

Letter from the Editor,

This makes the 5th volume of Secret C.B. I've written/correlated since June of '83. Volume 16 started the 're-vitalization' of the entire format, which was needed. I hope the present layout is more to your liking.

When I took on the task of writing Secret C.B., had one strict rule set down in advance: NO modifications printed on AM units above 27.405MHz! So if you are wondering what has happened to them, File-13. Also would refrain as much as possible from repeating prior printed information. This is the reason for the 'refer to...' since that time. I do suggest you obtain any missing volumes; as they are going fast; especially #'s 1 & 2!

I do realize that all the readers don't have an electronics background, and for that reason haven't been more technical. But this has been to an advantage for the 'Screwdriver Jockey' with the drawings now.

Couldn't understand the failure of the Newsletter type of monthly publication...as get plenty of mail/calls all the time: 'where do I get this-do you have, etc.'? Any late breaking info. isn't passed around fast enough to those who require in their occupation.

For this reason 'The C Team' was formed back in May of this year, with the main objective of correlating/passing on information, and since Volume 18 has been the biggest contributor to 'SCB'. I would like to see more contributors of material, so we could expand to maybe 5 or 6 issues a year, and keep current with ideas/modifications.

When sending information on units: PLEASE; send Owner's Manual and schematic if possible. Don't fold the schematics, as copying machines are so sensitive will pick up the crease. Some large schematics have been sent in mailing tubes, which are perfect. Before sending manuals and schematics, drop a postcard in the mail, to avoid duplication of material. Some contributors have gotten upset about not getting a free issue, when they sent in material. Sorry, but strictly 1st person basis. A lot of 'free-bies' have been given out on information for the 'Hints-' column.

Always include note with name/address, and state you want any of your material back. Original Owner's Manuals and schematics will be returned 1st Class, same day in most cases. I don't have access to 90% of units written up in SCB; so when asking for specific information on radio; usually only have a schematic to go by.

My opinion on the 'Exports' is varied: the 02A chip AM/FM units are your best all-around buy if you already possess an SSB unit. If you don't have an SSB unit; by all means latch onto a Jackson-DX; which is scarce now. The 02A units; can usually be modified for another 100+ channels in either direction; at minimum expense-if you do the work. The Jackson-DX is the best thing going at this time, and highly modifiable. Best set-up I have seen to date was: Major M-120 with the Alpha Mod, and President Adams with 'X2' Mod. Person had coverage from: 25.685 to 28.305MHz in AM/FM, and 24.135-29.805MHz in AM/SSB. (This Adams was a one-of-a-kind unit, strictly Custom Built!).

I don't live in Corpus Christi; so all correspondence goes to Doris for remailing when the pile gets big enough to make it worthwhile. For those who somehow have gotten my phone number; I eat at 5:30CST; and don't like cold food! If you have to, call after 8:30PM...

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