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Uh oh. Imagine how very pleased Telstra and Optus must be to see this... **FREE** international phone calls via your home computer! Tom Sundstrom reports...

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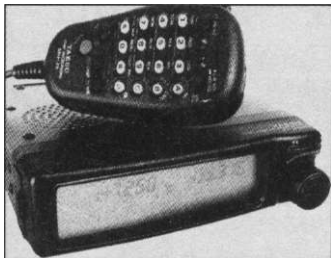
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Are you in a good mood? Good. Then don't look here! Here's the news we *didn't* need: Cycle 22 is right at rock bottom! Oh well, at least it can't get any worse... (?)



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A fantastic idea which doesn't quite work. That's how Chris sums up the new FT-8500. Why are all the controls on the mic?



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Silly name, but what a great idea! Get a versatile 6.5AH battery pack for less than a factory NiCd pack.



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Our southern cousins like CB, or so we're told by correspondent Graeme Wilkins. Here's where they hang out, and what they do.