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**R channel chatter**

by Phil Greenberg

● Many of present day R/C fliers are using a "gas-tube" receiver in their planes. Despite the fact that the tuning and maintenance of this type of receiver involves only a few simple steps, we have had a number of letters asking for help. Here is what is involved to be sure of trouble-free operation:

**THE AEROTROL RECEIVER:** One of the "gas-tube" receivers we've been using is the Berkeley Aerotrol receiver. It is designed to operate with an XFG-1 or RK-61 tube. Technically, these tubes are classified as sub-miniature gas-filled triodes, of the thyatron variety.

The first thing we did with our set was to replace the tuning-screw locknut with a spring nut, as shown in the diagram. The nut is bottomed on the mounting nut, and drawn up to give the desired tension on the tuning screw, after which it is cemented in position. The result is a spring-loaded slug which doesn't require any additional locking after tuning.

**PRELIMINARY CHECK:** Before tuning up, check and set the relay to pull in at 1.1 ma. and drop out at .7 ma. The relays are adjusted at the factory, but if yours has been mishandled or bounced around, it may have to be reset. (See April 1953, FLYING MODELS for details).

First, set the "pull-in" by adjusting the lower contact so that the armature pulls in as the plate current is raised to 1.1 ma. Next the upper contact must be set, so that the armature drops out when the current is lowered to .7 ma. The upper contact should prevent the armature from contacting the coil core when it's pulled in.

If the relay pulls in and drops out within the .4 ma. operating range, but the range is higher than the .7 to 1.1 ma. range specified, then the tension of the spring must be decreased to lower the range. A piece of Scotch tape over the coil core will eliminate any sluggish response due to residual magnetism in the core.

Check all battery connections before plugging in the receiver. Also check the tube to see that it is not reversed. (Red dot goes to the inside of chassis). Filament voltage should be 1.5 volts and plate voltage 45 volts. Connect a 28" to 30" wire to the antenna post, and support this antenna away from any wiring in the plane.

Turn the potentiometer to minimum plate current (maximum resistance), and set the antenna trimmer to minimum capacity (solder-dot towards edge of chassis) and you're ready for business.

**TUNING:** Plug in your milliammeter (0-3 ma. range) and turn on the receiver. Adjust the "pot" for 1.1 ma. plate current. Use an insulated tuning tool with a long handle for any tuning operations. While keying the transmitter, slowly screw the tuning slug in until the meter shows a sharp "dip" in current (It should drop to

.1-.5 ma.). Key the transmitter to be sure that this is what's giving the result.

With signal "on," adjust the tuning screw for the minimum plate current value. With signal "off" the plate current should rise back to the original 1.1 ma.

Reset the "pot" for 1.5 ma. current and walk about 20' to 30' from the transmitter. While a pal keys the transmitter, readjust the tuning screw for minimum plate current with signal "on."

Then, with signal "on," rotate the antenna trimmer slowly and note when the plate current starts to rise as you continue to turn. Back off the adjustment to just before the position where the rise began.

The only thing remaining to be done now is to carry the receiver away from the transmitter until you don't get that sharp "dip" with signal "on." At this point, a very slight adjustment of the tuning screw or antenna trimmer, or both, may be necessary for the final adjustment.

The lock nut on the tuning screw should be snugged up, but left loose enough for making small adjustments during the distance check. If you don't use a spring nut, the lock nut must be tightened before making the final distance check. If you tighten it afterwards, the setting may be changed, throwing the receiver out of tune.

The distance check need only be carried to a distance of about 1000' to 1200'. Satisfactory operation over this distance is enough to insure line-of-sight control in the air.

Pull out the meter and turn on the escapement, and check the entire rig before returning to the transmitter. Hold the fuselage away from your body, and over your head, to reduce the effects of body and ground capacity. Everything must work perfectly at this time—if something is wrong, repeat the above operations as necessary.

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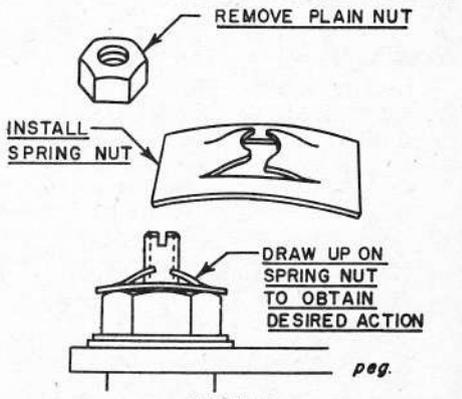
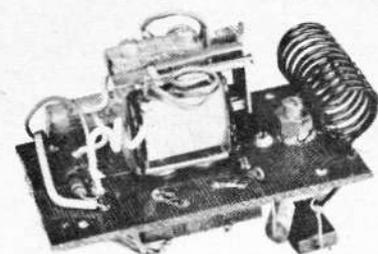


FIGURE 1

A spring nut can be substituted for the regular nut which is usually found on slug-tuned coils.

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## CHANNEL CHATTER

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**MAINTENANCE:** During the life of the gas tube, it will gradually "wear", and its characteristics will change slightly. After each flight, the plate current should be checked to see if it has lowered from the pre-take-off value. Usually, after a few flights, only a slight readjustment of the "pot" is all that is necessary to bring it back to the proper idling current.

