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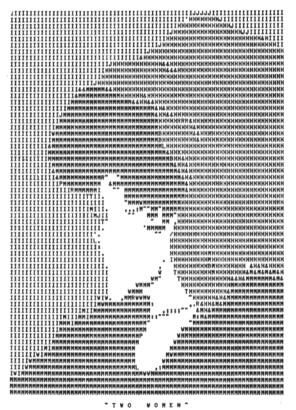


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WINNERS - 1974 RTTY ART CONTEST

This first art contest was truly international and produced ten entries, six from U.S. artists and four from our DX friends. The five judges all saw the entries slightly differently, thus requiring a point system to determine the winners. Since all of the entries were very good, the scoring was close. The first three places and two honorable mentions are:

1st place:

Rick Albury, W5SOQ

"Two Women"

2nd place:

Bill King, W2LTJ

"Thomas A. Edison"

3rd place:

Dusty Chapman, WA3IKK "Big Bottle"

Honorable Mention: Dick Peters, WAlPWF

"Friendship Through Communication"

Honorable Mention: Horst Miers, DL6US/

"Groggy"

Plaques donated by the RTTY Journal will go to Rick, W5SOQ, and Bill, W2LTJ, for their efforts, with third place and honorable mention winners receiving certificates.

Entries were also submitted by Ed, VE2GA (two pictures); Lynne, WB8DSN, and Duane, W9HWQ. Horst. DL6US, also submitted two entries.

The winning entry was the fifth such effort by Rick during his three years on RTTY and using his model 15 gear resurrected from the Missouri Pacific Railroad. Rick, a trophy "peddler", lives in a Dallas apartment and has the usual antenna problems but does operate VHF whenever he can.

It was also interesting to note that the second place picture was the first RTTY art attempt by Bill. Some of the others may also have been first efforts but that information was not available. The judges, John, K2AGI; Lee, WA5EHA; Don, WA6PIR; Dick, WA7RQV; and Neil, K9WRL, indicated that the biggest problem encountered by entrants was in formatting their tapes. Almost all of the tapes contained extra or unnecessary functions and some would not print on machines having non-automatic features. Problems were also presented by the different keyboards used throughout the world.

Participation of all the entrants is sincerely appreciated. Since this contest is planned as an annual activity, it is hoped that these artists and other potential ones will be ready for the '75 competition.

Additional Entries on Page 16

Prom Controlled CW ID Generator-Double Message.

"DON" PURLAND, WØLZT 8201 Northwood Pky. NEW HOPE,MN, 55427

Here's another CW ID unit. Only this one has a PROM to store the CW message. In fact, there is enough room (256 bits) to store 2 CW ID's! The PROM, a Monolithic Memories 6330 or a Signetics 8223, is readily available and inexpensive. The PROM replaces all the diodes and the multiplexer/de-coders. It has the equivalent of 256 diodes. The PROM comes with a fuse in series with each diode. By "blowing" the proper fuses a permanent message is "burned" into the memory. Once programmed, it is impossible to change it, when it is in the operating circuit.

I use the first half of the PROM

(most significant bit a "O" - A4) for the beginning message CW ID, and the other half of the PROM (most significant bit a "1" -A4) for the ending message CW ID

with the K's.

I borrowed the CW format from Howard Nurse's (W6LLO)article in Ham Radio of Jan 74: - dot-1 bit; dash-3 bits; between dots & dashes -1 bit; and between words -7 bits. Also from W6LLO, I used a sub-multiple of the RTTY bit rate - 1/4 th.

CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION -

IC U1&2 are a divide by 22 for the 60 wpm speed and follow the formula: -f equals 1/period equals 1/.022 equals 1000/22 equals 45.45 Hz. This is useful here and for future articles where we will generate digital RTTY messages sending the time, and common high useage phrases. I'll also have the divider for 100 wpm speed RTTY.

