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The President's Corner

I want to thank all those who helped out at Boxboro this year...we had the most successful weekend we've ever had there. We took in over 40 new and renewing memberships, and checked almost 100 hand-held radios. Most of the people whose radios we looked at threw a buck or two in the kitty.

Once again, Walter, N1HBR, along with Frank, KB1FZ, made a major contribution to the effort — they collaborated to create a materials, we will develop our introduction to concepts behind the new membership certificate, along with a system that would allow electromagnetic phenomena of interest to hams in their daily us to generate it on the spot for those renewing or joining up for activities. We will also look at some simple concepts important the first time. It was slick, and the certificate looks truly for understanding electromagnetic effects in biological materials. professional.

invaluable public relations for the association.

Ed, NINOM, was there early both days; both he and Clark. N1NVK, gave up their whole weekend to help out. On Saturday items off the hands of a generous ham who, failing to sell his pretty generous thing to do for a man who has fallen on hard applied field causing attraction. times....we plan to make use of some of the equipment and sell the person should you want more information.

Clark, NINVK, Chris, NINVL, Bill, NIQPR, Dave, KTIX, did some time on the HT check table and generally helped out. Clark, NINVK, helped Walter and I set up and test the talk-in station Friday night.

During the both days a lot of members came by, making a working weekend a pleasant social occasion as well. My thanks to all for making the whole affair a big success.

As those of you who were at the last meeting will remember, the membership approved the acquisition of another 440 repeater. The system in guestion was the 449.575 repeater sited in The system in question was the 449.575 repeater sited in Westboro. Owned by W1OJ, the repeater is an ICOM system with an SCOM 5k controller and a ready-to-go frequency agile link. The link is controllable remotely — that means that we can make this repeater link to any other 440 machine within range of the link transceiver. It's an excellent system; we plan to site it in the Taunton area. There it will provide coverage over a wide area of southeastern Massachusetts and down to Providence. It will be linked to 449.925 full time, giving it the same patch access available to other linked repeaters. available to other linked repeaters.

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Electromagnetic Interactions with Materials

By Dave Croll, KT1X Part 2.

In this part of the series on electromagnetic interactions with

As discussed in Part 1, the relative permittivity, or dielectric Also on board for the weekend were Frank, WIJDO, and constant, is a measure of the interaction of materials with electric Dottie, NIBHA. They took the whole weekend, mixing a fields, such as those associated with electromagnetic waves. An romantic getaway at the hotel with running talk-in and doing analogous measure, the permeability, characterizes the interaction of the magnetic field of an electromagnetic wave with materials.

Materials can be affected by magnetic fields in several ways. These effects are determined by the electrons in the material, since Ed teamed up with Chris, NINVL, to do a great service for the electrons are magnetic. Two of these interactions are of minimal group and for a fellow ham who was trying to get rid of a bunch interest to hams, but deserve a passing reference. In both cases, of test equipment....They went for a two hour ride to take the applied magnetic field induces a field in the material. In diamagnetic materials, the induced field opposes the applied field goods at a yard sale, decided to donate it all to the MMRA. A causing repulsion. In paramagnetic materials, it adds to the

Ferromagnetic materials, which are named after the Latin name rest at the flea sale in March. We'll return the proceeds to our for iron, are of major interest to hams. In these materials, the benefactor. I'm not going to name him or describe his application of a magnetic field induces a field, which adds to the circumstances here out of respect for his privacy. Ask me in applied field, causing an attraction. In ferromagnetic materials, the molecules can become aligned or organized to make this effect

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As of this writing the machine is at Bryan's (KA1YQB) house. He's doing some refurbishing and tweaking to make the machine obtained from the famous electromagnetic equations of Maxwell. ready for deployment. You might be able to reach the machine if the link during the test period.

keep you advised - tune into the Tuesday night information nets centuries. for further news.

system works. I'm sure we'll hear some interesting technical space (300,000,000 meters per second). details, along with a few war stories about recoveries. So come on Campion Center in Weston.

year. Members who have not renewed their 93-94 membership and inductance. have an asterisk next to their call. If your call has an asterisk, renew....we need your support. The MMRA is the best ham repeater club deal around, and keeps getting better.



MMRA VE Sessions

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Electromagnetic Interactions with Materials Part 2....Continued

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persistent and, in some cases, permanent. Most common magnetic materials are ferromagnetic. For instance, the iron oxide particles used in magnetic recording media are ferromagnetic.

A material's ability to produce an additive magnetic field causes the net field produced to follow the contours of the This tendency is what is measured by the permeability of the material. Permeability has many important consequences. First, materials which have high permeability can be used to shield things from magnetic fields. Second, the permeability of a material is related to the inductance exhibited by a material. This is why iron cores and ferrite beads can add to the inductance of a coil.

