# **73 Magazine Information**

A rather insane project... by KB9MWR

# <u>Overview</u>

<u>73 Magazine</u> (also known as 73 Amateur Radio Today) was an amateur radio magazine that was published from October 1960 to <u>September 2003</u>. (That's 514 issues, with about 8619 articles, and over 64,000 pages). It was known for its strong emphasis on technical articles and for the lengthy editorials in each issue by its founder and publisher, <u>Wayne</u> <u>Green</u> (W2NSD).

Prior to beginning his own publications, <u>Wayne Green</u> started an amateur radio teletype newsletter. Within a couple of years, he had 2,000 subscribers. He also was an editor of <u>CQ Amateur Radio</u> magazine for five years before starting his own magazine.

He launched 73, a competing magazine, which promoted emerging technologies as do-ityourself projects. A pioneer promoter of SSB, FM, solid-state, easy construction projects, and the marriage of personal computing and amateur radio. (Wayne's interest in microcomputing led him to found several of the early <u>personal computing</u> magazines.)

Starting in the early 1960s with an army of can-do, build-it-yourself amateur radio fans behind him, <u>Wayne Green</u>encouraged readers of *73 Magazine* (his first and longest-lived publication), to push the limits on the electronic bits and pieces that would evolve into today's e-mail systems, cellular networks and PCs.

He predicted the rise of the "pico" computer, better known as the laptop. And he encouraged his readers to build a grass-roots wireless telephony network -- a nationwide array of amateur radio repeater towers that was the precursor to today's cellular networks.

For him, only what's ahead matters. "I'm always impatient with [the pace of] new technologies. I live mostly in the future," he says.

Some people have described <u>Wayne Green</u> as a visionary and entrepreneur. He actually taught people to think.

For more info see: <u>Tech Visionary and *Byte Magazine* Founder Wayne Green on Changing the World</u>

There is also an episode of the <u>QSO Ham Radio Talkshow</u> podcast by Ted Randall which has an interview with Wayne Green: <u>Wayne Green Interview - Aug. 27, 2009</u>. (48M MP3)

## <u>Archives</u>

Many hams have been searching for reprints or back issues floating around. I contacted Wayne to see if there was any type of CD-ROM or other archive of his magazine. He said

he didn't know of any source other than scanning in over 50,000 pages. Which he thought was daunting to sell maybe dozens of CDs.

However, <u>Buckmaster</u> was one of the first to have microfilmed, and later, <u>scanned issues</u> of the magazine. From what I have found, the microfilmed versions advertised for sale over the years were purchased by most major technical colleges. So, never fear, it is out there as several university libraries still have it available.

References:

- <u>Buckmaster Archive</u> Buckmaster microfilmed various amateur radio magazines, including *73*.
- <u>National Archive Publishing Company</u> Still sells the microfilmed magazine archive, but at a rather expensive price.
- Quote from KA0GKT/7 at <a href="http://www.eham.net/forums/Elmers/97816">http://www.eham.net/forums/Elmers/97816</a>:

"...the <u>University of Arizona Science and Engineering Library</u> has back issues of QST, 73 and CQ magazines either in paper form or on microfiech or as PDF files. The PDF files are available via the internet only to students and faculty."

Sadly it doesn't look like there will ever be an official digital archive of this magazine available for purchase. With<u>current law</u> copyrights expire after author's lifespan plus 70 years. And the <u>courts rulings on CD-ROMs Of Magazine Archives</u> have been mixed.

73 usually only bought first publication rights and sometimes first reprint rights. One would have to get the permission of every author who had written for 73 Magazine in order to make a CD-ROM collection available. Wayne sold 73 a couple times which further complicates the matter. The transfer of copyright agreements is unclear slipper slope due to the various royalty and copyright issues that existed between contributing authors and 73 Magazine. (ref)

However, many authors have said they are okay with having their articles reprinted as long as its at no charge. As I have said before, it is out there, but you'll have to use your conscience to as a guide to whether or not obtaining such an archive is legal, moral, and/or ethical.

# **Other Indexes**

Concerning a searchable master index of articles. Didah Publishing shows up as having developed a *73 Magazine* index (through 1990) computer program and book under the title "From Beverages thru OSCAR - A Bibliography."

