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By now almost everyone has had the opportunity to visually inspect the color quality of several television receivers of different manufacturers in their homes and the homes of friends. So much so that the average consumer has enough savvy to criticize one brand vs. another, or even damn one, some, or all. Therefore, you can expect the Editor to have even more savvy than most consumers in the color TV marketplace. Without further ado about my credentials as an expert on color TV, I'd like to make the following statements to my readers with all candor and honesty.

It's a rather universally accepted fact among many color TV experts-and that includes anyone who has lived with it-that Heathkit color TV sets have always had the best color pictures. Naturally, I have to mention that this statement is based on an informal survey conducted by myself during the past several years and that I am in full agreement with it. So, naturally, I was surprised to discover Heath has gone three steps better in their upcoming color TV kit program.

The 1970 Heathkit color TV line has three improvements-two of them contribute to picture quality and the third is a safety touch.

A change in circuit parameters in the video amplifier has resulted in a broader bandpass which provides greater detail in the pictures. This is clearly evident in increased test pattern resolution and also can be noted in sharper broadcast pictures. The change has been made in all production of Heath color TVs-and, as is typical of how Heath takes care of its own, a modification kit has been offered free by Heath to any Heathkit color TV owner.

The second improvement involves the picture tube itself. Heath has continued its policy of offering the latest in picture tube advances by now including as standard equipment the new brighter tube you've read about. The new tube is brighter and gives more vivid colors as well as increased resolution.

The third change involves an added AC interlock to all future Heathkit color TV cabinet production. The interlock also is available free to any Heathkit color TV cabinet owner.

One final note should be mentioned about the Heath color TV kit. The Heathkit set used by my family is over six years old and serviced by yours truly. Through the years this set has had its normal shares of tube failures as compared to other color sets and two black-and-white sets in my house. As a gag, 1 have always billed myself for service calls to prove to my wife how valuable I am to have around the house. Also, once a year, I readjust the set following the procedure outlined in the Heath manual supplied with the kit. Conservatively estimated, I have saved over $\$ 250.00$ in service calls, had a down time measured in hours and not days or weeks (you have to wait for TV servicemen to show up), and had a superior picture throughout this period than other sets could have even when covered by "service contracts."

What's New? We published a few good news items in earlier columns and our readers want more. So, here it comes:

Louisville-It was Loose Juice, America's most famous three-year-old Mylar, in.the lead all the way as thousands of racing fans filled the stands at Churchill Downs in the 95th Annual Kentucky Derby. A full field of the country's top race horses competed. The winning jockey was Skip Zone, who just last year extinguished himself after being fired by rich stable owner Jojo Vasterbulge, as Rider of the Decade.

Jockey Shortz was disqualified after a saliva test disclosed that his plug had been doped. An official became suspicious when, he said, "I detected his mount with a Blonder-Tongue." On several other occasions Shortz has been suspected of checking his horse with a cheater cord.

Baltimore-A battery of smart lawyers was unable to keep Elsie Philter, notorious student striker, from resting in a cell today. While she claimed responsibility for smoothing the flow of current campus thought, school authorities demanded that she be jailed on the grounds that she intended to short out higher education with a girlcott.

University officials maintained that she had used improper channels of communication and appealed to the courts for a uni-junction.

Her brother, Infra-Red, a low voltage dropout, was also picked up as an accessory to the charge. Red, a violent speaker, citing Ohm's Law, insisted that the judge was prejudiced and called the entire case a "bench frame." Declared the judge, "Your sentence is thirty days in prison. Watts more, keep talking and I'll Triplett."

Let Us Know. Okay, you got some good ideas on how to run a magazine. So what, if you don't tell the Editor, it's down the ol' drain. So put on your thinking cap and send us your story ideas. Man, if you don't clue us in, we're in No-man'sville without a street guide.


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- On March 29, 1968, the tiny Caribbean island of Antigua released a quartet of orange and black stamps to commemorate the dedication of the Dow Hill Tracking Station by local officials and the National Space Administration.

The success of early Space exploration culminated by Mercury and Gemini Projects, made it mandatory for NASA to find a spot in the eastern Caribbean to assure adequate tracking and communications coverage during the critical phases of lift-off of future Apollo flights. After carefully investigating many islands of the area, NASA's Site Selection Committee chose Antigua for its many advantages. Negotiations were undertaken and agreement signed on Jan. 23, 1967, to build and operate Dow Hill.

Located in a valley surrounded by low mountains, Dow Hill is ideal for the Apollo missions: locally generated radio signals do not interfere with the weak ones of the Spacecraft; it is relatively immune from automobile and airplane ignition noises.

- Heart of the station is the unified S-band equipment and its immense antenna, which is depicted on the four-cent denomination of the stamp set. This USB is an unique tracking system. It utilizes a single carrier frequency to transmit and receive all information between ground and Spacecraft. In other words, it "unifies" the measurement of range and velocity of the Spacecraft, the transmissions of radio commands and voice communications with the vehicle, and the reception of hundreds of Spacecraft measurements onto a single carrier frequency. It was adopted to reduce the amount of equipment required aboard Apollo and, more important, to reduce the amount of electrical power necessary to transmit information to the ground.

Behind the 30 -foot diameter of the antenna but not visible in the stamp's design, is an expansive shack packed with the most modern,
sophisticated electronics and computer equipment in existence today.

And to eliminate dependence upon any outside sources, Dow Hill Tracking Station has its own generating plant for electricity and a water pumping and storage complex.

- The other three stamps of the set are related to the Apollo project rather than to the tracking station, the dedication of which they commemorate. The 15 -cent shows a Spacecraft rising above the clouds immediately after lift-off and headed for the moon, while the Dow Hill antenna is in the foreground.
- During the Apollo 7, the first manned mission, and Apollo 9, Dow Hill was extremely active since both of these were earth orbital missions. During Apollo 8, 10 and 11, the Station served in a back-up posture to the 85 -foot antenna stations at Gladstone, Calif., Madrid and Australia:s Honeysuckle Creek installation. During Apollo 12's launch it became particularly important because of the momentary difficulties when power systems aboard the Spacecraft went out and had to be augmented by batteries.
- The 25 -cent shows the nose cone of an Apollo mission in orbit around the moon, its Lunar Module still attached prior to landing.
- The 50 -cent shows the nose cone leaving the moon and headed for re-entry to the earth's atmosphere and final landing on the high seas.


## WHAT'S NEW?

- With more and more postal administrations of the world issuing special stamps for the various phases of the conquest of Space, it is increasingly difficult for collectors to mount their specimens in normal stamp albums. The Western Publishing Company, Racine, Wisc. 53404, has solved this problem.

The firm, which publishes many useful philatelic accessories, has just released special "do it yourself" pages. The pages, which will fit into any standard three-ring binder, are captioned


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by a picture of a Lunar Module about to land on the moon, and an inscription, "Conquest of Space." The rest of the page is blank, enabling the owner to mount his Space stamps to suit his individual taste. The pages come in packets of 15 and cost $\$ 1$, postpaid. A sample page will be sent without charge upon request if the Stamp Shack is mentioned.

- That stamp collecting is still the world's most popular hobby and that the demand for stamps is greater than ever is evidenced by the new "Scott's Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue." This annual guide to current market conditions has upped its price quotations throughout. The increases are conspicuous in the older issues that have been put into service by responsible governments, and the classics of the 19th century. More recent stamps-especially those that have come in for speculative cornering and those produced by emerging nations more for sale to the uninformed stamp market than for genuine postal usage-had their value untouched or actually reduced.

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## Cheap is Cheap

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-J. H., St. Clairsville, Ohio
Obviously, they're not very good FM receivers, or the aviation band signals, picked up on an image basis, are too weak to saturate the receivers' limiter, if they have limiters.

## Fussy, Fussy, Fussy

$I$ am interested in buying a general coverage commumications receiver ( 0.54 to 30 MHz ) with accurate frequency calibration. The Collins 515$I$ would he perfect if it were not for its $\$ 2000$ price tag. Can you recommend a receiver in the $\$ 300$ price class that has good frequency calibration? For example, I would like to be able to dial 10.0 MHz on the recciver and expect to find WWV there-not at 9.9 or 10.1 MHz .

## - V. M. S., Dover. N.J.

Drive into New York City to Harrison Radio or some other equipment dealer and look over some of the fine receivers that are available, such as the Hammarlund HQ-200. Getting WWV at 9.9 or 10.1 MHz is not so bad. It's hard to get better than $1 \%$ accuracy with a tunable receiver. That's why some include a frequency calibrator.

## Flash!

Where can a circtuit for a strobe light with a 400 watt second output be obtained that has a continuous flash output adjustable from one to ten flashes per second? From what manufacturers could the components be obtained?
-J. M., Bremerion, Wash.
Write to Amglo Corp., 4333 N. Ravenswood,

Chicago. Amglo makes the lamps and should have application information available.

## He's Up, They're Down

Recently 1 bought myself a fure-band radio. On one of the bands I can pick up messages from police. fire, taxis, etc., in the 144 to 172MHz range. Later, I found that our fire department is on a $34-\mathrm{MHz}$ frequency which I cannot pick up. Is there any way I can change my receiver to cover the low mobile radio band?
-C. C., Federalshurg, Md.
It would be a messy job and you might not be happy with it. Instead, get an outboard converter and use it with your set when it is set for AM on the BCB. Better still, pick up a pocketportable unit. They"re available with the broadcast band and the price is right.

## No Coils at All

1 want to know how to reduce 12 solts DC to 6.3 volts $D C$ without using a transformer, only resistors, capacitors, etc.
-A. M. C., Chathain, Va.
You can use a series resistor as shown in diagram A if the load current is constant. The value of $R$ is equal to 5.7 divided by load current (in amperes). If it's $57 \mathrm{ma}, \mathrm{R}$ would be 100 ohms. If the load current varies a little bit. you can use a voltage divider as shown in diagram B. If $R 2$ is 220 ohms and the load current is 28 ma. R1 should be 100 ohms. To get steady output voltage. you can use a Zener diode rated at the voltage closest to 6.3 volts and for adequate power. Refer to a Zener diode manual for se-

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lecting a Zener and determining value of R. You must know maximum load current.

In diagran A, output voltage (E) will be 12 volts regardless of the value of $R$ if load current is zero. In B, the ratio of R1 and R2 determines E with zero load current. In B, E remains steady as long as maximum load current does not exceed design value.

## Needs 9, Not More

How can I operate a portable transistor radio, which employs a 9-volt battery, from my car battery?
-C. H., Chicago, Ill.
With the engine off, the voltage is 12.6 . With the engine running, it can rise to 14.4 volts, sometimes as high as 15 . Your radio needs 9 volts, but "might" stand more. It can be done, but you will need a voltage regulator such as a


Zener diode. You can rig up a device that plugs into the cigarette lighter socket, using the circuit shown in the diagram. Use a 1 -watt, 9.1 volt Zener diode for CR. Only the value of series resistance R is critical. For R start with a 1000 -ohm resistor and measure the DC voltage across the Zener with the radio connected, turned on and the volume up (so it will draw maximum current), and the car engine not running. Reduce the value of R , but not to less than 600 ohms until you get 9.1 volts with the engine off or running, and with the radio on or off, and at all volume levels. The diagram shows Zener polarity for negative ground vehicles. If positive battery terminal is grounded, reverse the Zener connections.

## Oh, for a Pair of Cans

1 am an SWLer and my little National receiver conked out. I am now looking for something pretty up-to-date. When 1 started looking, I was unfamiliar with what was available. I am now convinced that 1 want an SSB receiver. I would appreciate your comments and advice. First off, I can't make up my mind whether I want to go portable or non-portable. The advantages of the portable models are obvious, especially when the rest of the family wants to watch TV. But would I be losing something in a portable compared to non-portable? I want frequency coverage at least to 30 MHz and would like to have $L W, 150$ to 400 kHz .
-A. 1. L., Annville, Pa.
A professional table model communications
receiver should be superior to a portable, but costs more. On SSB you will hear hams, commercial stations and marine communications. If you really want good SSB reception, pick a receiver designed for SSB, employing a product detector, not just an AM receiver with a BFO. And don't worry about the family-use a headset!

## Trucks, Trucks, Trucks

I have an Allied KN-2580 citizens band transceiver which works very well until heavy trucks or any heary duty vehicle passes in front of my house. When that happens my CB sounds as if it is shifting gears with the vehicle. Do you have any solution for this problem?
-M. J. G., Chicago, Ill.
Sounds like ignition noise which can carry quite far when severe. If possible, move your antenna farther away from the street. It may help some.

## Need Wire

I have an old Majestic wire recorder. I can't find any wire for the thing. I ordered some from a company that specializes in magnetic recording wire and found that the wire didn't work on my recorder. It seems to be too small for the recording head. My machine requires a 21/4" diameter spool (inside diameter). I was wondering if you or any of your readers could help me find some wire of the right size.
-L. D., Onslow, lowa
Wire recording went out when tape came in because tape is better and cheaper. Any reader knowing where L. D. can get the right wire can reach him at P.O. Box 12 in Onslow, Iowa.

## Noise Killer

Can you give me a design for a filtering system which will permit me to eliminate a separate 12 -volt dry cell for running a depth finder on my boat? There is too much electronic noise in my boat wiring system to get accurate readings when the depth finder is hooked up to it. The boat power system consists of a 12-volt storage battery, alternator charger, and transistorized ignition.
-A. M. K., South Natick, Mass.


You can try a low-pass filter, connected as shown in the diagram. Use radio frequency
chokes for L1 and L2 and put all the compoments in a metal box. Values are not critical!

## Hiss

I have an old Crosley radio. model number 7V2. Every once in a while it starts to make a hissing and cracking noise. I was wondering if you could give me some information on where to get a schematic diagram for it. Also 1 was wondering if you could tell me how old it is.
$-M$. K., Belvedere, III.
Sorry, we don't have a schematic diagram nor do we recall that model's vintage. Your trouble sounds like an AF transformer giving up. Temporarily short point $X$ in the diagram to $Y$ (cathode). If the noise gets worse replace the transformer with a standard interstage type. Because of the age of the set, it would pay to replace all fixed capacitors.


## Don't Ask Why

Without having to modify the power supply of an old Majestic radio which uses type 27 triode tubes, can you suggest a 2.5 -volt filament tube 1 can use in place of 27 s ?
-J. K., Teaneck, N.J.
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Yet on March 20, 1902, an unknown inventor from Kentucky actually made a ship-to-shore wireless telephone transmission to a small group of astonished scientists in

Washington, D. C. Reports of his earlier experiments in Kentucky had led the scientists to invite Nathan B. Stubblefield to demonstrate his discoveries in the Capital. He operated his transmitter from the deck of the steamship "Bartholdi" in the Potomac River. The witnesses on shore heard his voice from a mysterious box that housedand concealed-the receiving apparatus. Fearful of having his secrets stolen, the in(Continued on page 110)


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* An eclipse occurs, of course, because the moon sometimes can pass between the Earth and the sun and cast a shadow on an area of the Earth. Sometimes the shadow's center doesn't fall on the Earth; then the eclipse is only partial and only a bite, large or small, appears to have been taken out of the edge of the sun. Sometimes the moon is too far from the Earth and its black disk is too small to cover all of the sun but appears as a black hole in it, so the uncovered part of the sun appears to be a bright ring; this is called an annular eclipse. But when the tip of the moon's shadow does reach the Earth and sweeps across sea and land, those who are in the path will see a total eclipse
and those on either side will see a partial eclipse-a big bite if they are close to the total path, diminishing in importance as they are farther from it.
* The path may be about as long as half the circumference of the Earth. But it can be no wider than 169 miles and, as the shadow sweeps along, it can not take longer than 7 minutes 31 seconds to pass over a given point. But this can occur only when the Earth is closest to the moon and farthest from the sun at the same time, a rare circumstance which will almost occur on July 16,2186 (it will fall two seconds short!).
* Our total eclipse this year is wasted for the first 5000 miles of its path, from the point where the moon's shadow first touches the Earth just south of the equator, far out in the Pacific, until it has curved northeastward to come ashore on Mexico's Pacific coast at the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, south of Oaxaca, where the real shadow, called the umbra, is 95 miles wide and moves at 1500 miles an hour. At any given point on its central line, it requires 3 minutes 28 seconds to pass, during which time the sun's disk will be entirely hidden by the moon.

Even today, there may be natives there, descendants of the ancient Olmec, Zapotec, Mixtec, and Aztec culitures, who will revert to their traditional fears that the great god,
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by Thomas R. Sear WAGHOR

How many times have you wondered about that statement that the lowly ant can tote a load more than twenty times greater than his own weight? And, still on that theme, just how much does an ant weigh? Or, as a matter of interest, how does one go about weighing an ant without having to invest a lot of hard-earned cash in a delicate chemical balance? If not the ant, perhaps you have been curious about the weight of a fly's wing, or the weight of one whisker from your new mustache, or, for that matter, any number of things that, for most practical purposes, are so

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infinitesimally light in weight that they simply can't be weighed on standard scales.

What is needed to weigh items with such small mass is a very expensive, very sensitive and delicate laboratory beam halance. However, sensitive electrical meters and reliable current sources are relatively low in cost and within easy reach of the average experi-
menter. And, with just a little mechanical dexterity and ingenuity, you can produce an ultra-sensitive device to meet your needs for weighing extremely lightweight objects at a modest cost.

How It Weighs. Our Magnetic Beam Balance or MBB, though quite sensitive, is really a very simple device. If you're familiar with the conventional moving-coil meter movement, you know that its pointer is deflected in direct proportion to the amount of current flowing through its mov-

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ing coil, which is attached to the pointer. The coil is suspended in a fixed magnetic field and is mounted on jeweled pivot hearings to reduce friction to a minimum. Except for the pull of the hair-spring, used to return the pointer-and-coil assembly to an established zero point when no current is flowing, this assembly has very little mass. As a result, it's easily deflected from the zero position by small increments of current flowing through the coil.

What we have done is to mount a movingcoil meter movement (M1) 90 deg. off its normal mounting axis so that the pointer is in a horizontal rather than the normal vertical position. The tip of the pointer has been modified so that it can serve as a platform on which the object to be weighed can be placed. In addition, we added limit pins to restrict movement of the pointer over a narrow range after first mechanically adjusting the normal zero-rest position to mid scale. An arbitrary true zero is established by placing a mark on the meter face plate that is midway hetween these two limit pins.

This meter movement is wired in serics with a relatively constant source of DC. a potentiometer to adjust the current flow, and a microammeter which acts as a voltmeter to measure the amount of voltage developed by the flow of current during the weighing process.

Standard Weighing Charts. The fly's wing, mustache hair, or whatever low-mass ohject is to be weighed, is placed on the weighing platform. This, of course. causes physical displacement of the pointer below the newly established zero rest point. When the null potentiometer (R9) is adjusted to


View of MBB innards showing simple layout. There's plenty of room here to make a neat wiring job; note that most resistors and capacitors are supported by their own leads.
restore the pointer to the arhitrary true zero point, a reading is taken on M2. What actually has occurred is that the electromagnetic force, created by the current flowing through the moving coil, is adjusted so that when the pointer (weighing platform) is back to the zero point. it just balances the mass of the material being weighed. By correlating current readings with standard weights a chart can be prepared so you know exactly what weighs what.

You can purchase sets of standard weights having very small mass from most laboratory supply houses (e.g.. Edmund Scientific, Fisher Scientific). These can be used to establish your weighing chart. Tabulate the current reading you get for each increment of the standard weights in creating your chart. You can, of course, combine individual weights to arrive at a weight equal to the unit increment you have estahlished for your chart. The MBB is designed to be adapted to many weight ranges hy changing the range of the electrical readout. The range switch switches the appropriate multiplier into the circuit to permit higher current readings. These represent heavier weights. as read on meter M2.

Building the MBB. We housed our MBB in an $8 \times 12 \times 3-\mathrm{in}$. aluminum chassis fitted with a bottom plate. We used aluminum to make it easier to cut out the openings for the two meters. The overall layout isn't critical. The one we used, however, is very convenient for interwiring the components. so we suggest you follow it-unless you feel that you would prefer to design a layout more adaptable to your specific applications of the MBB.

The only part of the construction that does test your dexterity is the modification to the moving-coil meter movement to convert it to a weighing platform.

Making the Weighing Platform. Once all of the holes have been drilled in the chassis. the parts have heen mounted and wired and you have completed everything but the installation and hookup of M1, you should proceed to modify the meter so that it can be used as your weighing platform.

We purposely selected a meter that has the protective glass cover mounted separately in the bezel in order that it could be removed casily without destroying the bezel. The glass must be permanently removed to provide access to the weighing platform.

Incidentally, the cost of the meter specified in the Parts List is quite high when pur-

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chased new and used just for this one project. Since you'll have to remove the protective glass from the meter hezel and also hend the pointer, the instrument will probably he unsatisfactory for any other project you may want to try. Therefore, we suggest you try to pick up a used one in order to hold the cost of the project down.

Since the calibrated scale that comes with the meter is meaningless for our MBB, we suggest you remove the scale and replace it with a blank piece of metal or plastic of the same thickness and shape as the original: alternatively, you can reverse the original scale so that its blank side is facing out, Make a mark in the center of the are that the pointer follows when moving across the scale. Cut two pieces about $1 / 2-\mathrm{in}$. long from an ordinary straight pin and cement one about $1 / 2 \mathrm{in}$. ahove and below the center mark.

Before replacing the hezel on the meter case, move the lever that controls the zero positioning of the pointer assembly until the pointer rests mid-scale when no current is flowing. Incidentally, when putting the scale back onto the meter movement take care that the pointer can move freely between the two limit pins that have been installed on the face plate.

