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### WE WELCOME TWO NEW COLUMNS TO TCA!

We invite you to read our new column "Getting Started on the Amateur Radio Satellites" on pages 45, 46 and 52.

"Keith Baker, VA3KSF/KB1SF, our new columnist, uses a Kenwood TH-78A dualband HT and a lightweight Arrow Antenna (Model 146/437-10) to make a contact through an AMSAT Amateur Radio satellite from the shores of Lake Huron."

We also invite you to read "All Things Digital: Amateur Radio for the 21st Century" on pages 27-29 by our new columnist Robert C. Mazur, VA3ROM.

"Four things are needed: a computer (desktop, netbook or laptop) with a soundcard; a radio (transceiver, scanner, shortwave, HT, etc.); the appropriate digital mode software, downloaded from the Internet (often free); and an interface between the computer and radio."

Also featured on the cover: "This article records how Jimmy Howard, VE2JWH and Jacques Chauvin, VE2BP, managed a line-of-sight 121.7 kilometre (75 miles) contact on a laser beam. Robert, VA2RPL, provided encouragement on Jimmy's end, while André, VE2QAF and Germain, VE2PEP, were rooting for Jacques" (see pages 21-24).

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