The magnetic effects of permeability and the electric effects of permittivity (dielectric constant) have an interesting relationship of critical interest to those working with electromagnetic waves. To understand this relationship, we will briefly discuss results

Maxwell's equations are a mathematical statement of the basic you are down in the Milford area. He's also working on setting up properties of electric and magnetic fields and their relationship in electromagnetic waves. They represent an efficient mathematical Chris, N1NVL, is working on the siting; we have a couple of way of stating important electric and magnetic principles good prospective sites. We should know more soon, and we'll discovered experimentally during the eighteenth and nineteenth

One interesting result from Maxwell's equations is that the You should find our November meeting program of interest. speed of electromagnetic wave propagation is determined by the Bill Dunn, NIKUG, has close contact through his job with the permeability and permittivity of the material (i.e medium) in people who distribute and operate the Lo/Jack system. He has which the wave is traveling. The permeability and permittivity of arranged for them to come to the meeting and tell us just how the free space determine the speed of electromagnetic waves in free

Permeability and permittivity have other effects. The dielectric out to the meeting -- Wednesday, November 16 at 7:30 PM at the constant (permittivity) and the permeability determine the capacitance and the inductance (per unit of length) of all We are including an updated roster in this issue, as we do each materials. Even free space has associated values of capacitance

An important aspect of the inductance and capacitance of any your patch codes will not work anymore...and you will not medium is that each medium will have a characteristic impedance, receive the Minuteman after the January issue. So please since the values of inductance and capacitance determine impedance. This is true whether they are lumped in components, as in typical audio and RF circuits, or are distributed, as in some microwave devices or in transmission lines and antennas. Free space has a characteristic impedance of 377 ohms!

Hams should remember that physical objects, such as antennas and tuned circuits, exhibit the phenomenon of resonance. When a circuit or an antenna is at resonance, it will accept or transmit energy maximally. The resonant frequency of the circuit or antenna is dependent on its capacitance and inductance. This is true whether the values are lumped in components, as in typical

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The Puzzle Corner

By Frank Morrison, KBIFZ

Congratulations to WIJAH, Jack, for coming up with the correct answer to problem 1, and to Geoffrey, WA1EGL for turning in correct solutions to all three questions.

The solution to the problem of the three men and the coconuts involves one equation in two unknowns, (1) the number of nuts originally gathered. N. and (2) the number of nuts each finally received at the final distribution, x. The following equation describes the situation as given:

results:

$$\frac{1}{3} \left\{ \frac{2}{3} \left[\frac{2}{3} (N-1) - 1 \right] - 1 \right\} = x$$
wavelengths. For an "average adult male" about 5 feet 10 in (1.75 meters) tall, this corresponds to a frequency of about MHz, close to TV channel 2 and near the 6 meter ham band! The interactions of living tissues with electromagnetic form

This equation has more than one set of integer values for N and x which satisfy it, but we are interested in the smallest integer

$$8\dot{N} - 81x = 65$$
, or solving for N,

$$N = \frac{65 + 81x}{8}$$

1, 2, 3, in order and calculating the value of N for each x until RF, such as MRI imaging. the first integer value of N is found. When this is done, the result is N = 79 and x = 7, the desired answer. There are more logical BIBLIOGRAPHY and mathematically satisfying methods of finding this result, but 1. it suffices for our purpose here.

The solution to Problem 2, the area of a circular segment (see Figure 1), goes like this. The area of a circle, which subtends an angle of 360 degrees, or 2π radians, is πR^2 , where R is the radius. 2. Hence the area of the piece of pie subtended by the angle A radians is 1/2 AR2. The area of the segment is the area of the piece of pie minus the area of the triangle with base 2a and altitude b, thus the area of the segment is $\frac{1}{2}AR^2$ - ab. But $a = R \times \sin(\frac{1}{2}A)$ and 3. $b = R \times \cos(\frac{1}{2}A)$. Hence $ab = R^2 \times \sin(\frac{1}{2}A) \times \cos(\frac{1}{2}A) = \frac{1}{2}R^2 \times \sin(A)$, giving the desired Area = $\frac{1}{2}R^{2}[A - \sin(A)]$.

The solution to Problem 3 (see Figure 2) is to show that the shaded areas are equal. Note that the radial increments are equal between all circles; let this increment become the unit of measurement. Counting the number of circles, you see that the 5. area of the outer shaded ring is the difference in area between

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circuits, or distributed, as in simple antennas. permeability and permittivity of the material and the physical dimensions of a device determine its capacitance and inductance, they together determine its resonant frequency.