One-half of U8 is used as a latch, and

stores the fact that a CW message is being sent. U5 is used to indicate which ing sent. U5 is used to indicate which CW message is sent. Two lights indicate which message is sent. To reset to the beginning QSO CW ID the BEGIN pushbutton is pushed, this resets U5, and a "O" will be sent to the A4 input on the PROM. When the START button is pressed, U8 latches and puts a "O" on the counters U3, U4., then the 45.45 Hz is divided by 4 in U3, and then binary counter (U4) sequentially steps thru the memory, on every 8th count of counter

U3. The memory chip U6, a 256 bit store, has 5 input bits of address and 8 output bits of message. The address then has 32 (25) addresses containing 8 bit messages. If we string these messages serially, it is a 256 bit message. If we forget for the moment, address bit A4, we have then 16 addresses (24) of 8 bit outputs, which gives us a 128 bit message. If we control address bit A4 to be a "1" or a "O", we then have 2 128 bit messages - 128 bits when A4 is a "O" and 128 bits when A4 is a "O" as a position multiplexer, like an 8 position switch. The SO,SI,SI inputs, control which signal input gats to the output in which signal input gets to the output, in binary fashion, 000 lets the 10 input get to the output; thru 111 which lets the 17 input get to the output. At each of the memory addresses we stop, for 8 counts, and let U7 step thru the memory's 8 output bits with counter U3, that is connected to the S0, S1,S2 control inputs on U7. As U3 counts at a faster rate than U4, connected to the addresses of U6, it can be seen that U7 will look at all 8 outputs of the memory before the memory is stepped to the next address. When the address is increased by 1, a new part of the CW message is ready for U7. This is repeated until we get through the last address, and the last 8 steps of U7. When counter U4 goes to "O", at the end of the message, (A3 bit) falls to "O". This falling edge starts one-shot U9 that resets the U8 latch. When U8 resets - 1. U3&U4 are held in reset. 2. U8A's out-U3&U4 are held in reset. 2. U8A's output falls and flips a counter stage of U5 putting a "1" on address bit A4, and the ending lamp will light, 3. U8B's high state disables U7 and forces a "0" at the Z output. With A4 a "1" the memory is ready for the ending message with the next push of the START button.

The outputs of U7 are the Z and the Z pins, which are the true and the inverted outputs. Depending on your type

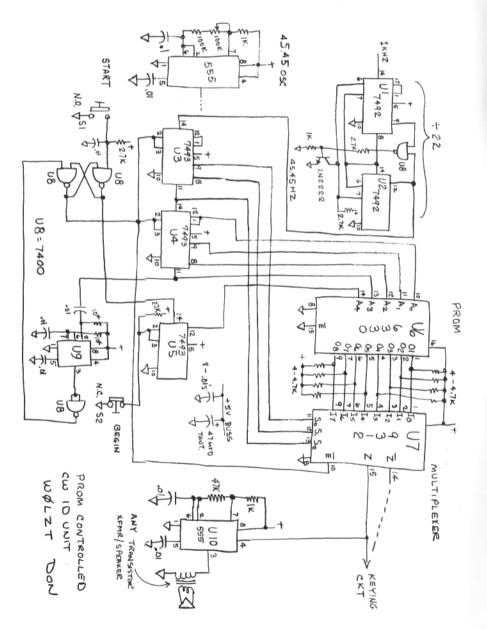
verted outputs. Depending on your type of CW initiation you will use either of the 2 outputs. If you change your keying requirements it is a simple matter to reverse it by changing to the other output. U10 is always connected to the Z output and will give an audible tone for mon-itoring the sent CW. (borrowed from Bert Kelley's article - RTTY journal Oct. 1974 - a very good idea.) The output bits will be serial and will come out in the

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sequence shown in the program form. This is 0000 address for IO - I7 then 0001 address for bits IO - I7 and so on until 1111 address bit I7 and then reset. I have shown this for my CW IDer.

Sounds simple! And it is, as the PROM does all the work!

For those of you who don't want to use the 1 KHz divider, a 555 oscillator is shown for 45.45 Hz.



