

YAESU VX-5R REVIEW

My darling little FT-50 now sits in the corner, unloved. The VX-5R is a remarkable new radio which totally eclipses it in every way. The editor reluctantly gave it to Neil for review.

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FLIGHTWATCH: AREA 51

David Rolls has outdone himself! This month he blows the top secret cover off *Area 51* in the USA. This account is a "must read" for all!

MAGELLAN COLORTRAK

We've looked at a few lower-end GPS receivers over the past few years. This one is from the next level up. It even has a colour screen! Here we see it with the Yaesu VX-5R.



CB LEGAL OVERSEAS??

We've accepted for years that it's illegal for CBers to work overseas — but *is* it? ACBRO has been examining the laws, and they don't seem to mention it anywhere....!

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Are the amateur bands under commercial pressure? Are they what!! Roger Harrison presents a chilling, not-to-be-missed report...

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What a crazy word. And what a fascinating story! John Batty scoured the history books for this one...

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The ACA has responded to the hot criticism of Australian radio amateurs. Here it is — and our indignant retort!

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What an imagination Mr Kolm has! A satellite spewing forth with lots of E-mailed messages on the amateur bands. Ha ha. What, it's NOT a joke?