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DORIS SAYS "THANKS" AND A FREE BOOK TO THE ABOVE PEOPLE.



This year we are celebrating our 10th ANNIVERSARY in business and 24th VOLUME of "SECRET CB".

We truly appreciate the confidence you have placed in us. As it is the loyalty of our customers that enables us to succeed.

The "SECRET CB" is our PRIDE and JOY. We are happy that so many of our customers have contributed vital information so important to the publishing of this book. We encourage all of you to send in comments, suggestions, and requests for the upcoming volumes. We may not be able to fulfill all your wishes but we will surely try. It helps us to know what is needed.

It has been brought to our attention that most of the radios with uPD2824 chip will need a 'SUPER DIODE' for full frequency expansion when using the Kit #106. VCO varactor must be replaced with a 'SUPER DIODE' in some units.

We have been receiving very good reports on the ANTRON "99" base station antenna. Article on page 14.

We are looking forward to another 10 years!

THE SECRET CB GANG

PS: I am truly grateful to all the readers and contributors who have made this 10th anniversary worth celebrating.

THANK YOU!

Doris Selman

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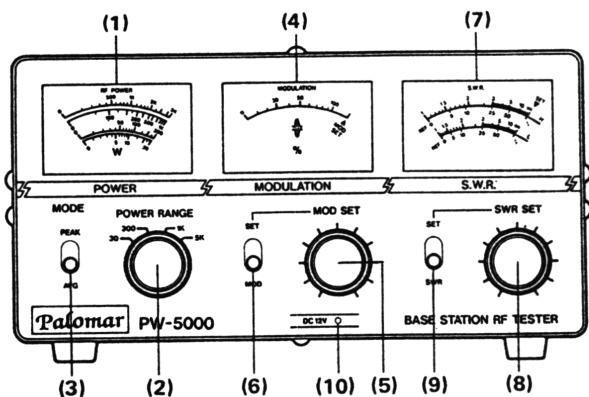
PW-5000

INLINE WATTMETER

The model PW5000 is a high quality test instrument for measuring the performance of all HF radio stations. The PW5000 simultaneously measures: 1-transmission output power 2-AM percent modulation 3-antenna SWR through 3 separate meters.

The PW5000 employs a newly designed low-loss transient type power meter. It may be permanently kept "in-line" for continuous monitoring.

Description of panel controls



- (1) Power meter
Measures RF transmission on four separate ranges 30w, 300w, 1kw, 5kw to full scale.
(2) Power range switch
4 position switch selects any of the 4 power ranges.

(3) Mode switch

Selects either average power (AVG) readings or modulated peak power, PEP (PEAK) readings. PEAK reading is used in SSB or AM mode only.

(4) Percent modulation meter

Displays an AM transmitters percentage of modulation.

(5) MOD SET control

This variable control is tuned when checking percent modulation.

(6) SET MOD switch

Used in conjunction with mode set control to find the percent modulation of a transmitter.

(7) SWR meter

Indicates the standing wave ratio of an antenna system. The H scale is used when the transmission power is in excess of 30 watts and the L scale, when it is below 30 watts. The REF scale (reflected power) measures the ratio of reflected power to SWR.

(8) SWR set control

Used for determining the SWR of an antenna system.

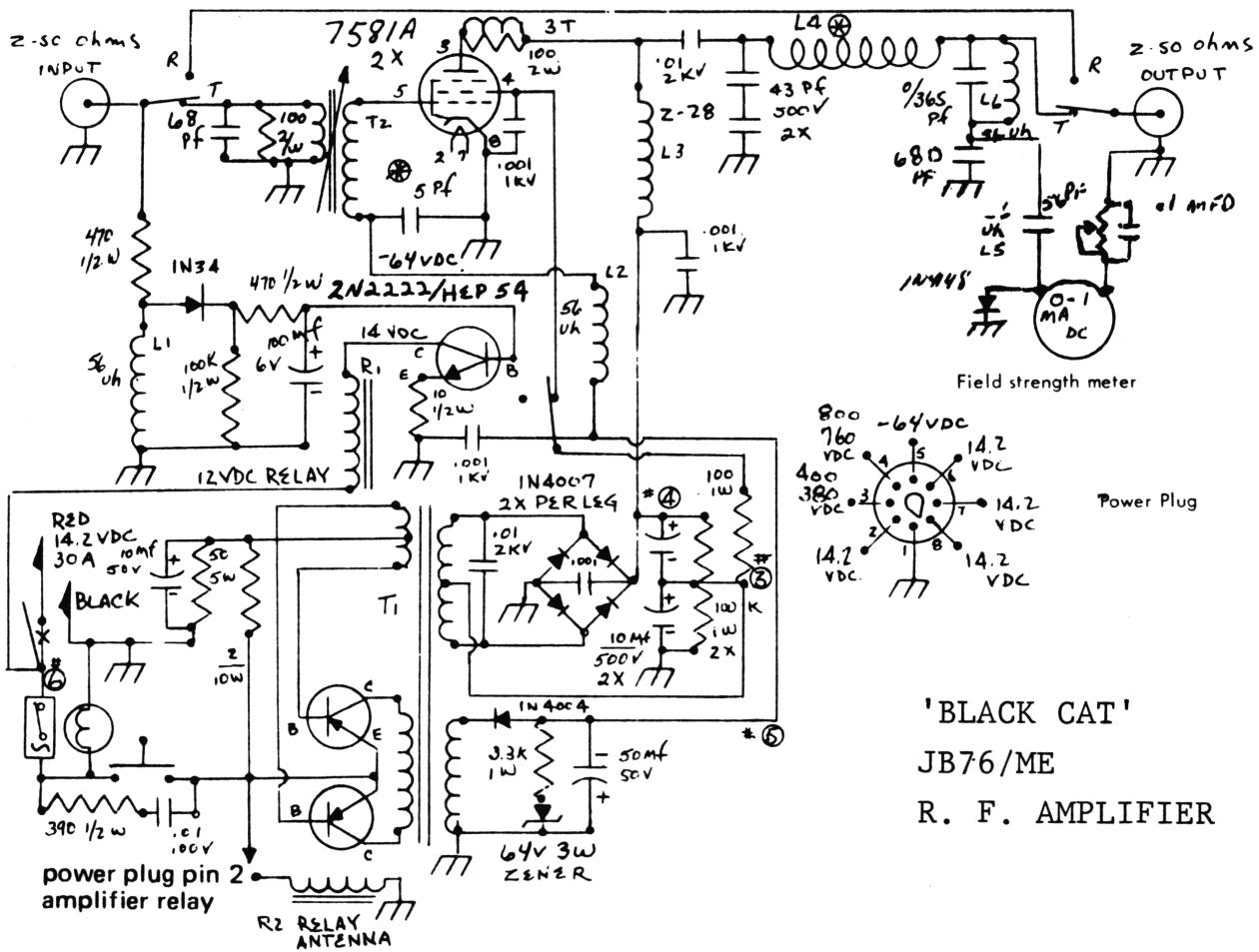
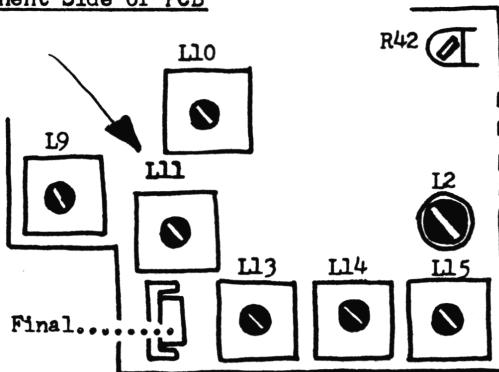
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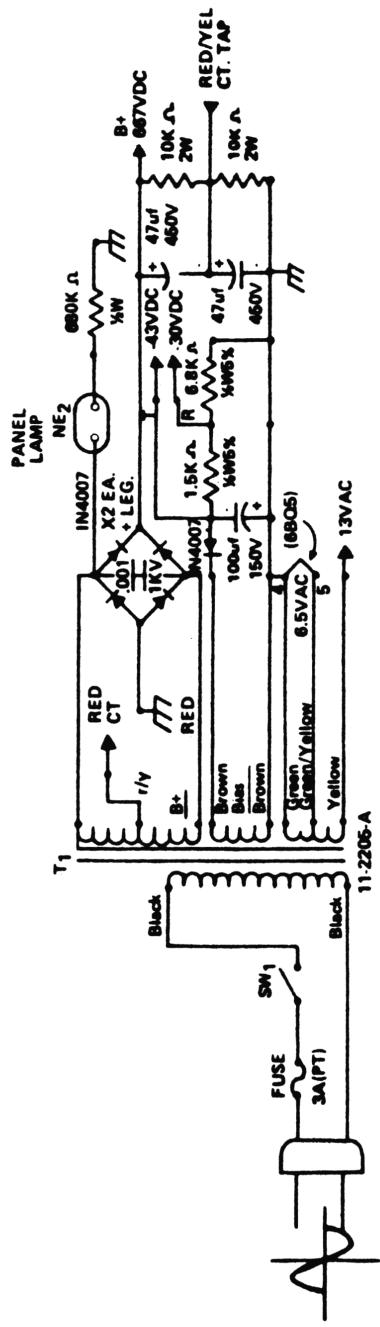
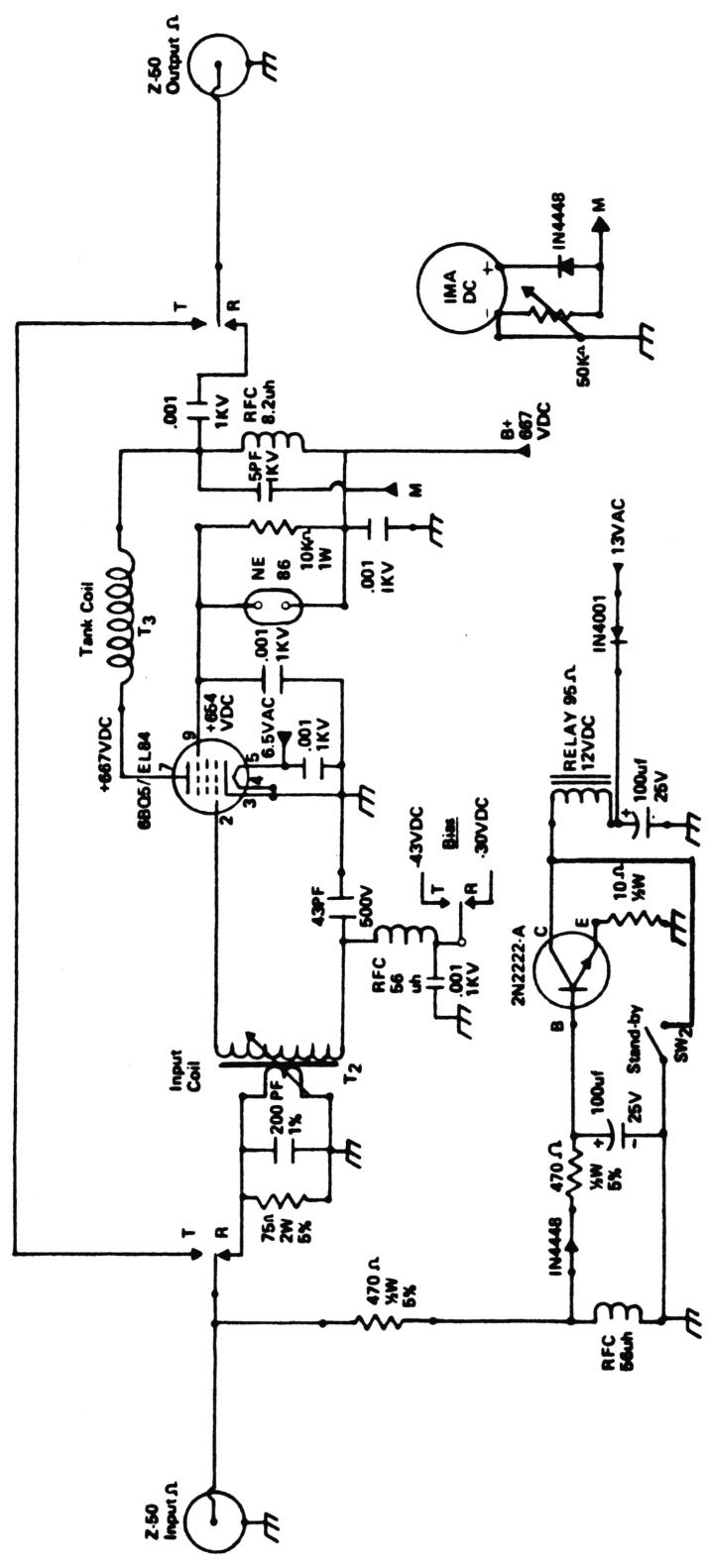
1. Why do I write microhenry with a m instead of a u? "uh"; sounds like someone clearing their throat. (Listen to your nightly news on the 'tube' as you will be able to tell when something is being lied about or covered up, with the 'uh'...) I always type the abbreviation for microhenry with the m dropped lower than the h: mh.....
2. The 'Hams' complain that SCB is too easy for the 'jocks' to mess up the units and are having a tough time going back to repair them. "Articles should be more technical, so that units can't be readily converted!" Lack of knowledge is really the main reason that most units are messed up, craftsmanship/and no test equipment is the rest. Why a Ham would want to 'be-little' himself by getting on the C.B. Band is beyond me.
3. How come more conversions on rigs aren't printed? — Just how many ways is there to cut the feed line to PLL pin/bridge with a resistor/solder a wire directly to pin/then to a switch - which will in turn apply either nothing(normal tracking state), or a 1 or 0 logic state. There must be at least 30 different ways to modify an O2A AM unit printed in SCB, and all are basically the same.
4. The 'Jackson' is off frequency when cold, - right! Solution is simple, leave the radio on; volume down, and squelch at maximum. This way will keep unit warm - prevent condensation build-up. OR, replace the 14.55MHz crystal with a MIL-SPEC temp. type. (NOTE: by COLD, I mean below freezing) The one unit I tested was +5.3KHz from room temperature reading at 180F.
5. Exports - O.K. - Why do people persist in buying these units with no schematic available? Then will cry to SCB! Most of these units are junk and peddled FAST by the 'distributors'. (So fast, that a unit can't be purchased for evaluation....RE: the Connex in Vol. 23. Seems that a knowledgeable purchaser sent in the true 'skinny' on this unit, and it dried-up very quick on availability!). Another unit is out now called Galaxy 2100, no schematic on this one either - and dried up fast, this particular unit was supposed to be in the U.S. for 2 months before I even heard of it. (Makes you wonder why?)

CORRECTIONS

Vol. 21, page 46: Change drawing label on coil next to final to Lll, instead of Ll0. See correction below....

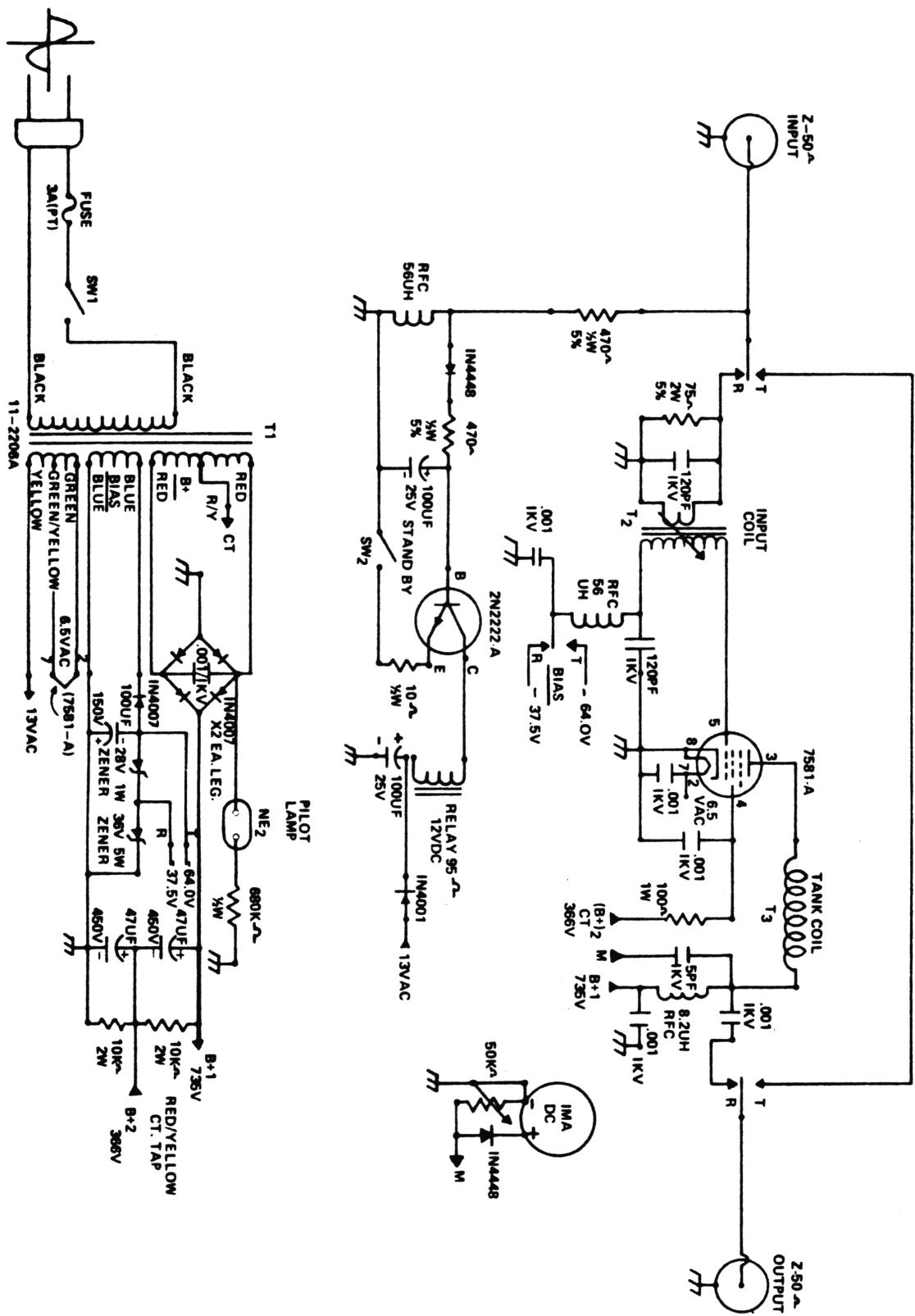
Component Side of PCB





'BLACK CAT' JB-12-B/RB - R. F. AMPLIFIER

'BLACK CAT' - JB-150B/RB - R. F. AMPLIFIER



GALAXY 2100

GALAXY 2100

AM/FM/LSB/USB/CW. 271 channels (26,515-28,305) A nice looking unit with a true frequency counter, but only 5 digits. (More on this later). Has a Roger Beep but no switch. Uses the MC145106 chip. Standard output power, good modulation, and power is relatively flat. Another new unit with no schematic! Has a dual clarifier and both track on TX and RX. +/- 7.5 KHZ. Has a 3 position rotary switch and a HI/LO push button for the 6 bands. Apparently the manufacturer of these units has something against 6 position rotary switches. Personally I find this clumsy and inconvenient for switching. Unit is excellent on receive and adjacent channel rejection. Has an SWR function and a Ch 9 switch. (This won't be used and would have made a nice Roger Beep switch.) Also has an ON/OFF switch for the counter. Be prepared to lay out some BUX as Dealer's cost around \$250-\$260 and will have to be sold for \$300 plus. Will be out of most peoples price range but so are Mercedes. All in all, a pretty nice unit.

Received some of the following from an anonymous source and some by experimenting.

Roger Beep

Remove J9 from the front right corner of the board (right behind meter) to de-beep or replace J9 with a switch. CH 9, NB/ANL, counter ON/OFF, etc. Caution....There will probably be a red wire soldered to J9 on the top of the board. It must be resoldered to the front connection of J9 on the front of the board or the counter will not have power.

Frequency Counter

Had the following problems with the counter. Frequency read on freq (at least the 5th digit was a 5) in center detent of clarifier. On TX my bench counter showed unit actually transmitting 1 KHZ high. Reset synthesizer on all Modes and both HI/LO bands and counter now read 1 KHZ low. Removed the cover from the counter box and attempted to adjust the trimmer capacitor on the right end of the board. It was already at max and would only go down. Found that additional trimming is sometimes required on the 10.6975 crystal on the left side of the board. A small cap (4-6 pf) from the high side of the crystal to ground will lower the frequency readout, a 2-6 pf in series with this leg will raise the count. Found a 6 pf cap from high side to ground. Remove this and count went up but was then out of the range of the existing trimmer cap would not come down far enough. Finally replaced this with a 2-8 pf variable cap and mounted it for access from the top of the board. Was then able to tune in AM & LSB but USB still shows 1 KHZ high. This is because USB is uncompensated. The single black wire coming from box is for LSB, the gray wire is AM. Since the counter is only 5 digits it will work ok for AM but without a 100's digit it does not permit precise tuning for SSB operation. I realize that with 6 counters and 6 digits that the 100's digit would have been unstable and flickered from one number to another but this would have been simple to correct. All it would have needed was a counter for the 100's and 10's but no readout for the 10's digit.

Problem Areas

The variable resistors in this unit are very poor quality. Had problems with 3 of them on this one unit. AMC, AM/FM "S" meter, and AM Pwr. You can anticipate some problems here.

GALAXY 2100 continued:

Miscellaneous

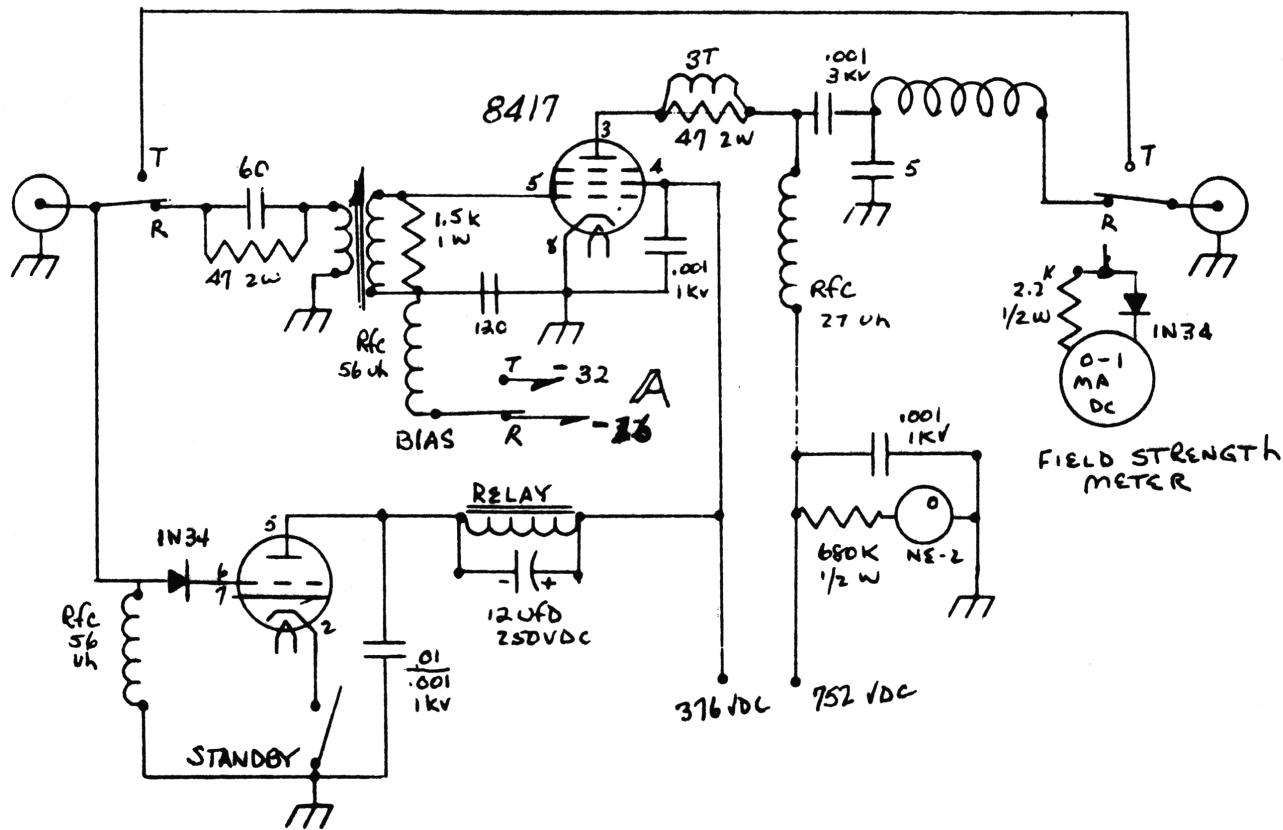
If audio quality is poor, remove IC 4 and replace with an ECG 778A. I understand that many of these chips are bad. The Ch 9 switch on this unit stuck in the "ON" position.

