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AMATEUR BAND MONITORING

An impressive compilation in the IARU Summary of Monitoring Information, meaning intruders on the amateur bands. Of the 1170 intrusions listed on the 7-14-21-28 MHz bands, no less than 718 were positively identified. The band worst afflicted by transmissions that ought not to have been there was Twenty (590 intrusions) and the worst offender was the USSR (396 transmissions within our band). This highly informative document, listing the transgressions in detail, band by band, for the year 1973 is available at £1 from the Region I Co-ordinator, IARU Monitoring System, 73 Mexborough Avenue, Leeds, LS7 3ED, Yorkshire. Our congratulations go to the several international Amateur Radio organisations who have assisted in compiling the information.

SPACE POLLUTION

In addition to the 3000+ known objects now in orbit round Earth, the latest are producing unexpected (and unwanted) side effects by reason of splash-QRM over the frequencies of particular interest to radio astronomers—particularly in the 11 cm. and 18 cm. bands. The trouble is that the noise-signals from the distant sources with which radio astronomers are concerned are very much weaker than the interference created by transmitting satellites, e.g., the Wx body SMS-1 on 18 cm. and the ATS-6 which relays educational TV programmes on 11 cm. over remote regions. The interference is so bad that radio telescopes can hear these satellites even when they are on the “blind side” of Earth. The 11 cm. band is that on which noise-signals from quasars, pulsars and distant galaxies are being studied.

To All our Readers and our Trade Friends,
Every Good Wish for
CHRISTMAS 1974
COMMUNICATION and DX NEWS

E. P. Essery, G3KFE

THE alert reader may have noticed a certain plaintiveness in our preamble last time out; suffice it to say that the weather did in the end let up for long enough for the HF-band aerial to go back again, and, indeed, to receive try-out on the bands.

However, since then, time has precluded much listening, leave alone operating—and when a quick turn round the bands was taken, there didn’t seem to be much going on anyway. But, of course, there is always the consoling thought that we must now by now be pretty near the bottom of the trough in the sunspot cycle, after which things will improve—so these you in the LF-banders can cause DXers in general to spend time (and money!) on improving their ability to work DX under poor conditions which must inevitably reflect betterment all round as the bands open again.

On a different tack, it was pleasant to spend the Saturday at the Leicester Show, and to have nattering sessions with various folk who write in to, or read, this piece each month.

Top Band

Some points were brought up in the post, and to the writer personally at the Show, as regards our Top Band plot.

Looking at the position South of the border for a moment, we have first the plaint made by G8DYC who considers it to be all a deep-laid plot to remove easy counties from the list for the benefit of the London gang! But it wasn’t anything like that—Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, and Bedfordshire all appeared in the first draft proposal and fell off somewhere along the line as we tried to form an alphabetical list and hammer out a scoring system. The loss was not noticed in the checking process, either, something for which your conductor alone must take the blame.

However, when we come to Scotland, the situation seems a bit more difficult. On this subject we have letters from GM3YOR (Kirkcaldy, Fife), G4AKY (Croydon) and GM3OGJ (Sauchie, Clackmannanshire), and they all seem to present different angles from those shown on the map which we chose as a reference, the 1975 Geographia. First, the titles for the Regions printed on this map have to be equated to the alternative titles used elsewhere, as follows, with the Geographia map titles first in each case: Highlands, Highlands; N.E. Region, Grampian; W. Region, Strathclyde; E. Region, Tayside; Central Region, Central; S.E. Region, Fife and Lothian; Borders, Borders; S.W. Region, Dumfries and Galloway. This is the list as quoted by G4AKY. However, GM3OGJ and GM3YOR generate a bigger problem when they state that the position of the Kingdom of Fife (the title still given to the area by GM3YOR) is out of line with the map. GM3YOR says that Fife represents a “Region” in its own right, so that the Lothians part would also be a region—but GM3OGJ goes further and says that in addition Kincardine is put in Tayside instead of Grampians region—and the map gives the Regions, their titles and their territories, as we quoted them last month. So... who is right?

G3KFE has already made noises to his local library for a copy of the Carpenter Report and any other documents which might help to resolve the up-to-date situation; they are not yet to hand. Therefore, in the meantime, we will take it that Fife is a region in itself and similarly with Lothians—when we publish what we hope will be the up-to-date situation; they are not yet to hand. Therefor...
band in NFD or MCC will know; he put Kirkcaldy Club "there or thereabouts" several times in MCC, and subsequently did the same for Glenrothes, always a bit of first-class operating rather than the possession of a big signal. He was an active member of the F.O.C. The cremation was in Kirkcaldy, and was attended by a large gathering of relatives, friends and fellow radio-amateurs.

Eighty Metres

A first letter comes in from G3KDV (Brixham), who reckons the South-West is hardly ever represented in CDXN and proposes to do something about it—good for him! G3KDV works all bands, home-brew on 160, and 80-10 metres by way of a Trio TS-510, which gives no TVI despite being run without an ATU into dipoles—luckily, a cap. Aerials are a bit of a problem, in a small space, although the said small space is admirably located at about 200 feet a.s.l and in the clear. For Eighty the aerial is a dipole, which for half of its length is an inverted-Vee with feedpoint at about 35 feet; the rest of it goes around the garden anywhere it will fit, almost at ground level—but it worked! G3LIE on CW on two successive mornings just prior to his letter.

If you get your copy of the Magazine "on the button"—which you should if your newsagent is on top of his job—then you may well have the new Hq. of the 1st Rolleston Scout Group by the Chief Executive Scout Commissioner for Great Britain, Mr. K. Stevens. All contacts will be QSL'd by way of a suitable "special" card. The station, we understand, is to be operational over the two days November 30 and December 1, and we wish them plenty of contacts to demonstrate Amateur Radio on this auspicious occasion.

G2NJ (Peterborough) continues to notice the QRP goings-on, and this time reports that G3CEL is still doing well, although his skywire has had to have its end tied to a fence, thanks to the winds of autumn. He is able to work G2NJ and G5NX; G5IC is another who is using QRP and getting lots of fun out of just a couple of watts. A plea from G3YRR (Grimbsby) which could be applied to any of our bands, but seems to have particular point on Eighty—he says, when signing—"Ruddy well sign!" All we can say is "Amen to that."

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Forty Metres

G3ORP first, and Peter seems to have used only CW. We note contacts with W1VV, VE1BCZ, WAI7MN, W1PL, K4GSU and W2GXD.

For G3KFE, time did not permit of much in the way of an inspection of the band, but the bottom few kHz were looked at now and again; on some occasions DX was there and workable, but on others it was so dead as to bring the gear under suspicion—but no, it was money well spent as well!

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A sudden rush of blood to the head is the only way in which your old scrive can account for G2BON—Tom actually left his beloved Twenty for long enough to work WA2SPL on October 5! That dipole at twelve feet was quite good enough to enable G3KDV to knock off SSB contacts with PT2ZZB, WA2CRX, VP2E, VP2MSU, VP7BC and K5AJ during the period under review.

Please, when QSY'ing, say which way, and how far, you are going, appeals G3YRR to those stations who are not in a great king-sized pile-up; Charles accepts that the bloke at the sharp-end of a pile-up really has no option but to get lost if he is to stay in business, but for the others—just be reasonable! On a different theme, Charles notes the very fine 21 MHz openings on October 12, with mid-afternoon W6, W7, W5, W0 all worked—several of each—and later, in the evening, he was actually being called by VE6's! Others to be popped into the poacher's pocket included KV4, 922, K4M, TL and possibly helping to get the QSL percentage up a bit in the long-term, too.

Still continuing with his /MM collecting, and with the QRP game, is G2NJ. Nick notes that YV5NBM/MM has been heard on the band, when the latter was near Nigeria; on the QRP front a good QSO was with TF3AX, Reykjavik, when the latter was using two wats.

Tail-end Charlie on this section of the bands is G3TXJ, who looked in on the contest, and made his number with A4XFE, CR6OR, CR6OZ, CT2BN, CV4C, EL2IC, FG7XL, FY0BHI, LUSAJG, M1C, ODSIO, UF6VAD, VP5WW, VP7BC, VS6DO, VU2DK, 4W1ED, 6W8FP and 9L1JT.

Here and There

Several people have made nice comments about the G3KFE Linear recently written-up in these pages, for which thanks, G2BON, who says that his DX secret is not to go after the big signals with all the world chasing 'em, but to hunt around for the little weak ones, using low power and simple aerials—chaps who get a kick out of working out to their idea of DX with their simple gear. A good point, and possibly helping to get rid of those creepy-wearing things the Iron Curtain countries used to produce. Perhaps the Italian authorities should be pressed by the rest of the world's amateurs to do something about it.