The final step before mounting and wiring this meter is to bend the pointer so that the arrow head on its free end is perpendicular to the face plate. This then becomes the


Business side of MBB shows M1 containing plafform to hold material to be weighed. Always make certain that platform and material do not rub against Ml's faceplate.
platform on which material to be weighed is placed. Make certain that the arrowhead platform doesn't rub against the face plate, otherwise any readings you make will be inaccurate.

Adjusting the MBB. Now that you've completed construction and checked for any wiring errors. you're ready to adjust the assembly to ensure accuracy in weighing. A VTVM ( or the Hi-Fet Voltmeter described in the January/Fehruary 1970 Elementary Electronics) should be used for these adjustments as you will be dealing with critical circuits that could be affected by the relatively low resistance of a conventional VOM. Before applying power to the MBB, place the null control (R9) in a full counterclockwise position and set potentiometers R10, R11. R12. and R13 at midpoint. Remember, always begin every new range adjustment with the null control in the full counterclockwise position.

Connect the VTVM between the arm of R9 ( + ) and the chassis ( - ) of the MBB. Use a low voltage scale of the VTVM. Set the range switch ( S 2 ) to the X .0002 position. turn on the power and adjust the null control until the VTVM reads 0.29 VDC. Then adjust R10 until M2, the $50-u \mathrm{~A}$ meter, reads full scale. You may find some interaction between R9 and R10; if so juggle the two until you get the VTVM reading of 0.29 V with M2 reading full scale.

Once you've adjusted this range, proceed to the X .001 range and follow the same steps-except that the VTVM should now read 2.0 V and you will adjust R11 along with R9 instead of R10. You can expect the same possible interaction between R9 and R11 that you experienced between R9 and R10.

The other two positions of the range switch are adjusted in exactly the same manner. When adjusting the X. 002 range the VTVM should read 4.1 volts and when adjusting the X .004 range it should read 8 volts. R12 is used for the X. 002 range and R13 is used for the X. 004 range. Once each range has been adjusted and the VTVM has been disconnected, it's a good idea to move the range switch to each position to make certain that M2 can be set to full scale by rotating $R 9$, the null control, for each range switch setting.

Using MBE. Now that you have adjusted the various ranges, how do you use MBB to weigh a fly's wing or an ant or any other
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# Rejuvenate that old rig fora SHACK ONA SHOESTRING <br>  



Old communications receivers often go abegging. And wise is the man who knous a bargain when he sees one.

by Joseph J. Carr

$\square$ Even a quick, nonchalant glance through electronics catalogs often nips novice SWL and ham aspirants in the bud. Prices generally range from $\$ 200.00$ up for a decent, general-coverage shortwave receiver. The fellow on a limited budget (and who isn't these days?) will have to make a substantial sacrifice if he wants to break into the amateur radio or SWL fields-or will he? Though little can be done for the newcomer absolutely lacking in electronics knowledge, the person with a few basics under his belt (or perhaps, a lot of self-confidence) can save himself a pile of money by reconditioning an old receiver.

The receivers under consideration are those that were, in their day, the mainstays of amateur, commercial, and military communications. The three main manufacturers of communications receivers during the 1935-1950 era were Hallicrafters, Hammarlund, and National. There is still a surprisingly large number of receivers by these firms stuffed under work benches, lying in attics, or just gathering dust in somebody's ham station; they surface but rarely, and then only for an occasional hamfest auction or classified listing.

Except for a few units subject to a form of "my first . . ." nostalgia, most can be purchased for under $\$ 50.00$. It is even possible to find one available on a "get-the-darn-thing-outa-my-way" basis. Quite often, the only reason for them being discarded was the much more exacting requirements of modern, single-sideband operation, or possibly the snob appeal of a shiny, new Super

Inhaler Mark X. Thing is, the National HRO and NC series, the Hammarlund Super Pro line, and the venerable Hallicrafters SX-28 can all be given a new lease on life (plus additional years of service) by following the procedures we're about to outline.

During the preliminary stages of buying an old receiver, it's wise to look into several aspects of its condition. Of course, if it works and isn't beaten half to death, it's probably in reasonably good shape. However, look for
$\checkmark$ Mechanical Condition. You probably wouldn't want to attempt to repair a rig that's been rolled down the side of a mountain, so be wary of a "bargain" that is badly bent up or otherwise mutilated. Look at the paint job for signs of excessively rough handling. Be aware, however, that you aren't likely to find one in factory-new condition. Even so, it's sort of a truism that a well-taken-care-of unit will appear to have been well taken care of.
$\sqrt{ }$ Missing Parts. It may prove impossible to locate replacements for some of these, so beware! Missing components may indicate either a prior repair attempt that was aborted, or the fact that the piece has been cannibalized. Either case is liable to make restoration a lot bigger headache, perhaps bigger than the receiver is worth.
$\checkmark$ Evidence of Burning. Nobody who has been exposed to the acrid stench of an overworked or shorted transformer is ever likely to forget it. This stench, which is noticeable even to the uninitiated, is often faintly detectable for years after the burning took place.

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Another clue to a burned-out transformer is the presence of a dark brown to black mess congealed on surfaces close to or beneath the suspect part. If either clue is present, use your own judgment. Transformers can usually be replaced with a new substitute, even if an original replacement is no longer available.

Once you have your set, hold off on restoration until you're at least partially familiar with it. If the previous owner failed to supply an instruction manual, try a few other sources. A letter to the manufacturer (plus a nominal fee) may be all that's necessary to acquire a manual. If this fails, try Sams Photofacts, the Rider books, or (in the case of military sets) the various surplus conversion books on the market. A lot of aggravation can be saved by this procedure.

After all is readied, try and work up a plan of action. If the work is layed out in advance, there is less possibility of skipping some vital portion of the process.
$\checkmark$ Getting Started. First, take the receiver out of its cabinet and set it on the work bench or table. Place all screws and other small hardware in a paper bag or other suitable container, and put it in a safe place. When this is accomplished, remove all the dust and accumulated crud with a small paint brush or vacuum cleaner.

Second, remove all tubes for testing. If you have a tester available, this should be done on a one-by-one basis. Otherwise, mark each tube and make a diagram showing where each tube came from. Don't overlook the possibility that they may have been placed in the wrong sockets during a previous repair attempt. Some receivers have the tube numbers printed or stamped on the chassis close to the sockets. Sometimes a tube layout chart can be found on the chassis, cabinet, or covers. If a manual is available, it will probably contain such a chart. In most instances, the emission-type tube testers

[^0]found in drug stores, etc., will suffice, though the mutual-conductance grid-emission type tester is generally far superior. Most TV repair shops will test your tubes on such equipment either free or for a small fee. When this test is completed, and bad tubes replaced, return all tubes to their respective sockets.

Next, obtain an aerosol can of control/ switch contact cleaner, and a tube of white grease such as Lubriplate. Squirt cleaner into all potentiometers (AF gain, RF gain, etc.) and rheostats. After spraying a control, run it vigorously back and forth through its range several times. When the controls are finished, start on the switches. On the rotary types (the main rotary switch may be hidden inside a metal shield box), spray each wafer on both sides. As with the controls, run switches through their range several times.

Switch bearings, shafts, and bearing plates should be cleaned thoroughly and lubricated with white grease. Variable capacitors often have a leaf-spring grounding wiper at one or both ends of the rotor shaft. These and their respective contact surfaces should be cleaned to a bright luster. They should be free of dust, dirt, corrosion, and grease because this is often the only method for grounding the rotor shaft.

When this preliminary maintenance has been performed, the set will be ready for an "air test." If the receiver operates properly, there is, of course, no cause for any further


Fig. 1. Above and right, two ways to use silicon diodes to replace obsolete 5 Z3 rectifier. All diodes are 800 PIV, 1 A types; resistors R1, R2, R3, and R4 at right are $470 k, 1 / 2$-watt units; resistors R5 and R6 are 1 -ohm, 2-watt units; capacitors C1, C2, C3, C4 are standard . $001-\mathrm{uF}, 1000-\mathrm{V}$ ceramics.
troubleshooting. Even so, there is probably pressing need for a substantial amount of preventive maintenance to eliminate the necessity for troubleshooting in the near future. $\checkmark$ Wires and Leads. Wires that are excessively corroded or whose insulation is dry rotted, cracked, or brittle should be replaced. Good quality hookup wire of the same gauge as the original should be used. $\checkmark$ Electrolytic Capacitors. These components have an ornery reputation for ageinduced failure. Because of this, they should be replaced as a standard procedure. Get a top-quality universal replacement as close as possible to the original. Note of caution: Capacitors can store a charge for lengths of time sufficient to induce carelessness into the unwary worker. Always bleed off a capacitor with a suitable resistor (say 47k) touched between positive and negative leads before starting work.
, Small Capacitors. Any capacitor can develop leakage resistance or short out entirely. If DC voltage is passing through the capacitor, or if an ohmmeter indicates leakage resistance, then the capacitor should be replaced. If the capacitor is swollen, or has the ends broken out, replace it regardless of what a leakage check shows. Mica and ceramic capacitors should be replaced with equivalent parts; paper capacitors, however, are best replaced with the more modern mylar units.
$\checkmark$ fixed Resistors. Heat, humidity, and (so say wizened old pros) the occult powers
cause carbon composition resistors to change value. An old resistor color coded for, say, 100,000 ohms may actually be closer to $1,000,000$ ohms after all these stresses have taken place. Discolored, swollen, burned, or cracked resistors are best replaced, as any resistor that causes a voltage drop larger than is called for by the schematic. It's quite possible for a resistor to change value and still give no outward signs.
$\checkmark$ Controls and Switches. Any control or switch that fails to operate properly after cleaning is a prime candidate for replacement. The most common symptom is an unusual amount of noise or static when the part is operated. Fortunately, switches of all kinds are normal stock items at most electronics parts stores.

As for controls, even the most odd-ball units can be made up by using one of universal assembly kits put out by most of the resistor manufacturers. A good parts store will carry these items, and most will assemble them for you. Rotary switches will probably have to be specially ordered. As for the master bandswitch, better let a person with loads of experience handle this one.
$\checkmark$ Obsolete Parts. One of the things that is likely to make you want to throw in the towel is finding, after all that work, that a bad part is obsolete and no longer available. For instance, have you tried lately to find a $5 \mathrm{Z3}$ rectifier for an SX-28 receiver? Some dealers still carry them, but they are a precious few.
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Two alternatives present themselves in this case: change the socket of the obsolete rectifier with the type socket uised by a more modern type (a 5U4-GB, s.1y), or use silicone diode rectifiers. Figure 1 shows two ways to use silicon diodes in place of a $5 \mathrm{Z3}$ tube rectifier. The version on the right is to be preferred because of the extra protection it affords the diodes.

Fig. 2. Best way to deal with problem of old, obsolete tubes is to replace them with new, miniature types. As pointed out in text, most octal tubes have 7- or 9-pin miniature equivalents, so finding a replacement is ordinarily duck soup (just consult a tube manual or, better yet, a tube substitution guide). Home-made adaptor, pictured here works fine.

7-PIN miniature
TUBE SOCKET. SECURED WITH
GLUE.


OCTAL BASE SALVAGED FROM OLD TUBE (SHOWN CUT-AWAY AND WITH PINS CUT FOR ILLUSTRATION ONLY)

Other tube types can be replaced either by finding a direct substitute (consult one of the guides published for this purpose), or by using a newer type. This may require changing the socket or using an adapter. Figure 2 shows an adapter for replacing the old-fashioned octal socket with a standard 7-pin miniature socket. Consulting a tube manual will often reveal which still avail-
able type is electrically similar to the type you wish to replace. For example, the octalbase 6SG7 remote cutoff pentode is close to the 6BA6, just as the 6SA7 pentagrid converter is close to the 6BE6. Such equivalent types can be used interchangeably in most applications.

IF transformers can be particularly sticky problems. If they have one of the standard configurations, however, the coil/transformers manufacturers may still supply them. Several of these companies still list the old, large-style IF transformers
 in their current catalogs. If the price is too high, or a particular type is simply not available, then try using one of the smaller ("miniature") types that have become standard. Most manufacturers can supply adapter plates already cut for the newer IF's. These can be bolted or soldered over the gapping hole left when the old transformer was removed.

Naturally, you'll have to watch terminal connections carefully to ensure the new unit is hooked up properly.
As we've already cautioned, most power and audio transformers can be replaced with standard substitutes. Even if the mechanical arrangement isn't the exactly the same, it should produce few problems. This type of substitution is often only a matter of matching up specifications and mounting styles in a parts catalog.

# Handy, Self-Polarizing Connector 


$\square$ Next time you're in need of a two-post connector for a pair of speaker leads or a quickdisconnect plug for a transistor-equipment power supply, give this idea a try. Just pull a couple of dead $9-V$ transistor radio batteries out of your wastebasket and carefully remove their terminal strips. Put what's left back in the wastebasket again and take a good look at the handy, self-polarizing connector you've just concocted. Plug one into the other, solder up the appropriate leads, and give yourself a pat on the back for good old ingenuity. No reason to color-code for polarity, either-this one is self-polarizing, remember? -Bob Stephens

Signals picked up by the antenna are coupled to the tuned circuit, comprised of L2-C1 through primary winding L1. They
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## SUPER STABLE RECEIVER

$S$INCE AIR-TO-GROUND communications is in the vhf band, radio listeners are evidencing an increasing interest in this band. Our project covers a receiver tunable over the normal 117 to 150 MHz aircraft band and also the 2 -Meter amateur band. Though the basic receiver includes an AC powersupply for operation from nominal $117-\mathrm{V}$,
$50-60 \cdot \mathrm{~Hz}$ power lines, it can be operated supply for operation from nominal $117-V$,
$50-60-\mathrm{Hz}$ power lines, it can be operated as a portable receiver from a standard $9 . V$ transistor radio battery.

This receiver is comprised of three sections: a superregenerative detector, an audio amplifier, and an AC power supply. It is completely solid-state and quite stable. The detector employs a pnp-type GE-9, RF transistor that is readily available from most supply houses. To let the constructor experiment with different transistors we used a standard transistor socket so that different transistors can be plugged into the socket when experimenting to find other suitable transistors for the circuit.

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are then fed to Q1 where they are amplified and detected. Superregeneration, which accounts for the tremendous amplification of the circuit, is controlled by varying capacitor C5.

The audio signal, produced by the detection function of the circuit, is coupled to a separate. prefabricated audio amplifier through transformer T1.

The low-voltage power supply is regulated by means of a Zener diode (D2) to maintain 9 VDC. It's necessary to use a regulated power supply in order to prevent instability in the superregenerative portion of the receiver.

Construction. We built the receiver on a $5 \times 7 \times 2$-in. aluminum chassis with a $51 / 2 \times$ $7 \times 1 / 16^{-i n}$. front panel. The power supply and audio amplifier nearly fill the space on the underside of the chassis. Most of the components in the basic superregenerative circuit, with the exception of the regenerative control C5 and L3, are mounted on the top of the chassis. L3 is self-supported by its leads which are connected to C5. C5, in turn. is fastened to the underside of the chassis through a small right-angled bracket. The socket for Q1 and components L1, L2. C2, C3, and RI are mounted on a $11 / 2 \times 1-\mathrm{in}$.


Note complete amplifier module mounted on underside of chassis. Location of this module isn't critical. However, be certain position of superregeneration components C5 and L. 3 is exactly as shown. Electrolytic is just left of center.
piece of perf board which is fastened to the top of the chassis by means of a small rightangled bracket. Both Cl and C 5 have insulated mounting inserts to isolate these capacitors from the common chassis ground and still allow them rigid mounting to their respective bracket assemblies.

A capacitor, referred to in the schematic as "gimmic" C is made by soldering $1 / 2$-in. lengths of insulated hookup wire to the collector and emitter pins of the transistor socket and then twisting the free ends together for a turn or two.

Insulated, flexible couplings were used to isolate the variable capacitors from their respective tuning knobs, to prevent any receiver instability that may be created by hand capacity when adjusting the receiver. Straight through, insulated bushings can be substituted for the flexible couplings.

The location of components making up the superregenerative detector portion of the circuit is critical. We suggest you follow the layout as seen in the photographs. The power supply and audio amplifier section isn't critical and therefore can be laid out in a plan that best suits your desires. All leads should be kept as short and direct as possible.

Coil Making. L1 is made by closely winding three turns of 20 -gauge insulated hookup wire into a self-supporting coil $1 / 2$ in . in diameter (see photo). L2 is made by winding $21 / 2$ turns of \#12 AWG bare copper wire within a length of $1 / 2 \mathrm{in}$. Diameter of the windings should be $1 / 2$ in. Adjustment of the spacing between turns may be necessary to set the desired frequency. Coil L2 is self-supporting and is mounted directly on capacitor C 1 .

L1 is self-supported by mounting it directly to the two input binding posts (BP1 and BP2), both of which should be insulated from the common chassis ground.

L 3 is made by winding 18 turns of \#30 AWG enameled copper wire around the insulated form of a very high resistance 1 -watt carbon resistor. The ends of the coil are soldered directly to the resistor pigtail.

# PARTS LIST FOR SUPER STABLE RECEIVER 

B1-9-V transistor radio battery (Lafayetie $32 E 48077$ or equiv.) (optional-see text)
BP1, BP2-5-way, red binding post (Lafayette 99E61202 or equiv.l
Cl-2.8 to $17.5-\mathrm{pF}$ variable capacitor ILafayette 40E28817 or equiv.)
C2, C3-0.005-uF, 75-V ceramic disc capacitor (Lafayette 33E69048 or equiv.)
C4-0.02-uF, 75-V ceramic disc capacitor (Lafayette $33 E 69063$ or equiv.)
C5-3.2 to 36.0 pF variable capacitor (Lafayette 40E28825 or equiv.)
C6A, C68-1000-1000 uF, 15-VDC dual elestrolytic capacitor, Sprague TV6-2160 (Allied 43A9120 or equiv.)
DI- $\mathbf{7 5 0 - m A}, 400-\mathrm{PIV}$ silicon diode ILafayette 19E50021 or equiv.)
D2-Zener diode, 9.1-V, 1-watt Motorola HEP. 104 (Lafayette 19E54056 or equiv.)
11-Cail, made from \#20 insulated wiresee text
L2-Coil, made from \# 12 bare copper wire -see text
L3-Coil, made from \#30 enameled copper wire-see text
Q1-Pnp RF type Iransistor, GE-9 or Motorola HEP-3
R1-470,000-ohm, $1 / 2$-watt resistor
R2- 50,000 -ohm, linear taper potentiometer (Lafayette 33E12634 or equiv.)
R3—220-ohm, $1 / 2$-watt resistor
R4-470-ohm, $1 / 2$-watt resistor
R5-1000-ohm, $1 / 2$-watt resistor
R6-1.0-ohm, $1 / 2$-watt resistor

S1-Spst toggle switch (Lafayette 34 E33026 or equiv.)
52-Spdt toggle switch (Lafayette 34 E33059 or equiv.) (optional-see lext)
T1-Interstage audio transformer: primary 10,000 ohm; secondary 2000 ohm (Lafayette 99E61244 or equiv.)
T2-Filament transformer: primary $117-\mathrm{V}, 50-$ $60 \mathrm{~Hz}_{\text {; }}$ secondary $12.6 \mathrm{~V} @ 2$ amps. ILafayette 33E81191 or equiv.)
1-Amplifier assembly, transistorized pushpull output @ 100 mW into 8 -ohm speaker (Lafayette 99T90425 or equiv.)
1—AC line cord (Lafayette 12E39011 or equiv.)
$1-5 \times 7 \times 2$-in. aluminum chassis Llafayette 12E81955 or equiv.)
1-3-in. diameter, 8 -ohm voice coil speaker (Lafayette 99E60329 or equiv.)
1-Transistor socket (Lafayette 32E42211 or equiv.)
1 -2-in. diameter, 8 to 1 ratio vernier dial (Lafayette 99R60303 or equiv.)
Misc.-Bolts, nuts, grommets, perforated metal, $51 / 2 \times 7 \times 1 / 16-\mathrm{in}$. aluminum sheet for panel, perfboard, aluminum right angle for mounting brackets, tie strips, flexible couplings, $1 / 4$-in. bushings, hookup wire, solder, scraps of \#12 gauge bare copper wire, \#20 gauge solid insulated wire and \#30 gauge enameled wire to make coils L1, L2, L3, knobs, press-on letters for marking panel, 300 -ohm twin lead for antenna, etc.


L3 is then self-supporting when mounted directly to C5. Use a rubber grommet to protect the leads from L3-C5 as they pass through the chassis from bottom to top.

The audio volume control (R2) is centered on the front apron of the chassis. The prefab audio amplifier is mounted on the underside of the chassis so that leads be-
tween the amplifier and volume control are short in length. Raise the amplifier about $1 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. above the metal of the chassis with spacers to prevent shorting out the circuit board.

The power switch ( S 1 ) is also mounted on the front apron of the chassis to balance the controls. All other components of the

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power supply, with the exception of the power transformer T1 and filter capacitor C6A \& C6B, which are mounted on the top of the chassis, are fastened to tie strips mounted on the underside of the chassis.

The speaker is mounted on the front panel. We made a simple grille by backing with perforated metal, two rows of $5 / 8 \mathrm{in}$. diameter holes drilled perpendicularly in the form of a red cross. You may have other ideas for a grille so don't necessarily stick to our pattern.

Be sure all electrolytic capacitors and diodes are properly polarized before soldering them into the circuit. Check the wiring for errors before turning on the power.

Checking and Aligning. Now that you are certain that the hookup is correct you are ready to turn on the power and align the receiver.

Top side view of chassis shows simple arrangement of components. Grouping at left are tuning units; T2 is at right.
control (C5) may have to be reset at least once over the full tuning range of the receiver. As you operate the receiver you will gain knowledge as to where the best settings are to cover specific portions of the tuning range.

