

MAGELLAN PIONEER

Technology keeps getting cheaper, doesn't it? But "cheap" no longer has to mean "nasty".

First-time user Neil Duncan, VK3ND, comes away impressed.



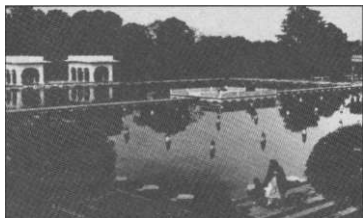
KENWOOD TS-790A

We can't really say this radio is new, but satellites are the in thing these days, so we checked it out again. The years have treated this excellent VHF/UHF base rig well.

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RADIO IN PAKISTAN

Welcome back to Tom King, VK2ATJ, a travel journalist who has a radio in every port! He visited Pakistan recently, and found lots of radio activity to report on...



REVIEW: ICOM IC-T8A

Dual-band HTs are the norm these days, but get this – this new Icom is a tri-bander no larger than a dual! And does it have a future? With 6M?!



BEEN THERE, DONE THAT

Speak of six metres, and the name Steve Gregory usually isn't far away. VK30T was VK's first 6M DXCC.

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Oh, they're up there all right. Jason Reilly tells us a little of what *is* known about these elusive snoops.

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Time to polish the specs! There's a book (several, probably) covering *every* aspect of the radio hobby. We raided the Daycom bookshop...

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Here's this month's project. Harold's come up with a DC dummy load for you to build. Just the ticket to soak test a wayward power supply...



SPRATLY ISLAND ON THE AIR IN A BIG WAY

Get a bunch of bored DX junkies together and the next thing you know they're packed and heading off to some remote speck in the water. Read this great story!!



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It must have been very exciting for the kids of the UK. John Batty was one of them. He delighted in finding the illegal broadcasters. A good yarn.

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Look, if you read nothing else in this magazine, make sure you check out this very serious report on the privatisation of the electricity grid.