- <u>WorldCat</u>
- **OpenLibrary**
- <u>Alibris</u>
- <u>Amazon</u> Used copies show up from time-to-time.
- <u>AbeBooks.co.uk</u>

OCLC shows that there are three libraries which have that 73 Magazine index, they are:

- US, CA LOS ANGLES PUB LIB Code LPU
- US, DC LIBRARY OF CONGRESS Code DLC
- US, NC BAKER & TAYLOR INC TECH SERV & PROD DEV Code BTCTA

Here is quote about Didah Publishing's bibliography program:

**Q:** I'm going to be building a big stack of magazines! Can I get an index for our collection?

A: There is no single comprehensive index to all amateur radio and electronics literature. The best thing you can do is check the year-end issues. You can also purchase a bibliography computer program called "From Beverages Thru OSCAR," published by Didah Publishing. By entering a key word in the article description, you can search for articles on nearly every subject and locate the issue you need. The database is very comprehensive, covering many amateur radio general-interest and specialty magazines. Didah also publishes smaller, less-expensive software packages for each of most popular ham magazines. Some of their bibliographies are available in printed form, too. Contact Didah Publishing at P.O. Box 7368, Nashua, NH 03060, (telephone 603-878-3628). You used to be able to buy the complete "From Beverages Thru OSCAR" software package (a DOS program written by Rich Rosen, K2RR) from <u>ARRL Headquarters</u> for \$79.

Rich Rosen's QRZ profile states:

"I created 'From Beverages Thru OSCAR - A Bibliography' after literally reading every page from <u>QST</u> (Jan. '45-'90), <u>CQ</u> (Jan. '45-'92), <u>Ham</u> <u>Radio</u> (Mar. '68-Jun '90), <u>73</u> (Oct. 1960 - Dec. '90), and <u>RadCom</u> (Jan. '79-Dec '90). When I retire (soon), will bring entire database up to date, from <u>QST</u> issue 1 (Dec. 1915) and continue."

The following preface describes his work and wonderful resource. The printed 73 *Magazine* index from 1960-1990 is about 100 pages. I suggest contacting him if this or his software would be useful to you.

"From Beverages Thru OSCAR - A Bibliography" is a 52,880 reference volume to articles written on all aspects of radio communications. The term radio communications is defined by this book in a much broader sense. It encompasses the early days of radio, at the turn of the century, in which wireless transmissions were the only form of communications. But it doesn't stop there. It continues through the 20th century to include the more advanced forms of data communications.

The title "From Beverages Thru OSCAR..." tells a story. Beverage is a long wire antenna that was developed in the early 20s. It, and similar type antennas made it possible to clearly receive radio signals from across the Atlantic. This

antenna has stood the "test of time" and is used today by radio amateurs, commercial services and the military. OSCAR stands for Orbiting Satellite Carrying Amateur Radio. It's a series of satellites that enable radio amateurs to communicate through a small handheld unit to others half way around tho world.

Amateur radio, is what this book is about. At least that was the initial impetus that urged me to put this massive compendium together. Radio amateurs, of which I'm proud to include myself among their rank, number almost a half million strong in the United States and are found in literally every other county in the world. They are a disparate group, speaking collectively hundreds of different languages and working in an even greater number of divers professions. Many who have chosen to delve into the technical mysteries of radio have contributed immensely. Think of any major technological breakthrough in the field of communications and the probability is great that there were at least several radio amateurs present, advancing the state of the art. In many famous cases amateur radio discoveries were made prior to even commercial interest involvement

However, only a small percentage of radio "amateurs" publish their findings in the professional and radio journals. Instead they employ consumer magazines (*QST, CQ, Ham Radio, 73,* and *Radio Communication*) as a conduit to express their ideas. This very fact has driven me to uncover this wealth of knowledge so that others might benefit. The production of "From Beverages Thru OSCAR" involved the meticulous examination of 231,173 pages from 1,776 issues of these magazines. Names that have meaning to many in the professional world jump out from those pages: Armstrong, the inventor of FM; Brown, Kraus, King, Lewis, and Schelkunoff legends in the field of antenna theory; Friis, Lamb, Rohde, Tuska, and Villard in receiver design, to name a few. These giants in the field of communications have either published in the magazines or greatly influenced the writings and efforts of others.

