Bi-Centennial W.A.S. RTTY Contest

The Bi-Centennial W.A.S. RTTY Contest was almost an unbelievable success. We say this as we never thought so many stations could qualify in such a short time. The Dovetron winners in area 1 took just a month and the Dovetron winner from area 2 only two months.

Winners of the Plaques have also been determined and should be shipped by the time this is in print. We have asked for a short story and comments from the Dovetron Winners but as yet do not have the information.

A list of the winners follows, BUT remember everyone completing WAS during 1976 gets a special Bi-Centennial Certificate so keep up the good work.

WINNERS Dovetron MPC 1000 Terminal Unit -

Area 1 -

1st - Ed McGinley, K7BV

2nd - Cecil Armstrong, W7VKO

Area 2 -

LTC R.R. Manahan, WA3JTC/ZP5

Paraguay.

Area 1 - Bi-Centennial Plaque Winners

Carl Stevenson, K6WZ Jack Taylor, W7VCM

James McAdams, K4GJW

Marc Thompson, W5EUN

Earl Crawfis, W7KS (Tie)

Lloyd South, K4YZV

Our personal thanks to John W3KV, for doing such an excellent and tiring job checking all the cards, to Dovetron for donation of the wonderful prizes and to everyone that made possible several months of intense activity on the bands and remember most of the year's still left to win a Bi-Centennial Certificate.

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C.A.R.T.G. SWEEPSTAKES RESULTS

15th Annual W/W RTTY DX "Calgary Centennial" Sweepstakes October 4-6th, 1975

		A W A	RDS			
	1. W3EKT	U.S.A.	1,555,340*	Plaque - "C.A.R	.T.G.''	
				Calgary Centenn		
	2. CT1EQ	Portugal		Plaque - "C.A.R		
	3. I5GZS	Italy		Plaque - "RTTY		
	4. KZ5BH	Canal Zone		Plaque - "C.A.R		
	WA3JTC/ZP5	Paraguay		Plaque - A "CAl		
	6. I8AA	Italy		Plaque - "RTTY		
	7. W4CQI	U.S.A.	1,068,556*	Plaque - "C.A.R	.T.G.''	
	8. WB9LUK	U.S.A.	971,105	Plaque - "RTTY	JOURNAL''	
	9. W9NLR	U.S.A.		Plaque - "C.A.R		
	10. I5CLC	Italy	676,048*	Plaque - "RTTY	JOURNAL''	
11.	W3EKT U.S.A.	1,555,340*	15. W3	EKT U.	S.A.	52 - 2-way
	High Score U.S.A. "RTTY JOURNAI Gold Medallion &			80 meter contact Plaque - "RTTY	s Journal''	
12	VE2JR Canada	470,000	16. Wo	olfgang Geller, W		743,348
12.	² /sigh Score Canada Canadian Director	1		SWL Printer Hi Plaque - "C.A.		
13.	WB9LUK U.S.A. Green RTTYer Hi	971,105	17. I1P	Multi-operated		1,659,612*
	Sidney Burnett Mer	norial Plaque	18. I5C		aly	676,048
14.	KZ5BH Canal Zon 40 meter contacts Plaque - "C.A.R."			Low Power C Plaque - "C.A		

Certificates to be issued to the top scores in each U.S.A. and Canadian District, and each country.

	V3EKT	1,555,340°		17.:61/GL	243,180	62.	<i>PAØRZ</i>	27,608		м	
	CT1EQ	1,465,228*		:/::ØYDJ/4	238,088	63.	₩6AEE	26,672		Mult	i-operated.
	I 5GZS	1,280,796*		CH1XP	235,935	64.	DKIAQ	17,812	1.	I1PYS	1,659,612*
	KZ5BH	1,235,050		!/;:6HM;:/KG6		65.	LAZAJ	14,792	2.	<i>DLØT</i> G	1,002,832*
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6.	1844	1,107,400*		G6JF	186,680*	67.	VE3CTP	13,206	4.	VIMX	523,845
7.*	V4CQI	1,068,556*	37.	W7BCT	185,720	68.	VE#BDQ	11,608	5.	SK5AA	198,920*
8.	VB9LUK	971,105	38.	VK3KF	175,600	69.	CE3EX	10,440	6.	OK1KVK	3,294
9.	U9NLR	723,200*	39.	₩6JOX	172,755	20.	WBØIQK	9,372			
10.	I5CLC	676,048*	40.	OZ2X	144,800	71.	DK3NH.	8,032			
11.	[/ 2 GKJ	632,500*	41.	I4BKM	132,700	72	VE3RH.	2,772			
12.	K6UZ	620,165	42.	W. A. 2 DH.F	129,652		VK5I/V	2,748			
13.	K5::RH	593,925	43.	SM7.BGE	119,280		VE3BPM	2,284			
14.	1/90EQ	581,920*	44.	W7MI	110,170		SM6C:L	2,460			
15.	K3U30/8	501,388*		WAIMCY	105,700		I/8C.IT	2,270			
16.	JH1TFF	493,935		W7CBY.	101,800 91,600						
12.	VE2JR	470,000		KBNTK	87,238		VS6CL	1,830			
18.	CE3Hi.	442,280		VAZTAP	84,652		VE1.:HG	1,668			
19.	VE7.YB	429,280		HB9HK OKIMP	82,776		VE6.;NE	480			
20.	HB9.:VK	395,312*		K6ZDL	74,356		1/8TCO	455			
21.	V8JIN	374,905		SM6EDH	58,656		SM6GDL	230			
22.	DL1VR	370,024*		VE 7.DLX	51,100	82.	VE3GDZ	44			
23.	K4GJU	356,450		K4CFJ	46,572			SWL Prin	ter.		,348*
24.	SM6,:SD	342,732		WB9DED	43,448			gang Geller			,542*
25.	DL8KS	329,960		ON6HF	32,052			nello Robert			,620
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WHO ARE YOU?

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Many newcomers to the RTTY net frequencies wonder in amazement at the automatic WRU and replay systems used by some of the net members. This article will give you an idea of the workings in the mechanical WRU system incorporated in a Model 28 Teletype machine that is in use at W2CY.

For a background in automatic RTTY station control, it is suggested that Irv Hoff's article in the May 1971 issue of the RTTY JOURNAL be studied. This one article started off the mechanical WRU and replay systems used successfully at W2CY

To get down to business, the following operations take place in WRU operation:

- a The computer (stunt box) in the 28 printer recognizes the proper turnon command. This is usually the last three characters of the station's call letters, followed by the characters LTRS, BLANK, and W.
- This command automatically turns on the station transmitter and starts up the WRU tape distributor.
- c The WRU message is then transmitted, normally a short "W2CY ON NNNN".
- d The transmitter and tape distributor are then automatically shut down.
 The NNNN code is a commercial disconnect code that has been adopted

by amateur RTTY operators.

