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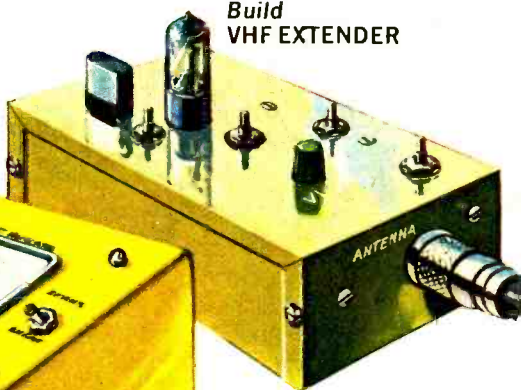
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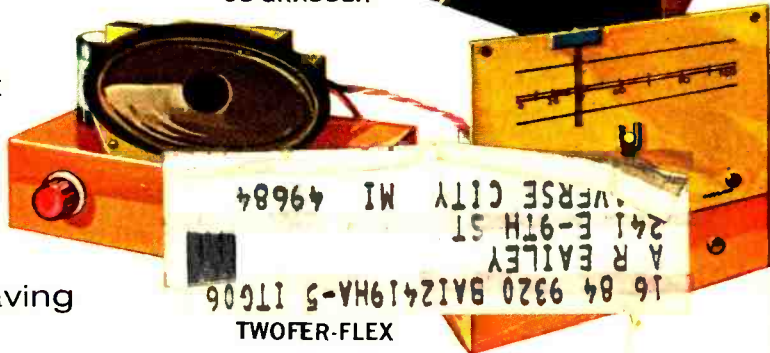
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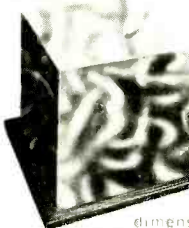
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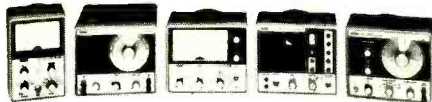
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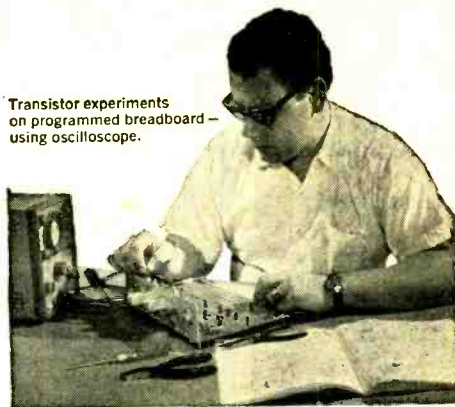


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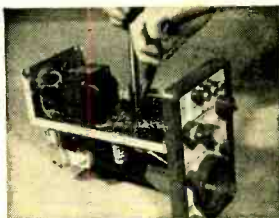
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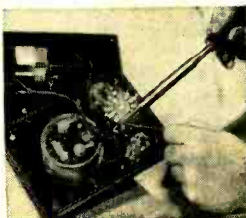
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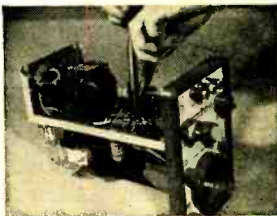
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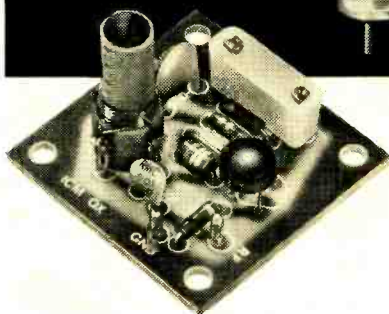
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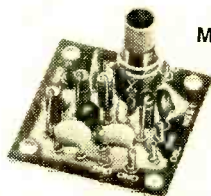
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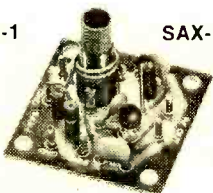
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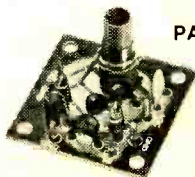
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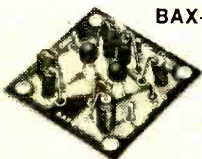
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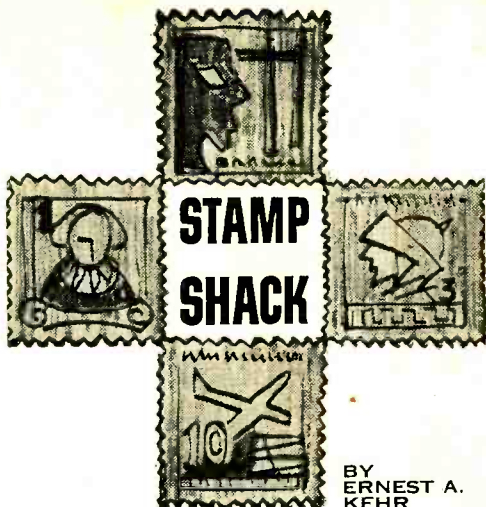
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● Ascension Island is one of the most isolated places on the marine surface of this earth. But for all its remoteness, it now is in instantaneous communications with its more populous terrestrial neighbors across the seas, thanks to the Satellite Station erected there four years ago.

● Its 38 square miles of volcanic topography is in the South Atlantic, and until 1815, was uninhabited except for some ten species of sea birds that nested on and around the 35 extinct craters. At that time it was occupied by a garrison of British sailors and marines, instructed to prevent French forces to rescue Napoleon from his exile on St. Helena, 760 miles away.

● Until 1922, the island was used solely as a water and coaling station for British warships on their way to and from Africa, South America and Asia.

● Its communications history dates to 1899, when a crew of the Eastern Telegraph Co., Ltd., was sent down from London to begin the laying of cables that linked Ascension with St. Helena to the east, and St. Vincent to the northwest. Extensions subsequently were made to Freetown (Sierra Leone) and Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires, in South America. Seventeen years later Eastern's successor, Cables and Wireless, Ltd., installed the first radio relay station. More recently, the BBC installed facilities to relay programs between London, Africa and South America.

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● Once the Space program was developed, Ascension's geographical position made it a perfect site to help track the various Apollo missions. The Cable and Wireless group envisioned its potentials, and in cooperation with NASA, started construction of an earth station to keep in touch with Spacecraft and satellites in orbit.

● Entirely British-owned, it was installed by the Marconi Company and opened for service in September, 1966. Since then, it was used to track all of the Apollo missions, including 11 and 12 that made it to the moon, and 13, which failed, but got back to a splashdown in one of history's most exciting events.

● Now that Ascension has a population of nearly 2,000 people—most of them concentrated in its coastal capital of Georgetown—the earth station is being used for commercial purposes. Its transmitting and receiving facilities are in constant contact with the two satellites that are 22,300 miles in orbit above its rocky surface. Its equipment is an advanced type of low-noise receivers, cooled to more than 250° below the freezing point, by helium at near liquid temperatures. Once TV comes to the island, the station will be able to pick up video and audio signals from most any part of the world.

● To proclaim the opening of this station, Ascension issued four special stamps with denominations of 4, 8 pence, 1¼ and 2½ shillings. Each depicts the immense dish receiver with symbolical waves linking it with one of the satellites, while the moon is in the distance. A portrait of Queen Elizabeth II is inset at the upper right.

● ● On the other side of the globe, Malaysia has entered the Space Age, too, by opening service of its earth station and commemorating it with a pair of special stamps. The 15-cent value, with its odd shape, shows the 97-foot fully steerable antenna which was erected at Kuantan, Pahang. The 30-cent shows that part of the globe in which Malaysia is located with the Intelsat III satellite floating above it.

● The facilities on the 60-acre site, which was selected because of its complete freedom from interference from existing terrestrial microwave stations, were built by Mitsubishi Shoji Kaisha, Ltd., of Japan on the basis of bids submitted by interested contractors. It cost more than \$3 million.

● Its key components are the antenna, a super-sensitive helium refrigerated receiver and high-power microwave transmitters. The antenna alone weighs 300 tons, but despite this is able to so accurately stay aimed at the Intelsat III, orbiting 22,300 miles above the Indian Ocean, that it never is more than one minute of an arc off the beam. The reflecting surface of the antenna must be within 1.2 millimeters of design to concentrate the radiated microwave power towards the satellite equivalent to 1 million watts. Links with this installation and Kuala Lumpur are provided by a high-quality microwave system.

● In setting up this earth station, Malaysia became the 50th of a 71-member Consortium founded to provide modern, Space-age telecommunications facilities around the earth.

● Because the specifications and system engineering designs were prepared by the Malaysian Telecommunication engineers (who also supervised the installation, testing and completion by the Japanese) the project forms an exceedingly great achievement of which the nation is proud.

● ● The American Topical Association, an international group of 9,000 collectors interested in stamps of the world which depict various topics: telecommunications, radio, Space, animals, birds, flags, etc., is the latest to take a strong stand on the matter of philatelic exploitation.

● At its June Convention in Montreal, the group declared that it will not officially recognize any poster adhesive, sticker or label produced in the similitude of a postage stamp by territories that have no postal service or by private operators with a view of deceiving collectors and charging unrealistic prices for such labels.

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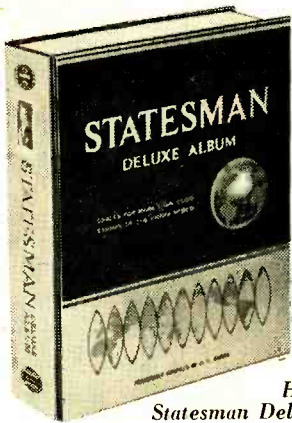
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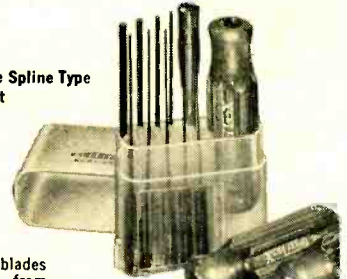


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# GREAT MEN OF SCIENCE

## Ernest Lawrence—Physicist Father of the Atom-Smasher

"It isn't the rank or the money I want."  
Dr. John Zeleny, chairman of Yale University's physics department, nodded understanding.

"I know. You want help—graduate students. But here at Yale we do things the Yale way . . ."

His eyes blazing, Zeleny's subordinate tried to restrain his voice.

"And 'the Yale way' means no graduate assistants until a man becomes associate professor, doesn't it? That's the only reason on Earth I want the promotion."

Ernest Lawrence didn't get what he wanted.

A few weeks earlier he had bought a coupe—a Reo Flying Cloud. Before signing the contract he'd recognized that ownership of such a car would mark him as a rebel against 'the Yale way.' No matter; he'd ask for—no, demand—that promotion. If he didn't get it, he'd let prestige go hang and take a job at a second-rate university.

Part of the pressure was a fruit of his own temperament. Much of it was a product of prevailing attitudes. An unwritten but generally accepted principle of the day held that if a man didn't make a name in physics before 30, he'd never make it.

Lawrence was 27. He simply didn't have time to wait for the slow and orderly process of faculty promotion to elevate him to a level where he could put graduate students to work on problems that intrigued him.

No promotion, no help, no Yale.

It was that simple. Lawrence had made

up his mind before meeting with the chairman of his department. He had even gone so far as to look around a bit.

Out in California, the physics department at Berkeley was said to be eager and receptive. Of course it was second- or third-rate by comparison with the department at Yale. But some day, it might catch up.

Lawrence received and accepted an offer to go to Berkeley. He drove his Reo Flying Cloud across the continent in the summer of 1928. He had the title of assistant professor, several student assistants—and hardly any modern equipment.

No matter; Ernest had the tenacity of his immigrant grandfather who made it to the U.S. from Norway against "impossible" odds. After settling in South Dakota Ole Lavrensen did make one concession to social pressure; he changed his name to Lawrence.

Within a year after his grandson severed his ties with Yale, the young physicist just two generations out of Norway came across a paper by a Norwegian. Rolf Wideroe described how he had increased the energy of electrified potassium atoms. He didn't quite say so, but he implied that a small voltage might be able to give high velocities to particles—provided that voltage could be applied precisely and at crucial periods.

Ernest Lawrence took that obscure and simple idea, used it to build a magnetic instrument that actually did accelerate some particles. Since the magnetic field employed forces that created roughly circular patterns of movement, Lawrence called his little gadget the cyclotron.

The world's first cyclotron, only a few pounds in weight, was in operation before Lawrence was 31. Even he was astonished at the way it speeded up movement of protons.

At the cost of \$1000.00 a larger model was built in 1931. It produced protons with energies of more than one million electron volts.

Once started, the process of instrument-building accelerated almost as rapidly as particles in cyclotrons. A dozen years earlier the Federal Telegraph Company had built a 75-ton electro-magnet destined for use in China. It never got there.

Lawrence heard of it, managed to get possession, and with it built the first truly big cyclotron. But even it was a baby by comparison with the 220-ton instrument he

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put together in 1939. Two years later, the magnet used for a new device was so big it had to be buried in order to minimize danger from its high-level field.

Physicists and engineers from all over the world flocked to California. Big-name universities in the U.S. and in Europe competed with one another in building bigger and more powerful cyclotrons.

It was all but inevitable that the father of the atom-smasher should be given the Nobel Prize for Physics. That honor came in 1940—a war year during which it was impossible to make the trip to Sweden to accept in person.

Before his death in 1958, Ernest O. Lawrence won all the honors any man needs. His most cherished one, more important to him than the Nobel Prize, was a change in informal ratings of physics departments.

By the middle of the 1940s physicists from Ivy League universities of the east were openly competing for appointments at Berkeley. Largely through the impact of the man who didn't measure up to an assistant professorship at Yale, Berkeley had become No. 1 in atomic and sub-atomic physics. ■



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All are hot forged from A.I.S.I. alloy steel. This wrench set is made in U.S.A. and is available nationwide through local distributors and dealers. For further information write: Xcelite Incorporated, Orchard Park, N.Y. 14127.

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Fanon APO-75 VHF-FM Monitor

usually is a continuous carrier that would cause the scanner to lock on that frequency. The auto-manual scan switch, in conjunction with the channel selector switch, permits manual selection of any of the 8 channels.

The APO-75 features solid state design and employs integrated circuits for consistent superior performance and extra long service life. It comes complete with mounting bracket, AC and DC power cables and has a built-in 117VAC power supply, and sells for \$149.95.

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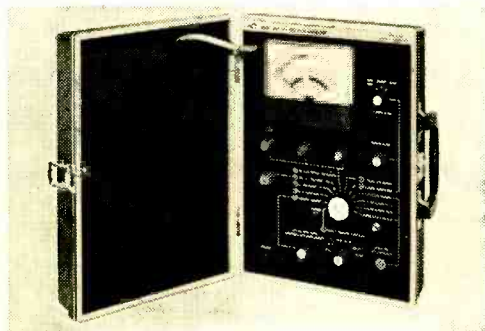
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B&K 466 CRT Tester/Rejuvenator

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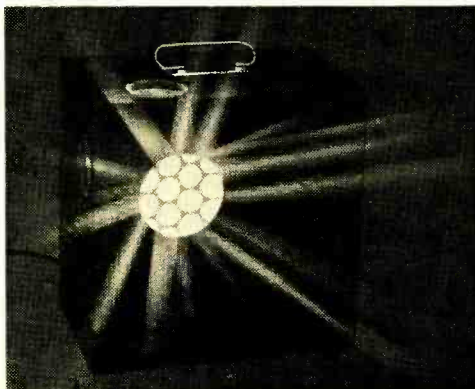
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Model 466 is computer styled for ease of operation, is housed in a light weight case, weighs only 8 pounds and sells for \$129.95. For further information contact: DYNASCAN CORPORATION, 1801 W. Belle Plaine Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60631.

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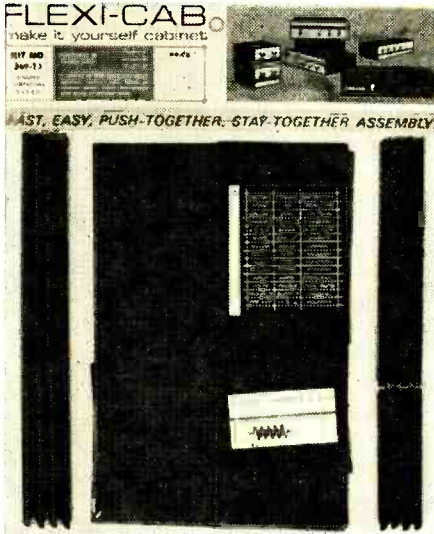
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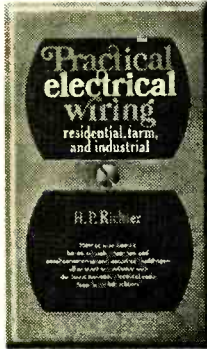


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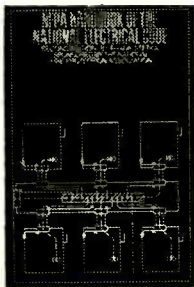
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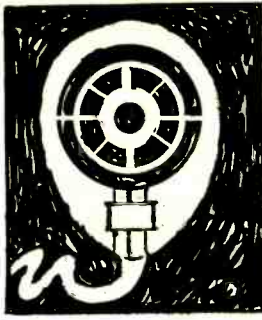
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# HAM TRAFFIC DE W7DQS

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## What's Ahead For Ham Radio?

**WE** call ham radio a hobby now. But when it began, it actually was a part of the beginning of all commercial electronics. That's because everyone was new at the game—radio was a startling new development that no one fully understood. So, everyone in the business was an experimenter—and, in essence, an “amateur.”

What did those early day hams do? For one thing, they bridged the Atlantic with radio on frequencies that know-it-all government officials said would never get out of their back yard. They also operated TV stations and radio-controlled model airplanes in the “primitive” days of the 1930s! They eagerly sought contacts with hard-to-work foreign stations on new uncharted wavelengths. In so doing, they helped develop the theories and measurements of ionospheric propagation that we all take for granted today.

In more recent times, hams pioneered in use of single sideband techniques, which ultimately were adopted by the Air Force and NASA for world-wide communications nets. They sent radio facsimile pictures to the South Pole, and they handled thousands of emergency messages during every major flood and earthquake and fire and explosion that occurred in this country and in many foreign countries. They've made hundreds of additional exciting and worthwhile contributions to society and technology.

**What Were They Like?** What type of person did it take build a TV station back in the days when ordinary radio broadcasting was still in its infancy? What kind of person is needed to pioneer a better way to transmit the human voice than on so-called “ancient modulation?” What kind of person does it take to stay at his mike and key around the clock talking to strangers he'll never meet,

just because they need help? What kind of person would dare to even think that a group of guys working in their basement workshops could build a communications satellite?

The kind of guys and gals who did these things are the kind of persons who make up the backbone of ham radio. These are people who enjoy a technical challenge and are proud of their accumulated ability to solve problems and create new ideas in electronics and communications.

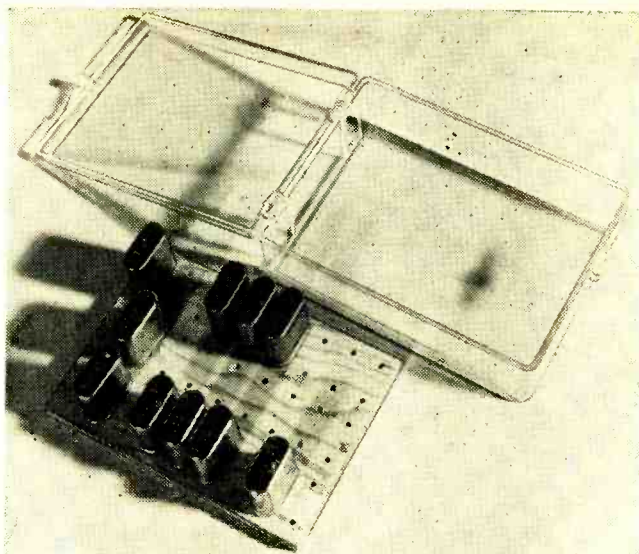
Hams typically have been the pioneers in home electronics systems of all types: hi-fis, intercoms, TVs, remote controls, and alarms. You name it, and chances are a ham has been active in its initial development. This is because many persons who become interested in ham radio later transfer their ham knowledge to other fields of electronics.

For this reason, it's very sad to see commercial interests losing their appreciation of the value of ham radio. The ham is no longer thought of as an innovator—and as a fellow who's learning new things about all fields of electronics. Now, the ham is being looked upon as merely a guy who “plays with radio.”

**Opportunity Is Endless.** In truth, though, ham radio provides an opportunity for technical training and experience that's available in no other way. Much of this can be put to use by the individual ham in his job or in providing a service for his community and his country. Despite flamboyant claims you may hear, there's no other radio service that can do this fully.

To deserve the fine reputation which we have had for many years, it's necessary for us to show a responsible attitude in our hamming. Ham radio does not exist merely

Plastic box of type supplied with some electronic components can become useful storage bin for amateur crystals. Simply cut piece of 1/4-in. plywood to fit inside box and drill pairs of holes spaced to match pins on crystals. With plywood in box, crystals can be plugged in (more or less) and arranged so changing frequencies is easy as 123.



to provide a place for rag chewing, as some "modern style" hams seem to think. Instead, rag chewing is one of the privileges we enjoy as a fringe benefit.

Ham radio does not exist to provide a medium for contests, as some wallpaper collectors seem to think. Instead, contests are another of the fun games we're allowed to play because their real intent is to sharpen our abilities as radio operators.

Ham radio does not exist merely as a form of recreation, as some of the cry babies among us seem to think. The real recreation we receive is part of our inheritance, and it goes along with the acquiring by us of the ability to understand and operate radio transmitting and receiving equipment.

Anyone can push a button and yak into a

mike . . . and if he's lucky, he may get a simple thought conveyed to someone a few miles away. We have millions of policemen and cab drivers and utility repairmen and delivery boys who do it every day.

This sort of thing can be handled by literally anyone, with no training, no technical knowledge, no license requirements, and generally no sense of discipline in how to use a radio.

*But from hams, more is expected.* It's intended that hams should have skills and attitudes which place them far above this level. To keep us on our toes, each of us needs to remember our own personal set of Ten Commandments. For hams, these comprise the Amateur's Code, which is just as

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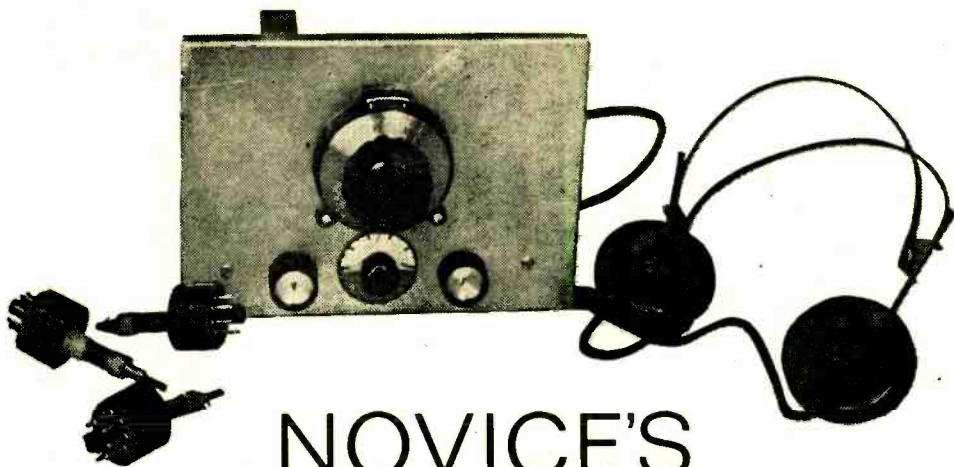
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# NOVICE'S ONE-TUBE MULTIBANDER

By David Jay Green, W6FFK

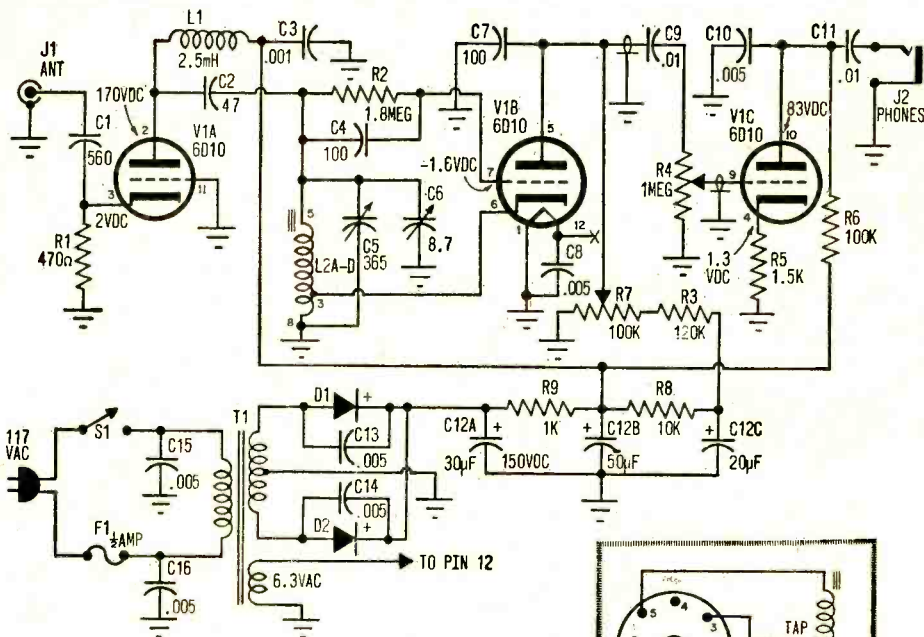
■ What the newcomer to radio needs is a good, sensitive, selective little receiver to get started with. Whether he be SWL or ham, the one additional requirement usually is that the receiver be inexpensive. To buy a commercial unit that'll fill the bill on all counts is easier said than done. But to get such a receiver, there is an easy way that'll pay an extra dividend as well. The solution is to build Multibander.

First off, the novice will get a rig that'll put him in the swing of things. And second, he'll get good experience in circuit construction and receiver techniques.

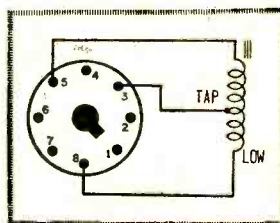
Our Multibander features an RF stage for excellent sensitivity—in conjunction with a good antenna and ground it'll pick up just about everything worth hearing. The isolated grid-leak detector has regeneration and gives good selectivity for separating crowded signals. And, a stage of audio gives enough gain for more than adequate headset volume.

The frosting on the Multibander cake is the fact that it uses simple straightforward circuitry. And, a single

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Schematic of Multibander shows three-stage circuit using grounded-grid RF amplifier, regenerative detector, and an audio amplifier. Diagram at right gives L2 connections.



## PARTS LIST FOR NOVICE'S ONE-TUBE MULTIBANDER

- C1—560-pF capacitor
- C2—47-pF capacitor
- C3—.001-µF capacitor
- C4, C7—100-pF capacitor
- C5—365-µF variable capacitor (Lafayette 32H1103 or equiv.)
- C6—8.7-pF variable capacitor (Allied 43D3759 or equiv.)
- C8, C10, C13, C14, C15, C16—.005-µF capacitor
- C9, C11—.01-µF capacitor
- C12A, B, C—20-, 30-, 50-µF 150-VDC electrolytic capacitor (Lafayette 34H7545 or equiv.)
- D1, D2—750-mA, 750-PIV silicon rectifier (Lafayette 19H5002 or equiv.)
- F1—½-A fuse and holder
- J1—Phono jack
- J2—Phone jack
- L1—2.5-mH RF choke (Lafayette 34H8792 or equiv.)
- L2A—Tapped oscillator coil (J. W. Miller A5496C or equiv.)
- L2B—Tapped oscillator coil (J. W. Miller C5496C or equiv.)
- L2C—Tapped oscillator coil (J. W. Miller C5496C or equiv.)

- L2D—Tapped oscillator coil (J. W. Miller D5496C or equiv.)
- R1—470-ohm, ½-watt resistor
- R2—1,800,000-ohm, ½-watt resistor
- R3—120,000-ohm, ½-watt resistor
- R4—1,000,000-ohm potentiometer, audio taper
- R5—1500-ohm, ½-watt resistor
- R6—100,000-ohm, ½-watt resistor
- R7—100,000-ohm potentiometer, linear taper
- R8—10,000-ohm, ½-watt resistor
- R9—1000-ohm, ½-watt resistor
- S1—S.p.s.t. switch on R4
- T1—Power transformer; 117-VAC pri.; 250-VAC, 25-mA and 6.3-VAC, 1-A sec. (Stancor P58419 or equiv.)
- V1—6D10 compactron tube
- 1—12-pin socket for 6D10
- 1—Octal socket for plug-in coils
- 4—Octal tube bases
- 1—2 7/8-in dia. vernier dial (Lafayette 99H6029 or equiv.)
- 1—7 x 7 x 2-in. metal chassis (Lafayette 12H8203 or equiv.)
- 1—8 x 6-in. aluminum sheet for front panel
- Misc.—Terminal strips, line cord, knobs, wire, solder, etc.

three-stage compactron and plug-in coils make it easy and inexpensive to build.

**Circuit Operation.** Radio signals are coupled through C1 to the grounded-grid RF amplifier section of V1A. This serves two purposes: to get amplification of the signal and to isolate the detector stage from the antenna. Reason is that by isolating the detector, the tuned circuit isn't loaded down, has a higher Q, and is therefore more sensitive and selective. Also, the isolated detector regenerates more smoothly over a wider range.

The amplified signals from the RF stage are then fed to the tuned circuit of the plug-in coil (L2), the main tuning capacitor (C5), and the bandspread capacitor (C6). The grid bias for the detector stage of V1 is developed by the grid-leak composed of R2 and C4.

Regenerative feedback is provided by connecting the cathode of V1B to the tap of L2, and is controlled by varying the voltage to the detector by means of regen control R7.

The detected signals are coupled by C9 to the volume control (R4) and fed to the grid of the audio stage V1C. Amplified audio is then passed to the phone jack by C11.

**Construction.** The front panel is a 6 x 8-in. piece of sheet aluminum mounted on the chassis with two sheet metal screws. When the front panel is mounted, drill pilot holes for the volume control, the regen control, and the bandspread capacitor. Remove

the front panel, and then enlarge the pilot holes to accommodate the controls. The main tuning capacitor is mounted with 3/8-in. aluminum spacers and must be mounted close enough to the front panel to couple to the vernier dial.

Follow the layout shown in the photos for mounting the various components. Actual parts placement isn't critical and can be rearranged to suit—just remember to follow good RF practices and keep leads short.

