Band Intruders

During discussions of the teletype print-out from certain F1 intruders in the amateur bands, there has been mention of reasons for not being able to print the copy.

Sometimes this is due to the shift between mark and space, and other times to the speed which can be 60, 67, 75 or 100-speed, and faster in many cases, especially multiplex and error-correcting codes.

Also, there are numerous systems used, of which only some appear on the

When the word "scramble" is used, it may apply in different ways. By putting the mark side of the signal on an undular syphon-pen recorder, on inked paper tape, it is often easy to see why

they do not print. Some of the reasons are:

- a. The bauds are scrambled, which may cause the machine to "run open", inasmuch as there is no regular stop pulse.
- b. The characters may be scatterscrambled, causing the printer to drop letters here and there on the page, with overlines and end-of-line pileup because the CR and LF characters do not come at the right places, nor in the right order. In this type, the machine will hold sync.

c. Normal transmission of neat5-letter or 5-digit traffic, with spaces and proper carriage-returns and linefeeds.

If anyone has done "signal analysis" on these or other intruders, please send details to K6KA, Box 1, La Canada, Calif. 91011.

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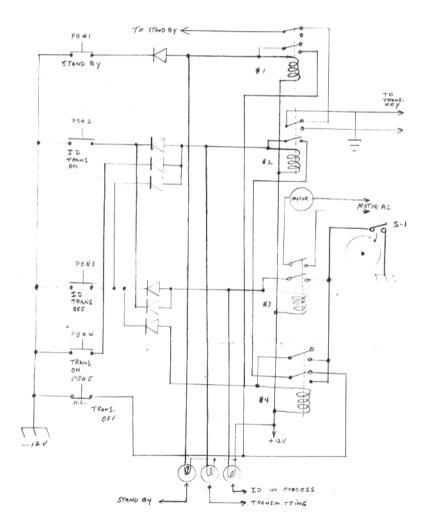
Push Button CW IDer.

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An article by VE5TO from the RTTY Journal of Nov. 1972 sparked my interest in adding an auto station control to the CW ID wheel which I have had for some time. Being somewhat short

of relays at the time I read the article I decided to put the project off. However many times I have said to myself: now if only the wheel would turn the transmitter on and off it would eliminate throwing several switches every time.

Not having 6 V.A.C. relays I decided to use 12 V.D.C. ones which I had. The entire project was put together and completed with only one hitch. The system used for stopping and starting the



wheel was erratic. A friend I work with suggested adding diode switching to the input and in the process eliminating a lot of wires. The schematic presented here works perfectly. One additional relay was added after the original unit was built for the standby circuit. It is shown wired so that the standby line is shorted to ground during standby and during transmit and open during receive. This is correct for the TTL/2 which I own. However some terminal units may be different. The mechanical wheel was built from a 10 RPM motor purchased from Olson Radio. One micro switch (S-1) stops the wheel after one turn. This switch is open in the stop position. The second switch not shown on the schematic is a micro switch with a roller which gives out the CW ID as the wheel turns. The wheel is one side of a 7' aluminum tape reel appropriately notched. If you mess one up you have a spare.

Here are the functions:

Push button #1 closes relay #1 which puts the terminal unit in standby for making tape copies, etc. To remove the unit from standby push #5 which

opens relay #1.

Push buttons #2 and #3 are the most often used buttons. Pushing button #2 closes relay #2 and #3. Relay #2 puts the transmitter on the air while relay #3 closes the AC circuit to the wheel motor. After the turn of the wheel switch S-1 drops out relay #3 while relay #2 remains on. If your side of the QSO runs more than ten minutes like with pictures another push on button #2 will give out the ID again. When you are ready to go off the air push button #3 which closes relays #3 and #4. When the turn of the wheel is completed switch S-1 drops out relays #2-#3 and #4. Button #4 would be used to put the transmitter on the air without ID. Button #5 is used to take the transmitter off the air without ID or to remove the T.U. from standby. The lights are somewhat self explanatory. The ID light lights during the turn of the wheel. The transmitter light lights during "on the air". The standby lights only if you use the standby button (#1). It doesn't light during transmit even though the T.U. is in standby. The diodes used were removed from an old computer board. Most any type will work.

The one additional thing I did not show on the schematic was to add a Dual tape recorder foot switch from an old Norelco (normally open). One parallels push button #2 and the other parallels push button #3. Now all I do to go on the air is kick

a foot switch and wait for the completion of the ID and type away. When I am thru typing I kick the other. This no hands system is great.

Ready to go ---



Larry Phiby, K1LPS, who many worked from Guam a few years back. states that he is grounded now in Italy as it is impossible to get a license. Larry has spent his time building a portable RTTY outfit with hopes that he can activate some SC spots when he leaves Italy. The unit consists of a Hallicrafter FPM300, St-5 and a Mite printer (shown with the keyboard retracted). Everything fits in an attache case.

