

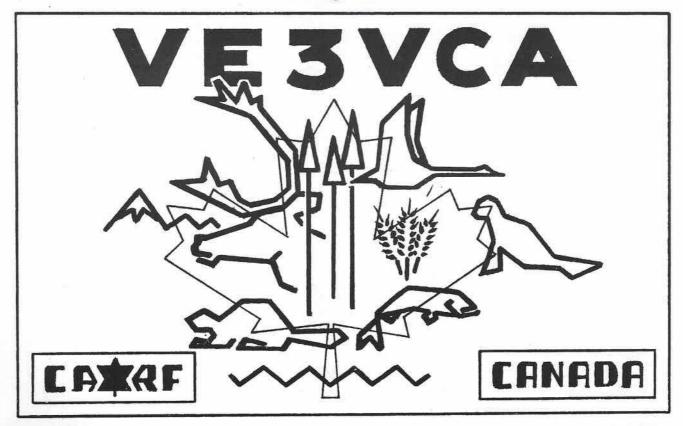
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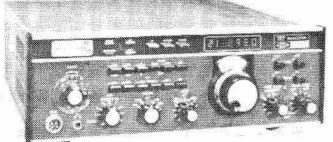
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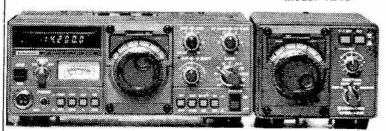


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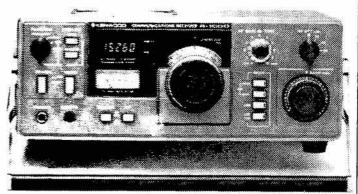
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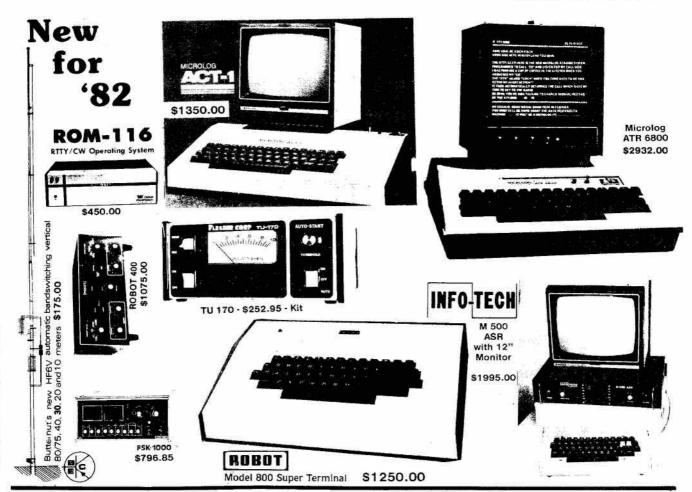
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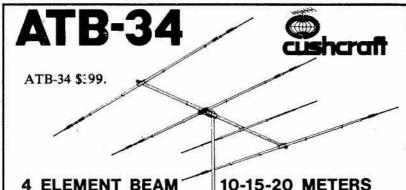


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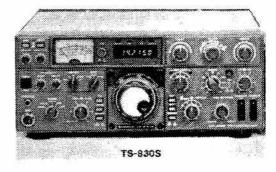
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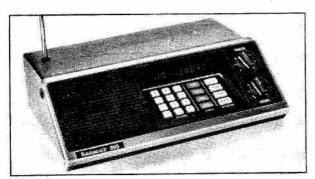
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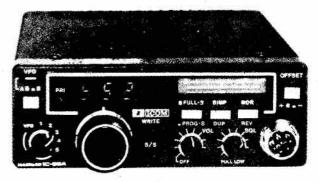


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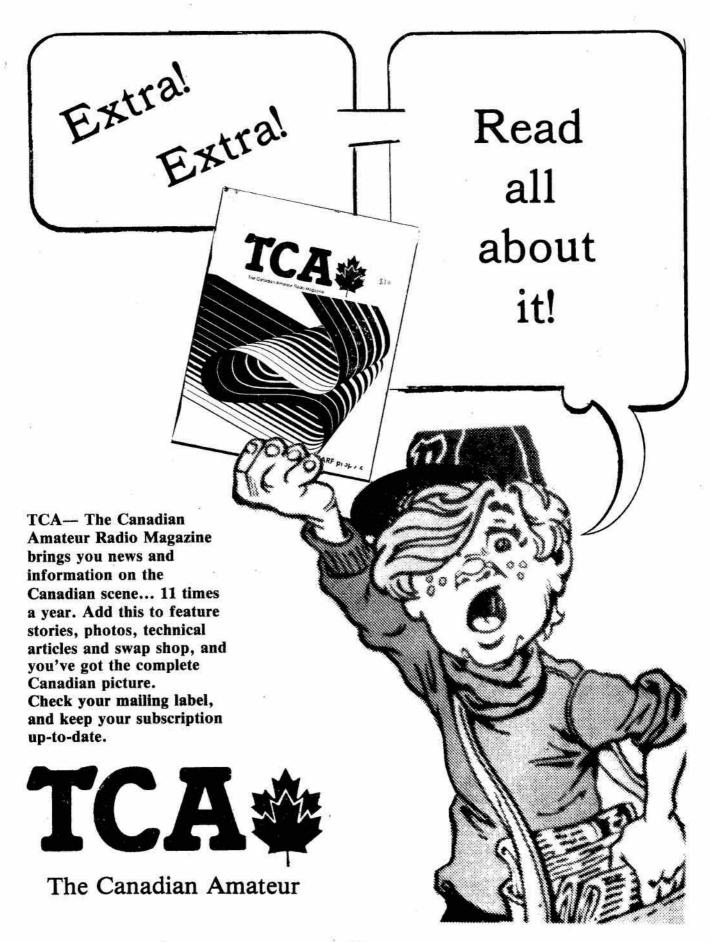
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# Letters:

### **BAND CHART**

As a relatively new Amateur (Fall of 1979) I would like to see TCA print a bar chart of all of the HF bands, showing the preferred operating frequencies, i.e. the regs show only the 'legal' bands, whereas the bands are divided up for CW, phone, DX window, RT-TY, etc.

Some months back, TCA printed a bar chart for the forty metre band. I have a photocopy on the wall of the shack. Very useful. Another newcomer mentioned the above to me, so I'm not alone.

If you could print the bands on one page, with any special notes, then it could be photocopied.

Stu Taylor VE1BTZ Good idea Stu. I will try to accommodate you in the near future.

Here it is the 5th of December and my November issue of TCA hasn't arrived yet. Remember that rash promise in the last issue that we would get the November issue by the middle of November, pronto, forthwith, etc.

Well now I finally got so frustrated that I tied a figure eight in the cat's tail, pulled all the feathers out of the rooster's head, grabbed the wife by the bugle and led her three fast laps around the house then sat down to pen you these few lines.

Now don't blame it all on the posties as they have enough troubles with putting up with their raises and such.

A noble suggestion from us westerners would be to move CARF further west, say around the Alberta oil fields, then it wouldn't be so far to send it; on the other hand you could put another press here in Vancouver and we poor Westerners could print up our own TCA.

Trusting you will find time to print my copy of TCA and forward it as soon as possible as it would save my wife a lot of embarassment and my rooster would thank you too.

C.M. (Ches) Allen VE7CMA Maple Ridge, B.C.

OK, Ches. I won't blame it all on the post... most of it, but not all of it. Although our readers have, for the most part, put up with all the nonsense, it is not fair to allow it to carry on much longer. There are only two 'paid' positions in TCA: one is the advertising rep, Don Slater VE3BID, who is also president of CARF, and the production man, Steve Campbell. Neither of them will get rich on what they are making off TCA. The rest of us are not paid. C.A.R.F. Publications couldn't afford us and we, in turn, wouldn't take the pay. We have full time jobs, aside from our hobby. We also have families to support and take care of. Our please for help in writing articles for TCA fall on deaf ears. Our printing equipment breaks down, etc., etc. We cannot solve all of our problems, but we are working on some of them. Soon we will be back to normal. Bear in mind that all our work is done by mail. A major disruption there spells disaster for us for months.

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### **AMATEUR CHRISTMAS**

I would like to report that the spirit of 'Ye Olde Fashioned Christmas' is not dead.

Many of your readers will recall the good old days of barn raising, country dances and hay rides, but most of all the old fashioned Christmas parties with real candles on the tree and the exchange of homemade gifts.

Yesterday, Dec. 14, was such a day for members of the Victoria New Horizons Amateur Club and their wives, who enjoyed a Santa Claus breakfast at Paul's Crown House. Each member brought an inexpensive gift which went into Santa's bag, and Santa with the help of his two elves, distributed gifts to all the ladies. Many of the gifts were homemade, reminiscent of the Dirty Thirties whn homemade was a necessity.

The 50 Hams and their XYLs attending represented several hundred years of Christmas experiences as well as a few hundred years of Amateur Radio expertise from the days of the spark gap to the modern day computers and microprocessors.

In addition to the many excellent gifts for the ladies, Vancouver's electronic dealers, Glenwood Trading, Dollard Electronics and R. Mack and Co., supplied valuable door prizes for the Hams. We owe them a vote of thanks.

I would like to end this letter by saying that this is the third time I have written without success to have a notice published in TCA asking other New Horizon Amateur Radio Clubs in Canada to write and let us know how their club was formed, what equipment is being used, activities and membership, etc. and forward it to me at the address below.

We now have a membership of

60 and our periodic breakfast meetings with the XYLs makes our club activities much more interesting. It also enables us all to talk about the 'old days'.

Eric Colmer VE7CCJ 1236 Chapman St. Victoria, B.C.

Third time lucky, Eric. Sorry for the other two tries. I don't really remember getting them, but I see so much it is hard to keep track of it all.

### PEI BREAKFAST

Thank you for bringing to the attention of your readers our 'Breakfast Get-togethers'. I wish to report that the Charlottetown ARC holds these informal gatherings each Saturday morning at 10 a.m. local time at the Kirkwood Motel and during the summer months, meetings are also held on the third Saturday, same time and place, and not on Sundays as reported.

These get-togethers are, as you reported, open to all Amateurs and their families.

I would like to add to your mention of the Sunday night VHF net run by the PEI Amateur RA that it is held at 9 p.m. local time with net controller the very capable 16-year-old Mike VE1CCO.

Dave MacLean VE1BPZ Secretary CARC Charlottetown, PEI



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Well, here we are back again after another short absence. All in all, there has not been a lot of news coming this way since before the holidays. However, here's what I have received via the mail and on the air.

First, from Geoff VE3KCE in Aurora, Ont. via the Chicken Junction Net on 75 metres, comes a change in the Campbellford repeater VE3KBR. It has changed frequencies and now operates with an input of 147.99 and an output of 147.39. It is working quite well, and I can hit it here from my OTH.

From Terry VE8TF comes news of the first two-metre repeater in the Northwest Territories. VE8YK is on the air in Yellowknife on 146.340/146.940. The repeater is situated on the highest building in the NWT, on the Cominco Robertson Shaft and is about 265 feet above ground level or 350 feet above Great Slave Lake. Autopatch facilities are being considered for the future.

Mel VE2DC sends in some information on a new Montreal area repeater. VE2CAR is on the air from Ste. Martine, Quebec with an input of 147.345 and an output of 147.945. It has a power output of about 150 watts erp and covers the West Island area as well as Chateaugay, Beauharnois, Ste. Martine and Valleyfield. The antenna is a 4-bay dipole and is

about 275 feet above sea level.

