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Discrimination

That is the general term for the circuitry that recovers the modulation from an FM radio signal. Edwin Armstrong was the inventor of FM and started a system of commercial radio broadcasts using FM. Armstrong was also the guy who figured out (mathe-matically) what Lee DeForest had done when DeForest invented the Audion DeForest, who lived briefly in tube. Council Bluffs IA, put the third electrode in Fleming's diode tube or 'Valve' but couldn't figure out why the thing had amplification or gain. Armstrong was a man of intellect and explained it in mathematical terms noting that the ratio of spacing between plate and cathode versus grid and cathode determined gain.

Back to FM. In the old days there were several different types of FM Ratio detector, Fosterdetector. Seeley discriminator, and quadrature detector were names given to various circuit arrangements. The quadrature detector also called (remember this we start thinking digitally) Gated Beam Detector, was commonly used in TV sound circuits partly because it involved only one auxiliary interest tuned circuit and employed only one tube. Current implementations of FM detectors are often quadrature detectors using digital techniques and an IC with a zillion

A quadrature detector lends itself well to current receivers

transistors in it.

Railroad Mobile

On Friday morning after the Christmas meeting, December 11th, Jay KB6IHB rode into town on AMTRAK and had a conversation with a couple of guys on .94. He was Eastbound and seated on the left side of the railroad car. Equipment included an H/T and dual band COMET duck suction cupped to the window.

Jay lives in Tecate, Mexico 45 mi. SE of San Diego or 30 mi East of Tijuana. He runs 2M, 220, 440, and 1.2Gc. only and says there are abbut 65 1.2 Gc. repeaters between Orange County (L.A.) and San Diego.

He also mentioned that in a first class AMTRAK compartment, he had access to an AC plug to charge his equipment and that the food was pretty Didn't know if the conditions would be as good back in the coach. 'I Hate Breakers

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Printed Circuit

is the official newsletter of the South West Iowa Amateur Radio Club and is distributed monthly to all members in good standing. Information about member activities is solicited and you don't even have to write it up. Just send info to the editor (WAØZQG @ WBØBLR IA) via Packet or if you are not so equipped have a friend of yours who IS on Packet do so.

Club Meeting
4th Thursday, 28 January 1992
7:30PM @ Red Cross
Program will tentatively be:
ANALOG to DIGITAL CONVERSION

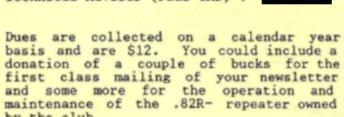
Club Officers

Pres.	Roger	NØSYE
V.Pres	Paul	WBØGXD
Sec/Treas	Rich	WAØZQG
Trustee	Fred	WBØBLR

Board Members

We don't get that formal.

ARL BC (Ed NØJJQ)
asst. EC (Larry NØJJP)
ARL District EC (Terry KSØL) .
Club Program Chmn. (Paul GXD) .
Field Day Chairman (?). Official Observer (John CMC).
(ARL appointee)
Repeater Use Coordinator
(for Public Svc. Events)
Technical Adviser (Paul GXD) .
recommend market (radi one) .



Pay by check so that whether you give the money to any responsible member or send it to the Treasurer at Box 661, 51502 you have a record of the payment in case the VOLUNTEER labor fails to do everything right.

Send all newsletter business to: Rich Swig 46 Rolling Hills Council Bluffs, IA 51503

or call

by the club.

The President

Our new president Roger NØSYE hasn't had his license long but he's been around Amateur Radio forever. His brother Lee WØVF was Bob WDØFDE's (Surplus Sales) Elmer back in the sixties. Roger has been an active SWL since the mid eighties. He lives in north Council Bluffs near the Black Angel monument in the cemetery (high hill) just in back of where Les LHW used to live. (But up the hill to the east.)

Roger has a couple of antennas and two ICOM receivers that he uses for PM broadcast, Ham, and pirate radio listening. He has ATV receive capability and is interested in getting on Packet. Hindering all this is the time he spends working at Dean's camera over at 114th & Dodge in Omaha. He used to do professional photography and took the pictures we all saw of Bud and Lorraines Christmas lights this year. (Bud & Lorraine won 1st place in Co. Blfs.)