Larry also offers to help anyone getting started or having particular problems. Write him at - Larry Philby, USNAF-Box 80-FPO, New York, 09520. As with all inquiries a SASE is courtesy

that should be observed.

The Teletype

Here's to you, you cute little thing With all your thousands gagets, a million springs

Oh! you've given me lots of pains With all your function levers and all six

You've started, stopped, and sometimes stalled

All because of an escaped pawl.

You've made me pull my hair, pray, and

Just to get your ribbon to reverse You've made me feel like an awful ham Trying to adjust your selectoe cam You're the cause of all my pet peeves Oh! You and your spacing stop sleeves And if this course I should fail It'll be because of your printing bail Now these instructions say it's a cinch To get you gauged to the thousandth of an inch

But when I'm through will I deplore I'd like to slam you on the floor Now I'd like to heave you over the brink And for me to watch you slowly sink. (Via Minn. Mars)

Equipping the Model 28 Stunt Box

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Perhaps the most unique and important feature of the Model 28 series of teletype equipment is the stunt box. This is the device that permits the machine to perform or respond to mechanical and electrical signals and further control external equipment. Several references that pertain to the stunt box are as follows:

a. TTY Corp Bulletin, Section Nr. 573-115-103, Description and Operating

Principles, 28 Stunt Box.

b. TTY Corp Bulletin, Section Nr. 573-115-200. Installation of Function Parts on a 28 Stunt Box.

c. The 28 Stunt Box. A Bell System. color brochure that, unfortunately, is out of print, but nevertheless a good reference, if you can find one!

d. Mouse Machine Modifications, by Irv Hoff, 8 parts, printed in RTTY

Journal 1970-71.

e. TTY Corporation Bulletins 216B (Desc), 217B (Tech & Adj), 1149B (Parts) Model 28 KSR (Additional Bulletins for ASR as required). (While not everyone will have ready access to the above references, they are listed in the interest of providing as complete a list as possible. The TTY Corp. Bulletins may be purchased from that company.)

Behind the front plate of the printer unit there are eight code bars that can shift left (marking) or right (spacing) when the appropraite signal is received. The second through sixth code bars are directly associated with the five elements of the received teletype signal, while the top (first), seventh, and eighth code bars are positioned independent of. or indirectly from the received code. Of these latter code bars, most amateurs will be interested primarily in the bottom two; the seventh usually being the "zero" code bar used by amateurs for auto CR-LF, and the eighth being the lettersfigures shift bar. The top bar is infrequently used for such things as call sign recognition activation/inhibit, mechanical SEL-CAL operation, or excessive line feed protection in which case it will be moved between the print or non-print positions upon receipt of the proper code, but is generally locked into the print condition by a small clip on the outside left of the printer, at the end of DECEMBER 1974

the code bar assembly. These three bars are moved left or right by means of a shirt fork mounted on top of the stunt box that engages a post over the code bar assembly. The stunt box itself is an assembly that mounts behind the code bars and contains various function bars to interact with the eight code bars. When you look from the back of the machine (with paper roll/spindle removed) you see the top and back of the stunt box, with unshift-on-space screw on the top left, then the figs/ltrs shift slide, and perhaps some electrical switches. Protruding and visible from the rear of the stunt box are pawls, levers, spring plates, and the rear tip of the function bars. A large flat vertical blade (stripper blade) goes across the rear of the stunt box, and is an integral part of the box on Mark III printers (on Mark I this blade sticks through a slot on each end of the printer and is externally operated). This stripper blade releases latched levers on its downward motion, and releases operated function bars on its upward travel. On every complete rotation of the main printer shaft, each function bar is allowed to move forward under spring action against the code bars in front of it. If the code received (and code bar alignment) is such that it coincides with the times on any individual function bar, that bar then moves fully forward so as to engage the pawl in its slot. All function bars then are then moved rearward and those pawls that have been engaged are carried rearward sufficiently so the pawl rotates its associated function lever backward. This lever is the piece that actually accomplishes the desired operation, such as opening or closing a switch, space suppression, line feed, letters shift, sequential operations, etc.

Essentially, each of the 42 slots in the stunt box may be made to perform a function by installing the appropriate function bar, lever, pawl, and spring plate in that slot. The function bar is "coded" by tines on the end adjacent to the code bars which are set either right or left of center to correspond to "mark" or "space" position of the code bars which move in accordance with the received signal. Figure 1 is a chart depicting various function bar coding. Functions performed by the stunt box can be classified as required and optional. Required functions are those of carriage return, line feed, letters and figures shift, all of which are usually assigned to specific slots. Normally,

FUNCTION BARS ... how they are coded

Snap out Tine



Function bars are literally the "passkeys" to the performance of functions. In their forward motion into the "lock-like" code bars - they search for an opening.

