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Hmm, and how interesting will the contacts be? Will you QSL yourself? For that matter, what proof will there be?

Loop Antennas

Joe Carr K4IPV has authored a 133-page 8.5- x 11-inch book which has everything and a half that you'll ever want to know about loop antennas. It covers desktop loops, yard-filling loops, and room-sized loops for the antenna-challenged. Loops for any band.

Sure enough, there on page 36 was the Bi-Square Loop antenna. That's the one Sam Harris W8UKS out in Cleveland used to work all around the world on 75m with his

Collins 32V, running 120 watts input on AM. When I'd get on with my cool kilowatt and a dipole the guy Sam was talking with in South Africa would say, Let's standby, I hear a faint heterodyne, so someone may be wanting to join us.

The book is \$20. If your ham store doesn't have it in stock you can get it from Universal Radio for \$2 s/h, 6830 Americana Pkwy., Reynoldsburg OH 43068 [www.DXing.com].

A Basic Decision

There are three fundamentally different career paths for youngsters to pursue in life, and the education for each of these is quite different. Thus, schools (and colleges in

particular) should decide for which path they are going to prepare their graduates.

Having been consulted by several college presidents, having interviewed a few more as part of my work with the Educational Subcommittee of the New Hampshire Economic Development Commission, and having read several shelves of books on education, I'm convinced that neither the public nor educators have considered this concept. And that's resulted in a massive waste of time and money for students, faculty, and schools.

The three career paths? One path is in preparing for a job. The second is preparing to own one's own business. And the third is in the arts, as a creator or a performer — like actors, playwrights, artists,

musicians, composers, and so on.

There are many things all three career paths have in common, such as a need to be able to read and write, a knowledge of history, and basic math skills.

Business owners in high-tech fields will need to have a good background in math and physics. But from there it should be their personal interest which dictates whether they are going to specialize in electronics, computers, radio, chemistry, biology, and so on.

This is a particularly difficult time for school administrators who have the responsibility for planning ahead. The world changed enormously when the agricultural revolution

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