Fred VE3GCA advises that VE3DRW in Hamilton as changed call signs and is now VE3NCF. It is still operating from the same location, and they hope to be installing a new 'Spectrum SCR100' repeater by the end of 1981 (should be in now!). The new repeater will operate for at least a few months without any links or

phone patch, but these may be added later.

Well, that's it for this report. I plan to publish a repeater list in June. To do that, I must have any changes or additions in to me no later than the 1st of April. Please send them to me, or catch me on the air on the Chicken Junction Net (3790) or the Quebec Radio Net (3775) most evenings.

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This month I enter the computer age. This is the first of what I hope will be many columns written and edited on an Apple II micro-computer. With the word processing program that I am using now, and a PASCAL-based filing program, I believe that I can make the column far more comprehensive, and include far more DX information and much more current QSL data than I have been able to so far.

Conditions have remarkably good on the low bands, 40, 80 and 160M. 40 metres at times sounded like 20M (if one discounts the BC QRM), with signals blasting in from all over Europe. On 80M, during the Canada Contest on Dec. 27, I was running Europeans faster than Canadians, and I just couldn't believe the signal strengths. 160M has been very productive and several Europeans and a North African station (EA9) were worked recently. The European countries included: EI, YU, GD, G, GW, DL and HB9.

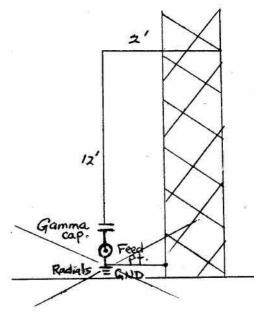
The antenna I use on 160M, by the way, is a shunt-fed 115-ft. tower which, as close as I can guesstimate, appears to be about 3/8 wavelengths high on that band, the additional electrical length being a function of the toploading effect of the yagis on the tower.

The ground system for the tower is right into the water table, and there is an adequate radial system consisting of 8 1/4

wavelength long pieces of No. 19 wire. Although normally a rather noisy receiving antenna, this vertical appears to be quite quiet, probably due to the absence of any man-made noise in the rural environment.

Brian Summers VE3JKZ also uses a shunt-fed tower on 80 metres. His tower is 48 feet high with a Hy-Gain TH3 on top, and radials run wherever he can get them on his 60x100 foot city lot and, thanks to cooperative neighbours, onto their property as well. Running between 400-500 watts, Brian has had incredible success working DX on 80M, having worked some 95 countries so far. A cross section of what he has worked in recent months include: C5, EA9, FO, FW, HC8, J5, JA, KH6, KL7, SV, VK, VK9, T2, T30, ZK2, ZL, ZS, 4X4 and 6W8. All in all, a very impressive list.

As Brian points out, it is possible to work DXCC on 80M with a modest station. All that is really required is determination, patience and a good knowledge of propagation (grey-line). For anyone who has wanted to try DXing on 80M but has been deterred by a limitedsize city lot and a relatively short tower, I strongly urge you to try this method of shunt-feeding your tower. It will outperform an inverted V (sorry, make that an inverted dipole) at 45-50 feet, and is very easy to do. It may take a while to fine-tune the system, but the basics can be done in a few hours once the hardware has been accumulated.



A piece of copper pipe that will support the gamma-rod, or wire, is clamped to the side of the tower at the 12-foot mark. One could use an elbow and extend the copper pipe down as the gamma-rod, but a 12-foot piece of shorted RG-8, 11, 213 or 214 will do just as nicely. The gamma capacitor can be anything from an air-variable to a piece of coax. I prefer using the inherent capacitance of a piece of coax because it is cheap and readily available. Capacitance values per foot of various types of coax are available from tables in many electrical handbooks, including the ARRL Handbook.

The transmission line may be 75 ohm or 50 ohm coax. Make sure that you run a piece of wire from the ground side of the feedpoint to the base of the tower. This will cut down on some of the

ground losses which may occur between these two points.

For a radial system, use whatever you can squeeze into the space available to you. Obviously, the closer to an electrical ¼ wavelength in length, and the greater the number, the greater the efficiency of the antenna, but also remember there is a law of diminishing returns. Two to four radials will certainly get you going.

Matching the antenna to the transmission line is done by simply trimming the gamma-capacitor (if coax), or adjusting the airvariable, until the lowest SWR exists.

The usable bandwidth of the antenna is not tremendous, but if you centre the phone portion around 3780, and then cut a second gamma-capacitor for CW, tuned to about 3515, and use a relay to select between the two gamma-capacitors, then at a flip of a switch in your shack you will be able to work SSB or CW in the DX segments of 80M in each mode. One word of caution: if your tower is more than a couple of years old, and if you don't like neighbours complaining of Hi-Fi interference, then it's worth the extra time to run a piece of wire from the top of the tower to the bottom along each leg.

Above, I described a technique for shunt-feeding towers, using 80M as the resonant band. The same method may be used on either 40 or 160M. On 40M, place the gamma-rod one foot out from the tower, and the gamma capacitor should be about ½ the value as that for 80M. The gamma rod will also be ½ as long, i.e. 6 feet... this is one time that a lower tower has a better chance of success.

If your tower is higher than 45 or 50 ft., physically, then by the time you figure the increased electrical length due to such things as the capacitive loading of the beam, or quad, 2M antenna(s), etc. and the diameter of the tower, you

may find that it is greater than 5/8 wavelengths high. It has been my experience that a vertical antenna any greater than that begins to demonstrate a poorer performance. Similarly, a tower may be fed for 160M. Again it is really only the dimensions that change. Ball-park figures would be: gamma rod-24ft. long, 4 ft. out from the tower and a gamma capacitorabout 42 ft of RG-11.

The problem with short towers on this band is obvious. Not only are they physically short, but electrically short as well. You may end up with an antenna which is about 1/8 wavelengths long on 160M. This means that the radiation resistance will be very low, and the antenna will be rather inefficient. Nevertheless, the antenna will work, and get you out on 160. Elsewhere in this column is a 160M band plan, for those of you who are unfamiliar with the band.

On Dec. 31, 1980, the continental U.S. chain of Loran-A stations shut down. Loran stations are still active on a frequency of 1950 kHz in Eastern Canada, and probably will remain operational until the end of 1982.

Since June 10, 1981, U.S. Amateurs have had full Amateur privileges on the 1800-1900 kHz segment, including full 1KW input power privileges. In Canada, we are still restricted in both power and frequency spectrum, as outlined in Part 2 of the radio regulations. Hopefully we will be given the same rights as our American counterparts when our East coast Loran chain closes down at the end of this year.

A very effective short range band during daylight hours, the entire characteristics of the band shifts with the coming of nightfall, especially during the Winter months and during the years of minimum sunspot activity. Strong signals can be heard from hundreds of miles away and on many nights of the month DX is possi-

ble. Because the signal strengths of DX transmissions on 160M are so weak, DX Windows have been created. These DX windows are frequencies in which no North American transmissions are made, providing a QRM-free 'window' through which the N.A. stations can 'see' the DX. It should be pointed out that these quiet frequencies are observed by a 'gentleman's agreement' and that there are no radio regulations governing them. However, unless you are looking for a real earful from some ardent 160M DXer, I suggest in the strongest terms that you observe them. The DX station will advise people listening in the window where he is listening, usually using either QSX, followed by a frequency, or QSU followed by a frequency. Most DX on 160M is on CW but, if conditions are good enough, most stations will switch to SSB upon request (bearing in mind any licence restrictions). Of course, Canadian Amateur Class licensees may now use A3 on 160, which is something to keep in mind for a few years down the road, when 10M dies completely.

The following is a list of the normally observed modes and DX Windows on 160M:

1800-1810: CW only

1810-1825: SSB

1825-1830: DX Window (mainly for Europe- outside USSR)

1830-1850: mixed, CW & SSB

1850-1855: DX window, USSR and satellites

1855-1900: SSB

1907.5-1912.5: DX window to Japan

1900-2000: SSB, subject to geographic restrictions.

A good place to check out the band might be during the CQ 160M Contest which starts at 2200Z on Jan. 29, 1982, and ends at 1600Z on Jan. 31, 1982. This contest is very popular, and generates a tremendous amount of activity, so it would be an opportunity to see the band at its best. If

conditions are good, you might even hear some choice DX. Good luck.

### **Bits & Pieces**

BV2A/B Taiwan - Tim Chen is now active on 15 metres. WED. 12-1400 GMT, SAT. 23-2400 GMT and on the following frequencies: 21.030, 21.100, 21.270, 21.300.

D2A Angola - OK3TAB is reported to be returning to Angola about Jan 3 and expects to be there for three months.

Pacific Ocean - PAOGMM will be on an extensive Pacific tour early in 1982. His tentative schedule is Jan. 14-18: KX6; Jan. 20-23: YJ8; Jan. 25-26: C21; Jan. 28-Feb.3: T2. All QSLs go direct to PAOGMM.

C9 Mozambique - SM2DWH/C9 was very active Dec. 19-20/81. He stated that there will be another Swedish operator going there in early Jan. and that he will be there for about one year, active on both SSB and CW. He is reported to be taking a beam and linear, so he should be easy to work. QSL to SM2DWH or via the SM buro.

FB8WG Crozet: Georges has been very unpredictable lately, often keeping a sked and then disappearing immediately after. He has been heard on both 15 and 20M. He is reported to have stated that he will be very active again early in the new year, and since he now has an external VFO, hopefully this means that not all of his activity will be restricted to nets and lists. QSL's go to George de Marrez, Santa Severa, 20228 Luri, Corsica, France. Return of QSL's is reported to be very prompt.

K4YT African Tour: Karl expects to be in TR8 on Feb.2; TN8 on Feb. 9; TL8 on Feb. 16; 9Q5 on Mar. 3; 5Z4 on Mar. 18; S79 on April 2; and ET3 on April 9. QSL for all to W2TK.

KP1 Navassa: Look for a late January or February DXpedition

to this semi-rare Caribbean Is. Apparently 3 separate requests for permission to operate have been received by the U.S. Dept. responsible for the Is. Well-known DX-peditioner KP2A sent one, and one other request comes from the International DX Foundation (IDXF).

LU5ZI S. Shetlands: Ron LU2AH will be on from the S. Shetlands from Jan. 19-Feb. 23. The operation will be mostly SSB, 10-16M. QSL route is not known at this time.

PA0GMM Pacific Tour: T30 from Feb. 5-10 and T32 from Feb. 11-16. Watch 14.200, 21.300 and 28.600. All QSL's go direct to PA0GMM.

S2 Bangladesh: JA8MWU will be in Bangladesh early in 1982 and hopes to be active as S21JA.

T5TI Somalia: Watch 21.295 at 1800Z on Tues., Sat. and Sun. QSL's go to I0SSW. This station is still not being accepted for DXCC.

YI Iraq: YI1BGD is active again. Watch 14.225 LP around 12-1300 GMT. Also watch 14.250, 0700-0900 GMT.

9U5 Burundt: At the present time, the only station that is good for DXCC credit is 9U5WR. Often found at 1900 on 14.028; 1600 on 21.030 and also 1600 on 28.030. QSL's go to SP6FER, although what is happening to foreign mail going to Poland these days is unknown.

9N1MM Nepal: Father Moran is being heard again, having returned from his trip Stateside. Try 14.235 around 0130Z Mon. and Fri. and 14.212 at 0100Z. QSL via N7EB.