	A3 A2 A1 A			
ADDRESS		0001	0010	0 01 1
OUTPUT BIT	5 0, 02 03 04 05 06 07	0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,	0, 02 03 04 05 0,07 08	0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,
A4 = 0	×	* * * * * * * *	× × • × ×	x x x
A4 = 1	×	* * * * * * * *	×ו ו	×××
	0100	0101	0110	0111
A 4 = 0	_ x x	- × × -	_ x x x • x	x • x • x ×
A4=1	- × ×	× ×	- × × × • ×	× • × • × × ×
	1000	1001		1011
A4=0	×	(• X • Y Y Y	×××××××	× × ×
A4 = 1	x x	• x • x × ×	× × × × ×	× • ×
	1100	1401	1110	1111
A4=0	x * x - · × -	× • × × × •	X ======== X • X •	× × • × • × •
A4 = 1	× × × — × •	× × × ×	× • ×	

A4=0 MESSEGE - DE WØLZT MPLS A4=1 MESSEGE - DE WØLZT KKK

CONSTRUCTION

The PROM takes up much less real estate and you can put the whole thing on a small card. I found that the most convenient way to mount IC's is on a plug-in circuit card. It makes construction easy, and allows modification and trouble shooting without unsoldering leads to get to the guts. I have been using VECTOR #3677-2 D.I.P. Plugbord, and connector R644. These cards are available from most (Newark, Allied) mail order houses. The cards have the B plus and GND busses and IC patterns on one side and a 44 pin connector, and will hold 15 IC's.

It is very important to use enough bypasses (.01's) on the unit as R.F. sneaks in everywhere especially on TTL logic! If you want this unit by itself, put it inside a chassis and put a bottom plate on it to completely shield the circuitry.

PROGRAMMING

Make a form similar to the one shown. It would be best to cut it up and put it end to end, so that your CW is one continuous line. Make it so that you can have a double CW message, one below the other for the A4 1&0 messages. Leave the first bit empty, if possible, and draw out

your CW message. It might take several trys to get one that fits. Don't forget to leave a bit space between each element, it is very easy to miss one. After you have it in the 127 blocks, divide the cw up into groups of 8. There should be 16 groups, 0-15. This will be the address - AO-A3 bits, binary notation. Where there is a blank bit between the CW, put an "X" in it. The x's will be the fuse links that will be blown with the programmer. Make up a paper that has 32 lines down and 8 blocks across. On the left side mark them 0-31 down and on the top, left to right mark them 1-8.

From your CW program, starting at block "O", put x's on the form where they appear in the first group of 8. Continue through with the rest of the groups. This is now your program form. Most places, where you buy the PROM's, will program it for you if you send them this programming form, or you may be able to borrow a hand programmer from your local sales representative. If there is no way to get the PROM, I can obtain the PROM for you and program it. The cost is \$12.

Good luck and I'll be looking for your signals on the bands.

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RTTY From Oscar 7

In a letter from Joe Kasser, G3ZCZ/W3 we received some information on Oscar 7 regarding the RTTY transmissions. Oscar 7 is successfully sending back RTTY telemetry at 60 wpm, 850 shift, on 435 1 MHz on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (GMT). AFSK telemetry may also be heard at 145.98 MHz on Monday, Thursday and Saturday (GMT). AMSAT is interested in receiving reports and will be glad to acknowledge them with a special QSL card.

The telemetry format is as follows: 60 words in 6 lines, each word contains 5 digits, the first 2 being the channel number. Words 60 through 79 are clock

and status words and are explained below. The word numbers start at word OO.

Joe also sent us a copy of the Calibration Equations, but as all this information can be obtained by writing AMSAT, PO Box 27, Washington, D.C. 20044 we feel that anyone this interested will want complete information.

This is a challenge that many RTTY fans should be interested in. If you need particular information on some problem Joe has offered to help. Send a SASE to Joe Kasser, 11532 Stewart Lane, Apt. C-1, Silver Spring, MD. 20904. An information net is also operating on SSB at 3850 KHz every Monday evening EST at 0100 GMT (Tuesday).

