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sibly others. This appears to have been developed only for the purpose of privacy. I feel the big "M" and others are going to be left out in the cold unless they and other domestic manufacturers join in on the development of this proposed new band, if it is approved.

Of course I am excited because this brings new and inexpensive technology to the amateur portion of the band.

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Well, unless we somehow manage to get a lot more licensed amateurs than we have now, I'm not sure that we will have enough people to do much pioneering on a new band. Of course, the availability of relatively inexpensive equipment would help a lot and might take some of the pressures off 450 MHz as a repeater control band. But remember that we have a 1215-1300 MHz band which is virtually unused... primarily because it is so difficult to make the necessary equipment.

The 900-MHz band might be one where amateur TV fanatics could set up a series of repeaters and make it possible for that mode to cover more ground.
—Wayne.

THINK TANK

I'm not writing to bitch or complain about anything. As a matter of fact, I'm writing to obtain my copy of "How to Write for 73." Hopefully, we can strike up a mutual agreement whereby I give you excellent articles for publication and you give me money!

I also want to comment on 73 Magazine in general. I've been a reader of 73 since I was first licensed in 1963. I've followed your magazine's growth from "just another ham rag" to the best ham magazine currently being published. 73 gets in my mailbox first (most of the time) and gets read the longest. The articles are, by far, the most practical and fairly easy to duplicate. The articles also provide an excellent base for "think-tanking" my own projects.

I was delighted with the letter from K8DNV about "Wayne Green's Lair" in the July, '79, issue. Doug DeMaw W1FB has long been one of my favorite authors. Unfortunately, the rest of the senior ARRL staff don't share his opinion.

Several hams here in England are in the process of forming a G5 Amateur Radio Club for all licensed G5 operators. The unofficial G5 calling frequency is S19 (no relation to the CB counterpart) or 145.475 (simplex) MHz. No HF net has been

set up as yet. So far, we have about 10 interested hams. Once we get a few more together, we'll have election of officers, formation of a G5 awards program, and all the other things that go into the makings of a ham club. So, any G5 licensed ham who would like to get in on the ground floor of the G5 ARC, please contact G5CSU at 10 Apple Close, Lord's Walk Estate, RAF Lakenheath Camp, Brandon, Suffolk, IP 279 PJ (my British mailing address), or come up on S19 to get full details.

One more item: 29.6 MHz FM is alive and well. G5BRB has a rig on 29.6 FM and I'll have an old Motorola L41 on as soon as the crystals come in, so look for some G5 activity on 10 FM from Jolly Old England.

That's about it for now. Once the G5 ARC is formed and the awards program is adopted, I'll provide you with the details. Keep up the good work in 73 and Kilobaud MICROCOMPUTING.

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THANKS, HARRY

I would like to comment on the article, "The 80 Meter Coax L," by Harry Pardue in your August, '79, issue.

Even though Fig. 1 is in error to the extent that the feedline braid is not connected to the ground rod as it should be (and as it is described in the text), the article is a fine contribution to our hobby and I wish to thank Harry and 73 for its publication.

My version of it, which runs 20 feet on the vertical to a chimney bracket and then slopes down about 5° to anchor to a nearby tree, shows an SWR of about 1.2 and required no trimming whatsoever! First contact was Oklahoma City to St. Louis, which approaches 600 miles; at 3:00 pm, that's not bad (80m Novice CW).

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VINTAGE QSLs

I purchased the following QSLs at a local stamp and coin dealer. He had purchased them at an estate sale and was selling them to stamp and postcard collectors. If any of the following hams are still active and would like to have the QSL, send me your name and QTH and I'll send you the card.