An interesting phenomenon, whole body resonance, is explained by these concepts. Research has shown that in uniform RF fields, the human body absorbs energy effectively when the body length corresponds to 0.4 wavelength of the electromagnetic wave. This occurs optimally when the long axis of the body is aligned with the electric field of the wave. Clearly, the body is acting as an effective polarized receiving antenna!

Why is a body length of 0.4 wavelength optimal? The answer When this equation is simplified, the following equation is that the capacitance and inductance, which are associated with the body because of its permeability, relative permittivity and physical dimensions, make it resonant at 0.4 free space RF wavelengths. For an "average adult male" about 5 feet 10 inches (1.75 meters) tall, this corresponds to a frequency of about 60

The interactions of living tissues with electromagnetic fields have been studied for several decades and some aspects are well understood. For lossy, electrically conductive samples, such as tissues, the oscillating magnetic field of RF will inductively produce current loops in the sample known as eddy currents. These currents will give rise to energy loss (i.e. heating) in the tissue. The oscillating electric field of the RF will give rise to loss because of the dielectric effect discussed in Part 1. This dielectric loss produces heating, which is a major form of energy dissipation in biological tissues.

We will return to the subjects of dielectric and induction losses in the future, since they play a critical role in RF dissipation by biological materials in a variety of circumstances of interest to solution. This may be found by trial and error, i.e. by setting x = hams, as well as being significant in biomedical applications of

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 $\pi(169 - 144) = \pi 25 = \pi 5^2$, which is exactly the area of the inner shaded area with radius of five units.

The new problem for this month is one which is a little closer to our interests as hams. Many of you use a tuner to match your exciter or amplifier output to your antenna. Such a tuner, a C-L-C T-network, is shown in Figure 3. The antenna is represented by the load impedance $Z_o = R_o + jX_o$, where R_o is the antenna resistance and Xo is the inductive (positive) or capacitive (negative) mismatch, in ohms. If $R_0 = 73$ ohms, $X_n = 100$ ohms capacitive for an input frequency of 14.2 MHz, $C_1 = 85.4$ pf, $C_2 =$ 210.1 pF, and L = 0.937 mH, what are the values of the resistive and reactive components of the input impedance Zin? Are there any disadvantages to this type of tuner? If so, what are they?

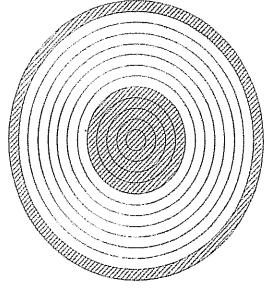
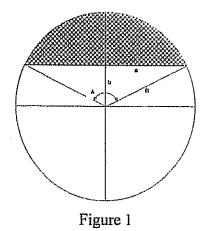


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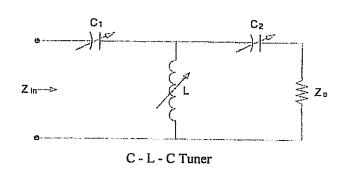


Figure 3

Repeater Report....

amplifier....he found some loose screws — the key one was the putting out about 10 watts...even at that level, it can be heard all screw with an inter-board ground lead. Since he tightened it there over the area. have been no further drop-outs....let's hope that was it. It's set up for 90 watts out and runs cool as a cucumber at that power level. General Note: Bryan has really been putting in a lot of effort on Bryan also did a lot of cleanup at the site. He moved a lot of stuff behalf of the MMRA; he's a good technician — he understands around, cleaning up the bench area, dumped a lot of trash and the theory. Give him something that's broken, some then went behind the repeater with some tie-wraps. It should be a documentation and a little time and he can fix just about anything. lot nicer looking back there now

to do is get it installed. Mike will be setting up the backup the work would be easier to get done in a timely fashion. Chris, repeater so he can take the active machine and install the NINVL, Clark, NINVK, Walter, NIHBR, Mike, KAIHKP, Bill, can do any serious diagnosing of other problems.

Marlboro-449.925: Bryan, KA1YQB, is going to take the dead amplifier to fix that one too seeing as he's on an amplifier Weston-146.82: Bryan, KAIYQB, has fixed the power fixing high, he should make quick work of it. The machine is still

This is the kind of participation we really need....there are a lot of members who could make the same kind of contribution. It sure Quincy—146.67: The SCOM 7K controller is here....all we need would be nice if more of you could find the time to help out; then controller. If we can schedule it, we plan a work party to improve NIKUG, and Andy, NIBHI, could use the help. They are all busy the grounding at the site. We think the crunchies are being caused guys and give as much time as they can to the MMRA. So jump by lousy grounds...in any case, they've got to be fixed before we in if you can; check in to the tech net some Tuesday evening, or otherwise let us know you're out there.