The All India Propagation Net meets daily at 1530 GMT on 14.150. The net will pick up DX check-ins at 1550.

QSL	Information
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Station	QSL via
A6XJC	PE0MGM
A9XDO	KA4S
A22GM	N4FD
CN8BX	AK3F
J88AQ	W2MIG

J28DM	F2GA
JW6MY	LA6MY
TJ1GH	DJ6SI
T30AT	G3XZF
T32AF	<b>JAINVG</b>
TU2GA	K9KXA
ZD8BM	ZD8AR
3B8ZZ	K4YT
3C1AB	EA1QF
3V8AA	<b>ISOLYN</b>
5T5RR	F1ANH
5T5ZZ (op:W4LZZ)	W4FRU
YB0ACP	K6MQG
ZD8DM	<b>G4HJV</b>
3D6BS	N7RO
4S7MX	SM3CXS
5B4JE	DF4FX
5N0WRA	DF3FN
5W1DT	AA6AD
8Q7KK	SM2DYS
9X5AP	G3ADC

That's it for this month. Thanks to VE2ZP, Long Skip and DX Report.

### SARC News Award

Audrey Cuthbert VE3ILT has informed us that Jack Botner VE3LNY has once again been selected to win the SARC News Award for his series of articles on apartment antennas. Jack is now twice winner of the award.

Audrey initiated the award last year as an incentive for club members to submit good articles for publication in our club bulletin, SARC News. We were fortunate this year to have several articles that qualified. We appreciate the efforts of all the contributors.

Bob VE3IEL Scarborough ARC News

### MILITARY NET

Attention all ex-Royal Canadian Signals or ex-military men. Tune in to 7.084 (SSB) every Saturday at 0900 EST (1400Z) for the JIMY Net.

THE CANADIAN

# Contest Scene

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### CONTEST CALENDAR February

6-7 RSGB 7 MHz SSB 13-14 YU DX WW CW 20-21 ARRL DX CW 26-28 CQ 160m SSB 27-28 RSGB 7 MHz CW March

6-7 ARRL DX SSB
13-14 RSGB Commonwealth CW
20-21 BARTG RTTY
27-28 CQ WPX SSB
April
3-4 Polish DX CW(?)
10-11 CARF Commonwealth
Phone

17-18 Polish DX SSB 24-25 Helvetia H-26 24-25 H.M. King of Spain Trophy

The second running of CARF's Canada Contest came off quite well, with only one major hitch. Due to the rush to get the November issue together, the rules for the contest were lost, and consequently not published. Fortunately, the good word was spread by the Bulletin service, CANAD-X, CQ, 73, QST and various foreign journals. Participation was reasonably good, but not quite as high as last year. A number of comments to this effect have been seen on logs received thus far.

Repeating his excellent performance of last year, Jim VE5DX broke his year old record of 773k, with an outstanding score of 875k. Jim made exactly 1000 QSOs this year, almost 700 of which were with Canadians. Among the other single op all-band prominents this year were VE7SK, VE7VX,

VE3KKB, VE7AB and others I have forgotten since the contest.

There was plenty of participation by more casual operators this year, helping keep those scores up. In the multi-single class, VE1ASJ, operated by Andy and myself, managed to beat the mark set last year by VE7WJ, with a score of about 687k, managing 131 multipliers. That multiplier score was especially hard work, and may only be beaten by another entrant from the Maritimes, or maybe the West coast or Newfoundland.

Single band types saw most of the heavy competition on 10 metres, where VE6CKW, last year's record scorer, and VE6CNO went head-to-head. CNO's score of almost 39k came dangerously close to CKW's record of 39.1k. There were lots of stations active on 10, 20 and 80, the normal bands where Canadians are to be found and a surprising level of activity on 15 metres. There was very little activity, I'm sorry to say, on either 160 or 80 metres.

Conditions were very good on all bands except 160. There was plenty of backscatter on 10 and 15, and strong coast-to-coast singals on all bands 10-80 metres. At one point, when signals began to sound fluttery on 10 and 15, we at VE1ASJ were getting ready to work some VE3's and VE2's via the aurora on 6 metres. The opening never materialized.

On 160 there were plenty of contacts made among stations in VO, VE1, VE2 and VE3 on one hand, and among VE4, VE5, VE6

and VE7 stations on the other, but I have not yet heard of anyone making a contact from one half of the country to the other. Skeds were arranged, but the band did not seem to be in. VE5DX worked W1 and W3, but not the adjacent areas of this country.

Happily, PEI, NWT and Yukon QSOs were in good supply, thanks to VE1DX, VE1ATJ, VE8XO, VE8BE, VY1CM and VY1DD. VE8XO was quite a serious entrant, all bands, and was quite cooperative when asked to QSY to another band or mode for additional multipliers. Being where he is, however, he was asked about every second QSO to move off to another band. Bulk skeds would be his answer.

Among the comments received in logs so far, there was one plea for some sort of bonus point system to try to equalize propagation advantages. I must say right off that I am opposed to this. I feel if everyone plays by the same rules, the contest will operate in a most fair manner.

Stations who are unable to work the major populated areas on 10 and 20 metres, that is VE2 and VE3, will have to adapt their tactics to their location. If any system of 'bonus points' were to favour any region, I am sure that the others would howl 'unfair'. In point of fact, as most Amateurs in this country are in Quebec and Ontario, the most of the contest activity is on 10 and 20 metres, where working stations less than \$1000-1500 km away is rather hard, any such system of 'bonus points'

would have to favour VE2 and VE3 entrants. Seeing as the fellow who suggested this is in BC, I don't think he or too many others in other regions would go for it.

In the Maritimes, where multipliers are easy, and VE2s and 3s are hard to work, you would have to concentrate your effort on collecting multipliers to put in a winning score. The same holds true for Quebec and Ontario, and possibly Manitoba. From Saskatchewan west, working central Canada on the high bands is duck soup, as it is from eastern Newfoundland. Stations in these regions can't work the multipliers at the extreme ends of the country so easily, but they sure can make the contacts, right VE5DX?

If you apply yourself to working with your strengths and trying to overcome your weaknesses, it may be possible for the winning scores to come from any region, any year. Part of contesting is meeting this kind of challenge. If anyone has any other comments on the contest rules, please send them to me and maybe we will find some truly constructive ideas lurking around out there.

The results for this contest will appear about the time of the Canada Day Contest. In future years, results should follow the contest by about four months of TCA.

Canadian participation seemed to be fairly good in ARRL's 10 metre contest, with VE6OU and VE5XK (the reborn VE4VV) making lots of noise. So far no word of estimated scores has been heard.

Coming up in the next couple of months are the RSGB CW and CARF SSB Commonwealth contests. Hopefully the change of date for the CARF event will result in higher participation. There are official entry and prefix checklist sheets now available, from my own or the committee's address. Rules are unchanged, and hopefully the new weekend is close enough to the equinox that interhemisphere QSOs can be made on

the low bands. A few of the prefixes have changed, however, so don't ignore those V2s and V3s calling you.

There was some comment last vear about the rules calling all of the UK, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands all one call area. The RSGB, whose rules we borrowed, decided that creating separate call areas for each real call area would give too much help to the GD, GI, GJ, GM, GW and GU types, at the expense of everyone else. That seems like a reasonable policy, although I have some suggestions that will be made to help the rest of us make additional bonus OSOs. That will be discussed with our UK counterparts, and any change will be made by both contests together.

The dates for the Polish DX contests are presented, but it remains to be seen whether Polish Amateurs will be allowed to operate by that time. Polish Amateurs have disappeared since martial law was declared, and their reappearance will be subject to how quickly the military feels order has been regained.

The 73 Magazine 40 and 80 metre Phone contest was quite a success, and a good deal of casual Canadian participation was noted. VE5DX went single band 40 and rolled up an impressive 1000 unduped QSOs and 94 multipliers. VE5XK, operating from the same station went full bore on 80, with about 600 QSOs and 64 multipliers. VE2ZP, operated by VE3MHI and I were multi-single both bands, and rolled up almost 1300 QSOs and 166 multipliers.

Among the casual participants were VE7s SK and VX, a large number of VE3s and very few from anywhere else. The contest was lots of fun, and there was lots of good DX to be worked. There is an incentive in the rules to try to make daytime QSOs on both bands, but I feel that this may act to keep down socres in the centre of the continent, where population is more sparce and, correspon-

dingly, daytime activity very low. As it stands, VE4 through 7 and W0 suffer some propagation disadvantages on 40 and 80, and the bonus point idea, while good for activity, is bad for Western scores.

### RSGB COMMONWEALTH CW

Period: 1200z 13 Mar to 1200z 14 Mar

Classes: All or single band, single operator only.

Bands: 80 thru 10 metre bands. It is recommended that contest activity take place in the bottom 30 kHz of each band.

Scoring: Work only stations in the Commonwealth or Mandated territories. Do not work stations in your own call area. 5 pts/QSO. 20 bonus points may be claimed for the first, second and third QSO in each call area on each band. See the rules for CARF's Phone Commonwealth Contest elsewhere in this issue for a list of call areas.

Exchange: RST and serial number.

Entries: Must include dupe sheets, a call area checklist and a summary sheet detailing QSOs, bonus QSOs and points claimed on each band. Separate log sheets must be used on each band. Entries should be received by 17 May 1982 and sent to Dennis Andrews G3MXJ, 18 Downsview Cres., Uckfield, East Sussex, TN22 1Ub, U.K.

Awards: Trophies will go to the first and second place scorers, and certificates will be awarded to the first, second and third place entrants in the U.K. and Overseas, to top scorers in each call area and to the top UK and Overseas single band scorers.

### CO WPX CONTESTS

Period: SSB: 0000z 27 Mar to 2400z 28 Mar. CW: 0000z 29 May to 2400z 30 May.

Classes: Single operator, all bands; single operator, single band, including separate QRP (less than 10w) single op classes; multi-operator, single transmitter; and multi-op multi transmitter. Single op stations may work only 30 hours. Multi-singles must stay on any band not less than 10 minutes, with no exceptions. Multi-multis may only transmit one signal per band.

Bands: 160 thru 10 metre bands, with the exception of the 10 MHz band, if it is available by this time.

Scoring: 0 points for QSOs with other Canadians. On 14/21/28 MHz bands, 2 points/QSO inside North America, 3 pt for others. On 1.8/3.5/7 MHz, these values are doubled.

Multiplier: Total of callsign prefixes worked, regardless of band.

Entries: Should include dupe sheets and a summary sheet. Summary and log sheets are available from CQ Magazine for an SASE. Logs must be received by 10 May for the SSB, and 10 July for the CW and sent to: CQ Magazine WPX Contest (indicate CW or SSB), 76 North Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801, USA.

Awards: Trophies are awarded to the top scoring single op, all band, and single op, single band entrants from Canada in the SSB, and for the top single op, all band (offered by CARF) and multisingle in the CW contest. Certificates are awarded to the top scoring entrant in each class in each call area.

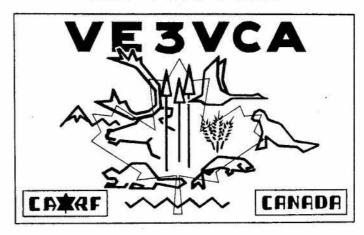
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10	VE2WA	4024
15	VE3JKZ	3590
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27	<b>VE1ASJ</b>	2260
50	VO1HP	1558
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Thanks to VE3JKZ for jogging my memory.

