About the Cover

Ron Berry, WB3LHD, takes a classic Heathkit SB-1000 linear amplifier out of retirement from HF duty, then modifies and presses it into 6 meter monoband service. He gives step by step details of his modifications to the RF deck, input and output circuits, and component changes that result in 650 W RF output on the “magic band.”

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