

FINDLAY MINUTES from NBET

The Findlay meeting clearly began the evening before the ham-fest. Mt.Cory was the scene of lots of hamburger and bean eating washed down with suds provided by 'The Goose', WDBLLD. Lots of topics were discussed with the normal level of resolution.

Participation was fantastic! The master of the house counted 18 bodies on the floor. All rose for the Bob Evans breakfast except for the single casualty who was the victim of the Detroit Drizzles. Those who missed it shouldn't do so twice.

43 MRRRC members signed in at the Sunday meeting. It was decided to drop the NOARSFEST meeting and add a meeting in Michigan for 1985, probably at the ARRL convention in Livonia the weekend following Field Day.

Looking towards winter and long skip an alternate net frequency of 1875 Khz was suggested as a backup for 3825.

Sweepstakes scores should be forwarded to your 'Whip' or to NBET. It was agreed that the club will make a strong effort in the CQWW Test, both modes, this year.

The annual K8MR Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 29 at Jim's home. It was finally concluded that this is the 8th running of that event. The November issue of the 'Flash' will include a Map which details the 1984 detour.

Goose, WDBLLD, gave an excellent presentation on design of phased vertical arrays. K8CC is still trying to make the feed point currents equal in his model.

NOTES and POINTS

NBET and KUBE will be at the VP9AD multi-multi operation for WWfone. Bill will hold down 20 meters and Jeff will tough it out on Top Band. Run 'em down on six bands and wish 'em luck!

K8NZ won the main prize at the Findlay fest. Ron's luck of late continued. Report was that the new ICOM radio didn't make it through the first hour of the September Sprint; however, repairs were speedy and the 745 is back in the fray. How for the 40 meter beam.

W8LND still has five rooms for the Hamvention. They are going fast so place your order today!

Anyone interested in designing a MRRRC QSL should get in touch with W8LND. Joe has the beginnings of a card that could make us all famous thanks to the imagination of K8CC. It needs to be fleshed out.

If you have information on the necessary routing to obtain a QSL from HR1DAP please advise K8CC.

NORTH CAL CHALLENGE

The following is quoted from "The Contest Jug", the newsletter of the NCCC.

The Mad River Radio Club Wants Our Champagne

That's right. Murmurings from the Midwest suggest that our celebrated Sweepstakes challenge has finally been answered. An upstart club (simply mad, aren't they?) has accepted our SS challenge. I can only echo the words of Apple Computer in saying: "We welcome the entry of MRRC in the 1984 Sweepstakes, for it helps legitimize the entire contest." Bring 'em on I say. Let's see if that Mad River is really a river, or simply a dried-up creek.

N6TV rambled on and on about the NCCC KB certificate program. Warden's Unabridged Dictionary defines KB as Stomping Ass for under-achievers. It will be interesting to see if they can come up with enough participants to even make it into the unlimited category.

To improve the quality of the competition, your editor will award a special plaque to the MRRC member who is deemed to have high achievement in the SA endeavor. The award will not necessarily go to the highest scoring station, but to that operator who displays the most fervor in his SA effort. Only dual mode entrants will be eligible. **GO MAD RIVER!!**

It seems to have been concluded that the SS awards program for 1984 will be identical to 1983 except that -- Certificates will be awarded for combined mode scores only and NCJ subscriptions will be discretionary depending on the state of the treasury. This observation is based upon the October 15 discussion on 3825Khz and is subject to final resolution by the Big Fish, the awards chairman, and the keeper of the cash.

MEMBER ACHIEVEMENT-1984 ARRL DX TEST

Wow!! KBCC walked off with it all. Top single op in the world, top in North America, and most significant, tops in MRRC. Dave will receive two plaques from ARRL, but none from the Club. Dave says he is not ready to do it again. Perhaps he will feel better about it after he has some HR1DAP QSL cards printed and sends replies to all of his MRRC friends.

In spite of the QSL situation, it seems to me that Dave ran up one heck of a big score from a 40' by 60' city lot with only a 40 foot tower from which to hang wires. Congratulations, OM!

W8UA finished first, both modes, for MRRC. Mike was the top Phone operator in the Great Lakes Division and won the Livonia RC plaque for his performance. Congratulations, Mike!