Related contributions in the professional annuals such as the *Bell System Technical Journal, Proceedings of the IEEE*, and *Transaction on Antennas and Propagation* are referenced as well.

Access to Columbia University's Engineering Library with its immense openshelf collection of technical journals provided me the opportunity to spend countless pleasurable hours researching communications topics. Fifteen years of a page-by-page scrutiny embodies this bibliography.

It is a unique tome, definitely at least in the sense that it is the only one of its kind. My original intention was solely to locate a reference volume that included the amateur radio sources. After a considerable search none was found. Casual lists of articles of interest just would not suffice for several reasons. First structure was needed to put some order to this information. Lack of the same had been my major complaint of previous lists that I had casually generated. But perhaps more importantly, I found myself expanding my areas of interest at an accelerating pace. Many interesting articles that I had accidentally come across were too precious to let slide back into the closed pages of some dusty volume.

A workable format was developed in several months. Though New York City certainly has its share of fine technical libraries, I knew that I needed to have more immediate access to at least the amateur radio journals. The acquisition of entire collections of those magazines became a project in its own right. As the expression goes, the rest is history - culminating in this 1,260 page communications reference volume.

For those of us who have ever become frustrated in looking through indices of article titles without being able to decipher the subject matter - this bibliography is for you. Don't expect to find catchword phrases within. Each article reference contains a short abstract that clearly indicates the theme. Anyone who works nine years as a technical editor and reviews over a quarter of a million pages should have the ability to quickly review articles and capture their essence in a few succinct words.

Expect it to be comprehensive. Each page of *QST* from January 1945 to present, and every page of *CQ*, *Ham Radio* and *73 Magazine* from their premiere issues were personally reviewed. In addition, selected references from 289 other sources have boon included. Those sources are world-recognized journals, society reviews, trade magazines and technical publications from laboratories, agencies and industry. Most of them are available in the larger technical libraries or can be obtained on a loan basis. And what if you can't locate some of the sources? With an average of 575 article references per subject area anyone with even half of the sources should be able to acquire an in-depth knowledge of the subject.

References are entered in reverse chronological order, the most recent information appears first. Some subjects include references that go back 80 years. For example, in the area of propagation - chapter 5's first reference is March 1909! Naturally, more recent technical topics such as computers only include early references to articles published in the 1960s.

Earlier editions of this bibliography were published. The first: "From Beverages Thru OSCAR - A Bibliography" contained references through December 1978. The second edition: "From Beverages Thru OSCAR - A Bibliography, Addendum 1979-1981" was a three year update to the first volume. This latest rendition not only encompasses completely rewritten and reformatted earlier editions but contains new source and reference material as well. In addition it includes a 100 page 5,000 word keyword index and 23 page author index to assist the user in rapidly locating articles of interest.

Knowledge, generated by many, is similar to a country's untapped resources. It remains hidden beneath the surface of subtle or innocuous titles until the proper tool is found and utilized. This bibliography can be that tool.

# **Index Information**

What you see here is phase two of a long project. This index project was inspired by and dedicated to <u>Wayne Green</u>, W2NSD himself. For the vast technical information in all his years of dedication to the publication and hobby. It is also inspired by the work of Rich Rosen, K2RR. And by Bill Griffith, VE3WGX for his <u>Ham Radio Magazine</u> indexwork. These three dedicated themselves, which prompted me to say, so can I.

A special thanks to the daughter of N9AVO/W9LML, Edward Harrigan (SK) who sparked my interest in the whole thing by donating a few decades of the magazine to our club years ago. Also thanks to Buckmaster for microfilming the magazine, the <u>Nicolet Federated</u> <u>Library System</u> and the interlibrary loan staff who helped me track these indexes down, and various other hams.

What follows is about a years worth of on and off work. This data was generated by scanning and OCR software, errors likely exist.

To the best of my knowledge it is now complete (December 4, 2009). This index is freely sharable, but please contact me if you plan to redistribute it commercially. It is meant as a free public resource for those who have stacks of these wonderful magazines in their basements (as I have).

