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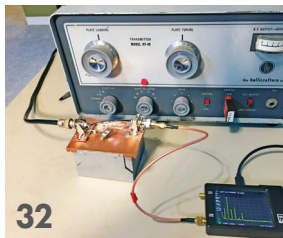
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Our Cover

This month, experienced hiker and ham Stuart Thomas, KB1HQS, takes you along on the adventure of "Activating the Tallest Mountain in Maine: Mount Katahdin." Stuart outlines his careful planning, and offers a resource that helps hikers track the weather on peaks (things can change quickly up there), as well as one that helps QRPers pack a lightweight station — the fishing pole antenna mast shown in the inset cover photo is part of Stuart's regular kit. The cover photo shows one of the most challenging trails you may encounter on the way to the top — Knife Edge Trail, so named because it's 3 feet wide at its narrowest, with a 2,000-foot drop-off on either side. Read Stuart's article for more details about his preparation and operation. [Stuart Thomas, KB1HQS, photo]



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