W1BYF - '33; W1BFP - '31; NU1VT - '28; NU1WV - '28; W2AMM - '29; 2AON - '27; 2BBC - '26; U3BNU - '25; 3LB - '28; U3QW - '25; U3VF - '26; 4AG - '23; 4EE - '25; 5PE - '22; 5WK - '25; 6ACH - '26; W6AIF -

'32; W6AIY - '31; 6ARW - '25; 6ASL - '28; 6AZZ - '26; 6BDW - '28; W6BMH - '31; 6CZU - '26; 6DAQ - '25; 6DOG - '28; 6DTP - '28; W6EBV - '29; W6FOC - '34; W6QY - '29; 6RJ - '25; 8AIB - '21; 8AVZ - Sept., '26, "Been on air week hr"; 8CTD - '24; W8ESG - '55, "ex-W8AKV"; 9AIG - '21; 9ASK - '22; 9ASN - '21; 9BEW - '24; 9BHB - '24; 9BOB - '24, "ex-9BDQ"; 9BQZ - '25; 9BVK - '24; 9DAE - '27; 9DHJ - '24; 9DMX - '24; W9FTR - '31; 9HO - '22; W9LAY - '33; U9WK - '27.

Is there a radio museum which would be interested in a donation of unclaimed cards from the above?

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SHINGLE POWER

Without a doubt, WB6AAM (September Letters) is right in urging hams to get busy and power their rigs with solar and alternative forms of energy. Considering the momentum that Jane Fonda and the "hate nukes" society is gaining, blackouts are coming. If you like the gasoline shortages of the '70s, you will love the electric power shortages of the '80s and '90s. (For more information, write to Department E, National Rural Electric Association, 1800 Massachusetts Avenue N.W., Washington DC 20036.)

If anyone can come up with a solar cell that can be used instead of shingles for a roof, it will be welcomed across the nation (even by power companies). Power companies need some support.

TMI was the worst nuclear disaster in history—yet no one was hurt. Oh, yes, it is claimed that there may be one to ten

more cases of cancer in the next decade, but peddlers of hysteria fail to mention that over 325,000 cases are expected anyway. Yes, TMI was a tragedy. It set back nuclear power 20 years. Yes, there are risks involved with nuclear power, but these are small compared to others that we take.

For more eloquent thoughts on the subject, readers are referred to A. Hailey's new book, *Overload*. It provides sober food for thought.

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MALICIOUS FOOLS

This will no doubt be one of many letters to you highly commending the fantastic job done by the hurricane watch during the recent hurricanes, David and Frederic.

I cannot commend too highly the excellent work done by all those running the net and most particularly by Ellie K4RHL and Lynne WA1KKP. So many people who benefited from information received by their tireless efforts will hold them in warm regard, and for those of us who sat on the sidelines during the long hours, their patience and fortitude under difficult conditions was more than admirable.

The difficult conditions were unfortunately made doubly so by some sick pranksters or malicious fools who persisted in heckling and attempting to block vital transmissions with all manner of QRM. It is hoped that the FCC is in a position to take positive action. I think that every ham who heard the QRM deplored it and would love to have been in a position to throttle the bastards.

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Ham Help

The Cincinnati Area UFO Net has been active Thursday evenings on 28.8 MHz (alternate frequency 28.795 MHz) at 0100 UTC. A Saturday afternoon section will be inaugurated beginning January 5, 1980, at 2000 UTC. Stations in the western, southwestern, and southern states with UFO traffic or interest are cordially invited to check in on or about 28.8 MHz at that time. Net control will be KA8BVO, with K8NQN providing assistance and liaison with the Mutual UFO Network nets which meet in the morning on 40 and 75 meters.

Information relating to UFO movies shown to radar specialists in the military service dur-

ing the 1950s is of particular importance. If you or someone you know has seen such movies, please contact Mick Georgin KA8BVO, 8788 Mockingbird Lane, Cincinnati OH 45231, in confidence. His landline is (513)-729-3430. Thank you.

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If anyone has any information on any organized net of Masons on the amateur bands, please drop a line to Bill Williams, Box 419, Philmont NY 12565. Thank you.

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