A real old-timer is G2ARX who had his interest sparked off by an article in the Model Engineer in 1913, describing the making of a spark coil and coherer; he was a founder member of Stockport Club back in 1924 and is active on 10 MHz bands, mainly Twenty, plus AM activity on 144 MHz. We've come a long way from that spark coil and coherer with which G2ARX started—and a long way since 1922 when 2ARX was first taken out.

Contests

Advance warning of the B.A.R.T.G. Spring RTTY Contest—it is set for 0200z March 22 through to 0200z March 24, 1975. It seems to be a rather similar event to previous ones, and it has always been well supported by the RTTY types. Details can be obtained from Ted Dible, OD5BO, or from QTHR. If you work 25 countries two-way on RTTY, the group have a "Quarter-Century Award" which you can claim as you send in your entry. And, if you work all six continents on RTTY in the contest, then a claim for WAC may be made, and the confirmation from the contest logs will be sent on to RTTY Journal who then issue the Award.

One which we should also try to support is the ARRL Ten-Metre event on December 14, starting at noon GMT, and running through to 2359z December 15. W/K stations send RST and (state or province in the case of VE). Others use RST plus a three-digit number from 001. Score two for a completed QSO or four if you work a Novice. Multiplier will be, for those of us outside U.S.A./Canada, the number of the Americas (North, South and Central), and DXCC countries—so it is a truly world-wide contest and not just a "work the W's" affair. The current contest last year was well supported, and showed a lot of activity, and the same should happen this year. Try and get on for an hour or two at least, and add to the general activity level.

Forthcoming Activities

ST2AY is ex-ZB2AY and ex-ZD8AY and is operational on all bands. He is understood to be coming up on Top Band—on Thursdays at 2310, Fridays at 0010, 0110, and 0210 GMT; he calls CQ on 1827.5 kHz, and listens on 1800-1808 kHz.

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KCN4I will be operated and done with by the time this reaches print; the intention was that they would get on for the back-end of the CW/QW CW leg, and stay for about five days. As for Tokelaus, ZM7AH sticks at his task of clearing up the demand; present plans are for him to stay till just before Christmas, and during that time he may be heard on Top Band, around 1810 kHz, 1875 kHz and 1910 kHz.

At the time this hits the bookstalls, VP8MS should be on from South Georgia, until around December 7, on present information. Also during the first week it would be worth while cocking an ear in the general direction Trinidad, where we hear that a PY1ZAE may be active for a couple of days.

In the planning stage is an expedition by VS5MC who hopes to activate Spratly (of blessed memory!) by operating from Barque Canada Reef—this is targeted to around the late-December period, but not certain as yet.

Perhaps a New Year treat—along with the bills! is an operation from Chad, probably under the call TTRAC, by ex-XV5AC.

That YL DX-pedition to Chatham did some fine work, and carried on after the contest concluded; it was possibly a "dummy run" for a future DX-pedition to the Kermadeces, may be in January.

For the prefix-hunters, 3Y3CC and 3Y5DQ will be on from Elfinie Island and running from mid-November through to the latter end of January; try looking for them on Twenty, around 14040, 14140 or 14340 kHz.

Finale

We seem to have not run out of space; so some QSL addresses are being held over till next time round. For our next, the deadline will be a bit tight, at December 9. The address is as usual "CDXN," SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, BUCKINGHAM, MK18 1RQ. And, meantime, your conductor's Best Wishes for Christmas.
General view of the Hall for the Amateur Radio Retailers' Association annual Exhibition at Leicester, October 31 to November 2. This picture was taken at about 3.0 p.m. on the Friday. There were 30 Trade Stands and the total attendance was over 6,000. By the Saturday afternoon several of the exhibitors had sold out of all they had brought with them. The Exhibition was again an unqualified success.

Brian Rix, G2DQU (centre) was the guest at the Doram stand at Leicester on October 31. He drew the prize vouchers for a competition sponsored by Doram, the Leeds firm specialising in by-return mail order in the field of electronic components, kits and accessories for the amateur. With G2DQU (of the Whitehall Theatre, London) are, left, Mr. Frank Chable, Doram's managing director, and Mr. Don Turner, a director of the parent Company.

The organisers of the ARRA Exhibition were G3TED, of Taurus, Loughborough (left) and Tom Darn G3FGY. They now have the experience of three shows to draw on for the future.
COMPACT INDOOR GROUND-PLANE AERIAL
DATA FOR THREE BANDS

H. C. BAILEY (G2CUI)

The author has for some time been experimenting with various types of indoor aerials for the 14, 21 and 28 MHz bands. The requirements were that they should be (a) small and compact and (b) could be built in a roof space or loft—and if erected outdoors would be inconspicuous. An article on an unusual VHF ground plane aerial stimulated some more ideas. This VHF aerial was first described by J. M. Boyer in 1963 and consists of a broken ring mounted above an earth mat or another continuous ring at earth potential. The aerial is known as the D.D.R.R. (Directional Discontinuity Ring Radiator) and when in a horizontal position is vertically polarised.

It was desired to use wire for the elements. Because of the difficulty of constructing a suitable framework to support a ring-shaped aerial it was decided to try out an equilateral triangular (delta) shape on a simple frame of strip wood.

Basic Design

The basic design as eventually evolved is shown in Fig. 1. The radiator is a triangle of wire broken at one corner and spaced above a continuous triangle (the ground plane). One end of the radiator is coupled to the feeder by an inductance and variable capacitor and the outer braid of the feeder connected to the ground plane wire. Details of the wire lengths, coils and variable capacitors are given in Table A. The wire lengths are those found to be optimum after a number of tests and are about 25% longer than the normal ground-plane for each band.

Construction

A wooden framework (Fig. 2) was made from 1\(\frac{1}{4}\)in. x \(\frac{1}{2}\)in. wood strip and the spacers from half-inch wooden dowel rod. The measurements for each band are given in Table B. Holes are bored through the dowel spacers \(\frac{1}{4}\)in. from each end just large enough to pass the wire through. Thread the ground-plane wire on first and join the ends together at corner “A” leaving 3in. surplus for connection to the feeder. Next, thread the radiator wire on, starting at the same corner spacer, leaving about 3in. for connection to the coil. The free end of the radiator wire should finish a few inches from the corner spacer and should be supported by an insulator fastened to the spacer rod. The tapped coil and variable capacitor are mounted on a small piece of hardboard screwed to the wooden frame near the spacer dowel at corner “A.” Connect the tapped coil to the radiator wire and to the capacitor. The inner conductor of the 75-ohm coaxial feeder is connected to the other side of the capacitor and the outer braid to the ground plane wire. A radial wire must also be attached to the ground-plane wire. The metal inserts from cable connectors were used to make the various connections, enabling any necessary adjustments to be easily made.

Tuning

One unusual feature of this GP aerial is the coil and capacitor tuning network. The reason for this arrangement is that the radiation resistance of a normal ground plane is comparatively low and when the radiator has a number of bends and brought very near to the ground plane wire the radiation resistance is extremely low, probably less than one ohm. The matching network overcomes the problem of feeding the aerial and 75-ohm coax was used with the prototype.

An SWR bridge is needed when tuning this aerial. Tune up the Tx on the selected frequency in the usual manner. Connect the coax feeder through the SWR bridge to the Tx. No ATU is necessary. Feed in a little RF and tune the aerial variable capacitor to obtain the

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**TABLE A**

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<th>Band MHz</th>
<th>Total length of wire</th>
<th>Radiator</th>
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<th>Radial</th>
<th>(S) Spacing</th>
<th>Variable Capacitor pF</th>
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<td>8' 6&quot;</td>
<td>3(\frac{1}{2})&quot;</td>
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Notes: Coils—use a 15-turn tapped coil (16g. enameled wire, 8 t.p.i.) on one-inch former for initial tuning and then substitute a self-supporting coil with the required number of turns. Variable capacitors should be wide spaced transmitting types. Maximum capacity not critical. Length of wire for ground plane element includes 3in. for feeder connection.
TABLE B

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<th>Band MHz</th>
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<td>6' 2&quot;</td>
<td>7' 1&quot;</td>
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<td>21</td>
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<td>28</td>
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Notes: The three dowel spacers are fixed through holes bored one inch from the ends of the frame. Spacers are bored ½ in. from each end to thread the wire through. The length A—B may be extended as shown if it is desired to mount on a pole or mast.

Results So Far

The writer is only able to operate on the air for occasional sessions of one or two hours either morning or afternoon, when activity on the HF bands is not usually very high. Also, due to the present propagation conditions, testing has, so far, been confined to the 14 MHz band. The aerial has been suspended horizontally across a first floor room at picture rail height with the radiator wire nearest to the ceiling. This allows free movement in the room and also is convenient for tuning and/or adjustment. The radial wire runs around the floor of the shack. The attitude of the aerial, horizontal or vertical does not appear to make any difference to signal reports.

