

## Special Features

- 8 SCOOP PREVIEW!** Kenwood's exciting new TS-950SD should be with us early next year. Although there's not yet a single example in Australia a couple of prototypes were spirited into Kenwood's US office — and that's where *Ham Radio Magazine* found them...
- 11 MINI REVIEW:** Kenwood is celebrating Christmas with a couple of super offers. We shrunk the TS-440S until it fitted on half a page.
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- 20 TRANSCEIVER REVIEW:** Icom's new IC-725 has attracted plenty of critical acclaim. Hot on its heels we now have the IC-726 — much the same with six metres to boot.
- 22 ANTENNA REVIEW:** Werner Wulf is back! Here's Amateur Radio Action's look at his new vertical HF antenna.
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**Cover:** So what's inside a crystal? Your fearless editor decided to find out, and dragged a protesting Neil Duncan along as his witness. Did we learn anything? You bet. Our report starts page 14. **Right:** I asked Kolm to draw me a **Page Three Girl** to go with the cartoon on page 4...

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