Like keys . . . function bar projections vary . . . and they vary in several ways. The number of tines and the way they are engled left for marking and right, for spacing usually varies

from one function bar to the next. Shown below in front views are function bars with tine arrange-

ments corresponding to the 5-level signal characters that will allow these function bars to move completely forward.



Universal Function Bar Illustrated above is a side view

	d þ	1st. PULSE
	d 5	5th, PULSE
	qb	2nd. PULSE
	q p	3rd. PULSE
	- 11	
	qp.	ZERO
nt Vlew	qp.	FIGSLTRS.
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of the fully loaded bar called the "universal" function bar. At left-is the front view of this bar with tines identified as to the level of typing unit code bars they contact

Coding Function Bars As indicated in this diagram . . . by snapping off tines, "universal" function bars can be coded for any one of the code characters.

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space suppression is also provided with certain of these functions. Optional functions are any desired by the individual to respond for bell, WRU, reperf control, and may be assigned to any of the slots not used by required functions. The required functions require certain slots to be used for specific operations; on all but a very few old printers, slots are originally equipped with the following minimum functions furnished:

Slot 1 - Space (unshift-on-space usually equipped by disabled)

Slot 2 - Figures Slot 3 - Letters

Slot 5 - Carriage Return

Slot 40 - Line Feed

Any Slots - Space Suppression for CR, Blank, LF

As Irv Hoff carefully explained in his Mouse Machine articles, this original setup should be modified for amateur use so that a printer will have the "standard three" features commonly desired for RTTY use. (Non-overline, Auto CR-LF, Unshift on Space). This amateur modified setup then uses these slots with functions bars coded as indicated:

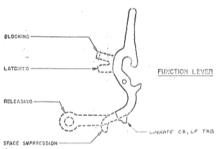
CODE SLOT

Space (with top mounted screw Slot 1 backed out for unshift on space enable)

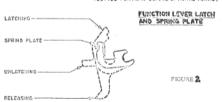
Slot 2 - Figures

Slot 3 - Letters

Slot 4 - Auto CR-LF (for Auto CR)



ADOVTED PORTIONS DESIGNE OPTIONAL FORMS



Slot 5 - Line Feed to provide CR on receipt of LF

Slot 39 - Auto CR-LF (for Auto CR) Slot 40 - Line Feed (normal LF) (space suppression may be on either LF Function bar)

Any Other Slot - Special; Space suppression for CR and Blank (by using a specially coded function bar to respond to both CR

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or Blank, thereby saving one slot. This special coding is accomplished by breaking off the top tine of either a CR or a Blank bar, allowing it to respond to both functions.)

With this lineup you will have a printer that does all the things you will really need for practical RTTY operation; the only initially strange characteristic of this configuration is that nothing will happen locally when you type a CR, and both CR and LF will occur whenever a LF is typed. And, you have 34 empty slots to code for any options you may desire!

Now, here is the interesting part of the entire stunt box study - just how do you use these 34 slots? Customary, of course, is equipping one slot with a function bar coded for upper case S, or bell. Many machines also have this installed at the factory. If you don't like a raucous bell in the shack, you can instead hook up a chime as has been done by several enthusiasts.

Perhaps here is the place to briefly cover the variable features of the levers and plates used to equip slots to respond to sequential characters. The function bar is obviously coded for the desired action. Function levers (there are more than two dozen kinds!) can be obtained that:

- a. Operate electrical switches
- b. Suppress spacing
- c. Latch for one character
- d. Latch until released upon specific code
- e. Operate sequentially
- f. Operate top slides (Figs/Ltrs)
- g. Move bottom T-bars (blank-blank, CR, LF)
- h. Perform practically any combination of the above!

There are three different spring plates; plain, latching (one character), and latching (bail release). Figure 2 is a pictorial explanation of Lever and Plate variations. Sequential operation is used for the many station control features that are being used by many amateurs throughout the world with Model 28 machines. From figure 2 it can be seen that blocking and latching arms are available together or separately on a function lever. Assume you want to have the sequence "Figs - Blank - H" operate an electrical switch (commonly used for transmitter turn-off (N.C.) or as part of a longer sequence for WRU *turn-on (N.O.). You would use a latching sequential lever in the "Figs" and "Blank" slots, and a plain lever**in the "H" slot. Of course, each slot that has a latching lever would have a latch spring

plate and a normal pawl. Over the "H" slot you would mount an appropriate switch. Now when the character "Figs" is received, not only does the Figs bar in slot 2 operate, but so will the one you have added for this sequence. This additional "Figs" bar and pawl moves rearward and will rotate and latch its associated lever, and the lever's blocking arm which curves around behind the next higher slot will move out of the way allowing it to operate on the next cycle. Similarly, if the very next character is a "Blank", the lever in that slot will unblock the next higher slot, where you have an "H" bar. If the next received character is an "H", the function lever in that slot will rotate and operate the switch mounted on top of the stunt box. Note that if any other character or garble is received in the midst of the sequence, the switch will not operate, as the stripper blade will unlatch all latched function levers on the next received character. As long as the blocking arm of the lever is not latched out of the way, the function bar of the next higher slot can not be "selected" or move forward into the code bars.