An analysis of the first 170 QSO's, using a transceiver running 180 watts p.e.p. on SSB, gives a total of 33 countries worked including JH, JX, OY, W1, W2, W3, VE8, 9N and a /MM off San Remo. A breakdown of the signal reports gives 62 x S9, 44 x S8, 31 x S7 and 33 x S6 or less; 51 CQ calls produced 41 QSO's. These reports are comparable to those obtained on the same band in similar conditions with an inverted-V trap dipole aerial. Experiments will be continued with the same type of aerial on the 21 and 28 MHz bands when conditions improve.

Conclusions

This type of aerial does work and gives good results. Some of its advantages are:

(a) Is compact and requires little space compared with the orthodox type of aerial. A 7 MHz compact groundplane would require a triangular loop with only 12 ft. sides.

(b) Easy to construct,

(c) Measurements not too critical,

(d) Simple tuning—no difficulty in obtaining 1 : 1 SWR and wide band width,

(e) If erected outdoors looks like an unusual Band I TV aerial but would require a more substantial framework to withstand strong winds,

(f) Does not require an ATU or balun,

(g) Is omnidirectional,

(h) Cost is low.

There is scope for further experiments with this basic design. Circles or squares of wire may give better results. Other methods of feeding the aerial can be tried, e.g. tapping the feeder between the radiator and the ground-plane wires. No doubt there are many variations that would be devised. Anyway, try the aerial and see what you think.

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CRYSTAL-MIXER VFO

BASIC CIRCUIT DESIGN FOR CW BK

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The writer, having listened to some fine "break-in" CW operation on 14 MHz, came to the conclusion that this was for him, and as a first step to this end, a crystal mixer VFO was designed and built.

Perhaps at this point one should very briefly outline the technique involved. Consider a basic multi-band CW rig; it starts with a VFO, runs through a string of multipliers, and ends in a PA, which is always energised either at VFO frequency (not good practice but often done, especially for Top Band) or at a direct multiple of VFO frequency. Such a system has drawbacks:

First, because the output is at a harmonic of the drive frequency, to work break-in one must either screen the VFO to an almost impossible extent to avoid its harmonics radiating enough energy to be heard as a heterodyne in the receiver, or one must key the VFO itself, which must lead to clicks or chirps in consequent demand-keying to keep them at home, this in turn implying that the clicks will almost certainly be painfully audible in the station receiver.

Secondly, and in many ways more important, is that energy from the PA will surely tend to find its way into the VFO, so that, at worst, there will be instability, and at best, the output frequency will "pull" as one tunes up the PA into the aerial. Thirdly, both drift and pulling effects are multiplied by the number of times the PA frequency exceeds the VFO frequency. For example, a VFO on 1.750 kHz might have a drift from cold of, say, 500 Hz, which is tolerable as a warm-up drift; multiplied by sixteen to come out at 28 MHz, this VFO would drift eight kHz, which is quite definitely not acceptable!

Mixer-VFO Technique

The idea of the so-called mixer-VFO is the answer to all these problems, although very rarely used until the greater stability requirements of SSB transmission made people realise how useful such extra stability in both receiver and transmitter could also be on CW.

Basically, one takes two oscillators such that when mixed together in a suitable circuit, the output signal selected comes out directly on an amateur band. Such a combination could be a 9 MHz oscillator and a VFO covering 5-0 to 5-5 MHz. When mixed, if one takes the sum-frequency output the coverage is 14-0 to 14-5 MHz, whereas taking the difference output of the mixer results in 4-0 to 3-5 MHz, the dial tuning the band "backwards," as it were. In either case, the keying of the mixer removes any signal at the output frequency thus making break-in possible without keying the oscillator, while tuning up will not cause pulling as the PA RF is nowhere near

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(All resistors 1-watt hi-stab unless otherwise specified)
the frequency of either oscillator. As for drift, if both oscillators drift in the same way, the output is at the sum of the two levels of drift, e.g. 200 Hz only if both oscillators drift 100 Hz; but if the drift is in opposition, one may well end up with less drift than that in either oscillator.

Against all this, one must admit the output will be low, but this can be dealt with simply by adding a stage of amplification.

Construction

Mechanically, the unit goes on a chassis measuring about 8\(\frac{1}{2}\) x 5\(\frac{3}{4}\) x 2\(\frac{1}{4}\) inches deep, and a front panel of 8\(\frac{1}{2}\) x 6\(\frac{1}{4}\)in. On this panel is mounted the VFO tuning capacitor and its slow-motion drive, also RV1, R16 (which serves as the drive control to the transmitter), the netting switch and a open-circuit jack socket.

Now to the circuit. V1 is a Pierce oscillator at, in the prototype, 5514 kHz, its output to the grid of V3 being adjustable by RV1, with the circuit values chosen so as to hold the power in the crystal down to a minimum as modern "rocks" aren't meant to be as beefy as their old-time counterparts. V2 is the VFO part of the circuit and tunes from 1450 to 1800 kHz, giving plenty of overlap, using the Colpitts oscillator; C6 is to pad down the output from both V1 and V2 to quite low; RV1 is set to bring the output of V1 to the same as V2, about one volt at the respective grids of the mixer V3. Output of the mixer is selected to the required frequency by L2-C15, and so presented to the amplifier V4, to come out at 7.0 to 7.2 MHz for 14 MHz operation.

Mechanical layout now: V1, V2, and V3 run from front to rear of the chassis, with tuning capacitor C7 to their right as seen from the front panel. This leaves room nicely for V4 and L3 to sit on the left, near to the output socket on the back drop of the chassis.

L1 has 100 turns of wire, 20g. enamelled, on a one-inch former. In the original, L2 and L3 were two halves of one of the Pye strip IF transformers, each with ten turns added. Alternatively, one of the noval-based plug-in coil-formers could be used, screened by a skirted valve holder as the base and an ordinary valve-can surround; in the latter case it will have to be grid-dipped on to the band, to tune with the 100 \(\mu\)F trimmers. Indeed, a grid-dipper should be to hand anyway, to save much laborious fiddling before "finding the band." One wonders how we ever managed before the GDO was invented! (Denco Range 4 coils should "hit the band" nicely.)

Setting-Up

Plug a length of about a yard of co-ax cable—the length should be enough to reach the input socket of the transmitter—with one end into the output socket and the other end near the aerial socket of the receiver. Set the receiver accurately to 14,000 MHz. Unplug the crystal from the unit, and switch on and allow to warm up. Tune the VFO, and the 8th harmonic of the VFO on 1750 kHz should be found near minimum capacity.

Insert the crystal, and tune further down until the much stronger—second harmonic of the 7 MHz mixed output can be heard in the receiver. Trim L2 by C15, and L3 by C20, for maximum output. It may well be found that this last adjustment can be given a further slight improvement once the completed crystal-mixer VFO is plugged into the mating transmitter.

Results

Once set up as described the unit was put into service and has given no trouble. For the cost of one capacitor and the crystal, the rest being out of the junk-box, a unit has been constructed which gives one the ability to net first, tune second and still know one is accurately on the desired frequency; and of course anyone who has used break-in CW will not easily revert to the crude methods normally used. Add to that, the unit has proven reliable in service and gets its T9x reports. Altogether, a pleasure to build and a greater to operate.

Conclusion

Not all of us can afford, or have the wish for, commercial equipment: but with this unit driving into a single multiplier stage and PA, one can have world-wide communication on full break-in CW, made out of a few bought parts, the inards of a junked TV set for the valves and small parts, some csrap metal for the chassis, and a power-supply. The whole station, apart from the receiver, could go together for less than a tenner and a few hours of work.

PRODUCT DETECTOR FOR THE EDDYSTONE 730/4

IMPROVED CIRCUIT

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The circuit for a product detector for the Eddystone 730/4 receiver—published in the March 1974 issue of SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE—suffered from one or two minor difficulties. One was that of modifying the bandwidth switch to accommodate the new wiring and the other was the restriction of the SSB mode to one bandwidth. Some complaints have also been received about low audio gain. A new circuit is presented herewith which meets all these objections.

The cross-coupled mixer circuit with one audio amplifying stage is retained, with added gain in the amplifier to boost audio output. The values for R2, R3, R4 and R5 are not critical, nor is the collector load, R1.

To avoid the need for any external switching it was thought that the BFO itself should switch in the product detector, and this has been achieved by adding an isolator/amplifier stage, Tr4, for the BFO voltage. This feeds a voltage-doubler rectifier, D1 and D2, and the positive signal produced turns on Tr5 which operates a miniature relay A/2. One contact switches the audio output from Tr3 to the top of the volume control and the other adds C13 to increase the time constant of the AGC line.