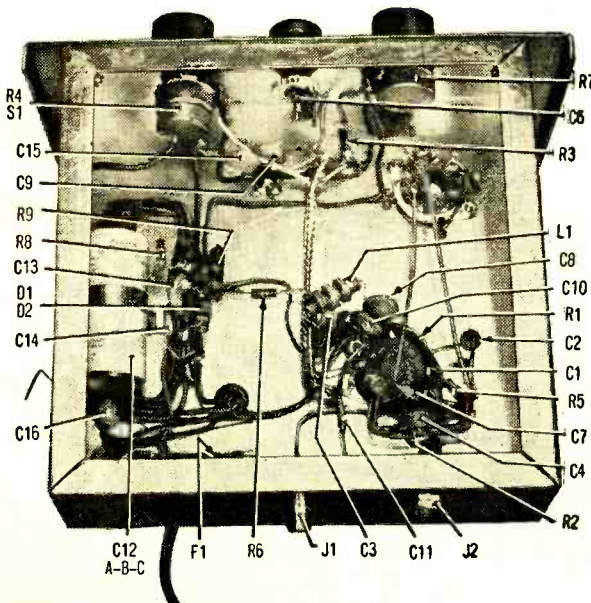
The triple-section electrolytic is mounted on one of the transformer mounting screws, as is a 6-post terminal strip. This terminal strip is used to mount the small components of the power supply. The fuse holder for F1 can be mounted on the remaining transformer screw.

The two shielded leads going to the volume and regen controls are made by slipping hookup wire into a piece of braided shielding. The connection to the main tuning capacitor is made with insulated buss wire through a small chassis hole.

Wire the receiver from the schematic, keeping leads short. Careful placement of components around the tube socket is necessary to avoid a rat's nest of wires. Follow the component placement shown in the photos, and you won't have any trouble.

The four plug-in coils are made by wiring the oscillator coils (L2A, B, C, D) inside the tube bases, as shown. The leads should be

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Following suggested layout, there is plenty of room for parts, simplifying construction. Since majority of circuit components are attached to compactron socket, care must be taken here to avoid a rat's nest of wire and components. Top side of finished Multibander is shown above.

# build our 1-TUBE BOTTOM SCRAPER

■ Here's a one-tube receiver project that has been designed especially for eavesdropping on the Navy's super-powered CW stations that operate in the vicinity of 20 kHz(kc). Whether you're interested in high-speed code practice with 5-letter cipher groups, want to copy the latest news flashes in plain English, or merely want to set your watch by good ol' Naval Observatory time signals, it will pay you to have a receiver that tunes to the fantastically-long wavelengths in the neighborhood of 15,000 meters.

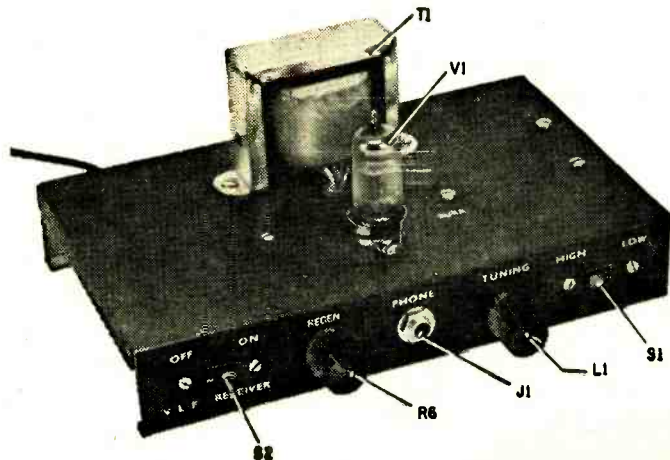
Just think of it, a half wave antenna for this range is almost 5-miles long! Of course you won't need one that long to pick up signals satisfactorily. In Michigan, where the author lives, a hundred feet of wire and

a good ground provide excellent reception, day or night, of NAA in Maine; NSS, Maryland; and NPG on the west coast. As a matter of fact, that's why Uncle Sam uses such long waves. They offer consistently good reception all over the world so that even submerged nuclear subs on the other side of the globe can get their latest orders without difficulty.

**About The Circuit.** The receiver consists of a regenerative detector that tunes from 13 to 28 kHz plus a single stage of audio amplification. A self-contained power supply furnishes DC for the tube.

You tune to different VLF stations by varying the position of the slug in L1, a TV horizontal-oscillator coil which is paralleled

Bottom Scraper was built on chassis without panel or cabinet. If you want a more impressive receiver, unit can be housed in a small sloping-front enclosure.



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... and tune in the unbelievable subbasement of radio!!!

by C1. An extra capacitor, C2, may be switched across coil L1 to provide sufficient tuning range—to cover the entire band from 13 to 28 kHz. Schematic diagram is located on page 49.

In the antenna circuit, choke L2 passes very-low frequencies, but offers a high impedance to strong local broadcast signals. It prevents them from reaching the grid of V1A where they would be detected and cause unwanted interference.

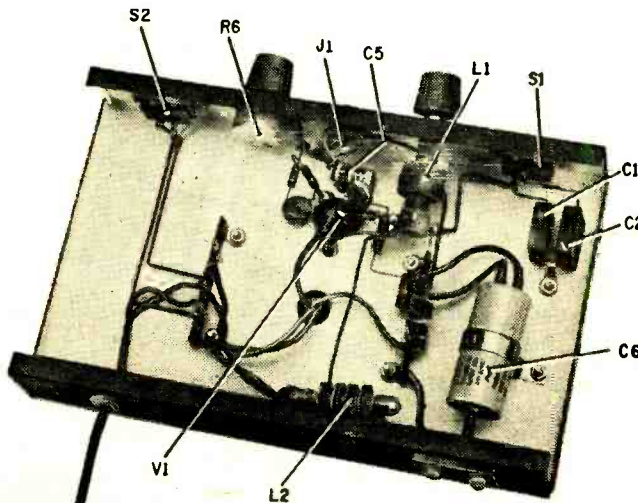
Potentiometer R6 is the regeneration control which varies the screen voltage of V1A. When this voltage is set at the proper level, V1A oscillates to provide the beat note required for reception of CW signals.

The detector's output is coupled, via C4,

to the grid of V1B where the audio signal is amplified. The plate circuit of this stage is capacitance-coupled to high-impedance headphones plugged into J1.

The half-wave rectifier power supply furnishes approximately 150-volts DC to the plates of tube V1. The filament winding of transformer T1 supplies 6.3 volts AC for the heater.

**Construction.** Most articles tell you to carefully follow the layout of the original and to avoid parts substitutions. This receiver is different. You can employ just about any layout that suits your fancy, without degrading the performance of the set. As a matter of fact, the short, direct leads usually required in RF circuits are of little



**Bottom view of chassis of Bottom Scraper shows there is plenty of room, so smaller chassis could be used without affecting operation. Other frequencies below 540 kHz can be tuned if additional capacitors are switched by a multi-position S1.**

# Bottom Scraper

consequence in a unit that operates at or near the audio frequency range.

With the exception of L1, C1, and C2, component values may vary by as much as 50% from the figures specified, with little or no effect on the receiver's operation. As a result, this gadget is a natural for construction from junk box parts.

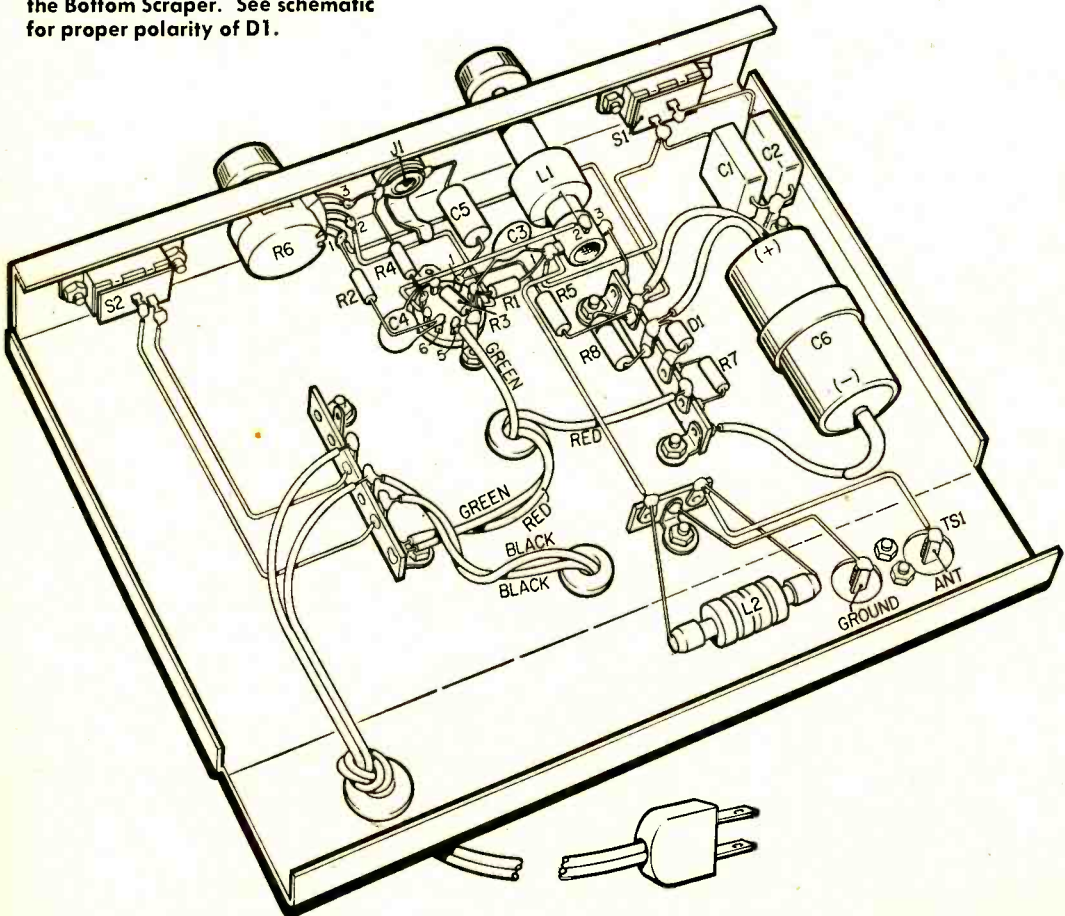
The threaded brass adjustment shaft of L1 is too small to accept knobs designed for 1/4-in. shafts. A short length of plastic rod

or wooden dowel is cemented over the end of the shaft so that an ordinary knob can be fastened to it. Since L1 was not designed by the manufacturer for constant tuning, it will pay you to apply a small amount of Lubriplate or Vaseline to the threads in order to minimize friction and wear.

**Operation.** Attach an antenna at least a hundred feet long to the ANT terminal of TS1 and a good cold-water pipe ground to the other terminal. Screw the slug of L1 fully counterclockwise (all the way out of the coil) and open S1 (*HIGH* setting). Plug a pair of headphones into J1 and turn S2 *on*.

After V1 has warmed up for a minute or two, advance R6 until you hear a hissing

**Pictorial diagram can be used by the beginner to successfully wire the Bottom Scraper. See schematic for proper polarity of D1.**



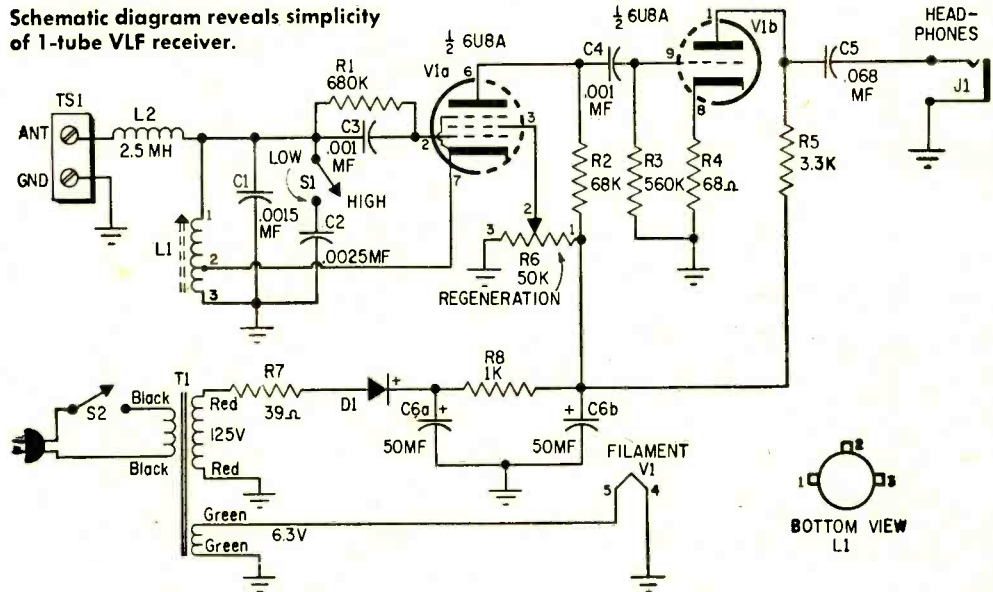
noise in the phones, which denotes that V1a is oscillating. Slowly turn the knob of L1 clockwise. As you do this, you should hear two or three different CW stations. Peak L1 and R6 for optimum reception of the desired signal. A regenerative receiver isn't very selective, so don't be surprised if you can hear the other stations faintly in the background when you are tuned to a signal.

With S1 open, the tuning range is approximately 20 to 28 kHz. With it closed, the range is 13 to 20 kHz. You'll hear a whistle when the slug is all the way into L1 and S2 is closed. This is because the detector in the Bottom Scraper is actually oscillating at 13 kHz, a frequency which all but the

oldest fogeys are easily capable of hearing. Back the slug out a bit and the whistle will disappear. NAA, the lowest-frequency signal you'll pick up, operates just beyond the audible range. Therefore, the oscillation produced by the detector at this frequency won't bother you—at least not unless you have the supersensitive ears of an Airedale or Dachshund.

For best results, always operate the receiver with R6 set close to the point where oscillation just commences. Advancing the regeneration control too far will not only reduce sensitivity, but may even cause the oscillator to take off at an audio rate, producing an uncomfortably loud howl. ■

Schematic diagram reveals simplicity of 1-tube VLF receiver.



### LONG-WAVE RECEIVER PARTS LIST

C1—.0015-mf. silver mica capacitor  
 C2—.0025-mf. silver mica capacitor  
 C3, C4—.001-mf. ceramic disc capacitor  
 C5—.068-mf., 200-volt tubular capacitor  
 C6—50-, 50-mf., 150-volt dual electrolytic capacitor  
 D1—500-ma., 400-piv., silicon diode rectifier (IN2070 or equiv.)  
 J1—Open circuit phone jack  
 L1—16-42 millihenry TV horizontal-oscillator coil (J. W. Miller 6211 or equiv.)  
 L2—2.5 mh. RF choke  
 R1—680,000-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor  
 R2—68,000-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor  
 R3—560,000-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor  
 R4—68-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor  
 R5—3300-ohm, 1-watt resistor  
 R6—50,000-ohm linear taper potentiometer

R7—39-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor  
 R8—1000-ohm, 1-watt resistor  
 S1, S2—S.p.s.t. slide switch  
 T1—Power Transformer. Pri.: 117 volt, 60 Hz; Sec.: 125 volt, 50 ma.; 6.3-volt, 2-amp (Knight 54A1411 or equiv.)  
 TS1—2-screw terminal strip  
 V1—6U8A tube  
 2—4-terminal insulated tie strips  
 2—Knobs  
 1—9x5 1/2 x 1 1/2-inch aluminum chassis  
 1—9-prong miniature tube socket  
 Misc.—Solder lugs, wire, solder, 6-32 machine screws and nuts, power cord and plug, rubber grommets, etc.

Estimated cost: \$14.00  
 Construction time: 3 hours



Rates rocks for activity  
Checks crystals for stability  
Spots channels with rapidity

# CB Rock Rater x3

■ What can our CB Rock Rater do for you? Plenty! For one thing, it'll measure the relative activity of your CB crystals. What does this mean to you? It means that you can quickly determine if a crystal isn't up to par. And this is important because with a low activity crystal in your rig's transmitter, it just can't put out for you like it should, and the net result is decreased operating range!

This nifty little package can also check your crystals for other defects, such as jumping frequency, which, in extreme cases can put you far enough off frequency to throw you right out of the CB band!

Now about your receiver alignment. Are all the channels receiving dead on frequency where they should be? If not, our Rock Rater and a few CB transmit crystals lets you align the receiver yourself—and save the service fee.

Our multi-purpose CB test instrument is compact, measuring only 4 x 2½ x 1½ in., and it won't clutter your operating area. Being inexpensive to build, it won't put a crimp in a tight budget either. And last but not means least, simple circuitry makes it a snap to build, even for the beginner.

**How Rock Rater Works.** The heart of the operation of this device is a crystal controlled Colpitts oscillator. This oscillator, formed by transistor Q1 and its associated components, generates an RF signal output when an external CB crystal is inserted into the crystal socket. The frequency of the output signal is determined by the crystal frequency.

The amount of RF generated is, to a large extent, determined by the activity of the crystal under test. A weak crystal, one whose

activity is low, will not permit the oscillator to generate as much output as another higher activity crystal.

The output from the oscillator is applied to the center arm of selector switch S2 (see schematic). When the switch is placed in the lower position, the RF is rectified by the action of diode D1. It is then filtered by capacitors C4, C5 and calibration potentiometer R3. The resulting DC, which is proportional to the original RF, is then read on meter M1.

When the switch is in the upper position, the RF oscillator output is applied to the antenna jack through capacitor C6. This is the position used when the Rock Rater is used as a channel spotter or an alignment generator.

**Mechanically Speaking.** Although the exact layout of the Rock Rater is not critical, best results will be obtained, especially for the beginner, if the layout presented is followed. The more advanced builder should feel free to modify details to suit his needs. In any case, good high-frequency construction practices should be followed.

Start work on the case by drilling the proper size holes as shown in the drawings. The use of a T-square will aid in obtaining accurate placement of the various holes.

The cut-out for meter M1 can easily be made with the use of a chassis punch of the proper size. If one is not available, a hand nibbler will do the job.

The mounting clip for the battery is made from the center spring clip from a size "AA" cell holder. This clip is easily removed from the battery holder by drilling out the retaining eyelets with a .125-in. drill.

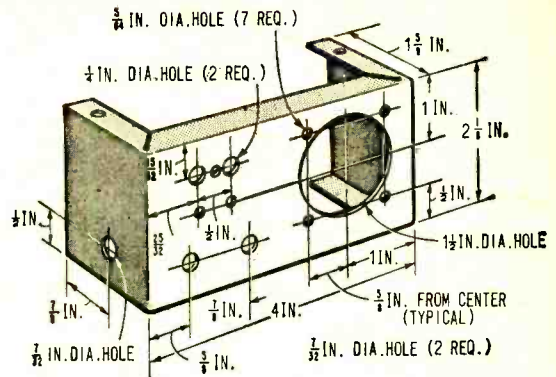


**Finishing The Case.** A strikingly professional appearance can be achieved, even by the beginner, by simply spray painting and lettering the case. The little additional time and effort involved will prove to be well worth the results. To prepare the case for painting, first remove all traces of dirt and oil from it. Any remaining dirt or oil will prevent the paint from adhering properly. The easiest way to clean it is to wash the case well with soap and water. After the case has dried, be sure to protect it from your own fingerprints.

When painting the case, remember to use very thin, light coats. The key to a good finish is to use a light touch. Allow each coat of paint to dry thoroughly before applying the next. For a really first-rate job, apply a primer coat to the bare metal first.

After the paint has dried hard, preferably overnight, it's time to apply the lettering. Whichever you use, whether dri-transfers or decals, be sure to follow the manufacturer's directions exactly. A final coat or two of a clear plastic acrylic spray may then be applied to protect the lettering.

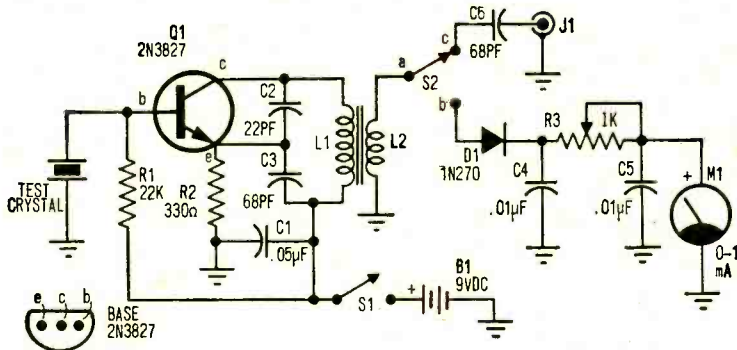
**Electrical Construction.** Most of the elec-



**To insure easy construction, lay out chassis box holes as dimensioned above. Then remove burrs and apply several coats of spray paint for a professional appearance.**

trical components are mounted on a 1 3/4 x 1 3/4-in. piece of perforated board. This board is mounted on the meter terminals as shown.

Begin the electrical construction by wiring the board according to the schematic diagram. The general parts layout can be easily determined from the photos. Although transistor Q1 is a silicon transistor and is not



**Schematic diagram of Rock Rater shows Colpitts oscillator whose output is fed to either meter M1 for rock-rating or to antenna jack J1 for channel spotting.**

### ROCK RATER PARTS LIST

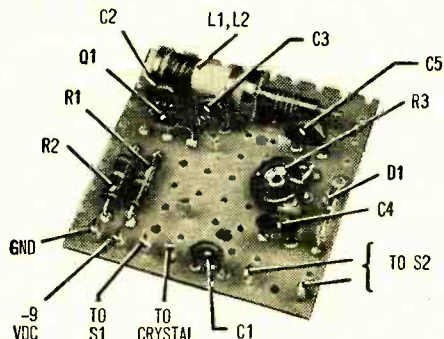
- B1—9-volt transistor battery (Burgess 2U6)
- C1—0.05- $\mu$ F, 12-VDC capacitor
- C2—22-pF, 1000-VDC capacitor
- C3, C6—68-pF, 1000-VDC capacitor
- C4, C5—.01- $\mu$ F, 200-VDC capacitor
- D1—1N270 diode
- J1—RCA phono jack, single whale mounting (Lafayette 99C6234 or equiv.)
- L1—#28 enameled wire, 7-turns close-wound on 1/4-in. ferrite-tuned coil form
- L2—#28 enameled wire, 3-turns close-wound over ground end of L1
- M1—1-mA miniature panel meter (Lafayette

- 99C5052 or equiv.)
- Q1—2N3827 silicon transistor
- R1—22,000-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor
- R2—330-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor
- R3—1000-ohm, miniature potentiometer (Lafayette 99C6142 or equiv.)
- S1, S2—Miniature d.p.d.f. switch (Lafayette 99C6126 or equiv.)
- 1—Crystal socket (Lafayette 42C0901 or equiv.)
- 1—4x2 1/8 x 1 3/4-in. aluminum chassis box
- Misc.—Wire, solder, nuts, screws, plastic tubing, perforated board, flea clips, lettering, spray paint, etc.

# CB Rock Rater x 3

easily damaged by heat, care should still be taken while soldering it into the circuit. This same care should be applied to diode D1, which is also easily damaged by excessive heat and mechanical actions that might break its glass case.

Note that for proper operation, coil L2 should be wound over the "cold" end of

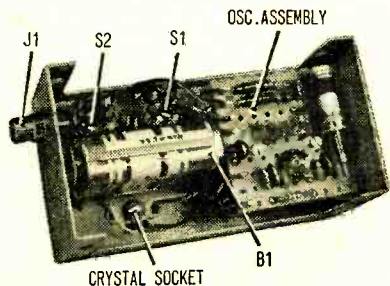


Majority of Rock Rater components are mounted on perf-board and wired following the schematic. Completed board assembly is then wired to chassis-mounted components and installed in chassis.

coil L1. In this case we mean the end connected to the junction of capacitor C3 and coil L1.

Particular care should be taken when wiring to observe polarity of components as indicated on the schematic. This is especially true for transistor Q1 and battery B1.

After the circuitry on the perforated board has been wired, carefully check it over for errors against the schematic.



Completed perf-board assembly is mounted in chassis by attaching it to the meter terminal screws. After wiring has been checked for errors and the battery installed, Rock Rater is ready for a trial run and calibration.



Completed Rock Rater has a professional appearance that lets it keep company with the snazziest of CB rigs. Here, it's befriending an all-channel Lafayette HB-525 CB rig. Don't they make a lovely couple?

Temporarily set the perforated board aside and install meter M1, switches S1, S2, the battery clip, and the crystal socket. Wire as you go along. Then mount the perforated board on the back of the meter terminals. Finish up the last of the interconnecting wiring between the board and the remainder of the components.

**Testing and Calibration.** Place selector switch S2 in the *meter* position. Adjust calibration potentiometer R3 to its minimum resistance position. Place a known good channel 9 transmit crystal, or other known good transmit crystal whose frequency is near the center of the band, in the crystal socket.

Turn Rock Rater on and tune coil L1 for a peak reading on the meter. Readjust the calibration potentiometer R3 as necessary to keep the meter from reading off scale as coil L1 is being peaked.

Once the coil has been peaked, adjust the calibration potentiometer for a  $\frac{3}{4}$ -scale reading (0.75 mA) on the meter. If you are not able to peak the coil, or to obtain an up-scale meter reading, carefully recheck your work for possible errors. If the meter reads down-scale, reverse the meter's terminal connections.

When Rock Rater has been adjusted to read about  $\frac{3}{4}$ -scale with a known good crystal, this becomes your "average" good reading. Any crystal that fails to produce at least a  $\frac{1}{2}$ -scale (0.5 mA) reading is suspect. Likewise, a crystal that exhibits an erratic or unstable meter reading should be considered defective. ■

# MINI-MITE



# QRP

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■ QRP? An expression rapidly becoming popular in the dedicated Ham circles of low-power transmitter enthusiasts to describe flea-powered rigs . . . less than 10 watts input. And along with mini-cars, mini-skirts and the general trend to "mini" this and "mini" that, QRP Ham rigs are taking their place in the field of "Now you see it—now you don't."

Our little *Mini-Mite* really takes the cake with 15-, 20-, 40-, and 80-meter amateur CW bands instantly switchable from the front panel. The rig is adaptable to any type of antenna with no external matching units or similar gimmicks to fool with, and it provides instant choice of internal power source or external supply! In other words, *muchum en parvo*, or something like that, which, in the Italian language is supposed to mean "much in little." And all in an enclosure only 4 x 4 x 6 in. Want to hop on the QRP wagon?

**Mini-Mite Autopsy.** Let's play surgeon and start with the internal organs: they are as vital to *Mini-Mite* as the heart and lungs in a human. Unlike the human, however, this little jewel has four hearts; each a complete transmitter in its own right.

Basically, these "hearts" are the recently introduced of-

# MINI-MITE QRP

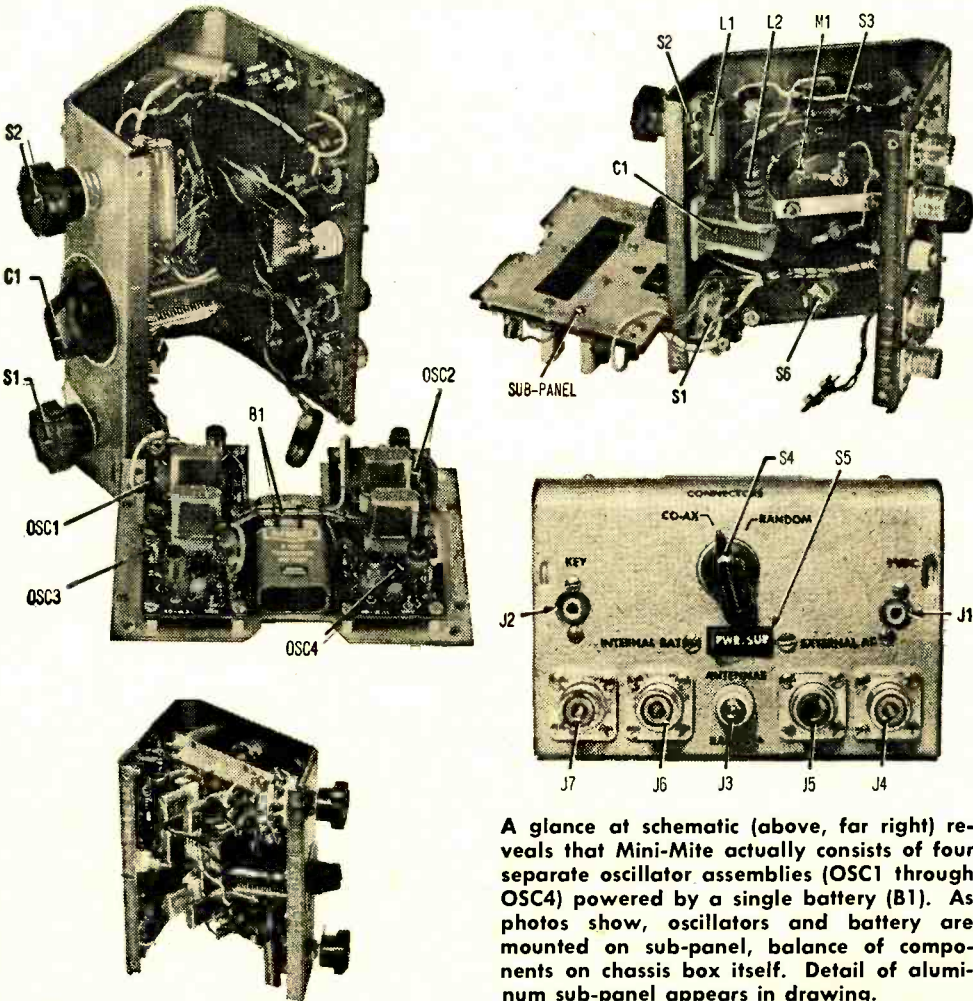
ferings of the International Crystal Manufacturing Co., and are known as the *OX Oscillator Kit*. Each is a self-contained transistor oscillator mounted on a neatly lettered printed circuit board only 1½-in. square! These are available for any frequency you want within a range of 300 to 60,000 kHz.

Fundamental crystals are used on all frequencies—you can use your own crystal or International's EX type—the choice is yours. Each complete oscillator kit costs but \$2.35, which includes the transistor, printed circuit board and all components except the crystal. We stole a march on International as ap-

parently these were designed solely for test oscillators with no thought of their communications possibilities.