Sequential operations are the heart of all station control schemes; they always consist of two or more slots coded so as to respond to the desired sequence of characters. The longer sequences are used where more protection is required, such as WRU or reperf turn on; the shorter sequences are adequate for such things as CW ID activation, etc. (Note that codes are usually designed using character sequences that do not commonly occur in normal conversation.)

Here is where your work comes in deciding what features you want in your station. A worksheet has been prepared to assist in planning your particular stunt box configuration. When considering optional function, it is essential that an electrical diagram for your station control scheme be made at the same time. A sample of a filled-in worksheet together with its associated station control is attached as Figures 3 and 4. This station control scheme is essentially that published by Irv. Hoff, W6FFC, in the May 71 RTTY Journal, and modified for reperf control, 4 N's deactivation, and CW ID changes. Figure three has been laid out with the author's call sign and for use with a Model 28 ASR, and in addition to the "standard three features. has as options the following:

- a. WRU
- b. Reperf remote on/off
- c. Fig-Bl-H shut down
- d. CW ID
- e. Bell on Bell; BK, and call sign

f. Station control arm/disable

It should be emphasized here that each individual should analyze his own requirements and equipment before he decides on what kind of station control ne needs or wants. This sample is just one approach to the problem, and is not in any way the only or necessarily best way of accomplishing the task. (Several other approaches to station control are possible, from more mechanical use of the stunt box to a "pure" electronic logic approach.)

Figure four is the associated circuit diagram that was made to complement the stunt box layout. It would be helpful if the reader would place these two figures side by side as he proceeds through the following explanation.

One factor that becomes apparent

when a stunt box is removed from the printer is that there are only certain specific places that shift forks and switches may be mounted on top of the box, due to the location of the drilled and tapped holes. Since our example does not use any shift forks other than the normal space-figs-ltrs fork on the left end of the box, it will suffice to say that additional shift forks can only be mounted where the two large tapped holes are found across the top of the stunt box. Electrical switches can be placed more frequently; however, to get maximum utilization out of the switch assemblies, they too should be planned (also for neatness and economy). Switch blocks come in double or quadruple units, and are attached so that they will work over one to four slots, beginning with an odd

			· KL	7HKB	WRU
71 ***			M28 STUNT	BOX CONFIG	GURATION REPERF ON JOFF
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s			-	**	BELL ON BK
L	FUNCTION	ON BAR I	LEVER	PLATE	
Ö	1 011011			TYPE	
T	DESC	P/N	P/N		OTHER EQUIP & REMARKS
1	SPACE	155129	152642	SPRING	ENABLE UNSHIFT ON SPACE
2	F165	152666	152641	SPRING	FIG-LTRS SHIFT SLIDE
3	LTRS.	152665	152641	SPRING	¥
4	SCCRLF	152671	152642	5PRING	AUTO CR-LF
5.5	LF (P)	153435	152641	SPRING	LF 152668 PERMISSIBLE
6	N	152689	152/21	LATCH	
57	N	152 689	152121	LATCH	
8	N	152689	152121	LATCH	
5 9	N	152 689	152642	SPRING	N. C. SWITCH - DISARM CONTROL
10	FIGS	152666	152121	LATCH	
		152669	152121	LATCH	
511	BL	152683	152642	SPRING	N.C. SWITCH - TUEN OFF TX
12	_ H			LATEN	71.01
s 13	LTRS	152665	152121	LATEN	
_14	H	152683	152121	LATCH	
5.15	K	152686	152121	LATCH	N.O. SWITCH - RING BELL ON CAL
16	B	152677	152121	LATCH	N. O. SWITCH - ARM CONTROL
S17	FIGS	152666	152/2/		N. O. SWITEH - HETT CONTROL
	4CBL	152693	152121	· LATCH	
S 19		152673	152642	SPRING	N.O. SWITCH- TURN ON WRU
20	UC S	152672	152298	LATCH	N.O. SWITCH - RING BELL
521	UCBL	152693	152121	LATCH	and the second of the second o
22		153161	152642	SPRING	N.O. SWITCH- TURN ON REPERF
5 2 3		152693	152121	LATCH	
24	UC D	153521	152642	SPRING	N.C. SWITCH-TURN OFF REFERF
5 25		152677	152121	LATCH	
26		152686	152642	SPRING	N.O. SWITCH-RING BELL ON BK
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38		1 10010	152143	SPRING	AUTO CR- LF
<u>S</u> 39		152671	152642	SPRING	NORMAL LINE FEED.
40		152668	152642	LATCH	TOUR TIME PEED,
S 41	FIG	152666			The state of the s
42	LF	152668	152641	SPRING	N. O. SWITCH - TURN ON CWID
*	152641-	SPACE SUPP	15265	9 - SPACE S	UPP (SEG, LATCH) ## 152660 - SPRING

154613 - LATCH 152089 - BAIL REL LATCH PL numbered slot (5).

