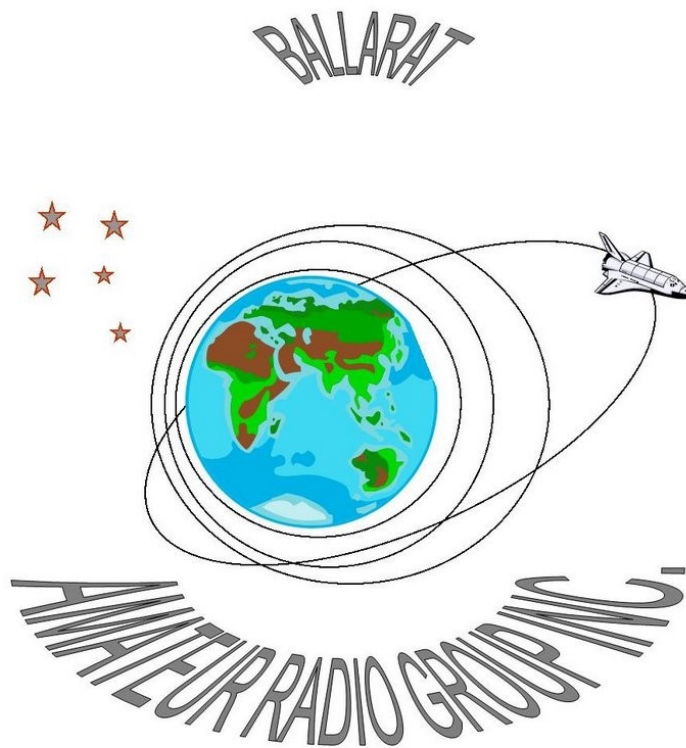


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Friday, 31st of January, 2014, 7.30 pm



For those readers who may wish to read the English magazine Practical Wireless I intend to run down the index list each month so that those that have difficulty picking up or even perusing a copy at the newsagents can at least see here what articles you have missed.

You may then negotiate with a library or a copy holder to see an article your self. I know how frustrating it has been trying to obtain a copy of an article in a following edition.

The first review will start with the Jan 2014 copy.

Good reading.

The good book fairy. !

WHAT'S IN Practical Electronics

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This is a glossy magazine and seems to have the same type of mouth watering advertisements like QST.

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Craig, VK3KG

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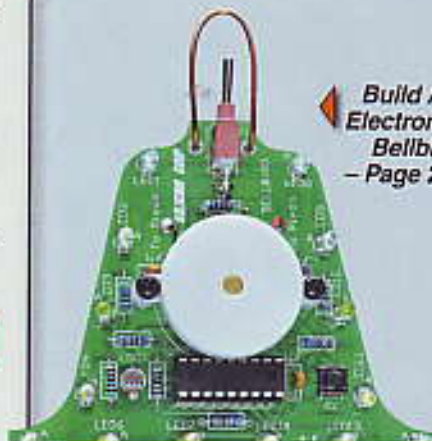
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