-00262-01912-02900-03903-04903-05000-06906-07903-08910-09910

-10000-11748-12509-13009-14537-15000-16120-17648-13000-19000

-20477-21908-22902-23903-24910-25000-25901-27898-28905-29904

-30000-31000-32715-33000-34000-35289-36000-37290-38286-39287

-40499-41907-42905-43907-44907-45000-46916-47912-48913-49912

-50000-51745-52609-53183-54896-55256-56160-57093-58000-59870

-00016-01036-00016-00036-00016-00036-00016-00036-00016-00036

-00016-00036-00016-00036-00015-00036-00016-00036-00016-00036

INTERPRETATION OF THE STATUS WORDS IN TELETYPE TELEMETRY CHANNELS 60 - 79

The seventh and eighth lines of telemetry data from the teletype telemetry encoder are spacecraft status words, coded in octal (base 8) form. Two status words are sent alternately, "satellite clock time" (sent in teletype telemetry channels 50, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, and 78), and spacecraft state/mode (sent in channels 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, and 79).

Each status word consists of five octal numbers. The first (left-most) digit is not used and should be disregarded. The second, third, fourth and fifth digits are octal numbers containing the status information.

Satellite Clock Time (Teletype Telemetry Channels 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, and 78)

Satellite clock time is telemetered in AMSAT-OSCAR 7 to permit identification of the approximate time that a frame of telemetry was recorded. The clock increments every 96 minutes and repeats again from zero every 273 days. The clock reading is telemetered as a five-digit word in octal form. For example, the word X3746 represents a clock count of $(3 \times 8) + (7 \times 8^2) + (4 \times 8^3) + (2 \times 8^6) =$

1536 + 448 + 32 + 6 = 2022

(The left-most digit, represented above as "X" is not used and should be disregarded. It will generally be zero.) At 96-minute intervals, the word would increment to X3747, then X3750, then X3751, and so forth.

Spacecraft State/Mode (Teletype Telemetry Channels 61, 63, 65, 67, 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, and 79)

The state/mode of the spacecraft is transmitted in octal form in five digit words. The first digit is not used and will usually be zero. The second, third and fourth digits are command status words corresponding to the last command received by the spacecraft command system. This information can be interpreted by means of the command status word table given on the following page.

The fourth and fifth digits provide information on the Mode (i.e., whether the satellite is in Mode A, B, C, or D), and whether the 435 MHz and 2304 MHz beacons are ON or OFF in accordance with the table on the next page.

VHF RTTY NEWS

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This month we have several VHF
RTTY Newsitems, including the results
of the BARTG VHF RTTY Contest, and
some RTTY Current Awareness information.

Operating News

From Ronnie Middleton, WB5KEI, in Levelland, Tx.: "Thought I would write you about the two meter activity here in West Texas (Lubbock). There are a few of us on 146.700 MHz - all have autostart. We hope to have a repeater on in Lubbock around the first of the year. The frequencies will be 146.100 MHz in - 146.700 MHz out. At present there are Don WB5BRY, Tommy W5HFT, Joe WA5LMK, and myself WB5KEI. Have approximately three more waiting for crystals for their rigs. Would like to know about activity in other areas of Texas."

From Stephen Hawes, WB6UZX, Berkeley, Ca: "There is in operation in the San Francisco Bay area a RTTY repeater: WR6ABG, Input 147.93 MHz - Output 147.33 MHz, located in Marin County, operated by Herb, WB6IMP. Current standards: Wide shift AFSK. 2125 Hz Mark - 2975 Hz Space. 5 KHZ peak deviation, vertical polarization, 60 speed. As of 1975 JAN 01, the operation on WR6ABG will be narrow shift: 2125 Hz Mark - 2295 Hz Space. Around the same time, the repeater is expected to be moved to a better location in Marin County and change call to WR6ACR. Some of us lurk there on autostart. There is a net on Thursday nights at 8 PM local time. The CARC (California Amateur Relay Council) has designated 146.580 MHz for use (in Northern California, at least) as a non-voice simplex frequency, but I don't know of any activity there."

writes: "I returned from Chile a year ago where I was CE3YO. I am just now becoming active on 2 meters with HF soon to follow. Currently, a small group of us are working 170 Hz, FM, AFSK RTTY on 146.580 MHz and a few of us have autostart so we can monitor the frequency evenings and weekends. We are looking for more individuals to join the group."