Second Unit

Had similar problems on the frequency counter. SWR/CAL switch on this unit sticks. Look for some problems.

Wheras this is a decent unit, with no serious problems, I'm still concerned that no schematic is or will be available. This could cause some problems. Maybe we should ask the Distributor up front if schematics are available for a particular unit. If the answer is "no", maybe our answer should be "no" about buying it!

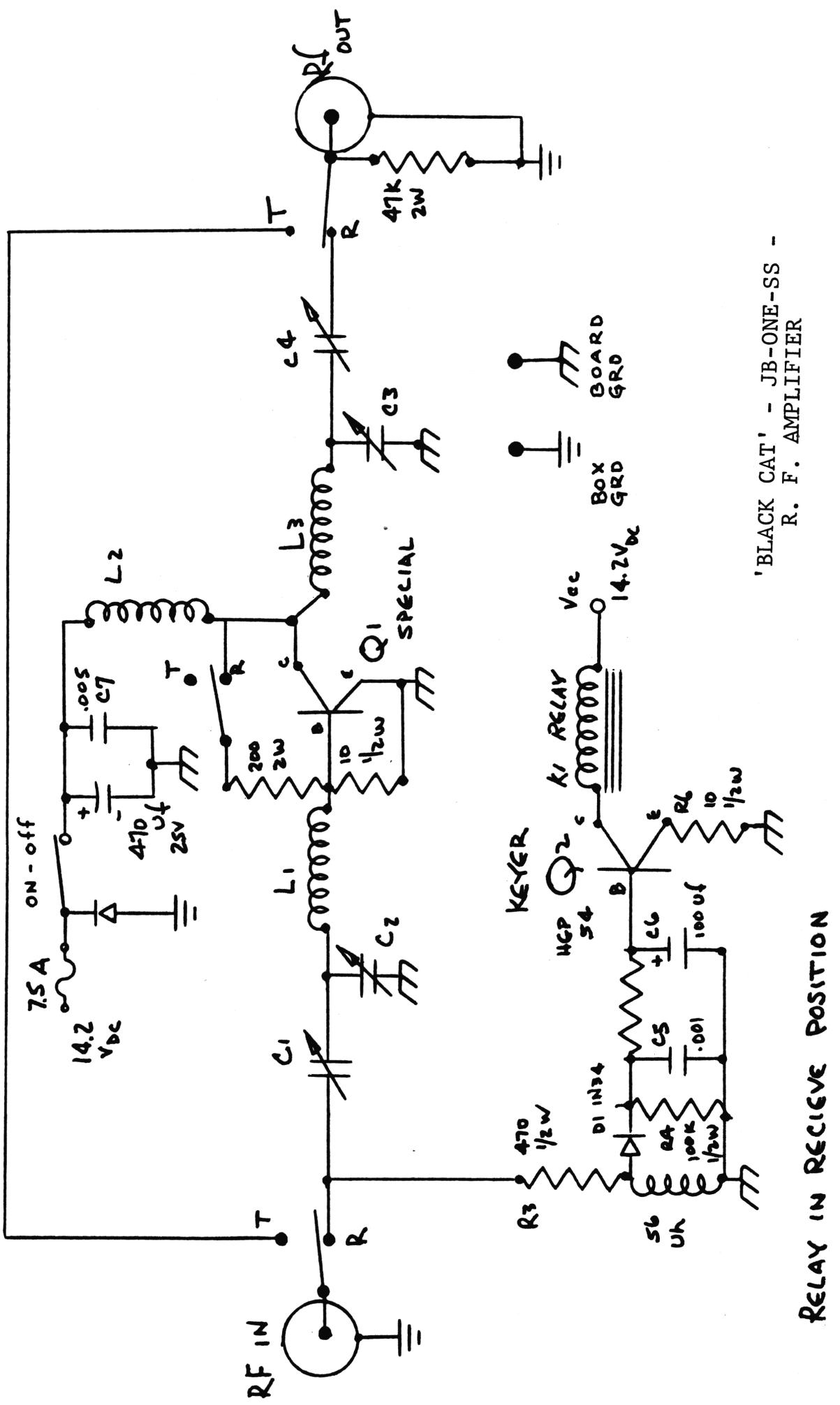
'BLACK CAT' 150A/RB - R. F. AMPLIFIER



DOSY & JO GUNN PARTS SOURCE

If you have a meter on the outs labeled as above, you're in luck! The manufacturer of these meters is very co-operative. They have a service department, and answered my request for a schematic within six working days.

Elkhart Enterprises Corporation, 25856 Forest Hill, Elkhart, IN 46514



"Black Cat" Linear Amplifiers

Following DON'Ts usually accompanied all units. (I wonder why?)

JB75A.....(7581A tube version).

Remove the jumper on plate tank coil.

3.3K grid swamp resistor, change to 820 ohm.

5pf grid load capacitor on etch side of PCB, change to 220pf.

JB75A.....(8417 tube version).

Remove jumper wire on the plate tank coil.

Solder the 220pf capacitor located on etch side of PCB
in parallel with the 5pf grid load capacitor.

Solder the left side of 3.3K swamp resistor to left side
of the input coil.

JB76.....(Base and Mobile).

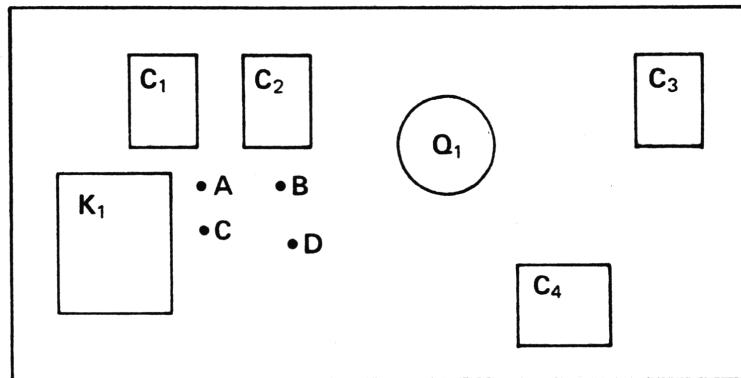
Remove shorting wire from the $6\frac{1}{2}$ turn end of the 9 turn
tank coil.

Replace the wire removed, to the $2\frac{1}{2}$ turn end of 9 turn
tank coil.

Remove the 15pf capacitor and replace with 68pf.

JB-One-SS.....

See drawing below:



Remove jumper between C and B.

Reconnect jumper between A and B.

Add a jumper from C to D.

EXPORTS

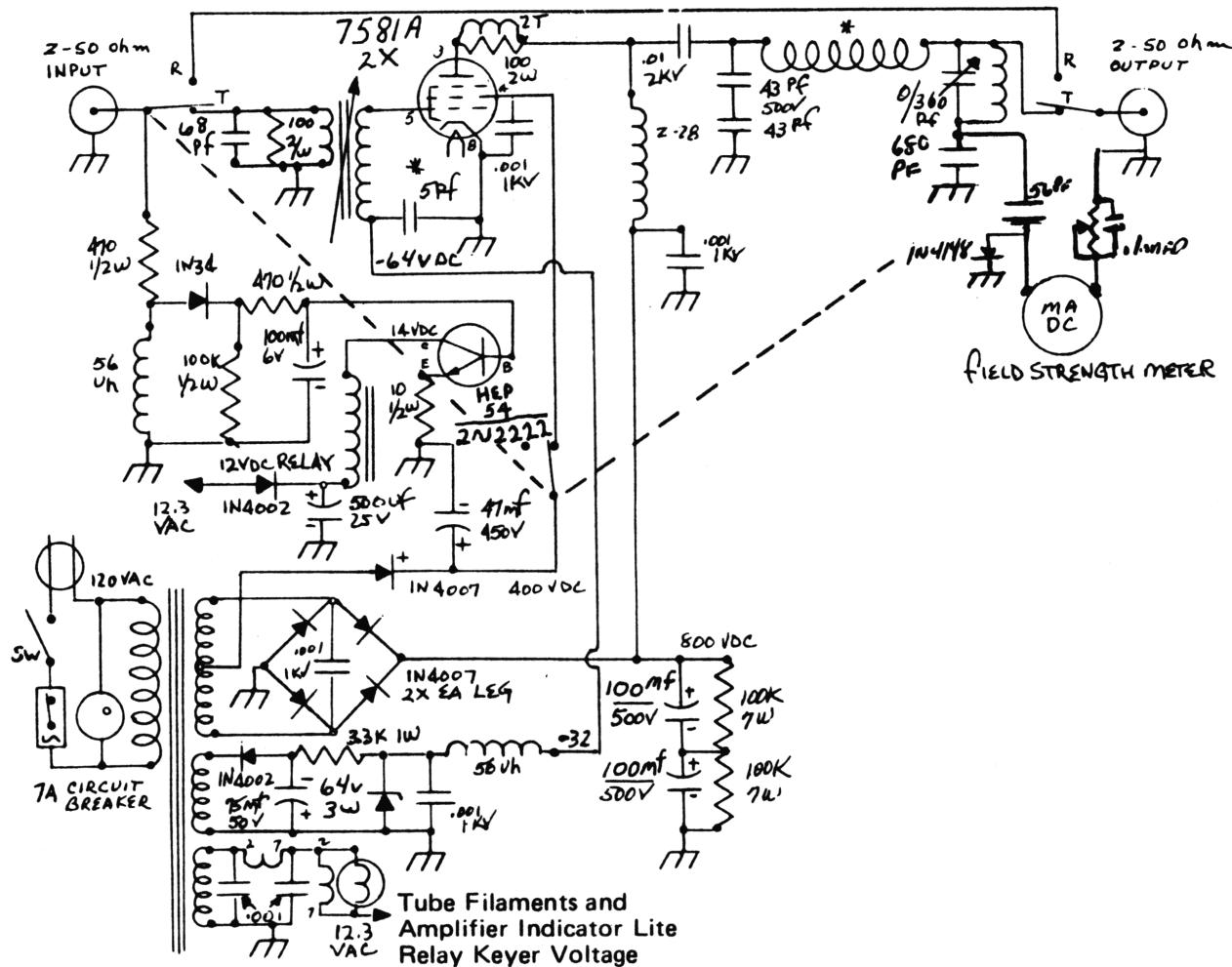
CB Master Model 2080, 80 Ch. AM-Only 26.965-27.855MHz (LC7120-PLL):

Cheap unit! Readout goes to 80 with band switch in Hi position.

IDENTICAL TO MIDLAND 150M(Export)...See for line-up/modification.

(Special Note...double check when ordering any of these units as some are being shipped that only have 40 Ch. in them...)

'BLACK CAT' - JB 76/BE - R. F. AMPLIFIER



ANTRON "99"



**Omni — Directional Fiberglass C.B.
Base Station Antenna**

**Meets U.S. Government CPSC Shock
Hazard Standards**

The **ANTRON "99"** is the Mercedes-Benz of C.B. base station antennas — Constructed with quality materials — Quality workmanship — Designed with performance — Second to none.

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- Twin ring "Adjuct-A-Match" tuning for low S.W.R.
- 18 feet tall, 3 six foot sections
- U.P.S. shippable
- Half-wave C.B. base antenna
- No unsightly ground radials
- Easy to assemble and install
- United States Patent No. 4360814
- Designed and Made with Pride in America

QUOTE: 'Antron 99' by R.S.

Recently purchased a new antenna that was very skeptical of. BUT, received a big surprise -

SWR specifications are as follows.....
Out-of-the-box: 1.2 to 1 at 26.065MHz,
1.4 to 1 at 27.205MHz,
1.8 to 1 at 28.305MHz....

HELP LINE

O.K., for the last time.... I am always getting requests for old radio schematics... I am not a library and don't have the information... TRY THE FOLLOWING: For old schematics of radios; when contacting make sure that you have complete data: Model/Serial Numbers, description of unit and numbers/locations of tubes (NOTE: I have found that units going back 50+ years do merit fixing up!) \$\$\$\$.

Supreme Publications
Box 46
Highland Park, Illinois
60035

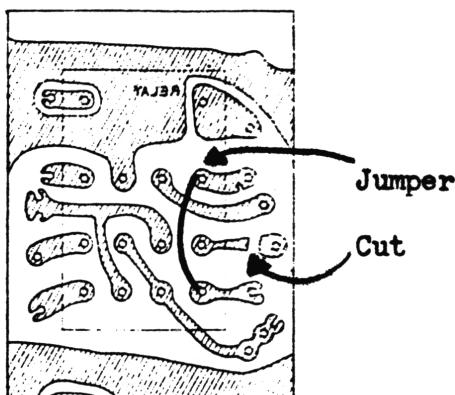
ISCET Technical Library
8015 Paseo
Kansas City, Missouri

SBE Console V and Sidebander V (SBE-39CB) - UPDATE
by D.G.

For those who happen to have one of above laying around,
DUST IT OFF! This new write-up makes it simple to modify....
NO extra resistors, diodes, and transistors - very simple to follow
directions.

SLIDE: (Use drawing below for reference..)

1. Cut trace between TX contact on relay and center leg of VR801.
2. Install jumper between the TX and RX relay contacts.



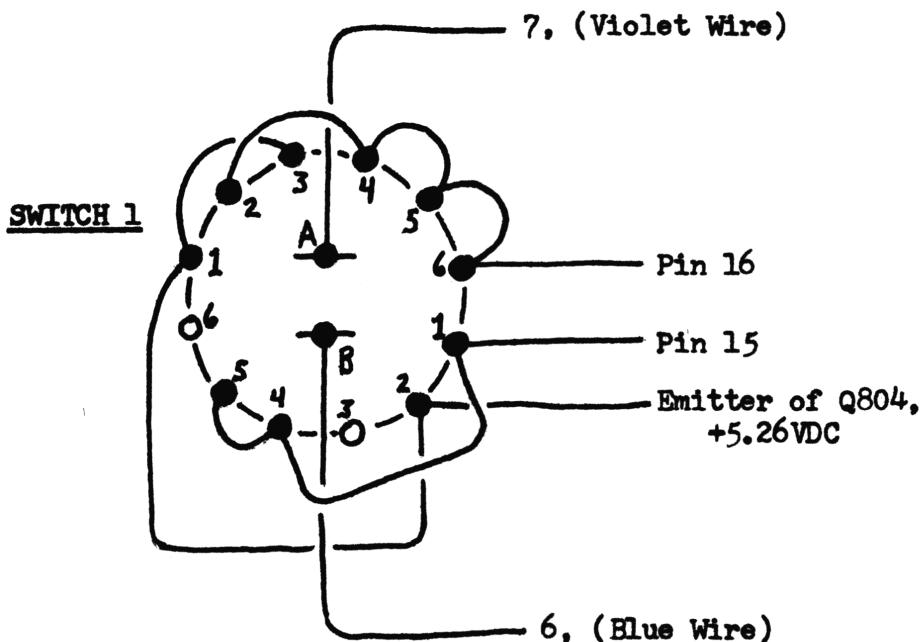
3. "Slide" will now be approximately +1.5, -2.5KHz.
4. By replacing D903 with a 'Super Diode', the slide will expand to $\pm 4.5\text{KHz}$.

FO EXPANSION:

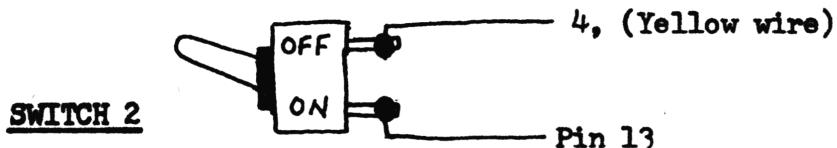
1. Remove PLL box cover, and carefully lift out top circuit board.
2. Observe the M58476 chip and wiring points labeled 1-7 on PCB.
3. Cut etch traces of following chip pins to wiring points:
 - A. Pin 16 to 7 (Violet wire).
 - B. Pin 15 to 6 (Blue wire)
 - C. Pin 13 to 4 (Yellow wire)
4. Obtain a dual, 6-position rotary switch; and a SPST miniature switch.

SHE Console/Sidebander V - UPDATE, Cont.

5. Wire-up the dual 6-position switch as below, and install in a convenient location.



6. Wire-up a SPST switch as below and install per locations marked:



7. Frequencies are per chart below.....

Switch 1 pos.	Switch 2	Ch. Selector	Fo's.
1	Closed	17-40	26.520-26.765MHz
2	Closed	1-16	26.645-26.835
3	Closed	17-27	26.845-26.955
4	Closed	1-40	26.965-27.405
5	Open	33-40	27.415-27.475
6	Closed	17-40	27.485-27.725

8. If needed L902, and L801 may be adjusted in PLL circuitry.

Initial test unit didn't need any adjustment! See SAMS #264

SHE-39CB (Sidebander V), if you run into alignment problems.

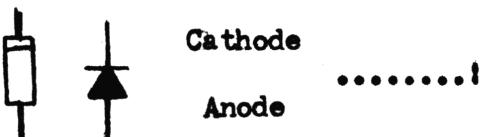
Kenwood TS530 and TS830, UPDATE
by G.S.

This conversion allows the readout to correctly track when operating in 11 Meter band.

All modification is accomplished on the Counter Unit PCB.

A 3 pole, double-throw switch is required. Switch may be installed anywhere you desire. BUT, be VERY CAREFUL when working on the PCB.....

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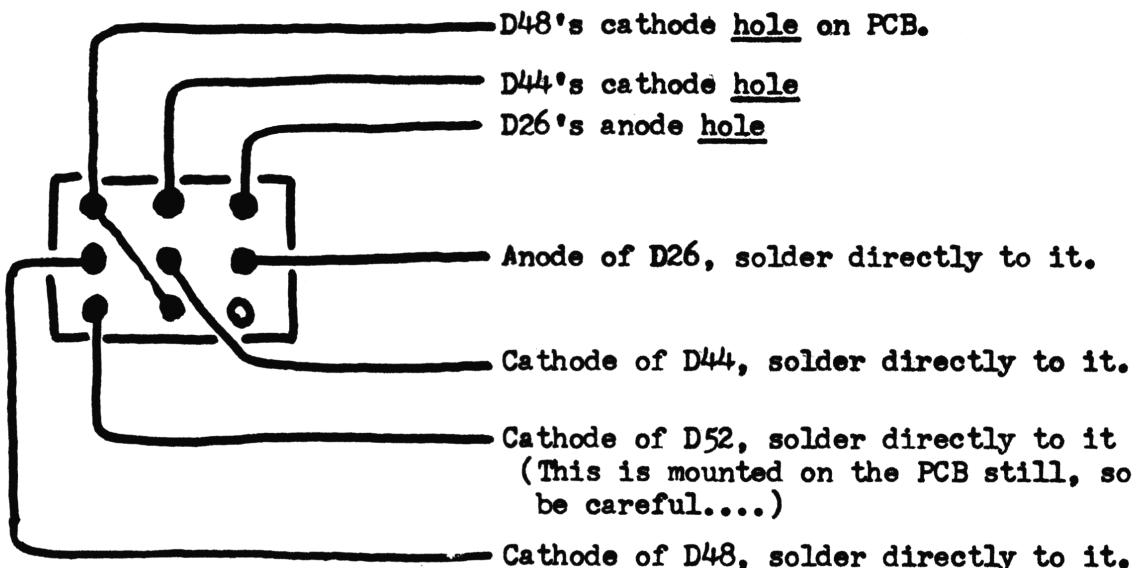


1. Lift cathode of D48, clean out hole.
2. Lift cathode of D44, clean out hole.
3. Lift anode of D26, clean out hole.

See switch wiring diagram below, use in conjunction with the schematic diagram.

....Wiring Diagram....

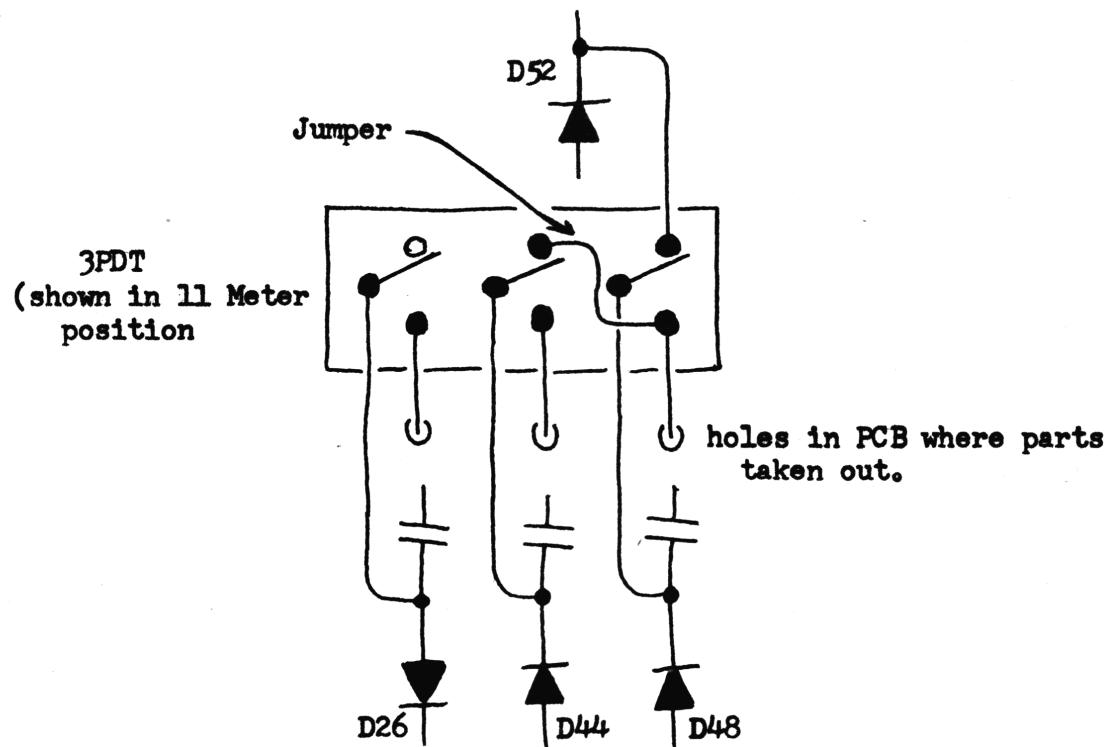
Switch UP is 11 Meter position, DOWN is 10 Meter.