Beginning in slot 6 is the station control disable sequence of 4 N's. This is shown on figure 4 as SB9 and will open the flow of current to relay K4, a double pole double throw unit. With K4 open, relay K5 cannot operate, thereby preventing unintentional reperf operation.

Slots 10 through 12 are the transmitter turn-off sequence, and shown on figure 4 as SB 12. This switch opens the holding circuit for relay K1, a fourpole double throw unit that is the heart

of the station control setup.

Slots 13 through 19 constitute the WRU turn-on, shown as SB 19 on figure 4. Since the last three characters of this sequence are the same as slots 10 through 12, the relay R-C network in figure 4 insures that there is a different effect of the two switches SB12 and SB19. SB19 turns on relay K2, a double pole double throw unit, relay K1, and initiates relay K3, a time-out relay of approximately 30 seconds or so. A word of caution: NEVER operate a WRU without some sort of time out protection; if you wish to become famous overnight, leave it out, get a stuck TD, and thereby leave a carrier on an autostart frequency for several hours! Such operation is not only highly illegal, it also tends to make it hard for your signal to be "heard" for quite some time thereafter!! Slot 17 has another switch shown as

a fair amount of protection. Subsequent receipt of the sequence B1-Z in slots 21 and 22 will then close SB22 on figure 4, operating K5 which activates the reperf in the ASR by "unblinding" a solid state selector magnet driver (SMD) (TTY part number 177010). This SMD has the ability to follow the DC signal loop, reconstructing the signal to the reperf; by connecting two points together in the SMD (with a 47 ohm resistor) it is put in a "blind" or mark hold condition, without affecting the main loop.

SB17 on Figure 4: this turns on K4 with

Slots 23 and 24 then open \$B24 which opens up the circuit to K5, turning off the

reperf by "blinding" the SMD.

Slots 41 and 42 close SB42 which activates an automatic CW IDer (this one designed by WA1DLZ which in turn interrupts the TD until ID is completed at which time the TD is allowed to continue.)

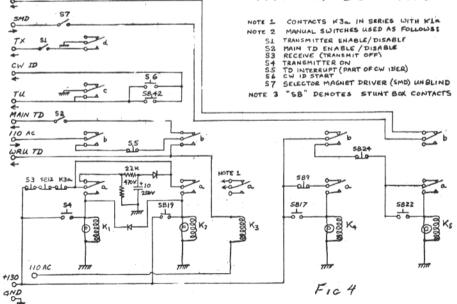
A bell is energized for a short period (less than one revolution of the printer shaft or approximately 160 ms) upon receipt of: an upper case S, slot 20; letters B-K, slot 26; and SB16 respectively, which are connected in parallel to ring a bell or chime as desired.

The other switches on figure 4 are manual for non-automatic control of the transmitter, TD, CW IDer, or reperf. They may be mounted on the keyboard, on

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STATION CONTROL





From The Editor and his Mail



A great many subscriptions expire with this December issue. This is the one time we would appreciate an early renewal due to the flood of work in December. It also helps if you mark renewal on your check. You would be surprised how many letters we get saying "send me the Journal for a year" when it is a renewal. We have learned now and always check first, in fact we have been able to decipher most of the problems that used to drive us nuts all except one thing - why does a magazine that has been sent from the same stencil for months suddenly come back marked -Unknown - Undeliverable, We get several of these every month.

When we first started publishing the Journal eight years ago we requested a limit of one year on subscriptions. We still prefer it that way. This is heresy in the publishing business to turn down multiple year subscriptions and does mean a little more work for us but with a one man operation and not getting any younger, we will feel more comfortable without long range obligations. Thanks.

The RTTY Art Contest is over and the judges are making their final decisions. We hope to announce the winners and maybe the winning picture in the next issue. The contest was international as 2 entries from Germany and 1 from Canada were among the entries.

NOTICE ON DAYTON ROOM RESERVATIONS

Due to confusion and shortage of rooms during the Dayton Hamvention the committee has received an allotment of rooms from all of the motels in the area. For a room reservation write to --Reservations, Dayton Hamfest. P.O. Box 44. Dayton, Ohio. 45401 . . . State the number in the room, the arrival date and departure time. Acknowledgements will be mailed direct to you but allow for some time as the committee has just started to work. If you want to be with the RTTY group at the Imperial North Motel mention that on your request. As far as possible requested preference will be given. Rooms will be at a premium and if you write direct now your answer will be - all sold out ----. Send your request to the Hamyention address.

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VHF RTTY NEWS

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We are happy to say that we have received some VHF RTTY operating information. Certainly, there is not as much as we would like to see, but what

we do have, helps.