Hail to the chief.

DX

There has been some good DX on the bands even with the marginal propagation we've had this fall. Some rare stations like ET (Ethiopia), VU7 (Lacidives), and 5R (Madagascar), have been on and not to hard to work only time consuming.

Some good DX coming up in December:
DL1VU will be on a Pacific tour of:
T32VU starting Nov. 23 and then to KH5/DL1VU Palmyra
T31AF Canton Island
T30VU Western Kiribate
T33VU Banabu
C2INI Nauru
Quite at trip, don't you think?

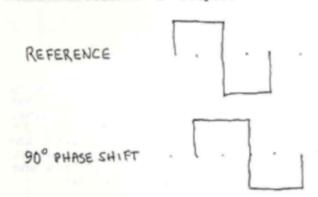
There are many good DX stations on in December so if you're interested in DXing try the usual DX frequencies, 14195 kc., 21295, 28495, 7195, plus or minus QRM. They usually work split and listen up about 5kc. If I hear a pile up but can't hear the DX I always go down 5kc. and see if I can hear them around there.

It seems there's a lot to learn if you do much DXing especially when you get to the real rare ones.

Good DX and see you on the bands.
73 from AAØBS

Discrimination

because it can be thought of as a digital addition technique. A reference signal (think ones and zeroes of a square wave rather than phase of a sine wave) that is 90 degrees out of phase is compared with an FM signal. When the FM signal varies in phase a little, the two signals are either more nearly in phase or more out of phase. (Out of phase in digital square waves means signal A is a 'one' while signal B is a 'zero.') If you ADD the two signals you get a variation between 2 and 0 with the average being 1. When everything is working correctly and the reference is 90 degrees out of phase, an unmodulated signal gives a '1' and modulation produces variations above and below a '1' output.



Two aspects of FM detection affect YOU and your new 2M FM radio. A very weak signal will be heard better if it is NOT FULLY MODULATED. Therefore, don't yell into the mike if the guy on the other end says you're weak. Part of the reason for this is the squelch function. It looks for high frequency audio and when it finds it, the audio circuits get shut off. Weak signals have noise which includes high audio freqs plus high deviation (yelling) spreads what little signal you have over a wider bandwidth.

Second, there are various standards for FM deviation. We use 3 to 5 kc. deviation resulting in a bandwidth (channel) of 15 to 30 kc. width. TV and FM broadcasters use 25 and 75 kc. deviation respectively resulting in a channel width of a couple of hundred kc. That means that when you tune your wideband 2M H/T to 179.75 Mc. to pick up the audio from TV Ch. 7, it's going to sound overdeviated and if the signal is weak, the squelch will operate. Turn the squelch down and use your talented ears to hear through the distortion.

de WAØZQG

The Action

UPCOMING EVENTS
Jan 10 TX Hunt from UNO @ 3PM
Jan 16 3rd ann'l CAMERON MO Hamfest
Saturday 9AM-4PM S3 admitt.
Gaylen WBØW
Jan 23-25 VHF Sweepstakes Contest
Jan 28 SWIARC club mtg. * * * * *
Feb 14 34/94 HAMBASH in KCMO
Bob WOAT
Feb 14 TX Hunt from UNO @ 3PM Feb 20-21 ARL DX CW Contest
Feb 25 SWIARC club mtg. * * * * *
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Mar 7 UNDERWOOD IA Flea Market
by SWIARC. Exit 17 off I-80
then 1mi West. FREE admitt.
Mar 14 TX Hunt from UNO @ 3PM
Mar 25 SWIARC club mtg. * * * * *
Apr 5 ARL 144 Mc. Spring Sprint
Apr 13 ARL 222 Mc. Spring Sprint
Apr 21 ARL 432 Mc. Spring Sprint
Apr 23-25 DAYTON Hamvention BIGGEST!
May 1 ARL 902/1296/2304Mc Contest
May 21,22 SIOUX CITY Hamboree XV
call Dick WØFZO for info
or Al WØPEX for Flea tables
May 22 PHD Club Convention in KCMO
Jun 26,27 FIELD DAY Generators, solar
panels and wire dipoles.
Sep 25,26 10-10 Int'l Club convention
WICHITA KS @ Ramada center
VEC TESTS
Usually last Saturday of even numbered
months in Co. Bluffs. Call
Usually last Tuesday of odd numbered
months in Omaha NE. Call
months in omana RE. Call
Feb 27 IA Wstn. Coll./Robert Looft
6:30PM continuing Ed. Ctr.
Call Lorraine
Apr 24 Iowa Western Comm. College
6:30PM Bud or Lorraine
DOUGHNUT NETS (DO-NETS)
D - 1 - 2 - 5 - DM
Daily 3-5 PM Ground Cow
info .94 or 7.00 104th & Fort
Daily 11:30 AM Wendy's/Bellevue
info 7.21 Galvin Rd.
Tuesday 8 AM Shoney's Co.Blfs