The whole unit can be made up on a piece of Vero-board not exceeding 4\(\frac{1}{4}\) x 2.35ins. and the relay must be less than one inch above the board. This assembly can then be inserted in the set alongside the coil box and...
Improved SSB Product Detector for the Eddystone 730/4 Receiver

parallel to the bare HT line and is held in by a clip fixed under one screw in the coil box cover. The leads feeding in the IF and BFO voltages should be screened, but the audio lead is short and needs no screening. The DC supply voltage is taken from the cathode of the output stage as before. If a great deal of time is to be spent on SSB it might be an improvement to increase the existing cathode resistor from 680 to 820 ohms, but this is not necessary for normal use of the set.

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ANOTHER APPROACH TO SPEECH PROCESSING

SYLLABIC COMPRESSION WITH LOW-PASS FILTERING

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The benefits of a well-designed and efficient speech processing system are appreciated by many amateurs today, but for those who have not given much thought to the subject, the following advantages are well worth consideration:

1. An immediate significant increase in effective radiated power with a minimum of modification to existing equipment,
2. The outlay of a far smaller sum in the achievement of this when compared with the purchase of a proprietary Linear Amplifier,
3. The space saving gained by the incorporation of a speech processor in comparison with a Linear Amplifier,
4. The saving in running costs compared with a Linear Amplifier which at today's rates for electrical power is a point well worth taking into account.

Practical Problems

The foregoing sounds a little too good to be true and experience has shown that some unsophisticated non-RF type speech slippers/compressors, whilst apparently achieving these aims, only do so at the expense of
All curves taken with trace at 1v./cm with 1000 Hz input.
signal quality which in extreme cases can be severely degraded. Admittedly, at low signal levels, distortion can be kept to an acceptable degree, but this quite obviously negates the very object of the exercise.

Taking all this into consideration, it was decided to produce a design which meets the requirements of the ideal speech processor without the complications encountered in RF speech processing, with the resultant problem of production costs. Considerable design effort was expended to this end and the results of this have been incorporated in the recently introduced Planet Model 808.

The design utilizes a logarithmic (syllabic) compressor followed by an abrupt cut-off low-pass filter. By the combination of these two features a valuable increase in talk-power can be realised with a perfectly acceptable level of distortion.

Test Results

The photographs show the waveforms achieved with this system, which employs an instantaneous logarithmic compressor circuit applied to a 3-3 kHz filter having a cut-off rate of 60 dB/decade, as in Fig. 1. The resultant distortion over a comprehensive range exceeding 40 dB is typically 5 per cent, this level being completely acceptable due to its lack of high-order harmonics, as the waveforms confirm. On-the-air tests indicate a practical gain approaching 10 dB with a circuit which, due to its relative lack of complexity, is capable of quantity production at an economic level. The inherent design of the circuit largely obviates the problem of flat-topping, which is a serious disadvantage commonly encountered with simple speech clippers.

Conclusions

For the operator who requires to improve his effective radiated power significantly without incurring odious comments upon the quality of his transmission the circuit evolved will certainly be satisfactory in every respect. Furthermore, due to the economies effected by careful design, the cost will not be inordinate. Whilst all designers are naturally biased in favour of their own efforts and the author makes this statement conscious of the fact that it must be applied without exception, "the proof of the pudding, etc." is a very relevant factor and extensive on-the-air tests have brought some excellent and most gratifying reports from completely non-partisan fellow operators.

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**DUAL-CHANNEL MONITOR REFINEMENT**

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Due to there being much two-metre activity on a local net channel, it was felt that some form of search receiver would be useful. This would enable two channels to be monitored, i.e., 145-00 MHz plus one other frequency. A Pye PTC-3002 base station was to hand so it was decided to use this equipment rather than modify the main 2-metre receiving set-up. As the most convenient arrangement would be to have the search receiver muted, the modifications were drawn up to achieve this.

First Trial

The normal method of using more than one crystal is to connect the unused crystals to ground so it seemed that a relay could be used to ground each crystal in turn. It is quite simple to activate a relay; a flip-flop type of circuit will operate a small low-current relay. A simple change-over type was tried first; the antenna relay from a Pye receiver will work on 9 volts.

The circuit will need a load for the second transistor, and for this a 6-volt lamp is suitable—it can also function as a panel lamp which flashes to give an indication that the

![Circuit Diagram](image-url)
receiver is searching.

However, this system proved to be unsatisfactory, as the requirements were that the receiver would lock on to a signal appearing on either of the two channels. To obtain this facility the two contacts on the squelch relay, closed when the audio is muted, are connected in the supply line to the search unit. This means that when a signal appears on one channel the receiver squelch relay will operate, thereby breaking the supply to the search unit, which will then stay locked on the channel until the signal ceases. Without a signal the squelch relay operates and the supply is restored to the search unit, returning it to the automatic condition.

It will be apparent that with an antenna change-over relay the device can only lock on to one channel (the one connected to the relay in the rest position). To overcome this a double-coil miniature relay was used, the type which will rest in either position depending on the coil last energised. If such a relay is not available two separate change-over types can be used, bearing in mind that these should be of a type enabling the connections to be kept short.

Practical Application

In the present set-up the unused contacts on one relay are connected to an indicator lamp which flashes when the unit is operating. With a 12-volt supply the relay used flicks 40 times per minute, which is quite long enough for the squelch to function and allow the relay to lock on.

The supply for the unit can be taken from a voltage doubler circuit, suitably smoothed, off the heater circuit or the receiver.

Using small components quite a compact module can be made up taking up very little space and it should fit inside most receivers.

The receiver can be made to lock on to either channel by increasing the squelch control setting (when the audio is on the search unit is inactive), or by fitting a push-button across the squelch relay contacts which should be held in until the relay selects the desired channel. The circuit shows the method of connecting the relay. It is worth experimenting with it.

AN AUDIO/VIDEO MODULATOR
FOR PA SCREEN CONTROL

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This article describes the construction and setting up of a modulator suitable for a 70 cm. transmitter utilising a QQVO3-20A, QQVO6-40A—or valves of the 4CX or 4X type. There are many 70 cm. operators (actual and pending) who the author feels are put off having a shot at amateur television (A/TV) for a variety of reasons. This article is intended to demonstrate that it is a relatively simple matter to sound and video modulate a 70 cm. signal.

Circuit Considerations

In conventional amplitude modulation the input frequencies are usually of the order of 60 Hz-3.5 kHz and vary at a syllabic rate between these two values. In a video signal comprising of synchronisation pulses and video information the signal can lie between the frequency levels of DC and 3 MHz (in the case of 405 lines). This introduces quite an obvious problem, i.e., no transformers can be used in the modulator. This calls for the use of DC coupling throughout with the consequent loss of peak power since a 100% amplitude modulated signal has a peak power twice that of the carrier but a video signal of the same level (known as peak white) has a level equal to that of the carrier. Therefore, the signal level is varying between zero and full carrier output at a rate of anything up to 3 MHz.

Circuit

The author makes no excuse for the use of valves. Having tried transistor modulators and found them susceptible to any voltage spikes that may be on the line, the inherent problem of DC coupling already explained
rotation of the control will eventually cause a decrease in output. It is at the position just before the RF output decreases that the control should be left. Switch to audio and check that the carrier control on rotation brings the RF output from zero to full. Set the control such that 70% of full carrier is being produced and modulate when the RF output will increase in sympathy with your voice. This is in fact screen grid modulation and due to the absence of transformers and the use of DC coupling will produce audio of a good hi-fi quality. On returning to the video position remember to turn the carrier insert control RV2 to zero.

A considerable number of these modulators have been built in the Midlands area and each time they have been first starters and produced very satisfactory results.

**Video/Audio Modulator**

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**PRODUCING SEMICONDUCTORS**

**NOTE ON MANUFACTURING PROCESSES**

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In the past comparatively little has been written about the techniques used in making semiconductor devices. As transistors, diodes and many other such semiconductors are now in everyday use it was thought that some information on the subject might be of interest. This article only sets out to give a brief and very basic introduction to what is an extremely complicated subject.

**Refining of the Basic Semiconductor**

Semiconductor devices in general, and especially field effect transistors (FET), require a very high degree of purification of the raw materials to enable them to operate well. This was one of the major factors holding back the development of the transistor, and it was the reason why the field effect transistor did not appear until the 1960's, though the FET effect was appreciated in the late 1940's, when the transistor was discovered.

The method used commercially to refine the semiconductor is known as zone refining. This was developed by Pfann at the Bell Laboratories (U.S.A.) in 1938. The idea was so simple that he assumed it must be widely known, and accordingly he did not publish anything about it for ten years!