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Flea Market Update

We have a confirmed date for the MMRA Flea Sale with the town of Westboro. The date is March 19, 1995 — that's a Sunday. The location will be as usual, at the Westboro High School. We have the cafeteria and the mezzanine area, along with three classrooms for a VE session.

This year we started our planning earlier...so we want to take advantage of the opportunity to make this year's flea market a big success. Along those lines, we have been talking to Lentini Communications about being there. At Boxboro Alex Lentini indicated that he can come — so we'll have one of the better commercial vendors in New England at our event. Hopefully nothing will intervene and cause his plans to change.

So mark March 19 on your calendars. As usual, we will be looking for people to help out, so as the date approaches, we will be soliciting volunteers for the flea market.

We'll have quite a club table this year. Along with items we have retired, donated equipment will be available. If you have anything you want to get rid of that you might be willing to donate to the club, let us know.

Since word of mouth (or microphone) is a key way to get the word around, talk it up — even though we are months away, the more that is said about the event, the better our chances for a good turnout.

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It is with great sadness that we must announce that Kathy, KANYR, has passed on. Kathy was one of those amateurs who devoted much of her life to her hobby, and to the well being of her fellow hams.

She was well known to all who use the Waltham repeater; she was the main force behind the Going Home Show, making the homeward commute safer and more fun than it would have been without her.

Kathy was known on HF as well as on VHF; she was an outstanding CUI coperator and traffic handler. But she was known more for her unredoubtable spirit and good cheer even in the face of severe personal adversity.

A lot of us were privileged to have met then in person. Anyone with more than a passing acquaintance with Kathy couldn't help out appreciate her filendship.

All of us exercind our sympathy and a close wishes to Kathy's family and close a critical wishes too.

73's, Kachy.....



Get Well Soon, Dave....

Dave Crocker, W1TMO has been ill lately. We understand that he had a bout with pneumonia and was hospitalized. He may be back home by the time this issue goes to press, but since pneumonia knocks the stuffing out of its victim, Dave is probably still recovering from its effects. In case you didn't know, Dave is our ARRL section manager, and is one of those guys who works his fanny off for the good of the hobby. So take a few minutes to wish him well. His home, packet and Email addresses are below:

Dave Crocker, W1TMO 80 Spring Rd Needham, MA 02194

Packet: W1TMO@KA1TUZ EMail: DCrocker@World.STD.COM

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W1GSL Flea Market Listings - as of 10/30/94, Through July

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12 Nov Plymouth MA	Mayflower RC @Mem Hall	-3 sell@8 Jon WS1K 508 746	-0162 F
13 Nov Branford CT	SCARA @Mid sch S\$20@7 B	5@9 Brad WA1TAS 203	
19 Nov Billerica MA	1200RC @Bull HN Auction	o@11A Eliot W1MJ 508 8	
11 Dec Fall River MA	** Canceled **	Tom WALLBK 508 6	
15 Jan Yonkers NY	@Lincoln HS \$5@9 \$25/T@	Otto WB2SLQ 914	
21 Jan Nashua NH	NE Antique RC \$5@9 \$1@1(@ Res Ctr Church	617 923 2665
4 Feb Gardner MA	MARC Auction@1 s@12@AmLe	gion ElmSt Paul NlIPG 508 6	
18 Feb Marlboro MA	AlgonquinARC @MS \$2@10 \$	15/T@7 Ann KA1PON 508 4	
25 Feb Milton VT	RANV @HS	Mitch WB2JSJ 802	879 6589
26 Feb Westford MA	Radio XXVI @Regency Anti	ne \$4@8:30 A.R.C. 508 371 0	512 +
5 March Northampton MA	MtTomARA @Smth VoT	Jim K1MEA 413 52	
12 March Bristol CT	ICRC @eastrn HS rt229 B	4 S \$10/T Al NLJWF 203 747	
19 Mar Westboro M	IA Minuteman Re	peater Association @Hi	
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2 April Southington CT	SARC @DePaolo JrHS \$10@8	30 \$3@9 NIGCV 203 621 619	
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9 April Framingham MA	@ HS \$14@8 \$10tg \$5@9 \$2		
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MMRA Membership Meeting - Nov 16 Wednesday, 7:30 PM Campion Center Weston, MA

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Membership Meetings: 3rd Wed of Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar, May at Campion Center, Weston at 7:30 PM

Meeting Dates for 1994-95 Season: September 21, November 16, January 18, March 15, & May 17.

Board Meetings: 3rd Wed of Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr. Meetings are open and members are welcome.

If a visiting member wants to be on the agenda, please contact Andy Morrison beforehand.

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