Kenwood TS530/TS830 Update (cont.)....

Schematic of Modification

Double line (==) denotes break in circuitry connection.



After you have installed the new switch, use the following chart for frequencies...

26.435-27.075MHz.....Band Sw 28MHz position

0.5KHz button, IN
(NOTE: 0.5KHz button in the OUT position-no Fo's.)

26.935-27.575MHz.....Band Sw 29MHz position

0.5KHz button, OUT

27.435-28.075MHz.....Band Sw 29MHz position

0.5KHz button, IN

TRC-453 and PC-122, Clarifier Mod.
by G.L.

SIMPLE and FAST....\$\$

1. Remove D25 AND R119

2. On the Clarifier PCB - NOTE: the 3 potentiometer connections.

3. Cut traces on both pins

4 Ground pin closest to mother board

A. Short the bottom to D.C. Ground.

B. Cut trace to top pin and run wire from it to Pin 3 of IC-4. (ED. NOTE: JP17 should have this voltage source, 8VDC regulated.)

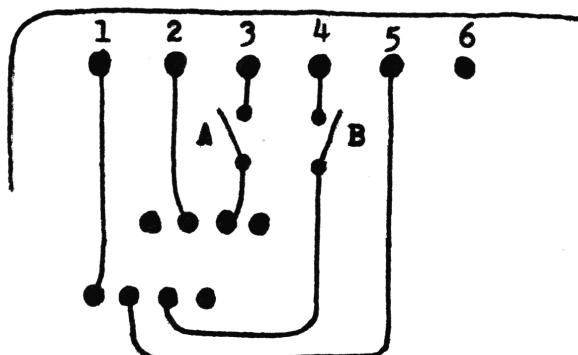
3. If you need more swing change D23 to a "Super Diode". (4.7uh)

To Small 850 Diode + Yellow Choke fur -5 to +4

KRACO KCB4004 NIS7264B-PLL
by J.V.

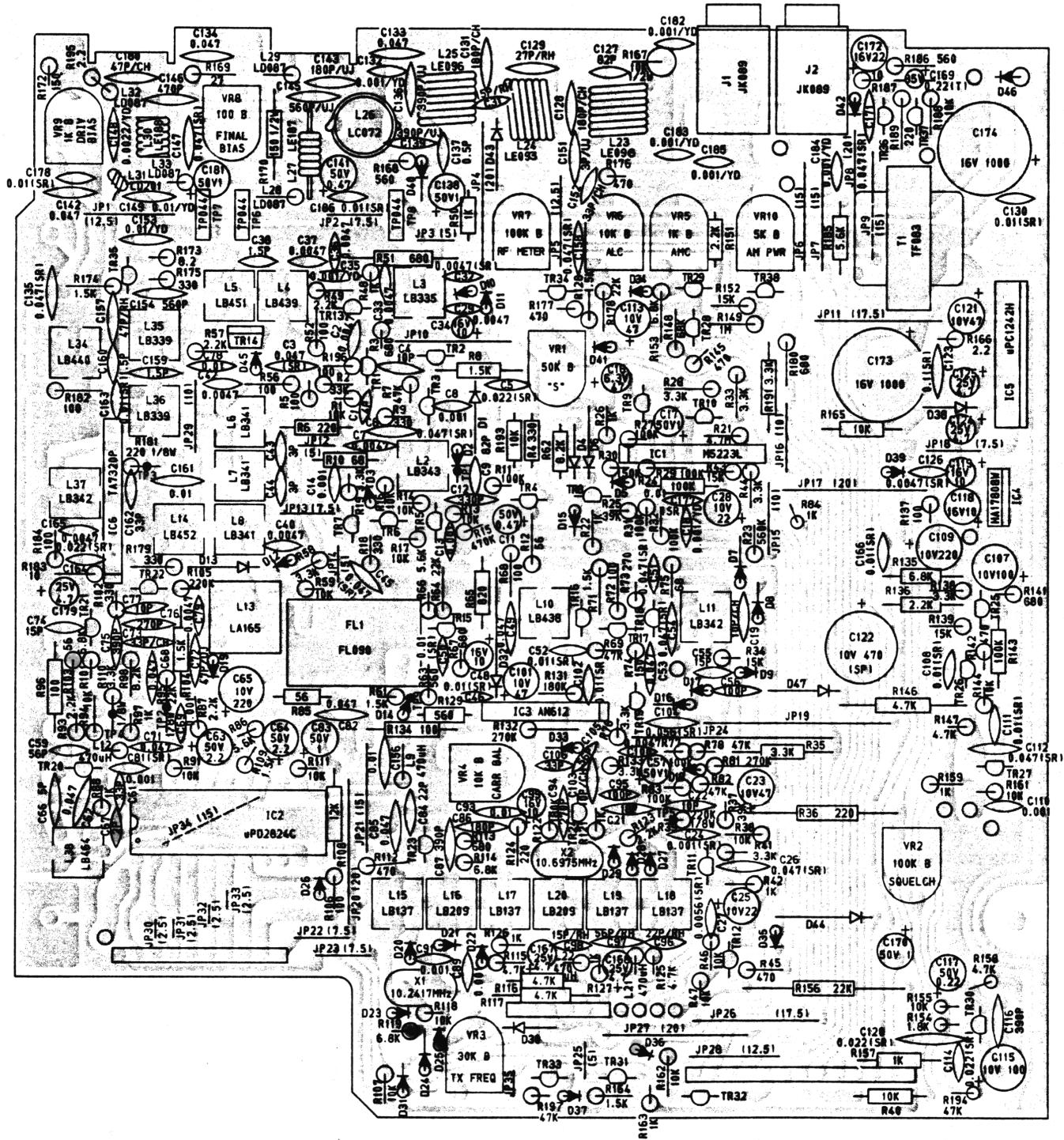
This particular unit is almost identical to the Orbitsonic 200. Use it as a reference for all tune-up, alignment: Vol. 21, Pg. 37.

For conversion: locate the channel selector PCB, cut traces to Pin 3 and 4 (left to right looking at PCB as below..).



26.055-26.315MHz, A and B Open - selector 5-27
26.325-26.685MHz, A Open..... - selector 1-32
26.695-26.955MHz, B Open..... - selector 5-27

PARTS LIST



TRC-453 and Uniden PC-122 Alignment Procedure

This alignment procedure has been re-written for the "Experienced Tech."

PIL Section: Clarifier centered

1. Ch 40; AM, RX - TP2; adjust L13 for 4.5VDC.
2. Ch 1 - check for more than 2VDC.
3. Ch 19; USB, RX - TP3; adjust L14 for max.
4. Ch 19; USB, RX - TP3; adjust L16 for 16.4925MHz, \pm 20Hz.
5. Ch 19; AM, RX - TP3; adjust L15 for 16.4900MHz, \pm 20Hz.
6. Ch 19; LSB, RX - TP3; adjust L17 for 16.4875MHz, \pm 20Hz.
7. Ch 19; LSB, TX - TP3; adjust VR3 for 16.4875MHz, \pm 20Hz.
8. Ch 19, ^{USB}~~LSB~~, RX - TP5; adjust ^{L19}~~L20~~ for 10.6925, \pm 20Hz.
9. Ch 19, ^{LSB}~~USB~~, RX - TP5; adjust ^{L20}~~L19~~ for 10.6975MHz, \pm 20Hz.
10. Ch 19; AM, TX (Disconnect "small PCB short board" between TP6, TP7, and TP8.)
 - TP9; adjust L18 for 10.6950MHz, \pm 20Hz.

TRANSMIT Section:

1. Ch 19; USB, TX (Disconnect "small PCB short board" between TP6, TP7, and TP8.)
 - A. Connect ammeter between TP7 and TP8; adjust VR9 for 40ma.
 - B. Connect ammeter between TP6 and TP8; adjust VR8 for 30ma.
 - C. Reconnect small "PCB short board".
2. Ch 19; USB, TX (VR6 fully CW; 2-tone modulation).
 - A. Ajust L37, L36, L35, L34, and L26 for max RF output
 - B. Balance out Ch 1-40, using L34, L35, and L36.
3. Ch 19; AM, TX (with 1K modulation):
 - A. Adjust L26 for max RF.
 - B. Adjust VR5 for 95-98% TX Modulation.
4. Ch 19; (USB and LSB), TX - Adjust VR4 for minimum carrier leakage on both sidebands.

TRC-453/Uniden PC-122 Align. (Cont.)

TRANSMIT Section:

5. Ch 19; USB, TX (2-tone modulation):

A. Adjust VR6 for 12W RF output

B. Adjust VR7 for 3 lights lit on meter.

6. Ch 19; AM, TX - Adjust VR10 for 4W RF output.

RECEIVER Section:

1. Ch 19, AM, RF Gain-CW, Vol-CW, Sq-CCW, NB/ANL-Off; (2V, 1KHz 30% modulated input to unit).

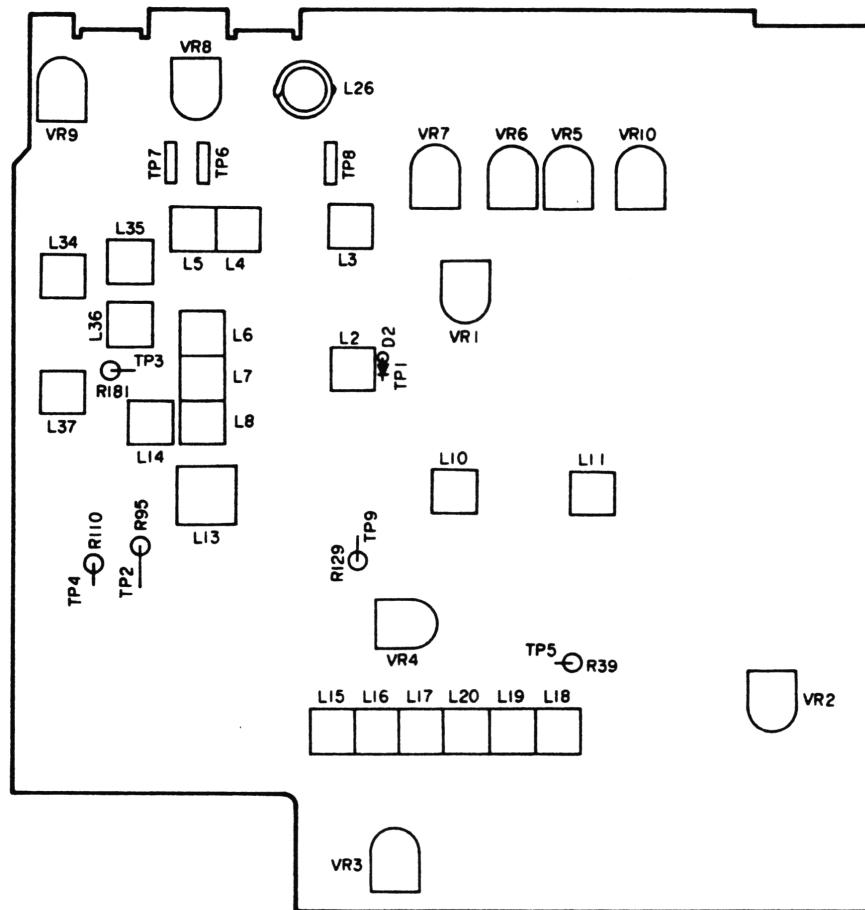
A. Adjust L11, L10, L8, L7, L6, L5, L4, and L3 for maximum.
Balance out across Fo range with L3 if needed.

2. Sq-CW, Sig Gen to 1000_mV: Adjust VR2 for audio signal to appear.

3. Sq-CCW, Sig Gen to 100_mV: Adjust VR1 for S9 on meter.

4. Step 1 settings (NB/ANL to ON): Scope TPI and adjust L2 for max.

TRC-453/Uniden PC-122 Alignment Points



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Clarifier Pots with "Center Notch" - REMOVAL

Carefully bend up the tabs on pot cover, slide off the top.

Remove the metal tab with raised notch, then re-assemble the pot.

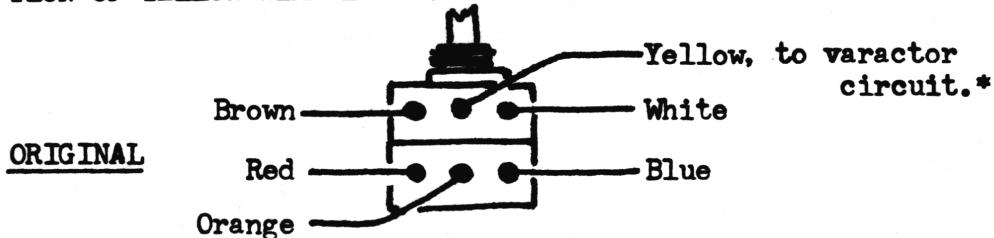
This is the same method for the 148GTL-DX and Jackson clarifier pots.

SuperStar 360FM Clarifier Mod.

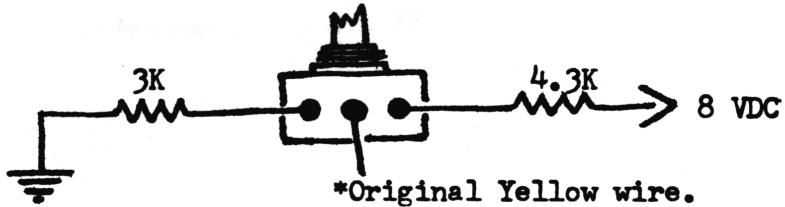
For those who don't like the split operation of RX/TX, or in most cases don't know how to operate.

Use drawings below and re-wire new 20K linear pot to make a standard 'Slider'.

.... Remove all wires from original pot; remove all the wires from PCB; WITH THE EXCEPTION OF YELLOW WIRE-LEAVE.....



.... Rewire new pot as below; center pot/knob; realign circuitry for AM/FM: Center Fo.; USB +1.5KHz of Center Fo.; LSB -1.5KHz of Center Fo.



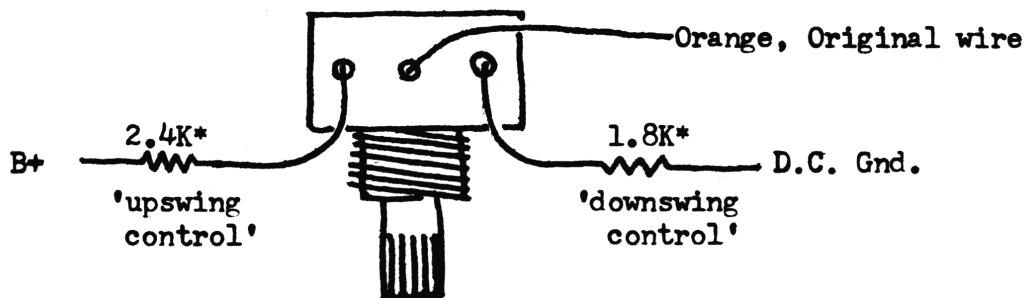
Original wire locations: Red - Fine (L)
Org - Fine (M)
Blue - to RX on PCB, another wire is located in same location but different hole.
White - COSE (H)
Yellow - COSE (M)
Brown - COSE (L)

THE C TEAM

Modifying the Jackson 'Slide'

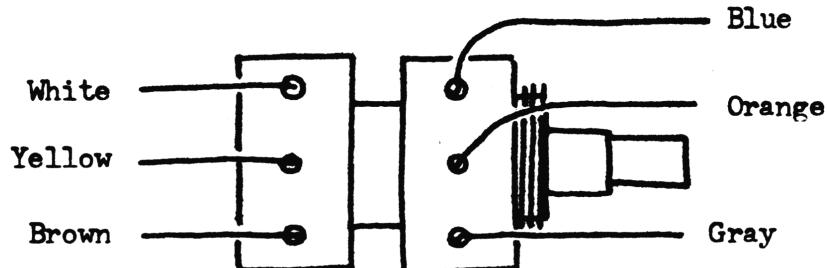
Remove middle front wire off Clarifier pots (Orange wire), then take the dual pot out of chassis. (Will have to remove chassis screw). Remove all remaining wires at main PCB and small PCB.

Wire up a new 20K Linear taper pot as below (Physically correct) and install in chassis.



*(Nominal, usually gives $\pm 6\text{KHz}$ after centering knob and realignment, 1.5KHz offset on SSB's.) Without resistors in line will give approx. $-10, +9\text{KHz}$.

If you're going to replace or forget the original wiring - here it is.



Blue - Small PCB next to pot.

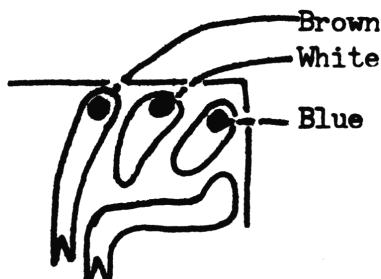
Gray - COSE-H, on main PCB.

Orange - Hole by R148, main PCB.

White - Small PCB, next to pot.

Yellow - FINE-M, main PCB.

Brown - Small PCB next to pot.



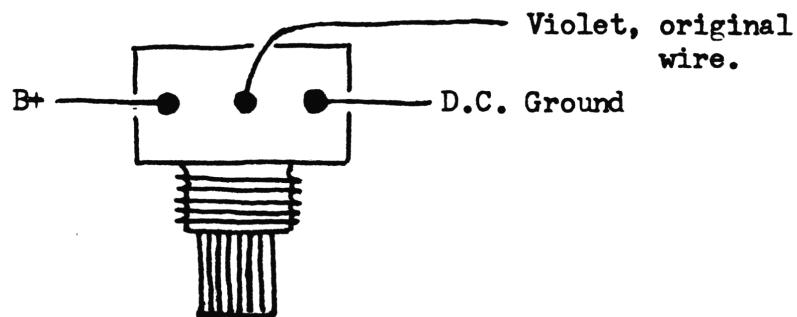
(SMALL PCB LAYOUT)

THE C TEAM

Modifying the SuperStar 3600 (Lo Band) 'Slide'

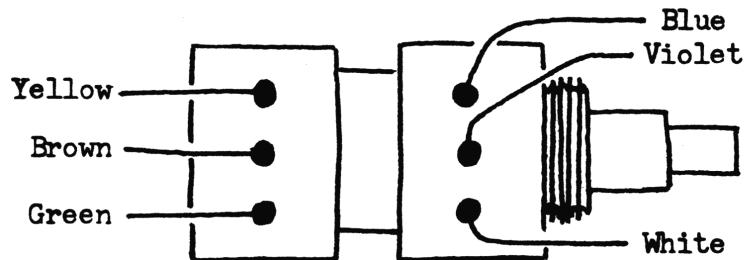
Remove middle front wire off Clarifier pots (Violet wire), then take the dual pot out of chassis. Remove all remaining wires from the PCB.

Wire up a new 20K Linear taper pot as shown below, no resistors are needed to offset ground and B+.



Above configuration gave approximately $\pm 6\text{KHz}$ after centering and realignment.

If you are going to replace the original or forget the wiring.....



Blue - no numbered hole, next to where R192 should be but isn't.

Violet - #50 on PCB

White - #52 on PCB

Yellow - #51 on PCB

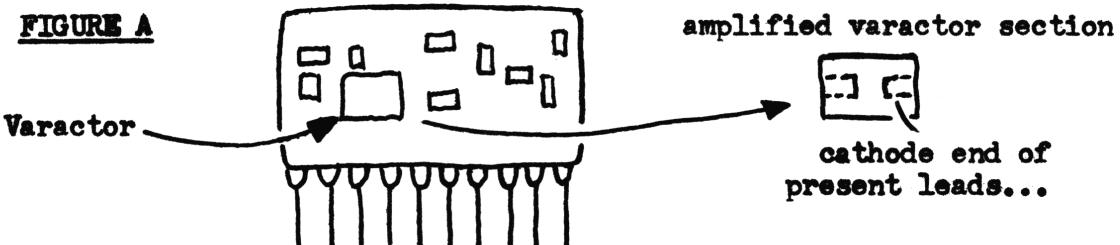
Brown - # 53 on PCB

Green - #54 on PCB

UHIC-005 WIDEBANDING FOR 858 CHASSIS
by LESCOM



1. Carefully remove the UHIC-005 chip from the PCB.
2. Lay the chip - numbers down - on a work surface and locate the present varactor. (See Fig. A)
3. Using sharp knife or dental tool scrape away the brown epoxy covering the diode.

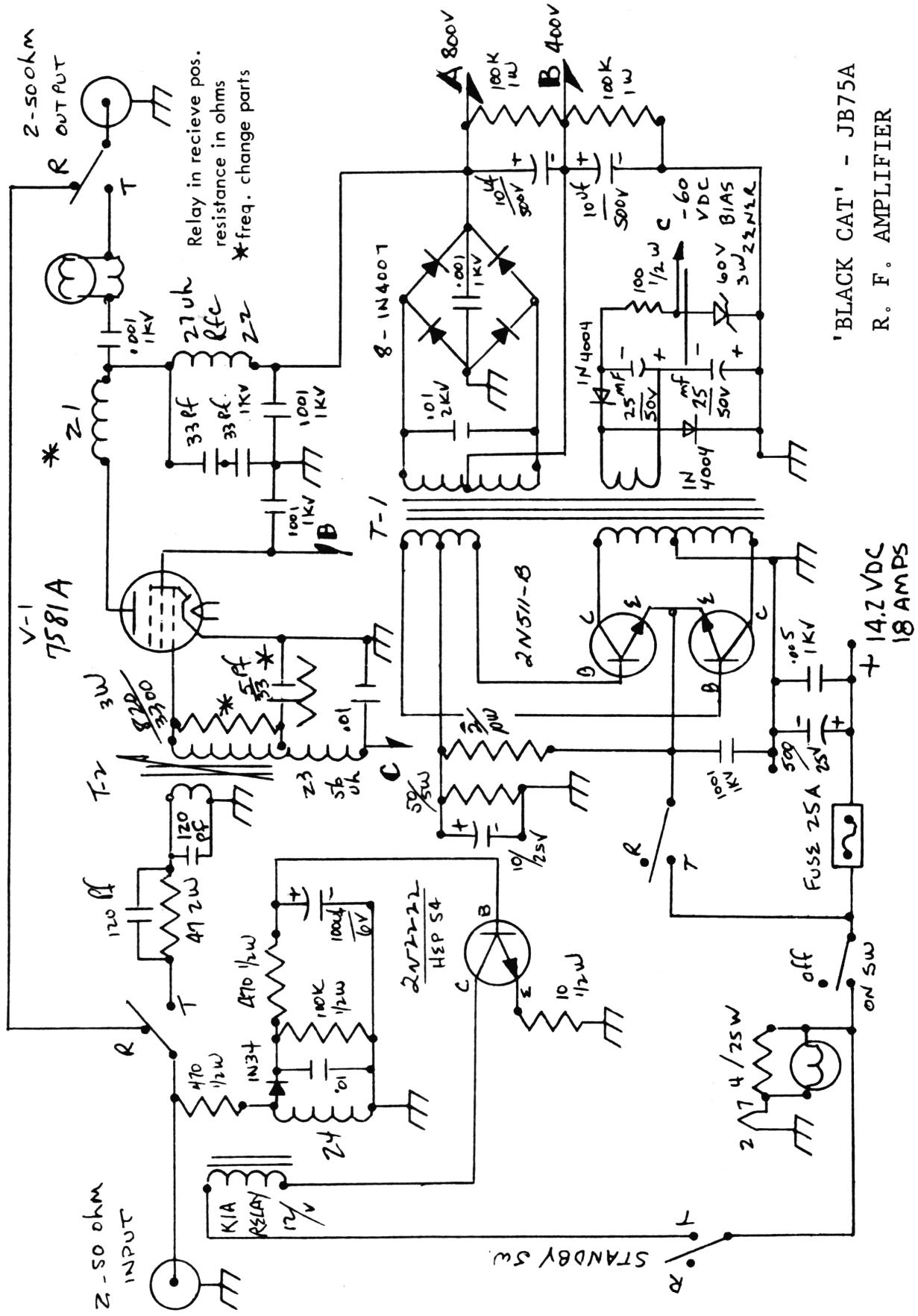


4. Once the diode has been exposed; (ends, sides, and top); look for the molding line around the diode.
This will be found where the leads enter the diode (see Fig. B.).
5. Using a good pair of small dykes, (about 6") place the cutting edges even with the mold lines. Squeeze firmly and steadily until the top half of the diode cracks off. At this point, the diode leads inside the case should be visible. (amplified section of Fig. A)
6. Carefully lift both leads and scrape the ends gently! Then apply heat and tin the leads. Use a 15W iron!
7. Bend and cut the leads of a Super Diode to fit the exposed leads as shown below. Then solder in place.