It's suggested that you make a notation of the dial setting for each station received, and also note the station's frequency. From this you can produce a calibration chart or curve covering the entire band. Remember, to a certain extent, the dial setting can be affected by the adjustment of the regeneration control, so it would be wise to note the setting of the regeneration control for each

When you first turn on the power you should hear some evidence of audio output, which may be in the form of noise. Note changes in the tone of this noise by adjusting the regeneration control (C5). There will be a soft rushing sound, sans low-frequency hum, at one setting of this control. When this point is reached, the receiver will be set at its most sensitive condition.
You now leave this control set at this point and tune the receiver over the band. You should be able to tune in transmitters operating in the band. Variations in transistors and other components as well as your actual construction work may affect the receiver to the extent that the regeneration


Heart of Super Stable receiver is, except for regeneration control, shown. Note positioning coils and circuit card.
dial calibration. Another cause for variation in the original calibrations could be a change in transistor Q1.

Base-bias resistor R1 may require a change in value to suit the particular transistor being used. The value of R1 should never be less than 100,000 ohms to prevent damage to the transistor. You may arrive at a correct value by the cut-and-try method of substituting different values and checking the performance of the receiver or you can arrive at the correct value by measuring the collector current flow. Open the lead of Tl at $A$ on the schematic and insert a $0-5$ mA milliammeter. The best value for R 1 will produce a current flow of between 0.5 to 3.0 mA . depending on the characteristics of the transistor used.

Antenna Recommendations. At these frequencies antenna design is somewhat critical to ensure maximum signal strength being fed to the receiver.

Obviously best results will be obtained by using a commercially-built antenna designed for this frequency band. A $1 / 4$ - or $1 / 2$-wave whip antenna will be satisfactory only for receiving strong signals.

You can make an antenna that will be quite satisfactory. Just follow the dimensions and construction details shown in the
the receiver to warm up before using the chart once it's been made.

In the event you want to operate the receiver from a $9-V$ battery, all power supply components up to point $B$ in the schematic are not required and battery + is connected at this point. If. by chance. you operate the receiver from your 12-V automotive battery, R 3 will be required and auto battery + is connected at point C. The value of R3 may have to be increased to hold the voltage applied to the Zener diode (D2) to a safe level to prevent its destruction.

You may want to build the receiver for both battery and AC power line operation. By placing an spdt switch at point (B) when using a 9-V transistor radio battery or point (C) when using a car battery the receiver can be switched to operate either on the AC line or from a battery. See schematic drawing for details. drawing for a folded dipole antenna. This antenna may be supported by pinning the ends to a wall, using small wire brads.

A closing hint: to be sure of the accuracy of your calibration chart, allow the receiver at least 5 to 15 minutes before starting to make the calibration chart, and always allow

This folded dipole antenna, made from 300 -ohm twinlead, is ideal for use anywhere indoors. It's cut to be used in the aircraft/2-Meter band.



Convenience is the keynote in this custom platform for your shack


Gear can be weighty, so strive for rigidity when constructing your platform. Angle brackets and wooden braces will turn the trick -use both screws and glue on wooden braces for extra strength.
$\square$ DXers, SWLs, novice hams can give their hobby a lift by hoisting it up on an operating platform similar to the one pictured here. Construction is easy and economical, and the benefits and convenience certainly balance out the small amount of time required for construction. In fact, this simple accessory, tailored to your needs, can easily multiply the usefulness and enjoyment you receive from all your other equipment.

Need for this accessory is usually spawned by normal growth of the radio shack inventory. Just about the time the radio hobbyist acquires his third or fourth major piece of equipment, he begins scratching his head in bewilderment over where to put all the gear. By this time, the radio table is becoming overburdened and it's easy for the hobbyist to give in to inconvenient stacking of one piece of gear on top of another. The result is inconvenient at best, and sornetimes just plain dangerous.

An operating platform, however, eliminates these


Far lefit, typical operating platiorm. It allows addition of considerable equipment to basic station, yet takes up no more table space and succeeds in keeping everything handy for use. Left, measure highest item you intend to place under platform top (it's a beam rotor control box in our photo), then make supports for platform top about $1 / 4$-in. higher than selected item. This way, everything should fit beneath shelf withoul problems.


Left, panel for switches controlling various items of equipment can be made from medi-um-gauge steel or aluminum, painted for pleasing appearance, then mounted beneath operating platform on angle brackets attached to underside of platform top. Above, small pieces of equipment, such as this aircraft receiver, can be attached to bottom side of platform top with mounting straps made of sheet metal. Use wood screws to hold bracket to underside of platform top.
disadvantages. And it brings with it a number of convenient features which can't be obtained any other way. Purpose of such a planform is to lift the main pieces of radio gear a few inches above the table top they normally sit on and allow space beneath this gear for smaller equipment-antenna rotor controls, telegraph keys, control switches and inter-connecting wiring, file boxes, note books, pencils, log books, etc.

Besides keeping these items hardy to reach, the platform makes it easier to rearrange equipment without producing a major upheaval of your entire station.

Planned To Please. Such a platform must be custom designed to fit the needs of the individual user, since no two persons have the same line-up of equipment. However, the one shown here illustrates the basic idea and will serve as a working model for your own design.

Generally, $3 / 4$-in. plywood is the best material to build the platform out of. It's strong enough, when properly braced, to hold just about any piece of radio gear you're likely
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About $1-\mathrm{in}$. of bottom rear corner of vertical supports should be mitered off to allow space for line cords and other wiring to pass along table top between platform and wall. Supports should extend about 3 in . beyond top of platform at rear to prevent equipment from being pushed flush against wall.

by Jorma Hyypia

## Since $S W$ radio is affected by solar X-rays, data from SW listenersround-the-world pinpoints astronomical happenings.

It was lucky that astronomer Davia Meisel's shoestring budget could not stand the strain of buying an earth-orbiting satellite observatory which modern astronomers consider essential to the study of solar X-rays. Otherwise he might never have discovered that solar research can be done by mail!

It all began when Meisel-then still a graduate student-watched the 1963 solar eclipse while stationed with a Cree Indian tribe in Canada. During the eclipse period, Meisel noticed that the signal strength of his shortwave communications receiver fluctuated oddly. Figuring out why this happened wasn't too tricky. Meisel's real ingenuity was displayed by his subsequent discovery that these signal fluctuations can be used to pinpoint the locations of solar "hot spots" that produce X -rays.

D-LAYER ABSORPTION As any radio ham knows, long distance shortwave radio reception is not as good during daylight hours as at night. The reason: during the day, $X$-rays emanating from the sun
create the so-called "D-layer" of the lower ionssphere of the Earth. This ion zed layer absorbs radic energy, thereby weake ing radio signals transmitted through the D-layer. In fact, energy absorption takes place at least twice on a longdistance transmission because the signal must nass through the D-layer on the way to the neflecting $F_{2}$ layer of the upper ionosphere, and geait on the way back to Earth.

At night, when solar $X$-rays no longer reach the dark side of the Earth's atmosphere, the D-layer vanishes and radio transmission improves. Likewise, during the "twilight" period of an eclipse, solar X-rays are blocked from those parts of the ionosphere that lie within the eclipse zone. Thus a short-wave radio signal passing through a moon-shadowed area of the ionesphere is briefly strengtiened because the energy-absorbing power of the D-layer, in that area, is temporarily reduced.
arfupt fluctuations Neiselobserved that the signal fluctuations in radio reception were remarkably abrupt. This could only mean that localized hot-spot sources of $X$-rays on the sun were being detected. The idea followed that radio signal fluctuations might be used to locate the exact positions of solar hot spots.

This could not be done using only one radio receiver because, as far as it could indicate, any given solar $X$-ray source in the process of being blosked off by the moon might lie anywhere betind the leading edge of the moon. The exact position would have to be determined by mathematical triangulation, using data obtained simultaneously by several widely separated monitoring stations.

The accompanying diagram will help make this clear. Note that the simultaneous positions of the moon represent viewing positions 1, 2 3 in the D-layer of the Earih's ionosphere, not


SW listener searches for a "hot-spot" that is producing $X$-rays during a recent soler eclipse. Key is an oddly fluctuating signal.

Left hand drawing details how solar X-rays create the D-layer during daytime hours. This layer absorbs radio energy. Right hand cirawing shows that during a solar eclipse a reduction ir io iization of D-layer reduces radio absorption and increases signal energy.


# Radio Astronomy 

at ground positions. However, radios on the ground, beamed through these ionospheric areas, can detect changes in radio signal transmissions as they are affected by changing X-ray concentrations.

As seen from ionospheric positions 1 and 3, the moon (in this hypothetical case) is
over European radio stations as far east as Budapest. The unique experiment was to take place during the September 22, 1968, solar eclipse.

Each listener was to beam his radio into the eclipse zone and listen, for at least two hours, to a broadcast station at least 2000 kilometers away. He was to record all signal strength fluctuations on a chart. then send the data to Meisel, at the University of Virginia, for analysis.

The result? Meisel received about 350


During an eelipse, solar X-rays that reach the earth's ionospheric D-layer are modu-
lated by the moon. X-ray intensity decreases at $A$, minimum at $C$, end increases at $B$.
just about to pass over an X-ray hot spot on the sun; blocking of the X-rays will cause a strengthening of radio signals reaching ground monitoring stations after passing through these two areas in the ionosphere. On the other hand, radio waves passing through ionospheric position 2 have already been strengthened because the moon, as seen from position 2, already covers the same X-ray source. Thus signal fluctuations observed by three or more ground stations can be used to determine the exact position of the hot spot on the sun. Observations made by other monitoring stations can, of course, be used as verification.

MAIL-ORDER MONITORS. To detect and locate many solar hot spots. Meisel realized, would call for the use of hundreds of ground monitoring stations. That seemed like a practical impossibility, until Meisel conceived the idea of enlisting the aid of shortwave radio listeners spread out all the way from Eastern Europe to the Cook Islands in the Pacific.

So Meisel dipped into his "shocstring" research fund to pay for postage stamps, envelopes, and a few hundred mimeographed questionnaires. He sent about 650 survey forms to shortwave listeners in 35 countries and in the U.S. Transcript describing the experiment and requesting aid were read
replies, mainly from listeners having no previous technical experience, but also some from such experienced observers as radio station engineers, astronomers, teachers and students. Meisel now reports that preliminary analysis of the reports indicates the presence
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Here is how the path of the moon blocks out an X -ray source on the sun as seen from one spot on the surface of the earth. Each observer's location sees a different arrangement which causes different radio wave absorption.

# UNIVERSAL REGULATED POWER SUPPLY 



> Reliable currentand voltageregulated low voltage supply powers experiments using solidstate devices

by Herb Cohen

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any solid-state projects require a reliable source of low voltage power. Therefore, why not equip your shop with one or more DC power supplies having both current and voltage regulation to provide the necessary reliable low voltage power needed for various projects?

Best way to acquire this power source is build your own. As a starter, try the power supply detailed on the following pages. It's designed to have a 10 -volt output at a maximum of 300 mA that is both voltage and current regulated.

Voliage Limiting. Reference battery, B1, maintains a voltage flow through R9, K10 and K11 to the negative side of the power supply, which is at zero potential. Therefore, the gate of the FET (Q1) is positive and Q1 is turned off. This being the

## UNIVERSAL REGULATED POWER SUPPLY

PARTS LIST

B1-9-V transistor radio battery (Lafayefte 32 E48077 or equiv.)
BPI-Red binding post, accepts banana piug or phone tip (Lafayette 99E61 202 or equiv.)
BP2—Black binding post, accepts banana plug or phone tip (Lafayette 99E61210 or equiv.)
Cl-500-uF, $25-\mathrm{VDC}$ electrolytic capacitor (Lafayefte 34E55243 or equiv.)
C2-0.01-uF, 100-VDC paper tubular capacitor (Lafayette 34 E 67057 or equiv.)
C3-100-uF, 25-VDC electrolytic capacitor (Lafayette $34 E 85682$ or equiv.)
C4-30-uF, 16 -VDC electrolytic capacitor (Lafayette $34 E 85505$ or equiv.)
D1, D2, D3, D4, D5, D6-750-mA, 400-PIV diode (Lafayette 19550021 or equiv.)
D7-5.6-V, $250-\mathrm{mW}$ Zener diode, IR type 1 N708 or Motorola HEP 603
M1-0-1-mA, 1 9/16-in. square meter ILafayette 99E50528 or equiv.)
Q1-FET, Motorola MPF 155

2, Q4—Npn silicon transistor, Motorola HEP 54
Q3-Pnp Silicon transistor, Motorola HEP 57
Q5-Npn silicon transistor, RCA 40316
R1, R4, R8- 560 -ohm, $1 / 2$-watl resistor
R2-9100-ohm, $5 \%, 1 / 2$-watt resistor
R3-1000-ohm, $1 / 2$-watt resistor
R5-2.7-ohm, $1 / 2$-watt resistor
R6-1.0-ohm, $1 / 2$-wath resistor
R7-1500-ohm, $1 / 2$-watt resistor
R9-220,000-ohm, $1 / 2$-watt resisfor
R10, R12-500,000-ohm, subminiature, printed circuit type potentiometer (Lafayette 99. E614678 or equiv.)
R11-500,000-ohm, linear toper potentiometer with spst switch \$2 ILafayette 33T1277 or equiv.)
R13-75,000-ohm, $5 \%, 1 / 2$-watt resistor
R14-3300-ohm, $1 / 2$-watt resistor
S1-Spst toggle switch ILafayette 34E33026 or equiv.)
S2-Spst switch (part of R11)
Tl-Filament transformer: primary $117 \mathrm{~V}, 50$ 60 Hz ; secondary 12.6 V @ 2 A llafayette $33 E 81191$ or equiv.)
1-AC line cord ILafayette 12E39011 or equiv.)
$1-6 \times 9 \times 5-\mathrm{in}$. aluminum utility box with removable sides (Lafayette 12 E83530 of equiv.)
1 -Battery connector for 9 -volt transistor radio battery (Lafayette 99E62879 or equiv.)
Mies.-Bolts, nuts, screws, insulated sleeving, push pins, perf board, grommets, hook-up wire, solder, press-on-letters, etc.



Here's what's inside our regulated supply. Note accessibility of components on circuit board. Because power transformer is relatively heavy, it needs extra support to prevent board from cracking.
case. no current flows through $R 8$ and the base of Q2, so Q2 is also turned off. With Q2 off, no current flows and therefore Q3 is turned off. This effectively turns off Q.4.

Transistor Q4 bypasses the base current of Q5, the series pass transistor that regulates the output voltage, and turns it off. Wiih Q4 turned off, Q5 gets all of its base current and turns on, which causes the negative side of the power supply to rise off zero voltage. As this voltage rises, the gate of $\mathrm{Q} \mid$ becomes less positive, and at a pre-set voltage, Q1 starts to conduct. The series pass transistor Q5 is now controlled and holds the voltage at the pre-set level.

The output voltage is controlled by programming series network R12, R11, R10which serves as a sensitivity network. When R11 is turned on S2 is closed, shorting out R12, and R11 controls the output voltage. Its range is controlled by R10. When RII is set at minimum resistance, $S 2$ opens and R12 will control the voltage. (See paragraph on adjustments for correct setting of R12 and R10.)

When Q2 is turned on, it compares the voltage to that of D7, the Zener diode. The difference between the two voltages determines the amount of conduction of Q3. As the output voltage increases, the base voltage of Q3 increases, turning it on even more. This reduces the base current of Q4, which, in turn, reduces the conduction of Q5, thus reducing the output voltage. If the output

Current Limiting. In this supply, current limiting will start at 250 mA with a full short across the output.

Current limiting is effected through R5, R6, and D6. A load placed across the output draws the current through R5 and R6. Normally the base of Q3 is -0.5 V with respect to its emitter, and D6 is reverse biased. When current through R5 and R6 reaches 250 mA . D6 is forward biased and conducts current into the base of Q3, turning it on hard. Q3, in turn, turns on Q4, which controls current through Q5, the series pass transistor. Q1 and Q2 no longer control the output, being overridden by the current sensing circuit R5, R6, and D6. When the excessive load is removed, D6 is reverse biased again the voltage regulators Q1 and Q2 take over again.

Building The Supply. A $6 \times 5 \times 5 \times 9$-in. (HWD) aluminum utility cabinet with removable sides houses the power supply. The voltmeter (M1), switch S2, potentiometer R11, and output binding posts BP1 and BP2 are mounted on one of the $5 \times 6-\mathrm{in}$. ends of the cabinet as shown in the photos. All other components are mounted on a piece of perf board that is fastened to one of the removable $6 \times 9-\mathrm{in}$. sides. It is raised from the metal side by $1 / 4-\mathrm{in}$. bushings to prevent shorts in the wiring on the under side of the circuit perf board.

If possible, use two additional mounting
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## Can you solve these two basic problems in electronics?



This one is relatively simple:
When Switch $\mathbf{S}_{2}$ is closed, which lamp bulbs light up?
Note: If you had completed only the first lesson of any of the RCA Institutes Home Study programs, you could have solved this problem.
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This one's a little more difficult:
What is the output voltage ( $p-p$ )?
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screws and bushings to add support to the perf board where the relatively heavy power transformer is mounted. (We lost a perf hoard because this additional support had not been included in the model.)

Push pins should be used for mounting and connecting components. They make it easier to replace defective components and tend to reduce heat damage from soldering. Spray paint the outside of the cabinet in a distinctive color and use press-on letters to mark the various facilities and controls on the front panel. You may want to add a carrying hande to the top to facilitate moving the power supply.

Be sure all diodes and electrical capacitors are properly polarized and all transistors are correctly connected before soldering them into the circuit.

Adjustments. R10 and R12 are set during construction and normally are not adjusted again. Therefore we used miniature


Output and control panel of this compact, utilitarian, low-voltage, regulated power supply usable either in experiments or as primary supply for operating equipment.
potentiometers that mount directly to the circuit board. R9 is a standard-sized, panelmounted potentiometer complete with switch that's mounted on the front panel since it is the means to adjust output voltage and should be readily accessible.

R10 is adjusted so that output is zero volts when RI1 is at minimum resistance and 10 volts with R11 at maximum resistance.

When $S 2$ is open (R11 at minimum resistance), R12 is adjusted so that output voltage is 9 volts.

## This Call Girl Is Legit



Produced by firm in Wisconsin, Call Girl telephone stems from clever play on words. Girl she isn't, but call she can and does.

Her nome is Call Girl and sle stands ahout 3 ft . high, all gleaming. Just above her rounded breasts there lurks a dial: high on her right thigh is a coin-return slot. Her navel is discreetly concealed by a locked panel. Her left arm is missing, but her right arm has been replaced by a length of coiled tlex. Instead of a hand she has a telephone headset. She doesn't even have a headjust a few slots like a pay phone. Put in a few dimes. and there ll be a satisfied ping issuing from her stomach.

In case you haven't guessed by now, she is the latest thing in U.S. telephone design.

An American firm is already marketing this kooky piece of telephone art in three colors: black, white, and psychedelic with chrome fittings. Call Girl can be installed over an ordinary standard issue subscriber telephone. Once set up, she's sure as shootin' to set every min Jack rushing off to make a phone call.

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in intensity as if by magic. (That's class!)
The magical light control is accomplished through our Lover's Lamp, a device that operates a room lamp by the soft snap of a finger or a gentle whistle. And it's strictly a one-shot device. Once the lamps go down or off they stay that way. There's not a chance in the world of their popping back on again just as you've got your date convinced you're the greatest gift to women.

Of course, if you're not romantically inclined or if you score without need for electronic contrivances, our Lover's Lamp makes a great lighting control for such things as hot studio lights. You can set up your lighting arrangement with low wattage "cool" lamps, then turn the floods on anytime you want with just a whistle or finger snap. Or, you can use the device as a sound tripper for strobe lights by simply eliminating the control relay (as we'll show later)

How It Works. As shown in the schematic, our Lover's Lamp consists of a tuned amplifier, a Triac tripper, and a relay whose contacts do the actual switching of lamps.

Integrated circuit IC 1 is an operational amplifier tuned to approximately 5 kHz by the notch filter network consisting of R6, R7, R8, C7, C8, and C9. A notch filter is a device that attenuates a given frequency, passing frequencies other than the one it's funed to. In the operational amplifier shown, the attenuation characteristic of the filter is used to peak the amplifier response in the following manner.

The overall AC gain of an operational amplifier is determined by the ratio of the feedhach impedance from the output (pin 5) to the inverting (-) input divided by the impedance from the inverting input to ground (R5 and C6). At about $5 \mathrm{kHz}, \mathrm{C} 6$ 's impedance is less than $1 / 10$ that of R5 so it can he ignored; as a result, the amplifier's gain becomes the Network Impedance/R5.

At the frequencies other than 5 kHz , the network impedance is predominantly that of R6 and R7, so the gain is approximately $100 \mathrm{k} / 5 \mathrm{k}$ or 20 . At 5 kHz the network impedance appears as approximately $500 k$, so the amplifier gain is roughly $500 \mathrm{k} / 5 \mathrm{k}$ or 100


All circuitry, including AC power supply, is assembled on printed circuit board. Photo shows location of most major components.
( 40 dB ). (Actually, the gain will run even higher depending on the matching of the network components.) As we've shown, the operational amplifier's output is the inverse (opposite) of the filter when the filter is in the inverting input feedback loop; hence, the notch filter actually peaks the Opamp's response.

The Opamp's output signal is used to trigger Triac Q1. Note that even though Kl's power source is DC, we still use a Triac. This is because the Triac will respond to the Opamp`s AC output signal, whereas an SCR would require an additional handful of components.

Diode D1 suppresses the inductive kickback voltage across K1's coil, while R9 simply provides additional holding current for the Triac. (R9 can be eliminated if a heavier-duty relay-i.e., one drawing more current-is substituted for the specified K 1 ). The $\mathrm{B}+$ power source is 24 VDC , and you must take care not to exceed this value to avoid damage to ICI. You can use a few volts less but not more.