Larry Herring, WB5GRF, Dallas, Tx., has some amusing comments: "Well, seems that everytime I try to state a fact, someone gets hold of it and suddenly I'm wrong. The OCT RTTY Journal reported my information on the activities in the Dallas-Ft. Worth "Metroplex." At the time those facts were true, but being a highly advancing group down here there are a few changes I would like to note! (In other words, we're changing things faster than I can write. . .HI.) There are still quite a few on 146.700 MHz AFSK FM, and there are more joining us daily, especially with the winter approaching. But since the trend is toward narrow 170 Hz shift, we have all decided to use the state-of-the-art narrow shift. So those still not in there with us should crystal up that dust-collecting two meter FM rig, and get the patch cords to substitute the FM rig audio out for that HF rig they have been running. And an audio oscillator that will shift from 2125 to 2295 isn't that hard to build. We have one enthusiast that can receive but doesn't have his oscillator built yet; he has gone to the extent of having another ham in the group make up short RTTY audio tapes that make short calls asking the autostart boys to open the speaker so he can QSO phone/RTTY (until he gets the oscillator finished). I'll bet there are over 1000 machines in the area stashed in ham's garages; sure would be nice to see them put to use!"

Thanks so much to Ronnie, Stephen, Steven, and Larry for the operating information. It's this kind of information that helps others get on, because they then know "where to go", as it were. Keep the info coming - cards and letters.

Ted Double, G8CDW, BARTG Contest and Awards Manager, sent the results of the 6th BARTG VHF RTTY Contest held in 1974 SEP. "First place went to DJ1QT/F who scored 49 points on 144 MHz and 120 points on 432 MHz with 11 contacts and best DX for him of 269 km. DJ8EA was in second place with 78 points on 144 MHz and the best DX for the contest of 380 km. In

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RTTY-DX

JOHN POSSEHL - W3KV Box 73 Blue Bell, Pa., 19422

Hello there . . .

For the past few weeks activity has been quite low possibly due to spotty band conditions. However, once you drop your guard something does come up that makes you wish you had monitored

the bands more closely.

As for example. One bright Sunday morning we were astonished to print OE2EM/YK in contact with several European stations. You can bet we stopped to take notice as it is rare indeed to hear activity from Syria in any mode, much less RTTY. Uli, DK3CU, was doing an excellent job in making order out of chaos, as the QRM from BK'ers was unbelievable. With Uli acting as traffic director many stations were able to make contact with Ernst. His actual location was at Faoyar, Syria, in the Golan Heights area. However Ernst indicated that QSL's were to be sent via the Austrian QSL Bureau. Later we received a more direct QTH, so you can make your choice.

Ernst Kapsamer, OE2EM/YK Austrian Contingent

Undof, Abt 11 1150 Wein, Austria

With United Nations observer teams so prevalent in the Middle East at this time you will no doubt copy a few more exotic calls from that area from time to time in the months ahead. For starters here are two that have been worked by some of the boys so far. DM3BBM/-4X, and VE6CCS/SU1. Additional information is not available at the moment but that station from Egypt should be a first on RTTY.

The path from Bonin Island into Europe seems to be quite good at around 0800z. Signals from Kei at JD1ABH were rolling in during November and the chances are that he is still active from there. We are advised that Marcus Island should again be active sometime in February and we hope to have more information next month.

From Zone 17 in the USSR, UK7EAA has been reported active and further East into Siberia UKOFEK has been

logged.

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HONOR ROLL-100 DXCC

Confirmed

ON4BX	137	W2LFL	107
ON4CK	133	W3DJZ	107
W3KV	132	W8CQ	104
WA3IKK	114	I5ROL	104
W5EUN	112	G6JF	101
I5KG	112	W4YG	100
W5QCH	111	JA1ACB	100
DK3CU	111	K8YEK	100

50 or OVER CONFIRMED

UNDER 50 CONFIRMED

2.	XE1YJ ON5WG	57/49	13.	DJØRR DLØAK WAØTAS	$\frac{49/28}{49/28}$ $\frac{42/28}{42}$
4.	HB9ACQ W8CAT	48/46	15.	WB4MAV PA0WDW	52/27
6.	HB9HK W7BCT		17.	W4ZCM	$\frac{41}{25}$ $\frac{33}{23}$
8.	G3LDI VK6PG	58/39 53/38	19.	PY6HL W4ZLH	30/15
	K4YZV ON5CZ	$\frac{60}{34}$ $\frac{60}{31}$		W ₀ LZT W _B 4TPU	$\frac{33}{14} \\ 25/3$
11.	SM6EZD	35/30			

