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what's new

SSB Electronic LNA 30 Wideband Preamplifier

SSB Electronic Germany has released the LNA 30, its latest wide-band preamplifier for the 5-kHz to 30-MHz frequency range.

The mast-mounted LNA 30 is built into a UV-resistant, weatherproof mast housing, making the unit ideal for all types of outdoor applications. Signals above 30 MHz are strongly suppressed by a low-pass filter at the input of the amplifier. The MMIC used has a low noise figure with high signal strength. This amplifier can be fed with 12 to 24 volts of power via the UHF socket, which is an N-type connector; or the device can be powered by a 24-volt battery.



The greatest signal strength is achieved with a 24-volt supply and clocks in at 21- / 1.8-dB at 10 MHz, while a 12-volt supply will present the smallest noise figure. Only linear power supplies are recommended for the voltage supply of the LNA 30, since switching power supplies often generate very high interference levels in the low-frequency ranges.

The LNA 30 is available now with a suggested retail price of \$217.99. For more information, visit <www.ssb-electronic.com> or email <sales@ssb-electronic.com>.

Most QSL managers do this as a passion. Although they usually require that you provide return funds or an SASE (self-addressed stamped envelope) for direct QSL requests, most will answer bureau cards as well. I can relate, having just shipped out about 75 pounds of cards directly to DX QSL bureaus, which cost me in excess of \$600. Add additional costs like card printing, labels, envelopes, postage, incoming bureau expense, rubber stamps, etc., and you can see that it can be costly to all QSL managers for sure. Many now use an online QSL request system (OQRS) such as Club Log which helps. But I can attest that many request FREE bureau QSLs on Club Log OQRS without any regard for the costs to the QSL manager. If you are requesting a bureau card from a fellow private individual ham in a fairly common DXCC entity, then that is probably all OK. But if you are requesting free bureau QSLs from DXpeditions via a QSL manager, then you SHOULD at least add a donation when checking out. There is usually a place for you to do that but far too many just click past it since it is voluntary. Also, please use an OQRS system if it is available when requesting a bureau QSL. Most QSL managers must pay to receive QSLs from their incoming bureau as well as the cost to ship them out to you. There are so many ways to thank the QSL manager for handling bureau cards, why not take a moment to help out? I must say that there has been background chatter on adding a charge to a QSL bureau OQRS request, especially for a DXpedition. I hope that is not necessary, but fair warning. Think a little when you ask for that bureau card. Especially for a DXpedition QSL card.

CQ DX Field Award Honor Roll

The CQ DX Field Award Honor Roll recognizes those DXers who have submitted proof of confirmation with 175 or more grid fields. Honor Roll listing is automatic upon approval of an application for 175 or more grid fields. To remain on the CQ DX Field Award Honor Roll, annual updates are required. Updates must be accompanied by an SASE if confirmation is desired. The fee for endorsement stickers is \$1.00 each plus SASE. Please make all checks payable to the Award Manager, Keith Gilbertson. Mail all updates to Keith Gilbertson, K0KG, 21688 Sandy Beach Lane, Rochert, MN 56578-9604.

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