info 6.82 Madison Ave ex Friday night 8-10 PM Bonanza rest'rnt 2+blks fr S'Rds info 7.21 Saturday morn 9-10 AM Downtown Cafe info 7.21 Mission St.Blvu Saturday morn 8-10 AM Best Western CB nr Dog Track info 6.82 Saturday nite 7-9 PM Hiway Diner 84th & H (Oma) info 5.45 Saturday nite 10-1AM info 7.00 Denny's 88th-88th & Maple

Meeting Minutes

Members attending the SWIARC mtg in September were:

Fred BLR * Paul GXD GYG * Bud JJK * A1 MYA * Bill Rob SNW Jim TPK * Dick TPL YQY * Don Rich ZOG

The six with the star are ARRL members as well. The program was a tape of the SSI DXpedition provided by Bud GYG. His wife Lorraine AAOBS contributed to the expedition, made contact with them on the last day, bought the tape, and got the two section QSL card.

signed, Rich

November: SWIARC Mtg Minutes Path: WBØBLR

These are NOT the official minutes. Al JJK keeps those. Only nine people attended the November meeting. Al, the sec'y/treasurer presided in the absence of any other officers. Present were:

JJK sec'y/treas and Rig Manual Historian

Fred BLR rptr trustee and Packet Sysop

Paul GXD CBF Node operator next year's newsletter Bud GYG

mailer Rob SNW young guy and Packet op next year's president

Rog SYE Jim TPK

Dick TPL our newest license holders Rich ZQG Packet op & next year's

sec/treas We firmed up the conditions of the December mtg slash Christmas party. It'll be Thursday Dec 10 at the Lewis Township vol. fire barn opposite Maguire's quick shop/66 gas station on Hwy 92 1 mile east of I-29. Show up at 6PM with TWO dishes of food and your own utensils. Pot luck. Club supplies pop. There will also be a \$5/junk box gift exchange. Bring something. See what you get. We also discussed the Saturday Mar 7 '93 Flea Mkt to be held in Underwood IA. (2nd annual) We authorized \$110 to buy door prizes. FREE Admission.

In discussing the proposed club newsletter it was mentioned we ought to generate further interest in the club with block buster programs such as . .

Packet stuff - BBSs operation and tech descriptions Trip to FCC in Grand Island NE

Trip to Harriman dispatch center (U.P.) in Omaha

911 trip (see the Ken 7950 there) The program wasn't much. Rich brought a 12V 1.5A commercial supply and mentioned that the commercial ones (not Amateur - bigtime stuff) often have deluxe features not found on Astrons. He discussed how to make your own schematic by observing number of diodes, number of wires in the xfmr secondary, size and voltage of the filter cap, and any common ICs like the venerable 723 voltage regulator chip which came out in the late 1960s. Hard part is actually ringing out the wires with an ohm eater. Paul GXD ended the discussion by saying, Rich I recognize that particular supply -Want a schematic? signed, Assistant Secretary

CHRISTMAS MEETING MINUTES Thursday, Dec. 10 1992

Bill KAØMYA was at the Lewis Township fire barn before anyone else but barely in front of Bud and Lorraine. The early birds were talking on .82 to Bob AEX who had forgotten about the dinner meeting, but upon hearing about a free meal and good company, look who is on top of the attendance list.

