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Dear Sam:

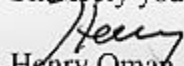
I was impressed with your development of the new code-practice oscillator based on the MIC 1557, that was described in the February 2001 issue of QST. It is certainly simpler to build than the old oscillator based on the LM 555.

I would like to buy two of your sets of parts and PC boards that you mentioned in your article. I enclose my check for \$13.00 to cover the cost and shipping.

I plan to show your code-practice oscillator at a coming meeting of the Boeing Employees Amateur Radio Society. This summer we will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of the first radio transmission out of China after Mao had shut down amateur radio in 1948. We expect to entertain guests from China, and I would like to show them your code-practice oscillator. Their amateur-radio population is growing rapidly.

You might be amused by an incident that occurred when we were in China advising the government on how to start amateur radio. On one occasion they found radio amateurs who had been on the air before 1948, and invited them to join us for dinner. However, they could not speak English. In one demonstration, I showed them a homebuilt "Micromountaineer" cw transceiver, and sent a Morse code message to a Drake transceiver on the table. Then we discovered that these former Chinese radio amateurs could speak English perfectly on Morse code! They explained that the Chinese language has 5000 characters, and 26 more or less didn't make much difference!

Sincerely yours

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