In order to implement the WRU in a model 28 printer, the following stunt box parts should be ordered from your supplier or the Teletype Corp. Allow about two months delivery time from TTY corp., and they will ship C.O.D. Needless to say filling the slots in the stunt box is a major expense, and should be considered first if "finances" are low.

For the turn-on code, the following

parts are used:

3 - 153440 uncoded function bars - \$3.13 ea.

- 5 153915 stunt box sequential latch mod kit - 1.85 ea.
- 1 153916 stunt box mod kit 1.25 ea.
 1 172523 switch assembly 4.14 ea.

For the NNNN code, the following parts are used:

4 - 153440 uncoded function bars - \$3.13 ea.

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- 1 153916 stunt box mod kit 1.25 ea. 1 - 172523 switch assembly - 4.14 ea.

Note that uncoded function bars are recommended, a "special order" for coded function bars is somewhat cheaper, but delivery may take as long as a year!

The two stunt box switches are of the universal variety, each assembly is a four pole double throw switch, and each arm is removable and may be interchanged in other positions of the switch.

While waiting for the stunt box parts to arrive, it is best to review Irv Hoff's articles regarding the stunt box removal, loading, and replacement in the model 28 printer appearing in the May and June 1970 issues of the RTTY JOURNAL.

When the parts arrive (in a month hopefully) the uncoded function bars should be coded for the last three characters of the station call, Ltrs, Blank, and W. The four remaining function bars should be coded for the N character. It is suggested that the function bars also be coded for both print and non-print operations. For coding instructions, refer to the December 1974 issue of the RTTY JOURNAL, "Equipping the Model 28 Stunt Box" by WB2BRB.

Now, remove the stunt box from the printer, and select a spot in the stunt box that is free from stunt box parts. Mount one of the 172523 switches, but first remove the second and third switch position arms from this switch. Insert the W function bar and all the parts from one of the 153916 mod kits in the stunt box slot immediately below the last switch position. The other five coded function bars and the parts from the 153915 mod kit are placed in the stunt box slots immediately preceeding the W slot. Note that the last character of the call also will operate one of the switch positions, this switch is not necessary for WRU operation, but may be used to ring a bell every time your call is received, or operate a "qualifier relay" necessary for other operations that you may later want to add to the system.

The other switch assembly should now be mounted on the stunt box that is also free from stunt box parts. The first switch position is used, and the last position of this switch may be used for another operation to be described later. The last N function bar along with the 153916 mod kit is placed in the slot immediately below the first switch position.

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The remaining N function bars along with the 153915 mod kits are placed in the slots preceding this slot position.

This should complete loading of the stunt box, and it is well to check all parts to make sure they operate freely, and are in the correct positions in the stunt box. Now is a good time to lube the printer and the stunt box, as the printer is now exposed and almost all the parts can now be properly lubed. Replace the stunt box in the printer.

With the machine turned on, check the mechanical action of the stunt box, making sure that the switches operate properly when the callup and the NNNN com-

mands are received.

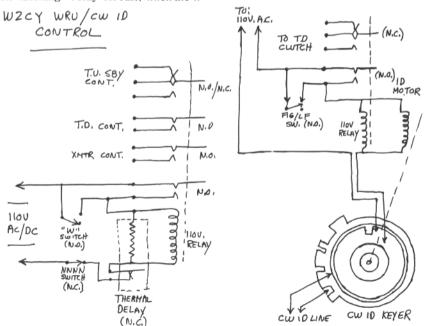
Now, for the WRU circuit. Obtain a four pole double throw relay (two D.P.D.T. relays with the coils in parallel can be used instead) either 110V. A.C., D.C. or for any coil voltage that you can easily supply. The 28LESU in the machine can supply 110V. D.C. if you have D.C. relays. Connect one side of the supply line to one contact of a N.O. set of the relay, the other contact of this set to one side of the relay coil, or coils, and the other side of the relay coil to the other side of the relay supply. Now, from the N.O. contacts of the switch assembly over the W character of the stunt box. run a pair of wires to the two relay contacts just mentioned. Note that this is a "self-latching" relay circuit, when the W

character switch momentarily operates, it shorts out the two above relay contacts thereby applying power to the relay. The relay contacts close, and remains closed due to the self-latching system. The second set of relay contacts control the transmitter, the third set places the terminal unit in the standby position, and the fourth set starts up the WRU T.D. (the clutch and the motor in the T.D. should come on at the same time for proper operation.)

To stop the system, run a pair of wires from the N.C. contacts of the stunt box switch over the N character to the relay coil, placing the wires in series with the bottom side of the coil (or coils) and the supply lead. When the N switch momentarily opens, it opens the supply current, unlatching the relay, placing the system in the standby mode.

Programming the T.D. - Punch your wru message on tape, followed by the NNNN command, and a few Ltrs characters. Splice the tape together. Put the tape in the T.D., send the command on the keyboard, and if everything is connected correctly, the transmitter will come on, the WRU T.D. will start up with the WRU message, the NNNN command, and the system should then shut down.

You may wish to add a C.W. ID between the end of the WRU message and the NNNN command. The CW ID command



normally is the Fig-LF combination. Order two more 153440 uncoded function bars, one 153915 stunt box mod kit, and one 153916 mod kit. The function bars should be coded for the Figs and the LF characters. Install the Figs function bar along with the 153915 mod kit in the stunt box slot immediately after the last N character, and the LF function bar along with the 153916 mod kit in the next slot. The last switch position of the N switch assembly should be over the LF slot. This switch can then operate another latching relay which turns on the CW ID machine, (a motor and coded wheel assembly) open the clutch of the WRU T.D., and when the CW ID is over, this relay drops, closing the WRU clutch again, starting up the WRU T.D. again for the NNNN shutoff command. In this case the WRU T.D. tape would be programmed: "W2CY on CR FIG LF Ltrs NNNN."

One more thing! WRU's have been known to hang up, especially whe the operator is out of the snack. A carrier on a net frequency for a long time by your

transmitter can lead to a condition known as "nobody answers me, what's wrong?" A simple solution is to install an Amperite time delay relay in the system. Since most wru's run for about ten seconds or less, a short timer will suffice. The Amperite 115C60 is a good bet if the four pole relay runs off 110V. A.C. or D.C. (other voltages are available in this relay) The heater of this thermal relay (60 seconds delay to open) is wired across the four pole relay, and the N.C. contacts of this relay are connected in series with the four pole relay supply. Both the NNNN stunt box switch and the delay relay contacts are now in series with the relay supply. When the tape hangs up, or some other malfunction, the delay relay contacts will open after sixty seconds, shutting down the system automatically.