But with an input power of 1.2 watts using a 6-volt DC power source, and up to 1.8 watts with a 9-volt supply, the author has confirmed contacts of 1100 miles on 15 meters, 600 on 20 M, 300 on 40 M and 200 miles on 80 M. That's bad?

**Making Mini-Mite.** It will take you about twenty to thirty minutes to assemble and solder each kit from the simple instructions supplied. The four little units are then mounted on an aluminum sub-panel as shown in the photos. For those who want to duplicate the mechanical essentials of *Mini-Mite*, included is a dimensioned drawing of the sub-panel. This is really all the mechanical



A glance at schematic (above, far right) reveals that Mini-Mite actually consists of four separate oscillator assemblies (OSC1 through OSC4) powered by a single battery (B1). As photos show, oscillators and battery are mounted on sub-panel, balance of components on chassis box itself. Detail of aluminum sub-panel appears in drawing.

detail needed as any type of enclosure can be used and any parts of the non-critical type, such as switches, connectors, etc., that your junk-box may produce can be substituted. For these, you can easily work out your own component placement and drilling templates to match. Mounting screws and metal spacers are furnished with the oscillator kits, so no problem there.

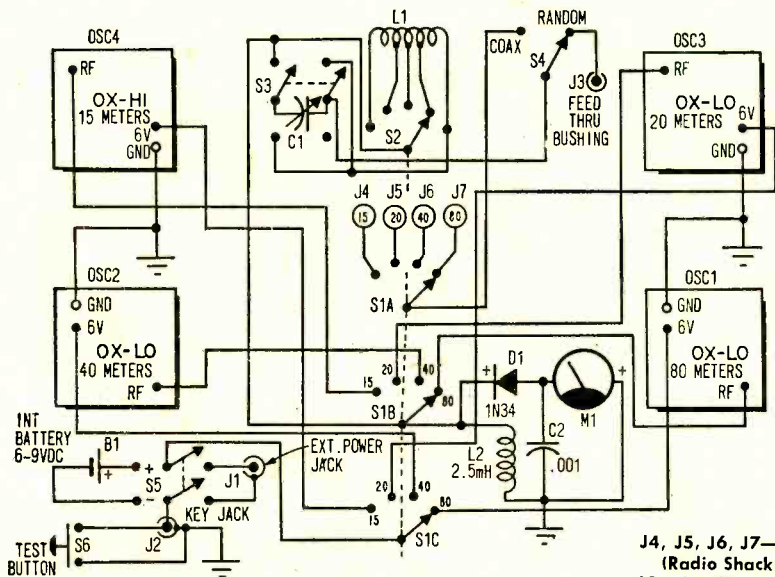
By using a sub-panel, wiring is perfectly straightforward and there's little of it as the schematic indicates. Make all the internal connections you can before securing the sub-panel to the enclosure. In the prototype, the sub-panel is mounted with four 1½-in. lengths of 8/32 threaded brass rod (most any hardware or Ham supply house carries it).

The sub-panel is spaced from the front

panel with 1-in. spacers cut from ¼-in. copper tubing. An acorn nut on each end of the threaded rod holds the whole assembly firmly in place. The little 9-volt transistor battery, which serves as the internal power supply, is mounted on the sub-panel between the two pairs of oscillator boards. Incidentally, these batteries will last quite a while since current drain is only 20 mA and this, of course, is only in the "key down" condition.

The battery supply lets you take *Mini-Mite* with you on hunting, fishing and camping trips to keep contact with home base. Taking a couple of extra batteries along just to play it safe is a good idea if you're making an extended stay.

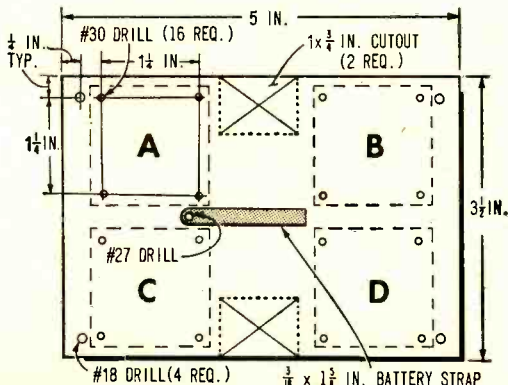
**GRP Power.** When using *Mini-Mite* at the home base, a conventional rectified AC



**Schematic of Mini-Mite.** Switch S1 selects any of four amateur bands—15, 20, 40, or 80 meters.

**PARTS LIST**

- B1—9-VDC transistor battery (Eveready 216 or equiv.)
- C1—100-µF variable capacitor (Lafayette 40C2885 or equiv.)
- C2—.001-µF, 600-VDC capacitor
- D1—1N34 diode
- J1, J2—RCA-type phono jack, insulated mounting
- J3—Feed-through connector, insulated (Lafayette 33C-3201 or equiv.)
- J4, J5, J6, J7—75-ohm coax connector, 50-239 (Radio Shack 278-201 or equiv.)
- L1—Loading coil, 72 turns #28 enameled wire on 3/8-in. form
- M1—Field-strength meter (Shurite 8903Z or equiv.) (available from Shurite Meters, Box 1818, New Haven, Conn. 06508 at \$4.50 postpaid)
- Osc. 1, 2, 3, 4—OX oscillator kit, 3 OX-LO, 1 OX-HI (available from International Crystal, 10 N. Lee, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73102 at \$2.35 ea. postpaid)
- S1—3-pole, 4-throw single deck rotary switch
- S2—5-position, 1-pole rotary switch (Lafayette 30C4013 or equiv.)
- S3, S5—D.p.d.t. rotary or toggle switch
- S4—S.p.s.t. rocker or toggle switch
- S6—S.p.s.t. normally open pushbutton switch (Radio Shack 275-008 or equiv.)
- Misc.—Wire, solder, 4x6x4-in. sloping-panel chassis box, decals, etc.



# MINI-MITE QRP

supply can be used to conserve the battery. Rather than build a little power box, the author used a *Radio Shack 22-023* regulated, variable-voltage transistorized DC power supply. This makes a perfect companion unit for *Mini-Mite* and will serve equally well as a power supply source for experimental transistorized equipment. This supply provides up to 20 VDC at 200 mA with exceptionally smooth control, and is more than adequate for most transistorized gear. Equipped with a meter that reads both volts and milliamperes, it makes a convenient way to check your power input instantly. Selection of either the internal battery power or the external AC source is accomplished by a d.p.d.t. rocker switch on the rear panel.

Note that *Mini-Mite* is equipped with four coax connectors and a feed-through insulator for antenna connections, all in line on the rear panel. This you can take or leave. It happens the author has four dipoles (one for each band) and preferred to leave *Mini-Mite* semi-permanently connected at the home station, hence the four coax connectors.

**Any Old Antenna.** The feed-through insulator provides for connection to any random length antenna for portable operation. The s.p.d.t. rotary switch in the top center of the rear panel, labelled *COAX* and *RANDOM*, permits switching any oscillator output to the feed-through insulator or to the series of coax connectors. The band selector switch on the front panel has one section which selects the appropriate coax connector for the band selected.

A second section on the band selector switch connects the positive lead from the power source to the oscillator assembly used for that band. The negative voltage is applied only when the hand key or test button is pressed; the power source, of course, remains idle at all other times. The third section on the band selector switch selects the RF output terminal on the desired oscillator and connects it to the radiating circuit.

While the oscillator functions on the fundamental of the crystal with no tuning adjustments, it does not necessarily mean that the most effective loading of the antenna will automatically result. This is particularly true when a random-length wire antenna is used in portable operation. Therefore, a means of resonating the antenna to the load will assist in getting maximum radiation

characteristics. Accordingly, incorporated right in the *Mini-Mite* cabinet is an all-band L/C loading network that has proven most effective.

Not only has this L/C combination permitted resonating a random wire of reasonable length but has also proven to be of noticeable value when used with a frequency-conscious dipole or other conventional antenna.

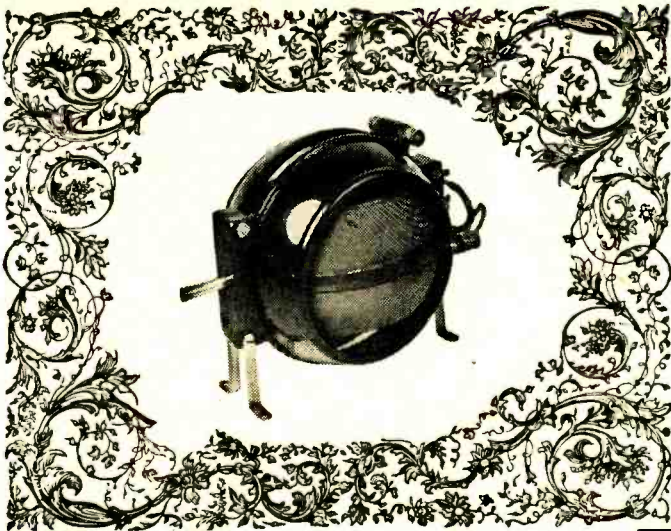
**Robust Radiation.** Provision is also made for switching the antenna tuning capacitor in series with the loading inductance or in parallel across it, by means of a d.p.d.t. toggle switch. The inductance is adjustable in four steps by tapping the coil and connecting the taps to a 5-point rotary switch (single pole). By choosing the proper amount of coil inductance in combination with the variable capacitor in either series or shunt connection, proper loading of the antenna circuit is easily obtained.

The coil consists of a total of 72 turns of #28 enameled wire wound on two 3/8-in. diameter forms (wooden dowels), 36 turns on each. Splitting the coil makes it possible to fit it comfortably into the available space. Since the halves of the coil are connected in series, it is in effect a single inductance. Taps were taken at approximately equal distances along the length of the winding.

The meter is a desirable asset in tuning the antenna network and a resonant condition is indicated by the highest reading. This peak will be fairly broad but will vary from about quarter to half full scale reading on the meter selected, depending on the input voltage from the power source.

The meter used is a special field strength meter made by Shurite. If not available from local supply sources, it can be ordered directly from the manufacturer (see Parts List).

From the foregoing description, it should be simple to work up a reasonable facsimile of our *Mini-Mite* and enjoy a heretofore relatively unexplored and exciting field. There's a great deal of excitement in trying for the amazing results possible with an input power considerably less than that required for a conventional radio dial lamp! We suggest that in your initial efforts in the QRP field, first establish local contacts to get the feel of mini-power. Once you've mastered the simple QRP techniques, you're ready to demonstrate what the QRP Amateur Radio Club International often use as an unofficial slogan . . . "**POWER is no substitute for SKILL!**" Go to it, and good DX! ■



The variometer may be gone, but it's not forgotten; here's how to make your own version of this novel device.

By  
Art  
Trauffer

# Variometer Radio

■ Meet the variometer, an efficient variable-inductance commonly used in crystal and tube radios in the early '20s. The variometer opens up a new field of experimentation for modern hobbyists, although it is no stranger to old-timers in radio.

The photo shows one of the many factory-made variometers which were popular in the early '20s. It is simply a movable coil which rotates inside a stationary coil—the rotary coil and stationary coil are both wound in the same direction and are connected in series.

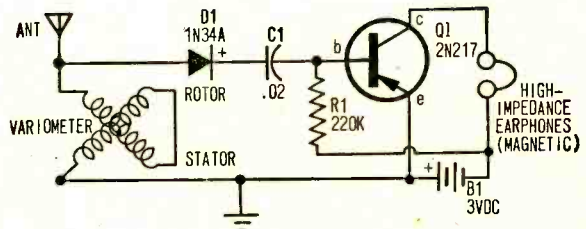
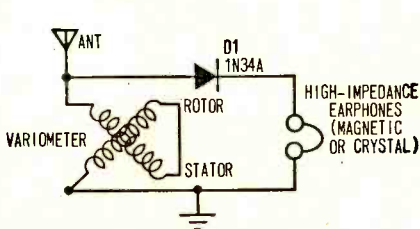
Some of the original variometers were round and molded from hard rubber or bakelite, and others were square and made of wood. Some had the stationary coil cemented to the inside surface of the outer form, and some had the stationary coil wound on the outside of the outer form as

is the case with the variometer described in this article.

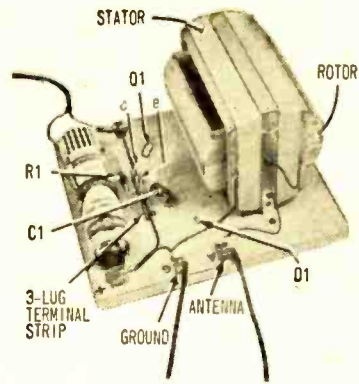
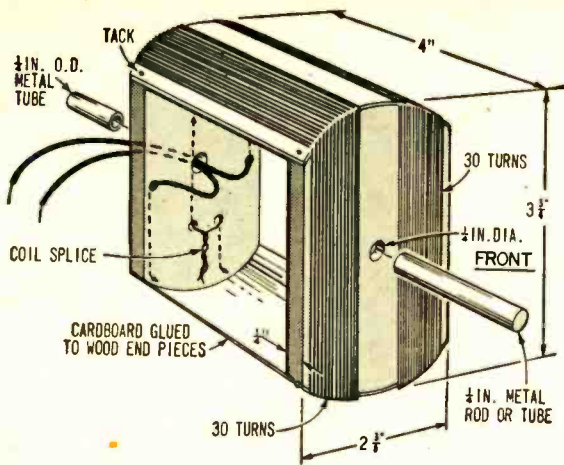
**How It Does It.** When the rotor coil and the stator coil of the variometer both carry current in the same direction, the magnetic field will be greatest and the inductance will be maximum. When the rotor coil is rotated through a half revolution so that its magnetic field opposes that of the stator coil, the resulting field will be small and the inductance minimum. Thus the inductance is continuously variable over a considerable range.

The drawings show the constructional details for the author's experimental variometer. With a little patience, it is easy to build and performs as well as the factory-made variometer.

Be sure to wind the rotor and stator coils in the same direction, and connect them in series. *(Continued overleaf)*



Two radio circuits in which the experimenter can use the variometer as a tuning device.

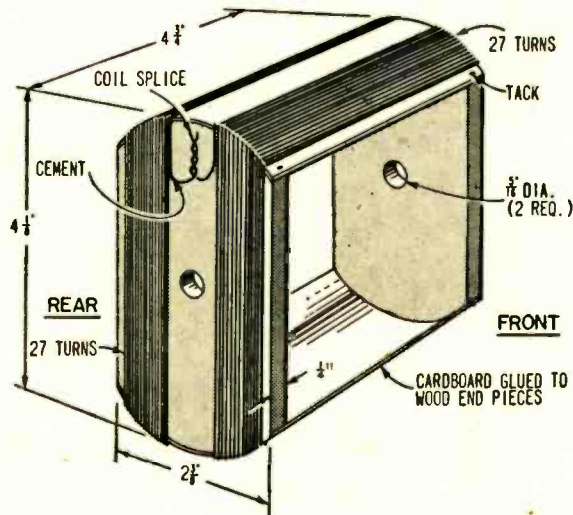


The homemade variometer rotor is shown above. The cardboard used in the curved sections should be of the poster-board variety. The stator at right is almost identical in construction but is somewhat larger. The author's transistorized experimental variometer radio is at upper right.

**Rolling Your Own.** The stator form consist of two wooden end pieces of the dimensions given. Cardboard is used for the curved body sections and is fastened with glue and tacks. The holes in the end pieces are made big enough to freely pass a 1/4-in. rod. The stator coil is wound on the form as shown and consists of two sections of 27 turns each of #24 wire. The windings are held in place by glue, applied sparingly.

The rotor is virtually identical to the stator but is slightly smaller so that it will fit inside the stator. Construct the form to the dimensions given. Then drill the holes in the end pieces so that the 1/4-in. rod or tube makes a snug fit. Wind the two sections of the rotor coil also using #24 wire, 30 turns per section. Attach flexible leads to the coil ends to allow the rotor to rotate.

Assemble the variometer by placing the rotor inside the stator and pressing the tube rotor shaft (through which the rotor leads will pass) in the one end and the tube or rod in the other. Placing fiber washers between rotor and stator will prevent the rotor winding rubbing on the stator. Pass the rotor leads through the tube and connect one rotor wire to one stator wire so the windings are in series. (Continued on page 106)



### PARTS LIST

- B1—2 size-D flashlight cells
- C1—.02-uF capacitor
- D1—1N34A germanium diode (or equiv.)
- Q1—2N217 transistor
- R1—220,000-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor
- 1—3-lug terminal strip
- 4—Fahnstock clips

### BILL OF MATERIALS

- 1—1/4-lb. spool #24 single-cotton-covered enameled magnet wire
- 1—20x2 3/8 x 1/4-in. hardwood strip (for wood end pieces)
- 1—1/4 dia. (O.D.)x4-in. brass tube
- 1—3/8-in. wide metal strip for mounting angle brackets
- 1—3/4-in. wide metal strip for making battery holder
- 12—Short round-head wood screws
- 1—8x7x 3/4-in. wood baseboard
- Misc.—Tacks, thin cardboard, glue, hook-up wire, solder, etc.



# CB BAND BUSTER

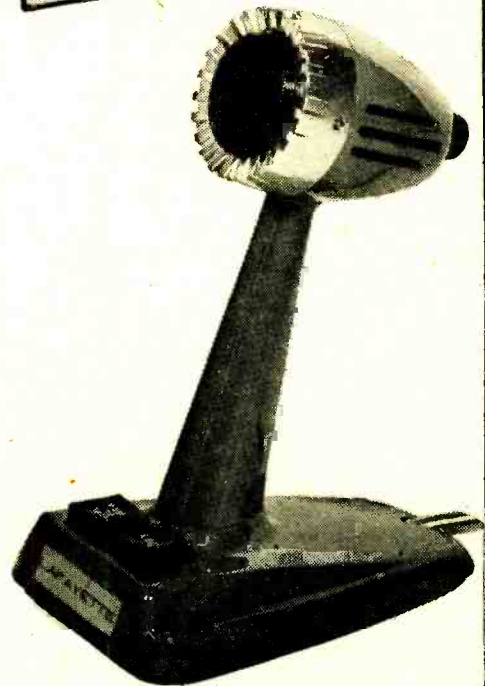
By Herb Friedman KBI9457

**Break the CB sound barrier  
with this booming mike preamp**

□ If you think you're losing some of that precious CB power along the uncertain and sometimes sorry road leading from mike to antenna, chances are you're right! All CB transceivers have certain design characteristics built into them. Thing is, what the designers had in mind doesn't always work out when you're operating the rig.

Take this business of power, for example. Our Band-Buster is a mike pre-amplifier designed to make your signal top dog on the CB bands. It does this job handsomely by taking advantage of a couple of built-in transceiver characteristics which are flexible enough to permit Band-Buster to take over the reins and boost your talk power.

**Two Tricks.** First of all, CB transceivers are designed for *average* voice levels. The overall modulator gain is fixed so that a person speaking at an average



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voice level—and at an average distance from the mike—will be able to modulate the transmitter 100%.

This is a good idea, but just who has an average voice, and what is an average mike distance? Your voice might just be somewhat weaker than average, or maybe you hold the mike 12 inches away rather than the more usual 6 inches. If this is true, your rig's modulation might never make it out of the basement.

The second factor to be considered is that nearly all modern transceivers limit modulation of the carrier to 100%. This means that even if you shout the modulation won't exceed 100% (or 90%, if that happens to be the rated maximum level).

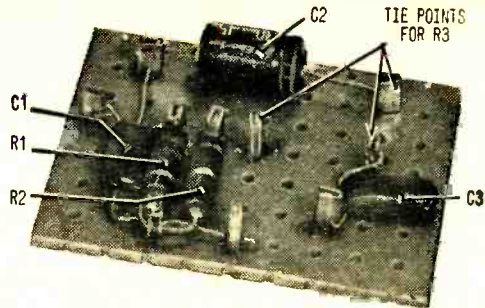
Some manufacturers make good use of this limiting feature by providing a *range boost* or DX boost circuit. This is simply additional amplification that boosts the level of modulation, while depending on the limiting feature to prevent overmodulation. In other words, more output power is obtained, but distortion is kept to a minimum.

With all this in mind, we can appreciate how the CB Band-Buster takes advantage of modern transceiver design. The mike preamplification increases your talk power to above average levels, while the built-in 100% modulation limit ensures that there will be no distortion of the transceiver output. Your voice will hit the front end with full force, but the unit's design will make sure that you don't overmodulate. Just turn up the volume and get all the advantages of a speech clipper!

**FET Does It.** A quick look at the schematic should convince you that your Band-Buster will do the job that you thought couldn't be done. The sock-it-to-me feature here is obviously Q1—an N-channel FET (field-effect transistor) that has a high input resistance and will therefore accept a high-impedance source like a ceramic or crystal mike.

Since the FET has an input impedance of tens of megohms, the mike's load will only be that of input resistor R1. Here R1 is 2.2 megohms, which is the usual load for a mike. However, if the mike you're using calls for a different value, R1 can be changed without affecting total performance.

Nominal gain for the Band-Buster is

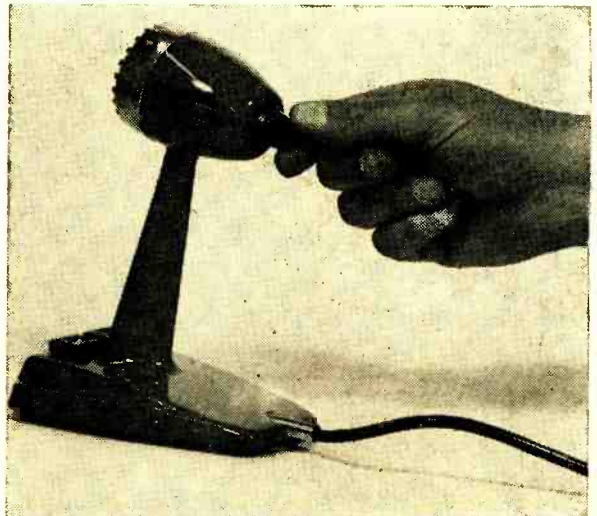


Components mount on top side of board. Capacitors C1 and C3 are flush to conserve space.

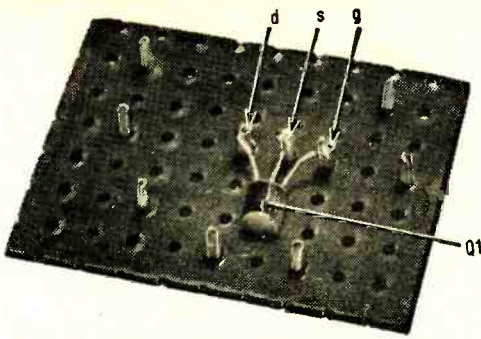
10 dB, while the frequency response is almost ruler-flat from 20 to 15,000 Hz. Even with high-output mikes, distortion is almost unmeasurable. Just make sure your transceiver's modulation is limited to 100% and you'll get all the talk power you want.

Though the preamplifier can be built into a small aluminum cabinet, it can also be installed directly in the microphone case, or even in the mike's base. Our photos show a custom installation in a good-quality CB base-station mike available from Lafayette Radio (see Parts List).

While the same installation techniques can be used with other microphones, the exact procedure will depend on the particular mike you choose. However, the perf-board assembly should be used in all instances. It's just a question of where to place the assembly and the volume control, whether it be in the microphone head or in the base.



Band-Buster's output level is set by adjusting R3—a miniature volume control with switch.

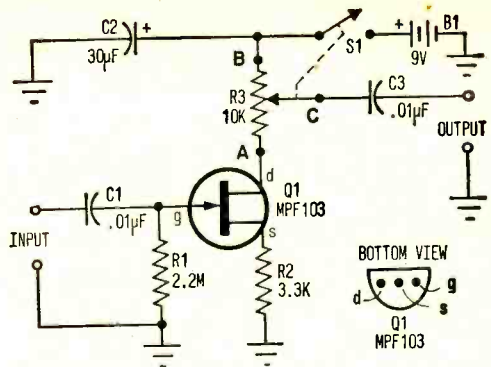


In author's model, Q1 (FET) mounts on underside of board. This side is covered with tape.

**Perf Package.** The Band-Buster assembly is wired on a 1¼ x 1½-in. section of perforated wiring board. Flea clips are used as tie points. To keep the assembly as small as possible, all components must be mounted flat on one side of the board. In the author's model, the FET is mounted on the *underside* with its flat side against the board. (The cover version shows Q1 mounted on the same side with other components.)

Mount and tack-solder all topside components, then install Q1 using full-length leads. To avoid heat damage, use a heat sink (such as an alligator clip) on Q1's leads when soldering. If you're going to install the Band-Buster in the mike case, volume control R3 must be the miniature type specified. A standard potentiometer and switch will probably not fit into any ordinary case.

The volume control's connecting leads are soldered to points A, B, and C in the sche-



FET has high input resistance to match high-impedance mike. Value of R1 depends on mike.

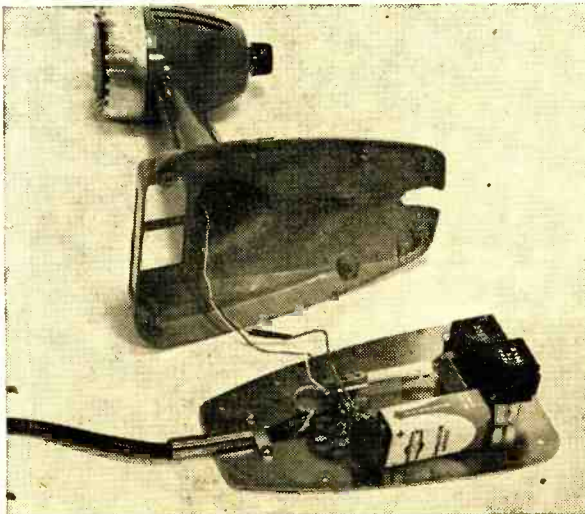
#### PARTS LIST FOR CB BAND-BUSTER

- B1—9-V battery (Burgess 2U6 or equiv.)
- C1, C3—.01-µF, 10-VDC disc capacitor
- C2—30-µF, 10-VDC electrolytic capacitor
- Q1—N-channel field-effect transistor (Moto-rola MPF103 or equiv.)
- R1—2,200,000-ohm, ½-watt 10% resistor
- R2—3300-ohm, ½-watt 10% resistor
- R3—10,000-ohm miniature potentiometer with spst switch (Lafayette 32H7364 or equiv.)
- S1—Spst switch (on R3)
- Misc.—High-impedance mike (Lafayette 99H-4607 or equiv.), battery connector, perf board, flea clips (Vector T28, Lafayette 19H8302 or equiv.), solder, wire, hardware, etc.

matic. Shielded connections should not be necessary as either a metal cabinet or the metal microphone case will do the job. However, if the mike's case is plastic and the Band-Buster is installed within, keep R3's leads as short as possible. Even then, it might be necessary to use shielded leads.

The photos show how the Band-Buster was installed in the Lafayette mike. First, the front of the mike was removed and the microphone element was eased out of the case. Then the two connecting leads were unsoldered (excessive heat could ruin the element, so use a small soldering iron). Be sure to note which is the hot (insulated) lead. Finally, a ¼-in. hole was drilled in the back of the microphone case for volume control R3.

The control was then pre-wired to the perf-board assembly. The back of the perf-board (the FET side in the author's model) was covered with a layer of tape to prevent the tie points which stick through the board from shorting to the mike case. Finally, the original mike connecting leads were soldered to the Band-Buster *output* and new leads



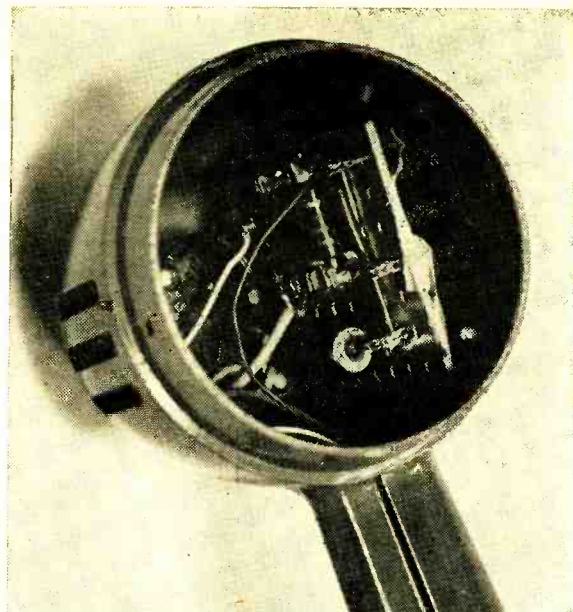
Here, battery is mounted in base of mike. You may have to tape battery to outside of case.

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were connected between the mike element and the preamp *input*. The entire assembly was then eased into the case.

**Battery in Base.** The pre-wired B+ lead from S1 (on the back of R3) was fished down to the microphone base, where it was connected to battery B1's positive terminal. The battery's negative terminal was connected to the case to act as the system ground for both the mike and the switching leads. It required quite a bit of customizing to fit the battery into the base. We suggest that if the battery doesn't go into the base easily, you run the battery connection out of the unit and tape the battery to the case. You should get many months of service from your battery, as the Band-Buster uses only 500  $\mu$ A.

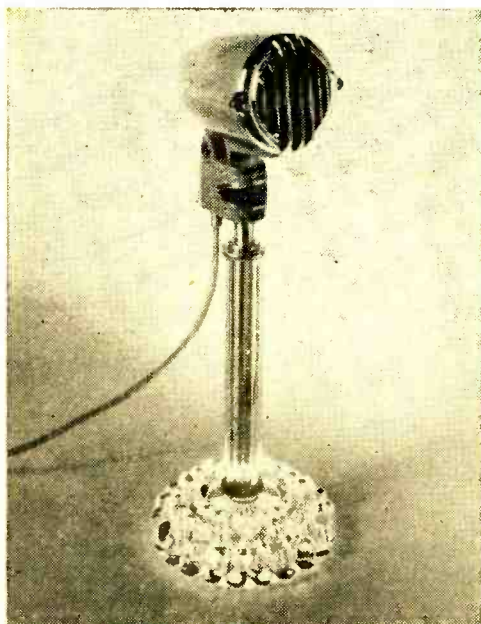
Best results are obtained if a modulation meter is used when you are adjusting or using the Band-Buster. First place the microphone at a comfortable working distance, then advance R3 (turning power *on*) until your rig peaks at 100% modulation. If your transceiver has built-in limiting you can give a little extra gain to obtain some of the bene-



**Band-Buster assembly mounted in mike case. Only volume control R3 takes hardware.**

fits of speech clipping. Use a grease pencil, marking pen, or a piece of tape to mark the setting of R3's knob so that it can be easily reset whenever you use the mike. ■

## Crystal Is as Crystal Does



■ Here's a mike stand that ought to bedazzle the shack of any lady ham or CBer. These crystal desk stands are made from discarded glass table lamps and cost next to nothing. A quick trip to a store, rummage sale, or perhaps your own attic should turn up just the lamp you need.