Once our Lover's Lamp is tripped-by a finger snap, a whistle, or a click-it can be reset by turning off power switch S1 for approximately 5 seconds. This is the time needed for C11 to discharge.

Construction. All the electronics including the power supply is assembled on a $63 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. x $33 / 4 \mathrm{in}$. printed circuit board. The PC template shown provides all the connections for the unit shown in the photographs and schematic, right down to the KI connections. If you study the board carefully you'll note that there is considerable board area around the K1-D1-R9 location which allows you to substitute a heavier relay if desired . . . simply add your own PC layout. However, don't under any circumstances change the PC layout for the IC amplifier or its related components.

The component holes are drilled with a \#57 bit, those for ICl's socket with a \#54 hit. The holes for TI and K1 and any other components depend on the particular item; \#6 screw hody holes should do for T1 and \#4 screw body holes for K1. Connections between the cabinet components and the PC board are made via push-in terminals which will fit a hole made with a \#54 bit.

The tab on ICl's case and socket corresponds to pin \#1; make certain the socket tab is oriented opposite the \#1 pin, which is indicated on the PC template by the " $<$ " symbol. The symbol's tip points to the \#1 pin.

BR1 is a packaged diode bridge rectifier. The leads from T1 connect to the two terminals indicated by the "~" symbol; the DC output is indicated by " + " and " - ". When using the BRI specified in the Parts List, proper output polarity is ensured if the bridge is mounted with the side having the symbols against the PC board. The end of BRI's leads are about twice as thick as the rest of the lead and this excess width must be cut away in order for the leads to fit the \#57 holes. We suggest you trim the excess rather than enlarge the hole, since the flat leads might be somewhat difficult to solder into a round, oversize hole.

Triac Q1's triangular-arranged leads match the triangle holes in the PC board. Allow about $1 / 4-\mathrm{in}$. between the base of Q1 and the PC board.

The PC layout will accommodate the component types specified in the Parts List if the resistors are end-mounted. However, if you don't use the miniature components specified, it is possible the component leads


Perf-board type push-in terminals provide tie-points for amplifier input, AC power input, and connections to relay Kl 's terminals.

will require some bending to fit the PC holes. Again, we strongly advise against modifying the layout of the ICl circuit foils, since instability may result if the foil area and positions are changed.

Circuit Modifications. You may safely substitute any 24 VDC relay for K 1 as long as it doesn't require more than 35 mA . for operation.

To use the unit as a sound-activated strobe light tripper, eliminate relay K1 and connect
a sync cord (for the strobe) across Q1. Polarity of connections to the strobe sync isn't important, since the Triac-unlike an SCR-will trigger the strobe regardless of polarity. When used for strobe sync, the Lover's Lamp automatically resets itself after each flash. Also, since the Opamp itself uses only about $2 \mathrm{~mA}, \mathrm{~T} 1$ and BR1 can be eliminated; any battery arrangement that provides 18-24 VDC can be used in their place as the power supply.

Final Assembly. The Lover's Lamp can be mounted in any convenient cabinet; the unit shown is mounted in the U-section of a $5-\mathrm{x} 3-\mathrm{x} 7$-in. Minibox. Sockets SO1 and

## PARTS LIST FOR LOVER'S LAMP

BRI——Bridge rectifier (Motorola HEP-175 or equiv.)
Capacitors-All 75 VDC unless otherwise indicated
Cl-.01-uF subminiature (Lafayette 33 E 69055)

C2-100-uF, 15-V electrolytic
C3-. $005-u F$ subminiafure (Lafayette 33 E 69048)

C4-1000-uF, $25-\mathrm{V}$ electrolytic
C5-.2-uF subminiature (Lafayette 33 E 69097)

C6, C11-.1-uF subminiature (Lafayette 33 E 69089)

C7, C8, C9—. 0012 -uF, 200-VDC ISprague "Pacer"-Allied 43 A 03361
C10-47 pF, 1000-V ceramic dise
D1-Silicon diode ( 100 PIV or higher)
IC1-Motorola MCI433G integrated circuit (Allied 50F26 MC1433G MOT, \$9.75)

J1—RCA phono jack
KI-Spdt relay (Potter \& Brumfield RS5D-2500 ohms or equiv.-see text)
Q1-40525 Triac (RCA—Allied 49F1 40525 RCA, \$1.571
Resistors-All $1 / 2$-watt, $10 \%$ unless otherwise indicated
R1, R3, R5-4700 ohms
R2-100,000 ohms
R4- 100 ohms
R6, R7-47,000 ohms, $5 \%$
R8- 3900 ohms
R9-1000 ohms
51——pst switch
SO1, SO2-AC chassis receptacle
Tl-Power transformer: primary, 117-VAC; secondaries, $10-20$ CT and 40 CT © .035 A (Allied 54 A 4731 or equiv.)
Misc.-Microphone, cabinet, wire, terminals, etc.


SO2 are chassis-type AC receptacles; one provides for the high-intensity lamp, one for the low. In the model shown a microphone connects to J 1 so that the mike can be positioned some distance from the control unit. However. the mike can be placed directly in the cabinet by eliminating J 1 and cementing a mike element to the front panel.

Checkout. Connect a crystal or ceramic mike to Jl and turn SI on. Snapping your finger within, say, 10 ft . of the mike should cause Kl’s armature (wiper contact) to pull down. The unit should be resistant to normal speech or music at distances greater than two feet from the mike. Depending on the characteristic of the components used in the filter network (how closely they're matched), the unit should respond to snaps or whistles from 15 to 30 ft .

If the unit doesn't function, first check for proper $\mathrm{B}+$ voltage, then check that the voltage to ground at the R1-R3 junction and at ICl pin 5 is approximately one-half the $B+$ voltage. If the voltages check out make


Completed PC assembly fits easily in base of $3 \times 5 \times 7-\mathrm{in}$. aluminum cabinet. Use at least \#18 wire to connect up SO1 and SO2.
certain the filter network is properly installed by connecting a signal generator set to approximately 100 mV output to JI and a scope or VTVM across the Opamp output.

Sweep the frequency band from approximately 500 Hz to 10 kHz ; the output should peak sharply-about 40 dB -in the vicinity of 5 kHz . If the output doesn't peak. something is wrong with the filter network. If the output is correct, check Q1's connections, and make certain that D1 isn't installed with reversed polarity ( K 1 won't operate if D1 is reversed).

Using Lover's Lamp. Connect a 100-


To prevent foil from shorting to chassis, place $1 / 4-\mathrm{in}$. spacers between PC board and aluminum chassis box at each mounting screw.
watt lamp to the high socket (SO1) and a low-wattage lamp, say 15 watts, to SO 2 . Activating the device with sound will cause the 100 -watt lamp to extinguish and the lowwattage lamp to go on and stay on.

The maximum lamp wattage is determined by the relay contacts. For the relay specified, 100 watts is maximum. Larger relays with heavy contacts can naturally handle much larger lamp loads.

If the device is used to control photoflood lamps, the specified K1 should be used to control a second relay with contacts rated at least 15 A . Reason: photoflood lamps of the \#2 type pull approximately 4 A each.

There are plenty of other uses for Lover's l.amp. of course. in addition to the roles already outlined. Since the unit is basically a sound-actuated relay, you might try using it as a burglar alarm. Set up in an office. say, the device could be turned on after all the busy beavers have gone home to din-din: any noise created by intruders could be used to set off an alarm remote from the area under surveillance. Then. too. the unit could also be used to trigger a new telephone gadget that automatically calls the nearest police station and continually repeats a recorded message stating the address of the location and the fact that an unauthorized entry has occurred.


## What did that bus say?

Just as some of the airlines provide taped music and conversational programs to make flights more pleasant, some educators are now experimenting with "cultural enrichment" on a school bus.

At this time the idea is unique with the Board of Education of Gunnison, Colorado, and the children who enjoy a "talking" school bus. But soon the idea will spread because of so much success in Gunnison.

Many Gunnison kids live on ranches spread far and wide from the center of town. Some spend as much as one-and-a-half hours on a one way trip to and from school as some of the children live as far as 30 miles
from the school or more. Thus the idea of occupying that length of time from home to school with something instructive was the idea of Aton Christoff, one of the directors at the school in Gunnison. He and his colleagues at the Central School designed the project to help students pass time faster, and more vaiuably.

Their first dream was closed circuit TV in a school bus, but the $\$ 250,000$ tab was a bit too steep. Mr. Christoff arranged a grant for $\$ 43,685$ to buy a transit-type bus with audio tape equipment installed. There were funds left over also, and this was used to buy more tapes.


Jack Shepard (below, left) and Roland Ruffe are men responsible for recording material for bus programs. Right, each headset in bus is equipped with individual volume control.


Kids out Gunnison, Colo. way still spend many an hour traveling twixt home and school. Thing is, a talking school bus has turned their daily trips into educational experiences that most everyone enjoys.

How It Works. The students can don earphones that hang at each child's seat and tune in any of five taped programs especially chosen for them. The bus driver operates 'the master switch, and in this case it is Steve Price who is studying for his Master's degree in Education.

Each morning before the bus leaves the garage new pre-selected tapes are inserted in each channel, and for the afternoon return trip the tapes were changed again.

What the Kids Say. "I like the tapes a lot," said one of the Gunnison kids as he rode along, "because the other guys don't shoot paper wads at me." Another girl com-
mented, "and the music kind of soothes me on the way home. I just kind of dream, and think about school tomorrow, and how nice it will be."

So it seems that the children benefit from the program. It also stimulates conversation on a subject that is later discussed in class. And as a result more library books have been issued it seems, because of an interest in a variety of subjects by the children, who were stimulated to read more on the subjects programed in the bus.

Mr. James R. Raine, whe is also a project director, said he is trying to get funds for
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Each youngster selects his own program (far left), so there's no attempt to force children to listen to anything they don't want to. However, many of things heard on tapes are dealt with later in classroom. Driver (left) knows what's going on, since he's furnished with complete program of week's fare on tape. Cartridges (right) are changed daily for afternoon trip back home.




Technician applies decorative painlover wall that has been fitted with paint-it-on central heating system.

Fingland may have some disabling weather,
but it also has some able minds trying to cope with it. Their latest brainchild: a central heating system you paint on the wall.

Secret behind the system is the paint itself, which has a conductive form of carbon ground into it. In the words of one of the system's developers, "We were looking for a new paint binding agent and then we found this blend would conduct electricity. (Now) ... it looks as if it's going to revolutionize the heating industry."


Test sefup at Paint Research Station in Teddington, England. Current fed through conductive paint is converted to heat, radiated into room.

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## SOLA ELECTRIC COLORVOLT

## Automatic Line-Voltage Regulator <br> For Color TV Receivers

For really top-notch color-TV reception, the circuits in a color set should be voltageregulated. Reason is that just a small line surge or voltage change - which generally goes unnoticed on a B\&W set-is sufficient to cause color changes and perhaps even affect picture brilliance. Regulators aren't built into TVs for a very simple reason: they
would cause a sharp rise in the price of the television receiver.

The next best thing if you're plagued with a "soft" power line, is a Sola ColorVolt.


Photos above show color-TV set under four different sets of operating conditions. In photo 1, set displays normal picture with 117-V power line. In photo 2, line voltage has been deliberately cut to 95 V ; picture has shrunk, gone out of focus, and shifted color. In photo 3, line voltage is again 95V, but ColorVolt is now in circuit, so set receives normal 117 V . Acid test of ColorVolt's prowess was conducted when large air conditioner on same side of power line was switched on; ColorVolt almost totally absorbed heavy line surge, mainiaining reasonably normal picture with but slight shrinkage at extreme bottom of screen (photo 4).

# LABB CHECK 

Basically, it's a device that regulates the voltage fed into the TV. You might also call it a miniature version of the regulators TV broadcast stations use to regulate their power supplies to color-transmission equipment. Connected between the power line and the TV, it holds output voltage reasonably steady even though input voltage swings between 95 and 130 volts.

Easy On and Off. The ColorVolt is automatically switched on by the TV and is therefore left permanently connected. The TV plugs into a socket on the ColorVolt and the ColorVolt in turn is plugged into the power line. Since the ColorVolt is effectively in series with one leg of the power line, a relay connected in this leg turns the ColorVolt on and off. When the TV is turned on, the current through the relay connects the regulator; conversely, when the TV is turned off, the relay automatically drops the regulator off the line.

The photographs illustrate the effect of the ColorVolt. (Room light reflections are on
the $95-\mathrm{V}$ power line, but this time it's regulated by the ColorVolt, which is delivering 117 V. Note that the picture fills the screen and is back in focus.

Photo 4 was taken the instant a 19,000 BTU air conditioner on the same side of the power line was started. Normally, the picture gets a severe color shift and shrink due to the surge current. Note that the ColorVolt held the picture despite the resulting dip in the line voltage, with only a slight (though noticeable) shrink apparent at the bottom of the CRT.

Volts and Loads. The ColorVolt's output is by no means rock steady. Over a 90 to 130 volt input range the regulator held the output voltage between 115 and 120 volts. Even so, this is sufficient for good color presentation.

The ColorVolt's automatic relay is supposed to work with a power line load in excess of 150 watts; if not, you can remove the relay. Unfortunately, the relay in our model gave intermittent operation up to a 200 -watt load. And as for removing the relay, no instructions are given with the ColorVolt (other than "see a serviceman"-who , will also have trouble), though it is easy for


Though no instructions are furnished, relay within ColorVolt can be removed if unit is to be operated with loads under approximately 150 W . Effect is to cause regulator to operate on con-tinuous-duty cycle. AIternatively, simple spst switch can be installed.
the screen because we wanted to show the test setup consisting of a voltmeter, variable AC supply, and the ColorVolt.) Photo 1 shows the normal picture with $117-\mathrm{V}$ normal line voltage. Photo 2 is the result of a 95-V power line. Note that the picture has shrunk and is out of focus. You might also notice that the brightness has decreased. Because the photo is in black-and-white you cannot see the purple flesh tone caused by the $95-\mathrm{V}$ power line. Photo 3 is again with
any intelligent soul to figure out.
The ColorVolt is rated at 3.1 A . Heavier loads won't cause damage, but they will interfere with the regulating action.

Summing Up. The Sola ColorVolt, priced at $\$ 39.95$, does exactly what it claims to do. And its use is generally a lot cheaper than rewiring for a "hard" power line.

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Fitted with laser simulator on top of gun barrel, British-made Chieftain tank rumbles into battle on training exercise. Tank's engine, radio, and gun go dead when hit with electronic shells; smoke automatically pours from tank when hit would have left it totally disabled.

## INVRARIND MOCKKIARE

Alarge Chieftain tank moves in on its target: another tank. It fires several times. The target tank comes to a halt and dense smoke pours ever upwards. The tank has "destroyed" its target. Thing is, the target tank and the crew inside it are unharmed. Reason is that the Chieftain was using a new British gunnery simulator which fires electronic shells instead of real ones.

Because of the danger and the high cost of live shells (roughly $\$ 180.00$ each), mock tank battles with real ammunition were no privates' picnic. Therefore, the simulator was developed by a British firm to give tank crews practical experience in full-scale armored warfare under realistic conditions. The simulator consists of a 12 -in., low-


Infrared projector is mounted on top of tank's gun barrel in mafter of minutes. It, not gun, will be source of deadly barrage.
powered infrared projector fitted on the tank's gun harrel. The device emits infrared rays which are registered hy special detectors on the target tanks.

With the simulator, tank crews are able to engage and destroy each other in war exercises without firing live shells. When a tank has received a direct hit from an infrared gun. its engine, radio, and its own gun become unserviceable. A smoke generator sends up smoke to indicate when a tank is completely disabled and no longer in battle. Also part of the mock warfare setup is a control box which registers the number of shots fired. When the alloted ammunition is used up, the tank's infrared gun goes deader than a dozen dormouses.


Two detectors mounted on sister tanks register whether target has been hit or missed. Each hit is immediately relayed to attacker.

by MARSHALL LINCOLN

## The Thinking Ham's Frequencies

What's your favorite band? Do you sperd most of your time on 40 ? Or maybe on 15 ? Or possibly on 2 meters?

If you're a thinking ham, your answer would be "It all depends on what I want to do."

For, with most hams today set up for operating on more than one band, the actual choice of which one to use should depend on what they want to accomplish. There's no single band that serves for all purposes all of the time.

Anyone who tries to use a band for something that just won't work well is hurting both himself and his fellow hams. He's hurting himself by deliherately being inefficient. And he's hurting his fellow hams by walking over their toes with brute force.

Let's look at some examples to see how this works.

- The whole thing is primarily a matter of different frequencies being usable for communication over different distances. An added complication is the fact that these effective distances change-at different times of the year, and from year to year.

Blame It On Sunshine. Basically, the changes are brought ahout by the Sun. As $\mathrm{Ol}^{\prime}$ Sol beams down those bright rays of light and heat, he creates changes in the ionosphere-that invisible hlanket of radioreflecting particles about a hundred miles or so over our heads.

During summer in the northern hemisphere, the sun shines for longer than in the winter, so its effects on the ionosphere are stronger. In the winter, when the sun moves south it has less effect on the ionosphere over our part of the world, and so has a different effect on radio communications.

Another factor is the sunspot cycle. Sun-
spots are violent storms on the surface of the sun. They increase the radiation which bomhards our ionosphere, so they also have a strong effect on which radio signals are reflected part way around the earth. These sunspots generally fluctuate in an 11-year cycle. That is, the times of maximum sunspot activity occur about 11 years apart. Between these sunspot peaks, the spots taper off slowly. then build up slowly for the next peak 11 lears later.

So, what does all this do to our ham bands? Basically, it works like this: the higher of our HF bands, say 10,15 and 20 meters. work best for long distances during daytime, in the summer, and during sunspot maximum periods. At the same time, the 40 and 80 meter bands are best for local or medium distance communication.

However, in the winter time, and at times of sunspot minimums, the 40 and 80 meter bands hegin to take on long distance characteristics, especially at night, while the 10 , 15 and 20 meter hands become very weak, and sometimes go completely dead, except for contacts of a few miles!

These changes don't occur suddenly, but rather they take place slowly, over a period of several months. So. anyone who understands what's happening can switch bands as necessary to carry on with his favorite operating activity.

The DXer, for example. will be really happy on 10,15 and 20 during a period of high sunspot activity. When the sunspots decline, however, as they are beginning to do now, he will have to switch to 40 or maybe even 80 to maintain his worldwide contacts.

The traffic man, who usually finds 80 (or 75 ) exactly to his liking for a state-wide net, may have to move his net to earlier in
the evening or even into the afternoon, or else switch to 160 , because he will find his favorite band being cluttered during the mid and late evening by stations on the other side of the world!

All this is necessary, if we're to make intelligent use of our frequencies. We can't battle the foreign interference on a net, so we must switch bands or operating times to avoid it. And we can't bulldoze a DX contest signal around the world if the band is dead to distant operating. You just can't fight it; you must switch!

There's an element of courtesy involved too, by understanding why some stations you never heard before are beginning to cause you interference. These fellows aren't doing it deliberately, usually. They're just victims of circumstances, just as you are. The ionosphere is beginning to play tricks with their signals to create different "paths" than existed last month or last year.

By understanding how come this is happening, and putting this understanding to work for you, you will become a more effective radio operator-and a happier one as a result.

For Speedier Messages. Anyone who has ever received a traffic message on the air and then had to deliver it by telephone knows it's much easier if the telephone number of the addressee is included in the address portion of the message. Many times, though, the station which originates the mes-
sage doesn't know this number, so he naturally doesn't include it in the message when he sends it out in the first place.

Thanks to the Direct Distance Dialing system that Ma Bell is now providing in most areas, there's a quick and simple way to get this number-and it doesn't cost a cent!
All you have to do is dial the information operator in the city to which you are sending the radio message. Give her the name of the person to whom the message will be sent, and ask for that party's phone number. (Don't confuse the girl by explaining why you want the number, though; that could upset her whole day by trying to understand what you're talking about.)

Include the number she gave you in the address portion of your radio message when you take it to the traffic net. That way, the number will be there for the receiving ham in that city, making it possible for him to quickly call the party on the phone and deliver the message.

These information calls are not charged against your phone bill. since Ma Bell wants to encourage everyone to use Direct Distance Dialing instead of going through the long distance operators. ( Personally, I think some of Ma's long distance operators need the practice, but that's another story).

You can find the procedure for making an information call in the front of your phone book, if it's possible to make such calls from your area. (Continued overleaf)


Simple, low-cost way to put up single-band ham antenna in sketch submitted to Ham Traffic by Jim Ingham, WN5VFW, of Fort Worth, Tex., who received it from Bob Gooding, W30II, of Beltsville, Md. It uses a bamboo fishing pole as a support for a piece of wire which forms radiator of ground-plane vertical; ground radials are similar sections of wire stretched downward from mounting point to fixed anchors. Cut vertical element and ground radials to quarter wavelength on your favorite frequency on 10,15 , or 20 meters. Feed with 52 -ohm coax: connect shield from coax to radials, center conductor to bottom of vertical element.

## HAM TRAFFIC

Tin Badges of Conceit. That's what some so-called public official once called the special license plates issued by many states to special groups, including ham radio operators.

Practically every state has them now, hut it's' well to continually review why they exist.

Although some special interest groups really do use special plates as status symbols in some states, the original intent of ham radio call letter license plates was to make it possible to quickly identify a trained radio operator in cases of emergency.

All too often. many hams have used them just to show off their hobby. with no real serious effort to maintain their ability to use ham radio if called upon in an emergency.

Consequently, every so often some longwinded politician gets on a soap box and screams that these special plates should be abolished, or that the price for them should be raised sky high.