DX TEST COMMENTS continued

In the single band category, KBNZ, finished second in the 20 meter competition on CW. KW8N, operating as WB8JBM, finished third on 10 meter code and KC8JH wrapped up a fourth place finish on 80 meter SSB. AD8C finished third on 40 meter phone. With ten more Q's and 3 more mults Jay would have finished first. All band, single operators WD8IXE and N8DE finished first for Ohio Code and Indiana Fone, respectively.

In the 'multi' catagories, N8BV made a strong fourth place finish in two transmitter phone while the WA8YVR double code effort finished second, beating NSAU and W3GM. That has to be a satisfying victory. K3LR teamed up with K8CC and N8DET to finish second in the multi-single phone class. They blew past some very rugged competition.

The MRRC plaque for 3.5Mhz CW was won by W9NXD/HR2. He didn't seem to be working very hard, but was way ahead of the pack in the final tally.

Without question, some deserving operator has been overlooked in the preparation of this summary. You have the condolences of the Editor.

NEWS CLIP OF THE MONTH

K8MR provided the newspaper clipping of the month, dateline Greenbelt, MD, a very standard city. The article imparts that NASA has observed continental drift and that NA and EU are separating 2/3 inch per year. Jim was relieved to learn that it isn't the shortage of spots on the sun that has ruined radio.

ABOUT THIS ISSUE

This is the transitional issue of the 'Flash'. The first four pages don't look like the last seven due to the W8LNO/K8CC division of responsibility. Please be patient. Eventually the 'Flash' will again resemble the quality production which K8CC has delivered for the past year or so.

Because of the changeover there is some redundancy; however, I have elected to let you read those items twice. Not that they are so important--I just got tired of making changes.

Those of you who have never tried to edit a newsletter for a loosely knit organization such as MRRC may not appreciate fully the job which Dave has done. But, take my word for it and give him a pat on the back when you next get a chance.

73,

Joe W8LNO

MRRRC SWEEPSTAKES ELIGIBILITY LIST as of 10/20/84

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| AA8S | AC8E | AD8C | AD8I | AD8P | AK8X | K3JT | K3LR |
| K7SV | K8AZ | K8BL | K8CC | K8DB | K8EM | K8KJQ | K8MR |
| K8ND | K8NZ | K8SS | K8ETK | K8LM | K8WC | KC8JH | KC8MK |
| KC8XK | KD8NS | KN8Z | KR8Y | KS8S | KU8E | KW8N | KX8R |
| N4TY | N8ABL | N8ATR | N8BTU | N8CXX | N8DE | N8DET | N8DMM |
| N8ET | N8FCF | N8FJP | N9AG | NABW | N1BB | NZ4K | W8CAR |
| W8FN | W8KUZ | W8LNO | W8UA | W8UPH | W8ZD | W8BIN | W8RRR |
| W8YVR | W8KKX | W8KKI | W8MZZ | W8PHI | W8VMN | W8WTS | W8IVL |
| W8IXE | W8LLD | W8LXX | WM4T | | | | |

Note: This is the complete eligibility list per the ARRL Contest Rules compiled by K8CC as of 10/20/84. The club center is Marion, OH. If you are within 175 air miles of the center, you are eligible to participate if you have attended at least half of the MRRRC meetings in the last year, or since you joined the club. If you live within 50 miles of the center, there is no attendance requirement, but please register your interest to compete with K8CC. If you are not on the list and think you should be, get in touch with Dave at (313) 425-8296 as soon as possible. Remember, any new members that join between now and SS will be eligible to participate with MRRRC.

1984 MRRRC SS AWARDS PROGRAM

During the October 15th Monday Nite Sked on 3825 kHz, it was decided to implement some changes in the MRRRC Sweepstakes Awards Program. For 1984, we will again award plaques to the top club entry in single op high power, single op low power, and multi-op categories on both phone and code. In addition, a plaque will be awarded to the club member that contributes the most total points to the club effort.

Last year, certificates were issued to any station making 300 QSOs on either mode. This year, awards will be issued for points contributed to the club, with unique certificates for 100K, 200K or 300K total score. This was done to reduce the work in mailing the awards, and to better recognize the overall effort expended by the membership in SS.

1983 SS AWARDS

No, we didn't forget the 1983 SS Awards. There was some delay in getting the certificates printed, and also some questions with the ARRL on which scores counted for MRRRC. Then, the former club president misplaced his copy of QST with the results. In any case, N8CXX and K8CC should have the certificates mailed before the end of October. Hopefully, this will not set a precedent like CQ magazine, where the CQWW awards are not seen until well after the next years contest....