Remove the line cord and socket from the lamp. Since both lamp threads and mike threads are usually  $\frac{3}{8}$ -27—which is standard for most pipe, the mike will screw onto the stand in a jiff. Most radio stores carry adapters and converters should you need to make any modifications.

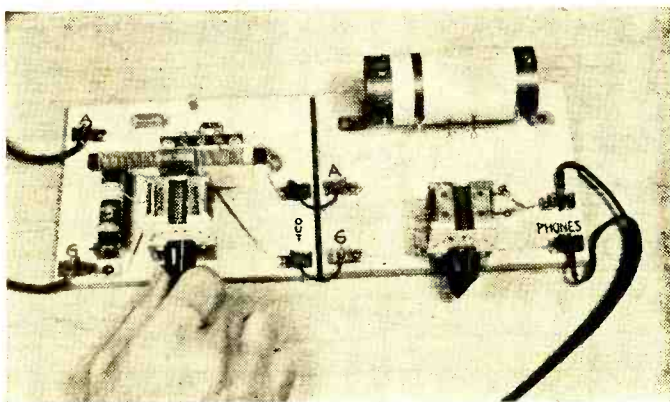
Small bits of felt or rubber cement on the bottom of the stand will protect surfaces from nasty scratches. And should your mike have connections in the mounting socket, don't panic. Just run your mike cable through the pipe in the lamp and attach the cable to the connector on top. A rubber pad under the base can be hollowed out so the cable will come out flush, natch.

—Art Trauffer ■

# TRANSISTORIZED TRF AMPLIFIER STAGE

by Art Trauffer

Give your crystal detector rig half a chance to pick up DX stations by pepping up the input soup with a one transistor selective RF amp



■ Want an extra boost of performance from your crystal radio? This tuned RF amplifier is the perfect new front end for your crystal set. There have been many construction projects for crystal radios, many of which include one or more stages of transistorized audio frequency amplification to boost the signal after detection. But this transistorized tuned radio-frequency amplifier stage will boost the signal before detection. This makes it possible to use a shorter antenna or just plain be ahead of the game before the signal is detected.

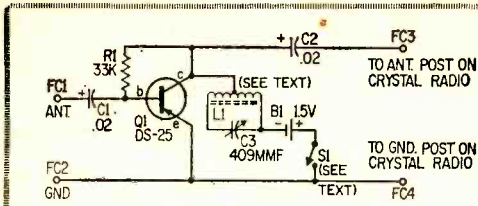
**Matching Components.** The amplifier stage was breadboarded to match the Allied Knight-Kit crystal set shown at the right of the amplifier in Fig. 1. Simplicity was the rule in building the amplifier which gives good results with only a 1.5 volt battery. The battery is connected in the circuit as shown in Fig. 2.

The components of the amplifier are mounted on a 6-inch by 4½-inch piece of

¾-inch plywood and located as shown in Fig. 3. The 409 mmf variable capacitor, C3, is mounted using small angle brackets. Use short screws to secure the brackets to C3 so the screws don't touch the rotor plates. The ferrite core coil, L1, is mounted on the back of C3 using a strap of insulating material such as fibre, plastic or cardboard. Details of winding the coil will be given shortly.

Transistor Q1 is mounted on a 3-lug terminal strip by its own leads. Remember the heat sink when soldering the leads in place. Use long nose pliers if you don't have a heat sink. The battery can be quickly and easily mounted between two angle brackets that act as its holder. A neat trick to even get around the need for a switch to cut the battery out of the circuit is to insert a piece of insulating material between the negative end of the battery and the angle bracket (see Fig. 4).

**Roll Your Own.** The drawing of Fig. 5 shows you how to make the ferrite core coil,



Simple? You bet it is! Only one tuned circuit is used to eliminate tracking error. Transistor Q1 is not critical. Almost any pnp unit rated at 2 mc., hfe 10 will do the job. Aside from units given in parts list, the following may be used for Q1: 2N247, 2N252, 2N274, 2N308-310, 2N315, 2N370-374, 2N384, 2N501, 2N504 and other pnp rf units.

**PARTS LIST**

- B1—1.5-volt battery
- C1, C2—.02 mf, 200-volt capacitors
- C3—409 mmf variable capacitor (Allied Radio 13L524 or equiv.)
- L1—Self-wound ferrite core coil (see text)
- Q1—RF amplifier transistor (Delco DS-25, Lafayette 19R4220, or equiv.)
- R1—33,000-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor
- S1—See text
- Y—3/8" x 6" x 4 1/2" plywood base board
- Misc.—Fahnestock clips, terminal strip, pointer knob, solder lugs, Litz wire and 3/8" ferrite rod (see text), scrap sheet metal, hardware, hookup wire, solder, etc.

Estimated cost: \$6.00  
 Estimated construction time: 2 hours

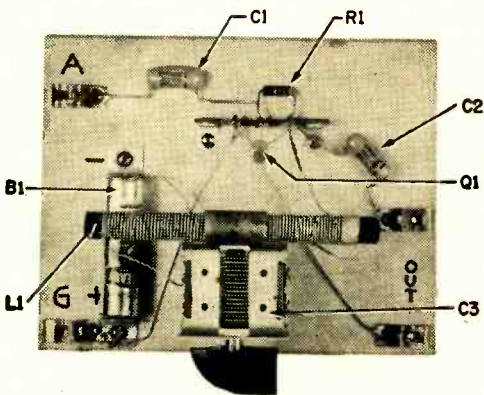


Photo above illustrates breadboard layout used by author. At left, piece of cardboard is used as switch to disconnect battery.

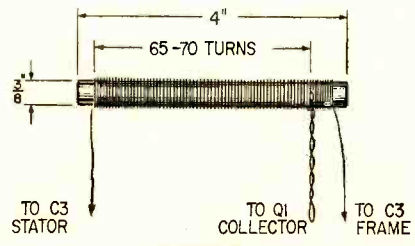
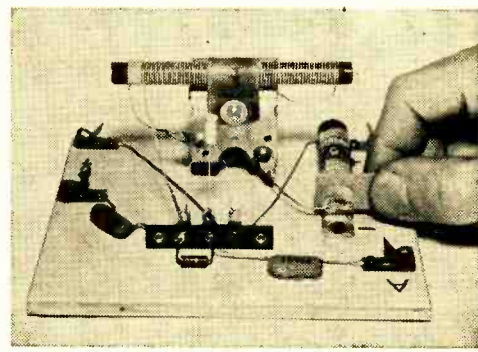


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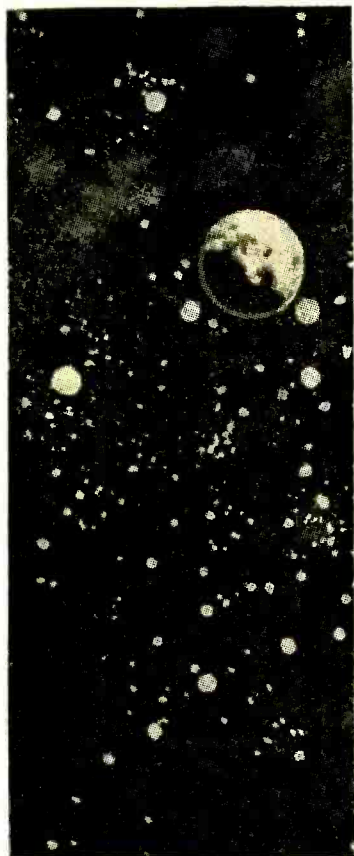
Detail drawing of fabricated coil L1. Make no substitutions and follow plan carefully.

L1. The coil works fine as an RF coil and you can also use it as an antenna coil in another project. A length of 10-38 Litz wire and a 3/8-inch diameter ferrite core was used in this project, but alternate materials can be used. For example, Belden 7-41 Litz (Lafayette 32G1485) can be wound on .33-inch ferrite core (Lafayette 32G6102). Or simply use No. 26 enameled cotton-covered magnet wire instead of Litz. Note from Fig. 5 that the first 10 turns of the coil are close-wound while the remainder of the turns are slightly spaced. Use Duco or coil cement to hold the wire at the ends of the coil and to secure the twisted tap to the collector of Q1 from the tenth turn on the coil.

**Circuit Operation.** The antenna input to the amplifier is through capacitor C1 which blocks DC and passes RF in case your antenna accidentally contacts a power line. Resistor R1 is the base bias resistor for transistor Q1. Coil L1 and variable capacitor C3

form the RF-tuning tank in the collector circuit of Q1. The collector is tapped close to the ground end of the coil to better match the transistor's low output impedance; this gives better selectivity. Capacitor C2 blocks DC and passes the amplified RF signal to the antenna post of your crystal radio.

As with a crystal radio, this RF amplifier works best with a good ground and a good outdoor antenna. TRF amplification can be increased a bit by using two AA batteries in series to provide 3 volts. Keep polarity in mind when wiring the circuit: the Delco DS-25 used in the project is a pnp transistor so negative terminal goes to the collector. ■



# The CB Grabber

A hot little 1-transistor converter  
that lets you tune CB signals  
on any AM set—any time, anywhere!



By Charles Green, W6FFQ

■ Here is a double-fun project, the fun of building a simple solid-state converter and the fun of listening to the activity on the Citizens Band. Tabbed the CB Grabber, the one-transistor converter will work with any BC-band receiver tuned to 1550 kHz, or any quiet spot near this frequency. The converter tuning dial is tunable to cover all 23 channels for easy operation.

The BC receiver together with the CB Grabber forms a dual-conversion receiving system to separate the CB stations for better listening. No changes are required in the BC receiver, and the CB Grabber is powered with a self-contained battery.

It is easy to build the converter. Most of the resistors, capacitors and coils are mount-

ed on the top of a perf-board box using breadboard construction.

**Operation.** The CB Grabber can be operated with almost any BC-band receiver that can be tuned to the converter output frequency (1550 kHz). The converter can even be connected to a battery-operated receiver for portable use.

If the BC band receiver does not have terminals for an external antenna and ground, wind 5 turns of hook-up wire around the receiver loopstick and connect the turns to J2 on the CB Grabber with either coax or twisted pair wire.

Do not make any direct connections to the "hot chassis" type of AC/DC receiver—use .005- $\mu$ F ceramic disc capacitors in series

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with each lead to the converter to prevent electrical shock.

For best results, use a rooftop CB whip fed with coax to J1 and a good external ground. Strong signals may be received with an inside antenna. Even a TV antenna can be used with some results.

For long or continuous use, a larger external 9-volt battery can be connected to the converter in place of the internal 9-volt battery.

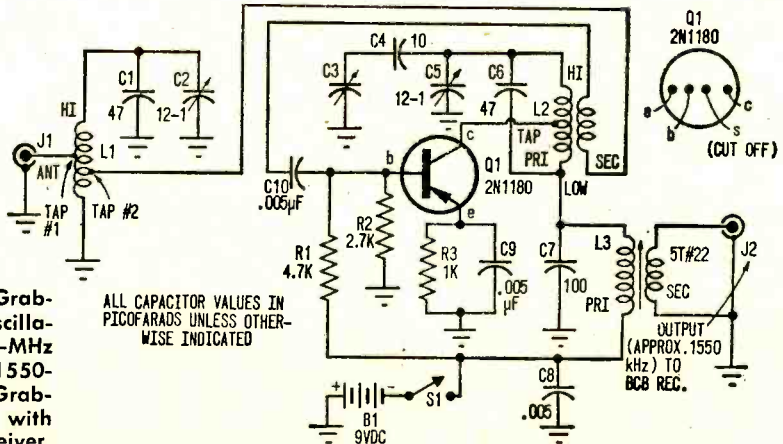
**How It Works.** CB signals are coupled from the antenna (via coax connector J1) to tap 1 on L1. Refer to the schematic diagram. Coil L1 and C1-C2 are a broadly tuned circuit centered at 27 MHz. The signals are coupled from tap 2 on L1 to the

low-impedance base circuit of Q1. Transistor Q1 is also a tuned oscillator—look at its collector circuit in the schematic diagram. The oscillator circuit (L2, C3, C4, C5 and C6) is varied in frequency by tuning capacitor C3 and trimmer C5. Ceramic tubular capacitor C4, in series with C3, limits the capacitance variation possible with C3. Output frequency is set by C5 and L3.

The tuning capacitor adjusts the oscillator frequency to about 1550 kHz above the frequency of the incoming CB signals. This frequency difference is actually the first IF of this dual-conversion setup. (The second IF is that inside the broadcast receiver.) The first IF generated, in the collector circuit of Q1, is coupled (via L3 through J2) to the BC-band receiver input.

Battery B1 supplies power to the circuit—switch S1 controls it.

**Construction.** The converter, as shown in the illustrations, is built on a 6x3¼x2-in.



Schematic of the CB Grabber reveals simple oscillator that converts 27-MHz signals at J1 into 1550-kHz signals at J2. Grabber must be used with a broadcast-band receiver.

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## PARTS LIST FOR THE CB GRABBER

- B1—9-volt battery (see text)
- C1, C6—47-pF, ceramic disc capacitor, NPO
- C2, C5—1-12 pF, mica trimmer capacitor (ARCO 420 or equiv.)
- C3—1-15 pF variable capacitor, modified—one rotor blade removed (E. F. Johnson 149-1)
- C4—10-pF ceramic tubular capacitor, NPO
- C7—100-pF ceramic disc capacitor, NPO
- C8, C9, C10—.005-uF ceramic disc capacitor
- J1, J2—Phono jacks, one-hole mounting (Radio Shack 274-346 or equiv.)
- L1—10 turns AWG 18 solid wire, ½-in. dia., spaced to 1-in., tapped at 1 turn and 3 turns from ground (see drawing and text)
- L2—Primary, 9 turns AWG 18 solid wire, ½-in. dia., spaced to 1 in., tapped ¾ turns from low end (see drawing and text); sec-

- ondary, 2 turns AWG 18 solid wire, ½-in. dia., spaced to 3/10-in. and covered with plastic sleeving (positioned ⅙-in. from L2 primary cold end (see text and drawing).
- L3—Adjustable antenna coil (J. W. Miller 6300), modified, 5 turns AWG 22 hook-up wire wound as secondary winding (see text and drawing)
- Q1—2N1180 transistor (RCA)
- R1—4700-ohm, ½-watt resistor
- R2—2700-ohm, ½-watt resistor
- R3—1000-ohm, ½-watt resistor
- S1—S.p.s.t. toggle switch (Radio Shack 275-602 or equiv.)
- 1—6 x 3¼ x 2-in. phenolic box and perf-board (Radio Shack 270-097 or equiv.)
- Misc.—Push-in terminals for perf-board, aluminum for brackets, wire, solder, battery connector, machine screws and nuts, etc.



phenolic box with a perforated phenolic board top. Most of the resistors, capacitors and coils are mounted on the perf-board using push-in terminals. The tuning capacitor is mounted at the front of the box and input and output connectors J1 and J2 are mounted at the rear. A few easy-to-make aluminum brackets are used. The 9-volt battery, B1, is mounted inside the box.

To start construction, remove the perf-board panel from the box and set it aside. Drill a 1/2-in. hole through the center of one side of the phenolic box. This hole is for S1. When mounting S1 use an internal-tooth lock washer between the switch body and the phenolic case. Using the internal-tooth lock washer this way prevents the switch from turning easily after the nut has been tightened (not too tight) on the shaft.

Any 9-volt battery that will fit into the box can be used. Here a NEDA 1604 was mounted to the rear of the box with the leads

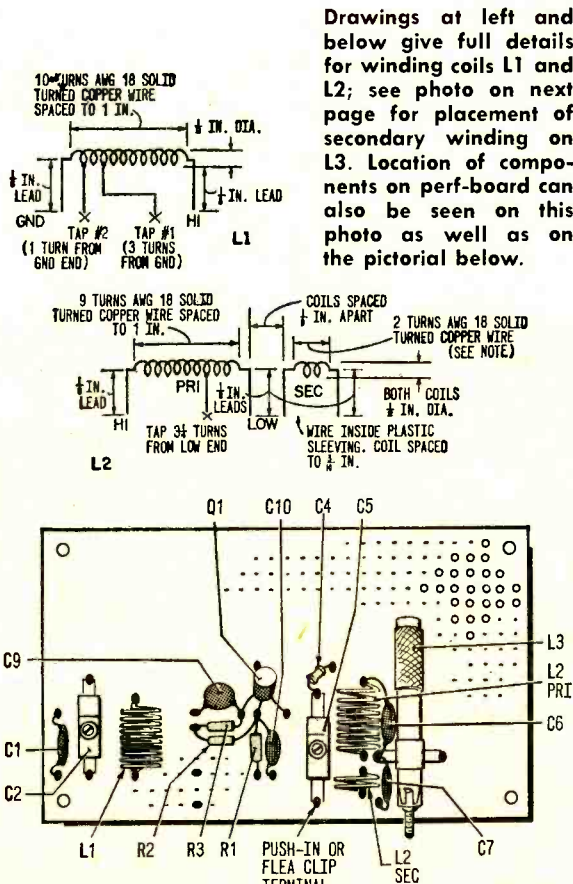
connected to S1 and brought out through a hole in the rear of the box. The larger the battery, the longer it will last (the 8.4-volt mercury batteries will last longer than carbon-zinc types). Make sure the battery is mounted securely and that there is at least 1/2-in. clearance to the bottom of the perf-board panel.

**Watch Where You Put It!** The sizes of the mounting brackets for the tuning capacitor and jacks are not critical, but their placement is critical. The tuning capacitor C3 should be mounted so that its bottom is approximately 1/4-in. above the perf-board. The jacks J1 and J2 should be mounted approximately 1/4-in. above the perf-board also. Position the tuning capacitor and jack brackets exactly as shown in the photo. The brackets are mounted with two screws and nuts for each bracket in holes drilled in the box front and rear sides. For easier tuning, remove one plate from the rotor of tuning capacitor C3.

Lay out and mount parts, soldering them to push-in (flea-clip) terminals, as shown in the illustration. Parts placement is critical because of the high operating frequency of the converter.

Before mounting Q1, locate and cut off the shield lead, as shown in the base diagram for the transistor on the schematic diagram. Wire the components as shown in the schematic diagram and photos. Do not connect the leads from the battery and S1 to the circuit wiring until all of the other wiring is completed and checked. Keep the wiring straight and as short as possible. Connect the taps on the coils as shown in the diagrams. Use stranded wire with a little slack bent in for the connections to C3 and the push-in terminal. This minimizes any microphonics while tuning C3. Make sure that the L2 secondary turns are wound in the same direction as the L2 primary turns.

**Alignment.** Tune your BC-band receiver to a quiet spot on the dial as near to 1550 kHz as possible. Don't tune too close to any strong signal, as this will interfere with the operation of the CB Grabber—especially if



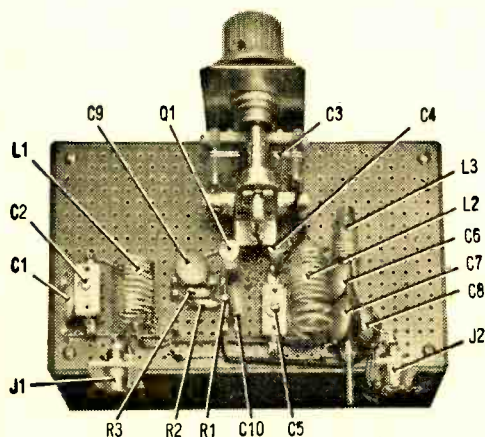
# CB Grabber

the BC-band receiver does not have a shielded input with antenna and ground connections.

Connect a signal generator to J1 and connect the output from J2 to the BC-band receiver (see earlier text covering *Operation*). Adjust the signal generator output frequency (about 1550 kHz) for maximum output from the BC-band receiver. Now set S1 to ON and adjust the tuning slug in L3 for maximum tone output from the BC-band receiver.

Rotate the tuning capacitor almost to its full capacitance position. Set the signal generator output frequency to 27 MHz. Now alternately adjust trimmer capacitors C2 and C5 until you hear the 27-MHz tone-modulated signal from the BC-band receiver. Adjust the trimmers for maximum tone output. If necessary push together or stretch apart the turns of coil L1 and the primary of L2.

Make sure the oscillator is operating at a frequency *above* the incoming CB frequency. Tune the signal generator for the IF image signal—it should be near to the 30-MHz calibration on the signal generator. If an image frequency cannot be found tune the signal generator to about 25.5 MHz. Should the signal be heard at this point you must retune trimmer C5. Readjust C5, turning the adjusting screw to increase the oscillator frequency—readjust the signal generator to check the frequency of the oscillator in the CB converter.



Here's the completed CB Grabber, all hooked up and rarin' to go. Needed: an antenna into jack J1, a lead to a BCB set from jack J2.

## CB CHANNELS AND FREQUENCIES

Channel	Freq. (MHz)	Channel	Freq. (MHz)
1	26.965	13	27.115
2	26.975	14	27.125
3	26.985	15	27.135
4	27.005	16	27.155
5	27.015	17	27.165
6	27.025	18	27.175
7	27.035	19	27.185
8	27.055	20	27.205
9	27.065	21	27.215
10	27.075	22	27.225
11	27.085	23	27.255
12	27.105		

For those willing to beg, borrow, or buy an accurate RF signal generator, here are exact frequencies in MHz for all the 23 CB channels.

After adjustment with the signal generator, connect an antenna to J1 and loosely couple the signal generator to the converter by connecting a lead from the generator output alongside the coil L1. Set the tuning capacitor C3 to its full capacitance position and adjust the signal generator to 26.965 MHz. Tune C3 slightly for the signal, if necessary, then adjust the signal generator to 27.255 MHz and tune C3 to near minimum capacitance until you hear the signal. If you cannot spread the CB band out like this, increase the value of C4.

An uncalibrated dial was used for the CB Grabber, but a cardboard calibrated dial can be used with the channels indicated. You can style the dial or the entire CB Grabber to suit your needs.

**No Sig Gen?** If you do not have a signal generator, connect an antenna to J1 and vary C2 and C6 for loudest signals in the CB frequencies. As a starter you can use a CB handie-talkie. Have someone hold down the *Transmit* switch while you make adjustments. Move the transceiver further and further away as you make the adjustments. Have your helper hold the *Transmit* switch down for 10 or 15 seconds then wait several minutes before repeating adjustments. This gives others a chance to make use of the frequencies. After your helper has moved 20 or 30 feet away from the converter and you can still hear the transmissions loud and clear you'll have to rely on Cbers' broadcasts for a signal. This may be a tedious process since these signals are on and off. But a signal generator is best. ■

# NO-TICKET RIG



*Here's 4 bucks worth  
of transmitter  
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By Steve Daniels, WB2GIF

□ Are you just itching to key that rig? Most Novices are. Trouble is, most people who are dying to get on the air need a little bit more code practice before they can take the exam and grab their ticket.

The No-Ticket Rig is designed with precisely this in mind. And while you won't DX (legally) any further than your front porch, you will have an AM transmitter that can pop the *dihhs* and *dahs* into your portable radio with no trouble at all. In fact, you will be amazed at how loud and clear the signals are. A more pleasant way to bone up on theory simply ain't to be found.

**Circuit Operation.** Transistor Q1, resistor R1, and audio transformer T1 comprise an oscillator circuit that produces a constant audio tone. The base of Q1 is forward biased through R1, while the emitter is forward biased through the secondary of T1; as a

result, the transistor conducts heavily.

When the transformer's core is saturated, current flow stops, and the transistor is cut off when the magnetic field in the core reverses. This cycle repeats itself at a rate determined by T1, Q1, and R1.

The audio signal from T1 is injected into the RF stage through the emitter of Q2, and resistor R2 which also supplies the base bias for Q2. This RF oscillator is similar to the audio stage except that an autotransformer is used rather than a coil having two separate windings. The lower half of L1 augments the forward bias to Q2.

The modulated RF carrier appears at the collector of Q2 where it is coupled to a long-wire antenna. The signal can be picked up by any nearby AM radio.

**Construction.** A 1¾-in. square chip of perf board should provide enough space for

all components. The adjustable antenna coil (loopstick) is mounted on one side of the case. You can use a larger board should things be too cramped, but all leads must be kept as *short* as possible.

Wire the RF stage (Q2) first and bring out three leads for the loopstick. You will have to trim these to size later on. Then wire the audio oscillator, leaving an inch or so between L1's windings and T1.

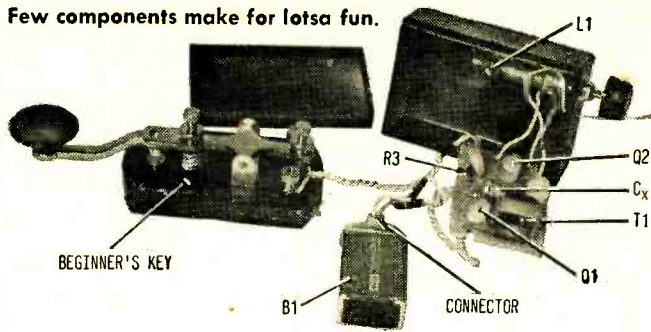
The core of the driver transformer may become over-saturated if these components are too close together.

Note that transistors Q1 and Q2 are not critical and that substitutes are available (see Parts List). Remember that the value of R2 (and perhaps R1) may require adjusting when a substitution is made.

When all the parts are mounted and wired, your key should be connected in series with the battery connector; it operates as a switch to bring power into the circuit. That nice twisted pair of leads in the author's model was obtained by securing two hookup wires in a vise and attaching the remaining leads to an electric drill. Turn on the drill for a few seconds and you have a cable.

To mount the antenna coil, start by drilling a 1/4-in. hole and then ream it out until

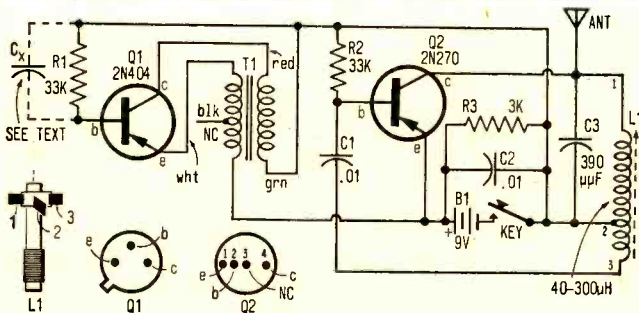
**Few components make for lotsa fun.**



the metal collar snaps snugly in place when the coil is pushed in. Make sure that the perf board, loopstick, and battery fit easily into the case. Connections should be as rugged as possible.

**Adjustment.** With the battery connected (for better voltage regulation and longer life, a mercury battery can be used), attach a long-wire antenna (between 3 to 6 ft) to terminal 1 of the loopstick and close the case. Screw your key shut (for a constant tone) and tune across the BC band until you pick up your rig's signal. Adjust the slug of L1 to get the tone on a quiet part of the band. There's no point in trying to copy through QRM.

If the audio tone is too low, add C<sub>x</sub> to the circuit as shown. Any value between .01 to .02  $\mu$ F should do the trick. ■



**PARTS LIST FOR NO-TICKET RIG**

- B1—9-V battery (Burgess 2U6 or equiv.)—see text
- C1, C2—.01- $\mu$ F disc capacitor
- C3—390-pF disc capacitor
- C<sub>x</sub>—See text
- L1—40-300  $\mu$ H, miniature BCB antenna coil (Lafayette 34T8749 or equiv.)
- Q1—Pnp germanium transistor (RCA, GE 2N-404; HEP-739 or equiv.)
- Q2—Pnp germanium transistor (RCA 2N270; HEP-632 or equiv.)
- R1, R2—33,000-ohm, 1/2-watt 5% resistor

- R3—3000-ohm, 1/4-watt 5% resistor
- T1—10,000-ohm pri., 2000-ohm (CT) sec., miniature audio transformer (Lafayette 99-T6126 or equiv.)
- 1—3 1/4 x 2 1/8 x 1 1/8-in. utility box (Lafayette 99T8077 or equiv.)
- Misc.—Telegraph key (Lafayette 99T2554 or equiv.), battery connector (Cinch-Jones 5D, Allied 18C5184; Lafayette 99T6287 or equiv.), perf board, push-in terminals, knob, wire, hardware, solder, etc.

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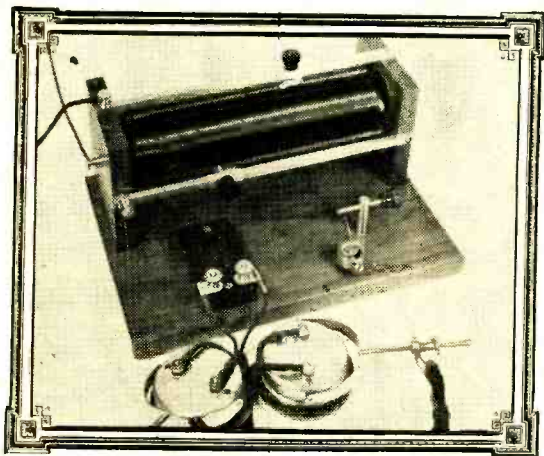
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# GENUINE

## Wireless Receiving Apparatus

By Art Trauffer



- DUAL-SLIDE TUNING CONTROL
- FULLY ADJUSTABLE CATSWHISKER
- SUPER-SENSITIVE CRYSTAL

■ Lots of nostalgia and a little elbow grease are all that's needed to build this replica of a genuine "Wireless Receiving Apparatus" of the early days. Though much used in the spark gap transmitter days for receiving code, this type of receiver is still a good performer for broadcast reception in areas where a great deal of selectivity is not required. And, you'll have fun "tickling the galena" for a sensitive spot!

The historic slide-coil tuning method provides continuous variations in inductance without the use of coil taps or variable capacitors. The "catwhisker and galena" detector is styled after the famous 50¢ detector sold by Hugo Gernsback's company (Electro Importing Co.) 50 years ago. The phone condenser is a wood replica of the famous Murdock No. 358 Receiving Condenser, now a rare collector's item.

**Two-Slide Tuning Coil.** The drawings and photos show the details for the 2-slide tuning coil. The author's coil form was a 7¾-in. long piece of 2½-in. OD plastic rolling pin covered with black "Contact" adhesive plastic material—but you may find a Bakelite or fiber tube that size.