NOTE: Banded end of diode...

8. Re-install the I.C. in unit. The VCO will have to be retuned. But, in most cases the radio will now cover about 3MHz. Wide-banding of both the transmit and receive is a must.

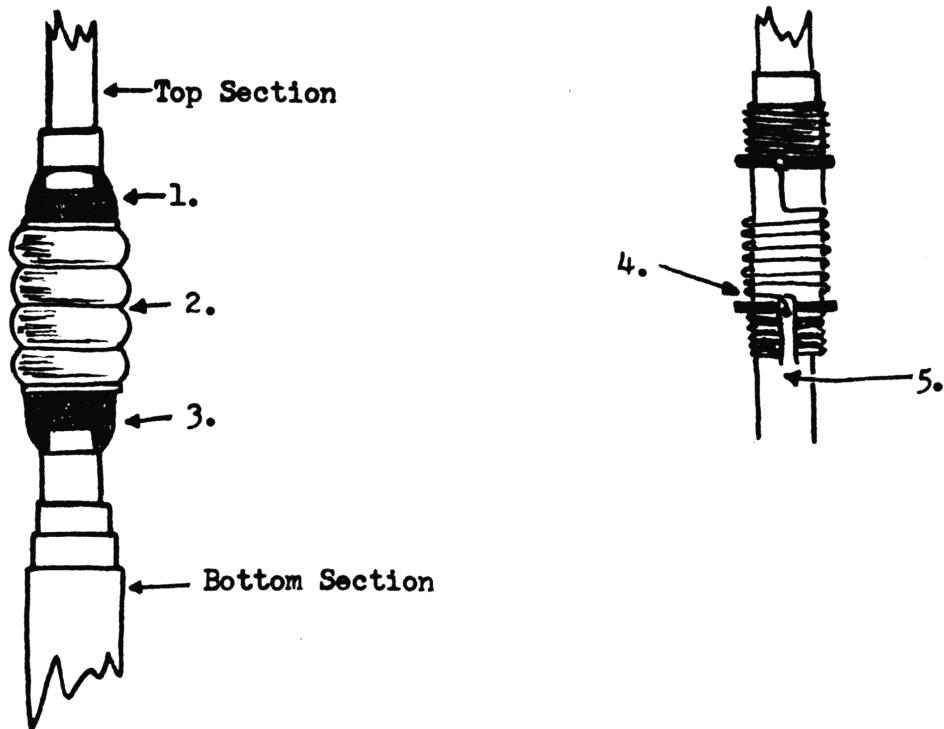


Repair of those Walkie-Talkie Antennas
by B.W.

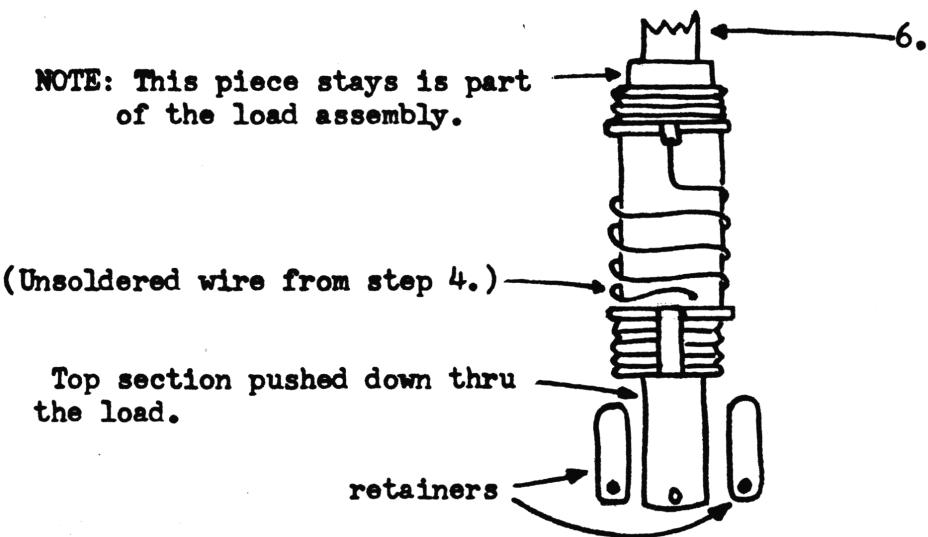
Tired of paying \$16 + for a new antenna? If the top section is busted, bent 'out of shape', can be repaired for about \$3.... If load isn't busted, obtain Radio Shack #270-1401 'Replacement Telescoping Antenna'. This method of repair is proven on all R/S 'loaded' Telescoping Antennas that are on their Walkie-Talkies.

By following steps below can repair in no time, use the drawings as an aid! REMOVE ANTENNA FROM EQUIPMENT AND EXTEND FULLY.

1. Unscrew top retainer nut on load, slide up/off if top is missing.
2. Slide plastic sleeve up/off the antenna completely.
3. Unscrew bottom retainer nut, slide down.
4. Unsolder the wire from load to tab, CAREFULLY. (See drawing).
5. Pull bottom of antenna shaft out of load.
6. Push top of antenna down - thru the load. NOTE: If top is still on the whip, bust off; OR; push down till the two retainers on sides come out and remove them. Then pull the top section up and off. Discard old top section.

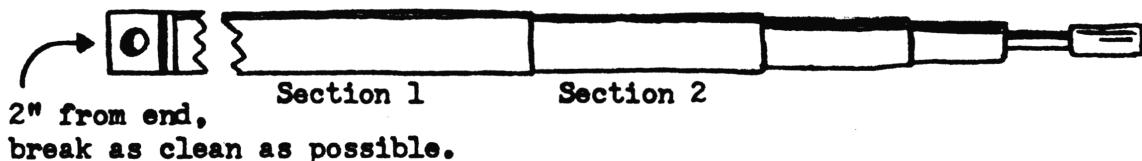


Repair-W/T Antennas (Cont.)

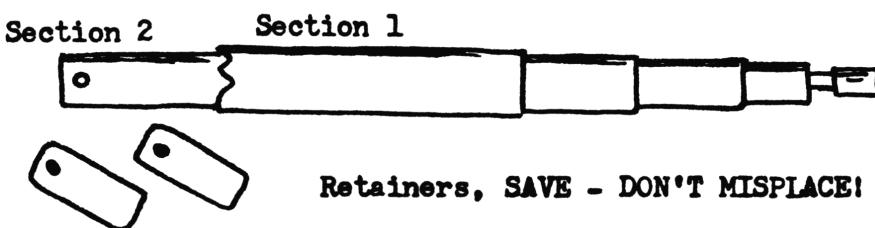


7. On the new 'replacement telescoping antenna'; fully extend and modify as below instructions/drawings;

- a. Break off bottom of antenna 2" from the end.



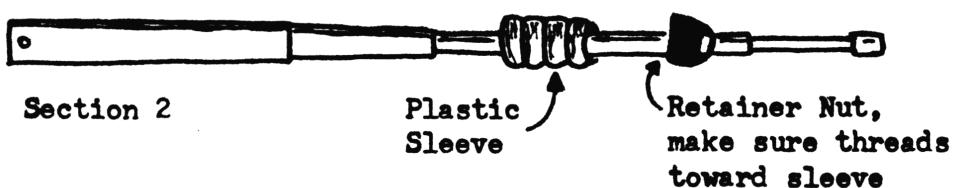
- b. Push Section 2 thru Section 1, until the retainers can be removed.



- c. Pull Section 1 off, and discard - remainder is the new top portion of antenna.

8. Reassemble the 'new' portion exactly as described/shown:

- a. Push retainer nut and plastic sleeve up onto the new top.

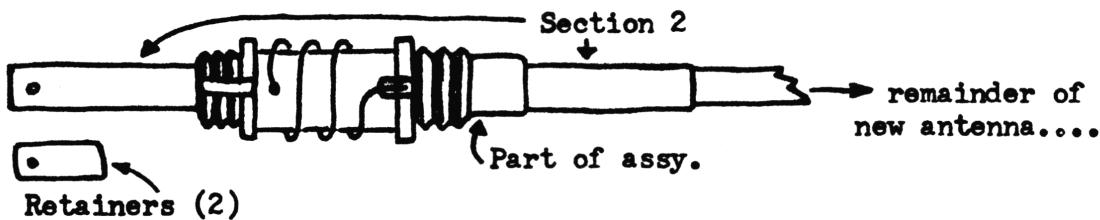


Repair-W/T Antennas (Cont.)

8. (Cont.)

b. Push section 2 thru the load assembly as shown carefully!

c. Per drawing; attach the retainers to section 2, then pull to the right. At this time shouldn't pull thru the load assy. (Note: observe the load assembly configuration..)



9. Do reverse of tear-down procedure steps 5 thru 1 for remainder of re-assembly.

Colt 355, "Super-Tune" - UPDATE by Jerome Horwitz

In addition to Volume 18, page 19; the following may be performed:

ADD: 30pf to etch side in parallel, to C250. Critical, don't remove original part.... just add new capacitance.

REMOVE-NO REPLACEMENT: C249, C247, and C253.

REMOVE-REPLACE: C261 (180pf), replace with a 130pf.
C264 (270pf), replace with the 180pf.
R227, replace with a 1 ohm $\frac{1}{2}$ W.

Unit should now tune up to 6.5W+, 100% modulation...

PAGE 8041, SM5118-PLL

Fo Conversion: 26.325-26.955MHz

This conversion is fast and easy. (J.V.)

"Cut Pin 11 loose on PLL chip - will give 26.325-26.685, selector 1-32.

Cut Pin 12 loose on PLL chip - will give 26.695-26.955, selector 5-27."

Realistic TRC-210, Conversion to "SKIP" (5KHz Jump)

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ED. Note: I did this conversion on a TRC-210 about a year ago.

IT IS NOT FOR THE BEGINNER.... Worked perfectly.....

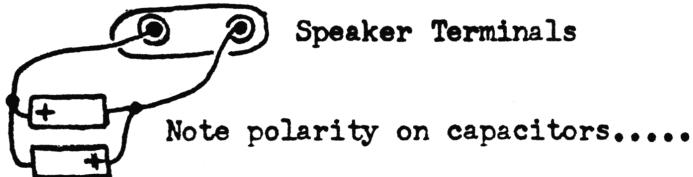
1. Carefully remove black covers and all control knobs.
2. Remove the retaining nut on external speaker jack.
3. Remove antenna carefully and feed out thru Gray top cover.
Note: When replacing antenna, add an additional lock washer between the antenna and bracket.
4. Remove Gray top carefully; tape the RF/Batt meter in place; don't cover the meter face as is permanent.
5. Cut all cable ties carefully.
6. Cut all wires off the External Speaker jack, trace the Black wire back to PCB and remove carefully.
7. Trace the White wire to PCB, re-route to component side via the cut-out near HI-LOW PWR switch.
8. Re-route the Gray wire to middle of component side. Solder and sleeve the Gray and White wires together, use caution to make sure the Gray wire has enough slack to reach the speaker. Tie up the cable bundle carefully, routing the wires into it.
9. It is advisable at this point to jumper both the speaker and battery pack wires to avoid damaging either. Note locations/wire colors before removing.
10. Very carefully unsolder the R.F. Shielding on etch side, after removal clean all excess solder up.
11. Remove screws from LED display, and move assembly so that the PLL cover may be removed.
12. At this time the following parts will be needed:

<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Radio Shack #</u>	<u>Description</u>
1	275-612	Sub-mini SPST Toggle Sw.
1	272-1340	5-60pf trimmer capacitor
2	272-1014	Axial Elec. Cap., 22MFD/35VDC
1	278-208	Coax Adapter; UHF SO-239 Female
6"	278-1276	2-cond. shielded cable
1	271-050	270K $\frac{1}{2}$ W 5% ($\frac{1}{2}$ W 5% is O.K.)
1	272-1024	PC Mount Elec. Cap.; 4.7MFD/35VDC
1	272-1420	PC Mount Elec. Cap.; 2.2MFD/16VDC

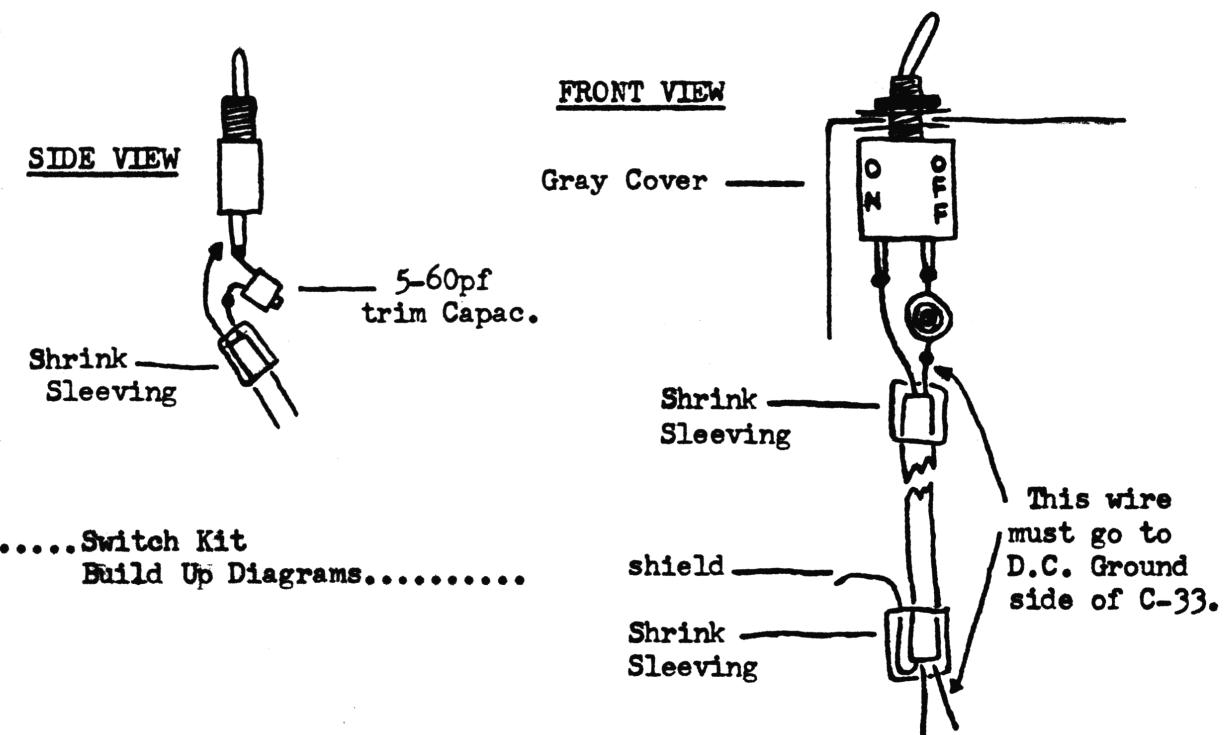
(NOTE: some of these may be found as junk box items, especially the wire, resistors, capacitors..BUY the switch and rest of components needed as space is critical.....)

Realistic TRC-210, 'SKIP' (cont.)...

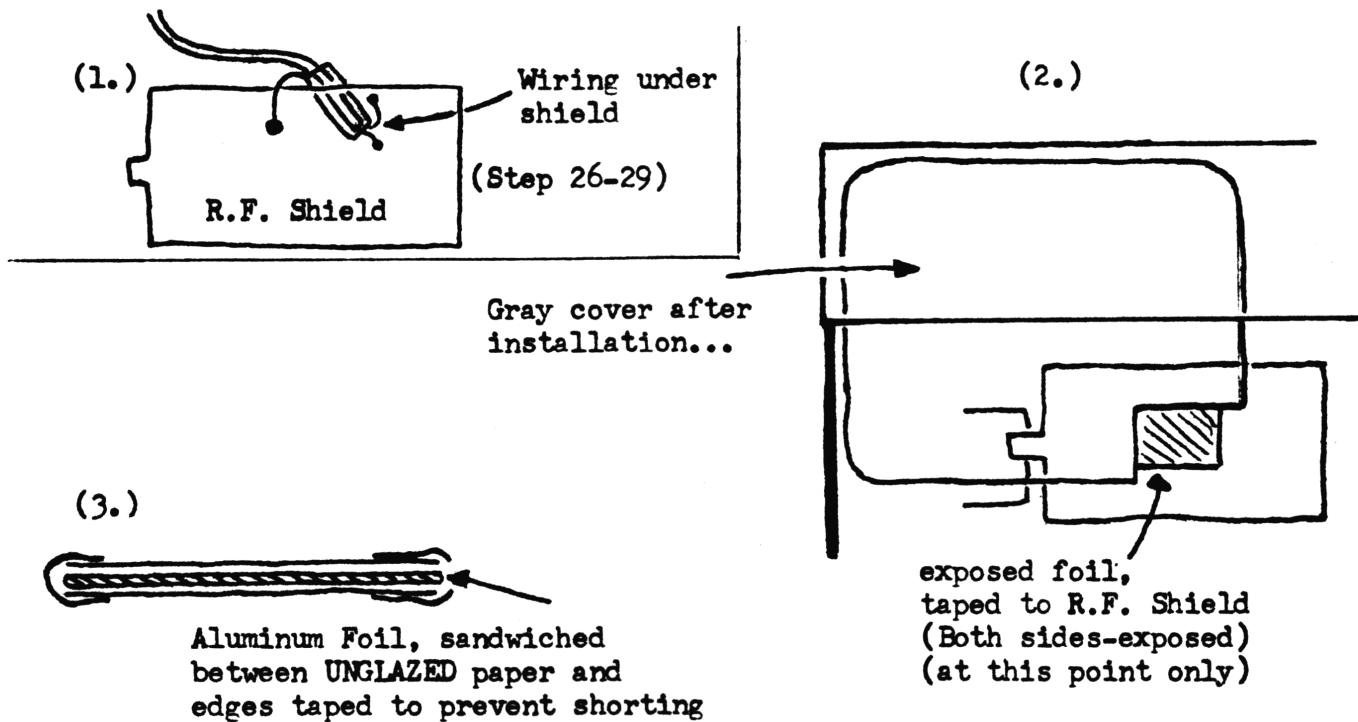
13. Use the SO-239 attached to ext. ant. jack for all further adjustments.
14. Do a complete line-up per Factory Service Manual....
If you have a external power supply capable of 1.5Amps at 12VDC; use it at the ext. power jack. Changes to alignment are: Max out power in High position using VR-3, set Low—for about $1\frac{1}{2}$ W if it will go that low, using VR-2.
15. Check the modulation on unit, if below 50% in the low power position; remove R-77 (1K ohm, located on RF Power switch PCB).
16. Remove R-30 (100K), and replace with a 270K.
Remove C-26 (3.3Mfd/25VDC) and replace with a 4.7Mfd/25VDC; observe the correct polarity on this capacitor when replacing; the positive lead goes to DC Ground! Check out the noise level, should have improved it by 100%.
17. If noise is still a factor replace R-30 again by going to a higher resistance. Some unit require going as high as 560K and also changing C-26 to a higher value of 6.8Mfd. Nominal values were listed in Step 16, as any high does diminish the audio too much.
18. Remove C-30 (10Mfd/16VDC), and replace with a 2.2Mfd/16VDC. This changes the ON time of the LED display to about 1/3 the original, and saves on battery drain. If you want to increase the on time-increase the capacitance, or solder the two wires on switch together to have it permanently on.
19. For high frequency filtering the 2 - 22Mfd axial capacitors may be wired across the speaker terminals. (a single non-polarized electrolytic may be used in place, do not use under a 15VDC rating! Insulate leads and tape to case, see wiring below:



20. Unit is now ready for frequency modification; turn the channel selector to 19..
21. Remove very carefully C-33 (33pf) from PCB, clean out the holes!
22. Key up and adjust TC-1 for 27.190MHz on transmit.
23. Build the switch kit on next page exactly as diagrammed, do not deter in any fashion from this point on.....



24. After making up the kit above, pre-tin the left over wires. Feed the cable into the chassis hole and feed up to etch side of the PCB. Note: Be sure to have the adjustment screw of the capacitor facing toward the etch side.
25. Do not push the Gray case straight on, as may have to fit the new switch with capacitor through the old space where the ext. spkr. jack was. In most cases will have to move the coil coming from the ext. mike jack out of the way - just be sure it doesn't short to D.C. ground.
26. Solder the wire coming from capacitor to the D.C. Ground hole. (Stick the wire in hole then solder carefully, all of this to be done on the etch side where C-33 removed).
27. Solder the wire coming directly from the switch to the other hole in same manner.
28. Solder the RF shield back in place at all former places, with the exception of where the new cable located. (Note: make sure the RF shield is insulated on the bottom side, some are not!)
29. Solder the cable shield to the top of RF Shield. Don't push the Gray top all the way on yet, unless it will leave room to reach the capacitor for tuning. If it does-push it in place, and install the screws.
30. Key up unit with the switch towards outside of cover, should transmit at 27.190MHz. Push switch in should read-who knows-? but tune the new capacitor until you get 27.185MHz. Switch back and forth to make sure it stays steady; then put the cover back on PLL cage; re-check the transmit frequencies and readjust if necessary.



31. If you haven't put the gray cover on do it now, use caution and don't tighten down the screws too tight as will break plastic.
32. An extra shield must be made and installed before putting the antenna back into unit. It is installed as in Drawing #2, and constructed per Drawing #3. The newly made shield will be taped to the existing RF shield. (Note: The shield is made to fit between the new capacitor/cable and antenna, to prevent RF Feedback upon transmit).
33. Once the shield is installed; carefully push the antenna back into the case; the shield will require pushing down to fit properly.
34. When re-installing the antenna, don't forget to add a lock washer between the antenna and frame.
35. Remove the SO-239, and test the transmit frequency to see that there is no change in either switch position.. There should not be any! If there is - the shielding is insufficient or you installed it wrong.

