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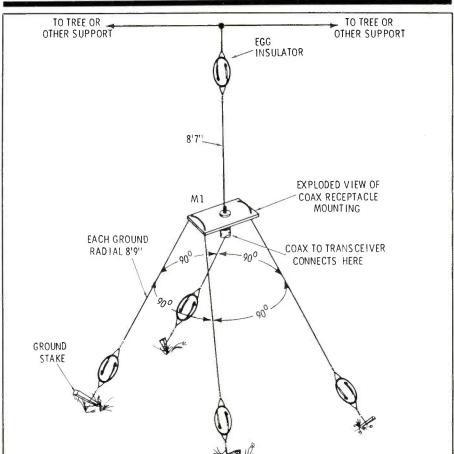
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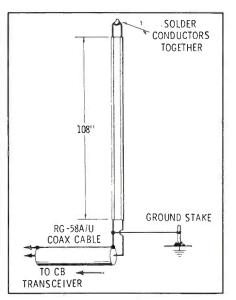
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Quickie ground plane made from wire.



CB antenna made from 300-ohm TV twin-

months ago, I used one of these until I could get around to putting the main antenna back on the roof.

The driven (vertical radiator) element, which is 8 ft. 7 in., is supported by an overhead line. These are separated from one another by a small insulator (Radio Shack 278-1335 or 278-1336). The other four insulators can be the same type

M1, is a SO-239 chassis mount coaxial receptacle. The wire for the antenna should be No. 10 or 12 solid copper.

When installation is complete, insulate the coax socket (M1) from the harmful effects of weather by giving it a coating of plastic spray paint, or rubber base insulation, or outdoor caulking, or even nail polish if nothing else is handy. You might even want to wrap M1 in all-weather tape. Note that only the vertical (driven) element comes in contact with the center conductor of the coaxial cable through

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If you have at least a nine ft. length of 300ohm TV twinlead, you can whip up a CB antenna in jiffy time. Not only that, the thing actually works about as good as a standard dipole.

Be certain that the shielded section of the coaxial feedline and one side of the twinlead are solidly grounded. Position the antenna in such a way as to ensure a stiff, straight, structure. This will offer good omnidirectional performance.

March Into Spring

Next month we hope you will be back on frequency with us. In the mean time, send us your shack photos, QSL's, comments, questions, and suggestions.