Zone refining is based on the fact that impurities are generally either more or less soluble in the solid semiconductor than the liquid. Therefore if a bar of, say, germanium is passed through several RF heating coils (see Fig. 1) the impurities will collect at either end. This assumes that the semiconductor is moved slowly enough for the impurities to diffuse uniformly throughout the liquid. The molten zones are generally about 2 cm. long and 10 cm. apart, with five zones in all.

This is simple enough for germanium, but silicon is quite a different problem. This is because at its melting point silicon will combine with its container. The solution to this was, of course, to dispense with the container (see Fig. 2). The system may seem rather unstable, but it does...
work provided that the rod diameters are kept below about one centimetre and as there is only one molten zone the RF induction coil has to be swept down the rod several times. The impurity levels using this process can easily be reduced to one part in $10^{10}$.

**Crystal Growing**

To make semiconductor devices, crystalline silicon or germanium is required. Unfortunately the semiconductor obtained from the zone refining is polycrystalline and unsuitable for making transistors. Single crystals are produced using the Czokralski process—which in fact not as complicated as the name may suggest.

The molten semiconductor is held in a quartz-lined or graphite container for silicon or germanium respectively (see Fig. 3). This is to keep contamination to a minimum. Then a seed crystal, which has to be correctly orientated, is placed so that it just touches the surface of the molten material. The crystal is then slowly pulled, and the "main crystal" forms below. It is at this stage when p or n-type dopants are introduced to give the substrate of the devices the correct properties. One interesting point is that the rate of pulling of the crystal can be used to get some control over the uniformity in the doping.

Using this technique crystals up to 25 cm. long and 2 cm. wide can be made. These are then cut into slices which are then polished using a diamond paste.

**Control of Impurities**

In most semiconductor devices there is at least one p-n junction, the only exception probably being the Gunn diode which consists just of a piece of n-type gallium arsenide. Therefore one has to have some means of controlling the doping type and concentration. This is usually accomplished either by diffusion or epitaxy. There are other methods such as ion implantation which are possible, but they are not generally used in mass production.

(i) **Diffusion**: This method of producing p-n junctions works inwards from the surface. The dopant, which is usually in vapour form, diffuses into the substrate. Generally this is done at high temperature. Fig. 4 shows a typical system used for diffusion. Using the chemicals shown a phosphorus diffusion into the slice is obtained, the nitrogen just acting as a carrier gas to get the phosphorus trichloride vapour around the silicon slices in the correct concentration.

One of the great advantages of this method is that numerous slices each containing many devices can be done at the same time, thus making mass production very cheap and easy once the initial setting up has been done.

(ii) **Epitaxy**: Instead of diffusing the impurity into the substrate this method actually builds new layers of silicon on to the substrate. (The word epitaxial means "arranged upon.")

The apparatus used for epitaxy is very similar to that for diffusion (see Fig. 5). The gases used are silicon tetrachloride to transport the silicon, and minute quantities of either phosphine or borane to give the required type of silicon. Using epitaxy one can grow several layers of different conductivity types on top of one another.

One of the drawbacks of this technique that at the temperature used (around 1200°C for silicon) diffusion also takes place giving rise to difficulty in predicting the exact thickness of layers.

This is only a short introduction to what is a very complicated and interesting topic. For those who are interested in further reading there are several modern books on transistors and materials science which will give a far more detailed account of the processes involved.
THE MONTH WITH THE CLUBS

By "Club Secretary"

(Deadline for January issue: December 5)

ONCE more we join the merry-go-round of the Radio Club movement, this time to report the doings laid on for December—looks like summer is almost over!

Many groups like to keep a library going for the use of members, and, being the case, we are very pleased to have a letter from Martin East, of 41 Avenue Close, Avenue Road, London, N.W.8, to say that he has a complete set of issues of SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE for January 1970 right through to December 1973 inclusive, which he is prepared to dispose of to a Club (or reader) who would be prepared to either collect them or send the necessary postage.

M C C — 1974

As this was going down, the first leg of the annual Magazine Club Contest was being played off. Activity seemed to be reasonably good, with some very well-operated stations knocking off the contacts—G3YMF for Grimsby being particularly noteworthy in this respect. The band was quiet in terms of ambient noise and conditions appeared to be no more than fair, though EI and GM were getting through to the South.

Remember that the closing date for the receipt of logs is Monday, December 9, and that they must be sent strictly in accordance with Rule 7 (p.439). October. Result of this year's M C C will appear in the February issue of SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, due out on January 31, 1975.

Down Your Way—South

Our first call in this area is at Reigate, who have their informal session on December 3 at the “Marquis of Granby,” Hooley Lane, Redhill. As for the main meeting, this will be on December 17, the venue being the St. Marks Church Hall, Alma Road, Reigate, for the Annual Construction Trophy, which will this year be judged by members of the near-by Crawley group.

Bedford are now in the United Services Club, The Broadway, where they can be found every Thursday. December 5 is down as “Dave's Evening.” Dave being G3HGW. G3LWJ takes the stand on 144.78 MHz on Monday evenings. The Top Band D/F Hunt takes place on December 5, and on the 10th there is an informal get-together at the Hawker Siddeley Dynamics works in Gurneans Wood Road, Stevenage.

For Bishops Stortford the venue is the British Legion club in Windhill, and the date December 16. One has no “gen” on what is proposed for this session, but doubtless something will have been thought up.

Watling Community Association, 145 Orange Hill Road, is the home of the Edgware group; they have a D/F event at 2.30 on Sunday December 1—check with the secretary at the last minute on this one, less weather and support be less than propitious. December 12 sees a Junk Sale, and December 26 is Christmas Party.

Perhaps the best indicator of the worth of any club is the proportion of the enthusiasts in the area who are members—Maidenhead must be near the top of the tree by this criterion since they have a membership of 35 licensed types, plus two passed R.A.E. and swilling it on Morse, and another two in for the next R.A.E.—out of a total membership of not much over forty and in such a catchment area it speaks volumes. December 5 sees G3COJ giving a talk on Solid-State Transmitter Design, and December 17 the judging of the Home Construction Cup by G3TDR, plus the presentation of the society's HF and VHF awards, and of the Club Activity Contest certificate.

Refreshments, as usual, provided—but bring your own sugar!—at the British Red Cross Hall, The Crescent, Maidenhead. Dunstable Downs secretary G8JS missed the boat last time, along with several others, owing to a packet of mail being delayed several days. However, from his letter we can see their Hq. address to be Chews House, 77 High Street South, Dunstable, and that they foregather each Friday, with a general routine of alternating lectures, etc., and “between weeks” of an informal nature.

On to the Library, Cheam, where we find Sutton & Cheam on December 17, when G3LCH will talk about “Hot Semiconductors” by which he means valves!

A Junk Sale and Christmas Party is set down for December 15 at Crystal Palace. This Saturday-evening session starts at 8, the Club QTH being Emmanuel Church Hall, Barry Road, London S.E.23.

The last “proper” meeting of the West Kent group is on December 13 at the Adult Education Centre, Monson Road, Tunbridge Wells. They have “between weeks” at the Drill Hall, Victoria Road, on the other Tuesdays, namely December 3, 17 and 31.

As general policy, Mid-Sussex arrange, between a formal lecture and an informal evening, using alternate weeks. We notice December 5 as the date when G3GRW will discourse on receiver alignment by various methods, “from wet-finger to wobbulator” as it is neatly described. The informal this time is devoted to a Film Show, with the film that the Cine Society have made of the Mid-Sussex radio club activities through the year—which might be a source of inspiration for other Clubs thinking of ways of recording their doings.

Incidentally, the authorities at the Marle Place Further Education Centre have said that meetings must close by 2200—so members and visitors are warned that in future a prompt start will be made at 1945 so that the lecturer can be given a 2000 starting time.

Southgate nowadays have their Hq. at the Scout Hq. in Wilson Road, where the December meeting is, as usual, the AGM—so all members are to make a special effort to attend.

On to Cray Valley, who have the first and third Thursdays as their dates each month, at the Eltham United Reformed Church Hall, 1 Court Road, London S.E.9. It is normal for the first session of each month to be devoted to some sort of talk, film show, or whatever, and for the other one to be a natter-meeting.

Every Friday is Silverthorn night, at Friday Hill House, Simmons Lane, Chingford, where they are active on all bands from Eighty to Two Metres.

For Acton, Brentford & Chiswick there is a demonstration, by G3LBQ, of his Trio TS-515 transceiver; this is on December 17, at Chiswick Trades and Social Club, 66 High Road, Chiswick.

There is only the December 9 date to remember in the Eichel ford timetable, as the other one would have fallen on Boxing Day. On the 9th, there is a Radio Appreciation Exhibition, G3SAZ doing the co-ordination work. The Hq. is at St. Martins Court, Kingston Crescent, Ashford, Middx.

Another group who have only one December meeting is Chiltern, their alternate date having landed on Christmas day. Thus it is Tuesday, December 10, and as usual at the Ernest Turner works, Offside Avenue, High Wycombe, and is given as an informal.