Remember: Switch Inward-Regular C.B. Frequencies..
Switch Outward-Transmit and Receive Frequencies are both altered by 5KHz upwards of the original selector frequency. (In-between operation)

THE C TEAM

Discontinued 27-50MHz RF Power Transistors (EIAJ)

2SC765 . . .	30W/2A	2SC1239 . . .	12.5W/4A	2SC1909 . . .	10W/3A
2SC766 . . .	30W/2A	2SC1306 . . .	12W/3A	2SC2020 . . .	12W/2A
2SC767 . . .	30W/2A	2SC1307 . . .	25W/8A	2SC2028 . . .	5W/1.5A
2SC803 . . .	5W/1.5A	2SC1377 . . .	20W/6A	2SC2029 . . .	10W/2A
2SC851 . . .	7.5W/8A	2SC1581 . . .	80W/7A	2SC2043 . . .	25W/8A
2SC865 . . .	20W/2A	2SC1582 . . .	140W/13A	2SC2092 . . .	12W/3A
2SC866 . . .	5W/1.5A	2SC1816 . . .	16W/4A	2SC2207 . . .	25W/8A
2SC1237 . . .	10W/2A	2SC1817 . . .	25W/5A	2SC2297 . . .	25W/8A
				2SC2397 . . .	25W/8A

Substitution List for Discontinued (EIAJ) RF Transistors

NOTE... (EIAJ Recommended)

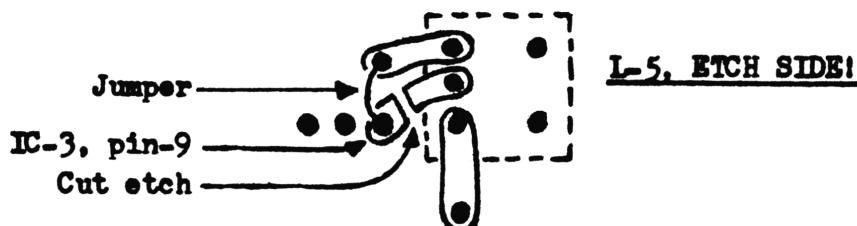
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2SC2029 . . . 2SC1816, 2SC2075, 2SC1974, 2SC2166,
2SC2043.None known - Fujitsu is original manufacturer..
2SC2092 . . . 2SC2075,
2SC2207. . . 2SC2098,
2SC2297 . . . 2SC1817, 2SC2099, 2SC2050, 2SC2312,
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Note: Some of the substitute replacements are in the discontinued list also...

Major M-120, Conversion to 'ALPHA'

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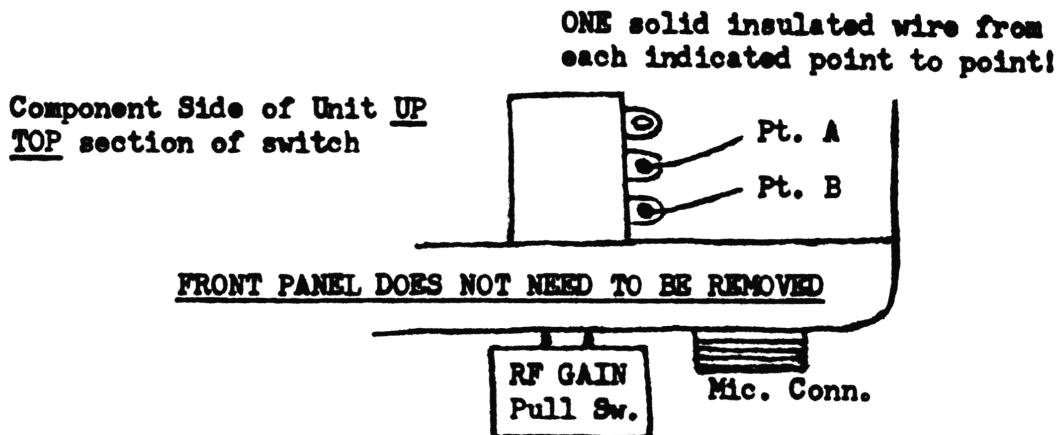
1. Remove covers; mark location of color-coded wires going to speaker; then pull the connectors off. All further work on unit is done with external speaker. Use a dummy load when tuning.....
2. Locate D-1; is found in front of L-1. Carefully remove-clean out holes.
3. Replace D-1 with the 'Super Diode', DO NOT apply excess heat when soldering!
4. Check unit to see that all present frequencies are still operational.
5. Follow diagram below for modification of L-5. Cut etch and jumper where indicated. (All this is done on the etch side of PCB!)



6. Follow diagram below for PLL Chip modification. Cut etch completely and make sure Pin 8 is completely isolated from D.C. Ground. Then install a 5.1K ohm, 1/4W, 5% resistor as shown. (Note: Pt.s A & B, as will use in later steps)

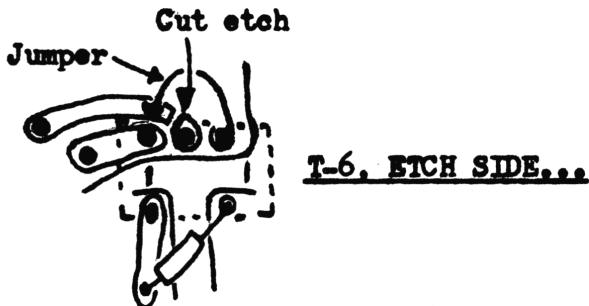


7. Check unit again, see that all present frequencies are still operational.
8. Locate the pull switch portion of the RF Gain Pot/Switch. There are no wires soldered to it, so is utilized to switch logic to Pin 8 of PLL.
9. Using the diagram below, and Step-6: Solder wires from Pt. A to Pt. A, and Pt. B to Pt. B. (Caution: Pre-tin wires before soldering to chip)!



Major M-120, 'ALPHA' (cont.)

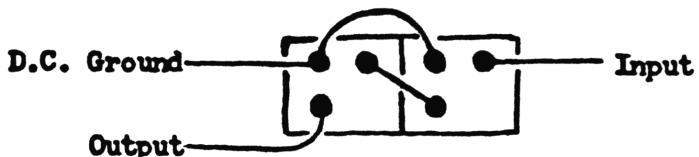
10. When you have completed the wiring, and tied-up into the bundle any excess!
11. Push switch IN, and check all frequencies! (At this time you may align L-5 for peak power at 26.965). Re-check to make sure the top Fo is OK..
12. Go to 27.865, (Hi Band, 1); pull switch out - should now have 26.585.. If not re-align L-1 slightly until it comes up. If it doesn't come up try a 'slight' re-alignment of L-2... (NOTE: In 8 different units have only had to adjust L-2 in 3 of them.)
13. Using the new 'Alpha Fo Conversion Chart'; for switching and outputs: Adjust L-1, L-2, T-2, and L-5 at this time only to get all the frequencies up. Don't bother adjusting for maximum power at this time!
14. When all the Fo's from 25.685 to 28.305 are obtained you then adjust the following for PEAK LINEAR POWER. (As flat as possible across the whole band). Adjust T-4, L-7, L-11, and L-12.
15. IN SOME CASES: L-1, L-5, L-7, L-11, and L-12 must all be used and the last 3 adjustments slightly 'stagger-tuned'.
16. With NO changes in the RF Power section; all units worked on achieved a minimum of 4W across the whole band. By taking your time, can get it to do 5W with no trouble...
17. If you are slightly off-frequency, the small capacitors next to the crystals will get you back on.
18. The receive is no problem in this unit. If you want may 'peak-tune' T-9 and T-10. Use a RF Sig Gen and 'stagger-tune', T-6, L-14, and T-7. (Have not found this necessary in any unit to date!)..
19. If you have to only...T-6 may be broad-banded by moving input to the 'un-used leg' of coil, and cutting the etch to center. See below..



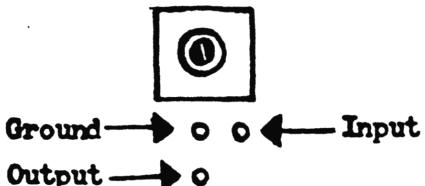
20. Additional adjustments: RV1-Sq Rng; RV2-AMC (DO NOT DEFEAT); RV3-S Mtr; RV4-RF Mtr; There is one additional adjustment pot located on small PCB.
*This is for FM deviation - IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE EQUIPMENT TO ALIGN--STAY OUT OF CIRCUIT!
The two coils are for FM-RX. (Techs. Deviation should be 1.7KHz.)

Major M-120, 'ALPHA' (cont.)

21. Rejection Was A Problem! Remove the 455KHz filter (CP2); obtain another from local electronics outlet; or from a 'junked' out C.B.
22. Glue or tape the two filters together, then re-wire as below.



23. Carefully reinstall the new filter on the component side in the cleaned out holes as follows below:



ICOM 735, Full TX Coverage
G.L.

"A Beauty of a Unit!" Carefully follow directions for full TX coverage:

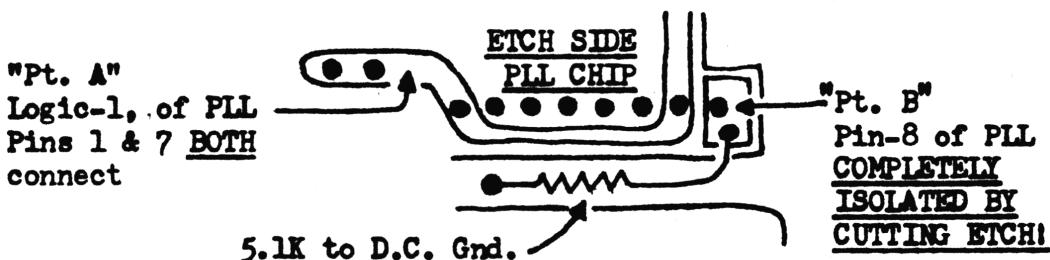
1. Remove Top cover.
2. VERY CAREFULLY, remove P.A. unit and lean to one side.
3. Approximately 2" from front center and 'hair' to left, you will find D34 and D35.
4. Carefully remove or clip.
5. Replace the P.A. unit being careful not to pinch any wires.
6. Replace the top cover.

Unit will now transmit over the entire readout range.....

Marko CB-444, Conversion to 'ALPHA'

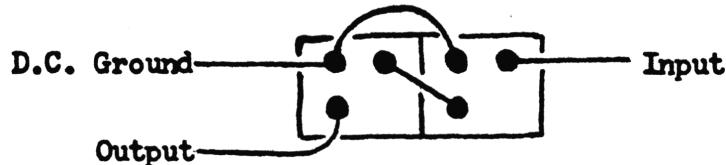
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1. Remove covers; mark location of color-coded wires going to speaker; then pull the connectors off. All further work on unit is done with external speaker. Use a dummy load when tuning....
2. Locate D-1; is found in front of L-1. Carefully remove, clean out holes.
3. Replace D-1 with the 'Super Diode', DO NOT apply excess heat when soldering!
4. Check unit to see that all present frequencies are still operational.
5. Follow diagram below for PLL Chip modification. Cut etch completely and make sure Pin 8 is completely isolated from D.C. ground. Then install a 5.1K ohm 1/4W, 5% resistor as shown. (Note: Pt.s A & B, as will use in later steps.)

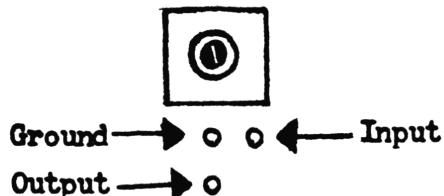


- 6.. Check unit again, see that all present frequencies are still operational.
7. Locate Orange wires (2) on the ANL/NB switch. Trace both back to source; one should go to standoff #41 - remove wire from standoff. The other should trace to Hi/Mid/Lo switch - cut this OFF at the ANL/NB switch.
8. Locate the Grey wire on ANL/NB switch - trace back to source, should go to standoff #31. Remove from standoff.
9. Re-route both 'long wires taken off standoffs' to etch side of PCB. Cut to length so that the Orange will go Pt. A, and Grey to Pt. B. Solder in place carefully. (See Step 5 for Pts A & B.)
10. Re-route the short Orange wire up to component side of chassis. (Optional-you might want to replace this wire at the Hi/Mid/Lo switch, as will require splicing to reach standoff #31.) If not; splice/sleeve another piece of Orange wire to existing; re-route to standoff #31 and SOLDER to it.
11. Solder another piece of Orange wire from standoff #31 to standoff #41.
12. Tie up all wires in the cable sheath, including those re-routed to PLL.
13. ANL/NB switch to ANL: re-check all present frequencies. Switch to NB, Channel 1, Low - should have 25.685MHz. If not re-tune L-1, SLOWLY, a maximum of $\frac{1}{4}$ turn CW or CCW. If it doesn't come up try a 'slight' readjustment of L-2.. (L-1 and L-2 are used to get the frequency coverage at this time.)

14. Using the 'Alpha Frequency Chart'; for switching and outputs: adjust L-1, L-2, and T-2 at this time only to get all the frequencies up. Don't bother adjusting for maximum power at this time!
15. When all the Fo's from 25.685 to 28.305 are obtained you then adjust the following for PEAK LINEAR POWER. (As flat as possible across the whole band.) Adjust T-3, T-4, L-7, L-11, and L-12.
16. Be careful that the top or bottom frequencies don't fall out drastically! In some cases, L-1, T-2, T-3, T-4, L-7, L-11, L-12. (L-1 is very critical to broadbanding!).
17. If linear power output can't be obtained. L-7, L-11, and L-12 will have to be 'stagger-tuned'. (This has had to be done on only 20% of all units worked on so far.)
18. With no changes in the RF Power section; all units worked on achieved a minimum of 6W across the whole band. By taking your time, can get it to do 7W with no trouble.
19. If you are slightly off-frequency, the small capacitors next to the crystals will get you back on.
20. Receive was no problem in this unit!
21. Rejection Was A Problem! Remove the 455KHz filter (CF2); obtain another from local electronics outlet; or from a 'junked' out C.B.
22. Glue or tape the two filters together, then re-wire as below.



23. Carefully reinstall the new filter on the component side in the cleaned out holes as follows:



24. Additional adjustments: RV1-Sq Rng; RV2-AMC; RV3-S Mtr; RV4-RF Mtr. There is one additional adjustment pot located on small PCB. (Techs, this is for deviation 1.7KHz, the two coils are for FM Rx.)

'ALPHA' Frequency Chart

Major M-120..... Frequencies are switched IN, when the
RF GAIN switch is pulled out.

Marko CB-444..... Frequencies are switched IN, when
ANL/NB switch is in the NB position.

LOW BAND		MID BAND		HI BAND	
<u>Selector</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Selector</u>	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Selector</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
1	25.685MHz	41	26.135MHz	1	26.585MHz
2....	25.695	42....	26.145	2....	26.595
3	25.705	43	26.155	3	26.605
4....	25.725	44....	26.175	4....	26.625
5	25.735	45	26.185	5	26.635
6....	25.745	46....	26.195	6....	26.645
7	25.755	47	26.205	7	26.655
8....	25.775	48....	26.225	8....	26.675
9	25.785	49	26.235	9	26.685
10....	25.795	50....	26.245	10....	26.695
11	25.805	51	26.255	11	26.705
12....	25.825	52....	26.275	12....	26.725
13	25.835	53	26.285	13	26.735
14....	25.845	54....	26.295	14....	26.745
15	25.855	55	26.305	15	26.755
16....	25.875	56....	26.325	16....	26.775
17	25.885	57	26.335	17	26.785
18....	25.895	58....	26.345	18....	26.795
19	25.905	59	26.355	19	26.805
20....	25.925	60....	26.375	20....	26.825
21	25.935	61	26.385	21	26.835
22....	25.945	62....	26.395	22....	26.845
24	25.955	64	26.405	24	26.855
25....	25.965	65....	26.415	25....	26.865
23	25.975	63	26.425	23	26.875
26....	25.985	66....	26.435	26....	26.885
27	25.995	67	26.445	27	26.895
28....	26.005	68....	26.455	28....	26.905
29	26.015	69	26.465	29	26.915
30....	26.025	70....	26.475	30....	26.925
31	26.035	71	26.485	31	26.935
32....	26.045	72....	26.495	32....	26.945
33	26.055	73	26.505	33	26.955
34....	26.065	74....	26.515	34....	26.965
35	26.075	75	26.525	35	26.975
36....	26.085	76....	26.535	36....	26.985
37	26.095	77	26.545	37	26.995
38....	26.105	78....	26.555	38....	27.005
39	26.115	79	26.565	39	27.015
40....	26.125	80....	26.575	40....	27.025

SPECIFIC TUNEUPS

Realistic TRC-216, 40 Ch. Walkie-Talkie; 21-1663 (TC9109BP-PLL).

No big advantage over previous model except for smaller physical size. VR1-Sq Rng, VR2-Low Pwr modulation adjust, VR3-High Pwr modulation adjust. RX: T1, T2, T3, T4; C23-(3.3Mf/35VDC) may be increased in value for improved ANL. CF2 can be doubled/tripled up for rejection. TX: T6, T7, T8, T9, L6, VR4, L9, and Ll0. Use a field strength meter when tuning for max power/modulation in low power mode. AMC defeat is C80 (1MF/50VDC).

Realistic TRC-215, 6-Ch. Walkie-Talkie; 21-1653. Physical size is again the only difference between this and last model.

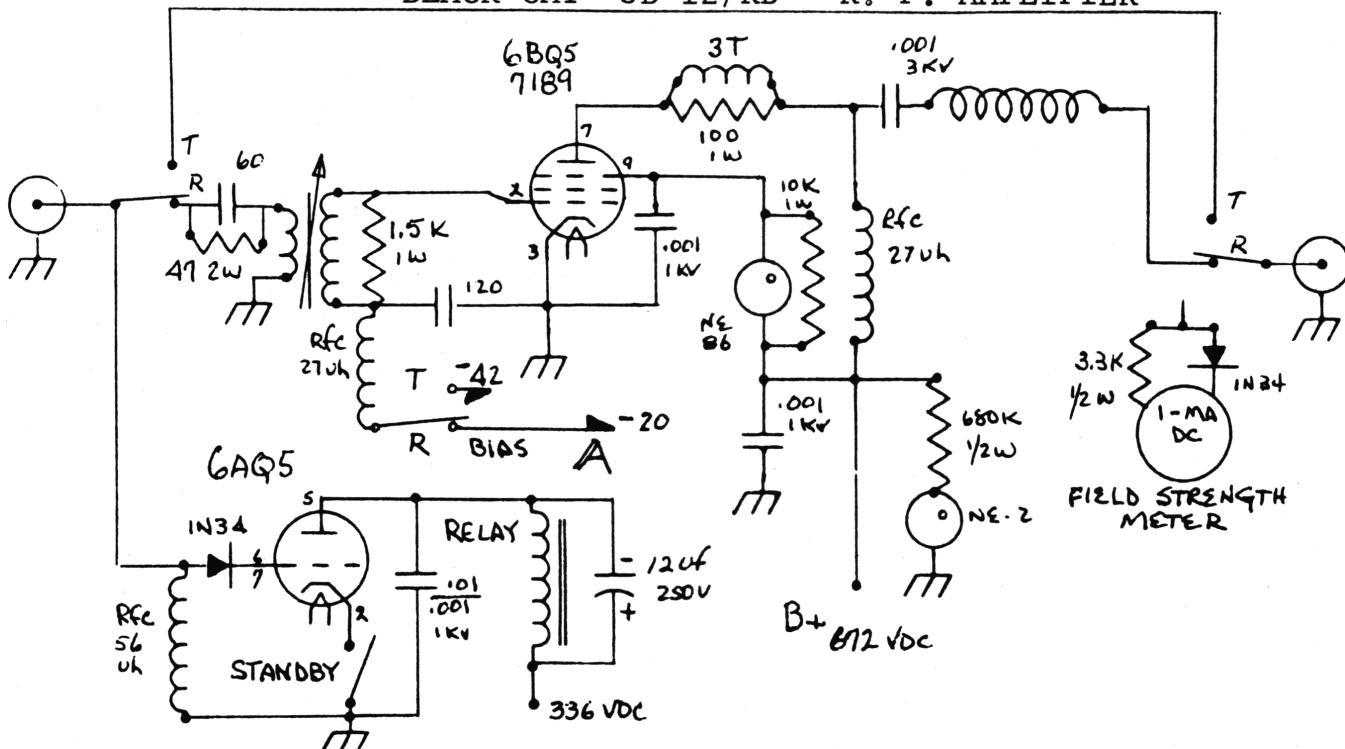
VR1-Sq Rng, VR2-Low Pwr modulation adjust, VR3-High Pwr modulation adjust. RX: T1, T2, T3, T4; C24-(3.3Mf/25VDC) may be increased in value for improved ANL. CF2 should be doubled only for rejection improvement IF needed. TX: T5, L3, VR4, L6, and L7. Use field strength meter when tuning transmit in low power mode.

Realistic TRC-417, (LC7132-PLL). Another new unit, nothing spectacular. Alignment 'Tune-up': peak in receive mode T1, T2, L5, L6, T3, T4, and T5. C31 (1MF/50VDC), may be changed to higher value for more efficient noise limiting. CF-1 may be doubled up for rejection. VR1-TX lights, VR2-RX lights, VR3-Sq Rng.