I maintain that these plates serve a useful function and should be retained, at the lowest possible price, but along with that, I believe we should continue to show that we deserve to have them. If we become complacent in our obligations, then we deserve to have them taken away.

It's interesting to note, as reported in the Lockheed Employees Radio Club Bulletin (Burbank, Calif.), that Alaska has reduced the cost of ham call letter places to $\$ 1$ a year in recognition of the fine job hams did during the 1964 earthquake and the 1967 Fairbanks flood! Now that's what I call putting your money where your mouth is! My hat's off to the good folks of Alaskaand to the deserving hams involved.

Don't Knock It 'Till You've Tried It. The guys who sneer at CW and say it's oldfashioned and useless in this space age could take a lesson from crewmen of the USS Pueblo who were prisoners of the North Koreans.

After their release, it was revealed that some of those fellows communicated between their prison cells by using Morse Code. A tap was a "dit" and a scrape was a "dah." Primitive, to be sure, but it was all they had, so they used it.

Bafore their capture, they had at their
finger tips some of the most modern gear in existence. When this was taken from thern, though. they weren't rendered completely helpless. They put to use a part of their training as radio operators-the still useful and practical ahility to communicate with dots and dashes.

Anyone who scoffs and says we hams don't need Morse Code because we don't expect to be thrown into a communist prison should stop and think-these guys didn't expect it either! You never know when the unexpected wiil happen and a little Morse ability will come in handy. And ours is the only "hohby" that requires it!

Warch That Meter. Most every modern transceiver is equipped with a front panel relative power meter. It functions differently from the older plate current meter that used to be so common on ham rigs, and often a misunderstanding exists on just how to make use of it.

W5VCE wrote a brief description of do's and don'ts regarding this meter, which has heen reptinted in the Amateur Radio News Service Bulletin and in the Penn Wireless Association X-Mitter.

Here's what he has to say:
"Can this meter be used to adjust the transmitter controls for maximum output? Yes!
"Is a higher reading on this meter an indication of a properly tuned antenna? Absolutely not!
"Odd as it may sound. the relative output meter will read less and less as the antenna is tuned or pruned to optimum," he says. How come?
"These meters are usually simply uncali. brated RF voltmeters which read the RF voltage at the transmitter antenna connector," he explains. "The antenna always presents its lowest impedance, that is, nonreactive. Consequently, the relative power meter or RF voltmeter will be measuring the RF voltage across the minimum impedance when the antenna is correctly tuned.
"So, as you move up and down the band either side of the frequency for which the antenna is resonant, you will find the relative output minimum at the point where you are actually radiating best. Don't be fooled by high readings on the relative power meter. It may be used for tuning the transmitter for maximum output and as a relative indication of whether the transmitter and antenna are still like they were yesterday on a given frequency."

## TANDBERG MODEL 1641X <br> Cross-Field Bias 4-Track Stereo Tape Deck

Tandberg recorders have always enjoyed a justified reputation for quality . . . which happened to go hand in hand with cost and weight. A Tandberg recorder could easily cost as much as all the other components of a hi-fi system; tied to a string, it made an excellent boat anchor. But now, using the latest in solid-state techniques and cross-field bias, the new model 1641X delivers the expected Tandberg performance at considerably reduced weight. and a competitive cost of \$249.50.The 1641 X is a 4 -track stereo recorder with inputs for low-impedance microphone, magnetic pickup, and line (tuner, etc.). Three speeds ( $71 / 2,33 / 4$, and $17 / 8$ ips) are provided, with automatic equalization by the speed selector. Independent volume controls and VU meters are featured, along with independent record locks for each channel. Mechanical operation is controlled by a single, four-position joystick that provides for play, fast forward, fast reverse, and unlocked reels (for easy threading). A reset counter


Top of Tandberg deck is conventional in appearance. Hub at right is for takeup reel.

and locking pause control are also part of the picture.

While the list of features reads about the same as for any other similarly priced tape deck, performance is something else, starting off with the crass-field bias.

Why Bias? A tape's magnetizing curve is non-linear; in simple terms, this means that you would normally get a distorted playback of whatever you tried to record. To overcome the distortion, an ultrasonic bias signal is ordinarily mixed with the input signal in the record head; the bias signal "stretches" the linear portion of the tape magnetization, allowing a much higher input signal. Simultaneously, output level and signal-to-noise ratio increase sharply, while distortion goes way, way down. Unfortunately, the bias level needed for good low-speed operation often requires extreme frequency


Tape path is straightforward, but bias heads are mounted across from play/record heads.
equalization. Result is that it's difficult to interchange recorded tapes between recorders of different manufacture, and distortion of high frequencies is often excessive.

Cross-field bias is a fairly new way of applying the bias signal. It generally results in better equalization and lower distortion, particularly at the slower tape speeds. Instead of being applied as a mix in the record head, the bias signal is fed to a separate head which presses on the back of the tape, directly opposite the record head. The magnetizing field from the bias head crosses through the tape to the oxide coating, "stretching" the tape's magnetization to obtain lowest recording distortion when the input field is applied from the record head.

Cross-Field Performance. Though the 1641X is specified for use with low-noise tape, such tape is both relatively expensive and not generally available. Therefore, our tests were conducted with "standard" tape as would be used by the average tape fanthe equivalent of Scotch type 111 or Audiotape 1251. (Tests with low-noise tape showed the 1641 X to be essentially right on the claimed specifications.)

At $31 / 4$ ips the 1641 X will play back a standard NAB equalized test tape within $-0,+3.5 \mathrm{~dB} 100$ to 7500 Hz . . . the test tape limits. At $71 / 2 \mathrm{ips}$ the NAB playback checked out within the test tape limits of 50 to $15,000 \mathrm{~Hz}$ as $-0.5,+5 \mathrm{~dB}$ (very good for a "home" machine).

The overall recorder response from microphone input to its line-level output was within 3 dB from 40 to $20,000 \mathrm{~Hz}$ at $71 / 2 \mathrm{ips}$ and within 4 dB from 40 to $12,000 \mathrm{~Hz}$ at $33 / 4$ ips. Response at $17 / 8 \mathrm{ips}$ was $-4 \mathrm{~dB},+2 \mathrm{~dB}$ from 40 to 8000 Hz .

Combined wow and flutter at all speeds was well within professional standards, measuring $0.05 \%$ at $71 / 2 \mathrm{ips}, 0.08 \%$ at $33 / 4 \mathrm{ips}$, and $0.15 \%$ at $17 / 8 \mathrm{ips}$. With standard tape the noise measured -53 dB (very good) below maximum recording level and -59 dB with low noise tape (alnost dead quiet).

No Magic Eyes. Unlike earlier Tandberg recorders, the 1641 X has no "magic eye" record level indicators. In their place, the 1641 X has VU meters. But unlike conventional recorder VUs which are frequencyequalized to show a flat input level even after the record equalization, the 1641 X 's meters
are unequalized. This means that they will tend to show the exact input level to the record head.
By way of explanation, let's assume you have a typical recorder with an equalized $V U$ meter and that you're trying to record a high-pitched sound-chimes, say. If you set the record gain so the meter indicates zero level (maximum recording level), the actual signal delivered to the head can be up to 10 dB or even more. This is because of the record equalization (which is de-emphasized in playback to improve signal-to-noise ratio). The result would be tape overload and severe distortion.

Thing is, with the 1641X's meters, which are not equalized, you would be aware of the excessive recording level, and you would reduce the record gain so as not to drive the tape into distortion.

Summing Up. Typical of the more expensive Tandberg models, the 1641X is a heautiful piece of machinery. And, though reasonably priced, it delivers a performance level generally expected of professional type studio recorders.

For additional information, write Tandberg of America, Inc., 8 Third Ave., Pelham. N.Y. 10803.


Thanks to use of printed circuits, underside of Tandberg is clean and uncluttered.

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"Wagner's music is better than it sounds," observed Mark Twain. Had the sly humorist been a musical mathematicianor a mathematical musician-he might have made this more general observation: "Most music sounds better than it really is."

The fact is that almost all of the music we hear today. whether Wagnerian opera or high-decibel Rock ' $n$ Roll, is less than perfect. This has nothing to do with room acoustics, poor hi-fi equipment. or mediocre musicianship. For even under the best of conditions, most music is of necessity somewhat less than ideal.

It may come as a minor shock to many a music lover to learn that his favorite concert pianist, who appears to be making sublime music with his Steinway, is actually playing his thirds and sixths somewhat sharp, and his fifths slightly flat! He can't avoid it. That's the way his piano is tuned. Then why not call in the piano tuner and have things set right? Because this would force the pianist to use an instrument having over 500 keys instead of the usual 88!

To appreciate the scientific basis and the unavoidable arbitrariness of music, let's delve a bit into the underlying mathematics. Though musical mathematics can become
extremely complex. the basics can easily be grasped by anyone having only rudimentary knowledge of plain old arithmetic.
Even the briefest excursion into musical mathematics can be fascinating. On the one hand, it's most satisfying to discover that there's a certain mathematical neatness about harmonic chords. On the other hand. you may be surprised to learn that dissonance, properly utilized in the playing of even The Star-Spangled Banner, can make music more enjoyable than it would be if the music were virginally "pure." And it may be more than a little disconcerting to discover that $A$ above middle C , the traditional tuning note, has not always been what it is today!

Diatonic Scale. Though there is a distinct mathematical basis to all music, we must realize that there is no such thing as a single "natural" scale system. The scale system used in the Western world seems natural enough to us: the scales used by other cultures to produce music strange to our ears seem equally natural to those alien cultures. All have sound mathematical bases,

Our diatonic scale is the result of considerable experimentation throughout the musical ages. The term diatonic pertains to or designates a standard major or minor scale of eight notes to the octave. For ex-

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ample, a major diatonic scale would be represented by eight consecutive white keys on a piano. Add to these eight notes the five intermediate (black keys) semitones, and you have a chromatic scale.

Are these 13 notes per octave sufficient to produce top-quality music? The answer depends on how you define top quality. If you mean adequately pleasing harmony that can be created by physically manageable instruments, then the answer is yes. If you are thinking about complete tonal purity, the answer is no. You can't have both at the same time if you include the use of percussion and valve instruments. The reason will become clear later.

True Scale. In order to understand why we are forced to use a somewhat inexact compromise scale, it's necessary to begin with consideration of a true scale. As a convenient example, let's take the key of C: major scale heginning with middle C on the piano:

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C, D, E, F, G, A, B, C^{1}
$$

As it happens, $A$ above middle $C$ was long ago selected as the basic pitch for instrumental tuning. In terms of the vibrational frequency of the fundamental tone of A, this note has been many things throughout musical history. The pitch of a musical note was first determined by Père Mersenne (1648), a French ecclesiast and mathematician. During his time, the lowest church pitch of A was 373.7 Hz while the chamber pitch was 402.9 Hz . In 1751 Handel used an A of 422.5 Hz .

In 1834, a group of physicists meeting at Stuttgart, Germany, settled on a standard of 440 Hz . hut 25 years later an orchestral A of 435 was legalized in France. This lack of uniformity created problems. For example, instruments made in one country wouldn't be in tune with those manufactured in some other country. A singer trained in one country might be forced to sing at an unaccustomed pitch when performing with a foreign orchestra.

In 1939 the problem was at long last resolved. An international conference held in London set the standard pitch of A above middle C at 440 Hz .

The term pitch can be misunderstood. The
pitch of a played or sung note is related to, hut not synonymous with, the vibrational frequency of the fundamental tone. Pitch is a subjective characteristic of sound that depends not only on the vibrational frequency of the note, but also on the loudness of the sound. Moreover, the pitch of a musical sound pertains to a complex sound consisting of the fundamental frequency (e.g., 440 Hz for A) plus many related frequencies called overtones. To avoid confusion, we'll henceforth talk only in terms of fundamental frequencies and avoid the use of the term pitch.
To grasp the difficulties that a true scale would impose on musicians, consider what happens when a musician decides to switch from one key to another-for example, from the key of C to the key of D. In terms of vibrational frequencies, the following changes would have to be made:

| Note | Frequencies $(\mathrm{Hz})$ <br> Key of $\mathbf{C}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Key of D |  |  |
| C | 264 | - |
| D | 297 | 297 |
| E | 330 | $\frac{334}{371}$ |
| F | 352 | $\overline{396}$ |
| G | 396 | $\underline{445}$ |
| A | 440 | $\overline{495}$ |
| B | 495 | $\underline{557}$ |
| C1 | 528 |  |

Note that the four underlined notes in the key-of-D scale have frequencies that differ from the frequencies of the corresponding notes in the key-of-C scale. In order to switch from the key of C to the key of D, a musician would have to use an instrument which had several new notes added. But that isn't all. Still more new notes would be required when switehing to each of the other keys. To complicate matters more, additional notes would be required for the various minor scales. Consequently, at least 72 notes would be needed for each octave of an instrument's total range. Since the piano has seven octaves, more than 500 keys would be needed. This would clearly be impractical.

Percussion instruments such as the piano. and valve instruments such as woodwinds, would be most seriously affected. Stringed instruments such as the violin, and the human voice, could theoretically at least provide all of the tonal nuances demanded by the true scale.

Frequency Calculations. It's a simple matter to calculate the tonal frequencies for any diatonic scale. For example, the key of D scale, above, was developed from the tonic D (a tonic is the first or lowest note in any scale) by multiplying this basic frequency ( $\mathrm{D}=297 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ) by the appropriate ratios for musical thirds. fourths, fifths, etc. These values are given in Fig. 1.

For example, the frequency ratio of a musical fifth (the interval between the first and fifth notes of the scale) is 3 to 2 . In the key of D scale, note A represents a fifth. Thus. by setting up the proportion $3: 2=$ X:297, and solving for $X$, we obtain 445 Hz as the frequency of $A$ in the key of $D$ scale. Other values are determined in exactly the same way. The octave $\mathrm{D}^{1}$ of course has just twice the frequency of the tonic $D$.

Musical Intervals. There are two kinds of musical intervals. First, those between various notes of a scale and the tonic note (the low "do"). These intervals are identified as thirds. fourths. fifths, etc. Secondly. there are tone intervals represented by adjacent notes in a scale.

In Fig. 1, note that there is one octave interval with a 2 to 1 frequency ratio. two major sixths ( $5: 3$ ), one minor sixth (8:5).
three fifths ( $3: 2$ ), four fourths (4:3), three major thirds (5:4), and two minor thirds (6:5). The differences between the major and minor categories are somewhat arbitrary, but important to understanding music's math. For example, if the frequency of $E$ is divided by the frequency of C. (a "third") the simplest ratio that results is $5: 4$. The same applies to the F-A third and the G-B third.

On the other hand, the G-E and $C^{1}-A$ thirds yield a numerically smaller-hence "minor"-ratio of $6: 5$. The size relationship is clearer if the fractions are changed to decimal forms: $5 / 4=1.25$ while $6 / 5=1.20$. The same explanation holds for the difference between the major and minor sixths.

But haven't we overlooked something? What of the seeming D-F third? Is it major or minor? Neither, because the frequency ratio of 352 to 297 cannot be further simplified. Further, this tone interval isn't musically significant according to the law of Pythagoras, which demands that the tonal relations must be reducible to simple wholenumber ratios.

Figure 2 shows how these various intervals are calculated. In line three, the frequency of each note is divided by the frequency of

| MUSICAL INTERVALS OF THE DIATONIC SCALE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | C | D | E | F | G | A | B | $\mathrm{C}^{1}$ |
| Interval | Freq. ratio | 264 | 297 | 330 | 352 | 396 | 440 | 495 | 528 |
| Octave | 2:1 |  | m | , | \% | \% | \% | \% |  |
| Sixth (Major) | 5:3 |  | m | m | m | - | $\sim$ |  |  |
| Sixth (Minor) | 8:5 |  |  |  | m | m | , | , |  |
| Fifth | 3:2 |  | mm |  | $\sim$ |  |  |  |  |
| Fourth | 4:3 |  | $\sim$ | m | m | n |  |  |  |
| Third (Major) | 5:4 |  | mm |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Third (Minor) | 6:5 |  |  |  | $\cdots$ | $\sim$ | $\sim$ | m | m |

Fig. 1. Musical intervals and their frequency ratios for diatonic scale. Since interval ratios are constant, they can be used to find frequencies for scale in another key.

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the tonic (264). The next line shows the simplified ratios, just as they appeared in Fig. 1.

Some music mathematicians, disliking fractions, eliminate the fractions by multiplying with a common factor, in this cuse 24 This yields the relative frequencies shown in line five. What do they mean? Simply this: in the time that the tonic $C$ vibrates 24 times, D vibrates 27 times, E vibrates 30 times, etc.

By dividing the relative frequencies of adjacent notes, the adjacent tone interval ratios shown in the last three lines are obtained. Note that there are three $9: 8$ major intervals (four if the scale is extended by one note), two 10:9 minor intervals, and two $16: 15$ semitone intervals. In this case the terms major and minor are used simply to indicate the relative numerical sizes of the ratiosi.e., $9: 8$ represents a bigger number than 10:9.

Figure 3 illustrates the tone intervals in major and minor scales. The minor scale has three flatted notes with frequencies somewhat lower than those of the corresponding notes in the major scale. The last two lines
reveal that the same intervals occur in both major and minor scales but in different order. Both scales fully satisfy the law of Pythagoras by adhering to simple numerical ratios between adjacent notes.

Mathematical hint: when handling numbers having decimal fractions, first multiply both denominator and numerator by a common factor (usually 10) to clear the decimal, then reduce to the simplest fraction. For example, to calculate the $\mathrm{G}-\mathrm{A}$ flat interval:

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\frac{442.4}{396}=\frac{4224}{3960}=\frac{16}{15}
$$

Tempered Scales. In order to avoid using an inordinately large number of notes per octave, thus necessitating very complicated musical instruments, musicians throughout the centuries have attempted to devise compromise scales called tempered scales. The most important of these have been the Pythagorean, the mean tone temperament, and the now generally accepted equal temperament scale established about 150 years ago.

In the equal temperament scale, each octave is divided into twelve equal divisions called tempered semitones. Two semitones are equivalent to one full tone.

| FREQUENCY RATIOS OF THE TRUE SCALE (KEY OF C MAJOR) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Note | C | D | E | $F$ | G | A | B | $C^{1}$ | D |
| Frequency (Hz) | 264 | 297 | 330 | 352 | 396 | 440 | 495 | 528 | 594 |
| Ratio to tonic | $\underline{264}$ | - 297 | 330 | 352 | 396 | 440 | 495 | 528 | 594 |
| note C | 264 | $\overline{264}$ | $\stackrel{264}{ }$ | 264 | 264 | 264 | $\overline{264}$ | 264 | $\frac{264}{}$ |
| Simplified ratio | $\frac{1}{1}$ | $\frac{9}{8}$ |  | $\frac{4}{3}$ | $\frac{3}{2}$ | $\frac{5}{3}$ |  | $\frac{2}{1}$ | $\frac{9}{4}$ |
| Relative frequency (Ratio $\times 24$ to clear fractions) | 24 | 27 | 30 | 32 | 36 | 40 | 45 | 48 | 54 |
| Major tone intervals |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Major tone intervals |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Semitone intervals |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Fig. 2. Frequency ratios between notes in diatonic scale. In line five, simplified ratios in line four have been cleared of fractions in order to show relative frequencies.

## MAJOR AND MINOR TRUE SCALES (KEY OF C)

| Notes (major) | C |  | D |  | E |  | F |  | G |  | A |  | B |  | $C^{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Notes (minor) | C |  | D |  | Eb |  | F |  | G |  | Ab |  | Bb |  | $\mathrm{Cl}^{1}$ |
| Frequency (major) | 264 |  | 297 |  | 330 |  | 352 |  | 396 |  | 440 |  | 495 |  | 528 |
| Frequency (minor) | 264 |  | 297 |  | 316.8 |  | 352 |  | 396 |  | 422.4 |  | 475.4 |  | 528 |
| Intervals (major) |  | $\frac{9}{8}$ |  | $\frac{10}{9}$ |  | $\frac{16}{15}$ |  | $\frac{9}{8}$ |  | $\frac{10}{9}$ |  | $\frac{9}{8}$ |  | $\frac{16}{15}$ |  |
| Interva!s (minor) |  | $\frac{9}{8}$ |  | $\frac{16}{15}$ |  | $\frac{10}{9}$ |  | $\frac{9}{8}$ |  | $\frac{16}{15}$ | 1 | $\frac{9}{8}$ |  | $\frac{10}{9}$ |  |

Fig. 3. Frequencies and tone intervals for major and minor scales in key of C. Interesting here is that very same intervals occur in both scales, though in different order.

One important consequence of this type of tempering is that flats and sharps lose their original significance as different tones. For example, $G \neq$ and $A^{\text {b }}$ are now identical. In effect, five new notes (the black keys on a piano) were added to the original diatonic scale (white keys). This arrangement is diagrammed in Fig. 4.

It's obvious that when these thirteen notes


Fig. 4. Equal temperament scale now in common use allows no difference between sharps and flats ( $D *$ and $E b$ are thus identical).
of an octave are asked to do the job of 72 notes in a true scale system, there must be some sacrifice of tonal quality. An instrument tuned to the equal temperament scale has only one correct interval-the octave. All other intervals are to some degree in error; thirds and sixths are a little sharp, while fifths are flat.

Note that middle $C$ now has a frequency of 261.7 Hz instead of the 264 we have so far talked about in relation to the true scale.

This adjustment is necessary in order to make the frequency of the standard A work out to 440 Hz .