ARRL SWEEPSTAKES - THE LAST 11 YEARS

compiled by Jim Stahl KBMR

I set out to track relative performance between geographical areas in the SS with changing solar condx, especially W5 vs. W6 in regards to who to challenge in the club competition. I can't really draw any conclusions from this data, although my intuition is that the average W5 will have an easier time and the average W6 a harder time during the low sunspot times. The big gun W6 will still do OK - Reaganomics applied to contesting, I guess. But no more barefoot tribanders at 30 feet in California making 1000 Q's on ten meters, etc.

CW SWEEPSTAKES

| year | #1 | #2 | #10 | top ten | top W8-land | entries |
|------|------|------|------|------------|---------------------|---------|
| 1983 | 189K | 183K | 171K | 5677570507 | 159K - W8YVR | 943 |
| 1982 | 179K | 178K | 164K | 5W32370356 | 142K - W8YVR | 995* |
| 1981 | 184K | 182K | 169K | 560W267377 | 157K - K8NZ | 1087 |
| 1980 | 176K | 167K | 159K | 0561731561 | 152K - K8NZ | 1102 |
| 1979 | 187K | 182K | 169K | W773763235 | 147K - W8UA (W8ZDT) | 1203 |
| 1978 | 180K | 177K | 173K | 2631766437 | 161K - K8NZ | 1490 |
| 1977 | 193K | 185K | 166K | W063455510 | 154K - KBMR | 1349* |
| 1976 | 193K | 182K | 163K | W5W7465047 | 146K - W8EDU (KBMR) | 1402* |
| 1975 | 177K | 169K | 159K | 5W47567644 | 125K - W8KIC | 1152 |
| 1974 | 172K | 168K | 153K | 6767749664 | 141K - W8KIC | 1224 |
| 1973 | 163K | 157K | 144K | 7666316435 | 121K - KBMFO | 1086 |

SSB SWEEPSTAKES

| year | #1 | #2 | #10 | top ten | top W8-land | entries |
|------|------|------|------|------------|----------------------|---------|
| 1983 | 296K | 257K | 236K | W507050677 | 189K - K8AZ | 1052 |
| 1982 | 361K | 287K | 256K | W507667705 | 199K - K8ND | 995* |
| 1981 | 327K | 313K | 269K | W075676552 | 222K - K8LX (W8ZDT) | 1285 |
| 1980 | 309K | 284K | 243K | 7075767656 | 210K - N8II | 1242 |
| 1979 | 351K | 318K | 257K | W7C0H77726 | 212K - K8LX (W8ZDT) | 1248 |
| 1978 | 333K | 306K | 273K | W76C002707 | 223K - K8LX (W8ZDT) | 1510 |
| 1977 | 318K | 286K | 232K | W70062056C | 208K - W8KIC (W8MZZ) | 1349* |
| 1976 | 285K | 282K | 225K | 0W77255751 | 213K - W8PLZ (W8AYC) | 1402* |
| 1975 | 261K | 246K | 218K | 7067564555 | 184K - W8YWX | 1147 |
| 1974 | 253K | 249K | 209K | 6062775550 | 204K - W8YVR | 1177 |
| 1973 | 233K | 198K | 177K | 7659042713 | 150K - W8RC | 1080 |

notes:

In top ten listing: W=West Indies, C=VE, H=KH6.

* denotes no CW/SSB breakdown in QST; number is 50% of total entries.

#2 score is shown to isolate runaway winning scores, i.e. West Indies.

SWEEPSTAKES RECORDS FOR MICHIGAN

HI POWER

CW

| | |
|------------------|----------------|
| 83 WABYVR | 159100-1075-74 |
| 78 KBLX | 153150-1021-75 |
| 83 K8CC | 152144-1028-74 |
| 77 KBLX (WABZDT) | 151694-1039-73 |
| 81 K8CC | 147852-1045-72 |
| 79 W8UA (WABZDT) | 147852- 999-74 |
| 81 KBLX | 147852- 999-74 |
| 79 KBLX | 146438-1003-73 |
| 71 W8SH (K7NHV) | 145200- 968-75 |
| 82 WABYVR | 142080- 960-74 |

