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Sunday morning BULLETINS - 145.7875 MHz & 7062 KHz @ ±08h45.

COMMUNICATION IS THE NAME OF THE GAME

Meeting

The August meeting was held at Wits Rifles Command HQ. Only eight members present and four apologies. Maybe the petrol problem also played a part in low turnout. OM Ray, ZS6QM, who is a member of WRC, gave us the low down on the happenings at this HQ. There was also a guided tour of the premises. The WRC HQ has been offered for future club meetings. Next meeting will be held on 1st September and this is the AGM. Notices for members are attached.

There is to be a gathering of amateurs at the home of the late ZS6ER, Theo Gunter, on Sunday 19th August in his memory. Starting at 11:00. Refreshments will be provided. Map to QTH attached.

SSC Meeting

An excellent turn out of members and family attended the braai at Rex's QTH. Wonderful weather also made the day enjoyable. Thanks to those ladies who brought extra salads, which was enjoyed by all. Next meeting will be held at the home of Berridge & Sandra on the 8th September 2007.

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Bubba, a Redneck furniture dealer from College Station, decided to expand the line of furniture in his store, so he decided to go to Paris to see what he could find. After arriving in Paris he met with some manufacturers and selected a line that he thought would sell well back home in College Station.

To celebrate the new acquisition, he decided to visit a small bistro and have a glass of wine. As he sat enjoying his wine, he noticed that the small place was quite crowded, and that the other chair at his table was the only vacant seat in the house. Before long, a very beautiful young Parisian girl came to his table, asked him something in French (which he did not understand), and motioned toward the chair. He invited her to sit down.

He tried to speak to her in English, but she did not speak his language so, after a couple of minutes of trying to communicate with her. He took a napkin and drew a picture of a wine glass and showed it to her. She nodded, and he ordered a glass of wine for her. After sitting together at the table for a while, he took another napkin, and drew a picture of a plate with food on it, and she nodded.

They left the bistro and found a quiet cafe that featured a small group playing romantic music. They ordered dinner, after which he took another napkin and drew a picture of a couple dancing. She nodded, and they got up to dance. They danced until the cafe closed and the band was packing up.

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Back at their table, the young lady took a napkin and drew a picture of a four-poster bed. To this day, Bubba has no idea how she figured out he was in the furniture business.

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Cheap Close-up Camera Lens (Found in the Internet. Text from original)

I often use my digital camera to take photos of some electronic projects. At times, I need to get in close to capture some details. But, without some additional optics, my camera just could not maintain focus, as I got closer to an object. Being a cheap person, I didn't want to spend money on an expensive close-up lens. Instead, I found a 1.75" glass lens with a focal length of about 2.5 inches. I glued the lens to a cardboard tube. This allowed the assembly to slide over the extended cylindrical lens of my camera, holding the glass lens over the camera lens. Thicker glass lenses could be used for higher magnification but this one allowed me to zoom in pretty close. The PC board below is a 1GB memory stick IC with 0.025" pin spacing



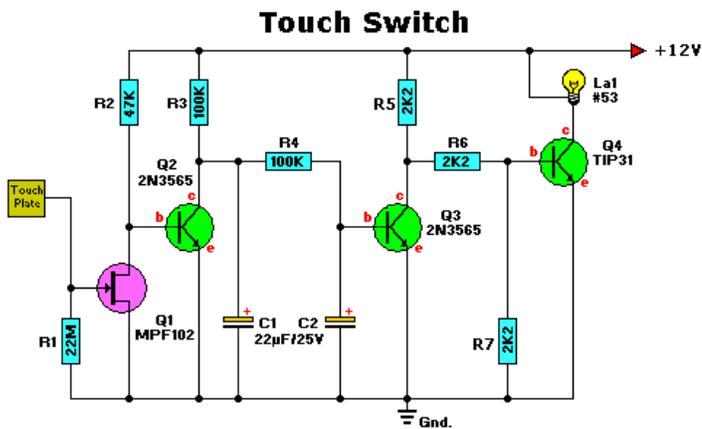
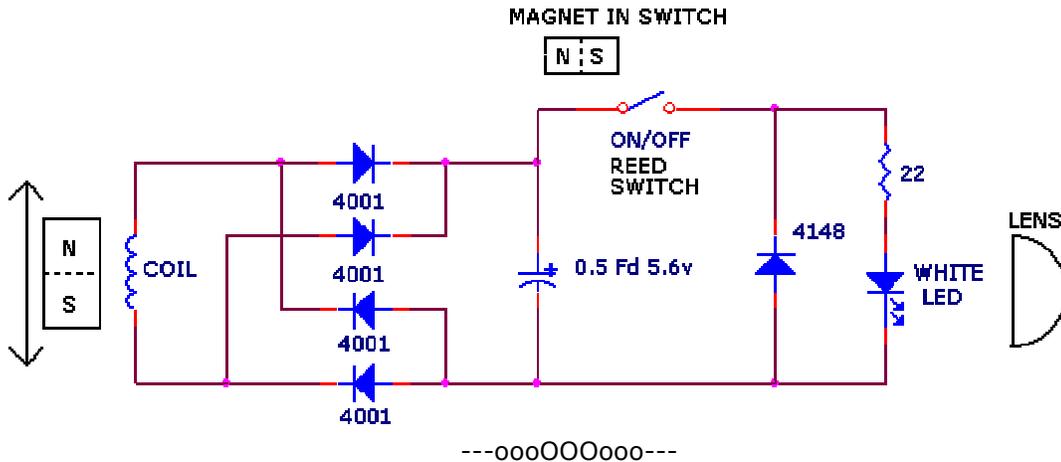
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Shake to Charge Flashlight



The 2N3565 (Q1/Q2) can be replaced with a 2N2222(A), BC107, BC108, BC109(A/B/C)

The 'Touch Plate' can be anything non-corrosive.

You can also use a small relay instead of the bulb.

A man walks into a restaurant with a full-grown ostrich behind him. The waitress asks them for their orders.
 The man says, "A hamburger, fries and a coke," and turns to the ostrich, "What's yours?"
 "I'll have the same," says the ostrich.
 A short time later the waitress returns with the order "That will be \$9.40, please," and the man reaches into his pocket and pulls out the exact change for payment.
 The next day, the man and the ostrich come again and the man says, "A hamburger, fries and a coke." The ostrich says, "I'll have the same." Again the man reaches into his pocket and pays with exact change.
 This becomes routine until the two enter again. "The usual?" asks the waitress.
 "No, this is Friday night, so I will have a steak, baked potato and a salad," says the man.
 "Same," says the ostrich.
 Shortly the waitress brings the order and says, "That will be \$32.62."
 Once again the man pulls the exact change out of his pocket and places it on the table. The waitress cannot hold back her curiosity any longer. "Excuse me, sir. How do you manage to always come up with the exact change in your pocket every time?"
 "Well," says the man, "several years ago I was cleaning the attic and found an old lamp. When I rubbed it, a Genie appeared and offered me two wishes. My first wish was that if I ever had to pay for anything, I would just put my hand in my pocket and the right amount of money would always be there."
 "That's brilliant!" says the waitress. "Most people would ask for a million dollars or something, but you'll always be as rich as you want for as long as you live!"
 "That's right. Whether it's a gallon of milk or a Rolls Royce, the exact money is always there," says the man.
 The waitress asks, "What's with the ostrich?"
 The man sighs, pauses and answers, "My second wish was for a tall chick with a big butt and long legs who agrees with everything I say."

Berridge ZS6BFL

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