Enjoy - Steve, KB9MWR



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## <u>1960</u>

## October 1960 (#1)

- Audio Booster A three transistor amplifier that hooks across the mike to give you more talk power for SSB or AM without distortion ...... K5JKX/6
- Something New in FM Using the new varicap as a FM modulator ...... W7CSD 10
- **Bantam Converters** Two-tube VHF converters for 50-108-144-152-220 MHz bands ..... W9DUT 12
- O Risky Hobby How to fall off your tower for fun and profit ...... K9AMD 16

- Tubeless Electronic Key Just uses some relays. Also tells how to convert your bug ..... W1TUW 18
- **Digest of Surplus -** Short lecture tour through your local surplus emporium ...... W1MEG 20
- Direct Reading Capacity Meter Two transistors. You've got a lot of resistance if you can keep from building this gadget ...... W6EAW 22
- Gotta Patch? Instructions for phone patching and avoiding trouble ...... W6KNE 24
- Three-Way Power Supply 6, 12, 120 volt supply using kit-available parts ......
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- Shock New facts on electric shock, or what to do until rigor mortis sets in ..... Bates 28
- **Propagation Charts** What bands what time to where probably ...... K2IGY 30
- Three Tubes, Five Watts, Six Meters How to get on Six in a hurry ...... K8NIC/5 32
- How To Be An Amateur For adults only. Children under 16 not admitted ...... W2ZGU 34
- Testing the Heath GC-1A Well, well! A transisorized communications receiver! ..... 73 Staff 38
- Modulation Fundamentals This is our big technical article for the month ...... W0TKU 42

#### November 1960 (#2)

- Transistorized 10 Meter Converter Not only that, but it uses a printed circuit you can make ...... W3BUL 9
- Four Band Crystal Converter 20-15-10-6 meters using the new International Crystal converters ...... W3UZN 12
- FM VFO Exciter Butchered BC-459 for 6 and 2 meter FM or NFM operation ...... W1TUW 14
- Mobile Power How to put some beef into that mobile signal ...... K5JKX/6 16
- Cardboard Chassis Building on the kitchen table... How easy can we make it? ...... K5JKX/6 18
- Stop That Noise This is our technical article of the month: Noise Clipping, etc ...... 73 Staff 20
- Measure Your Modulation Overlay for your 'scope to get modulation percentage ...... K5JKX/6 25
- Some Hard Facts About Echo The Moon makes a better reflector ...... W6MMU 26
- Improving Performance of the Communicator III A new front-end tube that improves the S/N considerably ...... W1MCA 28
- VHF Tri-Mode Receiver AM-CW-SSB tuner to go with last month's Bantam Converters ...... W9DUT 30
- Toroid Coils Quickie think article plus an idea on mounting 'em ..... Paffenberg 37

- \$5 Frequency Counter Two transistors and it reads 0-300 Hz, 1 kHz, 3 kHz, 10 kHz, 30 kHz ...... K5JKX/6& 38
- O Wabbit Ears 20 meter dipole, compacted slightly ...... W6EHY 41
- Propagation Forecast What bands what time to where ... Probably ...... K2IGY 42
- O Equipment Manuals Special article for manufacturers ..... K2DHA 44
- Finding True North How to zero in your beam on the North Star ...... W5LFM 49

#### December 1960 (#3)

- Transistorized 220 MHz Converter Crystal controlled too ...... W3HIX 8
- O RF Sniffer Snooper sensitive RF detector which you will build ...... K5JKX/6 11
- SSB Dynamic Demonstrator Teaching SSB calls for some tricky stratagems ...... W2UQB 12
- Capacity Meter Two ranges : 0-40 pF (resolves 1 pF) and 0-900 pF ...... K8ERV 14
- Station Control System Even if you don't build this one it will give you ideas ...... W1TUW 16
- The Multivibrator in VOX Circuitry Technical article ending up with a corker of a VOX circuit ...... Paffenberg 18
- The Fine Art of Transistorizing Changing your tube circuits to transistors ...... K5JKX/6 22
- Simplify Your Log Keeping Just an idea which you probably won't like anyway ...... Staff 25
- **Perfect Squelch** Our big technical article for the month... all about squelching ...... Staff 26
- Low-Noise Two Meter Converter The newest, the latest, the hottest 417A converter yet ...... ZL1AAX 32
- Surplus Frequency Standard Simple conversion or the VO-4 oscillator. You'll like it ..... Paffenberg 40
- Simple Phone Patch Herb Brier This one is pretty simple and effective. Next month a simpler one ...... W9EGQ 42
- New Tube Base Coil Forms OC3W, 5R4WGA. etc, bases make splendid coil forms ...... Paffenberg 44
- **Propagation Forecast** What bands what time to where... probably ...... K2IGY 50