SSB

| | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| 78 KBLX (WABZDT) | 223200-1488-75 |
| 81 KBLX (WABZDT) | 222592-1504-74 |
| 79 KBLX (WABZDT) | 212528-1436-74 |
| 74 WABYVR | 204092-1379-74 |
| 72 WABZDT | 187738-1272-74 |
| 78 K9OK/8 (WB9DZS) | 186000-1240-75 |
| 78 W8FF | 182850-1215-75 |
| 77 W8RC | 174900-1166-75 |
| 75 WABZDT | 168338-1153-73 |
| 83 K8CC | 167184-1161-72 |

LO POWER

CW

| | |
|----------------|----------------|
| 74 W8CQN | 137492- 929-74 |
| 76 W8CQN | 131254- 899-73 |
| 75 W8CQN | 116060- 829-70 |
| 77 KBIF | 113734- 779-73 |
| 81 N8EA | 103660- 730-71 |
| 76 WABZAV | 102528- 712-72 |
| 78 WABMAM | 102120- 690-74 |
| 79 WABMAM | 101616- 696-73 |
| 78 W8LAQ | 101388- 714-71 |
| 76 W8SH (N8SR) | 100944- 701-72 |

SSB

| | |
|------------------|----------------|
| 76 WD8MGQ | 154364-1043-74 |
| 76 W8TR (WABPSD) | 117718- 829-71 |
| 82 WD8MGQ | 116476- 787-74 |
| 78 W8LAQ | 113442- 777-73 |
| 80 W8JWN | 107448- 726-74 |
| 76 WABWWM | 106642- 751-71 |
| 76 KBIDE (K8TR) | 106050- 707-75 |
| 79 W8JWN | 104932- 709-74 |
| 79 WD8MGQ | 101324- 694-73 |
| 79 W8LAQ | 89336- 633-71 |

MULTI-OP

CW

| | |
|-----------|----------------|
| 77 W8UM | 125720- 898-70 |
| 80 W8UM | 110016- 764-72 |
| 79 W8UM | 105376- 712-74 |
| 83 K8AQM | 100196- 677-74 |
| 74 W88FUO | 97056- 674-72 |
| 75 W8UM | 91254- 681-67 |
| 79 W8BYDR | 81030- 555-73 |
| 82 K8JM | 79626- 577-69 |
| 83 K8JRK | 76020- 543-70 |
| 80 K8JM | 74382- 539-69 |

SSB

| | |
|-----------|----------------|
| 83 WD8CRY | 192992-1304-74 |
| 81 KBSS | 182208-1248-73 |
| 82 WD8CRY | 179376-1212-74 |
| 80 WD8CRY | 173308-1171-74 |
| 81 WD8CRY | 158264-1084-73 |
| 82 KBSS | 150672-1032-73 |
| 79 W8UM | 144448- 976-74 |
| 79 WABFRE | 125652- 849-74 |
| 74 W88FUO | 112140- 801-70 |
| 79 W8BJYX | 111296- 752-74 |

SWEEPSTAKES RECORDS FOR OHIO

HI POWER

CW

| | |
|------------------|----------------|
| 78 K8NZ | 161320-1090-74 |
| 78 K8MR | 158508-1071-74 |
| 81 K8NZ | 157916-1067-74 |
| 78 W8WPC (K8BPX) | 156584-1058-74 |
| 77 K8MR | 154216-1041-74 |
| 80 K8NZ | 152884-1037-74 |
| 77 W8BYWX (K3LR) | 151552-1024-74 |
| 76 W8EDU (K8MR) | 146730-1005-73 |
| 77 W8KIC | 146438-1003-73 |
| 83 W8WPC (N9AG) | 140008- 946-74 |

SSB

| | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| 78 W8KIC (W8BMZZ) | 219450-1463-75 |
| 81 K8ND (W8BMZZ) | 217412-1469-74 |
| 76 W8PLZ (W8BAYC) | 213014-1459-73 |
| 77 W8KIC (W8BMZZ) | 208800-1392-75 |
| 78 K8AZ | 207150-1380-75 |
| 78 K8MR | 205350-1369-75 |
| 81 K8MN | 204832-1384-74 |
| 79 W8BMZZ | 202464-1368-74 |
| 82 K8ND | 199208-1346-74 |
| 82 W8JI (W8BMZZ) | 196988-1331-74 |

LO POWER

CW

| | |
|----------|----------------|
| 79 K8EKG | 116800- 800-73 |
| 82 K8BL | 110016- 764-72 |
| 82 K8UE | 109872- 763-72 |
| 83 K8UE | 109520- 740-74 |
| 78 K8EKG | 108216- 752-72 |
| 79 W8KRR | 102346- 701-73 |
| 81 K8BL | 101360- 724-70 |
| 80 W8KRR | 101232- 703-72 |
| 80 K8EE | 101178- 693-73 |
| 81 W8KRR | 100800- 700-72 |