RTTY activity from Faeroe Islands has been increased by one with OY1A showing up on the band. OY1A and Mike OY1M are a Father and Son team with Mike as the "junior" op. We are advised that all logs have recently been sent to QSL manager, W6TCQ, so cards should be coming through soon and probably already have.

One afternoon recently we had a rare QSO with Cork, EL2FD, and when he was called away temporarily the keyboard was taken over by Hans, EL2FU. for his first RTTY QSO. Hans really enjoyed the mode so perhaps you will be hearing more of him soon. As soon as we sent out sk to the boys in Liberia they were contacted by Bob, HI8XRM, another call we have not printed for a long time. Soon after that the printer here typed out KP4AXM, so it seems that the boys at the U.S. Naval Radio Station at Fort Allen, Puerto Rico are back on the bands again. We do hope that all of the above calls will continue to keep the machines going, many of the fellows on the band could use those rarely heard prefixes.

Toward mid December Noel VK3NR, was due to make calls at several ports on the East Coast of North America. Noel is Radio Officer on the ship "Australian Exporter" and has been popping in to visit some of the RTTY gang when possible. He has been to just about all parts of the world over the past two

years.

Sid, VP2KH/VP2MKH, was also due to stop over in New York for a few days in December while on his way back to England. He was staying with Knobby. W2PLQ, and no doubt many of the boys in that area had a chance to say "Hello" to Sid and wish him bon voyage. While he sold all his RF gear before leaving St. Kitts he did retain the RTTY machine and TU and we understand he has a new FT-101B waiting for him in the U.K. so you will be hearing Sid again sometime in the near future and no doubt with some exotic call sign.

The following Awards have been issued this month with our congratulations. WAC NR.233 Knobby Walsh VP2MRW WAC 14mhz NR. 9 Otto Klaeger DJ1QT

NR. 10 H. Yates Holleman W4ZLH NR. 11 Knobby Walsh VP2MRW

The Volta Contest takes place after this goes to the printers so we hope to have a report on that activity next month.

The "Giant Flash" Contest will take place over two weekends as usual and this year it is January 18th and 26th. An 8 hour operating session for each weekend. The "handicap" rule this time should give the newcomers a more competitive chance so read the rules on other pages of this issue.

To give you an idea of what has been going on during the past month here are some additional stations reported. CP5AD, IT9FCA, LU5EY, OZ4DZ,

OH5ZU, OK3KFK, OK2BFS, EA7JS, EA8FE, EA8FF, JA1DI, TU2DU, YV3AY, Zs1IY, FG7XT, PA8VVN, DM25A, VK1-AOP, VK1RY, UQ2AN.

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W6MTJ, W6LVQ, and W8CAT made WAC bringing the total up to 43! PAOFB says that interest is increasing with PAOWX, PAOVDZ, and PAOTED active. VK3KF is looking for 40 meter contacts. LX1DE is getting a Model 19 set up. 5A5TR and 5A5TX reported active. KG-4CG adds a new one to many logs.

Thanks to - W2LFL, W2PLQ, W3DJZ, G6JF, JA1ACB, K6WZ, ON4BX.

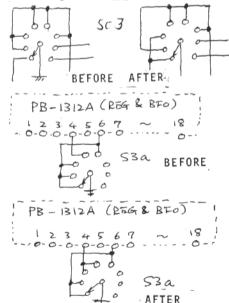
Happy New Year -73 de John

FR101 Receiver

TACHIO YONEMURA, JAIBRK 5-4-18 Zaimokuza KAMAKURA, KANAGAWA, 248, JAPAN

The new FR101 receiver has a RTTY position on the mode switch. It requires an optional BFO crystal (3177.45 KHz to pass 2125 and 2975 audio through the SSB filter for 850 shift. However since the 170 shift is more popular than 850 it is effective to use the regular CW filter for narrow shift.

