
Power requirements - 12 to 35 volts

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Size $-55 \times 98 \times 20 \mathrm{~mm}$
12 transistors
Input sensitivity - $100-250 \mathrm{mV}$
Output - 25 watts RMS continuousinto $8 \Omega(50 \mathrm{~V})$. Distortion-- $0.02 \%$ at $10 \mathrm{~W} / 8 \Omega / 1 \mathrm{KHz}$
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Project 80SQ quadraphonic decoder


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