SSB

| | |
|-------------|----------------|
| 81 K8EE | 118114- 809-73 |
| 82 K8EE | 113150- 775-73 |
| 80 W8AEZV/8 | 104340- 705-74 |
| 83 K8CJH | 100010- 685-73 |
| 80 K8BD | 98532- 714-69 |
| 75 W8BMZZ | 96702- 681-71 |
| 78 W8BALG | 94572- 639-74 |
| 80 K8EE | 92880- 645-72 |
| 82 K8BL | 91396- 626-73 |
| 77 N8RA | 90312- 636-71 |

MULTI-OP

CW

| | |
|-----------|----------------|
| 83 W88JBM | 161616-1092-74 |
| 82 W88JBM | 154944-1076-72 |
| 81 W88JBM | 154322-1057-73 |
| 74 W88JBM | 147022-1007-73 |
| 79 K8ND | 142080- 960-74 |
| 81 K8ND | 141044- 953-74 |
| 78 W88JBM | 138380- 935-74 |
| 80 W88JBM | 137232- 953-72 |
| 83 K1LT | 134384- 908-74 |
| 78 K8ND | 131984- 904-73 |

SSB

| | |
|-----------|----------------|
| 83 W88JBM | 229252-1549-74 |
| 82 W88JBM | 205128-1386-74 |
| 80 K8ND | 202464-1368-74 |
| 81 W88JBM | 202464-1368-74 |
| 80 W88JBM | 201918-1383-73 |
| 79 W88JBM | 200096-1352-74 |
| 79 K8ND | 196544-1328-74 |
| 78 W88JBM | 195932-1342-73 |
| 77 W8WPC | 192992-1306-74 |
| 78 K8ND | 183150-1221-75 |

CQWW BAND STRATEGY

by Mike Socha W8UA

The following chart outlines a possible band strategy for the CQWW DX Tests, showing possible propagation areas on each band for different times of day. It is based on my experience and reflects what I expect to see this season. However, it should be remembered that extraordinary solar conditions (either good or bad) will affect your band strategy.

OCTOBER 1984-MARCH 1985

| ZULU | 160 | 80 | 40 | 20 | 15 | 10 |
|------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| 0000 | | *EU | EU, AF, SA | *AS, AF, SA | PA, *JA, SA | *PA, SA |
| 0100 | SA | *EU, SA | EU, AF, SA | AF, SA | PA, SA | |
| 0200 | *EU, SA | EU, AF, SA | EU, AF, SA | AF, SA | PA, SA | |
| 0300 | EU, AF, SA | EU, AF, SA | EU, AF, SA | AF, SA | | |
| 0400 | EU, AF, SA | EU, AF, SA | EU, AF, SA | AF, SA | | |
| 0500 | EU, SA | EU, AF, SA | EU, AF, SA | AF, SA | | |
| 0600 | EU, SA | EU, SA | EU, SA | SA, PA | | |
| 0700 | SA | EU, SA | EU, SA, PA | SA, PA | | |
| 0800 | SA | SA, *PA | EU, SA, PA | SA, PA | | |
| 0900 | SA | SA, PA | SA, PA | SA, PA | | |
| 1000 | SA, PA | SA, PA | SA, PA, *JA | SA, PA | | |
| 1100 | SA, PA, *JA | SA, PA, *JA | PA, JA, *AS+ | *EU, PA | | |
| 1200 | | PA, JA | PA, JA, *AS+ | EU, *AS | *EU, SA | SA |
| 1300 | | | EU, AS | EU, AS | *EU, SA | SA |
| 1400 | | | | EU, AS, AF+ | EU, SA | SA, AF |
| 1500 | | | | EU, AS, *AF+ | EU, AF, SA | *EU, SA, AF |
| 1600 | | | | EU | EU, AF, SA | *EU, SA, AF |
| 1700 | | | | EU | EU, AF, SA | SA, AF |
| 1800 | | | | EU, AF | EU, AF, SA | SA, AF |
| 1900 | | | | EU, AF | AF, SA | SA |
| 2000 | | | *EU | EU, AF, SA | AF, SA | SA, PA |
| 2100 | | | EU | SA, AF, *JA | SA | SA, PA |
| 2200 | | | EU | SA, AF, JA | SA, *JA | SA, PA |
| 2300 | | | EU, AF | SA, AF, JA | SA, PA, *JA | SA, PA, *JA |

