response of his hearing took a nose dive. Join the klub mate. Hi. The computer is a bit dated Bill and with a 386 processor and only 4 megabytes of ram, you are gonna be hard pressed to run anything more sophisticated than Windows 3.x. The setup usually shows the boot up se-quence i.e. A,C which can be altered. **G0VRW**. VMT the info re knobs Paul. Would appreciate it if you would make a few enquiries and let me know. Apart from this, the 4ZPY is very nice indeed. Letter printed on an ancient mill which was bought in Bombay in 1948 - don't you think that ribbon is just a little worn by now mate?. Hi.



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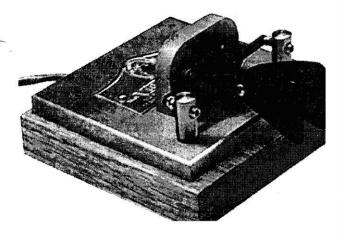
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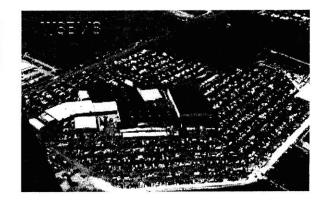


## DAYTON

Here is an aerial photograph of the Ohara Arena extracted from the QSL card of W8BI who ran the special station from the site.

Centre is the massive main structure itself and within this is the basket ball arena which seats many thousands of fans now packed to the gunnels with big name traders. In the foreground, the lines you see are actually double rows of dealers selling everything under the sun from a light bulb to the next door neighbours Grannie. There are hot dog stands, cold dog stands, coffee bars, ice cream and beer.

Inside is an enormous area housing hundreds of exhibitors who, from the prices charged, must have very deep and well lined pockets. There is an eating area you could fit the average football pitch in and, at the bottom of the main ramp flanked by yet more traders in the FISTS booth. The arena is a few miles out from downtown Dayton and it has been said that not only do some of the businesses in Dayton make themselves very comfortable each year at this time but some of 'em can even survive until the next time Dayton is invaded by tens of thousands of radio hams just on the takings of that spectacular weekend.



## **NEW MEMBERS**

The fo	llowing ha	ve joined	since your	r last upda	te:
2240	G7LWJ	Colin	2241	YU1XW	Ben
2242	G4KPN	Bruce	2243	S51M	Bruno
2244	GØRSA	John	2245	OZ9WZ	Knud
2245	OZ9WZ	Knud	2247	IK5TBK	Steve
2248	G4RHR	Ken	2249	F6GPA	Hugues

YU1XW per G3ZQS. KP via G4XHE. S51M per G0UKX. G0RSA per G4LHI. G0MEX (model engineering) per G4VVK. OZ9WZ member RNARS per G3ZQS. IK5TBK via G3ZQS. G4RHR via G3ZQS. F6GPA Hugues is an OT of 74 yrs first call in 1937. Diving, Sailing & Ascentional parachuting. per F6FEQ.

**UPDATE** Further to the story of the FT1000 MP earlier, The carrier came Thursday pm and I phoned to see if there was any diagnosis on Friday. "Well actually, Brian (their boffin) is out until Monday - we sometimes permit him some time off". It transpired that they had played every trick in the book to make the rig misbehave on 15m but with no success so it arrived back here a couple of days later. To say that I am embarrassed is an understatement because the rig has a memory and whenever you change bands, it remembers the conditions which existed the last time you used that band. For some reason the rig defaulted to antenna "B" on 15m (since I never used that band before since having the rig it must have been remembered from the factory installation) and considering that there is nothing connected to this socket, something queer must have been going on to show power out on the external ATU. T'was my error of course so I had to foot the bill for transport to and fro but it highlights yet another possible trip wire when using these modern memory driven rigs. Hi.

Had a letter from Paul, GOLJB and it would seem he has been doing some serious drinking because he passes on a tip. The 'Widget' in cans of (you know who's) beer turns out to be a plastic member with a hole in the middle supporting a disc of plastic which will serve as an antenna insulator if this is knocked out. One for each end, one for the middle and one for his knob - boy, you should enjoy diggin 'em out. Hi He now has a full size G5RV up aloft since worrying about where to put the excess wire led him to think about winding it onto a couple of lengths of plastic water pipe. I would have favoured a non inductive load myself but there you are. It seems to be working well enough with a low VSWR on most bands.

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