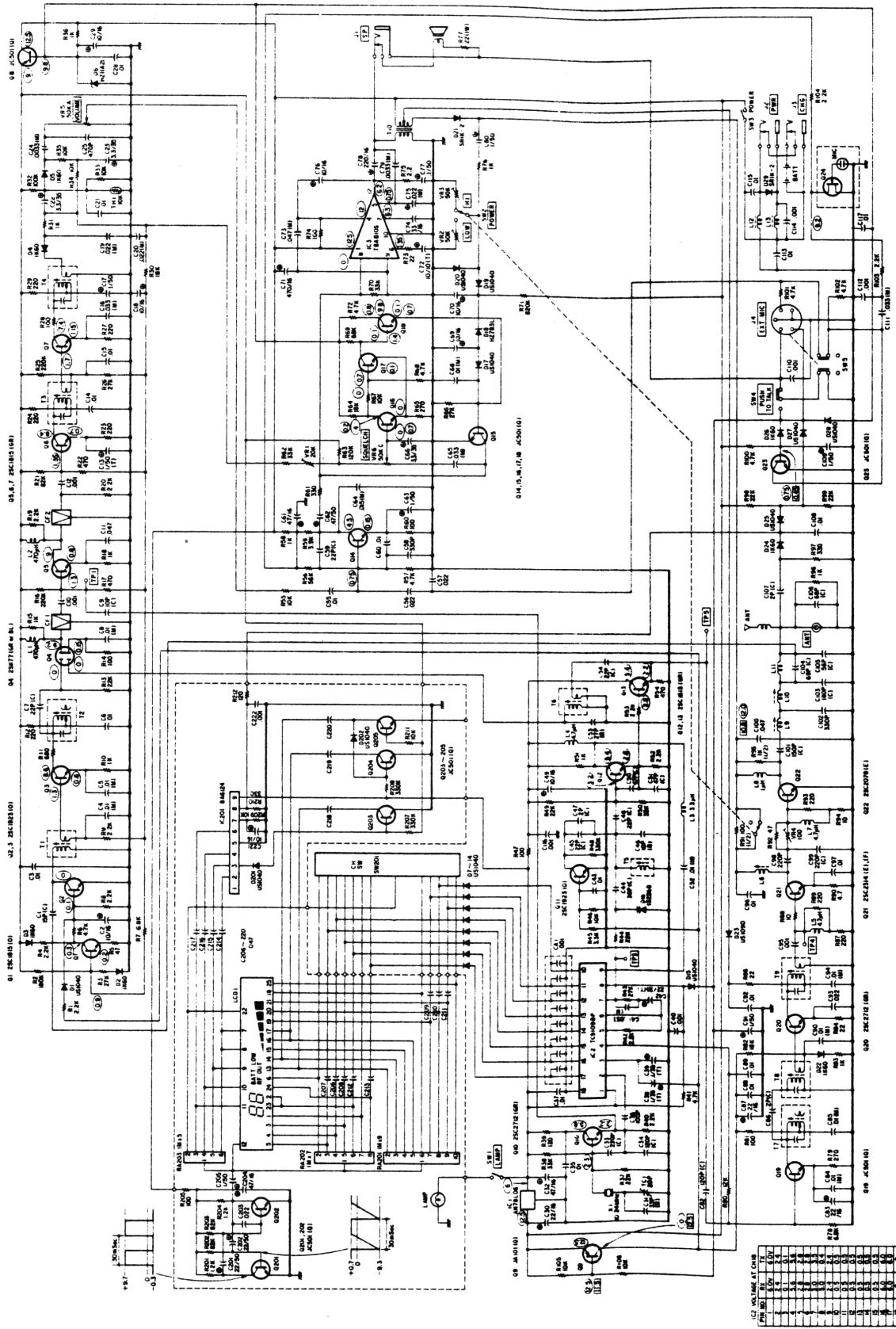
TX: T7, T8, T9, Ll0, L3, and Ll. R58 may be changed to a lower value for increased RF output. Modulation disable is D10.

Pyramid 1300, (LC7131-PLL). Just another 'Ancient Mary' mobile unit. C22 (1MF/25VDC) may be increased for improved ANL. RV1-RX lamp adjust; VR2-Sq Range; RV3(2K)-AMC, defeat is C94 1MF/16VDC; RV3(20K) is TX lamp adjust. RX alignment: T1, T2, T3, T4, and T5. TX alignment: T9 and Tl0.

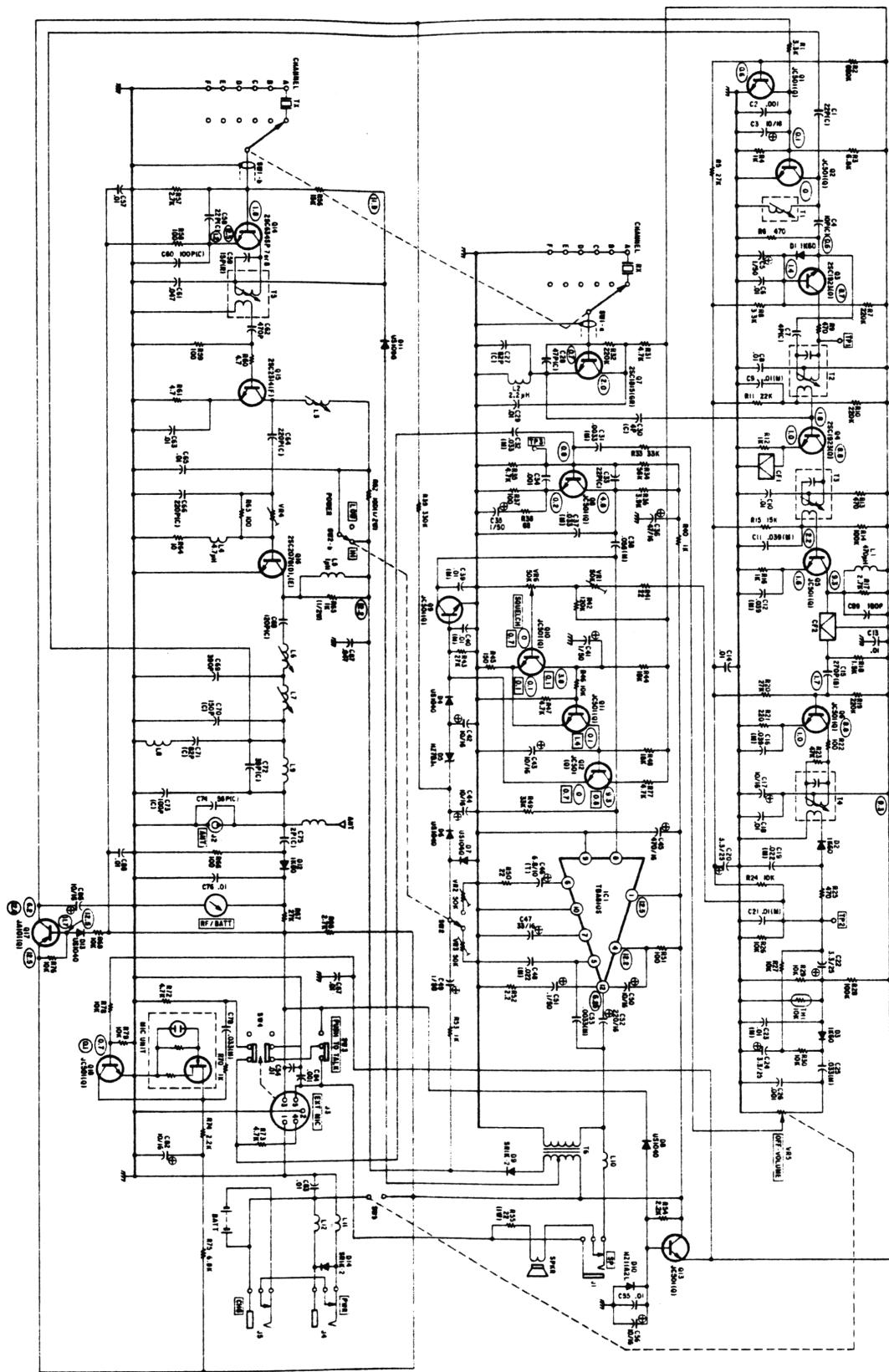
'BLACK CAT' JB-12/RB - R. F. AMPLIFIER



REALISTIC TRC-216 - 40 CH WALKIE-TALKIE

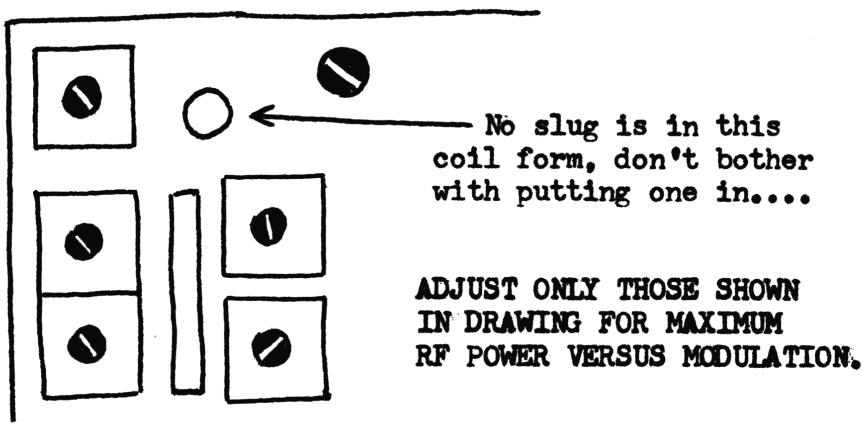


REALISTIC TRC-215 - 6 CH WALKIE-TALKIE



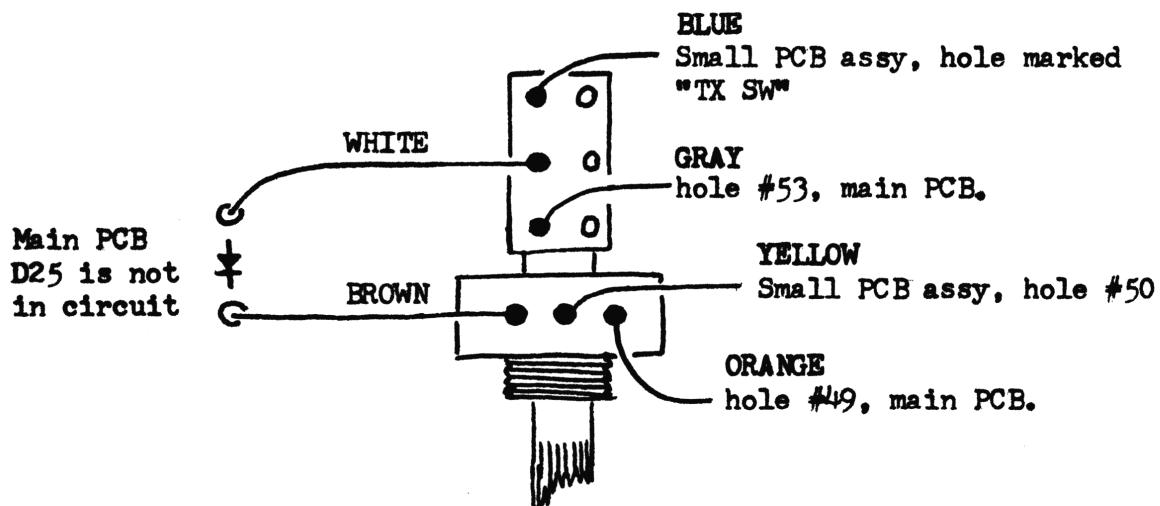
COBRA 20 LTD (TC9106-PLL)

Out-of-the-box; S/N: 27006870. Ch.1 - 3.8W, Ch.40 - 4.0W; modulation was 50% maximum? VR1-RX Mtr, VR2-Sq Rng, VR3-TX Mtr. There is no adjustment for modulation, only alternative is to pull D13 out of the circuit. Receive adjustments (CAREFULLY do this one first... L-16, adjust for maximum receive, should be a very slight peaking.) Then go ahead and adjust L1, L2, L3, and L4. Rejection is good in this unit. See drawing below for TX adjustment locations.....



Excalibur SSB

Clarifier Modification Update; The following information was not inserted in Vol. 22, page 38. Below are original locations of the Clarifier pot/switch wires.



HINTS/KINKS/GOOF

EXCALIBUR SSB (MC145106PLL): AM TX; no adjustment on RF power as was going full blast. Found TR51 Shorted E-B. Replaced 2SA1012 with 2N6124.

(Special Note: Replaced with this as was only type I had on hand, Cross-Reference called out ECG-153, 7A/50W.) The 2N6124 is 10A/50W cross-referenced to ECG-378.

L33; busted slug? NOTE... There is no hole in bottom of coil form to get at from the other end if you remove. Will have to pick it out piece by piece - CAREFULLY..

Hygain 671B: Low TX modulation, Low/Intermittent RX audio... Found C81 bad.

Ham International UK 120FM: If having problem getting enough drive in AM; remove VR12 and VR13.

BEWARE of PCB being bowed across back of chassis! Will readily crack, 10 of 12 units checked had a bowed boards, and hairline cracks.

Superstar 3900 (High Band) S/N: 201909 reference. Vol. 22, pg 40 ANL/NB conversion. Have found some units that are being built with Green wire instead of Red.

858 SSB chassis: Problem - squeal for about 1/2 sec when keying up, then would disappear? Turned out to be L37 - ? It went away with a slight adjustment - RCH.

RCA 14T305..02A-PLL: Be careful when modifying, mod is the same - but traces on the PCB are different...

TECH TIP: COBRA GTL and LTD AM Mobiles. Symptom-No Transmit but Final, Driver, and Buffer transistors are good. RF probe or Scope shows signal on Buffer and Driver (Base) but little or no signal on Driver (Collector) and Final transistors. Troubleshooting: check DC voltage on pin 9 of the TA7310P transmit mixer IC. DC xmit voltage should be around 8 to 9 volts. Problem: voltage of zero caused by shorted bypass electrolytic capacitor (33 ufd 10V or similar) on the supply line between the power supply feed thru resistor and the 27 Mhz RF output can primary coil supplying power to the Xmit mixer IC. The feed-thru resistor may be between 33 and 560 ohms. The bad electrolytic capacitor may not be on the schematic but is in the radio. Solution: replace the bad capacitor with any value between 10 and 50 ufd at 15 to 50 volt rating.

Micronta Frequency Counter (Radio Shack Cat. No. 22-351)

by R.M.

Discontinued a 'bunch' of years back..... very good portable counter. The only misgiving is it's affinity for 9V batteries, will gobble them up.

I use these units all the time, even on the test bench. Bought 3 of them when closed out at \$25 apiece. Since then have repaired about a dozen additional units at a good profit.

Originally built by Continental Specialties Corporation for 'Radio Shack'...(address was/is: POB 1942; New Haven, CT 06509). Their part number for the Micronta Freq. Counter is: 15-0001.

Following guide may be used for trouble-shooting..

Display Problems.....

One digit 'on' only, or others dim: C13 (.0047) open
Shorts near Q7-Q12

Missing digit or segment: Driver transistors shorted Q4-Q12
330 ohm open (R1-R7)
Display bad
7031 I.C. (A1)
4511 I.C. (A2)

Decimal points missing: R19 open (8.2K)
Q4 open
Display pins open
Bad Display
Q4-Q12 shorted

No display or display dims after warm up: C14, C17, C18 shorted or reversed
7805 bad (A10)

Completely dead: Jack or jack wires open
C14, C17, C18 shorted
Switch Open
78L05 bad
Battery snap shorted
7031 bad (A1)
I.C. shorted internally
Bad display

Counting Problems.....

Freq. double what it should be: Time base not adjusted
Bad 7031 (A-1)

Displays all zeroes: Time base dead-check 5369 (A4), and 4017 (A5).
Bad 74C02 (A7)
Bad 7031 (A1)

Erratic reading: Check CR1, CR2, Q1, Q2, Q3, 74LS90, and 7031.
Won't read 500Hz or low freq. unstable: Check CR1, and CR2.

Q2, Q3 bad
C3, C5 open
R9 (2M ohm, open)
C1, C2 shorted
74LS90 bad

Won't read 45MHz or high frequencies: 74LS90 bad
7031 bad
1K ohm pull up on pin 1 74LS90 open.
Reading does not update or just decimal points appear: Q2, Q3 bad
C3-C6 open
Time base dead
(see, displays all 0's)
Can't adjust 10MHz, time base erratic: trimmer cap open
78L05 defective

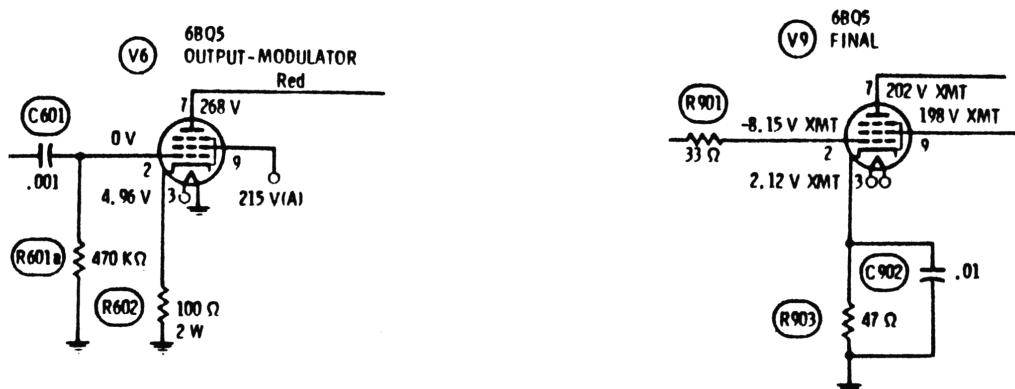
"Beef The Tube"
by W.H.

Most tube type units just don't have it in the audio department when it comes to output modulation swing in transmit.

By adding a few parts a vast improvement will be immediately noticed! **DO NOT REMOVE ANY ORIGINAL PARTS OR WIRING!**

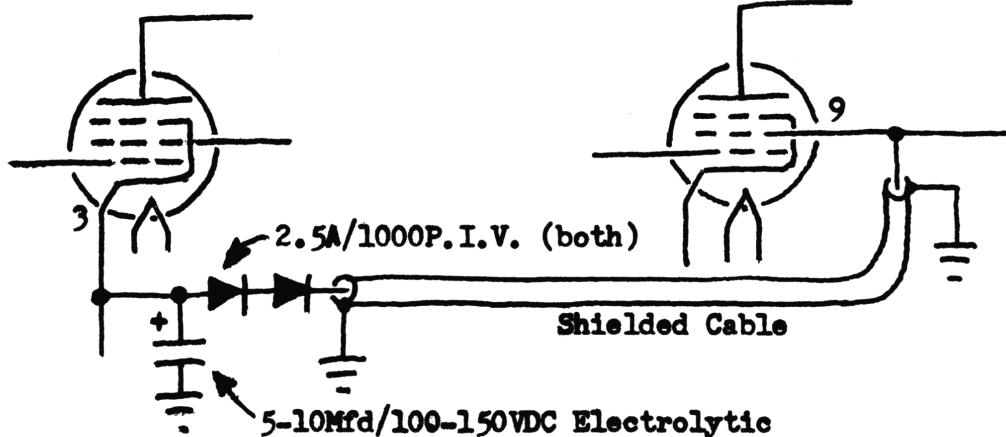
Original schematic "cut-out" below is of the Gemtronics GTX-5000. Other similar type may be "modified" the same way.

ORIGINAL - UNMODIFIED, LAYOUT:

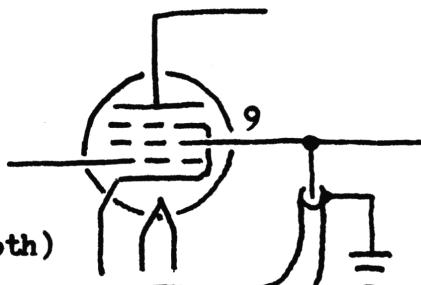


"MODIFICATION" - Added Parts are shown only with the tube pin #'s....

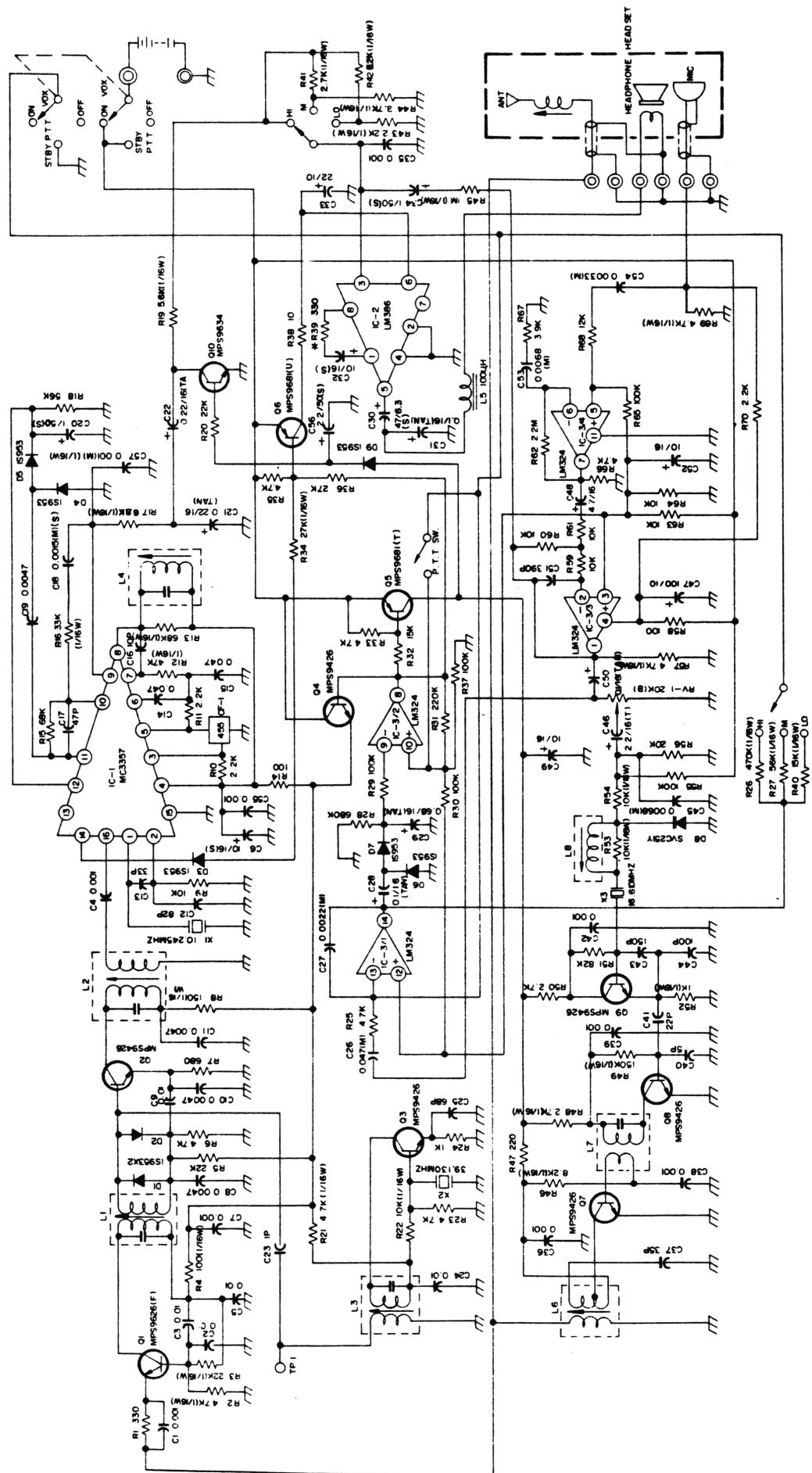
6BQ5, Output-Modulator



6BQ5, Final



TRC-500 SCHEMATIC



TRC-500, Alignment Procedure

"SIMPLIFIED FOR THE EXPERIENCED TECHNICIAN"

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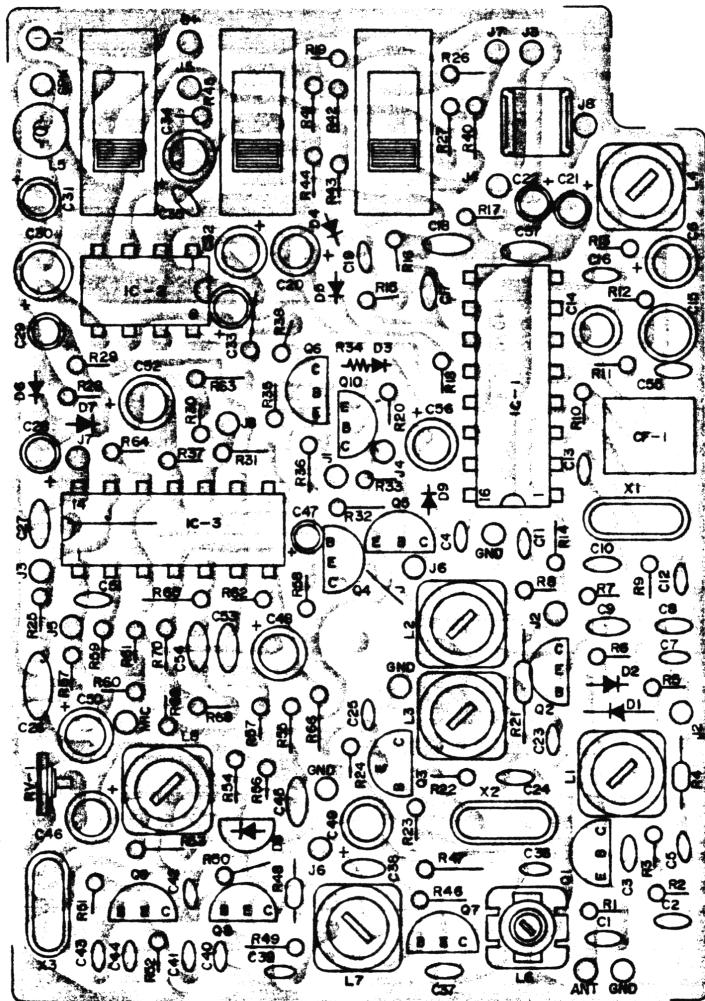
1. Switch 1 to VOX, Switch 3 to HI
2. Adjust L8 for 49.830MHz TX Fo.
3. Adjust L6 and L7 for maximum RF power.
4. RV1 is FM deviation, set for 4.5KHz, MAX.