#### <u>1961</u>

January 1961 (#4)

- Nuvistor Converters for Six and Two 417A performance without 417A cost ...... K8ERV 8
- O Down With Drift Step-by-step stabilization of your receiver ...... K5JKX/6 12
- 6N2 Completed Eico, Heath, and Johnson kits add up to 100 watts on Six and Two ...... W3UZN 14

- O 1296 MHz Secret confessions of an UHF addict ...... K2TKN 16
- Goblin Patrol Hams team up with cops to louse up Halloween for the kids ...... W8UCY 18
- O Lost in a Tunnel Pioneering frustrations of a diode speilunker ...... K5JKX/6 20
- 8 MHz Crystal Modification Kit For thee who art long on 8 MHz rocks ......
  W3UZN 24
- Transistorized Frequency Standard Think of all the advantages ...... W7OE 26
- Suction or Whoosh One is better, but you'll never know which unless you read the article ...... W6JAT 28
- Transistorized Communications Receiver Just to show you what you can do if you really want to ..... OZ7BQ 30
- Vertical Radiator To warm the ether, not your shack ...... W7OE 36
- AM Detectors Our big technical article for the month. Guaranteed both interesting and informative ...... Staff 40
- Switch from the T-17 The fine art of surplus scavenging ...... Paffenberg 51
- **Propagation Forecast** What bands what time to where probably ...... K2IGY 52
- Spot Frequency Operation of VHF Nets How to herd everybody on to the same channel ...... W0HKF 54
- O See-Saw Bleeder Save power and get better regulation this away ...... KV4CI 56

## February 1961 (#5)

- Rolling Your Own We're determined that you're going to build something ...... K5JKX/6 11
- Amplifier for Varicap Modulator More for gain for the modulator in our October issue ...... W7CSD 16
- World's Simplest Phone Patch Average construction time: five minutes ...... K5JKX/6 17
- Two Meter Pip-Squeak Complete phone rig using only three 6CX8's ...... K6BP 18
- Squawk Guaranteed Houser. We should needle Ken into writing more like this ..... W7IDF 20
- Six Meter Converter For the car... Operates with only 12 volts on the plates ...... K5JKX/6 22
- Heath Phone Patch Heath does it again. Works fine for SSB also. Hey Heath, where's the ads? ...... K2DHA 24
- Life Insurance for Transistors These little rascals are delicate, so watch your step ...... K6EAW 26
- Beat Generation Big technical article on SSB and CW detectors ...... Staff 28
- Updating the Absorption Wavemeter Real handy piece of test gear, and easy to knock together ...... W3FQJ 34
- Interference Chaser Easy way of getting audio break-thru out of TV sets and things ...... K5JKX/6 35
- Getting the Most Out of Your Mobile Whip How to make the best of a miserable situation: a short vertical antenna ...... W4API 36

- O How Modern is the VFO? Not very ...... W7OE 38
- EICO Grid Dip Oscillator Our Associate Editor is still building up kits and liking 'em ..... W3UZN 42
- O Power for the Pro Super-Pro owners, take note ...... K5JKX/6 44
- **Differential Switching** Using polar relays for sensitive switching- at different current levels ...... Pafenberg 46
- **Propagation Charts** What time to where on what bands... Probably ...... K2IGY 56