So - that's it. Hope to ping on YOUR wru soon!

NOTE: Automatic WRU operation is illegal if a licensed amateur radio operator is not present on the premises!

COMMERCIAL RTTY STATIONS -

Our request for various stations sending commercial RTTY that could be printed by average ham equipment brought several answers. Some of them follow - Remember anything printed from the air is strictly secret and should not be used

except for your own information.

The following lists of commercial frequencies have been supplied by two hams that are shipboard operators but prefer to remain anonymous.

ORIGIN AUSTRALIA BEIRUT HOLLAND	REUTERS REUTERS	SPEED	SHIFT	ENEQUENCIES & REMARKS 20393 (VKH101), 14365 (VKS71), 12224 (VKS23) 11875, 5354 15517 (FLK45)
HUNG KONG HONG KONG INDIA LAGOS LONDON LONDON LONDON MANILA	U.P.I. C.N.A. A.I.R. REUTERS REUTERS REUTERS A.P. A.F.P.	66 66 66 56 66	425 425 425 170 425	19315 (ZE094), 14965 (ZEN/1), 9895, 7485, 5875. 7544 (ZEN33) 21130(ARTP3), 18255(ATR68), 14785(ATR65). 18488, 140747 (IRCUIT TO LONDON. 18887, 18070 MEAR ARTICA, CIRCUIT TO AUSTRALIA?,14481,16986,9676. 14515(CPR34), 5935(GPA25) TO AFRICA. 14975, 10650, 6985 TO AFRICA/MIDEAST. 10/14MHZ ESPECIALLY GOOD.
MOROCCO NEW YORK NEW YORK	A.P. A.P.	66 66	425 425	13608, 13470.19187,6875,5040,3355 19538 WFD59,15915 WEY45 100214 WFE90)DAYLIGHT ENGLISH LATAM/CAR P 2328 WFE43,13621 WFT79),14711 (WFD4)10991 (WFE40,6936 WFA36), BI-LINGUAL (ENGLISH & SPANISH) DAYLIGHT & EAPLY EVENING HOURS.
NEW YORK	U.P.I.	6ø	425	TO LATIN AVERICA AND CARIPREAN POINTS. 20796(WFE20),16971(WFD96),9926(WFL44) DAYLIGHT HOURS, ALL-ENGLISH, TO LATIN AVERICA & CARIPREAN POINTS, 20986(WFC50),18485(WFK28),14661(WFL44), DAYLIGHT HOURS, BI-LINGUAL (BWC2LISH & SPANISH) TO LATIN AVERICA & CARIPREAN,
NEW YORK	U.P.I.	6ø	425	20986 (WFG50), 18485 (WFK28), 14661 (WFL44), DAYLIGHT HOURS,
NEW YORK	U.P.I.	6∅	85Ø	BI-LINGUAL (MWGLISH & SPANISH) TO LATIN AMERICA & CARIPPEAN 22975 (WFC42), 19586 (WFD9), 14695 (WFD24), 14925 (WFE24), 7766 (WFA67), BI-LINGUAL (EWCLISH & SPANISH), NEAR(Y ALL HOURS, 12-24647, 23072 (WFN53), 18273 (WFL28), 13838 (WFK93), 10748 (WFL60), AND 78-8647
NEW YORK	ANSA	66	425	12-24007,23072(WFN53),18273(WFL28),13838(WFK93),10748(WFL60),
NEW YORK	E.F.E. REUTERS	66	425	AND 7910KHZ. 11-1200Z,20803(WFN30),15856(WFL85)11643(WFK41). 10754KHZ.
NEW YORK NEW YORK	PREWINY U.P.I.	66	85ø	14635(WFK54), 10740(WFK60), SPANISH & ENGLISH 22790(WEUS2), 18885(WER78), 14770(WER24)13490(WER73), PX TO SHIPS. PX TO AFRICA BAYLIGHT HOURS, 20311, 14794, 10183KHZ.
PARIS PARIS	A.F.P.	66 66 66 66	425 425	PX TO AFRICA, DAYLIGHT HOURS, 20311, 14794, 10183KHZ.
ROME SANFRANCISCO	ANSA	66	850	ENGLISH TO FAR EAST, 10215(ISX21),7823(ISX17).
SANFRANCISCO	İTT	66	85Ø 425	TO CENTRAL NEWS ACCROST, 2000/(1000/05/10002(1000)). TO "MIRROR" SYDNEY, 19470 (WMM29).
SINGAPORE SINGAPORE SINGAPORE SPAIN	ANSA A.P. REUTERS REUTERS	66	425	PX TO AFRICA, JAYL (GHT HOURS, 20311, 14794, 10189KHZ. PX TO MANILA, 20169KHZ. ENGLISH TO FAR EAST, 10215(18X21), 7823(18X17). TO CENTRAL NEWS ACECNY, 20407(WWW/8), 18562(WWW/8). TO "MIRROR" SYDNEY, 19470(WWW/2), 20752(9YE29), 204755, 194724), 20752(9YE28), 20755(9YE21), 13810(9YE8), 26735(9YE28), 14404(9YF97). 20755(9YE21), 13810(9YE8), 26735(9YE28), 14404(9YF97). 20756(9YE29), 20756(9YE29), 2075(9YE3E),
TAIWAN TOKYO	C.N.A.	66	425	1622173M261,13563(3MA22),9775(3MA25),7695(3MA25), ENGLISH 24-HRS DAILY TO FAR EAST POINTS.
TOKYO	AF/DUNJON	E8		FINGLISH 24-HRS DAILY TO FAR EAST POINTS.

More Commercial Stations -

CTO2.MARK REGAN,USN Box 798- NAVSECGRUACT FPO. New York, N.Y. 09555 (Sabana Seca-Puerto Rico)

In the two years I have had my RTTY set-up, I have compiled a list of over 500 stations that are copiable on standard RTTY equipment. In this letter I will mention some of the English language stations that I have. The Press agency that I copy most if the AP out of New York. This transmission is to the Caribbean area at 1400 GMT (1300 GMT during Daylight Saving time) to 2300 GMT, seven days a week. The UPI is another that I copy sometimes comes on around 1130 GMT and goes off about around 2400Z.

Transmissions from these two stations are the type that are printed in newspapers which is why I like to copy them. It was especially helpful when the English language newspaper was on strike. (The paper "San Juan Star" uses the UPI service.)

Other RTTY press agencies that broadcast in English, I have come across, are Reuters, Tass, AFP, and others. These frequencies have been published in the Journal from a friend of mine in Guam. A lot of his listings are for the Pacific area.

For those interested in what our U.S. Information Agency is sending to our overseas Embassies in South and Central America here are the frequencies for the "American Republic Service." English and Spanish is used. Time usually about 1600 GMT. Mon. thru Friday.

