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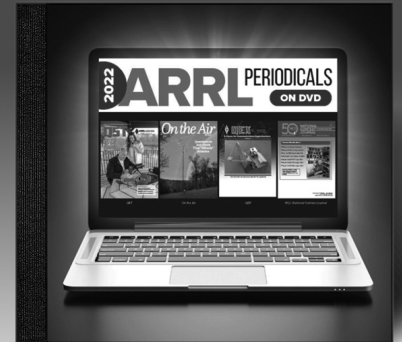
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- December 6-7**  
West Central Florida Section,  
Palmetto/Tampa\*
  - January 10**  
SWOH Digital Symposium, Middletown, OH
  - January 18**  
New York/Long Island Section, Oyster Bay
  - February 6-7**  
Mississippi State, Jackson
  - February 7-8**  
Florida State, Miami
- \*See November QST for details.

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# HAMFEST CALENDAR

**Attention:** The deadline for receipt of items for this column is the **1st of the second month preceding publication date.** For example, your information must arrive at HQ by **December 1** to be listed in the **February** issue. Hamfest information is accurate as of our deadline; contact sponsor for possible late changes. For those who send in items for Hamfest Calendar and Coming Conventions: Postal regulations prohibit mention in QST of prizes or any kind of games of chance such as raffles or bingo. (Abbreviations: *Spr* = Sponsor, *TI* = Talk-in frequency, *Adm* = Admission.)

**Florida (Boca Raton)—Jan 10.** Lew Lehman, K4LEW, k4lew@juno.com.

†**Florida (Ft Myers)—Jan 10.** 9 AM to 4 PM. *Spr:* Fort Myers ARC. Araba Shrine Temple, 2010 Hanson St; US 41 N or S to Hanson St, turn E onto Hanson St, Temple is 500 feet on right. Seminars, QSL card checking. *TI:* 146.88. *Adm:* \$5. Tables: \$15. Paul Horton, K4OVC, 4111 Hidden Acres Circle, N Ft Myers, FL 33903; 239-995-8951; phorton@peganet.com.

†**Indiana (Greenfield)—Dec 14;** set up Saturday 6-10 PM, Sunday 6-8 AM; public 8 AM to 2 PM. *Spr:* Hancock ARC and Greenfield Central Tech Club. Greenfield Central High School (Pavilion Building), 810 N Broadway; I-70 to Exit 104 (St Rd 9), go S to first stop light past I-70, turn right (New Rd), turn S on Broadway, go past 4-way stop to school on right. Vendors, VE sessions. *TI:* 145.33. *Adm:* advance \$4, door \$5. Tables: 8-ft \$13 (includes 1 admission); additional tables \$10 each. Brad Hewson, KB9VZL, Box 822, Greenfield, IN 46140-0822; 317-326-1659; kb9vzl@msn.com; www.w9atg.org.

†ARRL Hamfest

†**Michigan (Lowell)—Jan 3.** 9 AM to 1 PM. *Spr:* AR Group of Youth in Lowell. Lowell High School, 11700 Vergennes, located 15 miles E of Grand Rapids; Lowell High School is 2 miles NW of the city of Lowell; take Lincoln Lake Ave for 1 1/2 miles N to Vergennes, then 1/2 mile W to High School. VE sessions. Lots of free parking. *TI:* 145.27 (94.8 Hz). *Adm:* \$5. Tables: \$5. Al Eckman, WW8WW, 11700 Vergennes, Lowell, MI 49331; 616-897-4125; AEckman@lowell.k12.mi.us.

†**Wisconsin (Waukesha)—Jan 3.** 8 AM to 2 PM. *Spr:* West Allis RAC. Waukesha County Expo Center, 1000 Northview Rd; I-94 W to Exit 294 (City J), S to City FT, W to Expo Center. Ham Radio, Computer, and Electronics Swapfest; VE sessions (AMF Waukesha Lanes, across from Expo; bring your original license with photocopy, CSCEs with 2 photocopies, 2 IDs, 1 must be photo ID); QSO party. *Adm:* advance \$4, door \$5. Tables: advance \$14 per 8-ft, door \$16 (if available); electrical outlet \$16 (advance only). Send business size SASE by Dec 27 to WARAC Swapfest, Box 1072, Milwaukee, WI 53201. Phil Gural, W9NAW, 414-425-3649; janphil@execpc.com; www.warac.org.

