

Special Features

- 11 COMPETITION: WIN A UNIDEN HR-2510 TRANSCEIVER:** It's competition time again, folks! Here's a little joust which could net you not one but *four* of these fabulous 10 metre monobanders. For *Month One* you have to write something...
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Cover: All right, then, who's this handsome chap sitting at the Packet Radio terminal? Right again — this is none other than packet guru **John Day, VK3ZJF**. He's pictured hard at work at his demonstration station in the Stewart Electronics showroom in Huntingdale, Victoria, where he is technical director. John, whose company holds the Australian agencies for MFJ, DRSI and, soon, Kantronics, is one of the top packet authorities in the country, and pens our regular column, **Packet Racket**, which appears right here in **Amateur Radio Action**.

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