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*More simple do-it-yourself circuit ideas, a look at **PacTOR** equipment with an explanation of how the mode works, a full review of the new **Yaesu FRG-100** communications receiver — and your chance to win one! Stay tuned!*

Cover: Here's Junior Deputy Assistant Editor **Stephen Edmondson** giving the new Kenwood TS-50S the once over in his 'mobile' station. When we pulled the first one out of its box a few months ago several people burst into laughter. "It's a child's toy!" one exploded. Believe us, this great new rig is no toy, despite its cutesy looks! It may come in a little box, but it sure packs a big, quality signal...

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