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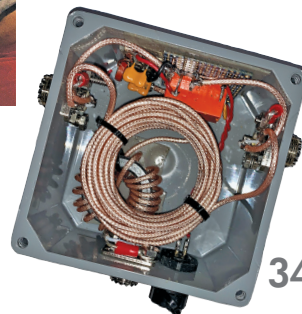
This beautiful creature is a pendulum bug created by Dr. Rudolf Kalocsay, DL3FF, a ham and telegraphy enthusiast who was looking for a way to solve the problem of contact bounce destroying transceiver PIN diodes that other bugs have. His bounce-free design is dependent on photosensors, and the pendulum design minimizes the bug's footprint. Rudi developed two types (or perhaps we should say "species") of pendulum bug — the main difference being the manner in which the pendulum's oscillation is initiated. One function by release of the pendulum pre-tensioned with a leaf spring, and the other (shown on our cover) replaces the leaf spring with a torsion spring that's initiated manually. Get the details on both bugs in Rudi's article, "DL3FF Pendulum Bugs." [Guido Flüchter, photo]



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