# New CARF QSL card for VE3VCA



There have been several suggestions that the new VE3VCA card be a new, unique Canadian design. When the present stock of cards ran out, a search for a new design was started. The ideals behind CARF and the idea of a purely Canadian organization led to asking John R. Bates to design a new card.

John is the cousin of Ron Walsh VE3IDW and he designed a certificate for the Walsh family. John took the information given and developed the unique design displayed on our cover.

The symbolic Inuit-type art brings in all the natural aspects of Canada from sea to sea. This is superimposed on the red Maple leaf, our Canadian symbol. John's design was submitted to various CARF officials and local Amateurs to see if they like the design. This led to the submission of the design to Bruce McCoy for printing. Bruce did his usual fine job on this card.

John Bates was born and raised in Kingston, Ont. He has worked in a family-owned screen printing business for over 25 years. John and his father, Reg, specialize in the design and manufacture of crests. He enjoys all forms of art, sailing, fishing and hunting (An annual expedition to Northern Ontario with Bert

Walsh VE3KBW to hunt moose and? is an example). John is a GRS operator and a member of the CGRSA.

John said he would invite inquiries from anyone wishing a hand-drawn, personalized card or certificate. He will design the artwork for the Amateur, who can then work with a local printer to have them produced. Requests for crests will also be discussed. Contact John at Screencraft Studio, RR 6 Kingston, Ont. K7L 4V3. 613-542-2711.

### U.S. DROPS PHONE BAND CHANGES

CARF has received a welcome reply from DOC to its letter expressing concern and opposition to the agitation in the U.S. for expanded phone bands on 10, 15 and 20 metres. The Department, after contacting the F.C.C. in the U.S., stated in its letter that it had been informed by the U.S. regulatory body that it has no intention at present of expanding any of the phone band sub-allocations in the Amateur bands.

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### 160M INFO

The Canadian Top Band Net meets every Tuesday evening at 0200 Z on a clear frequency between 1.815 and 1.825 MHz to exchange info on 160 operation. All Amateurs are welcome.

# 220: The Non-Forgotten Band

The 220 band in Canada is currently undergoing some rapid advances in activity. It seems to be on the boom verge that 2 had in the late 60's.

The introduction of the digital certificate has not generated too many new people on the VHF bands, but instead, as a fallout of the controversy surrounding its introduction, interest has been kindled in the existing Amateur population.

There are several 220 MHz FM repeaters in operation with 223.34/224.94 being available in Ottawa, Waterloo ont., Winnipeg and possibly in B.C., with others accessable from other Canadian locations. Terry VE3CAB and associates are about to open up a

repeater on 223.28/224.88 in Toronto and Collingwood, Ont. Diz VE3ZK and the VE3TTT group in London are actively building a machine on 223.18/224.78 MHz. There are four other areas in Ontario that have or will have active machines shortly that I know of.

On my latest western trip, I was quite pleased to find VE5WJ and others have the band active in Regina and the Winnipeg group with Tom VE4MJ and their 220 FM repeater VE4TTR are actively pushing 220 there.

Larry VE3QB and others are busily linking Ottawa to southern Ontario digitally and the Carleton University ARC VE3OCU, home of the VE3TCA bulletins, in conjunction with the Montreal group have linked Ottawa and Montreal. Montreal, of course, seems to be very active on 220 digital.

On the west coast, Doug VE7APU and others have at least one digital network in the Vancouver area.

I've heard rumours that the East coast is far from being dead with Randy Smith and others active on several modes.

No doubt there are other pockets of activity out there that have not heard about and I invite them to write to TCA and toot their horns about activity on the non-forgotten band.

Craig Howey VE3HWN

# Check your TV Cable system

By George Acton VE3EQH

Cable TV is a popular source of entertainment these days, particularly if your TV is equipped with a converter that provides many more channels for your enjoyment.

But like many other things, you don't get something for nothing; this rule applies also to radio frequencies and their use. Contrary to what a local group is saying, radio frequencies are not public property. Because transmissions may cross many international boundaries, use of radio (or TV) frequencies must be coordinated by international agreement. This is done through the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) in Geneva, Switzerland, of which Canada, the USA and many other countries are members.

Radio Frequencies are assigned within bands allocated by the ITU for such services as broadcasting, navigation, air safety, police and fire departments, Amateur radio, and many others. Broadcasting, in turn, is further broken down into AM and FM radio frequencies and TV channels. The latter assignments are numbered 2 to 6 and 7 to 13. There are only so many available and when they have all been used, there are no more.

With a TV cable system, additional channels (frequencies) belonging to others can be used providing they don't leak out of the cable. If they can leak out, others can 'leak' in and we wind up with a mess of interference problems- interference to those who actually 'own' the frequencies by TV transmissions and interference to TV programs caused by transmissions from these 'owners'. And none of this interference can be blamed on the station to which the frequency was assigned; he is using it legitimately. Sometimes the cable itself is the culprit.

So the next time you experience

interference on your favorite cable TV channel, don't assume it is being caused by that Amateur radio operator in your area; he's probably even more aware of interference problems than you are. Call your cable TV company and ask them to investigate. It could be nothing more than a loose connection at an outside junction box.

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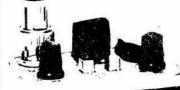
### RUSSIAN SATELLITES

Six Russian satellites, RS3 through RS8, were launched on Dec. 17. Orbiting 1700 kilometres altitude, their beacon frequencies are: RS4 on 29.360 and 29.403 megs; RS6 on 29.411 and 29.453 megs and RS8 on 29.461 and 29.502 megs. Terrestrial station interference will be a problem when their transponders are activated, according to HR Report. Look for more info in the next TCA. CARF News Service

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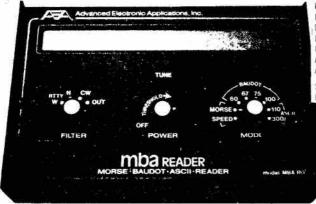
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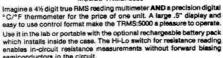
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# New money for Quebec Space Program

The space industry in Quebec will receive a major injection of new money with the federal government's approval of a \$132 million addition to Canada's space program over the next four years, federal Communications Minister Francis Fox announced recently.

Fox said that more than 75% of the new funding involves major new satellite and technology development programs managed by DOC. More than one half of the new DOC money for industrial contracts will be spent in Quebec and more than half of the new jobs created will also be in Quebec.

The new space program additions "will create one of the largest high technology programs of any kind being carried out in Canada. The federal government regards this program as an excellent investment in Canada's high technology future, in terms of both domestic and export markets, and in terms of creating knowledge-intensive jobs."

Fox also said, "The new program is expected to lead directly to more than 1,000 new high tech jobs in the space industry by 1985, on top of the present level of 2,500."

The Minister said that this new program will be of major consequence to Spar Aerospace's Ste. Anne de Bellevue facility. "Many of the new jobs will be created here because this is where Spar developed the expertise and capability for providing the overall systems concepts for new satellites and where it manufactures much of the new space hardware."

The funding includes \$17 million for engineering and

econimic studies for a mobile satellite (MSAT) which would, if built and launched, provide new communications services for the growing number of mobile communications users in Canada, such as ships, aircraft and motor vehicles for resource industries, telephone companies, the government and the general public. A final decision to go ahead with the MSAT program will await government consideration of these studies.

Fox said the federal government's support of such a major project— the MSAT would be a world's first— would not only respond to national needs, but could lead to international sales for Canadian industry.

The demonstration satellite system could cost about \$400 million and be launched by 1987. A recent survey of potential users shows a demand for MSAT services by the year 2000 of 140,000 user terminals in Canada. The projected world demand for this type of satellite and terminal is estimated to be in the many billions of dollars in the next 20 years.

"Canada would be in an ideal position to capture a significant amount of the world market, especially since we have a solid base of satellite expertise to draw on, with 20 years of cooperation by government and industry."

"It will also establish the Canadian claim to our share of the limited UHF frequencies and orbital positions for a mobile communications satellite system," Fox said.

\$68 million has been allocated

for L-SAT development and manufacturing. The L-SAT, or large communications satellite, program is being carried out by the European Space Agency with British Aerospace as prime contractor. Canada's Spar Aerospace would be a major sub-contractor and Com Dev will provide specialized components for the spacecraft.

The L-SAT program is designed to produce a next-generation commercial spacecraft capable of carrying a range of communications and other payloads.

Canada's contribution would enable Spar to build the spacecraft's solar array and have a major responsibility for the final integration and test of the spacecraft at the David Florida Labratory at the DOC's research centre.

"Our participation in this program is vital to Canada's credibility for future high technology programs with Europe," Fox said.

Among the benefits to Canada are obtaining access to use of the L-SAT on favourable commercial terms; follow-on sales of subsystems to other users of L-SATs, follow-on sales of integration and test services and a closer relationship between Canadian and European space firms and customers for space hardware.

\$18.8 million is intended mainly for subsystem development, which will provide continuing manufacturing work, primarily at Spar. The funding will enable Spar to develop highly competitive and marketable satellite sub-systems and components.

\$6 million is allocated to

research and development of new components for communications satellite systems- such as second generation 12-14 GHz transponders for both fixed service and direct broadcast applications; 20-30 GHz transponders, antennas, low cost message, TV and radio terminals. Canadian companies which may benefit include Spar, Com Dev, SED Systems, Raytheon Canada Ltd., Canadian Astronautics, AEL Microtel. among others.

Half a million dollars will be used for continuation of some Anik B pilot projects funded by DOC until commercial services in the 12-14 GHz band become available in Fall 1982 with the launch of Telesat Canada's Anik C satellite.

# Can RF be healthy?

For some time there have been reports and rumours about possible harmful effects of UHF on the health of people working close to equipment for long periods of time. But the biological effects of RF may not be all bad, as I recently learned fom a medical scientist at Queen's University, Kingston, Ont.

Dr. C. Romero-Sierra has been studying the effects of VHF (27 MHz) radiation on the healing time of skin wounds in animals. In studies extending over seven years so far, he has applied the field between two plate-electrodes held a half cm. from the wound within 12

hours of the time the wound was made. After only 24 hours, the wound healing process was one to two days more advanced than in the controls (no RF).

Unfortunately, in the papers I read, no mention was made of the strength of the field. But who knows... maybe CB really does have something going for it, and maybe ten metre buffs operating close to unshielded rigs might be more unblemished than they thought, hi.

Don VE7AKU Zero Beat, Victoria SW Club

### Book Review

By H. Bernard Sax VE3JBU

10-Meter FM for the Radio Amateur by Dave Ingram K4TWJ (published by Tab Books Inc. 1980) 140 pages.

As the title states, this book provides an introduction to 10-metre FM operation.

10-FM activity has been growing steadily since early 1979. 10-metre FM occupies the 29,500 to 29,700 kHz range with most listening done on the International Direct Frequency of 29,600 kHz. Once a contact has been made, the participants usually move to an unoccupied 'channel'.

At first, most Amateurs operating 10 FM used modified commercial equipment, modified Amateur equipment and converted CB sets. In 1979 Comtronix Inc. started selling the Comtronix 80, an 80 channel, 10-metre FM transceiver, complete and ready to operate. (For a review of the Comtronix, see Ingram's article in the Nov. 1979 issue of 73 Magazine. The last time I checked, the Comtronix could be ordered for about

\$200 US from the manufacturer.) Also in 1979, other manufacturers added FM capability to their HF rigs and Yaesu's FT901-DM offered 10 FM as a standard feature.