Joe Stevens, WA4JZX, in Elizabeth City, NC (about 60 km south of Norfolk, VA) writes: "We have a little interest in the area in VHF FM RTTY using 2125/2295 on our repeater 146.46/147.06 WR4ADN. Stations on are KL7HIX/W4 and K4VHV. We have several assets to work with here: 300' (90m) tower at my shack, 28ASR, 28KSR, 33ASR, minicomputer, access to TWX (first RTTY autopatch?). We are running 60 WPM with no plans for any other speed. I don't know what direction we are running off into though - I am building the Radio-Electronics TV-Typewriter. I would be interested in getting any software for the Intel 8008 CPU that would be useful for amateur RTTY."

Duane Fruechte, W9HWQ, of Trempealeau, WI, had the following news: "Just a note to let you and the other VHF RTTYers know about the activity in the western Wisconsin area. At present in the La Cross, WI, area (we are using a frequency of 145.6 MHz wide shift on AM. There are three stations on 24 hours a day autostart: W9HWQ, WA9 HCZ, and WB9BJQ with several others on at various times. This group has been on for the past two years. This is a very informal group and all are welcome at any time."

Tom Talley, W8HQQ, sent the following information on the MARA (Midwest Amateur RTTY Association) repeater in Cincinnati, OH: "The MARA 2 meter voice/RTTY repeater is now on the air (a little late by about 2 months but nevertheless "on the air"). We still have several things to do, but it is working fine. The power output at this time is 200 watts, but will be increased to 374 in about a month. It is currently locked into the voice C.O.R. (carrier operated relay/repeat) mode, but the presence of a mark of space signal TTTY) will switch it into the RTTY



mode. In other words, it will follow you. The MARA Net probably will resume sometime around the first week or so in November, on Monday evenings at 7:30 local time.

"Stations are getting into it from Columbus. This new 2 meter MARA repeater is on the standard 147 MHz pair of 147.69 in/147.09 out." We had a summary of the MARA 6 meter repeater in this "column" in 1972 NOV. For an idea of the complexity/cleverness of the repeater see that "column". For additional information, you can write to Tom Talley, W8HQQ, 940 North Hill Lane, Cincinnati, OH, 45224. Thanks, Tom. Thanks also to Joe and Duane.

We also have a bit of VHF RTTY news from here. After a long delay, WASAYS, Clarence Kersker finally got going on the "standard" 30F2 146.700 MHz with his 2125 es 2975 "tweedles", vertically polarized, of course. He has been putting in a potent signal here in Ada - all the way from Lima (OH). We have also been hearing Bob Jeffrey, WB 8DUO, from Fostoria, OH. Seems he has lots of RF, but something has been happening to the tones or the keying. There are a lot of potential VHF RTTY operators around here (as is probably the case everywhere). Why don't they get on?

The following item was accidentally omitted about 14 months ago. Although not necessarily current news, it is cer-

tainly worth printing here.

Vladimir Holena, OK1ALV, has the following information on the OK7ULZ VHF Group repeater: "At the end of last year (1972) we finished the design and construction of the linear 2 meter repeater, the first in Czechoslovakia. It is presently (mid 1973) under test here in Praha and at the beginning of the summer it will be installed on the highest mountain in Northern Bohemia - Snezka (Snow Hill) - altitude 1602 m. Until now, more than 100 contacts were made thru the repeater - both local and abroad. Listed below are the basic characteristics.

"1) Call sign - OKQA. 2) Input frequency centered at 145.1 MHz. 3) Output frequency centered at 145.7 MHz

(IARU Channel R4). 4) Tone access is 1750 Hz and the PA is automatically shut down 2.5 minutes after the end of the last QSO.

"All modes including RTTY can be used. Maximum output, 10 W PEP. Antennas - crossed dipoles. Bandwidth -15 kHz. The call sign is transmitted once a minute on the output channel (OKQA, 145.7 MHz). All stages including the identifier are fully solid state except for the final amplifier. (We had no experience with protection against static and tubes are much cheaper.) The chief designer and constructor of the repeater is Stan Blazka, OK1MBS.'

Vladimir would like information about activity (RTTY) elsewhere, including any club bulletins. "If there is any club issuing its own RTTY magazine, I will be glad to know about it. All free samples and/or back issues will be welcomed." Send them to Vladimir Holena OK1ALV, Pobrezni 54, 186 000 Praha 8, Czechoslovakia.

Vladimir is the RTTY Editor for their club bulletin: "Radioamatersky Zpravodai." Because of currency exchange problems they cannot send currency from Czechoslovakia; therefore, any free literature is greatly appreciated.

