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PREPARE TO REPEL BOARDERS! Our bands have been under increasing pressure from commercial users for years. Robin Chappie, VK3YRC, says the pressure may now be reducing — or is it?
SIX METRE EARLY WARNING' LIST: How do

- those six metre fanatics know where to point the beam and when to listen? It's an exacting science, according to Steve Gregory, VK30T.
- BUILD A CW MEMORY KEYER: Morse is a strange beast. Some tame dit, some don't. When Geoff Hudson took the dit by the teeth (sorry) here's how he dit dit. (Ouch.)
- COMPETITION WIN A PACCOMM PACKET MODEM: Thanks to Blamac, you now have a second chance to win our Tiny-2 packet modem... but you'd better get your skates on!

ARA NOVICE THEORY COURSE - PART 10: Paul Butler, VK3DBP, continues our course with a look at antennas and transmission lines.

4£ EQUIPMENT REVIEW — ICOM IC-3220H: Here's a really *hot* performer — in more ways than one! Neil Duncan put the latest sizzling Icom dualbander through its paces, and reported FIRE!!

Cover: Okay, which fool nicked the VFO knob? No, all jokes aside, this Australian HF rig — the Codan 8528 — is one hell of a radio in its place. It won't appeal to many HF diehards but, for the 4WD amateur 'bushy' in the middle of nowhere (or in front of Ayers Rock with our sister magazine 4X4 Australia — thanks for the pic, fellas, and I love both your auto-tune HF whip and your rear-vision mirror) a rig like this is a boon. You can keep in touch with OTC or chat with the Doc at the Flying Doctor base — then amuse yourself at night on our amateur bands. Chris Edmondson and Neil Duncan cast their (almost diametrically-opposed) opinions. Right: The RSGB 50 MHz Countries Award pictured here is the first ever awarded to an amateur from Downunder, and six metre stalwart and high achiever Steve Gregory, VK30T, is the lucky op with his name on it.

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