Like 2 metres did, ten metre repeaters are springing up with some areas having 2-to-10 metre links. 10 FM has 100 kHz repeater input/output spacing (for example, input 29,540 kHz, output 29,640 kHz) and whether operating repeater or simplex, the DX activity can be quite surprising.

Most 10 FMers run between 10 and 50 watts with DX band openings usually occuring in late mornings or late afternoons. Antennas chosen to work 10 FM vary from triband beams to verticals to longwires matched by a tuner as well as other variations.

Inram's book contains nine chapters as follows: 1) Introduction to 10-Metre FM, 2) The Assets of 10 Metres including propagation overview, equipment resources and antenna factors, 3)

operating on 10 FM, 4) 10-Metre FM Equipment, 5) Remote Bases and Repeaters on 10 FM, 6) Antennas for 10 FM with information on beams, wires, helical-element minibeam, minicurtain, knapsack dipoles and modified CB beams, 7) FM Theory, 8) Medium Scan TV and 10 FM, and 9) 10 FM Accessories such as antenna tuners, encoders/decoders and frequency counters.

It is a well-written book full of information for those interested in and those operating on 10-Metre FM.

### SATELLITE INFORMATION

For up-to-date info on AM-SAT, European and Russian satellites, tune in to the AMSAT Nets. The Eastern one meets every Wednesday at 0200Z (tuesday p.m. in North America) followed by the Mid-Continent AMSAT Net at 0300Z and the Pacific net at 0400Z. All use the same frequency, 3850 kHz. Control station for the Eastern Net is WA2LOO.

# In Defense of Contests

### An open letter to Gordy Webster VE7BIR

Gordy:

I read your letter in October TCA, and I must disagree with you on every charge you have made against contests.

First, while it may be true that on almost every weekend there is some sort of contest, there are only two weekends per year when contests dominate all activity on the HF Amateur bands. These are the ARRL Field Day and the IARU Radiosport. On every other weekend it is possible to avoid contest activity. The big DX contests always allocate separate weekends for CW and SSB activity, so one can avoid the hustle and bustle on these weekends by choosing the mode that is not used that weekend. As well, at extreme high ends of each band, there is relatively less contest activity and, correspondingly, more space for the non-contest activity. Most of the smaller contests attract a more specialized following, and activity is usually restricted, by suggestion, to specified parts of each band.

As for your charge that improper procedures are used by contest operators, that is resoundingly false. If one uses unorthodox or confusing procedures, how can you expect to make thousands of contacts in a matter of a few hours?

While it is true that contesting requires very efficient and specially adapted techniques, so does every aspect of Amateur Radio. Other experimental fields like meteor scatter or EME use

specially-adapted techniques to make their contacts. Packet Radio users define their own techniques or protocols, and contesters have adapted themselves to find the most efficient means of making their contacts. Any form of experimental radio requires its own unique operating techniques. The ten minute monologue has no place in the world of 3000 QSO weekends.

Four contests per year are not enough, as different contests have different objectives, and articulate interest in different aspects of our hobby. The big DX contests promote world-wide communication on all bands, and encourage all the learning about radio that that involves. Contests like the Canada Contest which encourages contacts with one country generate interest in operating awards like the Canadaward. All contests promote individual learning of techniques for efficient processing of information, so essential in emergencies.

I have not read the rest of the text from which you pull the line "pleasure and public service", and I suspect it does not exist. In any set of radio regulations I have read, those words do not appear. Even if they did, noone can argue against the pleasure of contest work. On big contest weekends, the bands fill up with thousands of signals, all making contest-style contacts, so they must therefore find some sort of pleasure or

satisfaction in making these contacts.

As for public service, what could be more beneficial to the public than a fleet of very capable Radio operators, with high-performance radio stations, capable of spending hours efficiently processing information? How can the self-training and education functions of contests do anything but help our society? You may disagree, but I say there is nothing wrong with people bettering themselves, while doing something they enjoy.

As for your charge that contesters will not stop to handle emergency traffic, where is your proof? Have you ever tried to pass some sort of emergency message to a contester and been told to go away? (Yes! Ed.) As there have been very few disasters over the few years where Amateur Radio played a premier role in communications, fewer still on the Field Day or IARU contest weekends (the only contests capable of dominating all activity), and fewer still in Victoria B.C., I suspect your statement was merely an impression based on a negative opinion rather than being based on any sort of experience.

As for the mystical 'code' you refer to, I never remember taking any such oath. Even so, I suspect that contesters, among the most active Amateurs, would be the first to speak up for its principles. I believe that a well-trained contest

operator, with his efficient and effective station would be more useful in time of need than a more relaxed, casual operator with a poorer station and a lessened capacity to analyze situations. I can't dispute the pleasure to be found in nice, long ragchews, but that is only one small part of Amateur Radio. Amateurs of different interests should be able to coexist, despite their differences, without conflict.

Please remember why the Amateur bands are so crowded during Contest weekends. Thousands become active in pursuit of a common general goal, that of achievement. That achievement is often uniquely defined by each individual. A contest can take over a band because there are more people contesting than not contesting. That situation puts non-contesters, as a minority, in a position where they have to bend their operating habits to a temporary situation, dictated by the majority. When the contest ends, other non-contest activity will take over, assuming its role as the majority. I think it is a tribute to other interests that they are able to change in reaction to changed conditions of activity, and they are still able to enjoy their interests during contest weekends.

I am willing to say that the benefits of Contesting, insofar as it encourages learning about radio, operator self-training and experimentation outweigh whatever short-term inconvenience is caused to other interests.

Most interests in radio are able to use the forum of a contest to their own advantage. DXers are able to find new countries when they normally might not be active. Traffic handlers are able to improve their personal operating efficiency. Experimenters with new transmission techniques, such as 'spread spectrum' or coherent CW can use the contest as a real-life laboratory to prove the value of their experiments under conditions of extreme crowding and high

signal levels. Everyone who wants to can use the contests to learn, and by learning we all gain.

I have set out to disprove the allegations you made against contesting, Gordy. As you can see, I feel very strongly about my chosen field in the hobby, and I become resentful when someone tells me I am doing something wrong, and should limit my fun to four weekends per year. Tirades do noone any good, except the author. I see contests as a progressive force in Amateur Radio, to be respected and encouraged. Everyone, even you, Gordie, can learn by doing new things. If you cannot respect contesting for any of the reasons I have described, perhaps you will respect contests as an aspect of the hobby that has been part of Amateur Radio much longer than you have.

Thanks for inspiring me to write this letter. You have given me the opportunity to sort out a lot of the feelings I have had about my hobby.

Dave Goodwin VE2ZP If all the different operating activities of the Amateur fraternity decided to operate on one weekend, there would be wall-to-wall chaos. It is necessary to use restraint in organizing events. We have only so much bandspace for too many Amateurs. Not everyone wants to ragchew, or contest, or handle traffic. Making room for all of our activities is impossible as long as one group decides that because there is no rule saying they can't do something, the world is giving them the right to do what they want in spite of everyone else.

Restraint! My two cents worth...Ed.

# Norway joins SARSAT Project

Communications Minister Francis Fox said recently that Norway has signed a Memorandum of Understanding to become a participant in the satellite-aided search and rescue system (SAR-SAT) project.

The objective of the project is to use satellites in low polar orbits to help search and rescue teams quickly locate any aircraft or ships in distress. The satellite detects the distress signals and relays the information to a network of ground control stations. Their task is to process the signals, locate the endangered vehicle, and report findings to a search and rescue coordination centre.

Norway is to establish a receiving station in Tromso, in the northern part of the country, to cover areas in the Arctic and North Atlantic used by the Norwegian fishing fleet.

Canada, the U.S. and France agreed in 1979 to co-operate in the

SARSAT program. This year, Canadian and French electronic packages will be put aboard U.S. weather satellites for an initial 15-month orbital demonstration and evaluation.

The Soviet Union is participating in a joint evaluation of the system, and will also launch a similar system (COSPAS) that is compatible with SARSAT. Discussions are also underway with Japan and U.K., which have expressed interest.

Experiments by DOC's research centre have shown that such a system could locate aircraft crashes or marine mishaps with an accuracy of 10 to 20 kilometres in a matter of minutes.

"This SARSAT trial could lead to an operational international satellite-aided search and rescue system that will save countless lives, time and resources," Fox said.

### BC Winter Games Award

The city of Trail, British Columbia, Canada will be hosting the BC Winter Games on March 5-6-7-8, 1982. The Beaver Valley ARC will sponsor a special award to honour the evnt, known as the BCWG Award.

To qualify, submit proof of one contact on any of the Amateur bands with any Amateur from the surrounding area. QTHs to look for will be: Trail, Rossland, Castlegar, Nelson, Fruitvale, Montrose and Salmo, B.C., Canada.

This distinctive award, about 8"x10", will be free. Only contacts made from 0001 UTC March 5, 1982 to 2400 UTC March 8, 1982 will be valid. Enclose a copy of your log entry and 3 IRCs to cover mailing costs to: Award, Beaver Valley ARC, Box 413, Fruitvale, BC, Canada V0G 1L0. club patrols for hallowe'en

A few days before Hallowe'en, the Moose Jaw EMO asked the Amateur Radio Club to supply radio-equipped cars to assist police in patrolling the city streets Hallowe'en night. The club members responded with six mobiles complete with operator and driver. Personnel were briefed

### WHERE ARE THEY?

John Nosotti, the Department of Communications, 55 St. Clair Ave. E., Toronto, Ont. M4T 1M2 is trying to trace the following Amateur operators:

VE3EJU Kenneth Johnson; VE3ESL Wm. Robert McCullagh; VE3MLF Michael H. Cotton; VE3MCJ Willie Repluk; VE3GVK Clark J. McCarron; VE3DUQ David Blake Montrait; VE3IBI Barry Collins.

Anyone knowing the present whereabouts of the above is asked to contact Mr. Nosotti (Telephone 416-966-6282) or the CARF Office.

in the EMO office shortly after 2000 hours and the mobiles were assigned to various districts of the city.

A 2-metre base station was set up in the police station and communication between mobile and base was established by 2100 hours. Hallowe'en night was fairly quiet and orderly and very few incidents were reported by the mobiles. Someone driving around the city opened several hydrants and reports of water on the streets

were received. Suspect cars were described to our mobiles and they were requested to remain on duty an extra hour. The Amateur mobiles were on patrol from about 2100 hours until 0100 hours. Members of the Moose Jaw Club who worked on this project were: 5AAB/m& driver, 5QY/m & driver, 5AED/m & 5NG, 5AV/m & 5DW, 5IL/m & VE5AU, 5AAY/m, 5AQ base station.

QSO Newsletter Moose Jaw ARC

### Lady Luck and Eric VE3GGO

Eric's wife read her horoscope in the Star newspaper Nov.2, and insisted that Eric buy a Wintario Lottery ticket on Tuesday, Nov. 3. Eric says, "As I don't believe in these things, I bought one to humour her." Anyway, here is the result.

Her horoscope read, "Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You could hit the financial jackpot. Prizes appear to be part of exciting scenario. Individuals who were neutral regarding your efforts will now become enthusiastic supporters. Family relationships improve, harmony is restored at home."

The headline above the horoscope for Tuesday, Nov. 3 read: "Sagittarius could hit financial jackpot."