We have one very interesting technical item sent to us by Eskil Hedetun, SM7DMG; it describes the Siemens Fernschreiber 106. It looks very much like the Teletype Corp. M15 with two exceptions: 1) The keyboard has 4 rows of keys, and 2) The type pallets contain 4 characters each. Which of the four characters is to be printed is determined by shifting both the type basket and the platen! The code used is quite similar to the 6-unit Teletypesetter

Well, that's it for this month. Please keep sending VHF RTTY operating information to us. 73, ES CUL, RG

1974 BARTG Contest Results

No	Callsign	Points								
1	SM4CMG	215080	37	ON4BX	46592	74	VE7YB	14564		
2	I6NO	210600	38	W7IU	46438	75	LA5HE	14520		
3	I5WT	169722	39	DL8VX	44288		WA6TLA	13530		
4 5	XZ5BH	150552		VK3KF	40620	77	W6AEE	13088		
5	KH6AG	134620	41	SMOOY	40300	78	VS6EK	12870		
6	I1YTL	131600	42	DJ1QT	39676	79	K1YGF	11368		
7	K4GMH	112896	43	SM6AEN	39232	80	SL5AR	1056		
8	HK3PB	110970	44	SM6CDG	38232	81	W3CRG	950		
9	XE1LL	109058	45	VK5IF	39016	82	OK2BJT	818		
10	G3MWI	108600	46	VP2MKH	37000	83	WB9JTK	750		
11	ON5WG	107712	47	ON4CK	36624	84	JA1EUL	714		
12	W4CQI	107424	48	WA6WGL	36512	85	IT9APZ	671		
13	I1PXČ	107100		CE3EX	34408	86	SMØKV	660		
14	KX6LA	106568	50	WOMT	34268	87	OZ4EDR	650		
15	JH1TFF	96600	51	W7BCT	33800	88	G3OUR	590		
16	HB9AVK	89884		W9KDX	32550	89	W8TCO	561		
17	PY2CYK	86602	53	HB9HK	30900	90	VE4SC	505		
18	WOCJZ	79294	54	LX1JW	27750	91	SM6EDH	466		
19	I1COB	78936	55	VE5LG	26372	92	OZ4XR	356		
20	DJ8BT	72324	56	G3RDG	36760	93		226	0	
21	IOZAN	71972	57	EI8BZ	22932		WAVE LIS	TENE	R SEC	TION
22	9Y4VU	71484	58	W1GKJ	22360	1	K1LPS/I8	, , , , , , , ,		197424
23	OZ4FF	69044	59	IØTTC	21960	1	Larry Filby	v		
24	DLIVR	66744		W1MX	21560	2	H. Ballenbe			107800
25	K6WZ	64862	61	G8LT	20580	2	DL-SWL			
26	9Y4RB	63060	62	VE2JR	20328	3	R. Giarnell	0		104244
27	DK2XV	61050	63	WA4JJY	20292	U	13 130138			
28	G3YDR	60636		HA5KFZ	20286	4	P. Winches	ter		104144
29	W3EKT	59976	65	UA9PP	19210	•	BRS 25676			
30	G6JF	59004		FO8BO	17800	5	A. Marches	sini		86490
31	W5EUN	56376	68	WB4ZDA	17460		I4 14707			
32	W8JIN	52990	69	I2SVA	16800	6	D. R. Hare			75760
33	W3KV	50688	70	G3IIR	16520	U	BRS 27239			
34	PAOWDR	48642	71	WB6QFE	16072	7	P. Menadie	r		70392
35	OK1MP	47038	72	DF1FA	15680		U.S.A.			
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JOHN POSSEHL - W3KV Blue Bell, Pa., 19422

HELLO THERE

Funny thing about a Contest; when it ends the silence seems to be louder than the noise that preceded. Anyway, the CARTG "Winnipeg Centennial" is in the record books and while there may not have been records broken there sure was a lot of activity. Conditions can best be described as very good. Had the test been scheduled for one week later it could have well been a disaster as the bands were closed down due to solar activity. There certainly were some king sized pile-ups when such rare DX as XW8HJ, HZ1SH, 3A2GX, SV1EC, CR6GA, and 4U1ITU showed up for brief periods on one or more bands. There are sure to be several very high scores judging from the numbers being given out toward the end of the contest. Band/Country multipliers will be up around the 90 mark in several logs and WAC was not difficult with Africa and Asia quite active. I am sure that in the latter category was Henri, LU2ESB, this being his final contest effort from the LU QTH. Henri will soon show up with a PY call and we have no doubt that whatever the call is, it will be heard in the future RTTY Contests.

Activity by Tony, XW8HJ, was certainly a surprise in the Contest and his activity carried over for a few days after with strong signals to the East Coast USA. The shift was 850 hz and speed at 50 baud but this may well have been changed to the narrow shift and 60 speed by now. Tony will be active from Laos for a few years so there should be no problem to contact him eventually. He may also operate from other countries in that area if permission is granted. His QSL manager was misprinted in the last issue, so to set the record straight, cards for XW8HJ go to --

Glenn Kurzenknabe, K3SWZ 403 Centerview Av.

