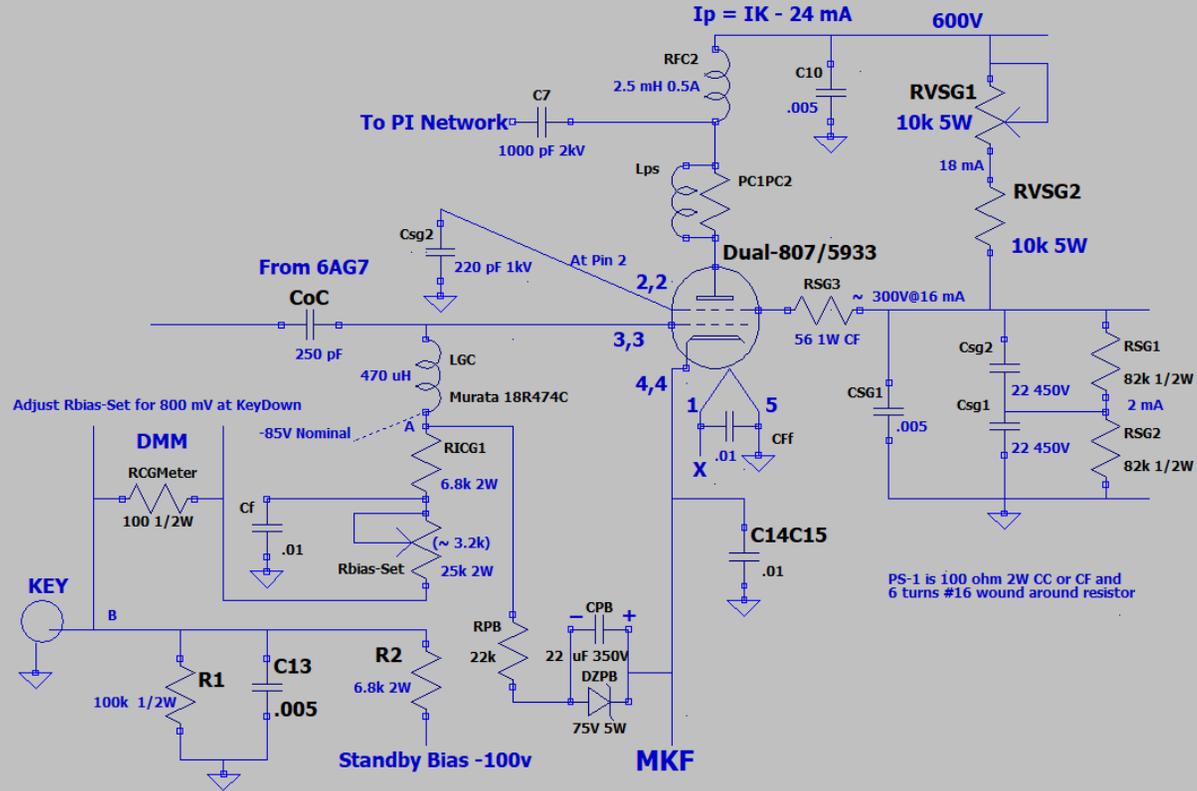
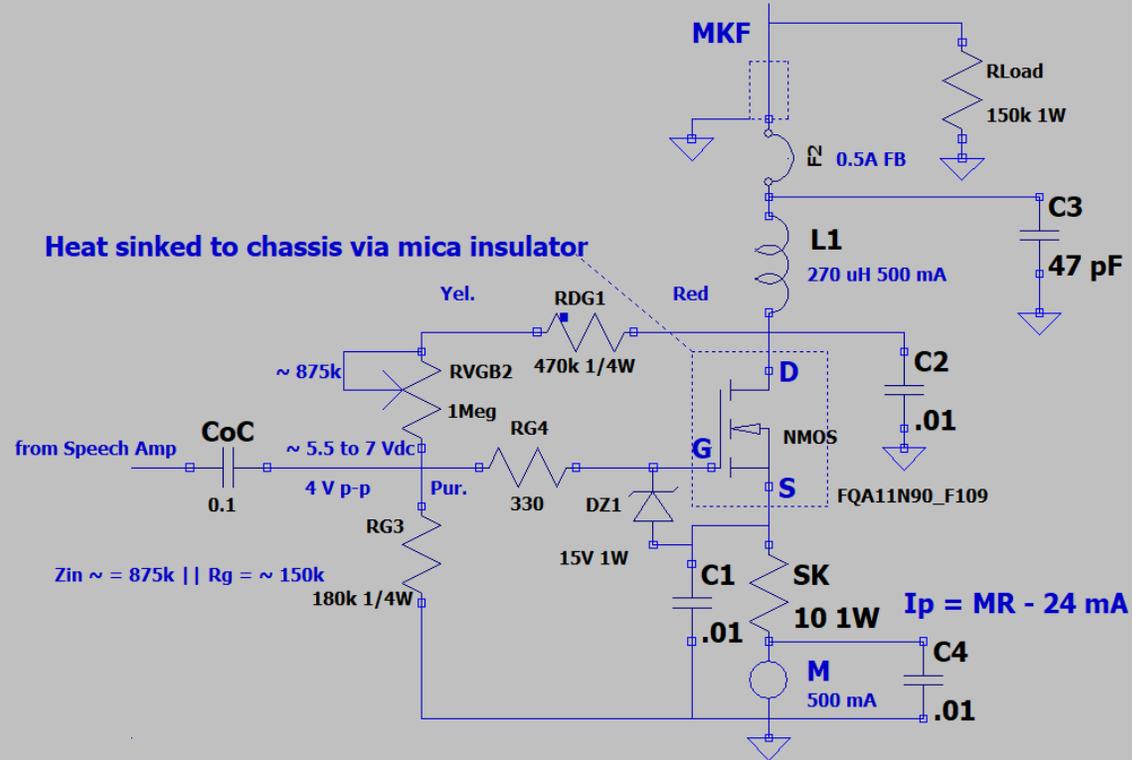