The winning ticket number was 553824 for \$100,000 Grand Prize. Eric's ticket number was 553825, a winner for \$5,000, a sum not to be sneezed at. His wife grabbed the \$5,000 and put it in one of those bank certificates where the minimum deposit is \$5,000, as it was her idea. Eric says that he couldn't even get a cup of coffee out of it! Was she wrong as they

missed the jackpot by a single digit? Well, \$5,000 is \$5,000 and that ain't hay!

Eric says, however, the moral of the story is: "Always listen to your wife, even when she's wrong!"

Scarborough ARC News

### TEN MEG BAND TO OPEN SOON

The new 10.1 to 10.150 MHz band was made legal in a number of ITU Region 1 and 3 countries on Jan. 1. Canada will follow suit, hopefully around the end of February or shortly thereafter, according to a DOC official. Preliminary steps have been taken / to promulgate the opening of the new band. Australia, West Germany, the British Isles, one of the Scandanavian countries and some African countries have already opened up the band. The U.S. is having difficulty in doing so as there are commercial and government stations already in this segment of the band. It is unoccupied by any DOC assignments which makes its allocation to Canadian Amateurs free of any such problems.

**CARF** News Service

# DOC proposes changes to Regulations

As a result of recommendations made by Amateurs attending CARF National Amateur Symposiums, the DOC has proposed a number of changes to the regulations. These have been published in the Canada Gazette, Part I, of January 9, 1982. DOC has allowed 90 days from that date for the

mailing of any comments on the proposals.

When reading the frequency schedules which bear the new mode of emission designations, note that the spectrum slice from 221 to 223 is not included as it is reserved exclusively for 'packet radio' in Schedule III which does not change; hence it does not appear in the Gazette notice which shows only proposed amendments.

The French text of the proposed changes is available free to members from CARF, Inc., Box 356, Kingston, Ont. K7L 4W2.

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### DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS

RADIO ACT

Notice No. DGTR-026-81

Proposed Amendments to the General Radio Regulations, Part II (Amateur Service)

The Department intends to amend Part II of the General Radio Regulations governing the Amateur Service in accordance with the attached proposal. The amendments were developed as a result of discussions with amateur associations, clubs and representations received from individual amateurs.

The proposed amendments would:

- (a) permit repeater operation in the 29 MHz band;
- (b) permit slow-scan TV in the HF bands;
- (c) permit 6 MHz bandwidth for television; and
- (d) permit foreign amateurs operating in Canada on the basis of reciprocity to use the 144-148 MHz band.

### In addition:

- (a) emissions are designated in accordance with the new requirements of the International Frequency Registration Board (I.F.R.B.); and
- (b) some of the power restrictions presently applicable to stations operating in the 1.8 to 2.0 MHz band are removed because of the phasing out of all but three Loran "A" stations.

Anyone wishing to respond to this notice should address their comments to the Director, Operations Branch, Telecommunication Regulatory Service, Department of Communications, 300 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0C8. All replies should be postmarked not later than 90 days after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated at Ottawa, this 26th day of December, 1981

JOHN DEMERCADO

Director General Telecommunication Regulatory Service PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL RADIO REGULATIONS, PART II (AMATEUR SERVICE)

- 1. Subsections 43(1), (2) and (3) of the General Radio Regulations, Part II, are revoked and the following substituted therefor:
  - "43. (1) No person shall operate an amateur mobile station on any frequency in the band 1.9 to 2.0 MHz.
- (2) Any person operating an amateur station using frequencies in the band 1.9 to 2.0 MHz at a permanent location in the area set out in an item of Schedule X shall comply with the frequency and transmitter power for day and night operation set out in that item."
- 2. Paragraphs 47(a) to 47(r) of the said Regulations are revoked and the following substituted therefor:
  - "(a) "NON" means an emission that is unkeyed or unmodulated;
  - (b) "A1A" means telegraphy by the on-off keying of an unmodulated carrier;
  - (c) "A2A" means telegraphy by the on-off keying of an amplitude modulating audio frequency signal or by the on-off keying of the amplitude modulated carrier;
  - (d) "A3E" means telephony by amplitude modulation;
  - (e) "A3C" means facsimile by amplitude modulation of a carrier, either directly or by a frequency modulated sub-carrier and includes slow scan television;
  - (f) "C3F" means television by amplitude modulation;
  - (g) "FIA" means telegraphy by frequency shift keying where one of two unmodulated carriers is being emitted at any instant;
  - (h) "F2A" means telegraphy by the on-off keying of a frequency modulating audio frequency or by the on-off keying of a frequency modulated emission;

- (i) "F3E" means telephony by frequency modulation;
- (j) "F3C" means facsimile by direct frequency modulation of the carrier and includes slow scan television;
- (k) "F3F" means television by frequency modulation;
- (1) "PON" means a pulsed emission without any modulation intended to carry information (e.g. radar);
- (m) "K1A" means telegraphy by the on-off keying of a pulsed carrier without the use of a modulating audio frequency;
- (n) "K2A" means telegraphy by the on-off keying of a modulating audio frequency or audio frequencies or by the on-off keying of a modulated pulsed carrier;
- (o) "K3E" means telephony by pulse modulation;
- (p) "K3C" means facsimile by pulse modulation;
- (q) "K3F" means television by pulse modulation; and
- (r) "XXX" means any type of pulse modulation not described in paragraphs (l) to (q)."
- 3. That portion of the French version of section 48 immediately preceding paragraph (a) thereof is revoked and the following substituted therefor:
  - "48. Est habilité à faire fonction d'opérateur d'une station d'amateur quiconque possède"
- 4. The said Regulations are amended by adding thereto immediately after section 48 thereof, the following heading and section:

### "Exemption from Licensing

- 48.1 A foreign amateur is exempt from the requirement to hold a Canadian radio licence while temporarily operating his amateur station in Canada
  - (a) if he is a citizen of a country that grants a reciprocal exemption from licensing to Canadians in respect of their amateur radio stations, and
  - (b) if he is qualified pursuant to paragraph 48(c) or (d) and is authorized pursuant to section 50 to operate an amateur station in Canada."
- 5. Section 50 of the General Radio Regulations, Part II, is revoked and the following substituted therefor:
  - "50. (1) A foreign amateur who is qualified pursuant to paragraph 48(c) may operate his station or a station licensed by the Minister while temporarily in Canada.
  - (2) A foreign amateur who is qualified pursuant to paragraph 48(d) may operate his station or a station licensed by the Minister while temporarily in Canada if the Minister authorizes him, in writing, to operate the radio station.
  - (3) The foreign amateurs mentioned in subsections (1) and (2) shall use while temporarily in Canada the radio frequencies and types of emission authorized under the licences issued by the governments of the countries of which they are citizens, if those frequencies and types of emission are authorized by these Regulations.
    - (4) Without limiting the generality of subsection (3), the

- said foreign amateurs may also use frequencies in the range 144 to 148 MHz with corresponding types of emission as shown in Schedule IX.
- (5) The foreign amateurs mentioned in subsections (1) and (2) shall, in identifying their transmissions, use the call signs assigned to them in their station licences."
- 6. Paragraph 57(b) of the said Regulations is revoked and the following substituted therefor:
  - "(b) permit a person who is qualified pursuant to section 48 to operate his station using only such frequencies and emissions as the licensee is qualified to use or, if the person is not as qualified as the licensee, using only such frequencies and emissions as the person is qualified to use."
- 7. All that portion of subsection 58(1) of the said Regulations preceding paragraph (a) thereof is revoked and the following substituted therefor:
  - "58. (1) Subject to subsection 50(5), the operator of an amateur station shall transmit the call sign assigned to that station"
- 8. Paragraph 59(1)(b) of the said Regulations is revoked and the following substituted therefor:
  - "(b) his station is not used to retransmit types A3E or F3E emissions on frequencies below 28 MHz if such emissions are received from a station that is not authorized to use such emissions on frequencies below 28 MHz;"
- Section 64.2 of the said Regulations is revoked and the following sections and sub-headings are substituted therefor:

### "Frequency and Power Measurement

- 64.2 The licensee of an amateur station shall ensure that his radio station is equipped with a reliable means
  - (a) of determining the operating radio frequency;
  - (b) of preventing or indicating overmodulation in the case of a radiotelephone transmitter; and
  - (c) of measuring the direct current power input to the anode or collector circuit of the final stage where such power input exceeds four hundred watts.

### Occupied Bandwidth

- 64.3 The licensee of an amateur station shall ensure
- (a) that the amplitude modulation of his transmitter does not exceed one hundred per cent or that the occupied bandwidth of his signal does not exceed
  - (i) 6 kHz where A2A, A3E or A3C is authorized; and
  - (ii) 6 MHz where C3F is authorized;
- (b) that when using type F1A emission (frequency shift keying) the occupied bandwidth of his emission does not exceed 900 hertz;
- (c) that the frequency modulated signal does not occupy, except where packet transmissions are used, a bandwidth in excess of
  - (i) 6 kHz where type F2A, F3C or F3E emission is authorized on any frequency below 52 MHz,

- (ii) 15 kHz where type F2A, F3C or F3E emission is authorized in the frequency bands 52 to 54 MHz, 144.1 to 148 MHz, 220 to 225 MHz and 430 to 450 MHz, and
- (iii) 6 MHz where F3F is authorized; or
- (d) that the pulse modulation signal does not occupy a bandwidth in excess of
  - (i) 15 kHz in the frequency band 145.5 to 145.8 MHz, and
  - (ii) 30 kHz in the frequency band 434 to 434.5 MHz. Frequency Stability
- 64.4 The licensee of an amateur station shall ensure that the frequency stability of his transmitter in the frequency bands below 220 MHz is comparable to that which is obtainable using crystal control.