I hope that this information is of help to some of the readers. If anyone would like to share information with me on Press receiving I would appreciate it. I am always trying to expand my knowledge in this area.

Freq.	Call Sign
18540	WFK-48
14638	WFK-54
11455	WFK-51

THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST FOR AP & UPI ENGLISH TRANSMISSIONS

Freq. KHZ	Call Sign	Service	Shift HZ	Speed WPM/ BAUD	Unit Code
20795	WFE 20	UPI	425	6045.5	7.42
19538	WFE 59	AP	425	67/50	7.42
16372	WFD 86	UPI	425	60/45.5	7.42
15914	WEY 45	AP	425	67/500	7.42
10213	WFE 90	AP	425	67/50	7.42
9327	WFI 29	UPI	425	60/45.5	7.42

ANOTHER PRESS SERVICE THAT I SOMETIMES COPY IS REUTERS. HERE ARE SOME FREQS THAT ARE USED BY IT:

5	APRTI	1976
14365	???	
14515	GPN	34
18865	GPR	38
20097	GLK	40
001.11		

14.	352	GPA	34	
13	555	GIC	33	
12	224	VKS	23	(AUSTRALIA)
109	984	GPR	30	
100	820	ODI	82	(BEIRUT, LEBANON)
7	924	GNU	27	
6	855	GPE	26B	
6	775	GPR	26	

(BEIRUT, LEBANON)

Still More Stations

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GPA

ODD

Ii Dusty

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5353

Just a comment on your note in "Hits & Misses" of December, 1975 . . . I have been doing considerable SWLing on TTY between 7300 and 7600KHz (that's all the TR-4 covers on 40m) in evening hours lately.

There are several good press frequencies in this range, that are good on the East Coast from about 7 PM to midnight and later, but they are nearly all ransmitting in Spanish. (Since I am a high school electronics teacher, I often copy these and provide them to the Spanish teacher — from what he says they are a big hit with the kids, who prefer translating these than the regular book work. Might be a thought for other RTTYers to contact their local high school Spanish teacher) . . .

Most of these press stations are using 425Hz shift, and 50 Baud speeds. I use a Boehme 5-C converter at present, which has a variable inductor to tune in any shift from 100 Hz to over 1000 Hz. To accommodate the speed I have found that setting the rangefinder of the M-15 printer down to about 15 to 25 gets me good copy on a reasonable clean 50 Baud signal. Also, have a reperf at 56.8 baud (75 wpm), and on this I move the rangefinder up to about 85 to 100; and get good copy.

I'm using an A.T.E. (British) TDMS (Telegraph Distortion Measuring Set) with the spiral display to be sure my TU adjustments are proper for getting a zero distortion signal in the loop. I find this type of test set outstanding for observing all types of loop problems. (It's really amazing how poor the signals can be, distortion-wise, and still get copy on the printer!!)

Jim Cooper, W2BVE



Selective-Overline/Non overline for the 28 Stunt Box.

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Now that you have added non-overline feature to your stunt box as per Hoff in the Feb. thru July-August of the RTTY Journal, 1970, you find that all the nice pix being sent are mostly overlined. That leaves you out, unless you have a second machine that will overline.

In these articles you have done the following: Added function bars coded only for the zero code bar, to slot 4 and slot 39 for automatic CR/LF.

Removed the CR function bar from slot 5 and put a LF function bar in its place -- this will give you both CR/LF on a LF sent.

Added the CR function bar to some other slot only to suppress spacing when a CR is sent.

Now to make it selective, you will make use of the suppressor code bar (which is the top one). This will select non-overline/overline when it is moved one way or the other.

First remove the function bar from slot 5 (LF) and with an uncoded function bar, code it for LF and leave on one of the top lines, the one that hits the suppressor code bar.

Now, with another uncoded function bar, code it for CR and leave the opposite tine on top for the suppressor code bar and this one will go in slot 6 in the stunt box.

Now the function levers that will go in slots 5 and 6 will have to be modified as follows -- a 157206 function lever (one that will operate two switches simultaneously) for slot 6, and a 152641 function lever for slot 5, are modified by grinding equal parts off the top end where they touch each other so they will lay back against their stop, so that the one in slot 6 will pull the one in slot 5 when slot 6 is operated.

Now by moving the suppressor code bar one way will be non-overline and the other way for overline -- set the zero code bar strip so that 73 or so characters are sent before you get automatic CR/LF so that won't goof up the pix.

There are several ways to move the suppressor code bar -- one is manually, just reach in and push or pull it, or some lever hooked to it to make it handy. However, the indexing balls and springs should be in there to help in this regard. It may be noted that the code bar may over travel when it's in the in position. A stop of some kind will have to be made to prevent this. The movement of this bar is one-eighth inch and when it is in should go just past the ball index.

Look in parts bulletin at modification kit no. 153912 (modification kit to provide FIG-LTRS code bar manual shifting) for ideas. The piece that goes on top could have a slotted hole and be a little longer so will hit the frame as a stop when pushed

in -- and with a slotted hole can be adjusted not to over travel on the in position.

The way I do it is with a small double solenoid that is operated by a momentary SW, center off and is mounted on the keyboard panel so it is handy. The solenoid operates a fork to move the suppressor code bar in either direction (All home made.)

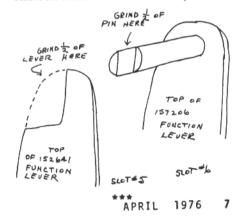
Another way is to buy modification kit no. 153910 (modification kit to provide function suppression for the "AZ" stunt box) or no. 152913 for the "AQ" stunt box. Look it up in your parts bulletin to see what it looks like. This provides manual control but it looks nice.

I also suppress the bell function when it's in the overline position to keep the bell from ringing on some of the pix. To do this, you have to add another upper case "S" in another slot to prevent spacing when the bell function is suppressed.

Here is a circuit I use between my ST-6 and the VFO. For a lot of band changing, it is certainly handy. It uses a voltage variable capacitor in place of the usual diode and eliminates the variable capacitor (and the insulated mounting) usually employed to change the FSK range. It provides both remote FSK control and a calibrated dial for any shift on any output frequency. The resettability is excellent and the keving is very clean and fast.

I installed a ten turn pot and dial in my ST-6 which is about 20 feet (through cable) away from the VFO. A chart gives the dial settings. I can obtain 850/170 shift from 3205 KHZ (Army Mars) through 21 MHZ. The CW ID remains fairly constant and I don't change it between band-changes.

I used a 'PSI' type V947 varicap from the junk box, however, any other type of about 50 MMFD or so would work. A 1000 OHM and 100 OHM pot in series would do in place of the ten turn pot. The transistor is also a junk box NPN. The fixed capacitor is silver mica. I don't have a UT-4, but believe the circuit would interface directly.