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- Translating Technical Journals You'll read this one to anyone who will listen ...... K5JKX/6 9
- **Transistorized Grid Dip Oscillator** Severing the AC umbilical cord with a transistor ...... W3KET 10
- Curing Ignition Interference Step-by-step assassination of the noisy car gremlins ...... W8UCG 13
- Superregenrative Receivers Ten rules for getting good results from a super-regen illustrated ...... W5WGF 14
- **Decreasing Debugging Time** How to get things back east when they go west.. In a hurry ...... K5JKX/6 16
- Top Loaded Whip Why not make your own mobile whip? ..... W2IHW 18
- **CW Transmission with Teletype Equipment** Simple conversion of RTTY or that hated CW identification by TT tape ...... Pafenberg 20
- All Band Antenna You've been waiting for someone to adapt that Log Periodic Antenna ...... K5JKX/6 22
- **Double Your Power Supply Voltage** Not difficult with a couple silicon rectifiers ..... W4API 24
- Impedances of Surplus Equipment Input and output impedances for most popular surplus gear ..... Pafenberg 25
- **Patch Patch** Quick method of hooking your phone patch in and out of the telephone line ...... K2DHA 26
- **432 MHz Transistorized Converter** Good night! How high will they go with transistors? Crystal controlled too ...... W3HIX 27
- **Two Meter Transmitter** Slight modification of the 6M rig from October issue of 73 ...... K8NIC/5 29
- O Squawk Box Transistorized loudspeaker amplifier ...... K5JKX/6 30
- Up Front Rather thorough look at receiver front ends, our big technical article ...... Staff 32
- **Don't Bug Me Dad** Our cover artist also writes. Instructions for new bug owners ...... W6NKE 38
- Varicap Tuning Device Helps the blind ham to tune up his rig... Or anyone else for that matter ...... W7CSD 42
- Noise Clipper, Semiconductor Style Tiny clipper for insertion in car radios, including transistor sets ..... W2IHW 43

- Working 80 Meter Phone DX WAC in one night when you know where to listen ...... W1FRR 44
- DC Transistorized Meter Amplifier Get amazing sensitivity out of normal meters with this amplifier ...... K6EAW 46
- Motorola Test Set Ham-banding the old Motorola mobile transceivers is popular, this helps ...... W9HKA 48
- Propagation Charts for March What time to where, when...probably ...... K2IGY 54
- O Names, Sines and Handles Why "YB" calls himself "YB" ..... W7OE 56
- O Save, Learn, Have Fun It really is cheaper to build than buy ...... W8VVD 62
- O How To File Your QSO's More ideas on card files for contacts ...... OH2YV 68

## April 1961 (#7)

- Six Meter Nuvistor Converter Two 6CW4's in cascade give a fearfully low noise figure ...... K8BYN 9
- Power Meter Another valuable piece of test gear for the ham shack ...... K8ERV
  12
- Surge Protection in Reverse Protect your silicon diode power supply from destruction by shorting ...... Pafenberg 13
- Let's Modulate, Not Crepitate Getting good modulation out of a Heising Modulator ...... K4ZGM 14
- A New Noise Limiter Get out the soldering iron, this one'll go in your receiver ...... K5JKX/6 16
- Calibration Why we haven't got it, how much we need it. And how to get it ...... W4WQT 18
- **Big Cannon** OK, here's a 20M kW amplifier, now stop bothering us for that ..... W6VVZ 20
- **Tennessee Indians** The public relations side of taming those Indians ...... K2SJN 25
- Half Wave Feedlines One resonant feedline for several bands? Yup ...... W9HOV 27
- Automation You didn't think we'd pass up April without one feature, did you? ...... K5JKX/6 28
- Audio Boosting the Command Receivers Turns out to be ridiculously simple once you know how ...... K8HDR 30
- Pick Up the Droop Your beam been saggy lately? ..... W7OE 31
- O 40 Watt Transistor Modulator Great for mobile rigs ...... KL7DLC 32
- Testing the Heath Two'er You will no doubt be flabbergasted to find that Don likes the Two'er ..... W3UZN 34
- RF Noise Suppression Technical treatise on how to exorcise the noise demons from your car ...... K2TKN 38
- 432 MHz Transistorized Converter Part 2 (ahem) the schematic diagram ......
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- Take Your Pick Big technical article: IF selectivity and the devious means used to gain it ..... Staff 42
- **Propagation Charts for April** What time, when, to where on what bands... Probably ...... K2IGY 54
- Writing for 73 How to get rich beyond your wildest dreams ...... Staff 56