Figure 5 compares the frequencies of the true scale with those of the equal temperament scale. Note that $A$ is the only note having the same frequency in both scales. The frequency of $\mathrm{C}^{1}$ is of course just twice that of its lower octave, $C$. When the five half tones are added to this diatonic scale, the frequency range between $C$ and $C^{1}$ must be divided into twelve equal parts. Mathematically, each twelfth part is the 12 th root of 2 because the frequency of $C$ must be multiplied by 2 to obtain $\mathrm{C}^{1}$.

$$
\text { Thus: } \quad \mathrm{n}=\sqrt[1: 2]{2}=1.05946
$$

Figure 6 shows how the frequency ratios work out for each note. These ratios are ob-

| SCALE FREQUENCIES$(A=440 \mathrm{~Hz})$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Note | True scale (Hz) | Equal temperament scale (Hz) |
| C | 264 | 261.7 |
| 0 | 297 | 293.7 |
| E | 330 | 329.7 |
| $F$ | 352 | 349.2 |
| G | 396 | 392 |
| A | 440 | 440 |
| B | 495 | 493.9 |
| $\mathrm{C}^{\text {P }}$ | 528 | 523.3 |

Fig. 5. Frequencies of true scale compared with those of equal temperament scale. Only note having same frequency in both is $A$.

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tained by multiplying each successive ratio by the common factor of 1.05946 to obtain the next ratio. For example, to derive the ratio for F , multiply the previously calculated ratio for $\mathrm{E}(1.2598)$ by 1.05946 . The derived ratios can then be used to calculate actual note frequencies. For example, by multiplying 261.7 (tonic C) by 1.6818 (ratio for A), the frequency of 439.985 is obtained for A-very close to the standard 440 Hz .

It's important to remember that when intervals are to be added, their ratios must be multiplied. For example, to add the C-F fourth to the C-G fifth, one would multiply $1.3347 \times 1.4982$ to obtain 1.9996 which is almost 2, the expected octave ratio. To avoid such complicated mathematics, other more empirical systems of indicating frequency intervals are sometimes used. The cent system (Fig. 6) is a numerical scale in which the tonic is 0 , the tonic octave is 1200 , and each semitone interval is equivalent to 100 cents.

Unlike the decimal frequency ratios, these values can be added. For example, the C-F fourth is represented by 500 cents and the C-G fifth by 700 cents. The sum of these two numbers is 1200 indicating that a fourth plus a fifth is equal to an octave. Another

| FREQUENCY RATIOS <br> OF THE EQUAL TEMPERAMENT SCALE |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Note | Frequency ratio | Cents from tonic |
| C | 1.0000 | 0 |
| C* (Db) | 1.05946 | 100 |
| 0 | 1.1224 | 200 |
| D\# (Eb) | 1.1891 | 300 |
| E | 1.2598 | 400 |
| F | 1.3347 | 500 |
| F\# (Gb) | 1.4141 | 600 |
| G | 1.4982 | 700 |
| G\# (Ab) | 1.5873 | 800 |
| A | 1.6817 | 900 |
| A\# (Bb) | 1.7817 | 1000 |
| B | 1.8876 | 1100 |
| $\mathrm{C}^{1}$ | 2.0000 | 1200 |

Fig. 6. Frequency ratios of equal temperament scale. Since scale comprises twelve equal parts, common factor is 1.05946.
somewhat similar numerical system makes use of units called savarts.

Incidentally, you now have enough information to easily calculate the frequency of any note, in any octave of the equal temperament scale. The frequencies of all the Cs on a piano are given in Fig. 4. To obtain the frequency of any other note, use the frequency ratios in Fig. 6.

Let's assume you want to know the frequency of $\mathrm{E}_{3}$ which is the E in the octave below middle C. First find the frequency of $\mathrm{E}_{4}$ ( E above middle C) by multiplying 261.6 by the E-ratio 1.2598. The answer is 329.56. To drop down one octave, simply divide by 2 to get 164.78 Hz as the frequency of $\mathrm{C}_{3}$. Halving this number would give the frequency of $\mathrm{E}_{2}$ in the next lower octave. Obviously, to find the value of $E$ in a higher octave, you simply multiply instead of divide by two.

Harmonic Triads. There are certain naturally agreeable ("harmonious") note combinations which chords can be derived from by the addition of a fourth note. (This note, incidentally, must be an octave of one of the three notes comprising the triad.) To show how triads can be discovered by mathematical analysis, it's preferable to work with the true scale because the mathematical relationships are simpler and more exact.

Derivation of the harmonic triads in the key of C major is shown in Fig. 7. First set up the diatonic scale and extend it by one note ( $\mathrm{D}^{1}$ ) and set down the vibrational frequency for each note. Now simplify these frequency relationships by dividing all frequencies by eleven to obtain the relative frequencies shown in line three $(C=24$, $D=27$, etc.). It will now be discovered that certain numbers can be divided by 6 to yield still smaller whole numbers; these are $\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{E}$, and $G$ which have frequency ratios of 4:5:6. Dividing by 8 and then by 9 will yield two more $4: 5: 6$ triads-FAC ${ }^{1}$ and GBD ${ }^{1}$.

Incidentally, note what happens if the same calculations are made using the corresponding frequencies in the equal temperament scale ( $\mathrm{C}=261.7, \mathrm{E}=329.7, \mathrm{G}=392$ ). In this case the CEG ratio would work out to approximately 4. 1:5. 1:6.1, which is close to what is obtained with the true scale. Even so, it doesn't provide the small whole number relationships that are characteristic of highest consonance or harmony.

Figure 8 shows a similar derivation of the three triads in the scale key of C minor.

| MAJOR HARMONIC TRIADS (KEY OF C) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Note | C | 0 | E | F | G | A | B | $\mathrm{Cl}^{1}$ | $\mathrm{D}^{1}$ |  |
| Frequency ( Hz ) | 264 | 297 | 330 | 352 | 396 | 440 | 495 | 528 | 594 |  |
| Freq. $\div 11$ | 24 | 27 | 30 | 32 | 36 | 40 | 45 | 48 | 54 |  |
| , $\div 6$ | 4 |  | 5 |  | 6 | (CEG) |  |  |  |  |
| $\div 8$ | 6 |  |  | 4 |  | 5 |  | 6 | ( $\mathrm{FAC}^{1}$ ) |  |
| $\div 9$ |  | 3 |  |  | 4 |  | 5 |  | 6 | (GBD') |

Fig. 7. Derivation of major harmonic triads for diatonic scale in key of $\mathbf{C}$ major. Dividing frequencies by 6,8 , and 9 reveals three triads, each having frequency ratios of 4:5:6.

The mathematical procedure has been modified slightly in order to handle the decimal values more easily. The frequencies are first all multiplied by ten to eliminate the decimal fractions, after which basic simplification is achieved by dividing by 22 . When the simplified relative frequencies are then divided by 12,16 , and 18 , three sets of minor triads having frequency ratios of $10: 12: 15$ are discovered. Note that though the frequency ratios are different from those obtained with major triads, the same notes still make up the triads.

Incidentally, there's nothing mysterious about the primary divisors used in each case ( 11 for major triads, 22 for minor triads). Perusal of the frequencies indicated that these divisors were merely convenient for reducing the sizes of the numbers. You could in fact skip this step and divide the major frequencies directly by 66,88 , and 99 and arrive at the same conclusions.

Figure 9 helps show just what the triad
ratios mean. Consider the CEG major triad. In the time period that the note $C$ vibrates through four cycles, E will go through 5 cycles, and $G$ will vibrate six times. In the case of the CEG triad, this happens in one 66 th of a second. The same vibrational relationships hold for the $\mathrm{FAC}^{1}$ and GBD ${ }^{1}$ triads except that the time periods are shorter.

For the record, the CEG triad is known as the tonic triad, $\mathrm{GBD}^{1}$ is the dominant triad, and $\mathrm{FAC}^{1}$ is the sub-dominant triad.

A number of different chords can be developed from the major and minor triads by a procedure called inversion. For example, the chord CEG is called the common chord. A first inversion is obtained by using the octave of C to form the chord EGC ${ }^{1}$. A second inversion is obtained by using $E$ that is an octave higher to obtain the chord $G^{1} E^{1}$. Similar inversions can be made with the minor triads.
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| MINOR HARMONIC TRIADS (KEY OF C) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Note | C | D | Eb | F | G | $A b$ | B $b$ | ${ }^{1}$ | ${ }^{1}$ |  |
| Frequency (Hz) | 264 | 297 | 316.8 | 352 | 396 | 422.4 | 475.4 | 528 | 594 |  |
| $\times 10$ | 2640 | 2970 | 3168 | 3520 | 3960 | 4224 | 4754 | 5280 | 5940 |  |
| $\div 22$ | 120 | 135 | 144 | 160 | 180 | 192 | 216 | 240 | 270 |  |
| $\div 12$ | 10 |  | 12 |  | 15 | (CEG) |  |  |  |  |
| $\div 16$ |  |  |  | 10 |  | 12 |  | 15 | ( $\mathrm{FAC}^{1}$ ) |  |
| $\div 18$ |  |  |  |  | 10 |  | 12 |  | 15 | (GBD') |

Fig. 8. Derivation of minor harmonic triads for diatonic scale in key of $\mathbf{C}$ minor. Even though frequency ratios differ from those in Fig. 7, triads are comprised of same notes.


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

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

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

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

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

The Fall-Winter number of the 1927 Log listed 701 U.S. stations. Most powerful were WEAF (now WRCA), New York, with 50,000 watts; KDKA, Pittshurgh; WGY, Schenectady; and WJZ (now WABC), New York, each with 30,000 watts; WGN-WLIB, Chicago, with 15,000 watts; and Boston's WBZ, also with 15,000 . Five stations listed (one a Junior High School in Norfolk, Va.) operated on a mighty 5 watts; more than 100 stations had outputs of less than 100 watts.

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

Charles De Witt White's daughter and heir, Mrs. W. R. Washburn, sold all rights in and to the Log to Science \& Mechanics Publishing Co., and entrusted us with continuing her father's work. This we were proud to do back in 1958 in Radio-TV Experi-MENTER-which later became the current Science and Eiectronics.

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

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

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

In this issue of Science and Electronics, White's Radio Log contains U.S. AM Stations by Frequency, World-Wide Shortwave Stations, and Emergency Radio Listings for Florida.

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

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kHz Wave Length WINZ Miami. Fla,
WMAZ Macon. Ga. KAHU Waipahu. Hawaii KIOA Des Moines. Inwa WCNO Shelbyville. Ky. WIOG St. Ignace, Mich. Wjor South Haven. Mich. WCPC Houston, Miss.
KSWM Aurora, Mo KVSH Valentine. Nebr. WFNC Fayetteville, N.C WNAL Nelsonville, Ohio KGRL Bend. Oreg. KWRC Woodburn. Ore WESA Charleroi, Pa. WIPR San Juan. P.R.
KIXZ Amarillo. Tex. KIXZ Amarillo. Tex.
KTON Belton. Tex. KTON Belton, Tex. KATQ Texarkana, Tex
WNRG Grundy, Va. WFAW Ft. Atkinson, Wis.

## 950-315.6

WRMA Montpomery, Ala. Ft Smith. Ark. AHJ Auburn. Calif KIMN Denver, Colo. WLOF Orlando, Fla. WGTA Summerville, Ga. WGOV Valdosta, Ga. KATN Boise, Ida. KLER Orofino, Ida.
WGRT Chicagn, Ill. WXLW Indianapolis, Ind. KOEL Oelwein, Ia, KJRG Newtnn. Kans WYWY Barhourville, $K$ K. WRYT Boston, Mass. WWJ Detrait. Mich. KRSI St, Louis Park. Minn. KLIK Jefferson City. Mo. KNFT Bayard. N. M WHVW Hyde Park. N.Y.
WBBF Rochester. N. WIBX Utica. N.Y. WPET Greensboro. N.C. KYES Roseburg, Orad.
WNC:C Rarnesborn. Pa WNCC Barnesborn. Pa.
WPEN Philadelghia. P WBER Moncks Cornar. S. C WSPA Spartanburg. S.C.
KWAT Watertown. S.Dak. KWAT Watertown, S.D KOSX Denison. Sherman, Tex KSEL Luhhnck Tox WXGI Richmond. Va. KJR Seattle, Wash. WERL Eagle River. Wis. WKTS Sheboygan, Wis. KMER Kemmerer, Wyo.

## 960-312.3

WBRC Birmingham. Ala.
WMOZ Mobile. Ala,
KOOL Phoenix. Ariz.
KAVR Apple Valley. Callf.
KAEZ Lomnoe. Calif.
WELI New Haven. Conn.
WGRO Lake City, Fla WJAZ Albany. Ga. WRFC Athens. Gs. WOLM E. Moline. III. WSBT South Bend. Ind. KMA Shenandoah, Inwa KROF Abheville, La, WBOC Salisbury. Md.

## WBOC Salisbury. Md.

WHAK Rogers City Mich 5000 d
KLTF Little Falls. Minn.
WABG Greenwood. Miss
KFVS Cape Girardeau, Mo $\quad 10000$
KFLN Baker, Mont. Wo. 5000
KNEB Scottshluff. Nobr
KWYK Farmington, N.Mex
WEAV Plattsburg. N.Y.
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KSMO Salem, Mo. KICK Springfleld, Mo. KCAP Helena, Mont. KPRK Livingston, Mont.
KATL Miles CIty, Mont, KYLT Missoula, Mont. KHUB Missoula, Mont. KGFW Kearnoy, Nebr. KGFW Kearnoy, Ne
KSID Sidney, Nebr.
KRAM Lidney, Nebr. KBET Rono. Nev.
WMiD Atlantie City. N.J.
KHAP Aztec, N.M
KRRR Ruidoso, N.
KSIL Silver City. N. Mex. WMBO Auburn, N. Y WKNS Gloversville, N. Y WUSJ Loekport, N. Y. WMSA Massena, N. WALL Middletown, N.Y. WJRI Lenoir. N.C. WOXF Oxford Woow Greenville WGNI Wilmington. N.C WAIR Winston-Salem, N. WNCO Ashland. 0. B Athens, Ohio WSTV Steubenvilie, Ohio KIHN Hugo. Okla.
KOCY Okla. City, Okla. KTOW Sand Springs, okla KLOO Corvallis, Ore
KWVR Enterprise, Oreg. KIHR Hood River, Or
KBBR N. Bend, Ore. WCVI Connellsville. WSAJ Grove City. Pa. WHAT Philadelphia. Pa. WRAW Reading, Pa. WTRN Tyrone, Pa. WBRE WItkes-Barre, Pa. WWPA Williamsport, Pa WOKE Charleston, $\mathbf{G}$, C . WOKE Charleston, S.C WSSC Sumter, S.C. KIJV Huron. S. D. KRSD Rapid City, S, Dak. WBAC Cleveland, Tenn. WKRM Columbia, Tenn. WGRV Greeneville, Tenn WLOK Memphis, Tenn. WCDT Winehester, Tenn. KWK C Abilene. Tex, KTSL Burnett, Tex. KAND Corsicana, Tex
KSET EI Paso. Tex. KLBK Lubbock, Tex. KRBA Lufkin, Tex.
KPDN Pampa, Tex.
KOLE Port Arthur. Tex. KTEO San Angelo, Tex. WTWN St. Johinsbury Vt. WSTA Charlot te Amalie, V.I. WHAP HoDewell, Va. WJMA Orange, Va.
KAGT Anacortes, Wash.
KAPA Kennewick, Wash
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 KMEL Wenatehee. Wash WHAR Ciarksburg, W,Va. WMON Montgomery, W.Va, WLDY Ladysmith, Wis WRIT Milwaukeo. WIs. KSGT Jackson, Wyo. KWOR Worland, wyo.


[^1]WHITE S

kHz Wove Length
KVML Sonora, Calif.
KVEN Ventura, Calif. KGBO Yuba City, Cal. KYOU Greeley, Colo. WILM Wilmington, Conn WOL Washington, D, C. WWJB Brooksville, Fla. WMFJ Daytona Beach, Fla. WBSR Pensacola, Fla WSPB Sarasota, Fla. WSTU Stuart, Fla, WTAL Tallahassee, Fla, WBHF Cartersville WCON Cornelia, Ga WKEU Grifin, Ga. WMVG Milledgevilie, Ga. WBYG Savannah, Ga. KVSJ Montpelier. Ida KEEP Twin Falls, Idaho WVON Cicero, Ill, WCVS SprIngfleld. II WLYV Ft. Wayne, Ind. WXVW Jeffersonville, ind. WASK Lafayette, Ind. KLWW Cedar Rapids, Ia. KYET Payette, Ida.
KWBW Hutchinson, Kans. WTCO Campbelisvilie, KY WWXL Manchester, Ky WPAD Paducah. Ky WLKS W. Liberty, Ky. KSIG Crowley, La.
KNOC Natchifoches, La.
WNPS New Orleans,
WLKN Lincoln, Me.
WRKD Rockland, Maine WKTQ South Paris, Maine WTHU Thurmont, Md. WMAS Springfield, Mass. WATZ Aldena Township,
WHTC Holland, Mich. WMIQ Jron Mtn., Mich. WKLA Ludington, Mich.
WHLS Port Huron, Mich. KAUE Albert Lea, Minn
KBUN Bemidji, Minn. WELY Ely, Minn. WFAM St. Cloud, Minn. WCJU Columbla, Miss. WJXN Jackson. Miss. wOKK Meridian, Miss WNAT Natchez, Miss WROB West Point, Miss KFTW Fredericktown, Mo. WMBH Joplin, Mo.
KIRX Kíksville. Mo.
KOKO Warrenshurs, Mo.
KWPM West Plains, Mo.
KUDi Great Falls. Mont
KGMY Missoula, Mont.
KRBN Red Lodge. Mont.
KVCK Wolf Point, Mont.
KWBE Beatrice, Neb
KONE Reno, Nev.
WFPG Atlantic City. N.J,
WCTC New Brunswick. N. J.
KLMX Clayton, N. Mex.
KOBE Las Cruces. N. Mex.
KENM Portales. N. Mex.
WCLI Corning, N.Y.
WWSC Gien Falls, N.Y.
WKIP Olean. N.
WKAL Ronghkepsie, N. Y,
WATA Boone, N. N. C
WGAS Gastonia. N.C.
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { WHKP Hendersonviller } & 250 \\ \text { WH. } & 1000\end{array}$
WHIT New Bern, N.C. N.
WFBS Spring Lake. N.C.
KGCA Rugby, N. D.
$\begin{array}{lll}\text { WMOH Hamilton, Ohio } & \text { Ohio } & 1000 \\ & 1000\end{array}$



WHITESS


WEYY Talladega, Ala.


## White's World-Wide Shortwave Stations

## Prepared by Don Jensen

$\square$ Suddenly, it seems. the Philippines has become one of the world's "hottest" DX countries. Until recently, to most SWLs, the Philippines meant the Voice of America relays or the missionary outlets of the Far East Broadcasting Company, period!

But things have changed. Now, fully a half dozen broadcasters have powerful transmitters - 50 kw . or more--operating from this republic of 7,000 islands.

FEBC, granddaddy of the Manila-based religious stations, has been joined by two other missionary broadcasters. One, SEARV, the South East Asian Radio Voice, is a Protestant
station serving the Christian Councils of South East Asia with a 50 kw . transmitter at Bulacan. The second, and newer, Radio Veritas, 100 kw ., was built and is operated by the Roman Catholic Church for Asian listeners unable to get good reception from Vatican Radio.

Even more recently, the first three of a battery of ten 250 -kilowatt Voice of America transmitters have been installed at Tinang. Along with the less powerful stations at Poro, they relay the VOA's programs to the Far East.

The opening of the Tinang complex during the summer freed several 20 -year-old VOA transmitters. A commercial station, the Philip-
pine Broadcasting Service is now using a couple of the units at the Poro site, relaying VOA programs until 0830 GMT, then switching to its own features.

The VOA plant at Malolos, just north of Manila, apparently has been peddled to the Philippine government. Activated on new frequencies, at least one of the new stations has been heard in the U.S. recently. This operation identifies as "The Voice of the Philippines" and is "owned and operated by the Republic of the Philippines."

So set your Big Ben for an early hour and start tuning! How many of these Philippine goodies can you snare?

1. VOA-Tinang/Poro-You can expect to hear a few English programs and IDs but most programs in Asian lingos. Try 9,665, 11,965 or $15,105 \mathrm{kHz}$ any time between 1000 and 1700 GMT.
2. Far East Broadcasting Company-This religious outlet uses many-would you believe 40 -different dialects and languages for its Oriental audiences, but you can hear English from 1245 to 1400 GMT on about $15,440 \mathrm{kHz}$. If not, there's always 9,504 and $11,920 \mathrm{kHz}$.
3. South East Asia Radio Voice-Not as easy as you might think for their antennas are aimed the other way. Winter catches possible on $15,420 \mathrm{kHz}$ from 1100 to 1300 GMT.
4. Radio Veritas-Another one you'll really have to try for. A New Yorker recently heard Veritas on $15,170 \mathrm{kHz}$ around 1230 GMT. Also listen on 11,830 between 1000 and 1300 GMT.
5. Philippine Broadcasting Service-Lately PBS has been putting "socko" signals into the Midwest between 1000 and 1100 GMT on $6,170 \mathrm{kHz}$. Its commercial program format is pretty good listening too. Both English and Tagalog, the Philippine language, are used.
6. Voice of the Philippines-QRM is a real headache on VOP's frequencies- 9,580 and $11,950 \mathrm{kHz}$. Look for breaks in the interference. like before 1100 and between 1300 and 1330 GMT. Full morning sked is 0900 to 1400 GMT.

For the hard-nosed. calloused-eared crowd, here are a couple of "ultras!"
7. Mindanao Broadcasting Network-This 500 watter, located in Davao City (others say its "Voice of the City" ID means Manila). signs off early- 0800 GMT. It's listed for $7,280 \mathrm{kHz}$,

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## Introducing <br> White's Radio Log New Shortwave Columnist

Don Jensen tuned his first station, Ecuador's HCJB, at the tender age of 11. That was 22 years ago. Since then he has heard and verified shortwave stations in nearly 200 countries. SWLs have read his articles, and column on shortwave broadcasting in Elementary Electronics, Science and Electronics' sister magazine, and in other electronics publications.