Milton Keynes will be at Lovat Hall, Silver Street, Newport Pagnell, on December 9 for a Mullard Film Show; and there is also a Social Evening with the YL/XYL fraternity invited, at the Old George in Stony Stratford on December 6. Secretary G8HUH would like to hear from any aspiring CW merchants who would care to join a Morse class at the Wolverton Technical College.

No meeting on December 5, says G4BNI of Maidstone YMCA, but the beginners’ class on December 13 is still on, as is the December 20 date, when the Club competition for the VK2QQ trophy. And, of course the December 27 date is also given a miss.

December 2 will be a treat for the Brighton Technical College group, as they will be visiting the closed-circuit TV studio in the Pelham Street building—the December 16 meeting returns to the normal Room B7, Richmond Terrace, venue.

At Verulam the Annual General Meeting is down for December 18. The venue, as usual, the Market Hall, St. Albans.

On the second and the fourth Fridays in each month the United Reformed Church Hall at Bexleyheath Clocktower resounds with Amateur Radio talk, this being the time and place to meet the North Kent chaps. This is the normal routine, and for December this gives us the 12th as the day for the Funk Sale, and the 26th for the other meeting—though the latter, being Boxing Day, is being passed over.

Nationals

First of these is the Royal Air Force reporting by way of their Club newsletter QRV. The current issue has enough material of interest to fill a copy of SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, and it is well produced, with circuit diagrams coming out quite clearly. For December, the group, the categories eligible for membership, and what it has to offer, contact the Hon. secretary—w or Panel.

Next we come to the Royal Signals radio amateur group. Again we see a very well produced Newsletter, Mercury. This one is maybe a bit more “social” and a bit less “technical” in its orientation. Again there is quite a range of services offered to the members; details from
Radial is another newsletter, this time the one from R.A.I.B.C.—the invalid, blind, and bedfast crowd. In this Club there are three membership grades, the most important of course being the one that covers all those who are incapacitated in one way or another. Then come the local representatives, who are the active types and who make a point of being available to help any members in their area; and finally the great mass of Supporters—and about everyone should come into this last category, at least!

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A new one now! Colleague G3FKE, in his DX feature mentioned, back in October, the feeling for the formation of a QRP Club. Activity since then indicates such a Club will be a viable proposition, and they are now on the lookout for more members; the qualification can be bi-monthly newsletters—membership is in fact open to those of all Christian denominations. Then comes the local representatives, who are the active types and who make a point of being available to help any members in their area; and finally the great mass of Supporters—and about everyone should come into this last category, at least!

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Mobile in a different way—on wheels—is the qualification for membership of A.R.M.S. catering for the /M side of Amateur Radio. They have an assistance bureau to collate details of members’ problems with their cars, there are awards to be won for various aspects of mobile operating and quite a good newsletter at regular intervals. For details, refer to the Panel for the address of the secretary.

**Westeries**

On Friday evenings each week the Shirehampton (Bristol) group foregather at their Hq., Twyford House, High Street, Shirehampton. Their latest achievement is to have 25 out of their fifty members taking the local R.A.E. course—even allowing for those who fall by the wayside this should give them a sizeable boost in the proportion of fully-licensed members next year!

Members of Torbay are, it seems, a bit annoyed at being left out of this piece for the past couple of months. This is explained by one of their letters not arriving at all and the other being in the packet of mail which went astray for several days, and as a result arrived too late for inclusion. However, this does not alter the fact that the group seem to be still going on as strongly as ever at their QTH, Bath Lane, 94 Belgrave Road, Torquay. For December we notice they have a Christmas party down for Saturday, December 14, involving a Quiz session with the Exeter and Plymouth groups—details from G3UIQ at the address in the Panel.

The ATC Hut, Colleton Hill, is the home of the Exeter formation; December 9 is down for a talk about his Power Meter-cum-Dummy Load by G4BOH, and it is understood that they also have a public-house meeting on the fourth Monday of each month.

For Cornish the main group meeting is on December 5, at the SWEB Club Room, Pool, Camborne; the main talk will be on “Operating Procedure” by G3XFL and G3VWK, followed by a “potted talk” by G3XFL on Safety in the Shack. In addition there is a fortnightly meeting of the West Cornwall section at the Guildhall in Penzance.

**North and Scotland**

Please, when writing to this piece, for Pete’s sake, say which group you represent! It may sound impossible, but it is surprising how often it happens that a letter comes in which is obviously a Club report, with no mention of the Club to which it refers! These missives are usually signed by a “Someone” describing himself as “PRO!”

First call is on Bolton—but we were only able to deduce this by the happy accident of the scribe’s mention of his predecessor in office which gave the clue! They get together once each month at the Clarence Hotel, Bradshawgate—for dates and details, drop a line to the secretary, as Panel.

Bury and Rossendale next, from their hideout at the Mosses Community Centre, Cecil Street, Bury. Although they are to be found there any Tuesday evening, the formal group meeting is always the second Tuesday in each month, the December formal being set aside for the AGM. On the informal nights there is R.A.E. and Morse tuition available.

South Manchester are “at home” on Friday evenings at Sale Moor Community Centre, Norris Road, Sale. December 6 is a club quiz; December 13 a Night-on-the-Air, and December 20 a Christmas Party. The December 27 date is down as “no meeting.” In addition to all this there are the VHF and D/F sections, at the club shack, Shady Lane, Manchester 23.

For Grimsby a new Secretary has taken over, and he is at the moment cooking up a programme for next year. The general principle is that they have a get-together on alternate Thursdays, with some Morse tuition available at each session. Lectures, D/F Hunts, visits, junk sales and similar activities are planned, for details of which, and of the venue, you should contact G8JIN at the address in the Panel.

Instead of their usual place at the Polytechnic, the Sunderland crowd intend to have a change on December 17; thus, if anyone wants to make contact, ask the secretary (as Panel) for details.

December 18 is a big night for the Star Club in Leeds, as they are having a guest of honour, a party, eats-and-drinks, and a trade stand—all this at the New Inn Hotel, Bramley Town Street, Leeds 13.

Our next comes from the nearby White Horse Club, who live at 63 Town Street, Armley, Leeds 12. They have their party on December 11—and to make sure they go one better than the Star chaps, they are even running their junk sale on the same night in the upstairs room of the White Horse next door!

A “good turn-up at meetings” still goes on, reports G3MDW of the Northern Heights crew. They have their place at thePEAT Pitts Inn, Ogden, Halifax where, on December 4, they have G3USH on Hi-Fi, and a Ragchew on December 18.

Over the Border now, to Lothians, and their Hq. at Riddles Court, Lawnmarket, Edinburgh. Here they foregather on December 18 for a Quiz. It should be noted that this group make an early start, at 7 for 7.30 p.m. Hull make their usual entry by sending a copy of their poster—and what a good publicity idea one of these must be, put up in the local Library and similar places. They are at home on Friday evenings...
at 592 Hessle Road, Hull, which, we note is near the flyover—the details to hand are, alas, for those November, it is notable that each week there is something of interest.

Every Thursday evening continues to be the form at York, and the heavyweight remains at the British Legion Club, 61 Micklegate. Some excitement was caused by the lads having their picture in SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE recently—"fame at last," did someone say?

At Stockport, December 11 sees them all attending the AGM, which will be, as usual, at the Blossoms Hotel, Bramall Lane/Wellington Road South. Incidentally, their Newsletter carries a most interesting narrative which purports to refute some comments on VSWR by G3VA—but in fact both chaps are right, and what they now need is to take thought and see why they are both right even though apparently in opposition! This scribble is set to admit having wasted all of an hour of valuable typewriter time on this particular conundrum; if the membership reacted in like manner, then the exercise was well worth while in the context of club life as well of technical learning.

Midland

Here we call first at Wirral, who have meetings at the Sports Centre, Grange Road West, Birkenhead, on the first and third Wednesdays in each month. Unfortunately, the newsletter to hand at the moment carries the programme forward only to the end of November, so we cannot say what the Christmas treat will be—why not turn up and see?

South Birmingham next: They make an early start for Christmas, when they get together on December 4—as well as the party games there will be a Surplus Equipment Sale. Venue for this one is Hampstead House, Fairfax Road, West Heath, Birmingham, 31.

At Hereford they find quite a lot of interesting things to do—look for them on December 6 and 20, at the Civil Defence HQ, County Control, Gaol Street, Hereford.

A first issue of their Newsletter comes from Dudley where they get together on the second and fourth Tuesdays—a change from past form, this, be it noted—at the Central Library, St. James Road. Their letter having been penned straight after the AGM, we must say that the programme is still being planned; but past form suggests that the planning will be good.