Enamelled copper wire (#22) is used for

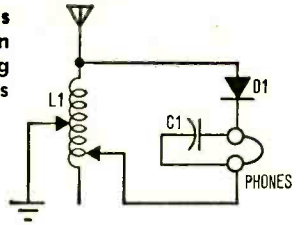
winding the coil, then the enamel is carefully sanded off with fine sandpaper along the slider paths. (In the old days, they used green silk-covered copper wire for tuning coils, but since you may not be able to find this any more, white cotton-covered wire dyed green could be used. If this route is taken, be sure to give the winding a coat of shellac before sanding off the cotton insulation for the slider paths.) Also, make the sliders smooth so they don't cut grooves in the wire of the coil.

**Crystal Detector.** Check the drawings and photo for details on making the crystal detector. For the crystal holder, the author used an electrical fixture known as a 5/8- to 1/4-adapter having a knurled outer surface, but you can use any brass cup of similar size, or turn one on a metal lathe.

When mounting the cup on the wood baseboard, use a screw the right length so you can put a compression spring between the cup and baseboard—this allows the cup to be revolved one full turn. If you make your own cup, drill the bottom mounting hole a little off-center so the cup revolves on an eccentric.

The author used #26 brass wire for the

Wire up your old-time wireless receiving apparatus as shown in schematic. Parts in this rig aren't critical and substitutions can be made as required.



## MATERIALS LIST FOR RECEIVING APPARATUS

- 1—9 1/4 x 6 1/2 x 1/2-in. hardwood for baseboard
- ### MATERIALS FOR TUNING COIL
- 2—3 1/2 x 3 x 1/2-in. hardwood for coil end pieces  
 1—2 1/2 OD by 7 3/4-in. long coil form (plastic, fiber, cardboard)  
 1—Spool #22 enameled copper wire  
 2—7/32-in. sq. by 8 3/4-in. long brass tubes for slider tracks  
 1—1/4-in. sq. brass tube for sliders  
 1—4-in. long by 3 1/8-in. wide by 1/64-in. thick spring brass for sliders  
 2—8/32 x 1/4-in. rh brass machine screws for sliders  
 2—Knobs for sliders  
 2—1/4-in. thick compo board disc (outside disc dia. to equal inside dia. of coil form)  
 2—8/32 x 1-in. rh brass machine screws with hex nuts and ornamental nuts to fit  
 2—1/2-in. long rh steel wood screws  
 1—8/32 x 1 1/4-in. rh brass machine screw with hex nut and ornamental screw  
 1—3/8-in. long rh steel wood screw  
 4—1-in. long fh steel wood screws
- ### MATERIALS FOR REPLICA OF MURDOCK NO. 358 PHONE CONDENSER
- 1—2 3/8 x 1 1/2 x 1/2-in. hardwood block  
 2—8/32 x 1-in. rh brass machine screws with

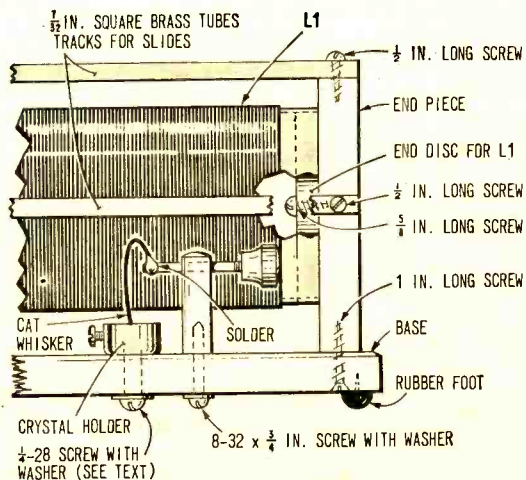
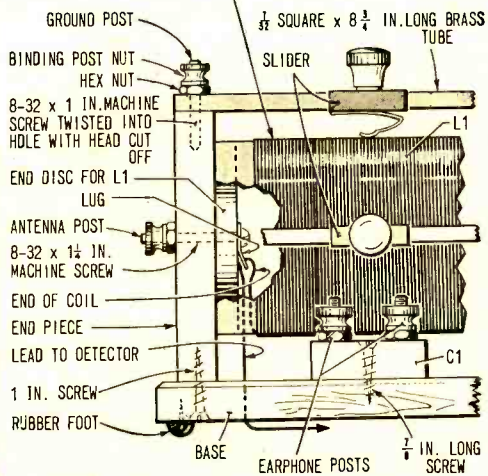
- washers, hex nuts and ornamental nuts to fit  
 2—7/8-in. long fh steel wood screws
- ### MATERIALS FOR CRYSTAL DETECTOR
- 1—1/4 x 3/8-in. dia. brass rod  
 1—1 1/2 x 1/8-in. dia. brass rod  
 1—Knob to fit 6/32 threads on catwhisker holder  
 1—2-in. length of small gauge brass wire for catwhisker  
 1—8/32 x 3/4-in. rh brass machine screw  
 1—5/8 to 1/4 adapter for electrical fixtures (see illus. and text)  
 1—6-32 x 3/8-in. rh brass screw  
 1—1/4-28 by about 3/4-in. rh brass machine screw (see text)  
 4—Small rubber tack bumpers for bottom of baseboard

### CIRCUIT COMPONENTS

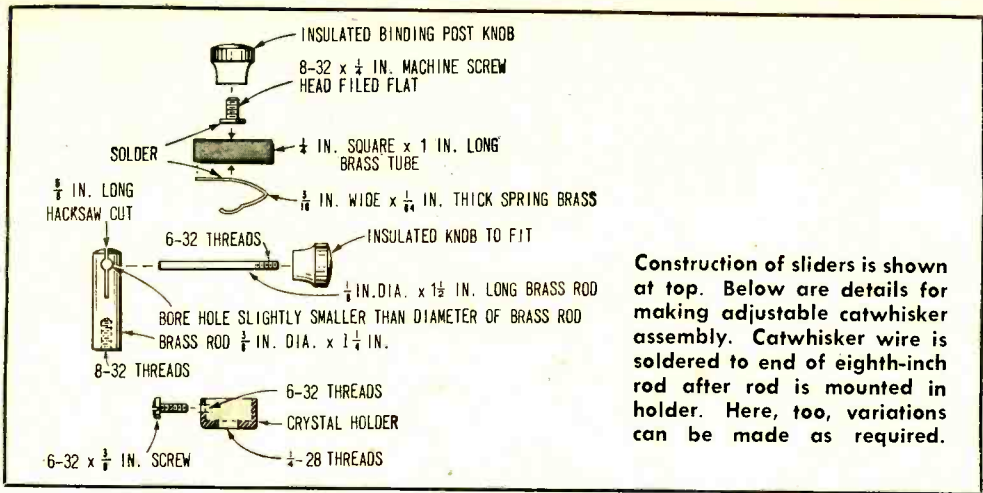
- C1—.0003-uF capacitor  
 D1—Mounted galena or silicon crystal (Available from Modern Radio Labs., 12041 Sheridan Lane, Garden Grove, Calif. 92640 at 75¢ ea., postpaid.)  
 Misc.—Hookup wire, solder, shellac or varnish, etc.

NOTE: rh is round head, fh is flat head.

ENAMEL SCRAPPED OFF FOR SLIDER PATH



Assemble the finished coil, sliders, crystal, and condenser following detail drawing above.



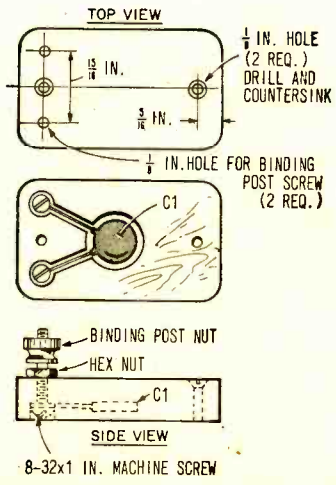
Construction of sliders is shown at top. Below are details for making adjustable catwhisker assembly. Catwhisker wire is soldered to end of eighth-inch rod after rod is mounted in holder. Here, too, variations can be made as required.

catwhisker, but steel, phosphor bronze, and tungsten wires were also used in the old days. The business end of the catwhisker wire should be pointed with a file. For the detector, you can use a mounted galena or silicon crystal.

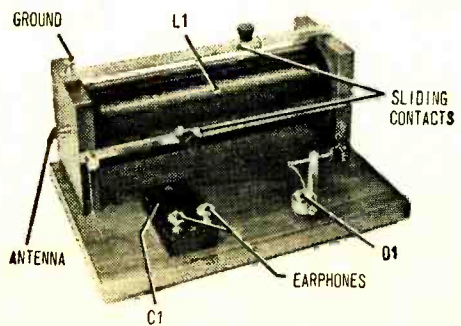
**Phone Condenser.** Next, make the wood replica of the historic Murdock No. 358 Receiving Condenser used across the earphones. The wood block is gouged out on the under side and a small .0003-uF ceramic disc capacitor is inserted and wired to the binding posts, as shown. Actually, this phone capacitor does very little good and can be left out if desired, in which case simply use

the wood block as a nostalgic dummy to connect the earphones to.

**Hooking It Up.** Wire the unit as shown in the schematic diagram. To make a neat job, most of the wiring is done underneath the baseboard. The wire lead from the "antenna" post and the start of the coil go through the baseboard via a small hole, as



Replica of Murdock phone condenser is made from a wood block drilled to hold a small disc capacitor and phone binding posts. After block has been cut out, drilled, and sanded, paint it flat black for antique appearance.



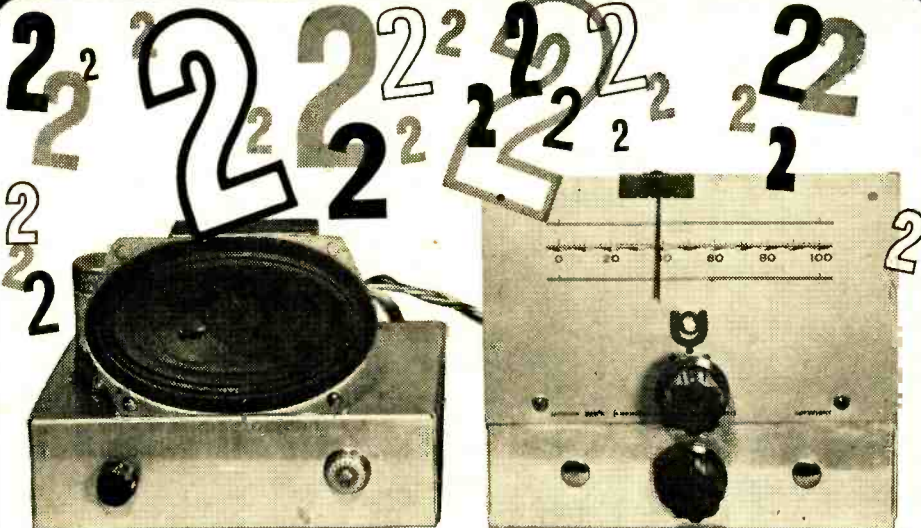
Completed receiving apparatus is good performer when outdoor antenna and ground are connected. It looks pretty snazzy, too.

does the lead from one of the slides.

If possible, use a long outdoor antenna, a cold water pipe ground, and a pair of sensitive high-impedance magnetic earphones (or crystal phones) for best results. The clips shown holding the earphone cord tips to the phone condenser binding posts is another old Murdock trick. Similar clips can readily be made from a couple of strips of light sheet-metal.

The finished unit works quite well and makes a decorative showpiece as well. And for the old-timers in the crowd, this one should bring back many fond remembrances.





# Build TWOFER-FLEX

Here's a two-for-one BCB project! In addition to trying your hand with a reflex circuit, you wind up with a universal B-plus power supply.

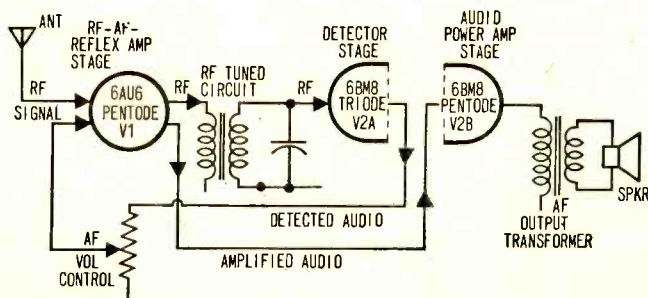
by Charles Green, W6FFQ

□ Everyone is interested in getting something for nothing. How would you, as an experimenter, like to work with a circuit that gives the performance of four tubes but uses only two? It's easy if you use a reflex circuit, which was popular in the early days of radio when vacuum tubes and components were much more costly than they are now. Experimenting with reflex circuits is still interesting. By constructing our *Twofer-Flex* you can determine first hand how to achieve efficient circuits with fewer components.

**Two for One.** A tube can simultaneously amplify two different frequencies, such as RF and AF, if proper filtering is used. In this way we make one tube do the work of two.

The *Twofer-Flex* uses the reflex principle in a two-tube broadcast band receiver.

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**Block diagram showing signal flow and multiple function of tubes in reflex circuit. First tube serves both as an RF and then as an AF amplifier. Second tube serves as detector and output.**

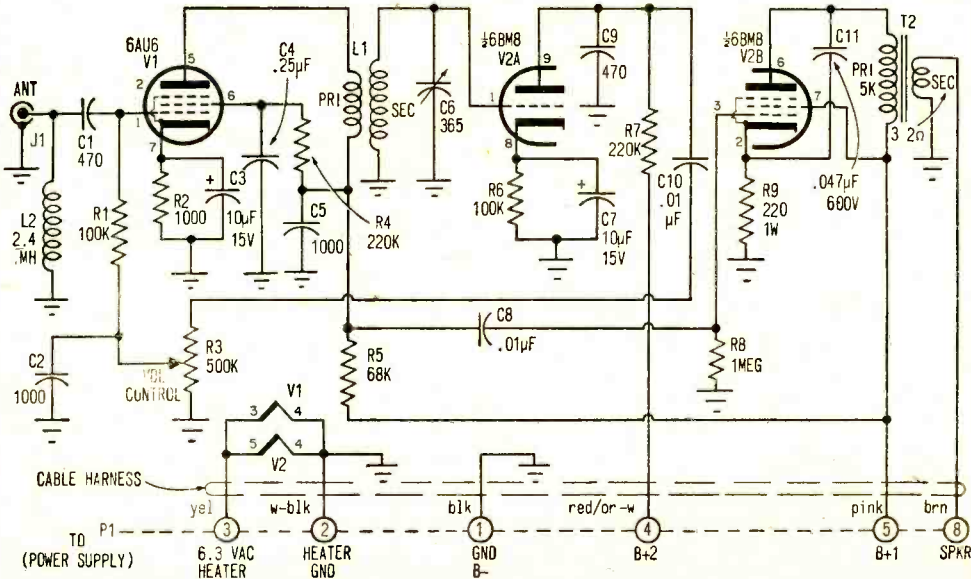
# TWOFER-FLEX

By referring to the block diagram, you can see that a pentode (V1) acts both as an untuned RF amplifier and as an AF amplifier. The triode half (V2A) of the 6BM8 tube serves as a plate detector and the pentode half (V2B) of this tube is the AF power amplifier, which delivers sufficient power to drive the speaker.

**Construction.** We built the *Twofer-Flex*

on two identical chassis, one containing the power supply and the other containing the RF breadboard. The power supply employs a conventional half-wave circuit, using a silicon diode and RC filtering. In addition to supplying high DC plate voltages, it also furnishes the 6.3 VAC for the tube heaters. Note that the speaker is mounted on the power-supply chassis.

The RF breadboard is constructed on a standard perforated board employing push-in terminals to mount the components to the

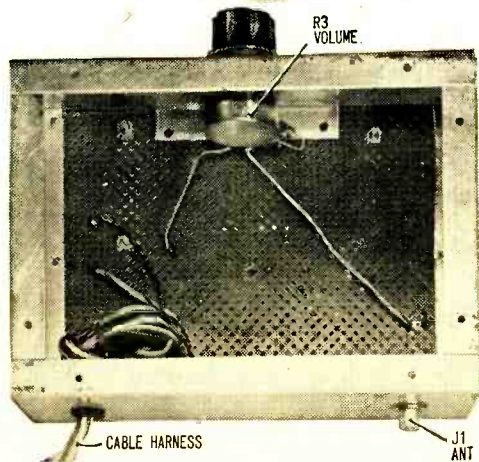
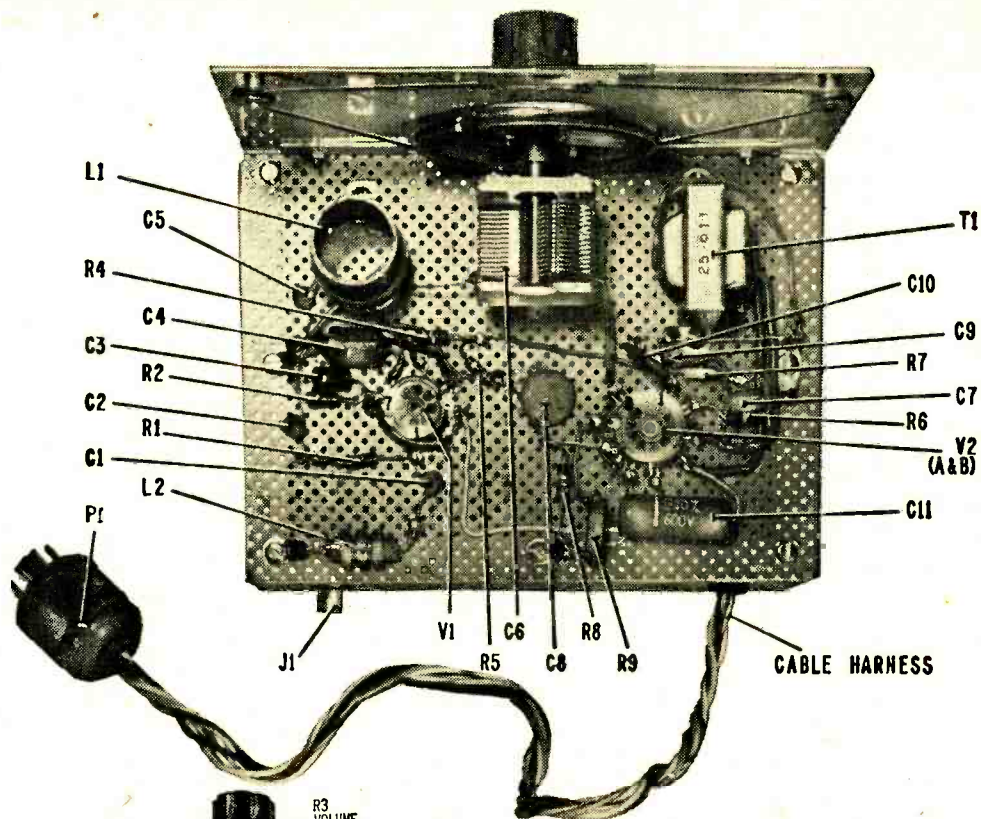


## PARTS LIST FOR TWOFER-FLEX RF BREADBOARD

- C1, C9—470-pF, 1000-V ceramic disc capacitor
- C2, C5—1000-pF, 100-V ceramic disc capacitor
- C3, C7—10-uF, 15-V electrolytic capacitor
- C4—25-uF, 200-V paper capacitor
- C6—365-pF variable capacitor (J.W. Miller 2111 or equiv.)
- C8, C10—.01-uF, 1000-V ceramic disc capacitor
- C11—.47-uF, 600-V paper capacitor
- J1—Phono jack (Switchcraft 3501F jack or equiv.)
- P1—Octal plug with cable connector shell (Amphenol 78R58 or equiv.)
- L2—2.4-mH RF choke (J.W. Miller 4666 or equiv.)
- R1, R6—100,000-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor
- R2—1000-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor
- R3—500,000-ohm audio taper potentiometer (Mallory U-48-1 or equiv.)
- R4, R7—220,000-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor

- R5—68,000-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor
- R8—1-megohm 1/2-watt resistor
- R9—220-ohm, 1-watt resistor
- L1—Broadcast band RF coil (J.W. Miller 20RF or equiv.)
- T2—Output transformer, 5000-ohm pri. to 3.2-ohm sec. (Allied 54C2064 or equiv.)
- V1—6AU6 tube
- V2—6BM8 tube
- 1—7 x 4 1/4-in. slide rule dial (J.W. Miller SL-16 or equiv.)
- 1—7-pin miniature printed circuit socket (Lafayette 33T8712 or equiv.)
- 1—9-pin miniature printed circuit socket (Lafayette 33T8713 or equiv.)
- 2—Aluminum chassis, 5 x 7 x 2-in. (Bud AC-402 or equiv.)
- 1—5 x 7-in. bottom plate for power supply chassis (Bud BPA1589 or equiv.)

Misc.—Push-in terminals, knobs, hook-up wire, hardware, solder, etc.



Top and bottom views of RF chassis showing components and layout of chassis for efficient wiring. If your finished unit looks like the author's, it should work fine.

board and to make the circuit connections to them. The full chassis width slide-rule dial, which is mounted on the front of the aluminum chassis base, serves both as a front panel and as an RF shield. Power for the RF breadboard as well as the AF from the output stage of the receiver is conveyed between the two chassis by a cable harness that is permanently wired to the RF board and plugged into the power-supply chassis.

Let's get the hard work done first. Then the balance of the construction project will be easy and will add to the pleasure of building a receiver, learning about new circuits, and achieving a job well done.

**RF Chassis.** The top surface of the RF aluminum chassis is cut out to provide a clear mounting space for the perforated board containing the components for the RF portion. Cut out the top of the 5 x 7 x 2-in. aluminum chassis, leaving a 1/2-in. flange all around. Slit the flange on the front edge of the chassis 1 1/2-in. from each end and bend up two tabs, which are used to mount the slide-rule dial, as shown in our photo. Our chassis has two extra 3/8-in. holes in the front of the chassis 1 1/2-in. from each end for future experimentation. These are not required for the *Twofer-Flex* receiver; therefore, it is not necessary to drill them.

Cut a 5 x 7-in. section of perforated board and mount it to the top flange of the chassis,

# TWO FER-FLEX

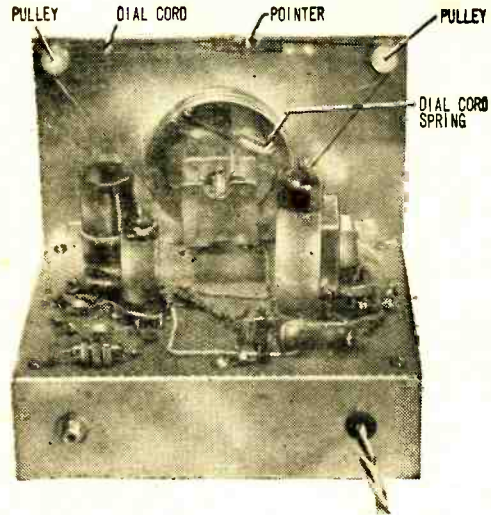
using sheet metal screws. Drill holes, if needed, to mount the receiver components to the perforated board.

Wiring and layout are critical even though the receiver operates in the broadcast band. For best results, follow the photos for the most convenient component layout.

A 2 x 1¼-in. aluminum strip is fastened to the front of the frame of tuning capacitor C6. This assembly is then fastened to a ½ x ½ x 1¼-in. aluminum angle section that has been mounted on the top of the front flange of the chassis. Mounting holes in the angle section to which this assembly is fastened are slotted in order to adjust the position of C6 for proper alignment with the slide rule dial hub.

The tube sockets are mounted on the perforated board with push-in terminals which are then soldered to the socket contact lugs. Position the sockets as shown in photo. If printed-circuit type sockets are not available, standard chassis mounting sockets can be used by cutting off the mounting flange or shell.

**Cable Harness.** Make up the cable harness by twisting and taping together 18-in. lengths of stranded hook-up wire, using colors shown in the schematic diagrams. Feed one end of the harness through a hole in the rear of the chassis base, knot it so that it will not slip out of the hole, and connect the various colored leads to the components. The free end of the cable



Rear view of RF chassis pointing out the various parts of the dial assembly and detailing the stringing of the dial cord.

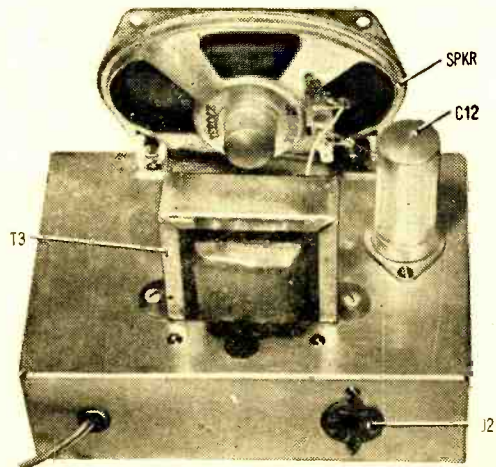
harness is soldered to an 8-prong plug following the color code and pin arrangement of the schematic. A word of warning—be sure to slip the protective cover for the plug over the harness before soldering the wire leads to the plug pins.

**Power Supply.** The power supply, which is constructed on a 5 x 7 x 2-in. chassis identical to the RF chassis, is protected from accidental shorts by a 5 x 7-in. aluminum bottom plate. Small components are mounted on a terminal board and then to the chas-

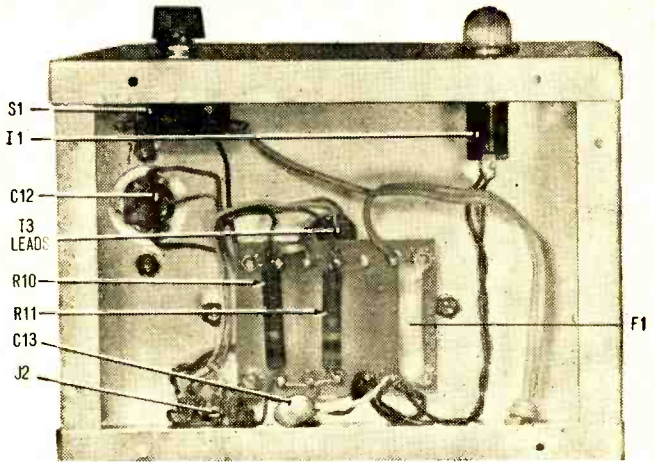
## PARTS LIST FOR

### TWO FER-FLEX POWER SUPPLY

- C12A, B, C—Triple-section 40-30-20uF, 150-VDC electrolytic capacitor (Sprague TVL-3438 or equiv.)
- C13—5000-pF, 1000-V ceramic disc capacitor
- D1—1N2070 silicon diode
- F1—1-amp pigtail fuse
- I1—Neon lamp assembly (Dialco 52-0463 and NE-51H lamp, panel mounting or equiv.)
- J2—Octal socket (Amphenol 78R58 or equiv.)
- R10—1000-ohm, 2-watt, 10% resistor
- R11—10,000-ohm, 2-watt, 10% resistor
- SPKR—3 x 5-in. oval PM speaker, 3.2-ohm voice coil
- S1—Spst power switch, rotary or toggle
- T3—125-V, 50 mA with 6.3-V, 2-amp sec. power transformer (Allied 54C2064 or equiv.)
- 1—5 x 7 x 2 in. chassis
- Misc.—Speaker grille, AC cord, bottom plate, grommets, etc.



**Bottom view of power supply with protective cover removed showing location of mounting board containing components.**



sis, using 1/2-in. spacers to raise it from the chassis metal. Locate the heavier components, drill their mounting holes, and fasten them to the chassis using rubber grommets to protect the T3 leads and the AC power cord. The speaker is mounted to the chassis with two 1/2-in. angle brackets fastened to the front top of the chassis. A piece of perforated board can be used to protect the speaker cone. Wire the components in accord with the power-supply schematic.

**Operation.** Now that the hard work has been completed, you're ready to check-out and enjoy the receiver. You will, of course need an antenna, which can be just a 6-ft. length of hook-up wire if you are located near stations producing strong signals. If you are in a fringe area, a good outside antenna and ground will be required.

With the tubes in their sockets, the antenna connected, the harness plugged into the power supply chassis, and the AC cord plugged into an outlet, you are all set to operate the receiver. When the power switch is turned on, pilot lamp I1 indicates AC power is flowing into the power supply. Allow the tubes time to warm up and then

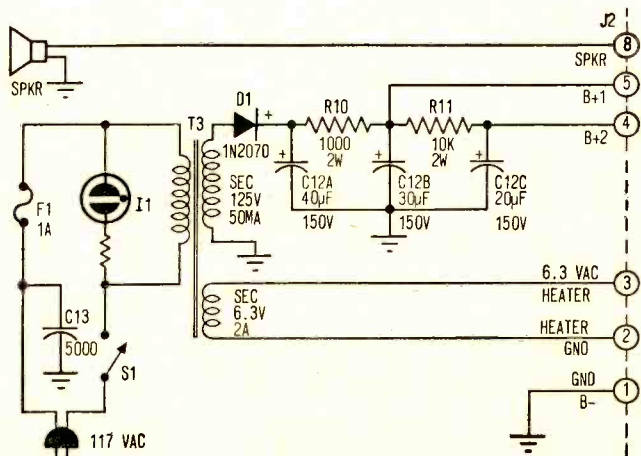
check AC and DC voltages with a VOM.

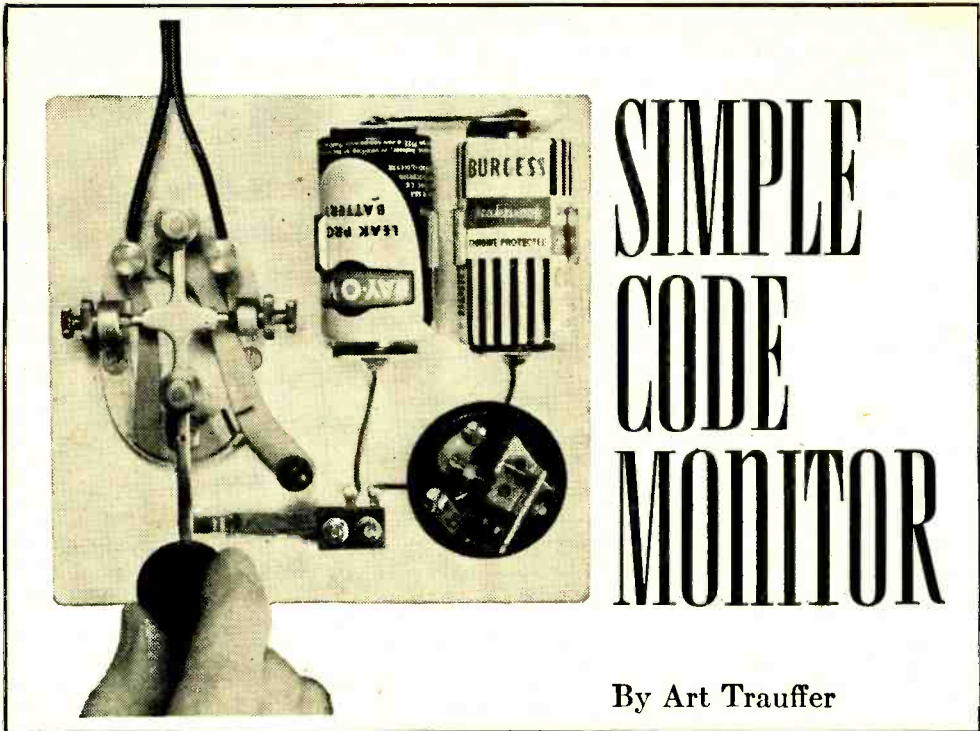
Tune the receiver to a local station and adjust the volume to a suitable level. Since there is only one tuned circuit in the *Twofer-Flex*, selectivity will not be as sharp as in receivers having multiple tuned circuits. The broad tuning and the use of a plate detector, which does not load a tuned circuit as do other types of detectors, accounts for the excellent tone of the *Twofer-Flex*.