### AC00B Dual 807 Cathode Modulated Final



## Cathode Modulator for Dual 807 using Single Mosfet Modulator



## Theory:

Operating control grid bias comes primarily from the exciter's RF drive via grid-leak bias.

The short explanation is this. The Mosfet has a very low RDS or Drain-to-Source resistance at high audio level peaks so the cathode of the finals are near ground at this time.

At the other end, when there are audio valleys, the RDS is high allowing the final cathodes to go to approximately  $0.35XV_p$  for dual 807's. The high positive cathode potential represents a very low grid bias voltage. In some situations, the combination grid leak bias + the cathode potential can exceed the control grids' negative voltage spec. The "PB" components influence the total control grid voltage at the "valleys" to insure that the control grid's negative voltage spec isn't exceeded.

The power supply furnishes KeyUp bias which was a replacement/holdover from the Globe Chief 90 circuit. As such, there is at least -100 volts on the key circuit at Keyup. The 6.8k 2W resistor R2 does limit current at Keydown so as not to tax the Bias supply. This bias could also be used to cutoff exciter stages with proper dropping resistors.

In this updated design,  $I_p$  has been corrected and is  $I_p = I_K - 24 \text{ mA}$ . Screen grid current = 16 mA and control grid current = 8 mA. Since the metering is at the Mosfet Modulator's Source, actual  $I_p$  is less.

This circuit is good for 6146, 807 and similar type finals where the plate voltage doesn't exceed 900 volts. See the High Voltage Cascade dual Mosfet circuit for a for higher voltage tubes. This is the one I will be using to modulate my new 4-400 transmitter. An updated circuit with extra voltage protection is also included below.

The level of voltage to which a particular cathode voltage circuit may rise is dependent on the tube gain, the number of tubes paralleled, and final loading and may vary between  $0.25XV_p$  and  $0.4XV_p$ , depending on the circuit

