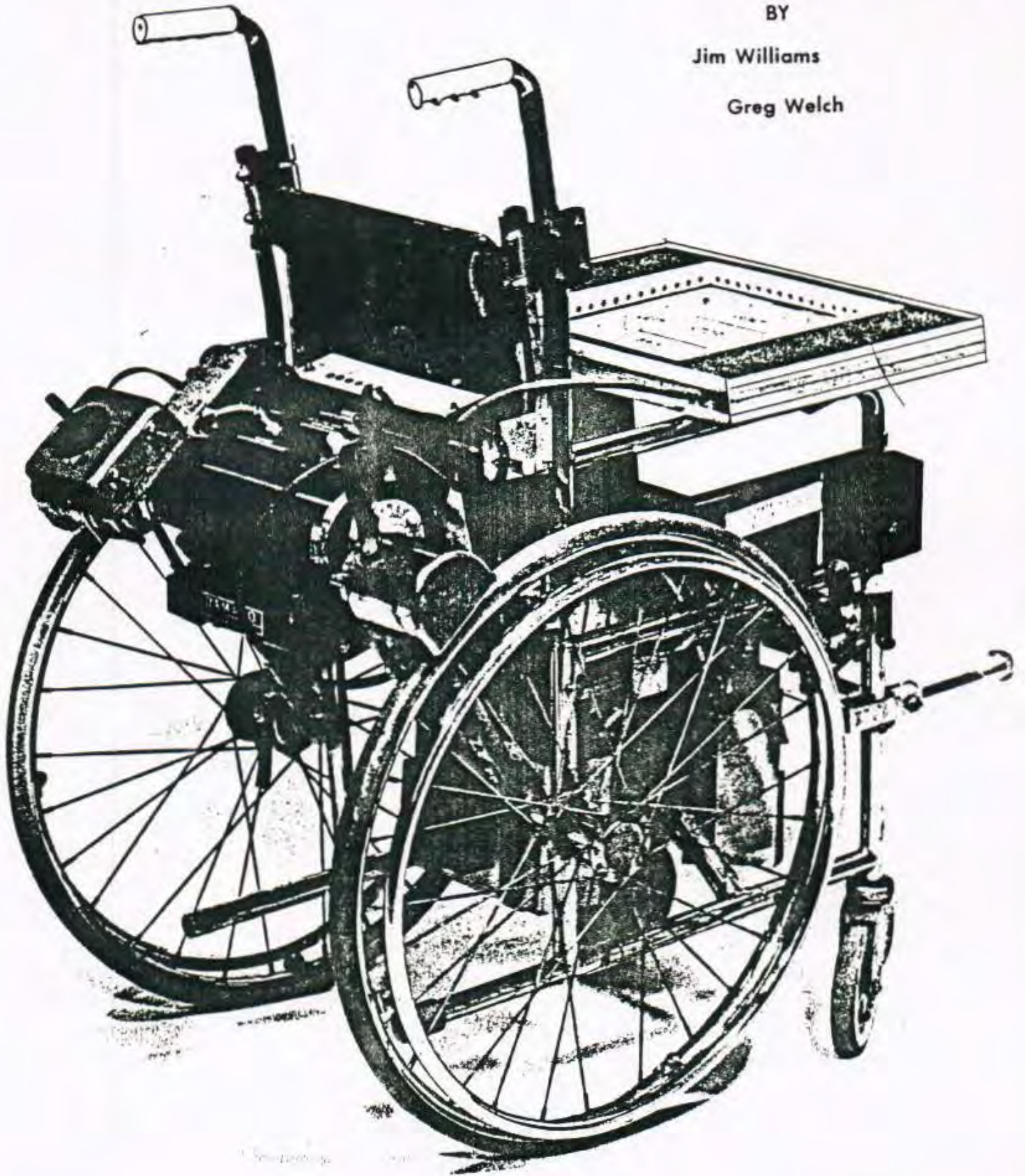


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DESCRIPTIONS

- Overall block diagram
 - G > Touch pad - *Drum probe, etc.*
 - J > Ultrasonics
 - G > Computer - *New (re-written) monitor*
 - J > Tone generator
 - G > Motor control - *SHA (4 bit) zero span*
 - J > Power supply

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 - > Verified hardware operation (general)
 - > Used software test routines
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