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AT THE FOUNDATION

The ARRL Foundation Goes to the 2005 National Convention

The ARRL Foundation will be represented at the 2005 National Convention in Dayton, Ohio in May 2005. You are encouraged to visit the Development booth in the 2005 ARRL Expo to pick up information about the grant and scholarship programs, and talk to Foundation staff and Board members.

Radio amateurs are encouraged to support the ARRL Foundation financially to ensure the continuation of scholarships such as the ARRL Foundation Scholarship honoring Barry M. Goldwater, K7UGA, and the Foundation's General Fund, which awards Amateur Radio project grants.

Roger Franke, K9AYK, Retires

After many years of dedicated service

to ARRL and the ARRL Foundation, Roger Franke, K9AYK, retired from the ARRL Foundation Board in January 2005. Franke had served as an ARRL Foundation Director since 1990. In his role as Treasurer, Franke diligently managed the Foundation's investments.

His years of service on the ARRL Foundation Scholarship Committee, under the leadership of Tom Comstock, N5TC, was invaluable. The challenging task of reviewing hundreds of applications each year was eased by Franke's dedication to the process.

Franke said, "I will soon be working my 100th session as a VE, and will have completed 15 years of service to the ARRL Foundation. I consider myself fortunate to have been permitted the opportunity to serve my lifelong hobby through the ARRL Foundation. I will look back at that period with fondness and pride."

New Carole J. Streeter Scholarship Added

The Carole J. Streeter Scholarship, endowed by the generosity of Robert D. Streeter, W8ST, and family, will be awarded for the first time in 2005. Preference will be given to candidates with an interest in the healing arts to honor Mrs Streeter's long dedication to the nursing profession.

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Feedback

♦ In the Product Review of the Ameritron ALS-600S HF Power Amplifier with Switching Power Supply [March 2005, pp 60-62], we inadvertently listed an old ALS-600 power output specification for CW. The current specification is 500 W output on CW, not 400 W as listed. The amplifier more than met the new specification.

The review also noted that at full output the amplifier transistors would dissipate 923 W of power. Larry Rolewic, WA9SVD, notes that the 923 W is the dc input power. The correct dissipation is 923 W less the output power of 600 W, or 323 W.

♦ My March 2005 article ["A Backpacker's Delight—The Folding J-Pole," pp 31-33] should have specified ³/16 inch OD bungee cord, and not ⁵/16 inch.—Mike Heiler, KAØZLG

♦ In the Figure 2 parts list on page 28 of my article, "A Miniature UHF Fox Transmitter" [March 2005], the correct Jameco part number for the battery holder is 216186.—Dave Bowker, KIFK

♦ In my article, "Teaching Electronics to Hams Using the ARRL 'Big Project' Activity Board" [March 2005, p 93], the call sign for Ron Chase should be KD4XA. A clarification: The curriculum plan (syllabus) for the club's teaching-hams version

is available by sending an e-mail note to **w4bru@arrl.net**. The place to find the curriculum for the "Big Project" school student version is given correctly in the article.—Bruce MacAlister, W4BRU

♦ Clarification: "QRV from Mount Kilimanjaro" [April 2005, pp 47-50] first appeared in the German publication FUNKAMATEUR.

♦ "FCC Affirms Fine for Unlicensed Operation on Amateur Frequency" [April 2005, p 70], should have credited the Official Observers of Southern New Jersey with first discovering and tracking and then lodging

complaints with the FCC in this enforcement action. The Southern New Jersey OOs also followed up with the FCC until the complaints were resolved.—James E. Trotta, K2PSC, Official Observer Coordinator, SNJ

♦ In the March "Hands-On Radio" column, the lower of the two MOSFETs in Figure 3 on page 50 is a P-channel device, not N-channel.—H. Ward Silver, NØAX

♦ In the April 2005 installment of "Getting to Know Your Radio," the SSB bandwidth shown in Figures 1A and 2A on page 56 should have been in Hz, not kHz.—*Bill Edelman, KV2E*

New Products

TS-480SAT AND TS-480HX QUICK REFERENCE MINI-MANUAL

♦ Nifty Ham Accessories has recently added the TS-480 Mini-Manual to its series of quick reference guides, providing coverage for both models of this Kenwood transceiver.

All controls and menus are said to be fully explained. Condensed step-by-step instructions are designed to simplify operation of the TS-480s' many features. Annotations and operating hints are interspersed throughout the guide.

The guide is printed in color and laminated. The 14 page, 4.5×8 inch Mini-manual is designed to be kept with the radio. Price: \$18.85. For further information, see www.niftyaccessories.com or contact Nifty Ham Accessories, 1601 Donalor Dr, Escondido, CA 92027; tel 760-781-5522.

