

Special Features

- 12 SEANET 1992 — AN AUSTRALIAN FIRST:** Once a year a group of dedicated radio amateurs from around the Asian region gets together for a bit of a chin-wag and a jolly good time. Needless to say, there's quite a bit more to it, too. We were represented at the first Australian SEANET by Steve Gregory, VK3OT.
- 16 EQUIPMENT BRIEF — THE FT-26 REVISITED:** Our first look at the FT-26 was a bit unfortunate, as we had something of a dud radio. Second time around was a bit different, though... Tom Moffat checked it out again, then we went for a long drive...
- 20 EQUIPMENT REVIEW — YAESU FT-2400H:** A surprising departure from the ever-smaller trend, the FT-2400H is a large radio with a cool outlook on life, tough determination and plenty in reserve. Well, that's what reviewer Neil Duncan says anyway...
- 30 THE IMPORTANCE OF A GOOD EARTH SYSTEM:** Welcome Steve Ireland, VK6VZ, former Editor of Britain's *Ham Radio Today* magazine, as he explains the importance of an effective earth for your antenna installation.
- 39 A RETURN TO BANGLADESH:** Jim Smith, VK9NS, has been a tireless worker in getting rare and exotic locations on the air, but we'd suspect that one of the places to give him the greatest satisfaction to get on the air has been Bangladesh.
- 54 ARA AOCPT THEORY COURSE — PART 10:** In the earth story on page 30, Steve Ireland rammed home how important an earth system was for your antennas... but what good is an earth without an efficient antenna? Learn now about some of our bewildering array of antennas...

Cover: The new **Yaesu FT-2400H** might look a bit out of place on the average Army truck's dashboard, but that wouldn't be because it can't hack the pace, it would be because it isn't khaki in color! This large new two metre mobile/base FM transceiver is the first amateur rig ever to wear the impressive military standard 810C rating, which means its resistance to vibration and knocks is pretty damn good. Interested in a really tough two metre rig? Don't miss our first Australian review starting page 20.

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