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COVER SHOOT-OUT — ICOM vs KENWOOD vs YAESU

YAESU: Here's one story which *had* to happen. We wanted to know which radio is *best* in the expensive 'all bells and whistles' HF base segment, so we pitched the established Icom IC-751A against the Kenwood TS-850S and Yaesu FT-990. Putting rigs against each other in head-to-head combat can yield unlikely results — so did it this time? Read on to find out.

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1992 AOCP THEORY COURSE — PART TWO: Paul Butler presents the second part of our all-new AOCP theory course designed to help you to get that full or limited call. This month, Paul introduces the HF bands, and explains the vagaries of HF propagation.

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HY-GAIN IS BACK: It's not really *been* anywhere, it's just that these respected HF antennas have been very hard to get hold of in this country. The new local Hy-Gain distributor reckons he's going to change all that — and if first impressions are anything to go by, he may well be right! Managing Editor Len Shaw, VK3NLS boosted his signal by a few S-points to bring us his review of two exceptional HF monobanders...

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PROFILE: SGC, A NEW KID ON THE OZ HF BLOCK: So who *is* this SGC mob we've seen advertised for a few months? To find out, we asked Neil Duncan, VK3OK, to visit Seattle, USA and file a report on what makes this American communications company tick.

Cover: You wouldn't usually look in the middle of busy King Street in the heart of Melbourne to find a HF transceiver or three, but we did, and we dug up three of the *nicest* radios! Actually, the funniest part of it all was probably for anyone watching the editor and his embarrassed photographer turning up in the middle of a heavy roadworks session clutching piles of radios — then trying to persuade the busy road workers to actually let us half-bury the radios! "Hey! You gotta hot rydeos, eh? You wanna we bury with stime-roller, no?" Read our report for more.

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