Bob WØAEX Fred WBØBLR Velda Lorraine AAØBS Bud Paul WBØGXD Marcia Rhonda NØIKK Greg A1 WØJJK Larry KAØJRQ Terry KSØL Bill KAØMYA Ruth Greg KVØO Rhonda Rob NØSNW Roger NØSYE Jim NØTPK Dick NØTPL Alce Rich WAØZQG Patsy

Not wanting the food to get cold, we commenced dealing with it around 6:25 PM. Paul's wife Marcia began the meal with a few words appropriate for the occasion and season. Someone noted that HE is a zero lander. (GØD)

By 7:35PM Al was able to open the business meeting in order to acknowledge our 92 officers (OCA, JJP, JJK, BLR) and install our new ones.

Roger NØSYE President WBØGXD Paul V. Pres. Sec'y/Treas. Rich WAØZOG and still Fred WBØBLR Trustee

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Minutes CONT.

The treasurer stated that we had about \$1288 in the account plus around a hundred deposited recently. (AEX and GXD contributed cash dues, while BLR, O/IKK, and MYA wrote checks to be deposited)

The potential editor of our proposed newsletter offered possible names for it. Greg O had suggested 'Printed Circuit'; Rob SNW liked 'Off The Air'; the editor liked 'River City Radio' or 'SWIg ARC'; and after a discussion most people favoured P.C.

Fred BLR had a repeater committee report consisting of two words. Works fine.

The gavel was passed to Roger NØSYE and the motion for adjournment which had almost been proposed twice before was moved, seconded, and approved in a few milliseconds.

The food and desserts were discussed while Rich handed out the exchange presents. It was all good but some noted that Velda made some 2 1/4 in. diameter ham meatballs and Lorraine brought a relish tray that would rival the ones you get at a good restaurant

like Club 64 used to have. Only those who brought presents got one in exchange. Looking over their shoulders you could see what they got: Lorraine Casio calculator - solar pwr Paul Dual 12V power supply just

Bud 8 inch speaker in cabinet
Al 4 inch external spkr in

Casio calculator

Greg 2 little speakers

Rob RF plugs Roger (Ladd) Johnson CB pwr supply

brand new in unopened box

Dick Wire antenna handbook Jim Repeater directory

Rich Box of parts incl. cap/res/ wire and wall plug p/s

Greg almost got the dual 12V supply but the originator of the package (it was heavy) kept saying something about don't shake it the spheres of Plutonium might roll together, and he traded boxes with Paul.

Everyone thought that this was an unusually good meeting and were reluctant to leave. Thanks to those who helped Bill MYA clean up.

de WAØZOG

Ak Prizes

The Ak club December meeting has always included some food. Lately Dennis GPD has been making it into a door prize extravaganza with about 100 prizes. At a regular meeting around 80-100 members show up. Estimates for the Christmas meeting range to over 200 attendees, many from Lincoln and Fremont NE.

The new president of the Bellevue club Chuck NØBTC was there as was our new president Roger NØSYE. Bellevue's officers are:

Chuck NØBTC Pres.
Sid WØWWH V. Pres.
Phil KFØGU Secretary
John N40WG Treasurer

Former HAM HUM editor (he did it for 35 years) Dick WØYZV and his wife Julie showed up. Quite a few women were in attendance. My wife said, "Let's buy some raffle tickets." Strange since she expresses annoyment at some of the larger boxes occupying space in our basement.

After the election was over and all the board nominated volunteers were accepted (Bill KEØXQ is pres.) Dennis got on with the business of the door prizes. He has written a BASIC program for his SHARP laptop which helps in selecting the winners and randomly assigning them the prizes. There were 101 winners to be thus assigned. The winners of the good prizes were:

Harp WBØMWB YAESU 411 2M H/T Milt KØKKP KANTR. KPC3 TNC

With so many prizes available a number of people loaded up with prize tickets. It is rumored that Milt KKP loaded up the most. He accumulated: Kantronics KPC3 advanced Packet TNC 3/8 in. SEARS power drill Smoke detector 2 of those Johnson CB 12V pwr/supp. 2 blank VHS video tapes 'Ducky Clip' - an extender cable to put your rubber duck on your cap. It's useful at a hamfest or any crowd.