#### May 1961 (#8)

- G4 Zed Smith A tri-bander without loading coils or traps, can be tuned from the shack! ...... W8VVD 9
- Feedline Economy Open-wire line just may become popular again after you read this one ..... W9HOV 18
- **Propagation Special Feature** Taking a look at sunspot numbers with an eye to predictions ...... K2IGY 20
- Testing the KT-200 Receiver Next month we have some of Bill Orr's ideas for modifying this receiver ...... K2DHA 22
- Ham Calendar Just what we've been needing. Should go nicely with a 35 hour clock ...... K4YNO 25
- **Build a Vary-Volt** A piece of test equipment that is worth its weight in something or other ..... W2WYM 26
- O Moonstruck Eyewitness account ...... W8GUE/6 28
- Moon Chart How to get radio signals back from the moon, reduced to a chart ...... K2TKN 31
- Sideband Exciter What with Turret construction and a simple circuit you may try this one ..... W2NQS 32
- Testing the Knight GDO Porsche-pushing ham tests Knight GDO, likes it, tells all ..... W2OKU 35
- Propagation Charts What time to where, when on what bands... Probably ...... K2IGY 36
- Custom Resistors How to move precision resistors to the value you need ...... Pafenberg 38
- AC Calibration of Your VOM We'll be giving you more and more on precision and calibration ...... Bentley 40
- Ohms by the Yard This ties in with the precision resistors on page 38 ...... K5JKX/6 41
- O Blowers What size blower you need to keep a cool rig ...... W3KET 42
- How Low The Fi Our technical article: examining the audio stages of your receiver ...... Staff 44

## June 1961 (#9)

 Abe Lincoln - Two meter antenna for mobile or fixed. Looks awful, works great! ...... K2TKN 8

- **75M Transistorized Converter** Nice little one evening construction project ...... WA6DZL 12
- O Precision Capacity Measuring Right down to a fraction of a pF ...... K6BJ 14
- **Propagation, Part 2** When the sunspot null will really come and what it will be like ...... K2IGY 16
- **73 Tests the M-100 Modulator** Just how good is that gate modulator put out by Electrotone? ..... W4API 20
- AM Modulation Monitor A bit complicated, but great for perfectionists ...... W5SUC 24
- Modifying the KT-200 Receiver Bill claims this is a real good deal with these few changes ...... W6SAI 30
- Pandapting Adaptor, Part 1 Moderately simple device connects your receiver to your 'scope ...... W6AOI 33
- Automatic Drive Control Transistor device keeps you from over modulation. Clever ..... W5IUR 38
- O Dear Sir On writing to manufacturers about your miseries ...... K2DHA 39
- FCC Notice Thought you'd get a kick out of this bit of antiquity ...... W8ONL 41
- Do-it-Yourself IBM Punch a few holes and get some real mileage out of a card file ...... K5JKX/6 44
- **Power House Pros** Part 1, all about power supplies ..... Staff 51
- Propagation Chart DX men please note that this is the most accurate forecast in print ...... K2IGY 54
- The DX Hunter Do's and don'ts for DX hunting ...... W6NKE 56

#### July 1961 (#10)

- A Tinker-Toy for Two Two meter antennas made out of aluminum tubing and a Tinker-Toy set ...... K8LFI 8
- Ready-Made Emergency Antenna New, improved type mobile antenna. Really works out! ...... W7CSD 12
- **Two Meter Line Amplifier** Nuvistor pre-amplifier -for hottening up your two meter converter ...... Bullock 14
- Amplitude Modulation Systems Review of AM systems with special reference to an oldie you'll like ...... W7CSD 18
- Globular Calculations How to find out how far it is from anywhere to a anywhere, great circle route ...... K5RPB 26
- An S-Meter for Your Sixer Or your Tenner... Or your Tower. What? You don't have one? Heath advertises ...... K5VMC 28
- VLF Very Low Frequencies A converter for the 10-100 kHz band ...... W3QA 29
- Little NIC Six Meter Converter Quite wee transistorized converter. You'll like. Real quick project for you ...... K8NIC/5 31
- Panadapting Adaptor, Part 1! Construction and alignment details ...... W6AOI 33

- Plate Modulate Your DX-40 How to hook in an external modulator or more output from the DX-40 ...... K6UGT 39
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