Though an ex-ham (KN4ISC) and exCBer (18W6098), his first love is DXing. Like most serious listeners, Jensen belongs to DX clubs here and abroad, holding executive positions in several. He has edited SWBC columns in a few radio club bulletins. He founded the Association of North American Radio Clubs, an organization linking all the major listeners clubs in the continent.

He knows DXing and DXers. A former radio and TV staffer, he also knows the broadcaster's point of view. He's visited stations in Europe, South America and the Caribbean and seen how they operate. A newspaper reporter, Jensen relates DX happenings to contemporary world events. He tells it like it is.

The Editor hopes you'll read the shortwave section in White's Radio Log regularly for the inside story of what's happening in the DXing world today. He believes that Don Jensen's shortwave news and views will become a steady diet for our growing DX-SWL crowd.
but we can tell you it skips around a bit, varying to 7.265 .
8. Voice of the State University-DUH9. on 7,160 . but varying to $7,150 \mathrm{kHz}$, will drive you nuts. A measly thousand watts is all this University of the Philippines station runs. It's located at Quezon City, just outside Manila, and is scheduled from 0900 to 1300 GMT, MondaySaturday, mostly in English.
9. National Civil Defense Administra-TION-This government agency station uses two channels. each one tougher than the other, 3.305 and 5.970 kHz . Schedule is 0800 to 1100 GMT .

Scoring-Give yourself 5 points for each VOA and FEBC frequency you hear. Numbers 3 through 5 rate 25 points each.

Total less than 25 ? Keep trying. Score 50 points? Bully for you. One hundred puts you up with the pros. Log any one of the last three and you. Bunky, take home all the marbles!

1970 DX Census. Ever wonder how many of us there are around? So does the Association of North American Radio Clubs, the continent-

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wide organization linking the various SWL hobby clubs. To find out the answer. ANARC is conducting a DXer census.

If you want to be tallied too, jot down the following information: Name, address. age. occupation, education level and the type of DXing you prefer. long wave, medium wave, shortwave broadcast. amateur listening or what have you.

| kHz | Call | Name | Location |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 90-Meter Band-3200 to 3400 kHz |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 3305 \\ & 3315 \end{aligned}$ | VLBBD | R. Western District | Daru. Papua Territory Ft. de France. Martinique Freetown, Sierra Leone |  |
|  |  | ORTF |  | 1115 |
| 3316 | - | R. Sierra Leone |  | 0100 |
|  |  |  |  | 0600 |
| $\begin{aligned} & 3322 \\ & 3325 \\ & 3346 \\ & 3380 \end{aligned}$ | VL9BA <br> YVRA <br> TGCH | R. Bougainville <br> R. Monegas <br> R. Zambia <br> R. Chortis | Kieta, Bougainville | 0600 1130 |
|  |  |  | Maturin, Venezuela | 0230 |
|  |  |  | Locotan, | 0410 |
| 3390 | HCOTI | R. Zaracuy | Guatemala | 0245 |
|  |  |  | Sto. Domingo Cds. Ecuador |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 3910 \\ & 3995 \end{aligned}$ | - | Far East Network SIBS | Tokyo, Japan | 1230 |
|  |  |  | Honiara, Solomon |  |


| kHz | Coll | Nome | Location |  |
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| 60 -Meter Band- 4750 to 5060 kHz |  |  |  |  |
| 4765 | - | R-TV Congolaise | Brazzaville, Congo |  |
| 4770 |  | R. Comercial | Rep. | 0530 |
| 4795 | ELWA |  | Monrovia, Liberia Sa da Bandeira, Angola |  |
| 4841 | HCCRI | R. Casa de la |  | 0600 |
| 4865 | - | Brunei Broadcast. ing Sve. | Quito, Ecuador | 0330 |
| 4865 |  |  | Berakas, Brunei Phnom Penh, | 1300 |
| 4907 | - | Radio Cambodia |  | 1300 |
| 4910 | HIN | Radio HIN | Sto. Domingo, | 1230 |
| 4912 |  |  |  | 2300 |
| 4912 | - | R. Tarawa | Betio, Tarawa, Gilbert and Solo. |  |
| 4932 | - | Nigerian Be. Corp. | mon ls. Benin City. | 0800 |
| 4950 |  | R. SenegalR. Yaoundi | Niqeria | 0600 |
| 4972 |  |  |  | 0600 |
| 4975 |  | R. del Pacifico | Lima, Peru | 0230 |
| 4976 | $\underline{\mathrm{O}} \times 4 \mathrm{H}$ | R. Uganda | Kampala, Uganda | 1830 |
| 4995 5015 | ZYXP | R. Brasil Central |  | 0830 |
|  | - | R. Valparaiso | Vladivostok, USSR Port de Paix, Hajti | 1200 |
|  | Call |  | Location |  |
|  |  | Nome |  |  |



If you belong to any radio hobby clubs, note which ones. Do you have an amateur or CB license? What type of receiver, auxiliary equipment and antenna do you use? Do you build, repair or maintain any of the equipment you own? What electronics magazines do you read and what types of articles do you prefer?

Send your data to ANARC Census, 152 Third Street, Leominster. Mass.. 01453. When results are tallied. we'll let you know.

| $\mathrm{kHz}^{2}$ | Call | Name | Location |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 7155 7170 | - | ORTF <br> R. Noumea | Paris, France Noumea, New Coledonia Saigon, S. Vietnam Taipei, Taiwan Melbourne, Australia | 053 |
|  |  |  |  | 104 |
|  | 二 | VTVN <br> V. of Righteousness <br> R. Australia |  | 114 |
|  | 二 |  |  | 110 |
| 7225 | - | Deutsche Welle Relay <br> BBC Relay |  | 120 |
| 7235 | - |  | Kiqali, Rwanda <br> Johore Baru, <br> Rohrdorf, Germany | 033 |
|  | - |  |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{r} 7265 \\ 7300 \end{array}$ | - | Sudwestfunk <br> R. Tirana |  | 0600 0200 |
| $k \mathrm{~Hz}_{2}$ | Call ${ }^{\text {, }}$ | Name | Location |  |
| $31-M e t e r ~ B a n d-9500 ~ t o ~ 9775 ~ k H z ~$ |  |  |  |  |


| $\begin{aligned} & 9505 \\ & 9515 \end{aligned}$ |  | R. America |  | 0530 |
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|  |  | L.V. de la America |  |  |
|  |  | Latina | exico | 0440 |
| 9520 |  | Denmark |  |  |
|  |  |  | Denmark | 0200 |
|  | VLT9 | ABC | Port Moresby. |  |
| 40 | - | R. Lubumbashi | New Guinea | 0700 |
| 50 | - | R. Tanzania | of Conao | 0500 |
| 9553 | YSS |  | Tanzania | 130 |
|  | YSS |  | San Salvador. |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 9570 \\ & 9575 \end{aligned}$ | CE956 | R. Port | Stiago | 0 |
|  |  |  | Rome, Italy | 0 |
| 9576 | ZYN29 | Bahia | Salvador, Br |  |
|  |  | del Comerci | Santa |  |
| 9580 | - | V. of the Philippines <br> R. Mar | Saly | 1740 |
|  |  |  | Manila, Philippines 1100 Puerto Cabezas. |  |
| 9581 | YNTP |  |  |  |
|  | - |  | Tashkent |  |
| 9605 | - | Tans World Radio | Bona |  |
| 9615 |  |  | Antili | 0000 |
|  | - | yongyang | yongya |  |
|  | tirica | L.V. de la Victor | San Jose, Cos |  |
| $9655$ |  |  | Chica | $0200$ |
|  | LRA32 |  | Buenos |  |
| $9700$ | - |  | Araentina | 0300 |
|  | - | RSA | Sotra, Bulgaria | 2200 |
| $9710$ |  |  | South Afric |  |
|  | HCJB | Andes | Quito, Ecuador | 0600 |
| 9760 |  | ternation |  |  |
|  | J7 | R. Nac. de Espana | Madrid Spain | 0230 |
|  | JOZ7 | Nihon Sw. Bc. Co. | Tokyo, Japan | 0050 |


| kHz Call $\quad$ Name $\ldots$ Location |
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| $25-$ Meter Band—11700 to 11975 kHz |


| $\begin{aligned} & 11706 \\ & 11720 \\ & 11730 \end{aligned}$ | TGQB PRL | R. Nacional de Quetzaltenango <br> R. Nacional <br> R. Nederland | Quetzaltenango, Guatemala <br> Brasilia, Brazil <br> Bonaire, Netherla | $\begin{array}{r} 0200 \\ 0000 \\ \text { ds } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11735 | ZYW28 | R. Clube de Goiania | Antilles | 0600 |
|  |  |  | Goiania, Brazil Oslo, Norway | 0045 0100 |
|  |  | R. TV Marocaine | Tangier, Morocco | 0700 |
|  | - | R. Pyongyang | Pyongyang, North Korea | 140 |

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| LISTENER'S STANDARD TIME | ASIA (except Near East) | EUROPE, NEAR EAST \& AFRICA ( N . of the Sahara) | AFRICA (S. of the Sahara) | SOUTH PACIFIC | Latin AMERICA |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0000-0300 | 25,31 | 41,49 | 60e, 90e | 31e, 41w | (49), 60, 90 |
| 0300-0600 | 41; 69 | 31 (poor) | 19w | 49, 60, (90) | 49, 60, 90 |
| 0600-0900, | 25, 49w | 16, 19 | 19 | 25,31,(41),(49) | 31,49 |
| 0900-1200 | 19,25 | 13, 16, 19 | 19, 25 | 19 (poor) ${ }^{\text {\% }}$ | (19), 25, 31 |
| 1200-1500 | 16, 19 | 13, 16, 19 | 19, 25 | 19 (poor) | (19), 25, 31 |
| 1500.1800 | 16, 19 | (25), 31, (41), 49 | 31w, 60e | 19,25 | 31 |
| 1800-2100 | 16, 19 | 25, 31 | 25e, 31e, 60w | 16, 19 | 49, 60, (90) |
| 2100-2400 | 16,19 | 31, 41, 49 | 60, 90 | 16, 19, 31w | 49,60, (90) |



# White's Emergency Radio Station Listings for Florida Statewide 

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

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

All frequencies are megahertz ( MHz ) unless otherwise noted.


| MIAMI BEACH FIRE DEPT. |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| KCT269.71 <br> KGN542 <br> KLL5IO <br> KLL5II | $\begin{array}{ll} 154.01 & \\ 154.01 & \\ 453.225 & 453.275 \\ 460.525 & 460.55 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |
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| OTHER MIAMI BEACH DEPTS. |  |  |  |  |  |
| KEY902 | 453.25 |  |  |  |  |
| DADE COUNTY-OPERATED STATIONS SHERIFF'S DEPT. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bar Harbor Bay Harbor Fla. City Golden Bch. Homestead Islandia Medley Miami |      <br> KLW52 158.73    <br> KLW56 158.73    <br> KOO91 158.91    <br> KVS27 158.73    <br> KJZ85 158.73 158.91 158.97 159.03 |  |  |  |  |
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|  | $\begin{array}{ll}\text { KDG915 } & 154.80 \\ \text { KGV297 } & 154.80\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | KLW50/54 158.73 |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{array}{llllll}\text { KNS94 } & 158.73 & 158.91 & 158.97 & 159.03 \\ \text { KLW59 } & 158.91 & & \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{array}{llll}\mathrm{KOO} & 158 & 1589 & 158.97\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | KTO 78 158.97 <br>  158.97 |  |  |  |  |
|  | KCT281 | 453.55 |  |  |  |
| N. Bay Vlq. KLW57 $\quad 158.73159 .03$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{lll}\text { N. Miami } & \text { KLW55 } & 158.73\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| N. Miami Beh. KLW58 158.73 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Opa-Locka | KLW488 | 154.74 158 153 | 453.60 |  |  |
| Perrine | KGV298 | 154.86 |  |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Surfide } & \text { KDG273 } & 154.95\end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Surfside | KLW53 | 158.73 |  |  |  |

## COUNTY FIRE DEPT.

| Fla. City Miami | KBY528 | 453.70 | 453.80 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | K1M654 | 33.70 |  |  |
|  | KGP675 | 153.77 |  |  |
|  | KBY519-27 | 453.70 | 453.80 |  |
|  | KCR938 | 453.70 | 453.80 |  |
|  | KCR940 | 453.70 | 453.80 |  |
|  | KDE263/5 | 453.70 | 453.80 |  |
|  | K1M654 | 453.70 | 453.80 |  |
| N. Miami Beh. | K8Y517 | 453.70 | 453.80 |  |
| Opa-Locka | KBY518 | 453.70 | 453.80 |  |
| S. Miami | KJD899 | 153.77 | 453.70 | 453.80 |
| Surfside | KDE264 | 453.70 | 453.80 | 453.80 |
| Virginia Gdns. |  | 453.70 | 453.80 |  |

## OTHER DADE COUNTY AGENCY STATIONS

KEM595/453.85 KIR227/453.65 KRO72-4/458.65
KSZ50-1/458.65 KTN89/458.65
$154.085 \quad 158.865$
$453.525 \quad 453.925 \quad 453.975$
MISC. OTHER FLORIDA STATIONS \& NETWORKS


## STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

Channels/Stations: 37.30 KJI430 KGP789
45.06 (Highway Patrol) KAV733 KBQ738 KBV731. 4 KBX376 KBZ941 KCO299 KCR971 KEY959 KFN559-60 KFY387 KGT617-9 KIA285 KIB471 KIB472-4 KIB479-87 KIB490-I KIC734 KIC854 KID295 KID490 K1D533 KID680 KIJ281-2 KIK502 K1M 776 KIM939 KIP346 K1 $9722 \mathrm{~K}|\mathrm{R} 486-7 \mathrm{~K}| \mathrm{R} 620$ KIW246 KIW553 KJN747 KLG645 KLK645 KLU 468 KLW285
45.10 (Beverage Dept.)

KFY4I2 KGJ672 KGV216
KGW783 KIS435 KIV747-8 KIW 304 KIW586 KIW904 KIW978 KJB875 KJF963 KIW977
45.42 (Div. Corrections) KBE342-3 KBL757 KFT238 KFX230 KGW698 KII794 KIJ666 KIK222 KIM752 KIN318 KIN946 KJY745
45.46 KLJ285-7
45.82 KFS997
154.95 KIL349
156.15 (repeater) KJF24
453.10 KHM 80 KYH 39
453.50 KTU89
458.10 KHM81 KYH38
458.50 KTU90
$460.15 \mathrm{KLP923-9}$
$460.20 \mathrm{KLP923-9}$
460.25 KLP924.6 KLP928-9
460.30 KLP924-6 KLP928-9
460.35 KLP924-9

Locations/Stations:
Arcadia KIK502
Avon KIN946
Belle Glade KBL757 KIK222
Bradenton K|B474
Brooksville KIA680
Bushnell KFT238
Campbeliton KIR486
Chattahoochee KGP789 K11794 KIN318 KJ1430
Crestview KIA285
Cross City KIB472
Daytona Beh. KGT619 KGW783
Deland KIB483
Eastpoint KJF24
Everglades KFN560
Ft Lauderdale KIM776
F+. Myers KIB481
Gainesville Kav733 KJY745
Havana KBZ941
Highland City K18480
Inglis KCR97।
Jacksonville KBV731-4 KFN559 KIB485 KIW246 KLJ286 KLP926
Lake Butler KGW698
Jennings KIRb20
Lake City KIB486
Lake Placid KGTbl7
Lakeland KTU90
Leesburg KEY959
Live Oak KIV747
Lowell KBE342
Madison KGTbI8
Marathon K10533 KIW586
Marianna KIB490 KIM752
Melbourne KIB484
Miami KBX376 KFS997
KIW978 KLU468
Monticello KIR487
Naples KLG645
Ocala KIB491 KIW904
Okechobee KBE343
Oriando KIC854 KJN747
KLJ285 KYH38
Pahokee KIB479
Palatka KIB47I
Panama City KIC734
Pensacola KGJ672 KIB473 KL.P923
Perry KiW553

Pinellas Pk. KIM939
Quincy KBQ738
Raiford KlJ666
St. Auqustine K1D680 KLW285
Sarasota KGV216
Starke KIP346
Sunshine Skyway KIJ281-2
Tallahassee KCO299 KFX230
KFY387 K1L349 KIW304
KLK645 KLP924
Tampa KFY4I2 KIB487 KLJ287 KLP928 KTU89
Tavernier KIS435
Wausau KIV748
W. Hollywood KLP929
W. Palm Bch. KHM80.1

KIB482 KJB875 KLP927
Winter Garden KIW977 KLP925 KYH39
Yeehaw K1D295
Yulee KIQ722
portable KID490 KFJ963

## TURNPIKE

 AUTHORITYChannels/Stations:
155.37 KFI592 KIM778
156.18 KAU728 KCW688-90 KDY446-8 KFF376 KIM285-8 KIM291.2 KIM295
156.24 KAU728 KCW687 KDJ442 KFI513 KGY296 KIM283-4 KIM289-90 KIM293-4 KIY284
159.12 KCW680-6 KCY21I KIM274 KIM276 KIM279 KIM28I-2 KLD822
159.18 KCW680-6 KCY211 KIM275 KIM277-8 KIM280 K1M283 KLD822
(UHF: 453.575453 .625 453.675453 .725 )

Locations/Stations:
Boca Raton KIY284
Broward Co. KDY446 KIM284 KIM287.8 KIM293 K1M295
Dade Co. KIM289
Ft. Pierce KCY21I ( + UHF)
Jupiter KIM274
Kenansville KCW684
Kissimmee KDJ442
Lake Co. KCW680 KLD822
Lake Worth KIY283
Martin Co. KIM280-I
Martin Co. KiM280-1
Orange Co. KCW689 KGY296
Orlando KCW681-2 KF1592 ( + UHF)
Osceola KCW683 KCW686
Palm Bch. Co. KDY448 KIF513 K1M 275 KIM277 KIM282.3 KIM291-2
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Vero Bch. KCW685
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ZC Zoning Commission


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Palatka
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St. Augustine
SD KIC244 39.50
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LG KBA750-I 155.82
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LG KFZ829 155.82
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Sarasota Co., Sarasota SD KDY327 155.43 SD KIB685 155.43 SD KGV55 159.03
Seminole Co., Sanford
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Suwanee Co., Live Oak SD KIL288 45.22
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Steinhatchee SD KUT274 37.30
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SD KJI355 154.95
Raiford
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Volusia Co., Daytona Beh.
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Deland
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Holly Hill
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New Smyrna $B$.
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Ormond Bch.
LG KBU995 155.88
Smyrna Bch.
MC KJZ915 153.985
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Walton Co.. Se. Funiak Sp. SD KIE933 37.30
Washington Co., Chipley SD KIL238 37.30

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Apopka
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LG KCW693 154.04
Avon Park
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Bartow
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FD KBW827.8 154.37
FD KDB431 154.37
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Brooksville
PD mobiles 45.14
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Cape Canaveral
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Chattahoochie
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Chipley
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Clearwater
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Clewiston
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FD KFF217 154.16
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PD KAS745 155.04
PD KIH45I 458.05
Crestview
PD KIK493 155.31
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LG KDN612 45.44
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LG KBA460 155.94
Eau Gallie
PD KFB937 155.37
FD KCU272 154.16
Englewood
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Eustis
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Ft . Myers
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Kev West
PD KIB564 155.43
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Kissimmee
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Wilton Mnrs.
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Winter Grdn.
PD KIH456 I 55.79 PD KJA926 154.025 FD KFG498 154.355
Winter Haven PD KIB776 | 55.55 FD KDP971 154.235
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Beafs. The throbbing or pulsating effects produced when two or more vibrational frequencies interfere with each other are called beats. Figure 10 diagrams how a beat is formed. The two dotted lines represent pure primary sound tones of slightly different frequencies.

Initially, the compressions and rarefactions of air, represented by the "waves," reinforce each other to produce a composite sound (solid line) of greater amplitude than either primary sound. But as the two primary tones drift out of phase, they oppose each other so as to create a short period of minimal amplitude, or even total silence. This is the beat. The phase shift then continues to again produce a period of reinforcement, followed by another beat, and so on.

The number of beats per second is equivalent to the difference in the frequencies of the two primary sounds. For example, frequencies of 256 and 254 Hz sounding together produce two beats per second.

In 1873 Professor H. von Helmholtz published his classic mathematical study of the nature of sound and music. Helmholtz had observed that a beat frequency of up to five or six per second produces a pleasing sound, but as the beat frequency increases above this level, the effect becomes increasingly unpleasant. When the beat frequency becomes so rapid that the individual beats cannot be distinguished (above 20 per second), the music still exhibits a dissonance generally termed "roughness."

As the beat frequency is increased even more, the roughness fades away until it disappears when a beat frequency equivalent to a minor third is obtained. The roughness reappears again only when the beat fre-

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quency is close to the octave, and once more disappears when the octave interval is made exact. As any musician knows, octave notes must be played correctly or pronounced dissonance is immediately evident.

The beat effect is the basic cause of musical dissonance. But it should be noted that beats are often used to good effect as well. For example, beats are used to provide the so-called voix celeste of an organ; this is a soft tremulous tone produced by a labial stop of $8-\mathrm{ft}$. pitch. Before the advent of electronic instruments, piano tuners were dependent on beat phenomena when tuning pianos.

Much of the musical "quality" obtained when a number of musical instruments play together can also be attributed to beats. For example, it would be very easy to amplify the sound of one violin to make it as loud as ten violins. And yet it isn't done, even though this would reduce musician salaries considerably. Why? Ten violins can't be tuned to absolute perfection with each other which means that the slightly "incorrect" tunings lead to the production of beats which create a tonal quality not attainable with one violin incapable of beating against itself.