### Carrier Restrictions

- 64.5 The licensee of an amateur station shall ensure that
- (a) the carrier is suppressed during periods of reception when the transmitter is operating on frequencies below 51 MHz except for the frequency band 29.50 to 29.70 MHz; and
- (b) an unmodulated carrier is not emitted on frequencies below 51 MHz except during brief tests and adjustments that shall be terminated by the transmission of his assigned call sign."
- 10. Section 64.3 to 64.5 of the said Regulations are renumbered as sections 64.6 to 64.8 respectively.
- 11. Schedules IV, V, VI, VIII, IX, and X of the said Regulations are revoked and the following substituted therefor:

"SCHEDULE IV

[ss. 52 and 56]

	Column I	Column II	Column III
ltem	Lower Frequency Limit	Higher Frequency Limit	Types of Emission
1	144.000 MHz	144.100 MHz	AIA,
2	144.100 MHz	145.500 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C,
3	145.500 MHz	145.800 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C, P0N, K1A,
4	145,800 MHz	148.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C,
5	220.000 MHz	221.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C,
6	223.000 MHz	225.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C,
7	430.000 MHz	433.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C,
8	434.000 MHz	434.500 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C, P0N, K1A, K2A K3E,
9	434.500 MHz	450.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, C3F, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C, F3F,
9 10	902.000 MHz	928.000 MHz	A3E, F3E,
11	1 215.000 MHz	1 300.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, C3F, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C, F3F, P0N, K1A, K2A, K3E, K3C, K3F, XXX,
12	2 300.000 MHz	2 450.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, C3F, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C, F3F, P0N, K1A, K2A, K3E, K3C, K3F, XXX,
13	3 300.000 MHz	3 500.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, C3F, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C, F3F, P0N, K1A, K2A, K3E, K3C, K3F, XXX,
14	5 650.000 MHz	5 925.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, C3F, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C, F3F, P0N, K1A, K2A, K3E, K3C, K3F, XXX,
15	10 000.000 MHz	10 500.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, C3F, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C, F3F, P0N, K1A, K2A, K3E, K3C, K3F, XXX,
16	24 010.000 MHz	24 250.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, C3F, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C, F3F, P0N, K1A, K2A, K3E, K3C, K3F, XXX,

SCHEDULE V

[ss. 53(1)]

	Column 1	Column II	Column III
tem	Lower Frequency Limit	Higher Frequency Limit	Types of Emission
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ī	1.800 MHz	2.000 MHz	AIA,
2	3.500 MHz	4.000 MHz	AlA,
3	7.000 MH2	7.300 MHz	AIA.
4	14.000 MHz	14.350 MHz	AIA,
5	21.000 MHz	21.450 MHz	AlA,
6	28.000 MHz	29.700 MHz	AlA,
7	50.000 MHz	50.050 MHz	AIA,
8	50.050 MHz	51.000 MHz	A1A, A2A, A3E, F1A, F2A, F3E,
9	51.000 MHz	54.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C,
8 9 10	144.000 MHz	144.100 MHz	AlA,
11	144.100 MHz	148.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C,
12	220.000 MHz	221.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C,
13	223.000 MHz	225.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C,
14 15	430.000 MHz	433.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C,
15	434.000 MHz	450.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C,
16	902.000 MHz	928.000 MHz	A3E, F3E,
17	1 215.000 MHz	1 300.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C,
18	2 300.000 MHz	2 450.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C,
18 19 20	3 300.000 MHz	3 500.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C,
20	5 650,000 MHz	5 925.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C,
21	10 000.000 MHz	10 500.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C,
22	24 010.000 MHz	24 250.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C,

SCHEDULE X Authorized Frequency Bands (MHz) and Transmitter Power in watts for day (dj) and night (n) Operation

1		Column I		Column 11		Column III
2 3.500 MHz 3.725 MHz FIA, 3 7.000 MHz 7.050 MHz FIA, 4 7.100 MHz 7.150 MHz FIA, 5 14.000 MHz 14.100 MHz FIA, 6 21.000 MHz 21.100 MHz FIA, 7 28.000 MHz 28.100 MHz FIA, 8 28.100 MHz 29.700 MHz A3E, F3E,	Item	Lower Fre	equency Limit	Higher Free	uency Limit	Types of Emission
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[ss. 53(3)]			STATES			

SCHEDULE VI

[see section 43]	1.900	1.925	1.975
[see section 45]	to 1.925	1.975	2.000
British Columbia	1000 dj	1000 dj	1000 dj
Alberta	200 n	200 n	200 n
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Saskatchewan	1000 di	500 di	200 n 500 di
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Manitoba	500 di .	250 di	500 di
	100 n	50 n	100 n
Ontario	250 di	125 di	250 dj
North of 50° N. Lat.	50 n	25 n	50 n
Ontario	125 dj	0 -	125 di
South of 50° N. Lat.	25 n		25 n
Province of Quebec	0	0	0
North of 52° N. Lat.			
Province of Quebec South of 52° N. Lat.	0	0	0
New Brunswick	0	0	0
Nova Scotia	0	0	0
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0
Newfoundland (Island)	0	0	0
Newfoundland (Labrador)	. 0	0	0
Yukon Territory	1000 dj	500 dj	1000 dj
District of Mackenzie	200 n 1000 dj	100 n 500 dj	200 n 1000 dj
District of Keewatin	200 п 500 dj	100 n 250 dj	200 n 500 dj
District CD 10	100 n	50 n	100 n
District of Franklin	0	0	0 "

434.000 MHz 1 215.000 MHz 2 300.000 MHz 3 300.000 MHz 5 650.000 MHz 10 000.000 MHz 24 010.000 MHz C3F, F3F, C3F, F3F, C3F, F3F, C3F, F3F, C3F, F3F, C3F, F3F, 450.000 MHz 1 300.000 MHz 2 450.000 MHz 3 500.000 MHz 5 925.000 MHz 10 500.000 MHz 24 250.000 MHz C3F, F3F, "SCHEDULE IX

Lower Frequency Limit Higher Frequency Limit Types of Emission

[ss. 54, 55 and 56]

	Column I	Column II	Column III	
tem	Lower Frequency Limit	Higher Frequency Limit	Types of Emission	-
1	1.800 MHz	2.000 MHz	AIA, A3E, F3E.	
2	3.500 MHz	3.725 MHz	AIA, FIA.	
3	3.725 MHz	4.000 MHz	A1A, A3E, A3C, F3E, F3C,	
4	7.000 MHz	7.050 MHz	AIA, FIA.	
5	7.050 MHz	7.100 MHz	AIA, A3E, A3C, F3E, F3C,	
6	7.100 MHz	7.150 MHz	AIA, FIA.	
7	7.150 MHz	7.300 MHz	A1A, A3E, A3C, F3E, F3C,	
8	14.000 MHz	14.100 MHz	AIA, FIA,	
9	14.100 MHz	14.350 MHz	A1A, A3E, A3C, F3E, F3C,	
10	21.000 MHz	21.100 MHz	AIA, FIA.	
11	21.100 MHz'	21.450 MHz	A1A, A3E, A3C, F3E, F3C,	
12	28.000 MHz	28.100 MHz	AIA, FIA.	
13	28.100 MHz	29.700 MHz	A1A, A3E, A3C, F3E, F3C,	
14	50.000 MHz	50.050 MHz	AIA.	
15	50.050 MHz	51.000 MHz	A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C,	
16	51.000 MHz	54.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C,	
17	144.000 MHz	144.100 MHz	AIA.	
18	144.100 MHz	148.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C,	
19	220.000 MHz	221.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C,	
20	223.000 MHz	225.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C,	
21	430.000 MHz	433.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C,	
22	434.000 MHz	450.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, C3F, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C, F3F,	
23	902.000 MHz	928.000 MHz	A3E, F3E,	
24	1 215.000 <sub>x</sub> MHz	1 300.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, C3F, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C, F3F,	
25	2 300.000 MHz	2 450.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, C3F, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C, F3F,	
26	3 300.000 MHz	3 500.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, C3F, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C, F3F,	
27	5 650.000 MHz	5 925.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, C3F, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C, F3F,	
28	10 000.000 MHz	10 500.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, C3F, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C, F3F,	
29	24 010.000 MHz	24 250.000 MHz	NON, A1A, A2A, A3E, A3C, C3F, F1A, F2A, F3E, F3C, F3F,	

### CARF Phone Commonwealth Contest

When: From 1200z Saturday April 10 to 1200z Sunday April 11, 1982. All entrants may use the full 24 hour period.

Eligible Entrants: Radio Amateurs licensed to operate within the Commonwealth or British Mandated Territories.

Contacts: SSB (A3j) only in the 3.5, 7, 14, 21 and 28 MHz bands. Suggested frequencies are plus or minus 20 KHz of 3600, 3780, 7080, 14180, 21200 and 28480 KHz. Only one contact may be claimed with a specific station on any one band, and duplicate contacts must be clearly marked as such, without claim for points. Contacts may be made with any station using a Commonwealth call sign, except those within the entrant's own call area. UK stations may not work each other for points.

Exchange: A contact consists of an exchange and acknowledgement of an RS report and a three figure serial number, starting at 001 and increasing by one for each successive contact throughout the contest period. Do not send a separate series of serial numbers on each band.

Scoring: Each completed contact will score five points. In addition, a bonus of 20 points may be claimed for the first, second and third contacts with each Commonwealth call area on each band. See the accompanying table for a list of Commonwealth call areas.

Logs: Separate logs are required for each band. Each band log should be separately totalled and should include a checklist of call areas worked on that band. Logs should include, for each contact: Time in GMT, Call sign of station worked, exchange sent and received, points claimed, separate band totals should be added together and total claimed score entered on a summary sheet.

Entries: Entries may be multi or single band. Single band entries should show contacts for one band only. Only single op entries will be accepted. Single op entries are manned by one operator only who receives no assistance whatever during the contest period. Multi band entries are not eligible for single band awards. Each entry will consist of the separate band logs, call area checklists, a summary sheet and dupe sheets.

Entries should be addressed to: CARF Contests and Awards Committee, P.O. Box 2172, Station D, Ottawa, Ont. K1P 5W4. Under no circumstances should entries for the CARF Phone Commonwealth

AZ Botswana A3 Tonga A5 C2 Bhutan Nauru C5 Gambia **c6** Bahamas United Kingdom H44 Solomon Is J3 Grenada J6 St. Lucia J7 Dominica J8 St. Vincent P2 Papua New Guinea 52 57 Bangladesh Seychelles T2 Tuva1u T3 Kiribati V2 Antigua V3 Belize VE1 Maritime Provinces VE1 Sable Is VE1 St. Paul Is VE<sub>2</sub> Quebec VE<sub>3</sub> Ontario VF4 Manitoba VE5 Saskatchewan VE6 Alberta VE 7 British Columbia VE8 Northwest Territories VK1 A.C.T. New South Wales VK2 Lord Howe Is VK3 Victoria VK4 VK4 Queensland Willis Is VK5 South Australia VK6 Western Australia VK7 Tasmania VK8 Nowthern Territory VK9 Christmas Is VK9 Cocos Is Norfolk Is VK9 VK9X Christmas Is. VK9Y Cocos Is. VK9N Norfolk VKO Heard Is VKO Macquarie Is

Contest be sent via RSGB, nor should entries for RSGB's CW contest be sent via CARF. The closing date for entries will be *June 1, 1982*. Official summary sheets are available for an SASE.

Awards: The CARF Phone Commonwealth Contest Plaque will be awarded to the top-scoring entry in the multi-band class. Certificates will be awarded to top-scoring entrants in each class in each Commonwealth call area.

The following are recognized as

call areas for the contest: VKO/VP8/ZL5 and all other calls operated from Commonwealth controlled areas of the Antarctic count as one call area.

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South Georgia
VP8
VP8
         South Orkney Is
VP8
         South Sandwich Is
VP8
         South Shetland Is
         Bermuda
V09
        Chagos
VR6
         Pitcairn Is
VS5
         Brunei
VS<sub>6</sub>
         Hong Kong
VY1
         Yukon
VU2
         India
VU
         Laccadive Is
VII
         Andaman & Nicobar Is
YJ8
            New Hebrides
Z2
           Zembabwe
ZB2
         Gibraltar
ZC4/5B4
        Cyprus
         St Helena Is
ZD7
ZD8
         Ascension Is
ZD9
         Tristan da Cuhana Is
ZK1
         Cook Is
         Manahiki Is
ZK1
ZK2
         Nuie
ZL1
         New Zealand
ZL1
         Kermandec Is
ZL2
         New Zealand
ZL3
         New Zealand
ZL3
         Chatham Is
ZL4
         New Zealand
         Auckland & Campbell Is
7.1.4
ZM7
         Tokelau Is
         Agalega & St Brandon Is
3B6/3B7
3RR
         Mauritius
3B9
         Rodrigues Is
3D2
         Fiji
3D6
         Sawziland
457
         Sri Lanka
5H
         Tanzania
5N
         Nigeria
5W
         Samoa
5X
         Uganda
5 Z
         Kenya
6Y5
         Jamaica
         Lesotho
707
         Malawi
RP
         Barbados
8R
         Guvana
961
         Ghana
911
         Malta
9J2
         Zambia
9L1
         Sierra Leone
9M2
         W Malaysia
9M6/9M8
         E Malaysia
         Singapore
         Trinidad & Tobago
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Falkland Is

Newfoundland

British Virgin Is Turks & Caicos Is

**Anguilla** 

St Kitts,

Montserrat

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VP2E

**VP2M** 

VP2V

VP8

# TCA: Technical Section

# Not Another Keyer?!

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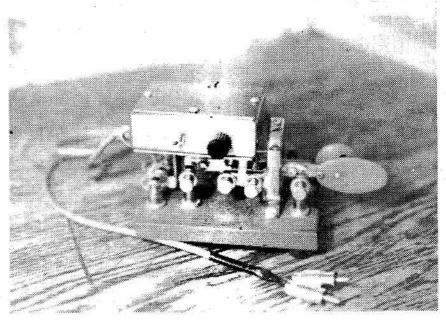
No doubt every Amateur has often sat back and looked at the station operating position with the hope of finding some way to create more space. Usually the most pressing problem is lack of desktop area.