Midland also have just gone through an AGM, so again we have to note that the programme is still in the planning stage. They get together at the Birmingham and Midland Institute in Margaret Street—for dates and latest details, contact G3ZKQ—see Panel.

At Coventry a new secretary reports; he says the group can be found on any Friday evening at Baden-Powell House, St. Nicholas' Street.

Wolverhampton put all the vital information on the inside front cover, where readers—and your conductor!—can find it immediately. From this we notice they are going to be at HQ, on Mondays, December 2, for a talk on Weather Phenomena—the 9th for a Natter Night—the 16th for a talk on the fascination and frustration of contest operating—and the 30th for a committee meeting. That leaves December 23, and on this evening it is understood they will be going out to a local hostelry—"pub" to we plebs!—for a little Christmas-something.

There is only one meeting shown on the timetable for Slade, as their second normal date would have fallen on Boxing Day. Thus they will be at Church House, High Street, Erdington, on December 14, for a talk on 1296 MHz. An interesting point is that on this Club's notepaper, the heading gives not only the address but also the National Grid reference—handy for getting yourself to a meeting if you are a stranger!

One thing your scribe very much likes about the Cheltenham RSGB group newsletters is that there is almost invariably a little technical note of great interest—the current one refers to the marvellous effects of changing the germanium diodes in TV ratio detectors (or SSB balanced modulators) for silicon types such as the 1N914 or 1N4148 series, which can be made to balance far better, resulting in the disappearance of many "sound on vision" faults without touching the TV tuner alignment at all! To return to our mutts, this group gets together on the first Thursday of each month at the Royal Crescent Hotel, Clarence Street, Cheltenham.

Last time out, the hon. secretary at Solihull offered his farewells to us—but he didn’t get off the hook that easily, as in the event he was re-elected at the AGM. Meet the membership, and said hon. secretary, at the Manor House, High Street, on December 17.

We don’t often hear from the Stratford-on-Avon but that does not mean they are languishing—far from it, we are told. Their next meeting is by way of a special, with G3HAZ imported to tell them all about the Oscars; new members and visitors always welcome.

They seem never to use the same venue twice running at Spalding—however, they will be at the "Ship Albion" on December 6 with the Annual Social Evening and Junk Sale, not to mention a trade stand by John Birkett. The admission charge of 10p includes refreshments, and there will be the usual raffle going as well.

Nunsfield House (Derby) advise that they have full use of Room 9 for a shack-cum A/TV studio, and Room 7 for their normal meetings every Friday evening. Nunsfield House is in Boulton Lane, Elvaston, Derby.

Only a note of the change of secretary comes in from North Staffs.—but no doubt he will be glad to make a start by answering your queries as to what goes on and where.

The familiar fist of G4AFJ appears next, he being the scribe at Nottingham, who get together on Thursdays at Sherwood Community Association, Woodhorpe House, Mansfield Road. He sounds faintly startled to report that over the past year his membership figures have risen from about 30 to no less than sixty—good for them. As to the gatherings, they pursue the normal routine saving only for missing December 26.

Finale

That’s it for another month—the last time this year, so it behoves us to wish all our readers, and in particular all correspondents to this piece, a Seasonal Wish, for themselves and for the group they represent.

Our first outing for 1975 requires a deadline of December 5, absolutely latest—and if you can get the news in earlier please do so, to help us with the Christmas rush of mail and its consequent delays. As ever, it should be addressed to "Club Secretary," SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, BUCKINGHAM, MK-181RQ.
Auroral Aftermath

A NUMBER of reports on the October aurorae arrived too late for inclusion with the general synopsis in last month's "VHF Bands", but the event was of sufficient general interest to summarise some of them here.

GD3UMW/A made 203 contacts in the two phases of the October 13 affair, all on 2m, and all but ten on CW. He ran a 6-40A PA and a 10-ele. Yagi, and worked all the usual prefixes plus OH and UR2 and—to his delight—a GD and a bunch of G stations, and was naturally screened from him by mountains in the south of his 5000ft. elevation at Kirk Michael. He noted the first phase as starting around 1500z and finishing at 1900z and for the next 30 minutes was only getting weak T9 scatterback. The second phase started in the early evening and went in until after 0300z with the aurora visible at 2100z. He describes his eight pages of log as "Auroral DXeasy"—and why not?

GB8EWM in Co. Antrim, got into the aurorae on October 13 and 20 and was delighted to receive a tape from a Dutch listener with a recording of his signals. With the universality of small tape recorders these days, this seems a novel and perhaps instructive idea.

GM3ZBE (Aberdeen) who was in Haverfordwest, GWKGD got most of his DX contacts from GM between 1350z and 1730z, through Tone A, but much weaker than on North. He also recorded the Ar effect on October 20 when GM was again coming through Tone A, but much weaker on the previous Sunday.

GM4CPX (Carnforth, Lancs.) logged the October 13 activity between 1530z and 1730z, in which period he made 45 contacts, mostly with GM. In spite of a careful watch during the evening, and up to 0130z, nothing more was heard. On October 20, the aurora appeared between 1500z and 1600z, but was much weaker and no Continentals were logged.

GM4CXP (Roxburgh) comments that during the opening on October 13 he worked G, DL, F, PA, ON, SM, FI and OZ between 1340z and 1813z, and heard, but did not work, LA, UC2, DM, GM, GW, GI and GD. There was a repeat performance on October 20 between 1420z and 1620z which appears to have been much weaker, and only GM and GI were worked, and GD heard.

On the 13th, GM6XI had good contacts with Germany, Holland and scores of G's, using his Liner-2. Charlie Sherritt, GM3EOJ, worked 18 countries and had 88 contacts during the two phases!

DX-Pedition

An excellent brief report on the University College of North Wales A.R.S. (GW3UCB) DX-expedition to GM during September 14-22 has been received from Paul Cooper, G4BRT. This was specifically planned as an 70 cm. venture, although 2m. was used as a link channel. The antennas comprised four J-Beam 46-ele. Multibeams arranged in a box configuration at a height of 25ft., or 35ft. depending upon wind force at the time of erection. A mashtead pre-amp, consisting of a K6011 transistor, fed a Microwave Modules converter. Receivers were an FT-101 for co-channel operation and an EC-10, with down converter, for tuning the rest of the band. The overall system noise figure was about 2.5 dB. The TX delivered 400 watts p.e.p. from a pair of 4CX250B's. Double-conversion was used in the valved transverter, the SSB input being 28-30 MHz, and the IF at 129-131 MHz, the mixing frequencies of 101 MHz and 303 MHz being derived from the 101 MHz source in the receiver converter. The FT-101 provided the LF SSB and a Datong clipper gave a useful (10 dB) increase in average transmitted power.

Sites visited were: Mull of Galloway, Kirkcudbright, Lanark (Green Lowther), Duns (Berwick), Fife, Kilsyth Hills and Dumfries. They had to skip operation from Broad Law on September 17 due to mechanical failure of the transport vehicle, although they have since learned that several operators have reported hearing them from there!

There did not appear to be any lift in conditions during the trip, except for a limited opening on September 19 during which they raised G3JNN (London), so they were pleased to be able to receive GB3SC every evening and were pleasantly surprised that all was well with the Rx set-up. None of the sites was exceptionally good, although from the logs, they did best from Kirkcudbright-shire (25 QSO's) and reasonably well from Lanark (23 QSO's). Only three GM contacts were made, one GM by G4BRT, GM30XX and GM3DJH (both Edinburgh) —which is an indication of the low level of 70 cm. activity up there.

Our thanks go to G8DMJ, GA4AJW, G8HZV and GA4BBT for mounting this very well planned foray, which had the all the appearance from the word "go" of being successful, and so stimulating interest in 70 cm. operation. They ask that we record their appreciation of the efforts made by all those who kept skeds with them. Good show!

Contests

As readers of his Column who have studied the IARU Region 1 band plan will know, 144-60 MHz and 145-30 MHz are allocated in RTTY and RTTY's nothing new, all of course, and, in fact, the use of 144-60 MHz for RTTY dates back to the early 1960's. In those days, due to stability problems in receivers, it was the practice to use AFSK (audio frequency shift keying) but now that receivers are becoming more sophisticated and reliable there is a trend towards the use of FSK (frequency shift keying) in view of its greater efficiency and lower liability to cause interference to users of adjacent channels.

The introduction of FM transceivers has given rise to a problem in that many of these have been sold in this country equipped, amongst other frequencies, with xtals for 144-60 MHz and, although this frequency is no longer allocated for FM operation, operators continue to use this channel with the result that RTTY transmissions are interfered with. In a number of instances, of course, the user of the transceiver is not aware that QRM is being caused as an AFSK signal could be well below the squelch level of the transceiver and yet provide good copy at a properly equipped RTTY station—an FSK signal, especially DX, would not even be detected on the transceiver due to the lack of a BFO.

