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## Our Cover

In springtime, hams take stock of their antennas and ponder enhancements and upgrades. We celebrate that spirit in this, our annual antenna issue. *Main photo:* Designed and built by Jurek Smoczyk, SP3GEM, of Jarocin, Poland, the bottom antenna is a 10 meter semi-fixed Yagi that is usually pointed toward the US or Japan. The middle antenna is a fully rotatable 10 meter Yagi, while a Yagi for 12 and 17 meters is on top [photo by Henryk Kotowski, SM0JHF]. *Inset photo:* Don Dorward, VA3DDN, presents two simple antennas for 1200 MHz (23 centimeters). Find out more beginning on page 37.



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