Receive:

1. Switch 1 to Push to Talk, Switch 2 to HI
2. Fo Counter to TPl (junction C23/L3); adjust L3 for 39.130MHz.
3. Set up an RF input of 1mV, 49.830MHz; modulation 1KHz, $\pm 2\text{KHz}$ deviation.
4. Adjust L1, L2, L3, and L4 for maximum.
5. Recheck 39.130 Oscillator.

TROUBLESHOOTING..... Mostly busted wires with this unit!

TRC-500, PCB TOP VIEW



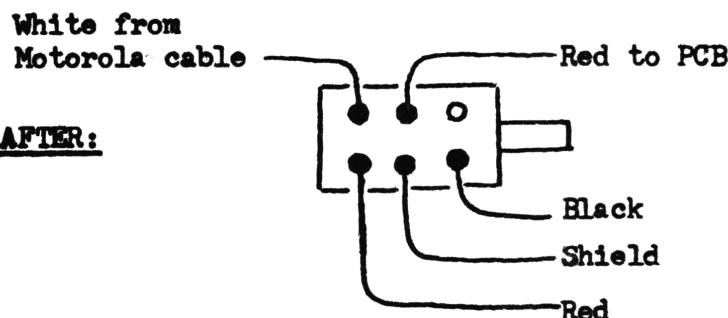
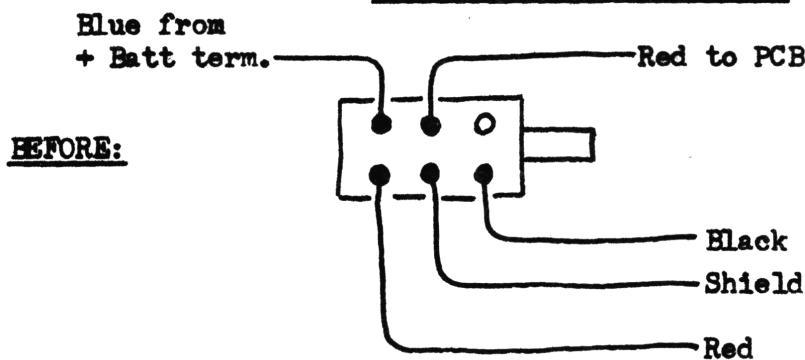
Motorola MOCAT 40 - Microphone Replacement
by G.B.

When the microphones on these units go bad, you have a BIG problem! Since they have a built-in preamp powered by the radio itself, can't be replaced by a stock microphone. Also from what I understand Motorola doesn't make/have replacement parts!

A CA-50 Cobra Power Microphone can be utilized by rewiring it to the original Motorola microphone cable as below:

1. A. Carefully remove microphone cord from CA-50 head, clean off the push-to-talk switch soldering points.
B. Remove Blue and Yellow wires (discard).
2. Carefully remove Motorola cable from microphone head - clean the ends of cable as will be reused.
3. Follow wiring diagram below using Motorola cable/plug, and CA-50 microphone head.

CA-50 Push-To-Talk Switch



Now the radio will power the CA-50 and have plenty of audio.

THIS IS A PROVEN MODIFICATION.....

SPECIFIC TUNEUP

Fulcomm 2330 (23 Ch.) No SAMS #:

TX: Peak L463, L465, L451, and L441 for max forward on Ch 12; also L464 coils may be spread/compressed to tune. 2SC1975 is a 15W/2A Final.

VR481-AMC, VR491-TX Mtr, VR181-Sq Rng, VR151-RX Mtr, VR152-RF Gain.

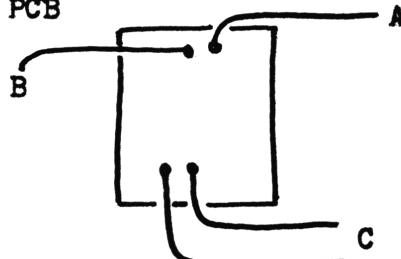
Power Supply Replacement in Excalibur SSB: MC145106-PLL Version
by B.W.

I have been replacing power supplies in these units for some time, but haven't gotten around to writing it up.... Following was performed in S/N: 300011, one of the very first units.

This particular unit had a very CHEAP main PCB chassis decking, it had flexed and broken the board. Angle bracing was installed before installing the new power supply. CHECK first to make sure that frame is strong enough to support the new P/S.... *will mean put in 'goodie-box'.

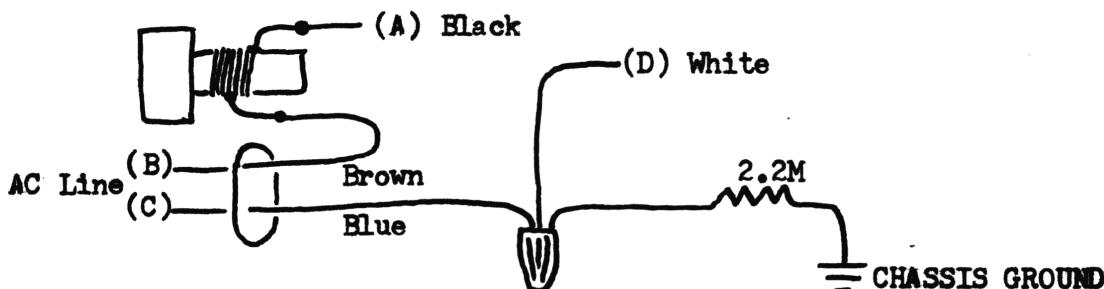
1. Use drawing below and follow directions:

Bottom View P/S Reg. PCB



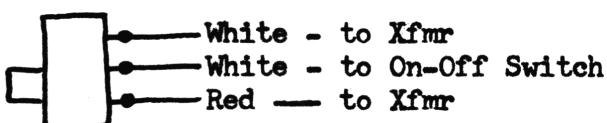
- A. Unsolder, reroute to point of origin (On-Off Sw.)
- B. Unsolder, let hang...
- C. Unsolder, pull up through chassis deck and leave hanging.

2. Carefully compress plastic grommet on AC line, pull cable forward. Save grommet for re-use.
3. "Cut" wires off the fuse holder - remove from chassis *, use diagram below as a aid for remainder of this step.....



- A. Remove wire nut, *
- B. Reroute White wire (D) to point of origin (On-Off sw.)
- C. Reroute Black wire (A) to point of origin (Xfmr Pri.)
- D. Remove power cable, *
- E. Remove 2.2M resistor, *

4. Remove 110V/220V switch from chassis, put screws back into switch hardware. Cut all wires off switch, and re-route all to point of origin. Switch to *



P/S replacement in Exc. SSB, (Cont.)

5. Remove Power Xfmr *; put a label on the xfmr:

Primarys.....Black and White wires; 110VAC
Black and Red wires; 220VAC
Secondary.....Yellow wires, fuse 4A fast blow.

6. Unsolder TR603 on the regulator PCB, then remove entire unit. *

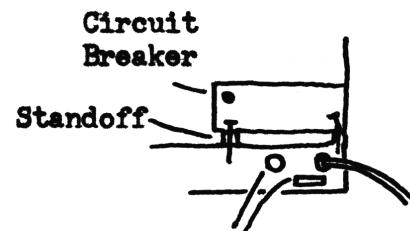
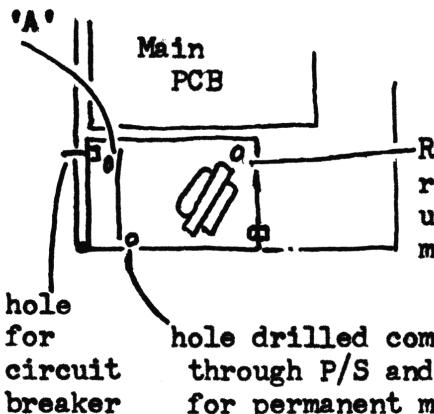
7. Obtain a Radio Shack 22-124A Regulated Power Supply - (NOTE: Any unit that fits may be used as long as it fits and has adequate voltage/current regulation.)

- A. Use a 9/64 drill bit and carefully drill out the pop rivets, then remove cover.*
B. Remove screws on the rear terminals; bend flat the small tabs; cover the terminal board with 3 strips of electrical tape..



- C. Remove AC line grommet, unsolder/remove the AC line (clean off all places where removed.)

8. "FIT", do not install yet.... the new power supply, case and all! It will not fit flat onto the chassis frame (It might in later production runs). Use drawings below for mounting and drilling holes:



CAUTION: Make sure that when mounted permanently the main chassis frame does not flex. DO NOT MOUNT PERMANENTLY YET...

9. Route the AC line removed from the power supply through the rear chassis AC hole up to the On-Off Sw. Use original grommet and install permanently, after making sure of 6" to 'play' with slack are present at switch end.

10. Now you can permanently install the power supply. USE EXTREME CAUTION WHEN TIGHTENING DOWN HARDWARE. CHECK COMPONENTS IN POWER SUPPLY TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVEN'T SHORTED SOMETHING. (Bridge Rectifier.....leads touching each other..)

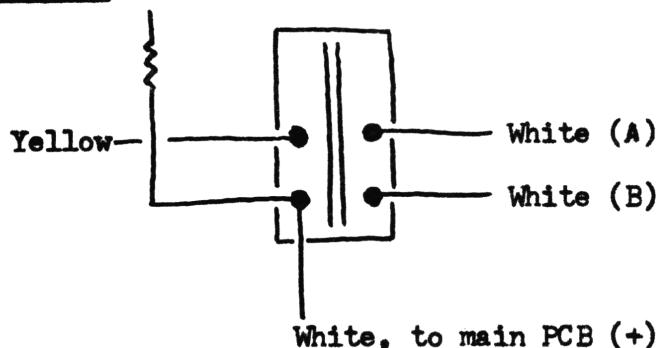
P/S replacement in Exc. SSB, (Cont.)

11. Route Yellow wire hanging from main PCB up through chassis bottom and ('A') hole. ...See Step 8 for 'A'... Solder Yellow wire to - standoff on P/S's rear terminal standoff, a Black wire is already soldered to this position.

12. Use drawing below for steps 13 and 14.....

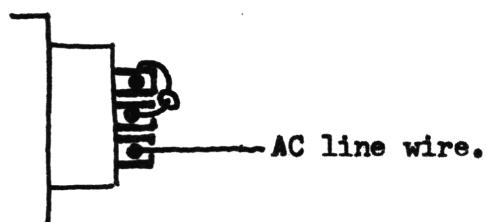
....REAR OF ON-OFF Switch....

Original wiring

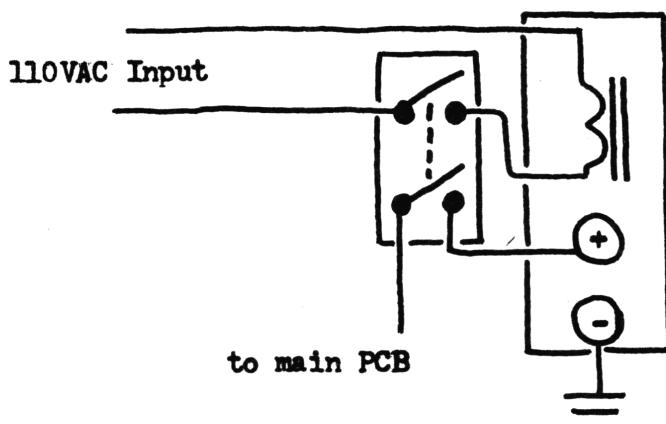


13. A. Remove the Yellow and both White wires (A and B), SAVE - clean of switch locations.
- B. Resolder a White wire to where the Yellow was removed - reroute other end to + terminal of power supply and carefully solder. (A Red wire is at this location.)
- C. Solder Yellow wire to bottom terminal where White wire (B) was, reroute/solder other end to top lug on P/S switch.
- D. Split about 6" of the new AC line. Solder one wire to where White wire (A) was, solder the other wire to P/S transformer standoff.

....Xfmr standoffs....



14. Double-check wiring - rough schematic below - also make sure that nothing is shorted.....



P/S replacement in Exc. SSB (Cont.)

15. Turn switch on the P/S to ON position. Plug in AC line, turn on the main chassis switch and check out.
 16. Remember to keep schematic that came with power supply. If it goes bad all you have to do is unsolder 4 wires, unbolt/screw to remove for service.... no problem!
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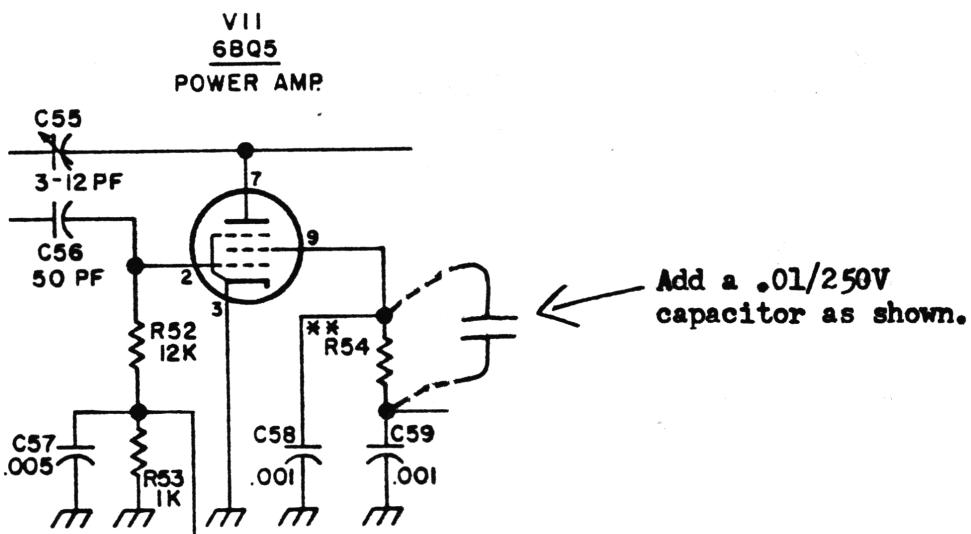
SONAR FS-2340, UPDATE

by W.H.

Check for missing part in R.F. Output Circuit (V-11, 6BQ5):

Screen Grid Circuit, Pin 9 should have a .01Mfd/250V in parallel with R54 (22K, 1W, 10%).

See partial schematic blow-up with update, as to how it should be modified.



(Ed. Note) R54 controls screen voltage so that the FCC limit on RF is maintained.

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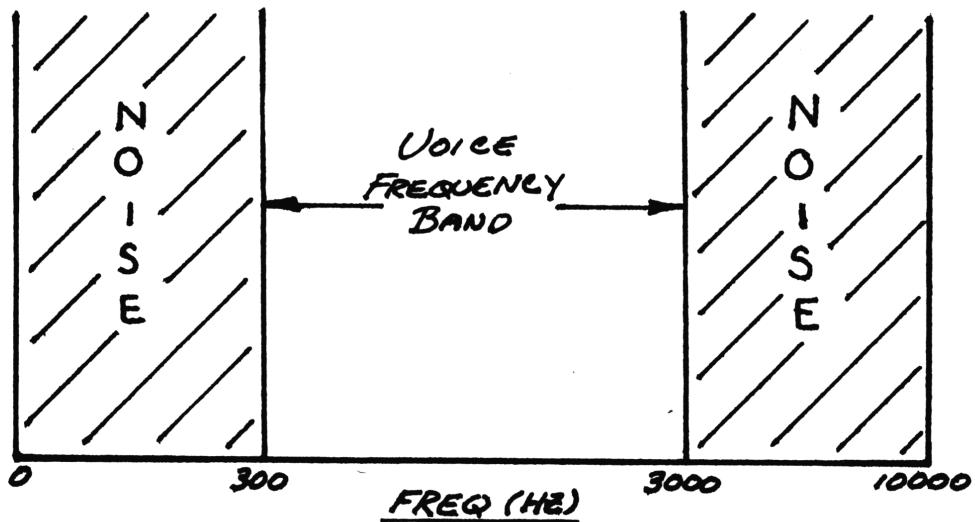
IMPROVING YOUR "EARS"
by JS

How many times have you had your receiver cranked up all the way trying to pull in that weak station, only to have it covered up by hash, hiss, and other atmospheric noise? Using a receive booster or increasing receiver sensitivity gets you more signal, but it pulls up the noise too. Very limited improvement.

The automatic noise limiters and noise blankers available as original equipment are generally good for nothing except that their panel switches can be used for something else.

In my mind, the best way to improve your "ears" is to boost the audio signal and reduce the noise (i.e. improve the SIGNAL-TO-NOISE RATIO).

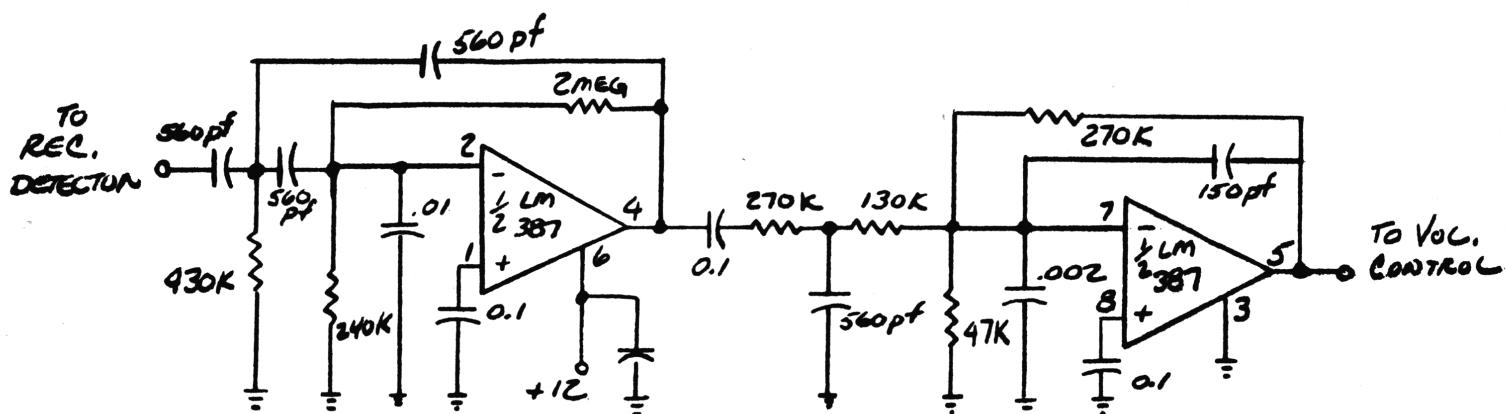
How do we do this? EASY! Let's start by looking at the diagram below:



The frequency spectrum of transmitted audio is shown above, and can contain all frequencies from about 50 Hz to 10 KHz. Voice frequencies fall between 300 Hz and 3 KHz. Anything outside this "band" is unwanted noise. A simple way to filter out this noise is to hook a graphic equalizer into your rig's receive section. (Vol. 23, Pgs. 12 and 60). By using the equalizer as a "band-pass" filter to "boost" voice and "cut" noise, the signal-to-noise (S/N) ratio can be improved by almost 20 dB! AND...when you consider that a 3dB increase in S/N ratio reduces the noise by half (voice seems twice as loud), you begin to understand what a 20 dB improvement can mean.

"Ears" ... (Cont.).....

For those people who don't have or don't want to buy an equalizer, construct the circuit below to obtain about the same result:



RECEIVE SPEECH FILTER (300Hz - 3kHz BANDPASS)

In addition, 02A chassis owners should try the Active-tracking Noise Filter Mod in Vol. 9, Pg 27 Experiment with the capacitor value. I liked 0.1 mfd best.

COMPRESSION/EXPANSION

"Companders" like the VSB-I can provide significant noise reduction in receive. In essence, companding involves "compressing" the dynamic range of the audio in transmit, and "expanding" it in receive. This system was originally developed to reduce noise on multiplexed telephone lines, and can give up to a 30 dB increase in S/N ratio. Compression raises average modulation, which makes a station sound louder (especially on AM). Commercial broadcasters have been using this technique for years. VSB-I compresses 2:1 and expands 1:2. DX Products 321A compresses 3:1, which seems to be the practical limit as 4:1 is definitely too much.

Unfortunately expanding an uncompressed signal actually increases the noise.

DOLBY™ NOISE REDUCTION

Won't work - forget it!

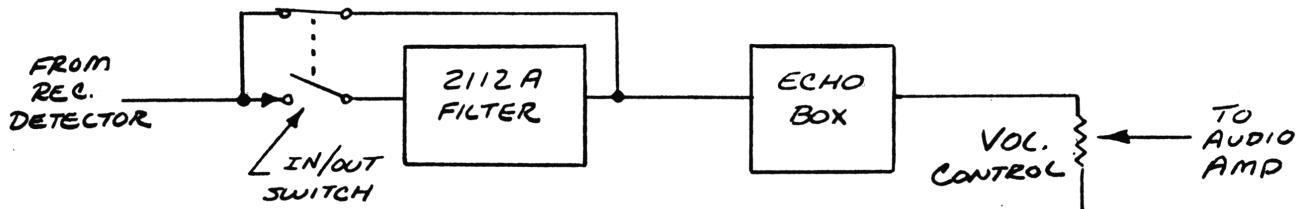
"PHASE-COHERENT" FILTERS

A phase-coherent filter like the DX PROUDCTS 2112A/B (available from SELMAN ENTERPRISES) effectively noise-reduces both normal and compressed audio. The front panel mounted "Peaking" control swings the filter to better "lock-onto" individual voice frequencies. Completely knocks out heterodynes in SSB mode. Gives excellent 45 dB S/N improvement!! ANTI-BLAST control on "B" model protects speakers.