Interpreting RTTY Weather Data.

PART 3

There is another form of SHIP report used to specify special weather conditions. It reports conditions, especially large or rapid changes, of wind speed, direction, fog, precipitation, pressure. state of the sea, etc. Its WMO format is as follows:

99LaLaLa QcLoLoLoLo SPESH YYG'G'w2 Nddff VVwwW 8NsChshs (bTbTTTO)

The term w2, gives the special weather element the report covers as follows:

- 0 -- Gusts
- 1 -- Wind (either direction or speed. or both)
- 2 -- Visibility
- 3 -- Cloud (amount or height)
- 4 -- Precipitation
- 5 -- Pressure
- 6 -- State of sea or of swell, i.e., waves
- 7 -- Dust storm, sandstorm or blowing snow
- 8 -- Thunderstorm (with or without precipitation)
- 9 -- Squall or tornado

When a pressure change is reported (5), the direction of unusual change is indicated by adding the words PLUS or MI-NUS to the end of the report.

CODE NUMBERS FOR PRESENT WEATHER ww in VVwwW group

- 00-49 No precipitation at the station at the time of observation.
- 00-19 No precipitation at the time of observation or except for 09 and 17 during the preceding hour.
- Cloud development not observed or not observable
- 01 Clouds generally dissolving or be-
- coming less developed.
- State of sky on the whole unchanged 03 Clouds generally forming or developing.
- 04 Visibility reduced by smoke.
- 05
- 06 Widespread dust in suspension in the air not raised by wind
- 07 Dust or sand raised by wind but no well developed whirls
- 08 Well developed dust or sand whirls
- 09 Dust storm or sandstorm
- 10 **Light fog** (Visibility 1100 yards or
- 11 Patches of shallow fog

- More or less continuous shallow
- 13 Lightning visible, no thunder heard
- Precipitation within sight, but not 14 reaching the ground
- 15 Precipitation within sight, reaching the ground but distant (i.e., estimated to be more than 3.1 miles) from the station
- Precipitation within sight, reaching the ground near to but not at the station
- Thunderstorm, but no precipita-17 tion at the time of observation
- 18 Squalls at or within sight of the station during the preceding hour or at the time of observation.
- Funnel cloud(s) (i.e., tornado 19 cloud or waterspout) at or within sight of the station during the preceding hour or at the time of observation.
- 20-29 Conditions during the preceding hour but not at the time of the observation
- Drizzle (not freezing) or snow grains
- 21 Rain (not freezing)
- 22Snow
- $\overline{23}$ Rain and snow or ice pellets 24
 - Freezing drizzle or freezing rain
- 25 Shower(s) of rain 26
- Shower(s) of snow, or of rain and
- 27 Shower(s) of hail, or of rain and hail
- 28 Fog or ice fog. (Visibility less than 1100 yards)
- Thunderstorm (with or without 29 precipitation)
- 30-39 Duststorm, sandstorm, drifting or blowing snow
- Light dust or sandstorm has decreased in the last hour
- 31 Light dust or sandstorm - no change in the last hour
- 32 Light dust or sandstorm - has begun or increased in the last hour. 33 Severe dust or sandstorm - has
- decreased in the last hour 34 Severe dust or sandstorm - no
- changes in the last hour 35 Severe dust or sandstorm - has begun or increased during the last
- Slight or moderate drifting snow, generally low (less than 6 ft)

- Heavy drifting snow, generally low. (Less than 6 ft)
- 38 Slight or moderate blowing snow. generally high (6 ft. or more)
- Heavy blowing snow, generally high (6 ft. or more)
- 40-49 Fog or ice fog at the time of observation with visibility less than 1100 yards
- Fog or ice fog at a distance at the time of observation but not at the station during the preceding hour
- 41 Fog or ice fog in patches
- Fog or ice fog, sky discernible has become thinner during the preceding hour
- 43 Fog or ice fog, sky not discernible - has become thinner during the preceding hour
- 44 Fog or ice fog, sky discernible - no change in last hour
- 45 Fog or ice fog, sky not discernible - no change in last hour
- 16 Fog or ice fog, sky discernible - has begun or become thicker during the last hour
- Fog or ice fog, sky not discernible - has begun or become thicker during the last hour
- 48 Fog, depositing rime, sky discernible
- Fog, depositing rime, sky not 49 discernible
- 50-99 Precipitation at the station at the time of observation
- 50-59 Drizzle
- Drizzle, not freezing, slight intermittent
- 51 Drizzle, not freezing, slight continuous
- 52 Drizzle, not freezing, moderate intermittent
- 53 Drizzle, not freezing, moderate continuous
- 54 Drizzle, not freezing, heavy intermittent
- 55 Drizzle, not freezing, heavy continuous
- 56 Drizzle, freezing, slight
- 57 Drizzle, freezing, moderate or heavy (dense)
- 58 Drizzle and rain, slight
- Drizzle and rain, moderate or 59
- Rain at the time of observation Slight intermittent rain, not freez-
- 61 Slight continuous rain, not freez-
- 62 Moderate intermittent rain, not freezing
- 63 Moderate continuous rain, not freezing
- 64 Heavy intermittent rain, not

- Heavy continuous rain, not freez-
- 66 Slight freezing rain
- Moderate or heavy freezing rain
- 68 Slight rain or drizzle and snow Moderate or heavy rain or drizzle
- 70-79 Solid precipitation not in showers Slight intermittent fall of snow
- 71 Slight continuous fall of snow
- 72 Moderate intermittent fall of snow
- 73 Moderate continuous fall of snow
- 74 Heavy intermittent fall of snow flakes
- 75 Heavy continuous fall of snow flakes
- 76 Ice prisms (with or without fog) Snow grains (with or without fog) 77
- 78 Isolated starlike snow crystals (with or without fog)
- Ice pellets (sleet)
- 80-89 Showery precipitation, or precipitation with current or recent thunderstorms.
- Rain shower(s), slight
- 81 Rain shower(s), moderate or
- Rain shower(s), violent
- Shower(s) of rain and snow mixed. 83
- Snow shower(s), slight
- Snow shower(s), moderate or heavy
- 87 Slight showers of snow pellets, or ice pellets with or without rain or rain and snow mixed
- Moderate or heavy conditions as
- Shower(s) of hail, slight, with or without rain or snow and snow mixed, not associated with thunder
- 90 Moderate or heavy conditions as in
- 91-94 Thunderstorms during the preceding hour but not at the time of observation
- Slight rain at time of observation
- Moderate or heavy rain at the time of observation
- Slight snow or rain and snow mixed or hail at time of observa-
- Moderate or heavy snow, or rain and snow mixed or hail at time of observation
- 95-99 Thunderstorms at the time of observation
- Slight or moderate thunderstorms without hail but with rain and/or

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	Tampa, Fla.	72384 Bakersfield, Ca.	72524 Cleveland, Oh.
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B.A.R.T.G. RTTY DX CONTEST

0200 GMT Saturday March 27 to 0200 GMT Monday March 29.

The total contest period is 48 hours LOGS AND SCORE SHEETS. Use one Log but not more than 36 hours of operating time is permitted. Times spent in listening count as operating times. The 12 hour non-operating period can be taken at any time during the Contest, but off periods may not be less than 2 hours at a time. Times on and off the air must be summarized on the Log and Score sheets. BANDS, 3.5, 7.0, 14, 21 and 28 Mhz. Amateur Bands.