The following easy modification will put the CW filter in RTTY mode position and pass 2125 & 2295 Hz in LSB. No extra parts needed --



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We can't think of anything glamorous about the figure nine. It doesn't even fit anywhere in the new metric system, but this issue starts the ninth year of our publishing the Journal and we feel that a lot of thanks and best wishes are due to all those that have made this possible. To Ron Guentzler and John Possehl our two column writers that have never missed an issue. To the hundreds of contributors of interesting articles (with no recompense) and to the thousands of subscribers who have been so loyal. A very Successful New Year to vou all . . .

Back issues continue to be a problem. About two years ago we decided to print more extra copies so we would have a complete stock (almost half of the new subscribers order some back issues eventually) of consecutive issues. This makes it easy to fill orders, is profitable for us and convenient to readers looking for special issues. Alas -Mr. Murphy left our radio shack for a while and wandered into the Journal office where he soon ran us out of April and May-June, 1974 issues. As these issues contained the UART articles we originally ran more copies than usual but also made the mistake of taking a number of each to Dayton for the RTTY forum where they all disappeared and also made the mistake of selling a number of copies to one party, soon they were running low and with the UART popularity bringing a number of requests we are now completely out of them.

Another embarrassment -- Binders -- about the time the last issue went to press we had a full box of binders on hand and they were moving slowly, however we checked with the binder supplier about another shipment and found the price had gone up about 20%. This meant we would have to raise the price to \$4.00 each. It seemed absurd to pay a third more for a binder than the cost of the magazines to fill it, so 10

we did not reorder any.

Then came a deluge of orders, from 1 to 8 at a time and we were soon completely out. After checking with some who use them and most seeming willing to pay the increased price we sent in a reorder. Shipment will not be until around Christmas however so we are returning all orders received and if you still want them at the new price of \$4.00 each please reorder after January 1st. We are happy to accommodate anyone but frankly we don't think they are worth it.

We have had a number of requests for UART articles and if we can get some of interest, we may use a future issue and re-run the original UART articles along with some new in it. This would partially help being out of the original issues.

For several years John Isaacs in California was supplying Xeroxed copies of any back issue. Because of a health problem this service had to be discon-

We have just received notice that this same service is again available. A long time advertiser in the Journal, Atlantic Surplus Sales, 1902 Mermaid Ave. Brooklyn, N.Y. 11224 can supply a duplicated Journal copy of any issue at \$1.50 each plus postage. If you need a specific issue it is nice to have some source. As far as we know any past issue, is available, at least for the last 10 vears.

For sample copies or a few back issues, we often get coins mailed in a letter. The work and ingenuity of the senders to protect these coins is amazing. We have received carboard with neat holes cut out to fit the coins or folded in layer after layer of paper but most of them all have one thing in common, - scotch tape - egad the time we have spent trying to get at the coins, usually we tear out the paper from the back but when we got one that

was taped on both sides we decided to try burning the entire wrapper, believe us scotch tape will burn but also stinks. Really it is only necessary to fold the coins in paper a couple of times and stick in the envelope. If we get the envelope we will get the coins. With inflation the way it is the tape will cost more than the coins and the tape is NOT necessary.

The bottom of our barrel of articles is showing again. Our pleas in the past have always been answered and we are not worried this time but if you have something that might be of interest send it on. We can use all lengths but exceptionally long articles have to be used sparingly because of space limitations. And especially some UART applications. Please . . .

VHF Cont.-

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third place. OEIVKW/3 scored 71 points on 144 MHz and 6 points on 432 MHz with his best DX being 368 km. The rest of the contestants were G3OUF, G3NYK, G3PLX, G3RED, G3OZF, G3IIR, DK3QA, HG5KDQ, G8ART, and DK1AQ/P. Some confusion was caused in England by operators using different speeds. DK1AQ/P used a lighthouse to support his antenna and had to use 90 metres of feeder cable. In addition to the thirteen contestants listed above, 32 other stations were active and gave points." Although it's a while before the 7th Annual contest will be held, anyone desiring more information should write to Tedat: 89, Linden Gardens, Enfield, Middlesex, England. Thanks, Ted.