The L1 primary winding should be positioned down over the coil lugs for maximum selectivity and minimum coupling. For higher selectivity, regeneration can be achieved by bringing the antenna lead near the top of T2. If there is too much coupling, oscillation will occur, which can be stopped by raising the antenna lead further from the top of the coil. ■

**Power supply chassis layout.** Parts location is not critical. However, power transformer should be located for free air circulation around it. *Twofer-Flex* is fitted with cable to be plugged into rear socket.

**Power supply schematic.** The circled numbers refer to output socket pin numbers. Before plugging in cable harness from RF chassis, make certain that cable wires are connected properly to match connections on this socket.





# SIMPLE CODE MONITOR

By Art Trauffer

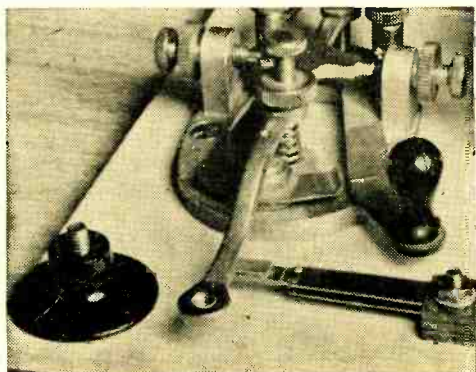
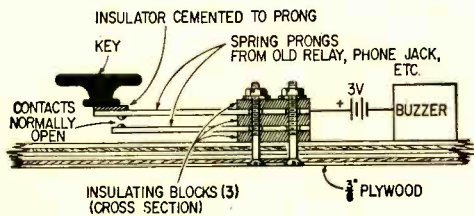
■ Most of us send better code when we can hear what we're sending. This code monitor, which is entirely independent of your receiver or transmitter and has no electrical connections to any of your equipment, is quickly rigged up using only three main components: first, a pair of prongs or reeds from an old phone jack, switch, or relay; secondly, a 3-volt supply (two D batteries); and, finally, a buzzer.

As shown in the photos and cross-section below, the monitor is actuated by the lever of your regular transmitter key. While the regular key operates your transmitter, it also

closes the spring prongs of the old relay, activating the buzzer.

**Monitor Mounting.** Your transmitter key, monitor spring contacts, buzzer and battery are all mounted on a convenient surface; as shown here, they were mounted on a 6-inch square piece of  $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch plywood. Prongs are mounted under the lever of your key close to the knob. A small piece of insulating material is cemented to the top spring prong to insulate it from the key. Adjust the monitor prongs so that they make contact just before the transmitter key contacts; then wire monitor in series and start sending! ■

The knob of the telegraph key at the right is removed to show how the key actuates the insulated top spring prong to make contact with the bottom prong, thereby completing the buzzer circuit. Size of insulating blocks, below, is determined by height of the key.



# the VHF extender

By Jim Kyle and Jim Speck

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**Build this plug-in front end and extend your listening past that 30 mc dead end!**

**A**ny radio buff worthy of the name knows there's a world of excitement to be found in the VHF (very high frequency) range of the radio spectrum, but all too few of us have had a chance to get in on it. General-purpose receivers, for a number of good reasons, usually stop at about 30 megacycles—and the VHF receivers currently available as do-it-yourself projects or in military surplus hardly compare in performance with that we're used to on lower bands.

The VHF Extender is a device which can change all that for you, and let you get in on the fun for a minimum outlay of cash. Performance will be equal to that of your present SW receiver, since the purpose of the VHF Extender is simply to *extend* the frequency range of your present rig into the VHF region.

The VHF Extender can be used for any 4-megacycle-wide segment of the spectrum between 30 mc. and approximately 170 mc. and with only slight extra expense can be modified at will to cover a new slice should you tire of your first choice. This feature lets you listen to police, fire-department, aircraft-radio, or ham operators at will.

**Theory Before Hookup.** Before we get into the construction details of the VHF Extender, let's take a brief look at how it works. This will help you when it comes time to make the various parts-value choices needed in construction.

The VHF Extender is, primarily, a *new front end* for your receiver, which connects

into the line between antenna and receiver itself. It translates the VHF signals down into the range covered by your existing receiver, so that while the on-the-air signal may be at a frequency of 136.040 mc. (for example), the signal fed into your existing receiver is at a frequency of 640 kc.—in the broadcast band.

Since the *translating* frequency is determined by a crystal-controlled oscillator, you can rely upon the dial calibration of your receiver. Thus should you be hunting a satellite signal at 136.050 mc., you could set your receiver dial to 1,050 kc. and use a 45-mc. crystal in the VHF Extender. Any signal appearing in the receiver would have to be a 136.050-mc. signal at the antenna



**VHF Extender connects between antenna and receiver to expand your listening world.**

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(the 133.950-mc. *image* frequency is reduced greatly by the input RF amplifier circuit).

High performance in the critical VHF region is assured by the RF amplifier tube, a 6DS4 *Nuvistor*. The other tube, a type 6U8A, serves as both crystal oscillator and mixer. Power for the VHF Extender can be taken from the existing receiver, if it uses a transformer. Be sure to fuse the B+ (¼ a.) and 6.3-vac (1 a.) leads to the Extender.

**Get Ready to Build.** The only tools absolutely necessary to build the VHF Extender are a drill, a screwdriver, cutting pliers, and a soldering iron. A grid-dip oscillator can prove very useful, however, if you happen to have one on hand. With the *GDO*, you can get along without the coil tables, simply by dipping each coil to its proper frequency.

To determine the values to be used for XTAL frequency, L1/C1, L2, L3/C3, and L4, use the tables or follow these rules. L1/C1 must tune to the desired VHF frequency band. For satellite reception, for instance, they should tune to 136 mc. L2 should tune to this same frequency when installed in the circuit and with the 6DS4

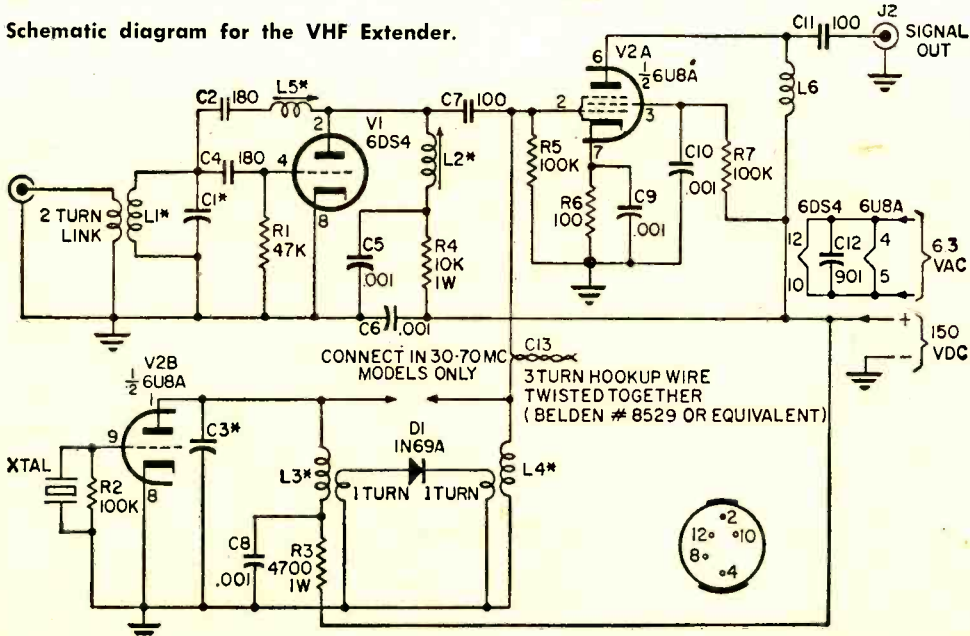
plugged in. For input frequencies between 30 and 70 mc., the XTAL frequency should be equal to the frequency of the lower end of the desired VHF band, minus the frequency of the lowest desired output frequency. For best results, the 7-11 mc. portion of the existing receiver's coverage should be used, which would make the XTAL equal to input signal frequency minus 7 mc. For input frequencies between 70 and 170 mc., proceed as before but divide the result by three. For 136-mc. input and 7-mc. output, the XTAL frequency would be  $136-7$  or  $129/3$ , or 43.0 mc. L3/C3 should tune to the XTAL frequency, whatever it is determined to be, and L4 should tune to three times XTAL frequency.

If you're using the coil table rather than a *GDO*, simply take the values shown there.

**Putting It Together.** The VHF Extender is built on a 2½" by 3" by 5¼" aluminum chassis box, using the long flat side for most parts installation as shown in the photograph. Lay out and drill the box as shown in the chassis detail drawing.

Next, select the necessary coils using data from the coil tables. Install each in its proper location. Mount the tube sockets. The 6DS4 *Nuvistor* socket is secured by crimping its lips over tightly against the chassis. Several short wires are then soldered to the lips, and later will be soldered to the shield plate across this socket.

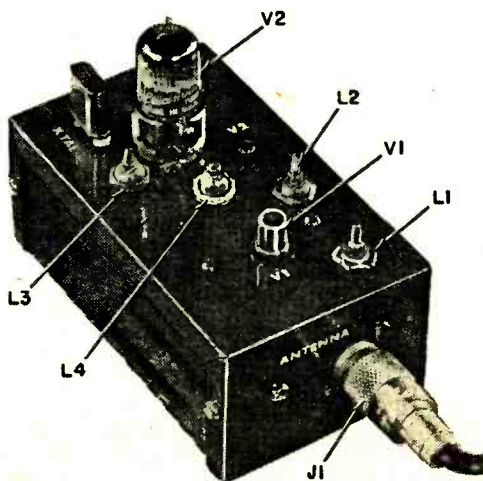
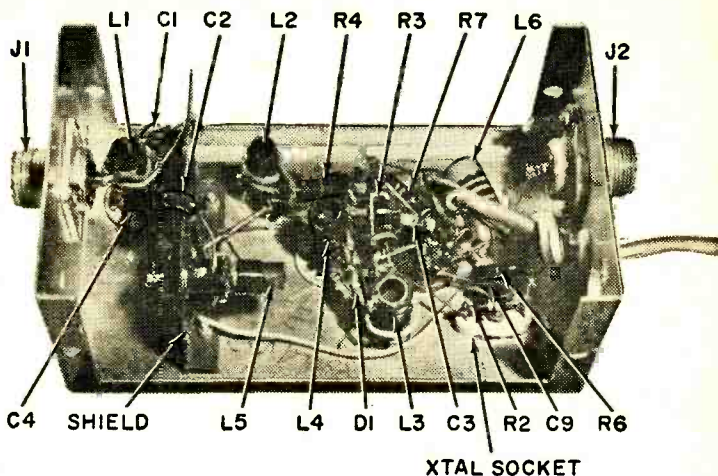
Schematic diagram for the VHF Extender.



\* SEE COIL TABLE



The VHF Extender is an advanced project for the SWL experimenter. Part location is critical and should be followed closely. See photo at right and below. To make your unit identical with the author's, follow the detail drawings given in the article and follow the text without alterations.



Wire the filament leads as shown on the schematic diagram before installing the copper shield partition on the 6DS4 socket, and mount the two coax connectors, J1 and J2, in place. Then mount the partition (which must be made of copper or brass; this can usually be located at an auto-supply wholesaler under the name of 3-mil shim stock) and make the rest of the connections to the tube sockets. Refer to shield detail drawing to fabricate piece.

Note from the photos that all leads must be kept as short as possible and no wiring is "fancy". Everything must take the most direct route. This makes the lower layer of wiring tough to get to later on, so check and

double check at every step to make certain your connections are correct. If your wiring looks like a tight-knit rats nest—you're doing a good job.

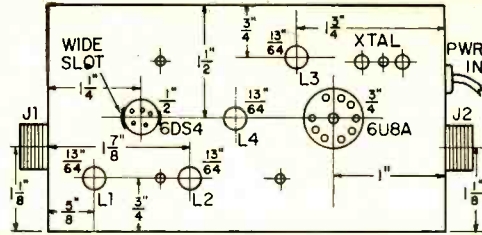
**Wiring Differences.** With all coils in place and all tube-socket-connections made, the final stages consist of wiring the coils in and connecting the links between them. Only two of these are particularly unusual. Note how the long lead from the 1N69A diode, D1, is used as its own coupling link to L3. The other end of the diode wraps around L4 in the same way. Diode D1 and L4 are omitted on the 30 to 70 mc. models; this is the "extra expense" mentioned earlier to switch to other frequency bands. The other unusual connection is the twisted-wire "gimmick", C13 coupling L4 to the 6U8A pentode's grid. In the 30-70 mc. model, this wire connects to the top of L3 instead of to L4 as shown in the schematic diagram. Be extremely careful that the two wires do not short-circuit together; they form a low-value capacitor through which oscillator voltage is injected into the mixer stages, V2A.

**Turn It On.** When all connections are complete and rechecked, you can apply power to the VHF Extender. The 6U8A filament should light immediately, and the 6DS4 should feel warm to the touch after a few seconds. If it is hot, remove power quickly and check wiring, especially near L5.

If all proceeds well, connect a coaxial cable from the output jack of the VHF Extender to the antenna terminals of your receiver and tune to about 7 mc. Briefly disable the 6U8A mixer, V2A, of the VHF Extender by shorting pin 3 to ground with an insulated screwdriver. Noise output from

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the receiver should diminish at the same time. If it does not, tune L3 until the noise rises sharply and suddenly. Adjust L3 carefully for maximum noise, then repeat the previous test. Don't be worried if a few 7-mc. short-wave signals come through during all this;



Detail drawing of chassis top part's layout.

**COIL TABLE FOR 30-70 MC.**

VHF Band (MC.)	L1, L2 (mmf.)	C1 (mmf.)	L5	7-11 Mc. Output			BC-Band Output		
				XTAL (mc.)	L3	C3 (mmf.)	XTAL (mc.)	L3	C3 (mmf.)
30-34	20A156RBI	10	4205	23.000	20A106RBI	20	29.400	20A106RBI	20
34-38	20A156RBI	10	4205	27.000	20A106RBI	20	33.400	20A106RBI	15
38-42	20A106RBI	10	4204	31.000	20A106RBI	20	37.400	20A106RBI	15
42-46	20A106RBI	10	4204	35.000	20A106RBI	15	41.400	20A827RBI	15
46-50	20A687RBI	10	4204	39.000	20A106RBI	15	45.400	20A827RBI	10
50-54	20A687RBI	10	4204	43.000	20A827RBI	15	49.400	20A827RBI	10
54-58	20A687RBI	10	4204	47.000	20A827RBI	10	53.400	20A687RBI	10
58-62	20A687RBI	10	4204	51.000	20A827RBI	10	57.400	20A687RBI	10
62-66	20A687RBI	4.7	4203	55.000	20A687RBI	10	61.400	20A687RBI	4.7
66-70	20A687RBI	4.7	4203	59.000	20A687RBI	10	65.400	20A687RBI	4.7

Coil numbers are J. W. Miller Co. part numbers. Wind two-turn link of No. 22 hookup wire around grounded end of L1. BC-Band XTAL frequencies are for lowest megacycle of 4 Mc. VHF bands; add one mc. to XTAL for each higher megacycle desired. For instance, to cover 41-42 mc., table gives 37.4-mc. XTAL but this is upper megacycle of VHF band; add 3 mc. to XTAL frequency and use 40.400-mc. crystal.

**COIL TABLE FOR 70-172 MC (7-11 MC OUTPUT)**

XHF Band (MC.)	L1, L2 (mmf.)	C1 (mmf.)	L5	7-11 Mc. Output Only			
				(mc.)	L3	C3	L4
70-74	20A477RBI	4.7	4203	21.000	20A106RBI	27	20A156RBI
74-78	20A477RBI	4.7	4203	22.333	20A106RBI	20	20A156RBI
78-82	20A477RBI	4.7	4203	23.667	20A106RBI	20	20A156RBI
82-86	20A477RBI	4.7	4203	25.000	20A106RBI	20	20A106RBI
86-90	20A477RBI	4.7	4202	26.333	20A106RBI	20	20A106RBI
108-112	20A227RBI	4.7	4203	33.667	20A827RBI	15	20A106RBI
112-116	20A227RBI	4.7	4203	35.000	20A827RBI	15	20A106RBI
116-120	20A227RBI	4.7	4203	36.333	20A827RBI	15	20A827RBI
120-124	20A227RBI	4.7	4203	37.667	20A827RBI	15	20A827RBI
124-128	20A227RBI	4.7	4203	39.000	20A827RBI	15	20A827RBI
128-132	20A227RBI	4.7	4202	40.333	20A827RBI	15	20A827RBI
132-136	20A227RBI	4.7	10T#	41.667	20A827RBI	15	20A827RBI
136-140	20A227RBI	4.7	10T#	43.000	20A827RBI	15	20A827RBI
140-144	20A227RBI	4.7	8T#	44.333	20A827RBI	15	20A678RBI
144-148	20A227RBI	4.7	8T#	45.667	20A827RBI	15	20A687RBI
148-152	20A227RBI	4.7	8T#	47.000	20A687RBI	10	20A687RBI
152-156	20A227RBI	4.7	6T#	48.333	20A687RBI	10	20A687RBI
156-160	20A227RBI	4.7	6T#	49.667	20A687RBI	10	20A477RBI
160-164	20A227RBI	0	6T#	51.000	20A687RBI	10	20A477RBI
164-168	20A227RBI	0	5T#	52.333	20A687RBI	10	20A477RBI
168-172	20A227RBI	0	5T#	53.667	20A687RBI	10	20A477RBI

Coil numbers are J. W. Miller part numbers. L5, for bands above 132 mc. is wound on a Miller 4200 coil form with No. 24 wire, with the number of turns shown in the table. 0 value for C1 indicates part is not required.

## COIL TABLE FOR 70-172 MC (BC-BAND OUTPUT)

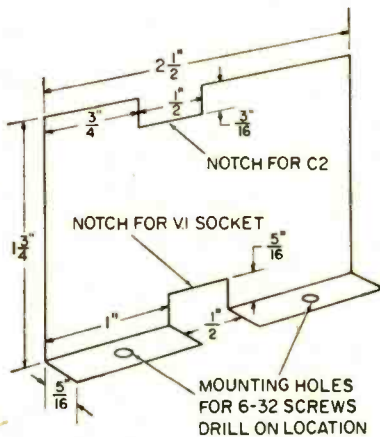
**L1, L2, L5, and C1**—same as given in Coil table for 70-172 mc. with 7-11 mc. output.

**L3**—J. W. Miller type 20A106RBI from 70 mc. to 86 mc.; 20A827RBI from 86 to 140 mc.; and 20A687RBI from 140 to 172 mc.

**C3**—20 mmf from 70 to 86 mc.; 15 mmf 86-140 mc.; and 10 mmf 140-172 mc.

**L4**—Miller 20A156RBI from 70-78 mc; 20A106RBI 78-112 mc; 20A827RBI 112-136 mc.; 20A687RBI 136-152 mc.; and 20A477RBI 152-172 mc.

**XTAL**—23.133 mc. for 70-71 mc.; 23.467 mc. for 71-72 mc.; 23.800 mc. for 72-73 mc.; 24.133 mc. for 73-74 mc.; 24.467 mc. for 74-75 mc.; etc., increasing by 333 $\frac{1}{3}$  kc. for each megacycle increase of VHF band. For 136-137 mc. coverage (satellites) Xtal is 45.133 mc., and for 145-146 mc. (Novice portion of ham 2-meter band) use 48.133 mc. Output will be from 600 to 1600 kc. on BC band, with 600 kc. equal to lowest frequency in band (136.000 mc. on satellite band; 136.040-mc. satellite would come in at 640 on BC dial).



Detail drawing of the copper shield partition installed inside the VHF Extender. Dimensions may vary slightly depending upon how accurately Nuvistor socket is placed.

they won't when the bottom cover of the VHF Extender is in place.

Before proceeding, you will have to locate a signal in the VHF region you're interested in. Tune it in as best you can; it may have an extremely ragged or "whistling" sound which is due to regeneration in the 6DS4 stage of the VHF Extender. Adjust the slug of L5, using an insulated tuning tool, to remove all distortion. Then tune L1 and L2 for best signal strength. You may find that readjustment of L3 (and L4) will strengthen the signal still more.

Next, unsolder either end of the 100,000-ohm resistor, R4, in the 6DS4 plate circuit, while still tuned to the VHF signal. This adjustment is best made with the strongest VHF signal you can find. Readjust L5 until the signal (with resistor disconnected) is as weak as you can get it. **DO NOT READJUST**

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### PARTS LIST

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| <p><b>C1, C3</b>—See Coil Tables for values—select ceramic disc NPO type capacitor</p> <p><b>C2, C4</b>—180-mf., 300 WVDC or better, disc or tubular ceramic NPO type capacitor</p> <p><b>C5, C8, C9, C10, C12</b>—.001-mf., 1000 WVDC or better, disc type capacitor</p> <p><b>C6</b>—.001-mf., button-bypass, standoff capacitor (Erie Ceramicon 323X5U101M or equiv.)</p> <p><b>C7, C11</b>—100-mmf., 1000 WVDC or better, disc type capacitor</p> <p><b>C13</b>—Gimmick capacitor (See text)</p> <p><b>D1</b>—1N69A diode (Sylvania)</p> <p><b>J1, J2</b>—UHF coaxial connector, receptacle chassis type (Military No. 50-239 or 49194, Amphenol 83-1R, or equiv.)</p> <p><b>L1, L2, L3, L4, L5</b>—See Coil Tables</p> <p><b>L6</b>—RFC choke, 10-millihenry, ferrite core for 7-11 mc. output. Use 100,000, 1/2-watt resistor in place of RFC for BCB output</p> <p><b>R1</b>—47,000-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor</p> | <p><b>R2, R5, R7</b>—100,000-ohm 1/2-watt resistor</p> <p><b>R3</b>—4700-ohm, 1-watt resistor</p> <p><b>R4</b>—10,000-ohm, 1-watt resistor</p> <p><b>R6</b>—100-ohm, 1/2-watt resistor</p> <p><b>V1</b>—6DS4 Navistor (RCA)</p> <p><b>V2</b>—6U8A tube (GE)</p> <p><b>XTAL</b>—See Coil Tables for value. Select type with .050-in. diameter pins spaced .486-in. apart, .01% (.005% preferred)</p> <p><b>1</b>—XTAL socket (National CS-7 or equiv.)</p> <p><b>1</b>—2 1/2"x3"x5 1/4" aluminum chassis box (Bud CU-2106A or equiv.)</p> <p><b>1</b>—Nuvistor socket for 5-contact tube</p> <p><b>1</b>—9-pin miniature tube socket with tube shield base</p> <p><b>Misc.</b>—Cable, wire, hardware, grommet, dials, copper shield, cement, solder, etc.</p> |
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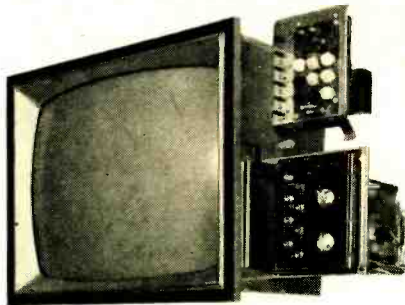
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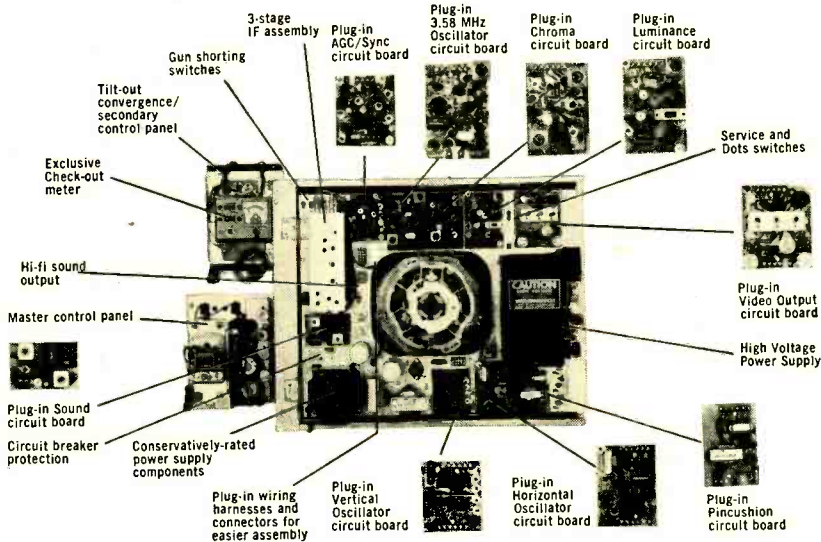
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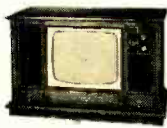


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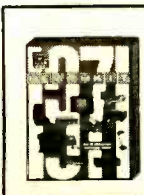
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# COMPASS GALVANOMETER

by T. A. BLANCHARD

Many electrical measuring instruments today are based on the design of the d'Arsonval *String Galvanometer*, but substitute a needle-suspended coil riding on jeweled bearings for the hanging coil employed in the original precise lab instrument.

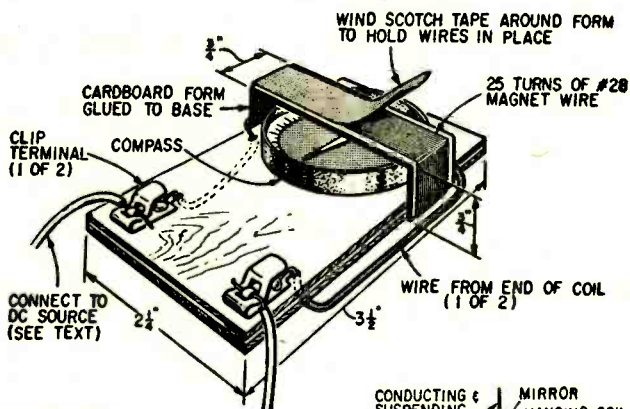
The galvanometer is not often used to measure quantity of current flowing in a circuit, but rather to indicate the polarity and presence of small currents by comparison to null methods. The compass galvanometer (made from the illustration at right) can be used with a Wheatstone bridge to indicate null points.

The d'Arsonval instrument suspends a small coil between the pole faces of a permanent *horseshoe* magnet. When a current flows through the coil it becomes an electromagnet and its *like* poles repel the *like* poles of the horseshoe magnet, thus causing the coil to turn on the connecting wire. The strength of the current through the coil determines the extent of the coil's rotation.

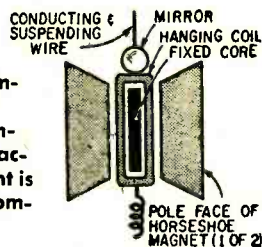
A small pointer attached to the moving coil registers on a curved dial, or a tiny mirror is attached to the galvanometer string. A beam of light is aimed at the mirror, bouncing the beam off to a wall screen or chart to give great magnification of tiny current changes in a darkened room.

**Making A Simple Galvanometer.** A small amount of insulated magnet wire, any Boy Scout pocket compass and a  $2\frac{1}{4}$  x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ -in. scrap of plywood is what you need to make the compass galvanometer. Cut a strip of cardboard  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. wide and  $3\frac{3}{4}$ -in. long. Score the cardboard  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. from each end, with a dull knife blade and crease so the cardboard form resembles a C or bridge shape. Now glue the cardboard to the edges of the wood base. Do not use tacks!

Bind the cardboard with a rubber band until glue or cement dries. Wind 25 turns



Easy to build, the compass galvanometer (above) can be assembled in an hour at practically no cost. At right is hanging coil galvanometer used in labs.



of #28 magnet wire around the cardboard. Heavier wire and fewer turns will work, too, with a slight drop-off in sensitivity.

Scotch tape is wound around the finished coil to keep the wire turns in place. Connect the ends of the coil to screw terminals or clips. Slip the compass under the coil in a position where its needle comes under the coil and parallel to the coil turns.

Connect the galvanometer in series with a flashlight battery and bulb, a buzzer or a toy motor, etc. When the circuit is closed, the compass needle will be drawn so that it is at right angles to the coil. A slow swing of the needle indicates the circuit is drawing little current. A rapid swing denotes an increase in current flow.

To show how sensitive this simple galvanometer is, connect what appears to be a dead flashlight cell across the terminals, immediately breaking the circuit. The compass needle will spin at a merry clip, indicating there is still some life in the "dead" cell.



A hot wire usually heats something or other. This one measures amperes!

# Build a hot-wire ammeter *that really works*

by Charles Green, W6FFQ

**I**N THE early days of radio, hams were forced to be good constructors. Because of unavailability or excessive cost of commercial parts, they made capacitors and coils, and even built meters to measure the RF output of their transmitters.

The type of RF output meter that the old timers built is known as a Hot-Wire Ammeter. Operation of this ammeter is based on the physical expansion of a wire heated by current flowing through it. The wire is indirectly coupled to a pointer and dial to measure the flow of current. You can have fun building and experimenting with this type of ammeter.

Our model of a hot-wire ammeter is built on a wooden baseboard very much the same as those built in the old days and is designed for easy con-

# hot-wire ammeter

struction. Most of the parts can be obtained in a hardware store. It can be calibrated easily with a DC ammeter and dry cell battery. We have included, also, an experiment board to show how the Hot Wire Ammeter reads current on an AC line with various lamp loads.

