

# Review



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### **Icom's little brother to the IC-40s**

The updated little bundle of blistering IC-40's performance in a smaller, more economical package.



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### **FT1500M - two metres FM operation in style**

This little radio offers the user a basic operating scheme, giving you just a tuning knob and a volume control, which is all you really need.

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### **Bob Bell is back with Flightwatch**

No longer can we rely on radios alone. Computers, software programmes, and the internet are now figuring largely in our stockpile of "tools and equipment".

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### **29FM - what's happening up there?**

FM operation on HF is in a world of its own.

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### **Steve Ireland**

Returns with a U for you antenna.

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### **VK0mm - a controversial operation for many**

This Macquarie Island station VK0MM has created its own little saga, particularly with American operators.

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### **6m report and beacon list**

November/December is always a month of increased DX activity on six

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### **The Great Tower Crash**

It was big enough that the wind was strong and it did fall down.



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### **The Great Paper Chase**

Awards for the VHF DXer, with 50MHz and above

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### **Editorial**

New owners. New outlook. New contributors. New lots of bloody things ...

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### **More modifications**

Greg Towells is back with his usual usefull modifications for a variety of equipment.

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### **SigInt Intelligence from Russell Bryant**

The Uniden UBC245XLT Trunk Tracker II handheld scanning radio receiver is in the process of transforming monitoring in this country.

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### **John Batty's HF Utilities - with a difference**

Welcome back to shortwave after long absences

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### **27MHz DXing - the CBer's dreamtime**

Solar disturbance during November were so serious that the authorities issued warnings to expect possible power grid failures and satellite problems.

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### **Baudwalking with Tom Sundstrom**

Focusing on the Internet with emphasis on items pertaining to radio and communications.

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### **Craig Seager's short wave listening**

Reviewing some of the significant happenings of the year 2000

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Looking at the DX action from around the world.

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All the HF charts for the coming month.

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What's for sale in the coming weeks.