AF=AFRICA AS=ASIA EU=EUROPE JA=JAPAN PA=PACIFIC SA=SA/CARIBBEAN

*Denotes marginal opening, dependent on solar flux level and storm condx.
+Denotes Long Path

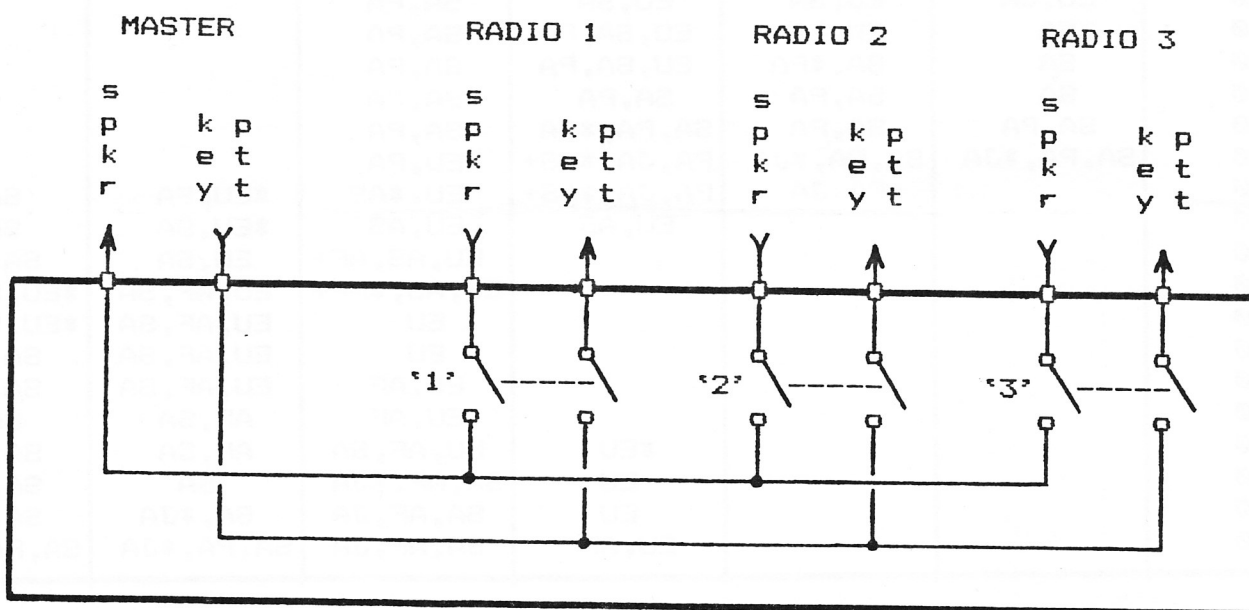
* * * CQWW SCORE REPORTING * * *

Note that this year MRRC will be submitting our CQWW scores under our own identity, rather than in collaboration with the North Ohio Amateur Radio Society. Our destiny is once again in our own hands, so let's all turn out and make some points for the club. Make sure that under 'Club Competition' on your summary sheet it says MAD RIVER RADIO CLUB.

QUICK & EASY STATION SWITCHING from the NABV/WABYVR station

Contesters never seem to have enough radios, and if they do, it can be a real headache conveniently switching between them for single-op use. Some stations have elaborate switching schemes involving lotsa relays and switches, but for those of us who would prefer not to construct, Radio Shack has come to the rescue.

Radio Shack catalog number 40-125 is an item called a 'Convenient Stereo Speaker Switch Box', designed to switch three pairs of speakers to a single stereo receiver. With a little imagination, it can be used to connect three radios together (see below). For CW use, the RX audio and keyer lines can be brought through the box to the operator's headphones and keyer. On SSB, run the RX audio and footswitch PTT lines through the box and tie all the rigs MIC lines together, or else when using VOX run the MIC and RX audio through the box. In either case, when using multiple radios from a single MIC source, beware of ground loops which can cause hum on your TX audio and drive you nuts trying to locate.



Radio Shack 40-125 Switch Box

The desired radio is selected or de-selected by the appropriate switch. By selecting more than one radio, you can monitor two or more bands simultaneously - this feature should be used with caution, since you will also transmit on those same bands simultaneously.

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