Harp MWB also won quite a few prizes but he was just lucky, not spending quite as much for tickets as Milt. SWIARC president Roger SYE picked up a Johnson 12V power supply and some wire cutters. HAM HUM editor Scott EI won a razor knife (useful in editing a paper) and a cash envelope. Rich ZQG whose wife wanted to really load up on some of those good prizes got a

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Want Ads

WANTED: All mode Packet TNC like KAM or AEA 232. I have one to monitor 2M and want another for HF and other modes. Call Chuck NØAZ.

FOR SALE: Newer model REALISTIC scanner. Multi-band. 10 channel. Includes box and maybe manual \$75 Call Joel NØBND, leave message on answering mach.

FOR SALE: LAMBDA variable regulated power supply. 0-34Volt up to 4A. 3" tall. Both Volt and Amp meters Regulated to 0.1% \$ 30-(works out to 50c/lb)

WANTED: Cheap 2M beam antenna.
Also want cheap Packet TNC.
Call Brent NØEMI,

FOR SALE: DRAKE T4X HF transmitter and matching AC-4 power supply. This all band transmitter has xtals for 5 bands. Has slots for more crystals which can put it on ANY freq between 1.8-30 Mc. Runs 150W output. \$ 179 Call Al WØJJK,

FOR SALE: Commercially made open frame dual 12V power supply. (All AC is heat shrink insulated) Each side adjustable from 9-16V and each is limited @ 1.5A. 11x3x5"tall \$ 15 Call Rich WA@ZQG,

FOR SALE: GALAXY 6N2 dual band tr'cvr.
This unique example of Galaxy engineering runs 100W+ input to
tube final. Includes separate p/s
and original engineering drawings
COLLECTORS TAKE NOTE! One of two
in existence. The other has no
drawings or schematic.
Call Al WOJJK,

FOR SALE: Loooong serial cable for any computer. 18 wires. Shielded. \$ 8 Call Rich WA0ZQG,

ILLITERATE?

Write for free information

FOR SALE: DRAKE TR-4 5 band HF transceiver plus remote VFO. VFO is mounted in power supply cabinet. D-104 Mic and 444D mic with Swan name on it. Xmtr puts out LOTS! B&W AT-110 5 band inverted V antenna. SUPER SCANNER 3 element CB ant. converted to 10M includes indoor directional switch. SWR bridge. Operating table, chair, shelves for rigs or magazines. Whole package for \$ 400 IC-2SAT 2M mini H/T with all the new features. \$ 200 IC-24AT dual band H/T. Wideband receive on both bands plus air-craft receive and 902 Mc band FM receive and maybe a little below that. Heheh. that. Heheh. \$ 300 HTX-202 Radio Shack 2M H/T \$ 150 HTX-100 Radio Shack 10M 25W transceiver \$ 100 Call Hanno WUØS, or leave number at Hanno said some of these prices are negotiable.

Ak Prizes CONT. FROM P. 5

Johnson power supply and a package of black plastic wire ties. She lamented that 'we missed the boom box by one.'

In addition to the award of a plaque to the outgoing president, Ellen WBØHWF who has done secretarial duties and generally kept the club together for umpteen years, was awarded a cartoon caricature painting of herself done by a local cartoonist. Very nice and well deserved too. Jim NØORV is taking over her record keeping duties and seems enthusiastic enough to perhaps equal her record of accuracy and consistency.

de WAØZQG

Packet Stats

The WOODBRIDGE WIRBLESS Club letter from editor KF4TE in VA lists 72 Packet BBS operators in the MD and VA area. 43 are on 2M; 13 on 220 Mc, and 16 are on 440 Mc. The 2M freqs in use are:

145.01 145.51 145.61 .03 .53 .63 .05 .57 .65 .07 .59 .67 .09 .69 145.73 and 147.57 .77

BBS programs in use by the operators include N2GTE, AA4RE, MSYS, WA7MBL, and WØRLI. Former Nebraka resident (Bellevue) Hoss WA5ZAI runs the 'Whirly' system on 145.03, 145.05, and 224.52 from Mount Vernon VA. Send him a hello on Packet.

de WIRELOOSE 12/92

IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A STAR BEFORE YOUR CALLSIGN YOU DO NOT

GET A NEWS LETTER

SEE DUES NOTICE ON PAGE 2.