New Cumberland, Pa. 17070 The contest mayhem must have stripped the gears in Feisal's machine as he has not been reported on since that time. For the lucky few that have made contact thus far QSL's for HZ1SH can go to --

P.O. Box 2108 Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

While everyone cannot win a contest. it is always nice to see how you made out in the overall results and perhaps gather data so that you can do better in the next one. Our observation has been that the Contest Managers do an outstanding job of itemizing the results showing QSO and multiplier breakdown for each entry along with general comments submitted by the participants. However, what you see published is usually only the first ten or so scores, particularly in a publication such as this, with limited space for many diverse activities in RTTY that all have to fit into a magazine with a postal weight limitation. We hasten to add, however, that complete results of contests are published in some of the publications but not everyone subscribes to all of them. Ted Double, Contest Manager of the BARTG, informs us that complete returns of their contest will be sent upon request at the time you send in your score. For European stations enclose 1 IRC and all others 3 IRC and results will be forwarded by Air. I am quite sure that the same would apply to other contest sponsors and the reciprocal in IRC's for the CARTG contest based in North Amer-

In addition to his RTTY activities, Bud, W2LFL, has been working via the Oscar 6 satellite since last August and has found many of the RTTY gang engaged in similar activity. While this has been on either CW or SSB, RTTY will not be long in coming. In fact the Oscar 7 package will be sending out telemetry information on 144 and 432 mhz in 850 shift at 60 speed. Imagine, international RTTY DX on VHF and UHF!! You will certainly recognize some of the following calls that are presently active via Oscar, 15CTE, IIKFB, IIBAY, F8XT, EI5BH, DK3NG, DJ1QT, TF3IRA, OE9ERI, ZL1WB, VP2KH, W6CG, CN8BO, and no doubt many more. At this writing the impending launch of Oscar 7 has been delayed at least three weeks due to launch vehicle problems.

In the meantime, look for Bud on 29490

No activity from the Philippines for quite a while but via Gin we hear that DU1POL is now QRV.

We understand that OE9ERI has had contact with XT2AE but further info not available at the moment.

VK9XW has filtered through to the East Coast USA during the early morning hours recently, so keep listening.

QSL's are being mailed for the VP2 MRW operation so a SASE will get a card from Knobby. QTH listed last month.

Ariel, 4X4MR, is out of QSL's for the moment, but it has been suggested that a "homemade" card with all the QSO information does get results.

IC8SMY, while counting as Italy is a good catch for the prefix hunters. He has been quite active and is located at-P.O. Box 39, Ischia Porto, 80077, Italy.

Larry, K1LPS/I8, and formerly KG 6NAA, recently traveled through northern Europe and had the opportunity to meet the boys at OZ4EDR and club president of the SARTG, OZ4FF. Larry is on the down side of his duty tour and expects to be "green keying" from Vermont again sometime next year. So you fellows needing Vermont to complete WAS be patient just a while longer.

Mike, OY1M, had some machine troubles causing a short QRT but seems to be back in business again. In addition to the home QTH previously published, he does have a QSL Manager and this route may be more convenient, it is --

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DK4ZF WAC 21mhz, Nr. 1 Howard Markwell WØMT Nr. 2 Hans Schalk DJ8BT

Well, now that everyone has had a good long rest, it is time to get set for the Volta Contest which should take place in about a week or so. OX3JW should be active in this one.

The recent articles published using the UART and FIFO chips has caused a tremendous interest in their use for RTTY terminals. Pete, W6KS, has been making them available at about cost and postpaid stateside and now passes word that he can make them available to DX stations also. Units can be sent at the airmail letter rate and he has had success in doing this to several countries. See Pete's offer in the "Classified Ads" to obtain these hard to get items.

In the next issue we will run the RTTY -DX HONOR ROLL. To up-date your listing, please have the totals to me by 1 December. Those wishing to participate for the first time just send me two numbers. DX worked/DX confirmed, no list or QSL's needed until 100 confirmed is

reached.

Since this is the December issue it indicates that another year has passed. In our age bracket there is a tendency to ignore the fact that "time marches on", but regardless, 1975 is just around the corner. Anyway, we wish all of you and your families a very Happy Holiday Season along with sincere thanks for your support of this column by your timely and informative contributions throughout the year. 73 de John

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the ASR front panel over the TD, of just about any convenient spot to the operator. Indicator lamps should be near the switches. The relays themselves can be mounted on the LESU or in the basement of the machine: the only caution is to insure isolation of the CW IDer from noise impluses to prevent false operation.

The foregoing was intended as a quick guide to understanding the M28 Stunt Box. Hopefully, it will give the reader the proper orientation to dig into his machine and learn first hand just what operations occur in the stunt box, and what can be done for his particular desired options. The author wishes to thank all who provided ideas and encouragement for this article, especially Fred WA1DLZ whose assistance was most helpful.

*WRU - Literally "Who are you", but used here to define an automatic short answer back that acknowledges a call.

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