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Hello: This is the first issue of the [www.phasorlabs.com](http://www.phasorlabs.com) newsletter that I will call “**CowContact**” unless someone discovers the name is already in use. It’s just me here so you will get a newsletter when I get time and will have to forgive my grammar errors.

**Please pass this newsletter along to anyone you think may be interested. All that is required is to send an email to me at [cforster@mailbag.com](mailto:cforster@mailbag.com) and say “COW”. I will not send the newsletters as email, but will send you a short note that a new issue is available for downloading on the website.**

As most of you know the Metrasonics SRV-4 stray voltage monitor is not being manufactured, but I believe they may be repaired for a period of time. If any of you have better information let me know and I will send it out.

The Wisconsin Utilities Stray Voltage Committee is looking for a new manufacturer of stray voltage-monitoring instruments. More on that later.

**The original Stray Voltage monitor, the “WaveRider” is not being produced at this time, but the software to run the existing units has and is being updated.**

There are two parts to the software, the logging software and the reader portion.

The **logging software** is similar to the original bar graph output that shows the instantaneous voltage on each of the 8 channels. Most of you are probably using Grabber103 which displayed the data as a color strip chart. I personally like the bar chart display, but it’s just a matter of

preference. I have tried the logging software Version 4.64R on a Pentium 3-1,000 MHz computer running W98 release 2 and it worked just fine.

The **reading or viewing software** is a familiar chart output. Bill Roberts and Eric Brom have done a fine job incorporating the suggestions of the WUA committee and produced a WaveRider reader that works fine. I have tried the reading software Version 1.0 on a Pentium 3-1,000 MHz computer running W98 release 2 and it worked just fine.

Version 1.01 is out as a no-charge upgrade, but I have not had time to try it. Download the free demo and try it! If you like it, pay for the license key and the big “demo” across the chart goes away.

To download the **free** WaveReader demo go to [www.hbci.com/~ewbrom/wrw](http://www.hbci.com/~ewbrom/wrw)

To get the \$200 key, contact Bill Roberts at [svtest@borg.com](mailto:svtest@borg.com)

You will need to provide the name of your company that will appear on each printed sheet. No WaveRider unit is required to operate this software.

To get the new logging program, contact Bill Roberts at [svtest@borg.com](mailto:svtest@borg.com)  
You will need to provide the serial number of your WaveRider unit and send \$30.

Calibration Service is also available for WaveRiders. Cost will depend on turn-around time and varies from \$175 to \$250. This does not include shipping or repairs.

**Note: When is the last time the Nicad batteries were replaced in your WaveRider? I suggest every 4-5 years.**

Well that's it for this time!

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