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Cover: If you reckon the Icom IC-R72 looks suspiciously like the IC-725 HF transceiver you may be more than a little right. The two rigs bear more than a passing resemblance. But is this new receiver just an IC-725 without a transmitter section or is there more to it than that? We asked Tom Moffat, VK7TM, to render an opinion. While he was at it, we figured he should also look over the amazing AOR AR-3000 scanning receiver. How can something so small have so many modes, so many memories, and such an extraordinary frequency coverage? We asked Tom to find out whether they'd tried to do too much in one small box. And thanks to Bram Moore, VK3CPU, for the loan of the AOR receiver featured on the cover.

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