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Cover: Here are the two rigs we've reviewed for you this month. We haven't seen an Alinco in these pages before, so this is something of a voyage of discovery for us, too. We've wondered about these ridiculously cheap rigs for a long time, figuring that something which costs little probably offers equally little. Well, with one of these rigs at least, we were very surprised indeed, and you may be too. It looks as though you may still be able to find honest value-for-money in these recession-ridden times. While you read these reports, ask yourself whether you should pay the extra brass for the extra features, or pocket the change...

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The image shows the cover of the magazine 'amateur radio action'. The title is in a stylized font. Below the title, it says 'Occasional's Amateur Magazine Vol 13 No. 13' and '\$3.00'. The main headline is 'ALINCO THE BUCK STOPS HERE!'. Below that, it says 'INSIDE: ... AND MUCH MORE'. At the bottom, there is a banner that says 'WIN A UNIDEN 10 METRE TRANSCEIVER!'. The background of the cover features a tall tower antenna structure against a dark sky.