STATIONS. 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.

COUNTRY STATUS. ARRL Countries List, except that KL7, KH6 and VO to be considered as separate Coun-

MESSAGES - Messages exchanged will consist of:

(A) Time GMT

(B) Message Number and RST. POINTS. (A) all two-way RTTY contacts with Stations within one's own country will earn TWO points.

(B) all two-way RTTY contacts with Stations outside one's own coun-

try will earn TEN points

(C) All stations will receive a bonus of 200 points per Country worked including their own. NOTE Any one Country may be counted again if worked on another Band but Continents are counted once only. SCORING. (A) Two way exchange points times total Countries worked.

(B) Total Country points times number of Continents worked.

(C) Add (A) and (B) together to obtain your final score.

for each Band and indicate any rest periods. Logs to contain: -Date, Time GMT. Message and RST

numbers sent and received and exchange points claimed.

Certificates will be awarded to: The leading RTTY Stations and Short Wave Listeners. The final positions in the Results Table will be valid for entry in the "World Champion of RTTY Championship. The Judges decision will be final and no correspondence can be entered into in respect of incorrect or late entries. Send your Contest Logs to: Ted Double, G8CDW - 89 Linden Gardens, ENFIELD, Middlesex, England.

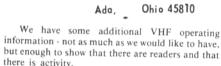
(A) If a Contestant contacts 25 or more different Countries on two-way RTTY during this contest he may claim the QUARTER CENTURY AWARD issued by the B.A.R.T.G. and for which a charge of \$2. U.S. or 8 IRC's is made. Make your claim when you send in a Contest Log. Holders of existing QCA Awards will automatically have any new additional Coun-

tries added.

(B) If any Contestant contacts Stations on two-way RTTY with all 6 Continents and the BARTG Contest Manager receives Contest Logs from the operators in those 6 Continents a claim may be made for WAC Award issued by the "RTTY JOURNAL". The necessary information will be sent on to the "RTTY JOURNAL" who will issue the WAC Award free of charge.

VHF RTTY NEWS

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First, we have a rebuttal of some of the comments from Dave Chapman, W9DPY, which appeared in last month's column. Mark Witmer, WA6FXM/9, in Great Lakes, IL, says that no one in Great Lakes has used the Milwaukee RTTY repeater. Mark then goes on to say: "As a relative newcomer to the area and to RTTY, I'd like to give my views of the VHF RTTY picture here. There are quite a few who use 146.700 MHz on a regular basis, and a lot of us monitor with 24-hour autostart. We all use 850 Hz shift. I find that even with the 7-element beam pointed toward Milwaukee, the repeater doesn't bother me.

"There is a group running 100-speed on 147.900 MHz, however, to me, that doesn't 'fragment' the operation as a lot of them monitor both frequencies.

"We send pictures, etc., on 146.700 MHz, and I find it has turned out to be a rather nice group. As a matter of fact, I spend more time here (on RTTY) than on Oscar, HF, SSTV, etc.'

Don Crumpton, W6KCW, reports on the San Diego RTTY Group known as "CATS" (California Amateur Teletype Society). "At the present we have a repeater on 146.685 MHz in, 146.085 MHz out. The repeater was built up from an old Motorola base station by W6KCW. It runs 25 watts and at present the antenna consists of 2 quarter wave dipoles separated by about 40 feet, vertically. At this time, the machine is located in Encinitas about 20 miles north of downtown San Diego and about 1 mile from the ocean, on a high point. Due to the odd frequency pair, not too many are using it, but my son in Hawthorne, about 100 air miles north, has been able to hit it quite well running 10 watts with an ICOM 22.

"The only active members right now are W6MNO, Chuck, WB6CYA, Skip, and W6KCW, Don. We hope that with the new location, the boys in the LA area will be able to get into the machine.

Most of the gang in San Diego do get into the LA machine but I haven't been able to hit it from Encinitas with a Ringo at 70 feet and 25 watts

Bill Brodie K3TGY/5, has the following news from Moore, OK: "At the present time I know of no RTTY repeaters on the air in Oklahoma with the exception of the RTTY group in Ardmore, OK. They have completed plans for putting up a APRIL 1976



repeater in Madil, OK, on 146,100/146,700 MHz. very soon. (I can and have talked to Ardmore direct on 146.700 MHz - about 80 air miles.) It appears that RTTY fans in Oklahoma City will be able to make contact with the RTTY repeater in Madil using a beam and some antenna height. We in Oklahoma City are hoping that the fellows in Dallas, TX, will turn their beams toward Madil and try for Oklahoma City.

"Some of the fellows in Tulsa have tried SSB/RTTY on 145.025 MHz with success.

If anyone is interested in getting on VHF/RTTY autostart in the area, contact K3TGY/5 in Oklahoma City. I will be more than glad to help them get started. I would like to see a RTTY repeater on the air in Oklahoma City.'

We have had some interest expressed in a RTTY repeater for the Lima, OH, area. Anyone interested contact W8BBB.

Finally, Keith Peterson, W8SDZ, the moderator for the RTTY forum at the forthcoming Dayton Hamvention sent a list of the program as of this writing: Talk #1: "The ST-6000 Demodulator/ Keyer," Thomas Spritz, WB9RWQ, Hal Communications; Talk #2: The DS-3000 KSR Video Display Terminal," Michael Thompson, WA9WJP, Hal Communications; and, Talk #3: "Selecting a Microcomputer for Your RTTY Station," John Souvestre, WA5NYY.

73, ES CUL, RG.

RTTY for the TS520

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Here is an easy way to put the TS-520 on RTTY with AFSK, as suggested by Irv. W6FFC.

All it takes is one DPDT toggle switch. The one pole shorts across a small (C6 on the carrier board) in series with the "LSB" "BFO" crystal, which moves the center of the "BFO" from about 1500 to 2200, and the other pole merely kicks the 500 hz filter in rather than the voice filter, no matter what position of the selector switch you have chosen.

