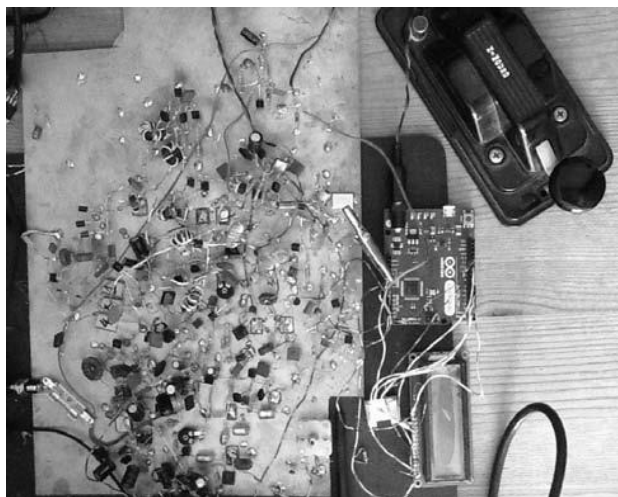


70TH and ATU he QSO'd **TC1ØSWAT**, **7X3WPL** and **7X4RJ** on 15m and **TK1R** on 17m. He then extended the dipole to 22ft and added more stations to the log, including **AO4EU**, **RV9DC**, **ZD8RY** and **PJ2/PF4T** on 15m.

On 7 April **IKØIXI** QSO'd **3B9FR** on 10m SSB for a new DXCC, and **FK8DD/M** on 20m with 3W to a Window antenna. **G5CL** QSO'd a JA on 10m on 27 March and earlier that week a SV9 and CU on 30m for two new DXCC on the band. On 24 April, five minutes after obtaining his NOV for 60m from OFCOM, **GØKJK** CQ'd on 60m with his homebrew three transistor TX at 5W to a "Less than ideal 66ft end-fed and ATU", and had an immediate reply from a GW, who then sank into the noise so no QSO. During the next two days, Keith had several good QSOs and was left wondering why he hadn't bothered to get on the band before!

**2EØBFJ** ran a G-QRP Club table at the Yeovil QRP Convention on 27 April and says it was a very enjoyable day, meeting new faces as well as the regulars. As well as making some Club sales, Gary signed up a few new members. He hopes to be at the West of England Rally in Frome in late June. **GM4VKI** attended the NASRA Rally at Blackpool with **G3RJV**, **G3MFJ**, **G3ROO** and **GM3WIL**. Later this year Roy will be at the Livingston, Crianlrich and Galashiels rallies, possibly NI and of course, Rishworth, with **GM3WIL**.

Stopping on the way home from work at Newhaven cliffs on 24 March, **M3KXZ** made 5W CW QSOs with **3B9FR** and **KW7D** (NM) on 10m, **ZS1CT** on 15m and then a two-way QRP QSO with **JA4FKX** on 20m. On 25 March Pete got **9M2TO** on 10m CW, and on 22 April his first ZL QSO with **ZL4PW** on 17m. **G3VTT** continues to work on LF with his one valve 12A6 transmitter, but recently also worked **JA4FKX** using his K1. Colin was idly listening on 14064kHz and chanced a call, getting a 559 report with his 5W and home-made Window antenna.



**MØVVC**'s Kennet receiver has now evolved into a TCVR (pictured left). Matt says he is, "Absolutely delighted with its performance so far, and it was a fantastic moment when I had my very first QSO with it. It features full QSK using electronic switching, 5W output at 12V and I'm having a lot of fun using it on 30m".

Thanks to all the contributors to this column. Please let me know how your summer goes for the autumn edition of *SPRAT*, in particular what you have been building, who you have been working, and any other information, news, ideas, suggestions or opinions about QRP, by 10 August 2014.

Also, interesting photographs

please, don't be shy in letting members see what you have been building and/or where you have been operating from, your antennas, who you have been meeting and even a shack photograph to let other members know what you and your equipment look like. Let me know if you intend operating from somewhere other than home during the autumn and winter months so I can let members know to listen out for you.