REVIEW — ALINCO DJ-X10 WIDE RANGE SCANNING RECEIVER This top of the range hand-held scanner is ideal

for those searching for an affordable, easy to use multi function portable receiver.

### QSLING - GETTING BLOOD FROM A STONE?

Often there's more hard work involved in getting a QSL card from some exotic station (or reluctant QSL manager) than working the station in the first place.

### QUARTER WAVE SLOPERS MADE EASY

Antenna Guru Steve Ireland, VK6VZ, provides details on making HF slopers work better than 'store bought' verticals.

#### DON'T JUST WATCH THE ACTION • LISTEN TO IT

The Australian Formula One race day is just around the corner and Michael Evans has provided his best-ever guide to the frequencies you should be listening too if you want to both see and hear the action. Team frequencies for both the F1 brigade and Group A V8s are here - plus sundry assorted support services freqs - good stuff indeed!

#### SDU-5000 - SERIOUS TOOL OR TOY?

Jason Reilly takes a hard look at the SDU-5000 and decides that it is well worth the price.

#### SPECIAL ANTENNA ARRAYS FOR VHF

Hank Prunckun, VK5JAZ, believes in not spening any more than is absolutely necessary for effective

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operation; he also likes to keep a low antenna profile. Here he explains on how he chased the "Holy Grail" and won.

#### 52 ARRL DXCC AWARDS -THE HOW, WHY, WHAT AND WHERE...

There would be very few amateurs who have not at least heard of the ARRL DXCC Awards - but how many *really* know what they are all about. This four page excerpt from an ARRL Bulletin 8 (ARL008) tells you pretty much all you need to know to have a good understanding of the rules and regulations - plus details of several changes which will become effective later this year.

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# TORRID TUESDAY

Bill Petersen tells the story of the NSW December '97 fires and how radio communications played their part in helping to quell thm.



## 70 '98 CB DXCC COUNTRIES LISTING

It's been a couple of years since we looked at the 11 m CB DXCC listings so Jack Haden decided it was about time to bring it right up to date.

# 82 COAX CABLE AND CONNECTORS

Another one from Jason Reilly about all you will ever need to know about the above.

#### \* ARE YOU A WINNER? Turn to page 34 to find out.