**How It Works.** When electric current flows through a resistance, heat is generated, as, for example, in an electric iron or toaster. If the resistance is a fine steel wire drawn taut between two supports, the generated heat will make the wire expand, causing it to stretch and sag. The Hot Wire Ammeter uses this stretching of a fine steel wire linked to a pointer to serve as a measure of the amount of electrical current flowing through it, which heats the wire.

By referring to the *assembly drawing* you will note that our construction project follows closely the basic principle of a hot wire ammeter. A fine steel wire is tautly stretched between two fixed positions and has clips attached to connect it into an electrical circuit so that current flowing in the circuit can flow through the resistance wire. A ceramic bushing or bead, through which the steel wire passes, is held tightly against the wire by a spring-loaded nylon cord. When current flows the steel wire is heated and expands, thus reducing the pull against the bushing and its spring-loaded nylon cord. The cord has been tightly wrapped three or four turns around a short steel shaft that freely rotates on supporting pivots and is held taut by a spring at the end opposite to the bushing (or bead). A pointer fastened to this shaft changes its position on a calibrated scale, as the shaft is turned, to indicate current is flowing.

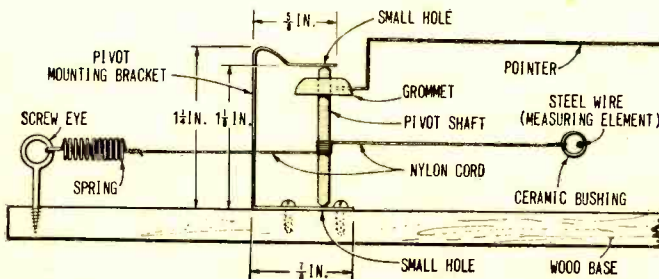
Since we are measuring, in a fixed length of steel wire, the relative mechanical reaction to expansion and/or contraction (caused by

temperature changes created by current flowing in the wire) this instrument will react the same to either AC or DC current. The return to zero of the pointer depends on the natural expansion/contraction characteristic of the fine steel wire. Expansion and contraction may vary depending upon the quality of the steel. The meter is not usable near zero because small changes in current are not readily transferred to proportionate mechanical changes due to mechanical losses in our model.

**Building the Hot-Wire Ammeter.** The dimensions and construction of this Hot-Wire Ammeter are not critical and can be varied to suit the constructor's preference. Our model was built on a soft wood base 8 x 6 x  $\frac{5}{8}$ -in. The current measuring range is dependent on the length, diameter and resistance of the steel wire through which current to be measured must flow.

**Nail To Pivot Shaft.** After fashioning a base make the moving element next. The shaft pivot is made from a  $1\frac{1}{8}$ -in. long straight section of a smooth 8-penny box nail. Each end of the nail should be filed or ground to a point. Then make a metal bracket to fit the shaft with two small holes for the pivot points and two holes to mount the pivot assembly to the base as shown in the *assembly drawing*. Bend the bracket to fit and make sure that the pivot shaft can rotate freely.

**Spring Making.** The spring, that maintains tension on the nylon cord, was made by winding 0.015-in. diameter music wire for a length of  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. on an 8-penny nail. The best way to wind the spring is to place a hand drill in a vise and fasten one end of the music wire tightly in the drill chuck along with a large diameter nail, a rod or drill shaft. Hold the other end of the wire perpendicular to the nail with pliers and slowly rotate the drill, thus winding the spring. Remove the spring from the nail and bend out a small end loop at each end of the spring to permit fastening it to the nylon drive cord at one



Detail drawings of Hot-Wire Ammeter, showing construction of pivot and pointer activated by nylon cord. As explained in text, spring (left) is constructed from length of music wire.



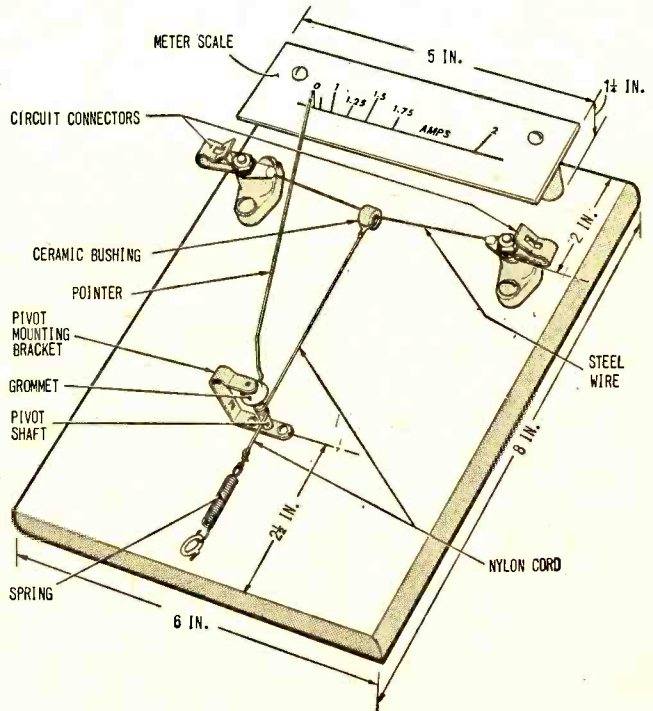
end and a screw eye in the wooden base at the other end.

Before installing the pivot shaft into its mounting bracket, force a 3/8-in. diameter rubber grommet, rubber washer or bumper on one end of the shaft and position it as shown in the detail drawing. It may be necessary to cement this to the shaft to prevent slippage. This should not be done until after assembly has been completed and the pointer has been installed. Place a small amount of grease in the pivot holes.

**The Measuring Element.** The measuring element we used is made from one strand of steel wire (0.01-in. diameter) extracted from a length of stranded picture wire, obtainable in a variety of hardware store. The diameter of the wire is not critical; however, the thinner the wire, the more sensitive will be the meter; a larger diameter wire will require more current to heat it. After slipping it through the ceramic bushing or bead, stretch the wire tightly between the lugs mounted on the stand-off insulators and solder it to the lugs, as shown in the assembly drawing.

Tie one end of the nylon cord to the ceramic bushing, as shown, bring it down to the pivot shaft and wind it around the pivot shaft three turns in a clockwise direction. Fasten the other end of the line to one end of the spring and attach the other end of the spring to a screw eye on the base board. Make certain that both ends of the line are taut or the ammeter will not work. The eye screw is turned, as necessary, for minor adjustment of the line tension to zero the pointer. Cement the nylon tie-points at each end of the line to keep from loosening. If the pointer reads below zero when a measurement is made, in all probability, you have wound the nylon cord

Assembly drawing for Hot-Wire Ammeter. Steel wire stretched between Fahnestock circuit connectors is measuring element; current flow causes it to expand, driving pointer up scale.



around the pivot shaft in the wrong direction. Be sure it is wound as shown in the assembly drawing.

**The Pointer.** After all the components have been assembled, make the pointer from a length of #22 gauge bus wire and force one end into the rubber grommet on the pivot shaft. Form the pointer as shown in the drawing before inserting it into the rubber grommet and cement the pointer to the grommet after positioning it properly. Paint the end of the pointer black to make it easier to see the pointer against the scale background.

**Calibration.** To calibrate the Hot-Wire Ammeter you will need a DC ammeter, a 15-ohm rheostat (or potentiometer), and a DC source such as a #6 dry cell (1 1/2 V).

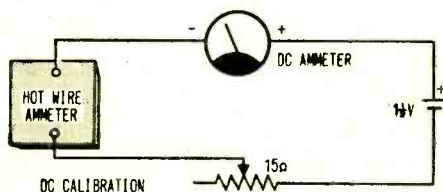
The Hot-Wire Ammeter scale is made from a 5 x 1 3/8-in. piece of white cardboard supported approximately 1/4-in. above the base by suitable bushings through which wood mounting screws pass to the wooden base. For a more professional look use DATAK instant letters to mark calibration points on scale.

**Keep Wire Taut.** Next make sure that the steel current measuring wire of the Hot-Wire Ammeter is taut, as should be both sections of the nylon wire. Set the pointer to zero by holding the pivot shaft with long-

# hot-wire ammeter

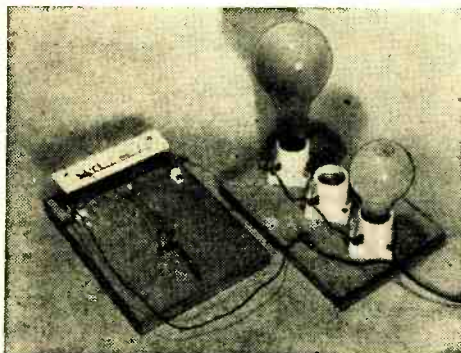
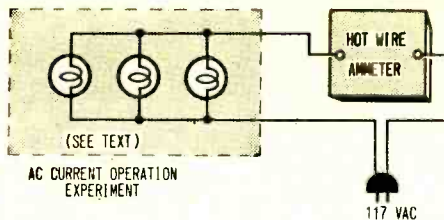
nose pliers and move the rubber grommet so that the pointer is at the left end of the scale. (To ensure that the pointer will not slide down the pivot shaft, it's a good idea to cement the grommet to the shaft after setting the pointer.)

Connect the rheostat (adjusted for maximum resistance), battery, AC ammeter and



Hookup for calibrating Hot-Wire Ammeter.

the Hot-Wire Ammeter in a closed loop series circuit as shown in the schematic. Then adjust the rheostat so that the DC ammeter measures 2 amperes. Note the position of the pointer on the scale. You can add the lettering later. For other calibration points adjust the rheostat and mark the Hot-Wire Ammeter scale in accordance with the readings on the DC ammeter. There will be very little movement of the Hot-Wire Ammeter pointer between zero and approximately 1/2 ampere, then the meter pointer will move more and more non-linearly as the wire becomes hotter and hotter as a result of higher current passing through it.



Though essentially a DC device, Hot-Wire Ammeter will also measure AC current flow. In setup here, unit indicates current drawn by lamp bulbs of various wattages.

We calibrated the scale of our unit at 1/4-ampere points from 1 to 2 amperes and at the 1/2-ampere point between zero and 1 ampere.

When all calibration points have been marked on the scale remove the battery, DC ammeter and rheostat from the Hot-Wire Ammeter. Dismount the scale and apply appropriate markings at each of the calibration points noted above and then remount  
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## PARTS LIST FOR HOT WIRE AMMETER

- 2—1 1/4 x 3/8-in. fiber, ceramic or metal bushing for mounting meter scale (use one 1/4-in. and one 1-in. to make required height) (Allied 47E4711 @ 1/4-in. and 47E4716 @ 1-in. or equiv.)
- 1—1/4 x 1/4-in. fiber or ceramic bushing for terminating nylon cord (Allied 47E4657 or equiv.)
- 1—5 x 1 3/8-in. piece, white cardboard for meter scale (see text)
- 4—Type 2 Fahnestock clips (Allied 47E1700 or equiv.)
- 3—Edison base lamp socket (Allied 60E7661 or equiv.)
- 1—8-penny smooth box-type nail (for pivot shaft—see text)
- 1—6-in. length nylon fish line—30-lb. test
- 1—3/8-in. diameter rubber grommet, faucet washer or bumper (see text and detail drawing)

- 1—3 x 3/8-in. strip, #16 or #18 gauge steel or aluminum for pivot mounting bracket (see text and detail drawing)
- 1—4 to 5-in. length of 0.01-in. diameter steel wire for hot wire measuring element (see text)
- 1—3 to 4-in. length of 0.015-in. diameter steel music wire for spring (see text)
- 2—8 x 6 x 3/8-in. soft wood block
- 1—6-ft. AC line cord (Allied 26E2854)
- 1—#6 battery, 1.5V (Allied 18E5641)
- 1—15-ohm, 4-watt rheostat (Allied 46E3400)

Misc.—Hardware, #22 gauge bus wire, solder, solder lugs, GE-RTV or Duco cement or Elmer's Glue, Datak press-on numerals of appropriate size (available from Allied Radio, Lafayette Radio or stationery supply store)



# Sound Sipper

By Elmer C. Carlson, KOD1752

This audio project was not conjured up in a malt shop but you may need to visit a sundae supermart to pick up plastic straws!

■ *They're free!* That's right! All the basic materials needed for making a lightweight directional baffle for your recorder's microphone are free. All you need is a handful of plastic drinking straws, a plastic sleeve and a few small rubber bands, and *voila—Sound Sipper.*

**Get Started.** To assemble Sound Sipper you'll need about a dozen plastic drinking straws, more or less depending on the microphone's housing diameter. Use plastic straws—paper straws crush and don't return to their original shape.

You'll have to cut all of the straws except one which will be used full length. Put the uncut straw aside. With a sharp single-edge razor blade cut  $\frac{1}{4}$ -in. off the first plastic straw. Cut  $\frac{1}{2}$ -in. off the second;  $\frac{3}{4}$ -in. off the third, and so on. Don't throw away the cut-off ends. Some of those longer pieces may be used as the "short" ends—those near the base of the microphone housing. Altogether, this version of Sound Sipper used 20 sections. But, you can use almost any mike with slight modification.

To make it easy on yourself, lay out the cut straws on a strip of masking tape as shown in the photo (see next page). The strip of masking tape keeps the straws from rolling all over and keeps them in their size-places position to make the job of assembling Sound Sipper easier.

For a temporarily-mounted Sound Sipper all you need is a few rubber bands looped around the upper parts of the baffle. About three rubber bands are all you need to keep the straws in their places. A couple of wraps of masking tape around the base completes the assembly. See what we mean? *It's Free!*

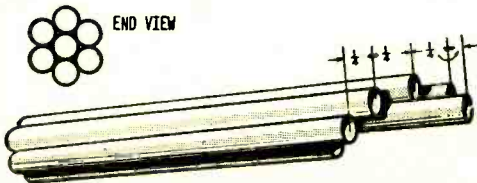
**A Better Way.** To make your Sound Sipper permanent you had better cement the polyethylene straws together. But, polyethylene is not the easiest plastic to cement. The Editors recommend you use Pliobond. Probably there are other cements, even some special-purpose cements, that will do a good job with polyethylene. But none of the other commonly available cements worked well when tested. (Continued Overleaf)

Start Sound Sipper's baffle with a core of seven straws as shown in the drawing. The longest straw, the uncut one, goes in the middle. The other six go around the long straw in the center. It won't matter which way the spiral of straws runs.

Cementing the straws together takes the longest part of the construction time. That's because you have to work in layers—longest straws first. Let one layer dry and then cement on another layer. Rubber bands do a good job of holding the drinking straws together while the cement sets.

Now comes the task of fitting the baffle onto the microphone. The straw assembly fits flush against the microphone grille with the end of the spiral pointing along the axis of the microphone. A white polyethylene sleeve salvaged from an empty deodorant bottle fits about the microphone housing and the straws. This plastic serves as a hood to mount the straws on the microphone. Stiff, durable cardboard can be used, or acetate, or other stiff plastic material. Use Pliobond to cement the straws to the white plastic hood. Rubber bands secure Sound Sipper to the mike unless you wish to make it a permanent attachment, then cement it, too!

**Some Tests.** Without connecting a sen-



**Like all projects, it's important to get a good start. The first seven straws are the most critical in forming the spiral.**

sitive meter into the tape recorder circuitry you won't notice much difference in sound pickup over a 45° segment of space in front of the microphone. For best appraisal of Sound Sipper just tape record a quarter-minute with and without Sound Sipper in place in a slightly noisy room.

The first test of Sound Sipper was made in an office using a portable radio as a sound source. Just tune in a news broadcast. Without Sound Sipper the microphone picked up much of the noise of the typewriters and adding machines. The office noise made it difficult to hear the audio from the radio set at low volume.

With Sound Sipper in place the voice from the radio came out much clearer on the second part of the recording. The constant



**Here's what your workbench will look like part way through the construction. Straws are kept in place by sticking them to some masking tape. Other construction items are Pliobond cement, razor, rubberbands and white plastic hood. See photo below.**

clatter of the office machines wasn't annoying any longer.

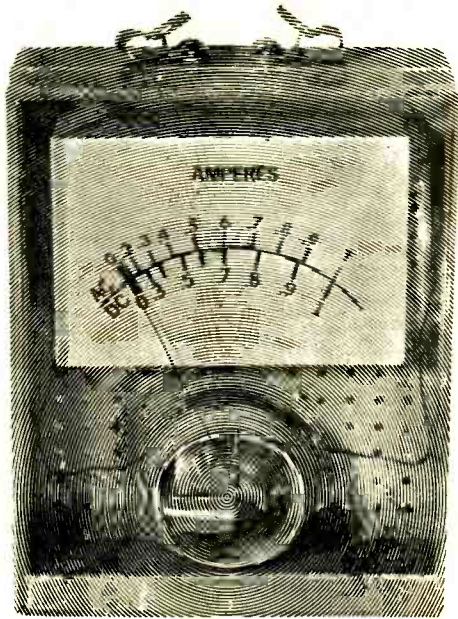
Outdoor tests proved much better than those conducted indoors. The reason was there were no walls to bounce the noise around the room. However, if used in a crowd such as a screaming football mob it is wiser to head for open spaces on the sidelines, if possible.

To make more accurate tests of the effectiveness of your Sound Sipper use a constant tone audio signal. Try 400 Hz from a modulated signal generator picked up by a radio. With a constant tone it will be easy to make relative measurements just using the recording level meter on the tape recorder. In time, you could plot a pickup pattern for Sound Sipper's microphone baffle that you assembled.

Sound Sipper doesn't make a pencil-sharp pickup like the pro jobs do. It can't compete with those parabolic dishes or yard-long baffles. But, it will reduce background noise considerably. What's more, you can stuff Sound Sipper in your pocket—it'll bend but won't break. And if you lose it, you won't cry over the cost. Just head back to the maltshop and pick up some more straws. ■



**Here's the Sound Sipper all finished and ready to snoop out the sounds you want in.**



# Sn/Fe MOVING VANE AMMETER

Easy to build—works on AC and DC

by Charles Green, W6FFQ

**W**hen the first electric indicator was made by Hans Ørsted in 1819 out of a magnetic compass and some wire, he could not have imagined that millions of meters that are its direct descendants would be in use wherever a low-cost rugged indicator is required. For example: as an ammeter in an automobile.

The iron vane electrical meter (ammeter or voltmeter as it's called today) is made in two general types: the polarized vane type—a magnet or an iron vane moving in a magnetic field, or, the repulsion vane type—two iron vanes repelling each other in an induced magnetic field created by the current flow being measured.

Our project uses the repulsion vane principle in an easy-to-build iron vane ammeter. This project will provide the reader the opportunity to combine education with the fun of building. This simple ammeter indicates from 0 to 1 ampere, AC or DC. A solenoid, two sections of a tin can, and a rubber band (in lieu of the conventional metal pivot and spiral spring) are the essential

meter components housed in a plastic "P" box. Included in this article are experiments to help you better understand the repulsion vane action of this type of meter.

**Vane Repulsion Experiments.** Fig. 1 shows the components used in one experiment that can be performed to show how iron vanes move by magnetic repulsion. In our experimental hookup shown in the photo, the coil is made by random winding 200 turns of #22 enameled magnet wire on a 1/4-in. diameter cardboard coil form, about 1-in. long. This cardboard form can be made by cementing cardboard wound around a bottle having 1/4-in. diameter. Use plastic tape to hold the wire in place and leave 10-in. leads coming out of the coil. Remove about 1 in. of the enamel from the end of each lead.

Next, cut up a clean tin can to make two 1/2 x 1/2-in. pieces. These will become the iron vanes in this experiment. Make sure the tin can is made from sheet iron and not from aluminum. Bend each iron piece about 1/2-in. from one end into a right angle.

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**Fig. 1. Vane repulsion experiments demonstrate basic operation of moving-vane ammeter. Circuit works with 6-V battery or filament transformer.**

Then make two 1 x 1 x 1/4-in. wood blocks, and place them under the coil form about 3/4 in. apart, as shown in the photo. Place the two sheet iron vanes inside the center of the coil, with the longer ends upright, and about 1/8-in. apart. Make sure they do not touch the wood blocks. The small 1/2-in. bends should be in the clear space between the blocks.

Connect the coil leads to a knife switch, and a 6-volt battery. Polarity isn't important, as the coil will work with the battery connected either way. See Fig. 2.

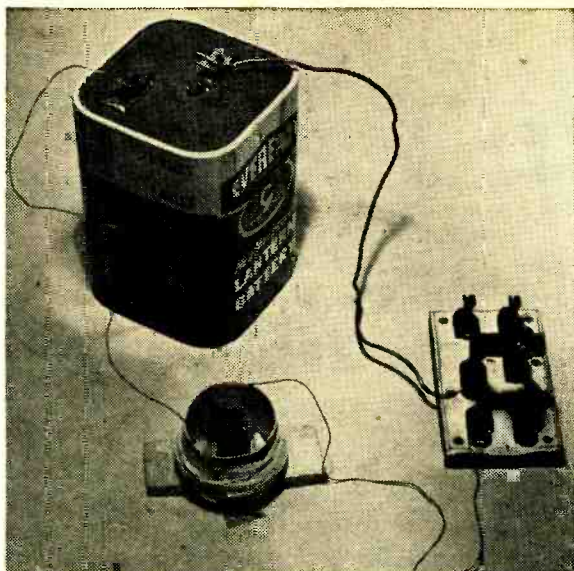
Close the switch and note that the two iron vanes repel each other. This is because the magnetic field of the coil magnetizes each iron vane with the same magnetic polarity; both north ends of the vanes are adjacent to one another, as well as both south ends. This is the reason why they repel one another. Fig. 3 explains this action.

Repeat the experiment, but hold one of the vanes with a wood pencil (or other non-magnetic item) so that it does not move. Observe that the free vane is still repelled by the fixed vane. It is this action, with one fixed, and one moving vane, that is used in iron vane meters.

Disconnect the battery, and replace it with a 6.3-V transformer (as in Fig. 2). Repeat the previous experiments with the transformer replacing the battery in the circuit, and observe that the iron vane is repelled in the same manner with AC as it is with DC. Even though the AC changes its direction of flow, the magnetic fields still magnetize the iron vanes in a similar manner.

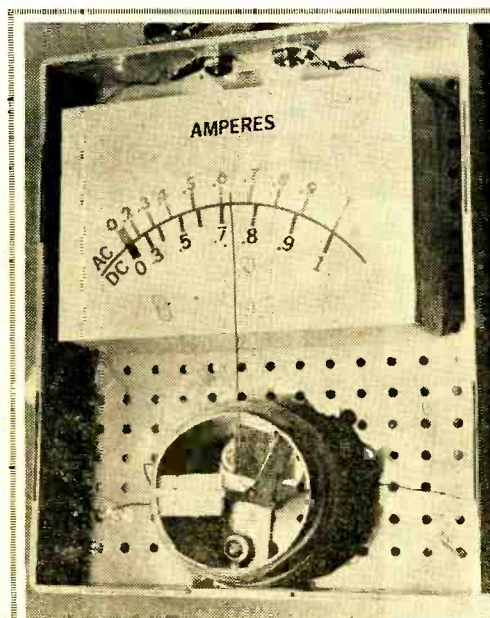
**Building the Meter.** The iron vane ammeter is built into a 4 5/8 x 3 5/8 x 1 1/2-in. plastic box supplied with a clear plastic lid. Use the same coil wound for the vane experiments for this meter unit (see the ammeter assembly drawing).

Start construction by making the vane bracket out of 0.05-in. or heavier sheet aluminum. Make the iron vanes from tin can sheet metal as indicated in Fig. 4. Use a rubber band that fits snugly over the bracket as shown, but not too tightly. It should be able to be twisted and then spring



back easily. Mount the moving vane on the rubber band about 1/2-in. down from the top of the bracket, by bending a 1/8-in. lap of the bracket end around the rubber band.

Mount the bracket and the fixed vane in the bottom of the plastic box as shown in Fig. 5. Before tightening the mounting



**Basic structure of moving-vane ammeter is shown in photo above and in detail drawing at right. Text describes how unit is calibrated for both AC and DC readings.**

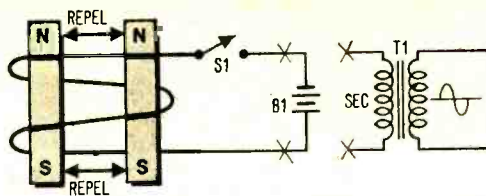


Fig. 2. Because of nature of hookup, iron vanes will always repel one another regardless of battery polarity. If desired, 6.3-V filament transformer (T1) can replace B1.

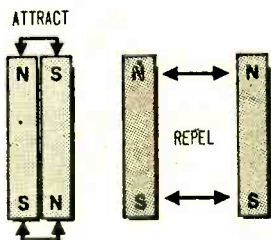


Fig. 3. Vanes can attract one another only when polarities differ. Here, polarities are always same, so vanes repel.

screws, shift the rubber band so that the top of the moving vane is even with the top of the fixed vane. Make sure that the rubber band is in the center of the bracket. Notch out the bottom of the left side of the coil form so that it will fit over the bracket base, and cement the coil form to the bot-

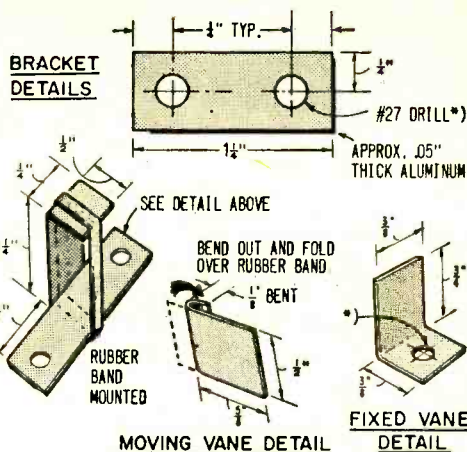
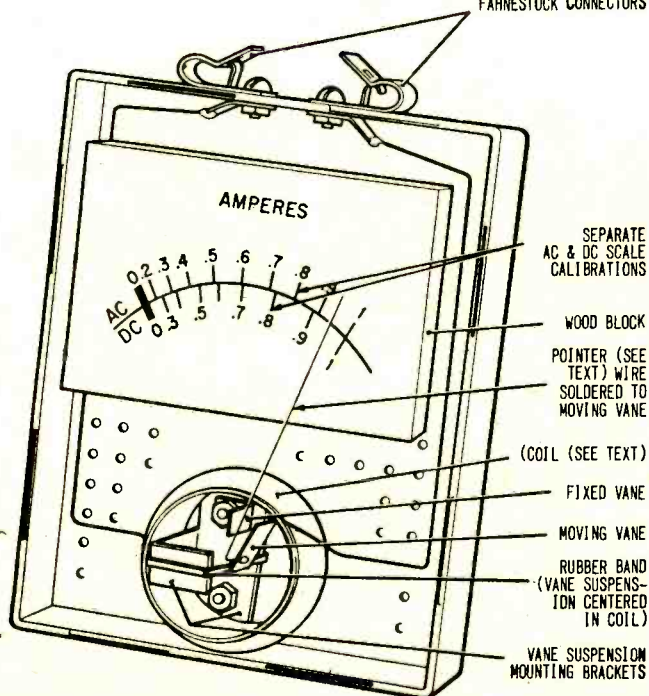


Fig. 4. Details of bracket, moving vane, and fixed vane. Bracket is made of 0.05-in. aluminum strip, vanes from tin can.

tom of the box. Position it as shown in the drawing of Fig. 5.

Install Fahnestock clips on the plastic box as shown and connect them to the coil leads. Dress the coil leads to the sides of the box and hold the leads in place with a drop of cement. (Continued overleaf)

#### FAHNESTOCK CONNECTORS



#### PARTS LIST FOR SN/FE MOVING VANE AMMETER

- 3—6-V batteries
- 1—Cardboard tube, 1 1/4-in. diam., 1-in. long (or cardboard sheet to make tube—see text)
- 1/4 lb.—#22 enameled copper wire
- 2—Fahnestock clips
- 1—"P" plastic box, 4 3/8 x 3 3/8 x 1 1/2-in. with clear plastic lid (Radio Shack 270-105 or equiv.)
- 1—Heavy rubber band for vane suspension (see text)
- R1—200-ohm wirewound potentiometer (Mallory MR-200F with MR-1250 shaft, or equiv.)
- T1—Filament transformer, 6.3-V, 1-A
- 1—3 x 2 x 1-in. wood block
- Misc.—Tin can (iron only—see text), 0.05-in. or heavier aluminum strip, DC ammeter (0-1A), AC ammeter (0-1A), rubber feet, hardware, solder, etc.

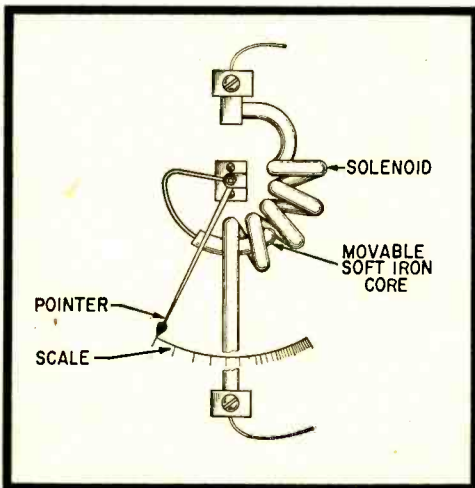
# MOVING VANE AMMETER

Cement the scale, drawn on a sheet of paper, to a block of wood, 3 x 2 x 1-in. The wood block is bolted to the box bottom with two sheet metal or wood screws, positioned as shown in the drawing. Screw small rubber feet on each corner of the box.

Make a pointer for the meter from a straightened length of #22 enameled magnet wire, and solder one end to the moving vane as shown in the photo and drawing. Do not use too much heat as heat can damage the rubber band. Bend the wire to make a pointer for the meter scale and cut off the excess wire. The pointer is about 2¾-in. long. Place a small drop of cement inside the coil form to act as a vane stop and prevent the pointer from hitting the side of the box cover. Make sure that the pointer and vane swings freely and returns to a zero point.

**Calibrating the Meter.** You will need both a DC and an AC meter having 1-ampere ranges; a 200-ohm, wire-wound rheostat; and AC and DC power sources. Three 6-V batteries will serve as the DC source and a 6.3-V, 1-ampere filament transformer will do for the AC source.

Before calibrating, draw an arc on the meter scale and establish a zero point. The meter will have separate AC and DC calibrations as shown in the photo and drawing. If necessary, reposition the meter



Commercial moving-vane ammeters of yesteryear were much like water meters. Note that device was accurate only if vertical.

