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Each year, the WIA Publications Committee selects several awards, one of these awards being the Al Shawsmith Journalistic Award. As the name suggests, this award is presented for the best

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article published in *Amateur Radio* from a journalistic point of view. There have been some doubts expressed recently whether the award is well enough known, and as a result, the Editor, in collaboration with Alan VK4SS, has written a brief history (see page 5), of the award and how you, the readers of AR, may make yourself eligible to join the dignified list of recipients.

*Amateur Radio* is always in need of a steady supply of articles for publication, whether they be short technical tips or long technical articles; even interesting anecdotes. Whilst articles on advanced and new techniques are needed, it must not be forgotten that new amateurs and novices are always interested in good basic items which the "seasoned amateur" may class as too basic for AR. So, write-up that project that has worked for you, as *Amateur Radio* has an enormous appetite for a well-balanced and varied diet.

Preparing an article for *Amateur Radio* is very simple. Just commit your thoughts to paper as you would when explaining to a friend over the air. Manuscripts may be clearly hand-written or typed original copies (no photocopies please, as frequently the photocopier prints a blank in a crucial portion of a technical explanation or formula). Include circuit diagrams if applicable — they do not have to be ready for publication (clear sketches are adequate), as AR's draughts-people will redraw them. Don't overlook a photograph too, but be careful when writing captions on the back — many good photos have been damaged by heavy ball-point pen marks coming through or felt-tip pens smudging from the back of one photo to the front of another.

The Technical Editors are pleased to introduce a new regular column, titled *Technical Mailbox*. The column will endeavour to answer readers queries relating to amateur radio, and the first set of replies may be found on page 51. All readers are welcome to make use of this column.

Gil VK3CGG, has written an interesting article on electronic keyers in very basic, layman's terms, see page 40. Gil is a relative newcomer to CW and his enthusiasm for the mode is contagious.

Drew VK3XU, says Direct Conversion Receivers are here to stay and gives an insight into the principles of operation of such receivers on page 34. Next month, Drew will include full diagrams and instructions for constructors to make their own DC receiver for 80 metres.

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