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**Cover:** Here's a couple of Kenwoods just itching to be reviewed. The TM-701A and the TM-731A are both dual-band FM rigs, but they approach the same objective from two different directions. The ARA test crew's report starts on page 14. To their left, of course, is Icom's new IC-24AT, which covers the same two bands — and receives a helluva lot more. Tom Moffat's review of this cure little number is on page 36. **Right:** Late-night TV baron Clive Robertson has been collecting radio gear for quite a few years, so it was natural that he'd want to add the new Icom IC-R9000 to his stable. But he reckons there's still a glitch or two, even in the receiver touted as the best of the best. You'll find Robbo's enlightening report on page 28; meanwhile, here's Kolm's view...

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