If you find that, during any particular flight, the plate current has dropped considerably, it will be necessary to check your batteries. Check them under load (with the receiver turned on) to see if they are still up to par. Sometimes, after the receiver has been turned off for some time, when the set is turned on the plate current shows a normal value, but as the set is left on the current starts to drop. This is another indication of weak or dead batteries. If there is any doubt about the freshness of the batteries, replace them with new batteries before you attempt another flight.

When the tube has been used for some time, you may run into the condition of meter "wobble." This is where the plate current holds fairly steady, but the needle jumps or "wobbles." This can be corrected by increasing the capacity of the antenna trimmer until the meter needle holds still. Adjust the "pot" for 1.5 ma. and check for range again to see if this adjustment has possibly detuned the receiver. If the antenna trimmer cannot be adjusted to steady the meter needle, try a longer antenna.

If nothing helps steady the meter, the

tube is no longer safe for additional flying, and should be replaced.

When the set responds to a signal, but the plate current does not return to the idling value, a slight increase in antenna trimmer capacity may be necessary. Do not increase antenna trimmer capacity too much, because the signal "on" dip is affected by this adjustment.

Minimum plate current for safe operation is 1.3 ma., but this is only for very short flights. In the event that the current can't be brought up, even with fresh batteries, replace the tube before you get into any trouble. Or, see if using a higher voltage B battery, such as 67 1/2 volts, does the trick. Naturally, a distance check is necessary.

Remember that any adjustment requires a thorough check to make sure that everything is working right. Don't get lazy when it comes to these checks—it will take you a lot more time and effort to build a new ship to replace a fly-away or a crack-up!

## THE MAIL BAG

● Joseph Amico of 287 Lisbon Ave., Buffalo, N. Y., writes to tell us about his R/C activities. He's been flying a Live Wire trainer and a Super Buccaneer, and both of these planes are equipped with Mac-Nabb radio units.

Joe also asks for plans for the Four Winds, the ship that was pictured in the February 1953 FLYING MODELS. We're sorry Joe, but not enough requests for these plans were received to warrant printing up plans. We recommend that you try the Royal Rudder-Bug, plans of which are available now at 75c from FLYING MODELS, 215 Fourth Ave., N. Y. 3, N. Y.

## R/C EQUIPMENT NEWS

● In our last issue, we covered almost all of the highlights of R/C for 1953. Unfortunately, some had to be left out, due to lack of sufficient information. One of these items is Babcock Radio Engineering's radio equipment. We found the preliminary details so interesting that we decided to get more information before writing about it. That data has just arrived, so we are breaking in here at press time to report on it.

This new equipment works on a principle which is comparatively new to lots of R/C fans here in the U.S. The transmitter carrier wave is "on" all the time, and becomes tone modulated when the key switch is pressed. The receiver picks up the signal, and when the audio tone is received, the relay tube is triggered from 0 to 6 ma., which closes the relay points. This set is designed to operate with any escapement now on the market.

We have also learned that the Babcock Company will soon make available a 3-channel audio-tone set for multiple-control operation. This set will feature matched bandpass filters for transmitter modulation and receiver tone selection. New sealed relays will eliminate all exposed contacts and their problems.

● Available shortly will be a new "Electra" R/C plane by JASCO (N.Y.C.)—a high-wing cabin model built on an "A-frame" structure. It can be powered with anything down to a small McCoy diesel and the cabin should be adequate for any receiver on the market. Kit price will be about \$4.50.

● Just released by R/C MODELS CO. (N.Y.C.) is a small 5:1 pocket escapement winder selling for \$1.25. Also available are pneumatic wheels for R/C ships, mounted on one-piece aluminum hubs and guaranteed to stay on and take up to 50 pounds of bounce. 3 1/2" wheels, weighing 3 ounces, sell for \$3.50 a pair—other sizes will soon be available.

● GYRO ELECTRONICS (N.Y.C.) now offers a new 27 1/4 mc. R/C transmitter with a choice of three different power supplies. Featured is a built-in meter and neon tuning light. Plate current is tuned to resonance and the antenna is loaded using the light to indicate power output.

● RICHARD L. BRANSTNER (Birmingham, Mich.) is producing three servo motors: a multi-channel rudder servo (\$21.00) and elevator servo (\$18.00); and a four-position single-channel servo (\$12.00) for use with a barrel carburetor to obtain three-speed engine control. The barrel-type carburetor (\$10.00 including installation) must be factory-installed on your engine.

● PHILMORE MFG. CO. (N.Y.C.) offers a number of kits for 27 1/4 mc.: two transmitters (one a hand-held design) at \$33.50 and \$26.00 less batteries; a gas-tube (RK-61 or XFG-1) receiver at \$26.50 less batteries; and a completely assembled escapement at \$5.50. Complete details appear in their catalog No. 154.

All plane and boat model radio-control enthusiasts are cordially invited to drop us a line. Let us know what type of equipment you have, how it works, what's going on in your vicinity in the way of radio-control activities, etc., etc. Also, if you have any problems in connection with radio-control, shoot them along to us—we'll do our best to solve them! But please don't ask us to make up special circuits for you, we just haven't got the time. Write today to: R/C Channel Chatter, Phil Greenberg, c/o FLYING MODELS, 215 Fourth Ave., N. Y. 3, N. Y.