

wraps will hold it securely after the glue has dried (fig. 1).

Lloyd staggers the Quad wire supports on each side of the arm to distribute the stress more equally (fig. 2). He uses two smaller booms, spaced about one foot apart as supports because a single boom for a four element Quad will not stand the gaff in bad weather.

a wideband "dipole" antenna

Bill Wildenhein, W8YFB, called my attention to an interesting antenna developed by Dr. Brian Austin and Andre Fourie of the University of Liverpool

and described in the September, 1987 issue of *Electronics and Wireless World* published in England. The design functions from 3 to 30 MHz with an SWR of 2.5:1 or less over that range (fig. 3).

The antenna consists of two coil-loaded dipoles fed in parallel. A 32-μH loading coil is placed in each dipole half, as shown in the illustration. The angle between the dipoles is not specified.

The feedpoint impedance is about 500 ohms, so the antenna could be fed with a 50-ohm line and a 10:1 balun.

It would be interesting to try this unique antenna in an inverted-V arrangement and run an SWR curve across the operating range. Any takers?

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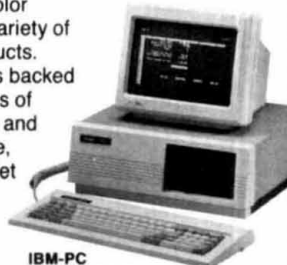
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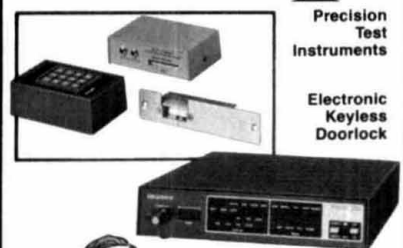
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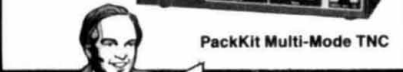


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