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- 24 1992 AACP THEORY COURSE — PART 5:** Don't just sit on your laurels! This month we get into some fascinating areas — then we check your knowledge with a series of questions.
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- 52 AMATEUR RADIO HF FREQUENCY LIST:** We've seen all those 'frequency register' things but, as good as they may be, none of them specialises in purely amateur allocations. In fact, some of them deliberately *ignore* our amateur bands. This latest Ash Nallawalla's creation is his biggest yet, so it will be presented in several parts.

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Cover: Looming over our cities, larger than an interstellar UFO, able to leap great distances in a single digipeat, faster than a speeding Morse key — yes, it's super-mode! The Packet Radio revolution started quietly, but it has now forever changed the face of our hobby. Even as you read, a new mode — **FACTOR** — is about to be launched on us, and these warriors of the multi-mode brigade will need yet another software update to cope. Keep watching these pages for all the news...

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