There is an external speaker jack on the back which you can tuck out of the way and install the toggle switch.

When my wife gave a TS-520 for Xmas I tried the above and it worked like a charm.

RTTY-DX

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

Hello there . . .

Did you ever have Murphy. The Evil Eve. The Double Whammy, and Voodoo, all descend upon you at once? Andy, ZS6BNF (SM4CNN), did recently and we all suffered a loss as a result of it. Andy, along with Erik, SM0AGD went to Losotho on a DX-pedition over the weekend of 22 January to coincide with the Giant Flash Contest. Andy had with him a Creed 54, ST-6, and Drake Line. He was all set to fire up for his first OSO when the T4XC blew up and put an end to it. Repair parts were impossible in what may be called "rural" Africa. You can well imagine Andy's feelings bringing all that gear to a new country and not being able to operate for even one RTTY QSO. His call is 7 P8AH and it is good for a year so he has high hopes of having another opportunity to put Losotho on RTTY for the first time in the near future.

A2CED is getting closer to reality now. Ed. W3EKT, has been heard making preliminary tests on RTTY so watch the bands, both 15 and 20

The big surprise this month was the operation by Sid from A4XGB in The Sultanate of Oman, Sid wanted no advance publicity due to past disappointments, but he has been very active since late February. Signals are very weak here in the States as he is using a make-shift set up with an 18 AVQ vertical antenna. Into Europe his signal is S-9. Sid plans a beam in the near future so signals will be better to all points. A three year stay is anticipated, so eventually everyone should have this rare country in the log. Although we did have his QTH, it seems to have eluded us at this writing; however, I'm sure it will be widely circulated over

Bob, SM00S, whom you also remember as YA10S a few years back, has a new assignment that will take him to Kuwait (9K2) for an extended period of time. He will arrive there in March and promises to make every effort to put this country on RTTY. We hope to keep you posted as things develop.

Roy, PJ3AR, will go to St. Maartin (PJ7), and St. Martin (FS7), for a seven week stay commencing 1 June. He is presently looking for a light weight for machine to perhaps borrow for the air flight from Aruba. Licensing is no problem for him and he will use his present TU. While both of these places were first put on RTTY by FG7XT back in the early 60's there is now a whole new generation of RTTY'ers that do not have these two rare places in the log.

Dick, WA3JTC/ZP5, passes word that Fred.

CX7BZ has an opportunity and will attempt to put his Falkland Islands on RTTY by mid summer (winter there). This could be VP8 or perhaps more likely a CE9 call would be used by Fred. This would be a new country for everyone. Dick also says that CPIDN may be QRV RTTY in late March if permission is granted for this mode.

No doubt most of you have already printed or worked KC4AAC at Palmer Base, Antarctica, Tom promised to be very active since they will soon be "iced" in until next November as winter sets in in those latitudes. His signal is fantastic from an all band Discone vertical, but I guess when the antenna is 9000 feet high on a flat sheet of ice a beam is an anticlimax. OSL's can best go via his manager --

> Fred Dorffeld, K7ODK 3812 W. Maplewood Bellingham, Wash. 98225

At the other end of the axis, Bob, VE8RE, has been very active from Cambridge Bay, NWT, which is getting pretty close to the North Pole.

John, F5LO, (ex-5T5LO) was printed telling someone that he will be going to Libya (5T) on business soon and hopes to get a license if at all possible. We certainly hope he is successful as this is another country that has not been active on RTTY for a few years.

Word has been passed that Graham, P29DJ, is looking for Stateside contacts. 0500 - 0900z is about the right time for this area.

Jeep, K3HVG/HR6 (also HR6SWA club station) says that he will be QRT as of 1 May. His QTH has been given in previous columns.

Barbados activity increases with each passing week. Presently active to join 8P6AY, and 8P6GC. is 8P6HE and you can send QSL to --

> Luke Lewis Nr. 8 Clairmont Route 18 Eagle Hall P.O. St. Michael, Barbados

Johnson Island will soon be QRV again. A letter from Captain Marvin Feldman, K4KEW informs us that he will be signing KJ6DL starting at about 1 May. He will be active on 80 thru 10 and his direct OTH will be --

PSC Box 884 APO San Francisco 96305

He advises to use that QTH only to set up schedules which he will be happy to do. All OSL cards are to go via his managers. Stateside this will be WB5HVY, and for Asia they go via JA10CA in

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tokyo.

WB9LUK has offered a machine to KC6AQ (WA7TCC/KC6) at no cost except for shipping. if arrangements can be made to get it there. More on this later as things develop. This would be in the Western Carolinas.

When handling traffic, teletype can't be beat. Messages can be pre-punched on tape, corrected, edited, and stored, and then zipped out to the receiving station in record time. Roberto, TG9AD has been doing just that recently while handling traffic between earthquake ravaged Guatemala and the States. When the traffic is completed, Bob has been gracious enough to work as many of the boys on the band as possible giving many a new country. He is not new to the keyboard, as he had been quite active in the early 60's. We hope he will continue activity when the emergency is over.

HL9UU has been contacted in Japan and printed on the West Coast. With activity from this area very rare, it may be well to put the beam in that direction when conditions are right. Bill says to QSL only to his home QTH --

William French, W2SRQ RFD 2 Priest Rd., Geneva, N.Y. 14456

The top RTTY-DS Award this month goes to a very active RTTY amateur.

Plaque Nr. 21 -- 100 RTTY DXCC

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Carl Steavenson - K6WZ

A QSL from 8P6AY gave Carl the necessary 100 and WB8JEY/VP2S put him over the top at 101 confirmed.

While he was first licensed in 1938, the RTTY bug bit in 1956 with a W2PAT TU for receiving and a machine that found its way into the shack by 1957. At that time, Carl was located in South Bend, Indiana as WA9NHO and subsequent job assignments had him bouncing back and forth between Indiana and California where the call changed to WB6RXM, and then with the Extra Class license to K6WZ in 1972. It was not until about 50 countries were confirmed in mid 1972 that DXCC was tackled in earnest, as at that time 100 confirmed seemed as far away as the stars. With the major part of RTTY DX activity coming from Europe, Africa and South America, plus the Caribbean, it is quite an accomplishment for the West Coast USA to break through the QRM and propagation difficulties of an additional 3000 miles to be able to make contact for what might be easy pickings for most of us. Present equipment at K6WZ consists of: KWS1, 75A4, TTL2, 28KSR* 14 TD, and 14 Reperf. Antennas are the TH3MK3 tribander, 40 meter vertical, and 80 meter dipole. Carl is in all the contests and comes up with an excellent score every time. Congratulations on a job well done.