VEC Test Results

Our December 12 test session in Council Bluffs went real well. We even had refreshments including cookies, cider, and coffee which everyone attending enjoyed. There were 11 candidates who took 23 tests. Licenses earned were:

4 No Code Techs

2 Techs

Several people passed elements that did not upgrade at this time. VEs supervising were:

Lorraine Bogle AAØBS
Bud Bogle KØGYG
Terry Lindsley KSØL
Greg Ross KVØO

Member List

Last	First		Call	Phone
Rennolet	Bob	¢	WØAEX	_
Rush	Chuck	*	NØAZ	
Chirhart	Don		KAØBKU	
Lagerstrom	Jerry	×		
Groce	Fred	女	WBØBLR	
Mueller	Joe1		NØBND	
Bogle	Lorraine	*		
Fernald	Frank		WØBTE	
Bane	Mac		NØCSI	
Pinkerton	Betty		NØDGM	
Hoff	Ted		KBØDJK	
Page	Harold	*	NØDMO	
Flearl	Warren		AAØDW	
Brunow	Mike		NØDZV	
Clausen	Greg	*	THEFT	
Headley	Brent	×	TANDELTT	
Oden	Don		KØGIS	
Martin	Dennis		NØGPD	
Thomas	Phil		KFØGU	
Blain	Paul	*	WBØGXD	
Bogle	Bud	*	REGIG	
Ross	Rhonda	n	TABITUR	
Wall	Dwain	+	KAØIOJ	
Lindsley	Barb	~	NØIVI	
McMillan Wohlers	A1		WØJJK	
	Larry		NØJJP	
Caskey Workman	Ed		NØJJQ	
Lindsley	Larry	*	KAØJRQ	
Wilson	Terry	_	KSØL KAØLDD	
Ball	Ruth		NØLFR	
Clausen	Wes	*	WØLGQ	
Bolton	Howard		KØLPJ	
Miller	Elizabeth	h	KBØMFY	
Wohlers	Meleah		NØMFZ	
Mott	Bill	*	KAØMYA	
Ross	Greg	*		
Sieck	Bob		KAØOCA	
Thomas	Jim	*	NØOFQ	
Sheffield	John	*	N40WG	
Gill	Jim	*	NØRMO	
Hendrix	Darrell		NØROD	
McPherson	Mike		WBØSMC	
Schweer	Rob	*	NØSNW	
O'Dell	Bernard	-	KAØSRK	
Petersen	Chuck	*	NØSYC	
Rodenburg	Mitch	*	NØSYD	
Darrington Croson	Roger	×	NØSYE	
Croson	Jim	*	NØTPK	
Sudds	Dick Chuck	,	NØTPL KØTVD	
Tucker	Ken		WOUIZ	
Brenneman	Bob	*	WØUQJ	
Burke	Larry		WBØVUI	
Tedesco	Andy		WBØWKC .	
Reade	Sid		WØWWH	
Perazzo	Don	¢	WØYQY	
Swig	Rich	*	WAØZQG .	
Van de Water	Don		WBØZWE :	
Larson	Robert	*	-	
Sayler	Mike			

WHO 1040 carries the show from 1-4 PM and KFEQ 680 has it from 2-5 PM. Joe WAOWRI reports hearing the show occasionally on 25.87 Mc. WFLA in Tampa FL uses the frequency for a studio to transmitter (STL) link using Rush Limbaugh, popular radio talk show host, is heard on over 500 AM radio stations nationwide. Locally you may hear him on KKAR 1180 or KLIN 1400 from 11 - 2 PM.

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