

WE INTERVIEW DR ANDY THOMAS ON MIR

While the TV stations were lining up to pay megabucks for satellite access, we just called on two metres – and scored a great interview! Meet our own Australian astronaut, **Dr Andy Thomas, VK5MIR**. Oh, and his Dad!



THE DICK SMITH STORY

Here's another famous Australian - and a wealthy one at that. So what's his story? We met up and found out what makes Dick, VK2DIK tick...



DXing FROM BANABA...

Life on a Pacific Ocean equatorial island. Paradise, eh? Well, maybe not. You see, our *DX International* columnist, Jack Haden, spends a *lot* of time there, where he owns a house and business. So is it a DX heaven? Over to you, Jack...

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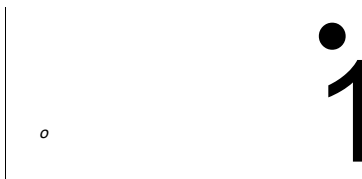
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42 CLANDESTINE RADIO #2

Last month John Batty introduced us to the world of Pirate Radio of the broadcasting kind. This month he continues the amazing story...

46 REVIEW: YAESU FT-847

How do you describe this marvel in just six lines? Get this: all bands, all modes from 160M to 70cm. What doesn't it do? Um... Chris, VK3CE, reaches for the dictionary to find a few clever new superlatives...



63 FEEDBACK (Readers riot?)

Crumbs! What did we start last month by reporting the WIA federal meeting? You readers are pretty determined to get something done!

76 MFJ SHACK GADGETS

We cannot imagine many situations in the radio shack where there wouldn't be a piece of Mighty Fine Junk to cover it. Cheap, maybe – but they *work*. Just ask VK3ND...

76 BAUDWALK INDEX #5

Every six months we present an updated index of radio-oriented Web sites we've visited. Here it is.

66 THE CLUB BEAT

So tell us – what's *your* club up to?

66 THE YEAR 2000 COMPUTER BUG

Uh oh. Kolm's been at it again. The Y2K bug explained as only John Kolm could explain it. Whatever you do, don't miss our madcap column, *The Last Word!*