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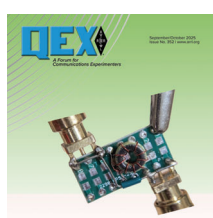


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QST kicks off the 2025 – 2026 contest season with this month's special section of contesting-related material, including strategies for band and mode changes, tips for bringing the fun of contesting to newcomers (including young hams), information about propagation tools, and much more. On the front cover as well as the first page of the contest section, feast your eyes on the antennas of Maciej "Mac" Wiecezorek, SP2XF, in central Poland. Mac contests with the call sign SN2M. Most of his antenna hardware is made by his neighbor, who is a relatively new ham. [Henryk Kotowski, SM0JHF, photo]



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