

LETTERS

SEND YOUR COMMENTS TO THE EDITORS OF ELECTRONICS NOW MAGAZINE

Monitoring Lightning

We have discovered that there was a printer's error in the schematic diagram for the "Storm- Warning Lightning Monitor" (Electronics Now, October 1998). The anode of D1 should be connected to the center conductor of J1 along with S2. Figure 1 in the article does not show that connection extending all the way; someone might think (incorrectly) that it should be connected to the outer conductor, grounding the input to IC1.

We apologize for any problems that this misprint might have caused.—Editor

...and Running Lights

It has come to our attention that the foil pattern that appeared in the article, "Daytime Running Lights for Your Car" (Electronics Now, October 1998) had an error. A corrected foil pattern as well as an updated parts-placement diagram (Fig. 1) appears to the right. We regret any inconvenience that might have occurred.—Editor

Input and Information

I am writing about three things that have been mentioned either in editorials or in "Letters" in Electronics Now.

First, I like "Prototype." Its coverage of new science and technology, the type of material covered, and the way it is covered make "Prototype" one of the first sections I read in each issue. Second, I like the idea of having a column something like "Try This One" and "Technotes," which were in Radio Electronics in the 1950s and 1960s. I had a few items published in those columns at that time, and I already have plans for two short items to submit to the new "Try This One."

Third, there have been several questions about clocks that are self-correcting using radio signals from WWVB. I have just seen a catalog from Klockit (P.O. Box 636, Lake Geneva, WI 53137-0636; Tel:

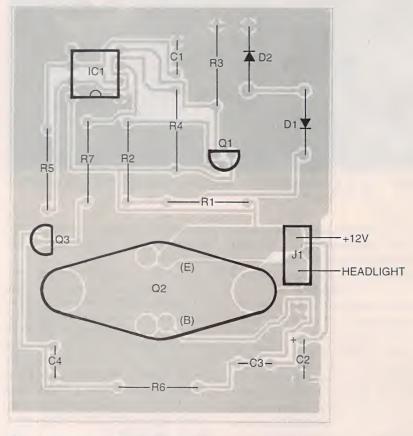
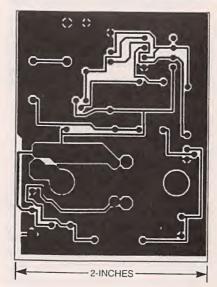


FIG. 1—PARTS-PLACEMENT DIAGRAM for the updated foil pattern



UPDATED FOIL PATTERN

800-556-2548). As their name implies, they sell kits for building clocks. They also sell several types of clock movements or replacements for old movements. Two of their clock kits include a WWVB receiver. Probably of more interest to Electronics Now readers are clock movements, powered by one AA cell, which have a WWVB receiver. These sell for \$27.95 plus shipping.

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Airport Chatter

I would like to point out a couple of items not originally mentioned in the article by Anthony Caristi, "The Airport Buddy" (Electronics Now, January 1999).