ECHO

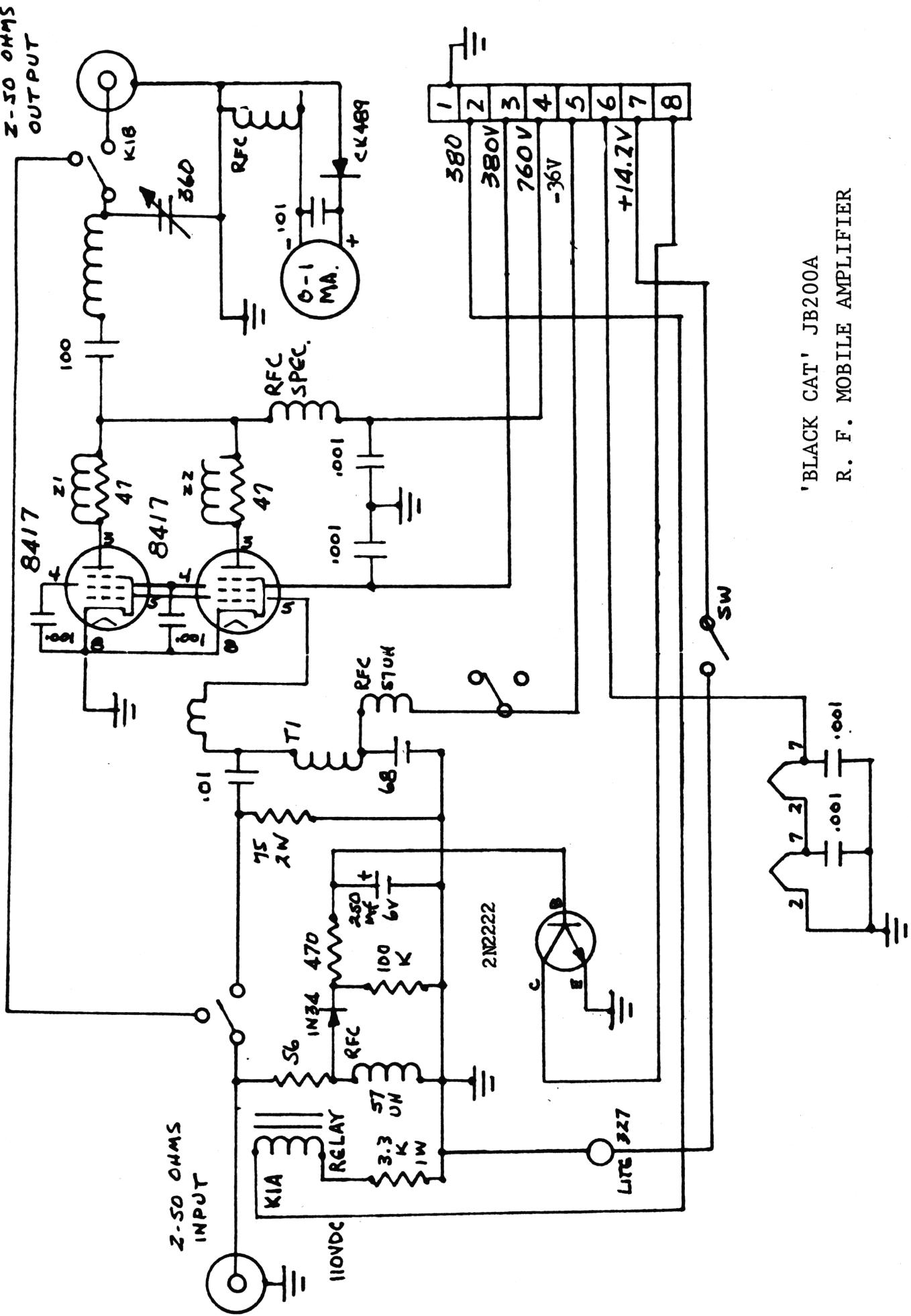
If echo works in transmit, then why not in receive????

Just for kicks, I wired an echo box into my receiver at the volume control as below:

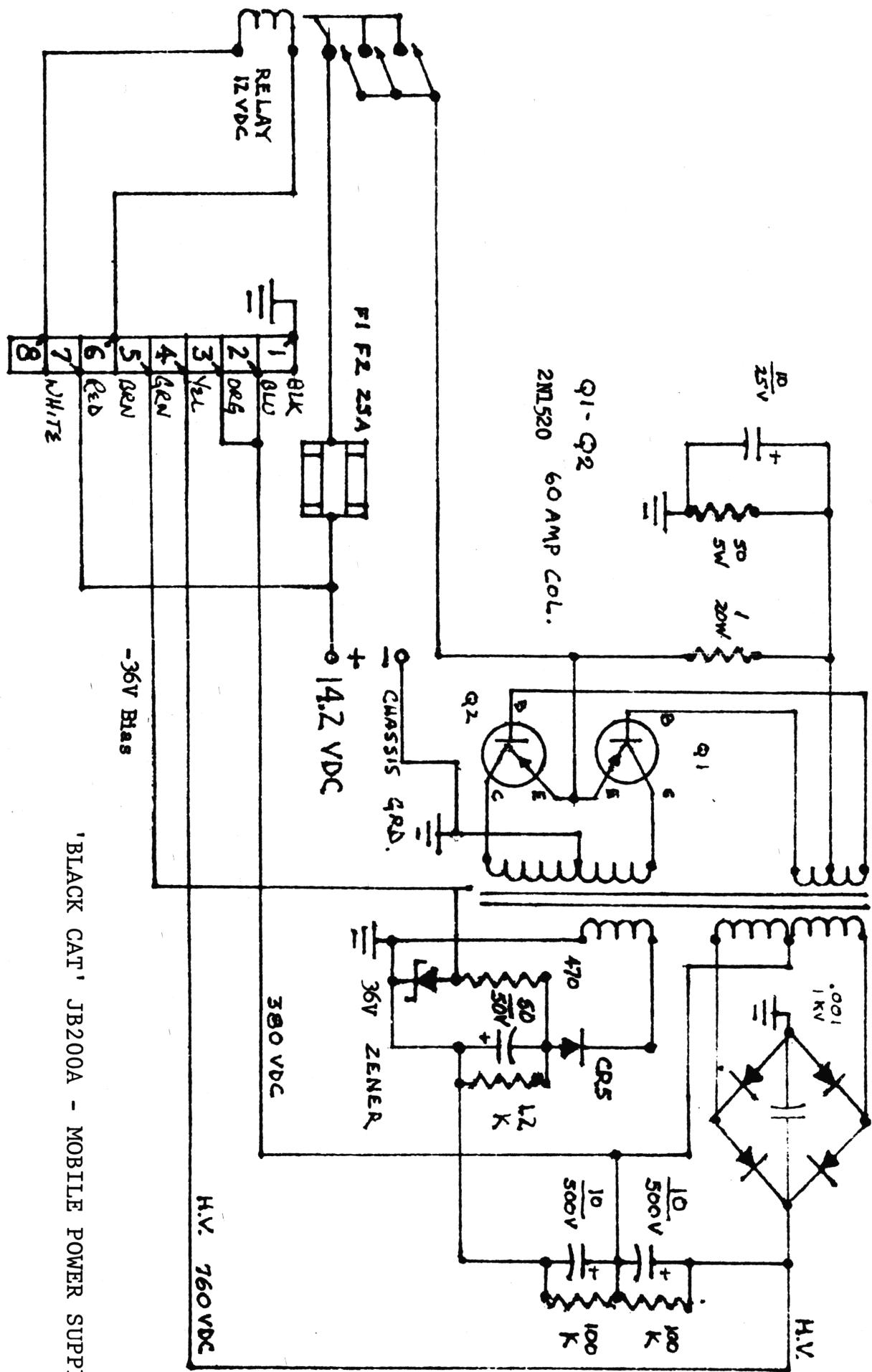


An improvement in voice recovery was especially noticeable on weak stations (less than 3 S-units). Short delay times worked best. Using 2112A and ECHO together produced the best overall results as 2112A's 45 dB noise reduction was effectively DOUBLED by the echo. This is because the listener is hearing everything TWICE. Adding ECHO to a signal that already had it produced some pretty weird sounds, especially when delay times were out of sync.

In conclusion, it's possible to achieve tremendous improvement in receiver performance by using the above techniques. Hearing is believing.

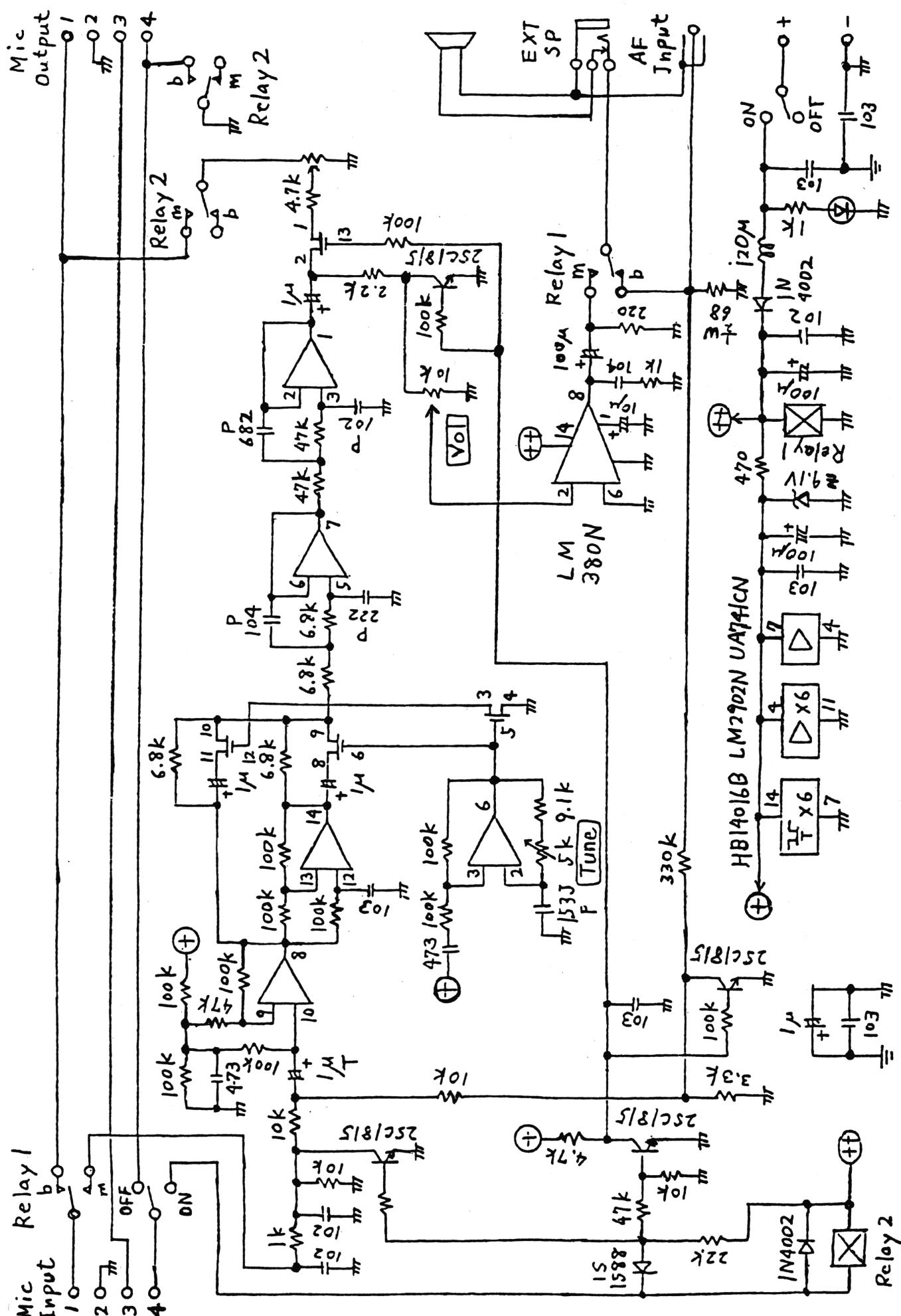


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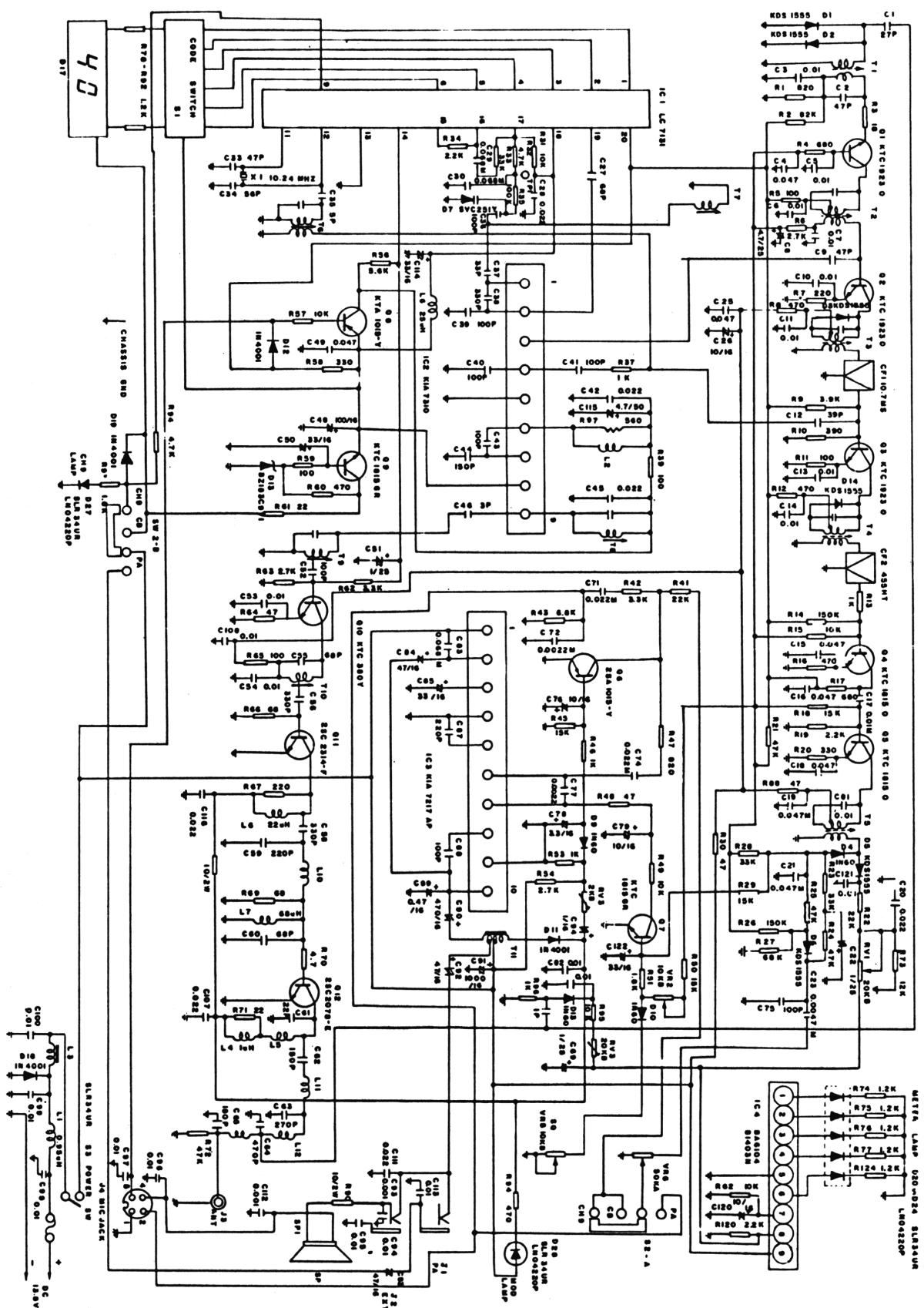


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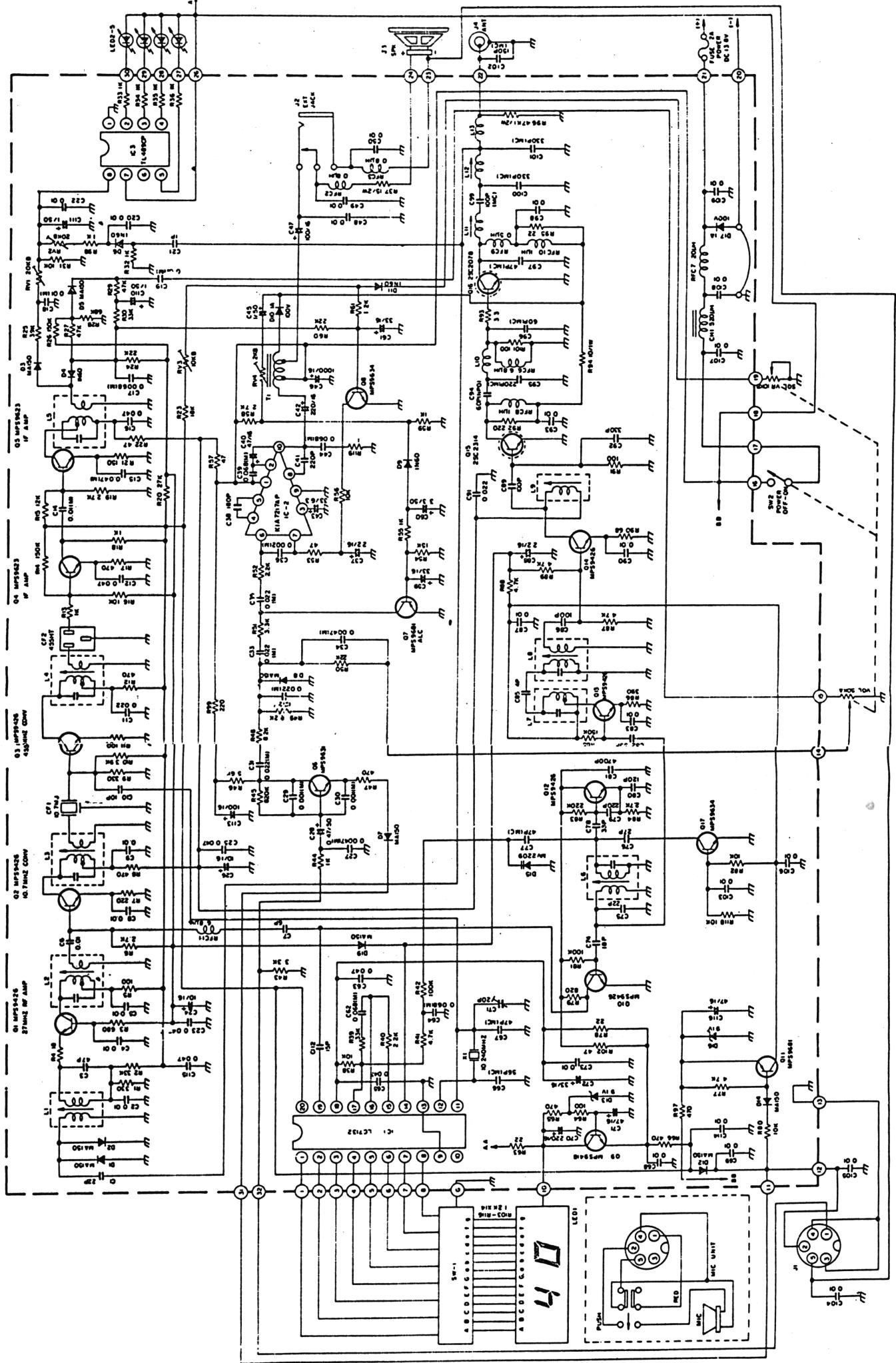
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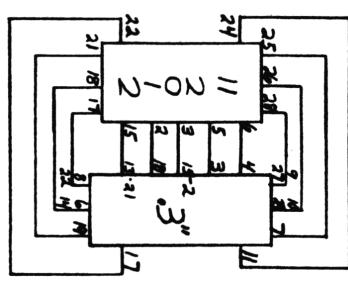
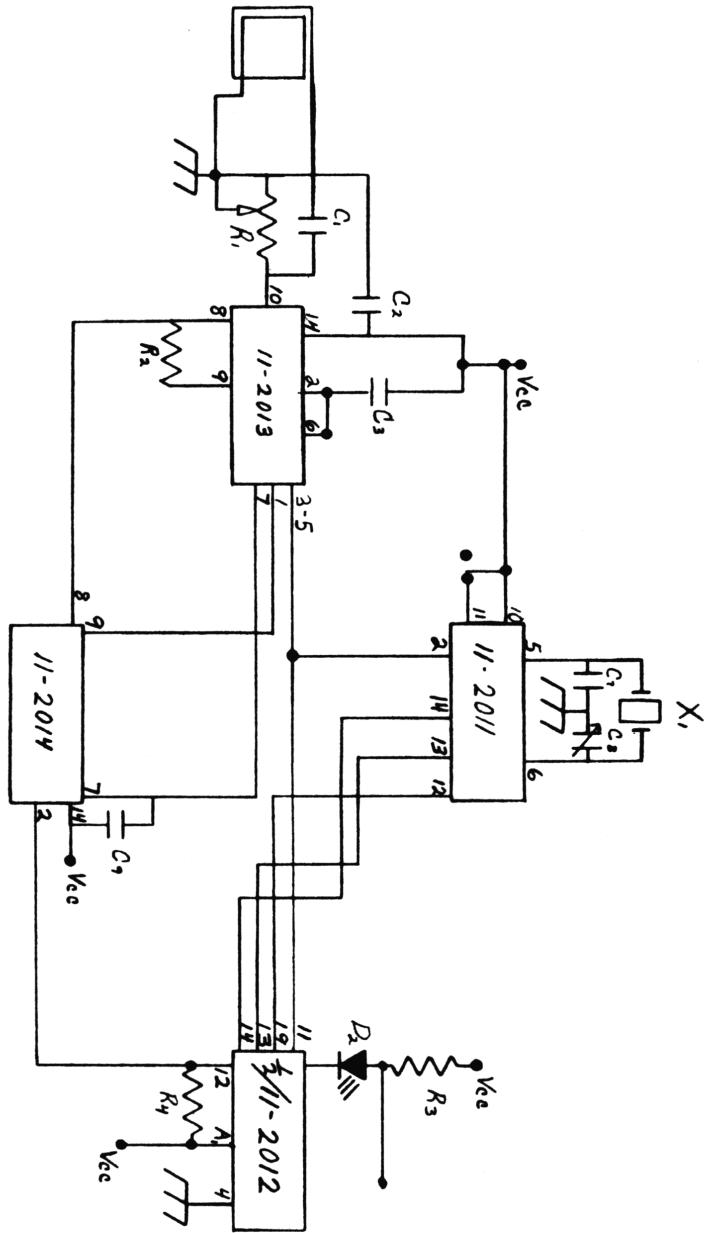
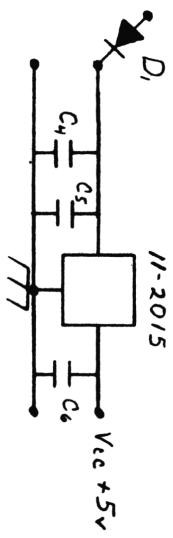


MIDLAND 77-104 - SCHEMATIC



WAWASEE 'BLACK CAT'
FREQUENCY COUNTER

PARTS	
C ₁ , 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9	.1uF 50V
C ₅	.01uF 50V
C ₄	1000uF 16V
C ₇	15pF 50V
C ₈	8-20 variable
R ₁	5K POT
R ₂	2700Ω
R ₃	100Ω
R ₄	220Ω
X ₁	CRYSTAL
D ₁	IN4001
D ₂	LED



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