Overtones. Throughout the preceding discussions we have been concerned wholly with pure tones and combinations of pure tones. But musical notes as created by instruments or the human voice are not pure in a vibrational sense; they are in fact complex mixtures of related vibrational frequencies. For example, an instrumental $\mathbf{A}$ is not just a frequency of 261.7 Hz ; it is that plus many other frequencies called overtones. As will be apparent from Fig. 11, the various overtones of a fundamental can be calculated by multiplying the fundamental frequency by $2,3,4$, etc.

The components that make up a complex sound structure are called partial tones, or

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Fig. 9. Best way to understand triad ratios is to view them in terms of what's actually going on during a given time period. Here, while note $C$ goes through four cycles, E will go through five cycles, and G through six.


Fig. 10. Artist's representation of how beat is formed. Phase of two tones is basic here, since notes will tend to either reinforce or cancel one another.
simply ${ }^{-}$partials. The fundamental is the partial having the lowest frequency: the higher frequencies are upper partials or overtones. When the frequencies of the overtones are exact multiples of the fundamental, the partials are called harmonics. When they are not exact multiples. they are called inharmonic partials.

Dissonance. An octave is a musical interval of the highest possible consonance. or to put it another way, an interval having the least dissonance. Why this should be so is made evident by Fig. 11. Compare the fundamental and overtone frequencies of the "low rate" (middle C) with those of the octave note $\mathrm{C}^{1}$. Note that every frequency in the higher octave matches exactly some overtone of the low note. (The fourth octave overtone would match the 9th overtone of the low note.) If you accept the fact that the low note. C , would exhibit no dissonance if sounded alone, you can see that the addition of the octave $\mathrm{C}^{1}$ adds nothing that is not already present. and therefore cannot produce dissonance.

What about the beating effect between the overtones themselves? The smallest frequency difference is $262 \mathrm{~Hz}(524-262)$ : this beat frequency is too high to produce a sensation of musical roughness or dissonance.

What happens when the higher note is lowered a semitone to produce an interval of a seventh? The situation is now very much different. Note one of the overtones of the seventh matches an overtone of the low note. Moreover, the difference between certain overtones is now much smaller. For example, the beat frequency between the seventh fundamental ( 494 Hz ) and the first overtone of the low note (524) is 30 . This beat frequency is in the range that is most likely to produce dissonance. And facts confirm theory; the seventh is recognized as an extremely dissonant interval.

Now drop down to the fifth. Note that the first and third overtones of the fifth cor-
respond to the second and fifth overtones of the low note. This correlation is conducive to the consonance. or lack of dissonance, associated with musical fifths.

The Surface Only. The mathematics of music as a whole-or even of a single aspect such as dissonance-is so complex that only the briefest introduction can be given here. But let's consider one more musical curiosity mainly to whet the appetites of those who think they might enjoy delving deeper into this fascinating suhject.

Study Fig. 12. Note that in the upper half of the chart all of the selected tone intervals have almost identical beat frequencies. Yet the fifth and major third are consonant. while the tone is dissonant and the semitone is even more dissonant. Why? Good question.

In the lower half of the chart a number of identical semitones ( $\mathrm{C}=-\mathrm{C}$ ) in different

| dISSONANCE AND CONSONANCE FREQUENCY RELATIONSHIPS |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | gh not |  |
|  | Low | Octave | 5th | 7th |
| Fundamental | 262 | 524 | 392 | 494 |
| First overtone | 524 | 1047 | 785 | 988 |
| Second overtone | 785 | 1570 | 1178 | 1482 |
| Third overtone | 1047 | 2094 | 1570 | 1976 |
| Fourth overtone | 1309 | 2617 | 1963 | 2470 |
| Fifth overtone | 1570 |  |  |  |
| Sixth overtone | 1832 |  |  |  |
| Seventh overtone | 2094 |  |  |  |
| Note: all frequencies have been rounded to the nearest whole numbers. |  |  |  |  |

Fig. 11. Dissonance and consonance frequency relationships between middle C and its various overtones. Underlines indicate frequencies having exact counterparts.

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octave ranges are compared. Observe that the beat frequency is lowest in the lowest octave range and that this produces the least amount of dissonance.
But it doesn't follow that the greatest amount of dissonance occurs in the octave range having the highest beat frequency. For the $\mathrm{C} \#-\mathrm{C}$ semitone at least, the greatest dissonance is observed in the octave range
producing a beat frequency of about 31. Why? Another good question.

Intrigued? Then in all fairness, this warning. If you have enough curiosity to dig out the answers to these two questions, you'll almost surely be hooked forever by the mathematics of music-and not because it will help you play the piccolo any better. Perhaps it's because the arbitrariness of music adds a certain spice to the game of musical mathematics. Just when you're sure that two plus two equals four, you find that it actually equals 3.99 or 4.01 -and you want to know why.

| CONSONANCE AND dissonance in relation to beat frequencies |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Tone interval | Tones | Frequencies | Beat frequency | Sound quality |
| Fifth | $\mathrm{Grc}_{-2}$ | $98.0-65.4$ | 32.6 | Consonant |
| Major 3rd, | $\mathrm{Esec}_{3}$ | 164.8-130.8 | 34.0 | Consonant |
| Tone | $\mathrm{D}_{4}-\mathrm{C}_{4}$ | 293.7-261.7 | 32.0 | Dissonant |
| Semitone |  | 554.6-523.4 | 31.2 | Dissonant (more than tone) |
| Semitone | $\mathrm{Cb}_{6} \mathrm{H}^{\text {- }}$ | 1109.2-1046.8 | 62.4 | Dissonant |
| Semitone | $\mathrm{Cosec}_{5}$ | 554.6-523.4 | 31.2 | Most dissonant, |
| Semitone | C.\#. Cs | 277.3-261.7 | 15.6 | Dissonant |
| Semitone | $\mathrm{C}_{3}=\mathrm{C}_{3}$ | 138.6-130.8 | 7.8 | Dissonant |
| Semitone | C.\#.Ca | 69.3-65.4 | 3.9 | Least dissonant |

Fig. 12. Consonance and dissonance in relation to beat frequencies. Note that beat frequency itself apparently has little bearing on whether sound is consonant or dissonant.

## New Products

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dering heat with no danger of overheating. It continues at the lower wattage until a higher heat is required, then the relay cuts in again for as long as needed. Initial input is 180 watts and it operates at 40 watts. Heating elements may be changed without tools. Iron-plated or $1 / 8-$ in. plug-in tips are inserted by loosening one set screw, and you can match the tip to your job. Price is $\$ 9.95$ and more dope can be had from Wall Manufacturing Co., Kingston, N. C. 28501.

## Neat Lil Radio

Heath Company has brought out a solidstate AM/FM table radio, the GR-48, a bargain at $\$ 39.95$ in kit form. The GR-48 has switchable automatic frequency control
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Want to know more about the GR-48? Then drop a line to Heath Co., Benton Harbor, Mich. 49022.

volt heater which might work. You'll have to replace the five-in tube sockets with a seven-pin miniature type.

# The Skies Above Us $\hat{\alpha}$ 

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the sun, is being devoured by an evil monster. Very early in most civilizations throughout the world, the sun was assigned the position as the giver of all light and life. The Mayan priests in Yucatan recorded many solar eclipses over several centuries, including an annular eclipse on Aug. 17, 342 A.D., whose path crossed this same area where our eclipse of March 7 enters Mexico.

* Only a dozen minutes after totality begins on the south coast of this thin part of Mexico, the umbra leaves the land and heads across the Gulf of Mexico toward western Florida. We'll follow it along the way, but here I should hold out some consolation to those who can't get away from home. This eclipse will be visible as partial, outside the path of totality, over all of North and Central America (except Alaska) and in South America down to a line from midPeru to Guyana (formerly British Guinea, if your map is an old one).
$\star$ Now, to get back to the umbra, it picks up speed across the Gulf and enters Florida east of Tallahassee at about $1: 16$ EST, at 1800 miles an hour; it is then only 85 miles wide and totality lasts 3 minutes 10 seconds. Into the southeast corner of Georgia it goes at 1:19 and along the coasts of that state and South and North Carolina, then leaping into the Atlantic around Norfolk at 1:36 p.m., with a speed of 2100 miles an hour, a path 80 miles wide and 2 minutes 49 seconds required to pass a given spot. As a last goodbye to the U.S., the umbra next barely touches the island of Nantucket at $1: 47$, but the speed is 2400 miles an hour and totality lasts only 1 minute 37 seconds.
* Again the path lies over water, then there's a swift trip along the coast of Nova Scotia and across Newfoundland into the North Atlantic, where the tip of the shadow's finger leaves the earth about 600 miles south of Iceland. some two hours after first touching Mexico and about three and a half after the beginning out in mid-Pacific.
$\star \star$ As for observing this important event, a few words to the wise. First of all, when there is no total eclipse where you are, never look at the sun without protection (regular sun glasses are not protection). Welder's glasses, if you can see nothing else through them but the very brightest of lights, close
up, will be safe. But don't use binocufars or a telescope for viewing unless the filter covers the whole front end; at the eye-end, the concentrated heat of the sun will crack the filter. For two or three dollars, you can buy a \# 12 welder's helmet window, which is quite safe for naked-eye viewing (or again over the front of binoculars or a small telescope); these are usually about $2 \times 4 \mathrm{in}$. in size and can be cut into two squares. It's worth the investment.
$\star$ A telescope or binoculars can be used to project an image of the sun, by holding a card several inches behind the eyepiece and focusing the sun's image sharply on it. In this way several eclipse viewers can watch at one time.
$\star$ When you are so fortunate as to be in the path of the total eclipse, use one of the techniques described above, both before and after the brief minutes of totality. But when the black lunar disk hides all the bright sun, leaving only the corona visible-that enormous outermost envelope of our startake all filters away and drink in the fantastic sight, for you may never see it again. Perhaps I can best hint at its appearance by quoting from my write-up of the only total eclipse l've ever seen-on July 9, 1945, from the village of Wolseley, Sask., to which I had flown 2000 miles and set up three tons of equipment in the hope of seeing and photographing the corona for only 34 seconds!
"I had read descriptions by scientists and popular writers and had looked at hundreds of photographs of the phenomenon. In other words, there was considerable preparation for what was to be seen. But there is no description and no pictorial representation that begins to express the awe-inspiring beauty of the sight! The sheer delicacy of the stuff of the corona was startling; the decided three-dimensional effect was a complete surprise. . . . The assembled villagers paid their tribute to the beauty of the corona with cheers and a great burst of applause at the reappearance of the sun and, for several minutes afterward, many of them were seen to be peering into the sky with looks of unbelief on their faces..."
Ł If you can at all make it, get close to the center of the total path on March 7 and take a chance on the weather for the sight of a lifetime.


## Operation Face-Lift

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to have, yet not be excessively weighty. It's easy to work, and when sanded smooth and varnished or stained, becomes a very attractive piece of radio shack furniture.

Upright supports also can be $3 / 4$-in. plywood. But take care to cut the edges square so they'll make neat, strong joints, with no wobbling or teetering when attached to the top of the platform.

Begin planning your platform by arranging your equipment on a table top in the position you'll want to arrange it on the platform. Measure side-to-side and front-to-back dimensions of the entire arrangement to determine the size of the top for the platform. Don't jam the cabinets tightly together when you do this-leave about $1 / 4-\mathrm{in}$. between adjacent units.

Next, decide what equipment you will want to install on the bottom side of the platform. Dimensions of this equipment will determine how high the platform should be above the tabletop. Ordinarily 4 or 5 in. is adequate, but it can be more than this if you have bulky equipment to place under the platform. Allow about $1 / 2-\mathrm{in}$. above the highest item you intend to put under the platform-more if ventilation is needed for gear containing tubes.

Block That Sag. If the equipment on top is very heavy, you'll need at least one center support, cut to the same dimensions as the end supports, in the middle of the platform. These supports should be attached to the platform top with long wood screws and preferably also with angle brackets or scrap pieces of wood cut exactly square and attached inside at the corners. These are necessary to ensure that the supporting pieces remain square to the platform top, and to prevent the supports from working loose in future months as equipment is rearranged or removed for service or modification.

Attach the angle brackets with wood screws, and attach wood braces with both wood screws and wood glue.

Wood screws should also be used directly through the platform top into the supports, with glue applied to the joint before the screws are tightened. Use flathead screws, and countersink them slightly below the surface of the top and sides, then fill this space with Plastic Wood or other filler. When the
filler is dry, sand it smooth and finish with varnish or stain for a neat, professional-appearing job.

The end supports should be cut so they extend about 3 in . beyond the rear edge of the platform. This prevents the platform from being pushed tightly against the wall behind your operating bench; it also allows space between the back of your equipment and the wall for cables and accessory plugs on the back of the equipment. What's more, it leaves room for you to reach back there to check connections and make adjustments without moving the platform and all the equipment on it. About 1 in . of the bottom corner at the rear end of these supports can be mitered off to allow space for line cords and other wiring.

Lagged And Anchored. If you wish to mount small equipment items permanently to the underside of the platform or to the side or center supports, this equipment can be attached with angle brackets or with sheet metal straps attached to the platform with wood screws. Alternatively, shelves can be made of $1 / 4-\mathrm{in}$. plywood or Masonite and mounted to cleats attached front to back on the vertical supports.

As you can see, the entire platform can be built in an evening or two, and it will add significantly to the enjoyment you receive from your radio gear.

When you get finished with your platform designed to your very own needs and taste, take a picture of it and send it off to the Editor. He'd like to see what you can do.

lightweight object? lt's very simple-just place the object to be weighed on the weighing platform, being careful that it doesn't rub against the meter's face plate. Turn the power switch on and adjust the null control until the pointer, which has been forced down against the lower limit pin by the weight of the object, is just balanced in the middle of its excursion from minimum to maximum between the two limit pins. Take a reading on M2. Since there is a direct correlation between the weight of the object being weighed and the amount of current required to balance the pointer, the M2 readings can be converted directly to weight units.

# Radio Astronomy by Mail 

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of numerous small hot spots and at least one large intense source of X-rays on the edge of the solar disc.

Says Meisel: "Hopefully the technique will prove as accurate in pin-pointing the major sources of intense X-rays as high altitude rockets and satellites, but without their high cost." The ultimate goal of the experiments is a better understanding of solar activity and its effects on Earth. Improvements in long distance radio communications would be one result of the identification, location and prediction of the major hot spots.

What will the hundreds of participants get from their efforts? A "thank you" card from Meisel, and the personal satisfaction of knowing that they have participated in a worthwhile research project.

All Was Not Well. A number of participants also learned, much to their chagrin, that the paths of research are not always smooth. For example, one participant was forced to terminate his monitoring abruptly because of a cry of help; turns out that he is a member of a "rescue squad" that was called into action during the height of the

ecplipse. Another participant reported his inability to monitor any station because his family strenuously objected to having the radio turned on at 4 a.m. A Californian wrote cryptically: "Due to an exasperating set of circumstances beyond my control, I was unable to obtain any radio observations."

Perhaps the most revealing plaint came from a participant who did complete his monitoring, but under conditions of extreme hardship. He wrote (good naturedly): "Had I known that I was going to listen to two hours of Beatle records, I never would have started." And yet he might well have expected something like that since he had been asked to monitor a hot spot.

## What Did That Bus Say?

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another bus because this one has been so successful. He looks at the project from the standpoint of a passenger on that bus himself each day. "Traveling so many miles, so many days a week for so many hours, and so much land outside the window with scenery that is monotonous, would bore an adult, much less a child." Says Mr. Raine. "As a result of the program the children now fill in those lonely hours cramped together in a bus, by participating in a program that brings them all together in a common interest. They have an appetite for literature and other subjects now that they seemed not to have had before the installment of the tapes."


## Eamous_Patent

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ventor refused to allow anyone to examine the contents of the box and would not divulge the secret of his invention.

Stubblefield had come from relative obscurity in the farming community of Murray, Kentucky, a short time before. There, his electrical experiments had earned him a local reputation as an eccentric genius. He is reported to have given public demonstrations of his invention, transmitting voice and music through the "ether" even before the turn of the century. Coming east in 1902, he exhibited his invention in Washington and, a few months later, in Philadelphia; each time refusing to explain how the device worked. For several years he even refused to apply for a patent. Despite his unwillingness to reveal the secret of his experiments, the publicity from his demonstrations attracted investors and a corporation was formed to exploit his discoveries. Finally, in 1907, he was persuaded to filc a patent application. The attempt to commercialize his inventions failed-perhaps because of the inventor's secretive and suspicious natureand his apparatus is reported to have disappeared under questionable circumstances.

Apparently believing he had somehow been cheated out of his invention and denied recognition as a great inventor, Stubblefield returned home. The disillusioned inventor withdrew from society to live out his life as a recluse in the hills of western Kentucky. There, in a two-room hut he built by hand, he isolated himself from the world and refused visitors. Over the years, nearby residents began to tell strange tales about the eccentric hermit. Rumors were related of weird lights appearing around the hut at night. Passersby told of hearing voices, apparently from out of nowhere, when they ventured near the Stubblefield property. The inventor, himself, was seldom seen. The outside world had all but forgotten Nathan B. Stubblefield by 1928, when death by starvation overtook him in his lonely mountain shack.

The patent, shown on the accompanying pages, remains as evidence of his unsuccessful attempt at fame. The patent drawings disclose the "secret" of Stubblefield's invention. His "Wireless Telephone" involves a prin-ciple-quite different from that of radio. It is
based on a less common method known as induction telephony. In this system, the transmitter is a battery-powered telephonetype circuit containing a large coil of wire. The magnetic field emanating from the coil varies in a pattern corresponding to the speech fed into the microphone. This varying magnetic field induces a corresponding voltage (and resultant current) in the coil of the receiver circuit. Here, the varying current is converted back into speech in the same manner as in a telephone receiver. The method is apropriately called "wireles telephony" since there are no wires connecting the two stations. The coils of the transmitter and receiver function as the primary and secondary of a huge air-core transformer. The inventor has also provided a switching arrangement so that each station can be used either as a transmitter or receiver.

Although it has taken a back seat to other means of communication, there may be a bright future ahead for induction telephony. Within the past few years, researchers at General Motors Corporation have developed a method of using it to dircet traffic on busy highways. In the GM system, as a car passes over a section of highway surrounded by a loop of wire (transmitter coil), a message is transmitted to a receiver coil on the car. According to General Motors, this low frequency inductive coupling has several advantages over conventional high frequency radio transmission methods. It is easily adapted to very short range transmission and will not interfere with or be affected by other radio services.


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Back in 1957, Gene Frost was stalled in a low-pay TV repair job. Before that, he'd driven a cab, repaired washers, rebuilt electric motors, and been a furnace salesman He'd turned to TV service work in hopes of a better future-but soon found he was stymied there too.
"Id had lots of TV training," Frost recalls today, "including numerous factory schools and a semester of advanced TV at a college in Dayton. But even so, I was stuck at $\$ 1.50$ an hour."

Gene Frost's wife recalls those days all too well. "We were living in a rented double," she says, "at $\$ 25$ a month. And there were no modern conveniences."
"We were driving a six-year-old car," adds Mr. Frost, "but we had no choice. No matter what I did, there seemed to be no way to get ahead."

## Learns of CIE

Then one day at the shop, Frost got to talking with two fellow workers who were taking CIE courses... pre-
paring for better jobs by studying electronics at home in their spare time. "They were so well satisfied," Mr. Frost relates, "that I decided to try the course myself,"

He was not disappointed. "The lessons," he declares, "were wonder-ful-well presented and easy to understand. And I liked the relationship with my instructor. He made notes on the work I sent in, giving me a clear explanation of the areas where 1 had problems. It was even better than taking a course in person because I had plenty of time to read over his comments."

## Studies at Night

"While taking the course from CIE," Mr. Frost continues, "I kept right on with my regular job and studied at night. After graduating, I went on with my TV repair work while looking for an opening where I could put my new training to use."

His opportunity wasn't long in coming. With his CIE training, he qualified for his 2nd Class FCC License, and soon afterward passed the entrance examination at North American Aviation. "You can imagine how I felt," says Mr. Frost. "My new job paid $\$ 228$ a month more!"

Currently, Mr. Frost reports, he's an inspector of major electronic systems, checking the work of as many as 18 men. "I don't lift anything heavier than a pencil," he says. "It's pleasant work and work that I feel is important."

## Changes Standard of Living

Gene Frost's wife shares his enthusiasm. "CIE training has changed our standard of living completely," she says.
"Our new house is just one example," chimes in Mr. Frost. "We also have a color TV and two good cars instead of one old one. Now we can get out and enjoy life. Last summer we took a 5,000 mile trip through the West in our new air-conditioned Pontiac."
"No doubt about it," Gene Frost concludes. "My CIE electronics course has really paid off. Every minute and every dollar I spent on it was worth it."

## Why Training is Important

Gene Frost has discovered what many others never learn until it is too late: that to get ahead in electronics today, you need to know more than soldering connections, testing circuits, and

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Gene Frost was "stuck" in low-pay TV repair work. Then two co-workers sug. gested he take a CIE home study course in electronics. Today he's living in a new house, owns two cars and a color TV set, and holds an important technical job at North American Aviation. If you'd like to get ahead the way he did, read his inspiring story here.

replacing components. You need to really know the fundamentals.

Without such hnowledge, you're limited to "thinking with your hands"
learning by taking things apart and putting them back logether. You can never hope to be anything more than a serviceman. And in this kind of work, your pay will stay low because you're competing with every home handyman and part-time basement tinkerer.

But for men with training in the fundantentals of electronics, there are no such limitations. They think with their heads, not theit hands. They're qualified for assignments that are far beyond the capacity of the "screwdriver and pliers" reparman.

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