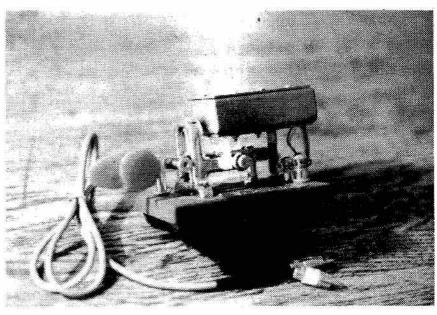
While engaged in just such a pursuit, it occured to me that my keyer was taking prime space, although seldom requiring more than speed adjustment. The obvious answer was to have the controls right at the key lever as in the newer combined key-lever units.

Why not, then, mount either a keyer or its controls onto the present 'Vibro-Keyer' key lever? Since my rig is an Omni, which provides spare 12v jacks on the back, a CMOS circuit was preferred, as CMOS will accept 12v directly. (Could it be sheer coincidence that one of these jacks is located right next to the key jack?)

While there is no lack of keyer circuits available in the various Amateur magazines, fortune took that moment to present just what I wanted, with an article in QST, May 1980. The article is entitled 'The Nor-Gate Break-In'. A logical choice, since the only major active components are two CMOS IC's containing Nor-gates. Basic keyer function is provided, with no 'bells and whistles'. For my purposes the sidetone oscillator was not needed, so was not included.

I used the 2N3906-2N3904 pair as the keying transistors. They are





quite adequate to key the Ten-Tec rigs (and the Kenwood TS-180S). However, before building this circuit for any other rig, the reader should check the keying requirements. I substituted the 3906-3904 pair for the choice in the QST article simply because they are smaller than the 2N4888-2N697 pair and, more importantly, I had them on hand.

Although not mentioned in the original article, and seldom in any article, the parts values given are not carved in stone. In other words, I would suggest that anyone with a modest junk-box (such as my own) try the circuit first in some sort of bread-board version. Use IC sockets, of course, or one of the extremely handy solderless prototype boards. Thus it can likely be made to work with available parts. I'm sure that many Amateurs are discouraged fromn attempting projects in the belief that one must stick slavishly to the values as listed. Within reason, try what you have, it will probably work.

A final comment about the QST article. It is recommended as a fine introduction to IC's for those who, for varying reasons, have tried to ignore their existence.

For a relatively simple circuit such as this, and on a 'one-only' requirement, etching methods were not used. Instead, a circuit board measuring 1½x2½ was prepared using a combination of X-acto knife and hand grinder. This method, for anyone who has not heard of it, requires only a piece of 'perf-board' pre-drilled on .1"x.1" centers, to serve as a drilling guide, some graph paper with the same grid, and the appropriate piece of circuit board material.

The first step is to lay out the circuit on the grid paper. Once that has been finalized, the hole positions are marked onto the perf-board using a felt marker or whatever will show up on the board. Before beginning the marking procedure, a final check

should be carried out to make doubly sure that the 'views' are correct. (It is slightly disconcerting to discover that you have carefully marked the component side layout onto the copper side of the board.)

The marked perf-board is then taped into position on the copperclad circuit board and the hole positions drilled. (I have found that marking and drilling from the copper side tends to eliminate most of the 'burring' that results when drilling from the component side.) Before starting to drill, once again check to see that you have the 'views' correct.

The next step is to remove the perf-board from the copper-clad material and, again using the felt marker, indicate the required tracks onto the copper. Then with the hand grinder or X-acto knife, the copper is removed where necessary. Lo and behold, you have a 'printed circuit board'. You need only remove enough copper to separate the required pads, it is not necessary to remove most of the metal to leave the thin tracks as in the usual PC board. Not as elegant, but certainly easier and less critical.

A potentially painless source of miniature grinding burrs for hand-grinders is one's friendly dentist. To my knowledge, these burrs are used only once and then discarded. Check with your dentist, he may provide you with a few years' supply just for the asking.

Perhaps it bears mention that the perf-board is undamaged and should be usable again and again as you get carried away making your own custom circuits by the hundreds! The use of the perf-board as a drilling guide is not absolutely necessary, but is strongly advised. The alternative requires that you carefully center-punch each hole location and drill to that mark. That can be tedious and chancy, especially when drilling locations for DIP IC's.

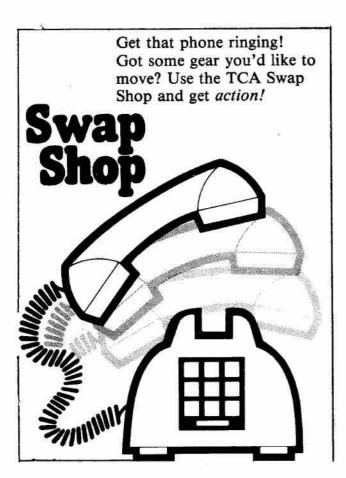
The completed circuit board was installed in a box measuring

3x21/4x1", with a speed control and tune switch included. The box was then mounted onto the key lever as shown in the accompanying photos. A shielded cable runs to the rear of the transceiver to the key jack and +12v jack. The rear mounting bracket doubles as the ground connection, leaving just two wires to be connected, one to the dot and one to the dash posts. The front mounting strap is notched to slip over the keyer frame. Make this strap of Lucite or similar material to prevent scratching of the chrome. The beauty of the mounting method is that it does not require any modification to the key lever and can be detached in seconds.

This keyer is far from the ultimate in circuitry, nor is there anything new in ideas. However, it is a quite reliable keyer and would be great for the sometime CW operator, a spare keyer, or for the cottage. At the same time, some of the construction ideas and PC board techniques may not be known to the newer Amateurs.

While this model was designed for the 'Vibro' lever and mated to the Omni, most rigs will provide some source of voltage for the CMOS circuit. A mounting method for almost any lever could also be derived since the unit weighs next to nothing. In fact, if I can convince a certain SSB op to take a more serious attitude toward CW, I have most of the preliminary work done toward building an even smaller version to mount on her Brown Bros. key lever. The circuit board will be about 11/2x1" double-sided.

Thanks to Shirley VE5ZE for the photography. While on that subject, a first attempt at producing a picture was tried by Roy VE5XS and myself, using a Polaroid camera. The experience quickly resulted in the picture taking costs exceeding the cost of the keyer! The myriad of conclusions to which one could therefore jump absolutely boggles the mind.





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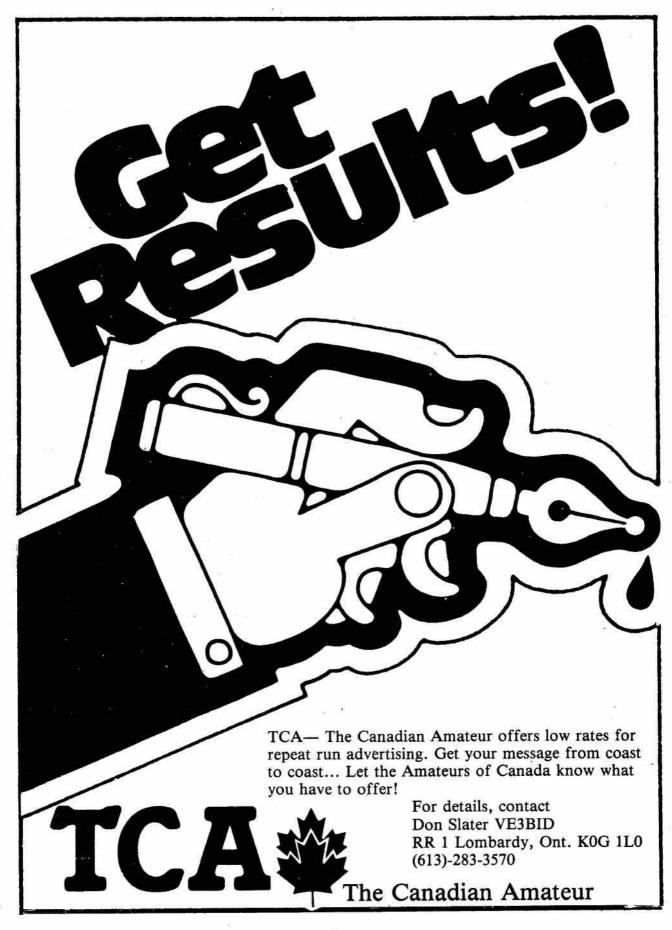
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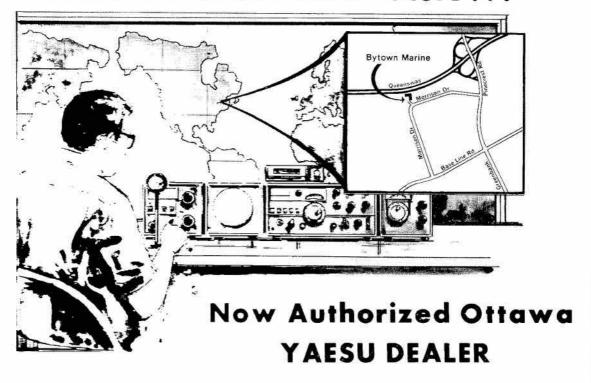
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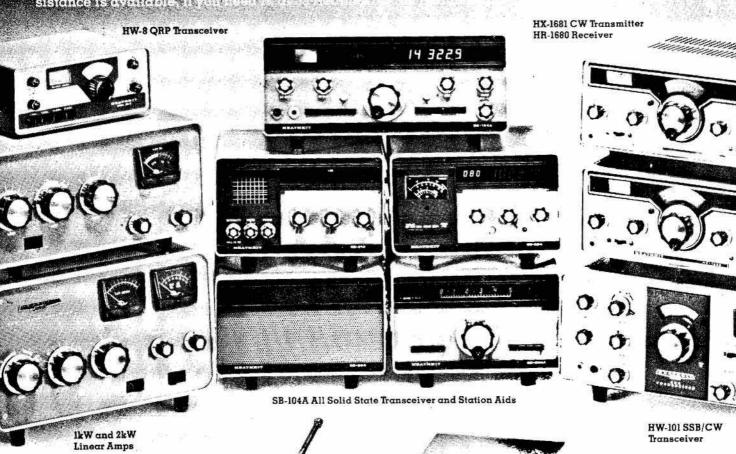


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