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# VHF/UHF CENTURY CLUB AWARDS

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Awards Manager

The ARRL VUCC numbered certificate is awarded to amateurs who submit written confirmation for contacts with the minimum number of Maidenhead grid locators (indicated in italics) for each band listing. The numbers preceding call signs are the assigned award numbers, issued in order of date received. The numbers following the call signs indicate claimed endorsement levels. The totals shown are for credits given from August 9 to October 8, 2003.

The VUCC application form, field sheets and complete list of VHF Awards Managers can be found on the VUCC Web site at [www.arrl.org/awards/vucc](http://www.arrl.org/awards/vucc). An SASE to ARRL is required if you cannot download these forms. If you have questions relating to VUCC, send an e-mail to [vucc@arrl.org](mailto:vucc@arrl.org).

50 MHz		144 MHz	
100		100	
1316	AB0CT	G8BQX	575
1317	W1DYJ	JF1IRW	200
1318	AC4Q	ZS6WB	600
1319	EI2JD	K0TLM	625
1320	K5VH	KU0A	175
1321	K7AWB	WA1MKE	200
1322	W5WVO	K1LH	575
1323	NL7AU	K1BD	200
1324	K0WYN	K1SIX	950
1325	K4KJZ		
1326	AB4GG	W3EP	925
1327	KC2HLI	K4RWP	625
1328	KT4HN	W5CIA	350
1329	KU4WW	AA5C	425
1330	AD6W	NE0P/5	250
1331	WA4JA	AC5DK	150
1332	N5KI	N6JV	550
1333	WA4QM	K6QG	400
1334	ZR6DXB	W07GI	150
1335	KB3JGS	WX7M	450
		621	AA4ZZ
			K1LH 175
			KU4WW 150
			K5VH 175
			222 MHz
			50
		115	KM0T
			AA5C 70
			432 MHz
			50
		304	KU4WW
		305	NY2Z
			1296 MHz
			25
		138	K5VH
			2.3 GHz
			10
		70	K5VH

3.4 GHz	10 GHz	Satellite	
5	5	100	
63	K5VH	128	KC2HLI
64	W1AIM	141	K5VH
		142	WB8TGY
		143	KA1OJ
		144	N6JV
45	KE7SW		XE2AT 625
			N1HOQ 300
			N5AFV 500
			K5OE 850
			24 GHz
			5
		22	N1JEZ
		23	WW8M

# FEEDBACK

♦ In "The DBJ-1: A VHF-UHF Dual-Band J-Pole" (Feb 2003, pp 38-40), the length of the RG-174 matching stub should be shortened a bit to get the antenna closer to a 1:1 SWR. Using the formula for line length versus frequency and wavelength,

$$L = (VF \times 984 \times N) / f$$

where

- L = length (in feet),
- VF = velocity factor,
- N = number of wavelengths and
- f = frequency in MHz

♦ The velocity factor of RG-174 (Belden 8216) is 0.66 (Belden 7805 cable is 0.74) and N = 0.25 for a 1/4 wavelength stub. Using the above equation, the matching section becomes 4.33 inches, rather than the 5.25 inches shown. Thanks to Bruce, W3NJ, for pointing it out.

He's using a stub length of 4.5 inches and getting 1:1 with that length. As was pointed out in the article, however, you should use an SWR analyzer or bridge for final tuning.

♦ "The Dangers of Cathode Keying" (Nov 2003, pp 28-30) states that the cathode of the keyed stage floats up to plate potential. Actually, the open-circuit cathode potential will be limited by the grid-cutoff voltage, which in most 1950s-era tube transmitters is about 100 V dc. Thanks to P. Bertini, K1ZJH, for pointing it out. This will, of course, be the open-circuit key voltage. It doesn't change the argument for safety, however. That key-line is a good current source, as the full final plate current passes through the key (and more, if the oscillator is also keyed). It's possible, therefore, to draw 50-100 mA by touching the key contacts with moist skin. The bottom line? Use a keying relay if you can and be careful around the key when you're using a vintage cathode-keyed tube rig.

♦ The Feedback for "The Doctor is IN" (Oct 2003, p 106) should read "...the formula for the LC constant should be used with L in µH and C in pF (not H and F) in addition to f in MHz." That derivation is straightforward if one accounts for the 10<sup>-6</sup> term for µH, the 10<sup>-12</sup> term for pF and the 10<sup>6</sup> term for MHz.—*tx Fred Grant, AA4NG*