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**Cover:** Kenwood's new TH-27A and TH-77A hand-held transceivers may as well have come from different planets; they are that far apart in character. But, as Tom Moffat reports in two separate reviews, both offer stove-hot performance offset in one by a hard-to-understand operating system. Meanwhile, be watching for our forthcoming multi-way review of the top-selling HTs — it may blow a few myths!

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