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Bronek Wedzicha, M0DAF, VMARS Publications Editor and Treasurer, demonstrating his very fine WWII Collins TCS 12 transmitter receiver at the 2014 National Hamfest

***National Hamfest, Newark
26th-27th September 2014***

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