A3 and F3 users on Two should, therefore, try to avoid the frequencies concerned. It would be helpful also if purveyors of "Black Boxes" ceased fining at least 144-60 MHz as one of the standard crystals. The RTTY fraternity do not operate anywhere else in the band so let's play fair.
### THREE BAND ANNUAL VHF TABLE

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**Notes:**

1. Claims should be on the basis of the OLD county boundaries until December 31, 1974.
2. The Tables show claims to date from January 1, 1974 and will close on December 31, 1974.
3. From January 1, 1975 the new county organisation for England and Wales will be used in the compilation of this Table. Throughout 1975, Scottish counties as existing will be unchanged.
4. Claims should be sent to "VHF Bands", SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE BUCKINGHAM, MK18 1RQ.

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A name for themselves in the contest milieu, followed by G3LRS/P. The Dunstable Downs Club carried off the Zone C—East & London without the help of 23 cm., which was a little surprising in view of the UHF expertise available among their members, and G8BQX/P, operating on 2m. only, held second place. The Southampton Group took first place and the Newbury & District boys second in Zone D—South & West, and both used all bands.

The Lichfield A.R.S. went to GW as GW3WAS/P and took first place in Zone F—Wales, followed by the Albright & Wilson chaps under the call GW3XDP/P. One entry only was received from N. Ireland, G1BHYXY, so he leads in Zone F. For Scotland Zone G was headed by OM3ZSX/P who, although only operating 4m. and 2m., produced the highest combined score of the contest, his 1,198 points on 70 MHz contributing significantly to this result. GM4CDN/P chased, but could not catch him.

The July 70 MHz Open was split into two sections, Fixed and Portable, and there was a goodly entry for both. GC3WMPR/P (Jersey) was a fairly easy winner, in spite of his comparatively low power, over GW4ABB/P, and G3JYP just made it over G3NHE in the Fixed Section.

The July 432 MHz Open was won by G8AGU/P (Devon) and, as was noted in this Column, was an outstanding signal for much of the time. Runner-up was GW4ABR in Radnor.

Whether as a result of predetermined strategy or whether entirely fortuitous, it is perhaps worth noting that the leaders in these events did not complete the greatest number of QSO’s for the highest points score. There must be food for thought here. Is it better to be selective and go for the best DX initially, filling in with the semi-localos towards the end of the contest, or try and work everything as it comes? The answer may well determine choice of location and operating procedures.

The 144 MHz QRP Contest produced some surprisingly long-haul contacts, of particular note being that between GM3FVC/P (Inverness) and G4F (Merthyr) a QRP of 671 km. Since the GM submitted a log for the contest, (ASI did not) and was using one watt or less, this must be reckoned as very near the watts/km. record for 2m. under normal propagation conditions. G4CIZ/P led by a comfortable margin over GW4BXP/D.

The Grafton Radio Society VHF Contest was won easily by G3EOP with G4ANS as the runner-up. G81NN/A got an award for the leading score from a station first licensed within the six months prior to the event.

**Reports:** Propagation continues to be poorish and was probably the cause of the apparent low power, both on 2m. and 432 MHz.

GW4BR/P had 23 at 1203z. A score of 30 contacts should be good—GW4BS/P (Southampton) had 18 at 1210z.

A prize of 30 points was given to the 2m. GW event on November 23, and were probably the cause of the apparent low level of activity on that occasion.

**Forthcoming Events:** The pace has slowed right down now with only the 144 MHz Fixed station event on December 8 before the start of the New Year.

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**Claims & Awards**

"The end is nigh", as they say. It is
timely to recall that the Annual VHF Tables end on December 31, 1974 and re-open immediately on January 1, 1975. Final claims must arrive by January 10, 1975, the reader deadline, for us to be able to include them in the final totals and get the results into “VHF Bands” for February, 1975.

The 1975 Tables will be on the revised basis, i.e., they will recognise the new county organisation in England and Wales. In the case of Scotland, the new organisation into Regions and Districts is not due to be introduced, 1975, and so we shall pursue the same policy as we did for England and Wales in that throughout the whole of 1975 we shall use old GM county nomenclature and boundaries. During the year, a decision will be taken as to whether to work on the latter, namely administrative entities in that country, and you will be given plenty of warning. At the moment, it would appear that a multiplicity of Districts would be unwarrantably difficult: to administer and that Regions are the things to go for.

One other word on the subject of the Tables. Please, if you are going to put in an entry, start off as early in the year as possible and amend monthly without waiting until December to push in a claim for 250 points! The reason for this should be quite clear: The Tables are meant to be competitive and to encourage activity. Regular entries enable an operator to concentrate on a band, or where he is falling behind the leaders, and this is likely to increase the traffic on the band where it is most needed.

**Some GM Notes**

GM4CAU is pressing on with the construction of new equipment for the Lerwick two-metres, and GM1DER. Readers may recall that he has already completed most of the logic sections and he now reports that the PSU is complete and that the Tx is under development.

GM4DCL received a note from DK3UG reporting that the Hamburg and Altenburg repeaters will not be changing over to 600 kHz spacing until mid-1975. GM4CLH (Edinburgh) continues to press on with his 2 watts of SSB on 2m, but found that this was a bit low for linear via the recent aurora. He has a 150-watt linear completed and this, with a revised antenna system, should do him a power of good.

GM3BQA was obviously trying to beat his own record during the Leicester Show and by the end of October. He, in company with GM3DIE, GM8GEC and GM8HXM left N. Berwick at 0630z, did the Show, loaded up the car with goodies at the end, and were back in Berwick at 0400z the next morning! The Glenrothes Club are transmitting Slow Morse (650 b.p.m.) on 58 MHz at 0830z and 1930z and GM3OLK (ex-VU2OLK) is doing much to help the new recruits to the Club to get going on VHF.

**The Leicester Show**

The Leicester ARRA Show was again a big success—not only in that we, as radio amateurs, were able to see and purchase those goodies which are not normally carried by the High Street radio shop, but also for the trade who had a large volume of business, and who were barely able to conceal their smiles all the way to the bank.

On the VHF side, Telford Communications were showing their 2m, solid-state “Multimode” transmitter, the TC-10, which retails at £145 (appropriate?) and offers 10 watts output on A1, A2, F4 and F5 and 25 watts p.e.p. of A3J, thus competing favourably with the Liner-2. It is VFO-controlled to cover most of the two-metre band, carries one xtal-controlled channel on 144-2 MHz for SSB calling, and incorporates an adjustable tone-burst generator on FM for repeater access. It can be either manual or battery operated, and the modular construction makes for easy servicing. The 9 MHz SSB generator panel and the 10 watt PA can be purchased separately.

Another clipper manufactured by Datong Electronics, has already been described in SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE (October issue) and a very convincing display of the advantage of using this device was to be seen and heard on their stand. Though £50 may be a lot of money for a clipper, it does offer a 10 dB increase in average talk-power and it could cost considerably more than that to add another stage to your TX transmitter.

**News items**

**Twenty-Three: G3JVL (Hayling Island) has now got his 20th county on the band by a QSO with G3NHE (Sheffield) and is looking for GD2HDZ, who is preparing for his advent on the band—he expects to have SSB available soon, as the 70 cm. Transverter, first introduced at the Dundee Convention, and noticed in last month’s “VHF Bands”. Five watts of SSB on 432 MHz for £65 seems reasonable enough and they are just about ready to go into full production.

**Burns Electronics** has introduced a new tone-burst generator, the TBG-2, giving a choice of three frequencies suitable for accessing VHF repeaters, and which operates in conjunction with the station Tx p-t-t switcher. This instrument is the transmitter timer, the TT-1, which can give a visual or audible warning of impending shut-down of the repeater system if the "over" is too long (more than 50 seconds in the case of the U.K.).

**OSCAR VIII—At Last!**

Launching was successfuly achieved at 1711z on November 15. Period of the orbit appears to be about 115 mins, but at the moment of writing the exact parameters have not been determined—they will be published here as soon as available.

It already seems that the 70 cm/2m repeater is not functioning correctly. The beacon signal on 435-75 MHz is coming through as it should. The 2m/10m. repeater was to be switched up on November 17.

**Deadline**

And so we put the wrappers on for another month. Because of the usual mail delays and the distractions of the Season, it is not likely that this column will be published here as soon as the final totals are worked out in time for the January 1975 issue—so please let us have all you want to see there in print by not later than Friday, December 6. For the February issue, the closing date will be January 10, 1975, also the latest by which we can accept last entries for the Annual Three-Band VHF Table, closing on December 31. Address “VHF Bands”, SHORT WAVE MAGAZINE, BUCKINGHAM, MK18 1RQ.  Vy 73 de G3DAH.
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