A milestone for RTTY - DX was recently reached by Arthur, ON4BX. Arthur now has 150 countries confirmed on RTTY. This plateau may have seemed impossible only a year ago but it is a good measure of what is presently possible on this

mode. As you may know, Arthur received Plaque Nr. 1 for RTTY DXCC and has maintained that position ever since, despite a busy schedule as professor of Engineering at the University of Mons. In addition, most all of the RTTY gear is of his own design and fabrication using the latest TTL techniques. Present project is RTTY via Oscar on VHF-UHF. The French proverb, "Tel Pere, Tel Fils" is very appropriate, as Arthur's son Edward was recently licensed as ON4CX.

Next contest coming up at about the time you read this is the BARTG commencing 0200 GMT 27 March; hope to meet you there.

The next Honor Roll listing is to be run in the July/August issue so we would appreciate any up-date on your standings and if you have not done it before, just send in number of countries Worked/Confirmed.

We have quite a few WAC Awards this month, but as we are running out of allotted space, we will run them in the next issue.

73 de John

Thoughts on QSL Cards.

GLEN KURZENKNABE, K3SWZ 403 Centerview Ave. NEW CUMBERLAND, PA. 17070

The only thing more disturbing than not receiving a QSL card is receiving one filled out incorrectly. Regardless of what award you are working toward, incorrect or incomplete QSL cards are worthless!

QSL cards should be filled out carefully and double checked for accuracy. If you are active on several modes, be sure the mode is correctly indicated. A card indicating a 2 way CW QSO will be of no value to a RTTY operator.

Always use GMT (UTC) and spell out the date ... 9 Jan. 1976 not 1-9-76 or 9-1-76. Last but not least, don't forget the report and the band.

If you should make an error, don't write over or cross out . . . fill out a new card. Questionable or apparently altered cards only create hard feelings when they are rejected by award managers.

QSL cards are becoming more and more costly to send, so let's all try to make each one count.

RTTY CONTEST

A letter from Franco Fanti announces a grand prize of an IC21A 2 meter FM transceiver along with the DV21 VFO for the winner of the World's RTTY Championship in 1976. The winner is the combined leader of 6 RTTY contests. CARTG, BARG, DARC and the Giant Flash are the contests that are counted. Last year Ed, W3EKT was the winner. The announcement in CQ Elettronica is in Italian so we are not sure of the rules but they appear to be the same as past years.



A message from Paul, KH6AG, just after our last issue went to press, saddened us with the news that Freeman, KH6AX, was a silent key.

Freeman was 79 and had been ailing since a fire destroyed his ham gear and business offices several months earlier. A colorful figure with a radio, recording, movie and yachting background. A promiment RTTY, phone and CW ham he was probably one of the best known hams active on the air.

Aloha, Freeman - ***

Our post office has notified us NOT to use air mail stamps for domestic mail - everything is dispatched air mail anyway. We do not know if this applies to Canada, Hawaii and Alaska, until we know for sure we will continue using airmail postage.

Do not renew at the Air rate in the U.S. however unless things change.

The RTTY Binders and the Beginners Handbook are again in stock. Any back orders held up have been shipped and should have arrived by the time you read this.

In order to simplify our mailing and notification of subscriptions about to expire we have changed our stencils to an alphabetical filing according to month of expiration.

On any inquiries or renewals be sure the last name is given and if possible the month of expiration.

DAYTON

Time does pass — and Dayton is almost here again. April 23-24-25 are the dates. The RTTY JOURNAL hospitality suite is all set to go. Kings Room (formerly the South Room), at the Imperial North Motel. The room will be open on Friday and Saturday evenings and we hope to see all our old friends as well as some new ones. RTTY pix on the walls and Kentucky Kool Ade on the bar. Everybody welcome.

RTTY FORUM Sun. April 25

The RTTY forum will again be moderated by Keith Petersen, W8SDZ, and promises to be of interest to everyone. Sunday morning, April 25th at 10 AM.

 "The ST-6000 Demodulator /Keyer". Thomas Spitz, WB9RWQ, HAL Communications Corp. "The DS-3000 KSR Video Display Terminal". Michael Thompson, WA9WJP, HAL Communications Corp.

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CARTG Contest Comments

The Canadian Amateur Radio Teletype Group (VE3RTT) sponsored the fifteenth annual RTTY DX world-wide Sweepstakes in October 1975, honoring the Calgary Centennial Year (1875-1975), Propagation reports were on the whole favorable, though varied from different countries. Ten meter operation was low on account of condx.

There were 101 Contest Logs received, and no doubt that due to a prolonged Canadian Postal strike at that time, there was some difficulty as many Logs were returned to the senders. However, the deadline date was extended until January 31, 1976, and we hope all Logs were received and accounted for. If all contest participants submitted their Logs, it would make cross-checking more accurate and eliminate the possibilities of false entries.

54 countries were logged - quite an increase of the forty-six heard last year.

So there was an opportunity for everyone to log some new countries. Some report not hearing the African Continent, but there were 3 stations active — Some did not hear a VE/VO though K5ARH made 18 Canadian contacts. 21 stations worked all six Continents (WAC), 21 Green RTTYers reported, and 23 Canadian stations participated. Noted increased activity from Japan, Germany and U.S.A.

KA2TS and KA2PJ got together for the contest in order to celebrate the United States Bicentennial Year (1976) and obtained the call sign KA2USA and participated as a multi-operated station, with the very excellent score of 664,820 points.

Many thanks to all contestants who made the CARTG S/S a success again. To "RTTY JOURNAL", and to George Spencer - Canadian Director ARRL, for providing awards, and to "OST", "RTTY JOURNAL" and all magazines, bulletins, etc. for their splendid publicity.

Hope to see you all in October 1976 for the sixteenth "Big Smoke!"

CARTG "C.A.R.T.G." MERIT AWARDS for 1975

The 1975 CARTG Merit Award Committee: Chairman: Al Venning - VE7LL John Smith - VE7AYI

Bill Moore - VE7BGA Alex Chalmers - VE7AMK

There were many recommendations for this Annual Merit Award Plaque and Certificate, and the committees had a hard decision to make. Entries were received from Canada, U.S.A., Sweden, Norway, England and Germany, and it was realized that many were helping the cause of the RTTY art, and merited special attention.

However, the Committee arrived at the following decision:

1975 Plaque to Robin Addie, G8LT for the achievement of having the first RTTY two-way contact via Oscar 7.

Certificate to Gwen Burnett, VE3AYL for devotion to the art, and the unstinting efforts on behalf of the Canadian Amateur Radio Teletype Group in particular, and the rest of the world in general.

The "C.A.R.T.G." wishes to thank all those who took the time to write and inform the committee of nominations for this annual award, and hope they will send in their recommendations for the 1976 Plaque and Certificate.

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