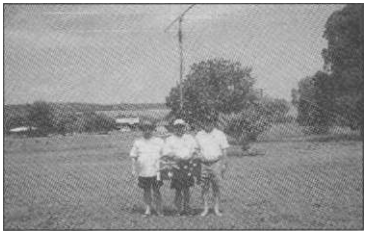
12 '99 IOTA DXPEDITION TO MELVILLE AND CROKER

Stuie Birkin, VK8NSB, led a team to not one but *two* NT islands in November. They cracked DXCC in just a couple of days! Here's how it all happened...



16 *COOL ITU* FAN CONTROL

This month's construction project is a corker... well, a cooler anyway. If your radio, power supply or amp has a noisy cooling fan, save your sanity and shut it up! Another bright idea from **Phil Harman, VK6APH.**

22 BHUTAN REVISITED...

Our *DX& Band* man, **Jim Smith, VK9NS,** headed back to Bhutan on his way back from Europe. He's been working hard for several years to bring amateur radio back to Bhutan. Here's the latest progress.

34 UHF CB REPEATERS

Australia boasts a world-leading network of literally hundreds of UHF repeaters, free for all to use. There *must* be one near you! Check this listing out, and get up on the air!

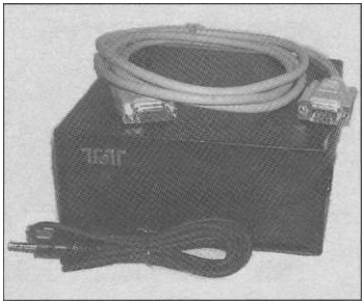
Season's Greetings!!

30 REVIEW: UNIDEN DG910

This isn't exactly our normal fare – it's a telephone! But not your run-of-the-mill wired phone. Here's a very affordable digital, 900MHz spread spectrum cordless phone for home. Secure? Better believe it! Range? Phenomenal! **Russell Bryant** couldn't resist it... neither could we!

46 REVIEW: TEN-TEC RX320

We all know about Australia's great WiNRADiO and Icom's IC-PCR1000 computer scanners. Here's an American offering in the same mould – but it covers HF only. **Tom Sundstrom** says it's a real winner!



52 THE JIM SMITH STORY

What makes a great DXer tick? Where did VK9NS start out? How long has he *really* been on air? Read **Kirsti VK9NL**'s account and find out!

78 A CHEAP SOLDERING STATION FIX...

Fed up with forever replacing those expensive temperature sensors in your solder station? Peter McAdam, VK2EVB, has just the answer!

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