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## CUSTOM CONVERSION #2

(Code Name: Ancient)

CHASSIS: Midland 76-858; 02A PLL

"This is basic O2A Hygain chassis; so with the exception of wire colors; switch wiring to chip and alignment can be used on any similar chassis."

Parts Cost: \$10 +, including SAMS.

Time to Modify: Varies, initial unit-3 Hrs.

Gain in Unit: Frequency coverage range (26.435-27.405MHz)

High Frequency Audio Filter "Illegal Frequency Alert"

Loss in Unit: P.A. Capability

Follow directions to the letter, and you will have 91 "channel" unit to be proud of..

Use <u>Ancient Code Chart</u> on the previous pages for frequency selection.

Frequency is determined by the main channel selector and the frequency range selectors - at any time you are capable of transmitting on an "Illegal Frequency", the RF/S meter light will be out.

An amplified microphone may be used with CAUTION!

If used as a mobile; the popular "Bandit" antenna; will cover the frequency range with no SWR problems.

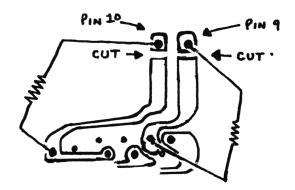
Initial conversion performed on S/N S01026XXX...

Read thru this and write down all parts you will need to perform the conversion before attempting! DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CONVERT WITHOUT THE FOLLOWING: SAMS #177, Dummy Load, Frequency Counter, and Power/Modulation Meter are the minimum needed.

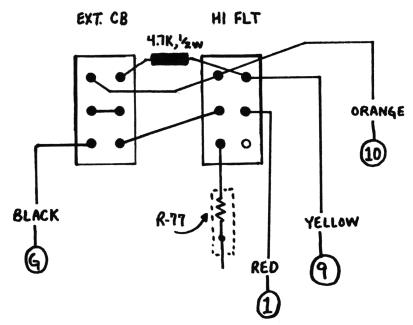
- 1. Remove Top and Bottom covers (Caution on the speaker terminals!)
- 2. Plug in an external speaker at EXT jack, will remain till finished with conversion.
- 3. Check Q-5 (Final); if insulator is grey plastic looking wafer; change to mica washer. (Varies, some are mica!)
- 4. Do a complete line-up per SAMS-177.
- 5. Cut all cable ties on wire around PCB.
- 6. Remove EXT CB switch from chassis.
- 7. Cut Gray and Brown wires from switch.
- 8. Trace Gray back to microphone jack-unsolder/delete. (Note: Sams, says Blue wire?)
- 9. Solder Brown to microphone jack where Gray deleted.
- 10. Cut Orange and Violet wires at switch.
- 11. Trace Orange back to microphone jack-unsolder/delete.
  (Note: Sams, says Gray wire?)
- 12. Solder Violet to microphone jack where Orange deleted.
- 13. Cut Pink wire off switch. Trace back to PT. 26 on PCB. delete.
- 14. Carefully, completely clean switch, set aside.
- 15. Remove HI FLT switch from chassis.
- 16. Cut Blue/White wire off switch.
- 17. Trace Blue/White wire back to Pt. 17 at PCB, strip about 1 1/2" of insulation off cut end. Wirewrap to Pt. G4 on PCB. (Located near Audio chip, black wires on it)
- 18. Cut Black wire at switch, Label 'G'.
- 19. Carefully, completely clean switch, set aside.
- 20. Turn unit on, check all functions (No PA Capability).
- 21. Remove R-77 carefully from PCB (150 ohm wirewound).
- 22. Trace Red wire on meter lamp back to PCB; (should have gone to point where R-77 taken out); unsolder.

23. Solder Red wire from meter lamp to one side of R-77 and sleeve joint/resistor with heat shrink. (See below)

24. Go to PLL chip and cut etch EXACTLY as shown below: Bridge cuts with 4.7K 1/2w in exact places.



25. Wire up switches EXACTLY as shown below: Black wire 'G', and R-77 will be soldered last. Red, Yellow, and Orange wires; should be solid wires; 12" long. Switches are labeled as to designation for replacing into chassis. Label the Red, Yellow, and Orange wires.



- 26. When finished mount switches in chassis in correct correlation with front panel.
- 27. Turn unit on, both switches down: light on S/RF Meter. Either up or both up, light off on S/RF meter.
- 28. Run the Red, Yellow and Orange Wire to the PLL Chip and solder to PLL chip pins as labeled. (See step 24 diagram)
- 29. Both switches down, check for normal 40 ch. frequencies. All!

- 30. HI FLT switch UP, EXT CB switch DOWN; (Code Green on Freq. chart); Check all frequencies. (See Step 32, if problem).
- 31. HI FLT switch DOWN, EXT CB switch UP; (Code Red on Freq. chart); Check all frequencies. (See Step 32, if problem).
- 32. If Frequency Range will not go down to 26.435MHz, retune L-1 and L-2. (Slightly, don't over-do it!)
- 33. Repeak T-4, L-7, L-11, and L-12 for Maximum Power Out; at 26.905MHz!
- 34. Broadband the output power across the entire frequency range using L-5 and T-3.
- 35. Adjust modulation to 100% using RV-2. DO NOT PULL C-96, OR DEFEAT ALC!
- 37. Lace up all wires carefully!
- 38. Disconnect external speaker, put unit back into case. (Don't forget to hook up speaker wires)
- 39. Using colored electrical tape (Red and Green), and paper punch. Punch out Red hole, put over EXT CB on case. Punch out Green hole, put over HI FLT on case.
- 40. Recheck everything, ENJOY ...