Current Awareness

Vince Staffo, WB2FYZ, said that the book "Principles of Telegraphy (Teletypewriter) "is still available at \$1.50. A price list "Radio and Electricity," which contains a host of fine literature available at reasonable cost, is available free from Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402. Thanks, Vince.

In case you missed them, the following articles in Ham Radio are of interest: Robert Clark, K9HVW, "The Heathkit HO-10 and SB-610 as an RTTY Monitor Scope," 1974 SEP, p. 70; Bert Kelley, K4EEU, "Adding carriage return to the automatic line-feed generator," 1974 SEP, p. 71; and, John Fehlauer, WA2WTL, "Coherent FSK RTTY," 1974 NOV, pp. 58-59.

Well, that's it for this month. Please keep the information coming. Tentatively, we will have more information on the history of Teletype from 1907 to present, in next month's column. 73 ES CUL, RG.

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RULES

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This is a * flash * Contest because the total contest time is limited to 16 hours periods on two successive weeks

1. CONTEST DATES

1st 15.00-23,00 GMT January 18th 1975 2nd 07.00-15.00 GMH January 26th 1975

2. BANDS

3.5. 7. 14. 21. and 28 No. nateurs Bands

3. COUNTRY STATUS

The ARRL Countries list will be used except that the W Call areas WØ to W9 and the VE Call areas from VO to VE7 will be considered as separate Countries

4. MESSAGES

Messages will consist of:

a) Call sign b) RST

c) Zone number (Example 1/XXX 599-15)

5. EXCHANGE POINTS

a) Each two-way RTTY contact with station in one's own zone will receive 2 exchange points.

b) Each two-way RTTY contact with station outside one's own zone will receive exchange points in accordance with the exchange points table .

Note: stations may not be contacted more than once on any one band but additional contacts may be made with the same station if a different band is used.

6. LOGS AND SCORE SHEETS

Use one log for each Band. Logs to contain: Data, Time (GMT), Call signs, Countries, RST and zone numbers sent and received, multipliers Country. Points and final score.

All Logs must be received by not later than February 28th 1975 in order to qualify. Send them to

Prof. Franco Fanti 40139 Bologna, ITALY

7. MULTIPLIERS

A multipliers is given for each Country worked. A separate multiplier may be claimed for the same Country if a different band is used. The operators own Country does not qualify for a multiplier, count zero point and zero the QSO numbers

8. SCORING

Total exchange points times the total number of multiplier times the total number of QSO

9. HANDICAP

World championship holders: less 8% of the total final score
Winners of five or more Contests: less 6% of the total final score Winner of one to four Contests: less 4% of the total final score

Contestants with a previous Contest placing 2nd to 10 place: less 2%

This contest is also open to SWL RTTYers. For the SWLs the same scoring rules are valid. A separate results table will be made for these entries,

The Logs for SWLs must contain: date, time (GMT), Call sign of station heard, RST and Zone number sent by station heard, multipliers Countries, points and final score. The same stationis only valid once on each band.

11 AWARDS, MEDALS & FREE SUBSCRIPTIONS

The contest Committee will compile two separate lists

General classification

b) Short Wave Listeners

In each of these two classes the following awards will be made:

1st: gold medal

2nd: silver meda

3rd: bronze medal

4th to 7th: will receive a 12 month's subscription to the cq elettronica magazine. 8th to 10th; will receive a 6 month's subscription to the cq elettronica magazine.

There will also be awards for all of the operators and SWL's that send logs.

12. WORLD RTTY CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE FOR 1974

Points and positions achieved will be valid for inclusion in the WORLD RTTY championship table for 1973. The - Giant - is the last Contest for consideration for the Championship for the year 1974

13. RULES OF BEHAVIOUR AND PENALIZATION.

The Logs must be compiled in accordance with the rules listed in (6).

The contacts must be made by means of the RTTY mode and it is not permitted to use other modes of transmission either before, during or after the exchange of messages by Radio Teletype.

During the Contest It is expected that Amateurs will observe the fundamental rules of courtesy and good operating

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