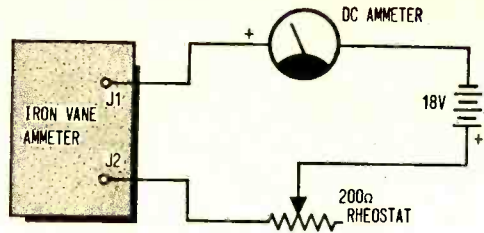


Fig. 6. Hookup for calibrating moving-vane ammeter for DC. See text for details.

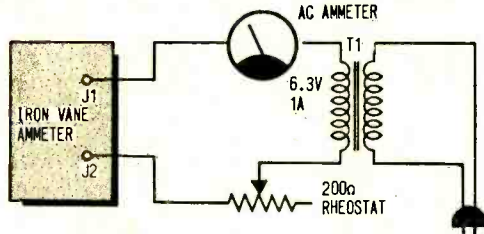


Fig. 7. Filament transformer and AC ammeter are required for easy AC calibration.

pointer by bending the top of the bracket.

Adjust the rheostat to maximum resistance and connect it in series with the calibrated DC ammeter, 18-volt battery and the iron vane meter as shown in the circuit of Fig. 6. Adjust the rheostat and calibrate the iron vane meter according to the DC ammeter readings. Note that the iron vane meter will not respond near the zero position. Calibration of our unit was started at the 0.3 ampere position and was marked at every 0.1 ampere position to 1 ampere. Now connect the AC ammeter and filament transformer as shown in the circuit of Fig. 7 for the AC calibration. Be sure to set the rheostat to maximum resistance before beginning calibration. We started calibration of our unit at the 0.2 ampere point and continued as in the DC calibration. We used rub-on lettering to make the scale for the best appearance.

**Operation.** The use of a rubber band instead of the more conventional metal pivot and spiral spring makes for easier construction. But temperature changes and sagging and aging rubber may cause the meter indications to vary. The meter will still work as a good indicator for approximate current readings.

Try using the ammeter to check the current of household light bulbs. The ammeter, together with the vane repulsion experiments, will also make a good science fair project. ■



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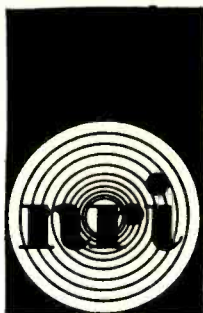
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CKBW	Brigidewar, N.S.	1000	CKGF	Grand Forks, B.C. with other Studios at Penticton and Osoyoos, B.C.	1340	CKNR	Elliott Lake, Ont.	1340	CKSM	Shawinigan, Que.	1220
CKCB	Barrie, Ont.	1400	CKGL	1310 Greene Ave., Westmount, Que.	980	CKNW	New Westminster, B.C.	980	CKSO	Sudbury, Ont.	790
CKCH	Hull, Que.	970	CKGN	Ste. Anne-des-Monts, Que., Studio at Station CKBL Matane, Que.	1340	CKOJ	Osoyoos, B.C.	920	CKSW	Swift Current, Sask.	1400
CKCK	Regina, Sask.	620	CKJD	Sarnia, Ont.	1250	CKOC	Hamilton, Ont.	1150	CKTB	St. Catharines, Ont.	610
CKCL	Truro, N.S.	600	CKJL	Saint-Jerome, Que.	900	CKOK	Penticton, B.C.	800	CKTK	Kitimat, B.C.	1230
CKCM	St. John's, Nfld.	820	CKKC	Nelson, B.C.	1390	CKOM	Saskatoon, Sask.	1250	CKTS	Sherbrooke, Que.	900
CKCN	Sept-Îles, Que.	560	CKKR	Rosetown, Sask.	1330	CKOO	Osoyoos, B.C.	1240	CKVD	Val-d'Or, Que.	900
CKCQ	Quebec, B.C.	570	CKKS	Kingsthen, Ont.	1320	CKOT	Tillsonburg, Ont.	1510	CKVL	Verdun, Que.	850
CKCR	Salmon Arm, B.C.	1340	CKLB	Oshawa, Ont.	1350	CKOY	Ottawa, Ont.	630	CKVM	Ville-Marie, Que.	710
CKCV	Quebec, Que.	1280	CKLC	Kingston, Ont.	1380	CKOY	Ottawa, Ont.	1310	CKVN	Vancouver, B.C.	1410
CKCW	Moncton, N.B.	1220	CKLD	Theford Mines, Que.	1230	CKPC	Brantford, Ont.	1380	CKWL	Williams Lake, B.C.	960
CKCY	Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.	920	CKLE	Vancouver, B.C.	730	CKPR	Prince George, B.C.	550	CKWS	Kingston, Ont.	920
CKDA	Victoria, B.C.	1220	CKLM	Montreal, Que.	1570	CKPM	Ottawa, Ont.	580	CKWX	Vancouver, B.C.	1130
CKDH	Amerherst, N.S.	900	CKLN	La Sarre, Que.	1240	CKPT	Port Arthur, Ont.	1420	CKXX	Brandon, Man.	1150
CKDM	Dauphin, Man.	730	CKLW	Windsor, Ont.	800	CKQR	Castlegar, B.C.	1230	CKXL	Calgary, Alta.	1140
CKDR	Dryden, Ont.	900	CKLY	Lindsay, Ont.	910	CKRB	Beauce, Que.	1460	CKXR	Salmon Arm, B.C.	580
CKDY	Digby, N.S.	1420	CKML	Mont Laurier, Que.	610	CKRC	Winnipeg, Man.	630	CKYJ	Peace River, Alta.	580
CKEC	Oranbrook, N.S.	1320	CKMP	Midland, Ont.	1230	CKRD	Red Deer, Alta.	800	CKYR	Jasper, Alta. with Studio	610
CKEK	Oranbrook, N.S.	1320	CKMR	Newcastle, N.B.	790	CKRM	Regina, Sask.	910	980	at CTYR Edson, Alta.	1450
CKEN	Kenville, N.S.	1480				CKRN	Rouyn, Que.	1400	1000	at St. John's, Nfld.	1230
CKEY	Toronto, Ont.	590				CKRS	Jonquière, Que.	590	1000	at St. John's, Nfld.	590
CKFH	Toronto, Ont.	1430				CKRW	Whitehorse, Y.T.	610	1000	at St. John's, Nfld.	800
CKFL	Lac Mégantic, Que. with another Studio at Theford Mines, Que.	1340									

## White's World-Wide Shortwave Stations

**DX**ing is a hobby. It is a chance to travel via the imagination to exotic places. It is an entertainment, a diversion, an escape from the routine. Most of all, shortwave listening is, and should be, fun!

But broadcasting reflects the real world around us. Sometimes that world, through which the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse—Conquest, War, Famine and Death—too often ride, intrudes upon the hobby aspects of SWL'ing. During the year, ear-witness accounts of the fall of Biafra, the Peruvian earthquake aftermath and the continuing strife in Indo-China were received by DXers.

But some of these instances go almost unnoticed. One such was reported recently by San Francisco listener, Bill Sparks.

One evening, about 0300 GMT, Sparks was listening to Radio Balmaceda, 9,570 kHz., from Santiago, Chile. There was nothing unusual about the programs, mostly music and Spanish language announcements. But suddenly things changed.

An unexpected voice, in English, interrupted the regular program. The Radio Balmaceda announcer had an important message. A one-month-old child was critically ill. There was an urgent need for gamma globulin, but none was available in the city of Santiago. An appeal was made to the station's English speaking audience. The request for help was repeated a short time later, this time in French as well, and Sparks was able to tape record the message.

He called the local chapter of the American Red Cross and within minutes was explaining the situation—and replaying his tape—to a relief worker in San Francisco. Arrangements were made to refer the request to the New York Red Cross office.

The rest, unfortunately, Sparks has not learned, but presumably the much needed gamma globulin was flown to Santiago, as requested, by LAN, the Chilean national airline. Hopefully, the story had a happy ending.

**Up North.** For many U.S. listeners, our nearest foreign neighbor is Canada. And everyone is familiar with its powerful international voice, Radio Canada. Almost as well known is the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's domestic service for listeners in the far north and arctic regions.

But there are eight other shortwave stations in Canada to test your DX prowess. Several are easy catches; others are considerably harder to log. One, in fact, has eluded the author for over 23 years!

Readily heard is CFRX, a one kilowatt shortwave station of the Standard Broadcasting Corporation, a privately owned operation at Toronto. It transmits on 6,070 kHz., 24 hours a day, relaying the medium wave CFRB, 1010 kHz. Because it rebroadcasts the AM broadcast band signals, some DXers mistakenly call it CFRB, but 'tain't so!

Almost as easily heard in some parts of the United States is CFCW, 6,005 kHz., which relays the programs of Montreal's BCB'er, CFCF on 600 kHz. This, reportedly, is one of the oldest stations in Canada.

Two private, commercial shortwave stations

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# White's Emergency Radio Station Listings for OHIO—PART 2

**S**CIENCE AND ELECTRONICS furnishes this exclusive listing of Pacific Northwest emergency radio stations as an aid to our many readers now engaged in the fascinating and rapidly growing hobby of monitoring emergency radio communications. We have and will be publishing similar lists devoted to different metropolitan areas in forthcoming issues so that you'll be able to accumulate a sizable array of this difficult-to-obtain data. Refer to the index on page 87 for our 1970/1971 program of emergency radio station listings.

If you desire to obtain similar lists from

other areas in the United States that have not been published in this magazine, then we suggest you write to Communications Research Bureau, Box 56, Commack, N.Y. 11725. They may have a list of emergency radio services that covers your locality. Include a stamped, self-addressed envelope with your request. Why not write to them today!

All frequencies are megahertz (MHz) unless otherwise noted. Symbols used are: CD—Civil Defense; FD—Fire Department; LG—Local Government; PD—Police Department; SD—Sheriff or County PD.

Lima	PD QQA818 39.42	Maple Hts	PD KQA935 39.42	Millford Twp	LGC KBN826 45.36
	PD mobile 39.26		LG walkie 39.06		FD KBH766 154.31
	PDC KQD729 39.58		FD KCJ947 46.46		FD KJP302 154.31
	PDC mobile 39.42	Marblehead	PD mobile 39.52		FD mobile 154.37
	FD KDE248 46.10		FD KQG605 33.86	Millville	PD mobile 39.42
	FD KDE248 46.22	Mariemont	PD mobile 39.58		FD KBH769 154.31
Lisbon	PDC KQA358 39.64		FD KPB852 33.58	Mineral Ridge	PD KDZ412 155.13
	FDC KEQ366 154.07		FD KFB852 33.82		FD KQI501 33.78
Lodi	PD mobile 39.58	Marietta	PD KQB389 39.58	Minerva	PD KQC342 155.61
	PD 460.075		PDC KQH450 39.58		PD mobile 155.85
	LG 460.30		LG KFB862 155.745	Mingo Jct	PD KQB530 155.61
	LG KJF745 154.115		FD KQF277 46.14		PD mobile 155.85
	FD KLL608 46.38	Marion	PD KQA754 39.58	Minster	PD KBP648 155.13
	PD KQC870 39.58		PDC KQI821 39.58		PD KBP648 155.85
	PDC KDQ224 39.58		FD KDE254 33.82		PD KDE83 155.85
	FD KDN600 46.42	Martins Ferry	PD KQA250 155.61		FD KBR506 153.89
	PD KDB456 39.58		LG KJS862 154.995		FD KBR506 154.37
	PDC KQA389 39.58		FD KDZ379 154.43	Mogadore	FD KDG32 153.89
	FD KDK813 33.86	Marysville	PD KEY914 39.58		PD KGL219 39.58
Londonderry	FDC KAX771 154.13		PDC KQA877 39.58		FD KBL159 33.86
	FDC KQK69 154.445		FD KQH277 154.25	Monroeville	PD KQB724 39.58
Lorain	PD KQB349 155.25	Mason	PD mobile 39.58		PD KQB724 39.66
	LG KJU212 153.755		LG KEU953 45.48		PD KQC534 39.58
	LG KBG528 154.965	Massillon	PD KQB740 155.13		FD KDZ335 46.06
	LG KJR254 155.955		PD mobile 154.89	Montpelier	FD KKG697 39.58
	FD KGW644 154.355		LG KCU298 155.895		FD KCL525 154.25
	FD KQA502 154.355	Maumee	LG KDS639 154.98	Morane	PD KQK575 155.13
Loudonville	PD KFI590 39.42		LG KDY388 33.74		PD mobile 154.89
	PD KFI590 39.58	Mayfield	PD KJI469 39.42	Mt Gilead	FD KDR697 154.13
	FD KQI226 154.07		PD KJI469 39.58		PD KFY437 39.58
Louisville	PD KQB774 155.61		LG KJI598 39.18		PDC KQD279 39.58
	LG KDX482 155.715		PD KDP466 154.19	Mt Sterling	FD KDG879 33.86
	PD mobile 39.58	Mayfield Hts	PD KJF743 39.48		PD KQD670 39.58
	FD KQE413 33.94		PD mobile 39.42	Mt Vernon	FD KDR792 33.86
	PD KFG492 155.535		LG KDY275 46.54		PDC KQB523 39.58
	PD mobile 39.42		FD KCT274 154.19		PDC KQB523 39.72
	PD mobile 39.48	Mechanicsburg	PD KQF335 155.13		LG KQI461 158.76
	LG KDQ284 46.54		PD mobile 154.89	Munroe Falls	FDC KQH940 33.86
	FD KCJ824 154.19		FD KQH258 153.89		PDC KGB328 39.58
McArthur	PD KAS750 39.58	Medina	PDC KQA940 39.58		PDC KGB328 39.62
	PDC KQD410 39.58		PDC KZE93 465.20		LG KQR370 158.835
	LGC KBV805-6 46.58		PDC KZE93 465.30		LG mobile 155.145
	LGC KBV809 46.58		LG KDF547 45.48		LGC KQI806 155.76
McClure	PD KLR439 39.58		LGC KBS695 45.12		LGC KLV952 453.45
	FD KCL534 154.13	Mendon	PD mobile 155.13		FDC KBS943 33.86
McComb	PD KJZ870 39.58		FD mobile 154.31	Munson Twp	PDC KQA980 39.58
	FD KQH418 154.25	Mentor	PD KQH380 39.58		PDC KQA980 39.78
McConnellsville	PDC KQD750 39.50		LG KEY944 153.98		PDC mobile 39.42
	FD KBH343 33.86		FD KGP773 46.14	Napoleon	FDC KBP402 46.14
	PD KDV364 39.58	Mentor/Lake	PD KQF442 39.58		PD mobile 39.58
	LG KDR724 45.44		FD KDG264 46.14		PDC KQA838 39.58
	FD mobile 33.86	Miamisburg	PD KQA248 155.13		LG KFI576 155.835
Madeira	PD mobile 39.58		FD KQG938 154.19	New Albany	FD KCX392 154.13
	LG KLO351 39.18	Middleburg Hts	PD KLM691 39.02		PD KQH703 39.58
	PD KDS656 39.58		FD KLI266 46.10		FD KDN471 33.86
	PD mobile 39.50	Middlefield	PD mobile 39.58	Newark	PD KQB527 155.19
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	PD mobile 154.89	Middletown	PD KQB625 155.73		PDC KRG751 39.58
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	FD KDC383 154.25		LG KDT232 45.28		LGC KOJ406 158.76
	FDC KDS693 154.25	Mill Creek Pk	PD KLF780 158.91		FD KQH903 153.89
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	PD mobile 39.58	Millersburg	PD mobile 39.58		FDC KQH904 33.86
	FD KLD709 154.13		PDC KQA522 39.58	New Boston	PD mobile 154.95

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	FD KQZ324	154.07		PD KQB395	155.61		PD KQD872	155.13
Steubenville	PD KQB350	154.65		PDC KQD588	39.58	W Salem	FD KQC891	154.19
	LG KFM477	154.115		FD KDR762	154.31		PD KQI691	39.58
	FD KQA392	154.31	Vermillion	PD KFR744	39.58	W Union	PD KQJ270	154.43
Stow	PD KQJ267	155.19		LG KFR666	154.98		PDC KQN207	155.13
	FD KQD794	154.37		FD KDG311	154.37		PD mobile	154.89
Streetsboro	PD KJY907	39.52	Versailles	PD KFB885	39.58	W View Vlg	PDC KQE823	39.58
	PD KJY907	39.58		FD KQG860	154.19		FD KET280	154.25
Strongsville	PD KQE617	39.02	Wadsworth	PD KQA532	155.61		PD KJS746	155.61
	FD KCY595	46.10		FD KDV706	154.01		PD mobile	155.565
Stryker	PD KAX362	39.58	Wapakoneta	FD KGR275	154.01	Whitehall	FD mobile	154.25
	LG KLS522	27.275		PD KBP650	155.13		PD KQE956	39.32
Sugarcreek Twp	PD KLR390	39.54		PD KBP650	155.85		PD KQE956	39.42
	FD KQI690	154.07		PD KDE85	155.85		PD mobile	39.34
Sunbury	PD KQE931	39.58		PDC KDE85	155.85	Wickliffe	PD mobile	39.58
	FD KCS491	33.86		PDC KQD678	39.58		FD KCI512	33.86
Sylvania	PD KQG242	37.10		PDC KQD678	155.13		PD KQB603	39.58
	PD mobile	37.02		FD KBR509	153.89		LG KLR271	39.10
Tallmadge	PD KQE297	155.61		PDC KQD678	155.85		FD KQF388	46.14
Tiffin	PD KQB396	39.58		FD KBR509	154.37	Willard	FD KQF388	154.25
	PDC KLR434	39.58		FD KDH45	153.89		PD KQA455	39.58
	FD KDG346	46.06		FDC KJD341	153.89	Willoughby	FD KDN490	46.06
	FDC KLY955	46.06		FDC KJD341	154.37		PD KQB602	39.58
Toledo	PD KQA463	158.79	Warren	PD KQB414	39.58	Willoughby Hls	FD KCT682	46.14
	PD mobile	155.97		PD KQB414	39.72		PD KQG455	39.58
	Univ. PD KDX528	155.31		PDC KBU294	39.58		LG KLG654	45.60
	PDC KQB424	37.02		FD KQA757	154.19	Willowick	PD KJL712	46.14
	PDC KQB424	37.10	Warrensville Hts	FD KQD618	39.42		LG KQB597	39.58
	LGC KQJ268	453.35		PD KQD618	39.58		FD KDN999	45.48
	FD KQA726	153.95	Washington	FD KCU280	46.46	Wilmington	FD KCW378	46.14
	FD KQA726	154.19		PD KQC760	39.50		PDC KQD582	39.58
	FDC KQD484	33.74	Washington CH	FD KCP546	33.94		PD KFM347	39.58
Trenton	PD mobile	39.42		PD KQC760	155.13	Windham	FD KBE474	33.94
	FD KBH758	154.37	Waterville	PDC KBU637	155.37		PD KQB868	39.58
Trotwood	PD KQF992	155.13		PD KQG330	37.10	Woodlawn	FD KBR487	154.13
	FD KDX497	154.19		FD KD0323	33.74		PD mobile	39.14
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Troy	PD KQA460	39.58		FD KCR967	33.82		FD mobile	33.58
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	PDC mobile	37.04		LG KXLX827	155.925	Woodville	PD KQC694	39.58
	FD KDA683	154.19		FD KUA798	33.94		FD KDQ317	46.06
	FDC KEP537	154.19	Waynesville	PD KFT634	39.48	Wooster	PD KQA876	155.61
	PD KQG401	39.58	(Dundee)	FD KFT634	39.58		FD KBP404	154.43
	PD mobile	39.42	Weathersfd Tp	FD KQH988	33.78	Worthington	PD KLT725	156.21
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## Ham Traffic

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valuable today as when it was written years ago.

If a few items seem a bit odd in this modern day, they should remind all of us that we enjoy our operating privileges today because of the solid foundation laid by others who came before us. The attitudes expressed in the Amateur's Code are timeless.

Let's all remember it took a lot of work

to preserve ham radio for us in the days after World War I when government and industry tried to kill it. We're now entering a new crisis period in ham radio—when government is again giving us indifferent treatment, and when business enterprises are so intent on making a buck that they often lose sight of maintaining the solid technical force necessary for everyone to make several bucks tomorrow.

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## Hot-Wire Ammeter

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it. It is much easier to position the Datak characters this way.

**AC Operation Experiment.** The Hot-Wire Ammeter will indicate AC current as well as DC current. You can experiment with its AC operation by measuring the AC current drawn by lamp bulbs connected to the AC line.

Make an experiment board with three surface mounting lamp sockets fastened to a wood base and connected in parallel as in the schematic drawing. The Hot-Wire Ammeter is connected in series with one side of the lamp sockets and one side of the AC line cord. The other side of the line cord is connected to the open paralleled lamp socket connections.

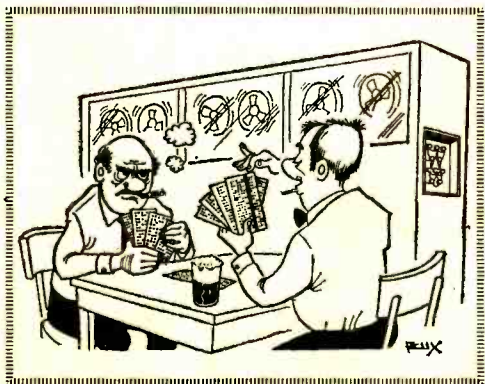
You can experiment with the Hot-Wire Ammeter by connecting the lamps as shown in the AC Calibration Guide Table and measuring their current drain. The table is

## AC CALIBRATION GUIDE TABLE

Approx. AC Current (Amps)	Lamps Connected (Watts)	Calculated value (Watts)
0.5	60	( 57.5 )
1	100 and 15	(115 )
1.25	100 and 40	(143.75)
1.5	100 and 75	(172.5 )
1.75	100 and 100	(200.25)
2	100, 100, and 25	(230 )

based on a nominal line voltage of 117 volts. Your hot-wire ammeter should read currents as tabulated in guide below.

**Science Fair.** The Hot-Wire Ammeter is a good project for any Science Fair student. However, just building a project is not enough. Some original research and a well prepared paper go hand-in-hand with any project. So do the job well, and if you become a winner, let us know. Give us all the facts and a photograph, if possible, and we'll get you in print! ■



## VHF Extender

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**ANY OTHER COILS.** Then reconnect resistor R4, put on the bottom plate, and you're ready to enjoy the VHF Extender.

**Switching Bands.** To change to another frequency band, should you tire of your first choice, replace the crystal with one of proper frequency (see coil tables) and retune the VHF Extender as described above. If the move in frequency is not very far, you

may not need to change the coils. However, if the frequency change is more than half a dozen megacycles or so, you will probably have to replace L1, L2, L5, and possibly L4.

To change from low-band to high-band operation, you must either add D1 and L4.

Don't be alarmed at the thought of using the VHF Extender and a standard shortwave receiver to listen to the FM signals of most commercial VHF communications gear. The

VHF gear must now use restricted bandwidth for its transmissions, and as a result you can get very clean copy from the FM signal with an AM receiver simply by tuning a trifle to one side of the signal itself.

**Going Mobile.** And the VHF Extender can be used with auto radios, too, by using the "BC-Band" component values in the coil tables and supplying 150 volts DC from an external supply. ■

## Variometer Radio

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**Variometer Radio.** One diagram shows the variometer used in a crystal radio. This hook-up is beautiful in its simplicity and performs well when used with a good water pipe ground, and an outdoor antenna at least 50 feet long. A variometer is not very selective when used alone in a tuned circuit, but it is fine for the many localities where there are only a few local or strong broadcast stations.

The other diagram shows the variometer

used in a diode-transistor radio, the transistor providing one stage of audio amplification. No battery switch is used—you cut the current by pulling out one of the ear-phone cord tips.

You might want to try other experiments, such as connecting a 365-pF variable capacitor across the variometer, or in series with the antenna lead to increase selectivity and tuning range.

In any case, resurrection of this quaint variable inductor can be both an interesting and informative way to spend a few hours. And the use of a little imagination can undoubtedly find a variety of other uses for this oldie, but goody. ■

## One-Tube Multibander

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rigid and as short as possible. Tuning range for the coil is: L2A, 600 to 1850 kHz; L2B, 1500 to 4500 kHz; L2C, 4.4 to 14 MHz; L2D, 11.5 to 38 MHz.

**Operation and Calibration.** Plug in the desired frequency coil, turn on the set and allow it a few minutes to warm up. Set the main tuning capacity and the bandsread scale to zero. Turn the volume control all the way up and plug a pair of high-impedance phones into J2. Adjust the regen control to the point just before the set breaks into oscillation. Then, using a signal generator, tune the coil slug until you hear the signal generator; its frequency setting should agree with those given in the preceding paragraph. The other coils can be calibrated in the same manner.

For the local broadcast stations, use 25 feet of hook-up wire for an antenna. For reception of weaker stations, use a long, high outside antenna and a cold-water pipe ground.

Tune the main capacitor for signals while adjusting R2. If there is too much regeneration, the circuit will oscillate and stations will come in as whistles. If whistles occur, turn the regen control back below the point of oscillation. With a little more practice at using this rig, you'll find around-the-world reception an everyday occurrence. ■





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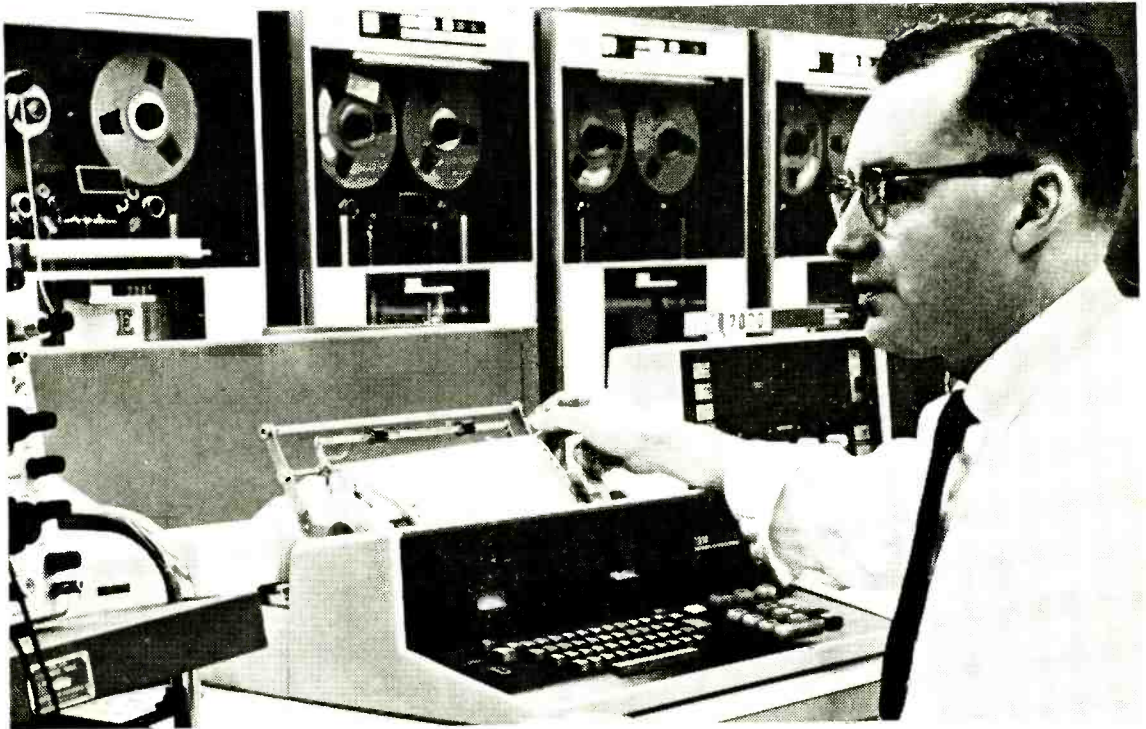
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In addition, you receive Printed Circuit materials, including Printed Circuit chassis, special tube sockets, hardware and instructions. You also receive a useful set of tools, a professional electric soldering iron, and a self-powered Dynamic Radio and Electronics Tester. The "Edu-Kit" also includes Code Instructions and the Progressive Code Oscillator, in addition to F.C.C. Radio Amateur License training. You will also receive lessons for servicing with the Progressive Signal Tracer and the Progressive Signal Injector, a High Fidelity Guide and a Quiz Book. You receive Membership in Radio-TV Club, Free Consultation Service, Certificate of Merit and Discount Privileges. You receive all parts, tools, instructions, etc. Everything is yours to keep.

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- PRINTED CIRCUITRY

### SERVICING LESSONS

You will learn trouble-shooting and servicing in a progressive manner. You will practice repairs on the sets that you construct. You will learn symptoms and causes of trouble in home, portable and car radios. You will learn how to use the professional Signal Tracer, the unique Signal Injector and the dynamic Radio & Electronics Tester. While you are learning in this practical way, you will be able to do many a repair job for your friends and neighbors, and charge fees which will far exceed the price of the "Edu-Kit." Our Consultation Service will help you with any technical problems you may have.

### FROM OUR MAIL BAG

J. Stataitis, of 25 Poplar Pl., Waterbury, Conn., writes: "I have repaired several sets for my friends, and made money. The "Edu-Kit" paid for itself. I was ready to spend \$240 for a course, but I found your ad and sent for your Kit."

Ben Valerio, P. O. Box 21, Magna, Utah: "The Edu-Kits are wonderful. Here I am sending you the questions and also the answers for the sets that I received in Radio for the last seven years, but like to work with Radio Kits, and like to build Radio Testing Equipment. I enjoyed every minute I worked with the different kits; the Signal Tracer works fine. Also like to let you know that I feel proud of becoming a member of your Radio-TV Club."

Robert L. Shuff, 1534 Monroe Ave., Huntington, W. Va.: "Thought I would drop you a few lines to say that I received my Edu-Kit, and was really amazed that such a bargain can be had at such a low price. I have already started repairing radios and phonographs. My friends were really surprised to see me get into the swing of it so quickly. The trouble-shooting tester that comes with the kit is really swell, and finds the trouble, if there is any to be found."

### PRINTED CIRCUITRY

At no increase in price, the "Edu-Kit" now includes Printed Circuitry. You build a Printed Circuit Signal Injector, a unique servicing instrument that can detect many Radio and TV troubles. This revolutionary new technique of radio construction is now becoming popular in commercial radio and TV sets.

A Printed Circuit is a special insulated chassis on which has been deposited a conducting material which takes the place of wiring. The various parts are merely plugged in and soldered to terminals.

Printed Circuitry is the basis of modern Automation Electronics. A knowledge of this subject is a necessity today for anyone interested in Electronics.