## "Cecil", W7VKO - A Winner in Bi-Centennial WAS Contest.

Dear Dusty:

Royal Oak, MI. 48068

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I have been a Ham since 1953, have earned the DXCC on CW and SSB and now getting close to it on RTTY†

Started in RTTY about 1962 and enjoyed this mode more than all the rest put together. I think the contest was a fantastic thing and did great things to generate interest and activity.

I made the necessary contacts for the WAS in eleven days but couldn't get the cards in any sooner. I sure want to thank everyone that made the contest so interesting.

Hope the photos are usable. The lower photo shows the overall set up with the 3 model 28 machines and operating position. I used a Kenwood R599A receiver and Kenwood T599A exciter running a SB200 final. A home brewed ST-6 with Hal Boards was the demodulator. And now I have a Dovetron HI. The box above the demodulator is a UT-4 (which I haven't been able to get working yet).

Thanks again for a fantastic contest and hope you can use the photos, Dusty.

73, Cecil, x





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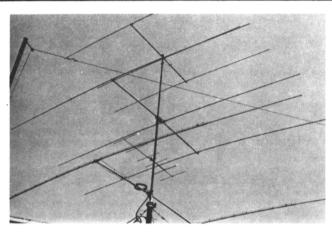
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## **Pocket Sized Printer**

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Recent articles by this author (1, 2) generated quite an interest in the little MITE teleprinters. While acquisition of these machines has become easier and their use more common since the previous articles, little else has been written about this particular line of teleprinter. In a continuing effort to encourage more interest and to increase dissemination of information about Mite Corporation machines, here is an introduction to the Mite Model 119A.

The model 119A is a micro-miniature page printer measuring only 4" by 4" by 10" and weighing 6 pounds. Figure 1 shows the entire machine on the right with an electronic decoder-driver on the left.

Anvone who has studied a standard sized Mite at work for a while sooner or later must wonder about the feasibility of using solenoids to accomplish character generation instead of the complicated system of motor, gears and pawls. Apparently, this idea occurred to the Mite engineers several years ago and spawned the development of the model 119A. The principle of operation of the model 119A is exactly the same as the larger Mite machines except for the fact that there is no motor and all functions of character selection, space, line feed and print are performed by solenoids. There are 9 solenoids used in the machine. Five are used to decode the 5 level baudot code, one is used for printing, one for advancing along the line, one for line feed-carriage return and one for upper-lower case selection. Figure 2 illustrates the location of these solenoids.

In the selection of a character for printing, the model 119A uses an 8 faced type font with 4 faces for lower case characters and 4 faces for upper case characters. There are 8 characters and 4 faces for upper case characters. There are 8 characters per row along each face. Referring to figure 2. solenoids 1. 2 and 6 are used to select a particular face with a rotary motion of the type font and solenoids 3. 4 and 5 impart a lateral motion to the type font to select a particular character along a row. Character selection is thus in response to the on or off state of each solenoid which is determined by the particular baudot code being presented.

This teleprinter accepts parallel information. In order to use it on RTTY, an accessory serial to parallel converter and solenoid driver had to be designed. Figure 3 shows a block diagram of this author's converter. Serial information from the station loop is entered and stored, then presented as parallel output to the proper solenoid. The solenoids require 28 vdc at 0.20 - 1.00 amps. Thus the TTL level output must first go through solenoid drivers to reach the solenoids. Electronic decoding

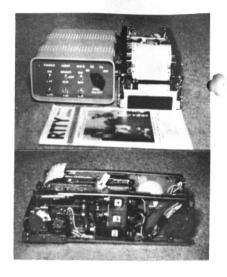


Fig. 1 (Upper) Model 119A Microminiature Page printer. (Right) I.C. Series-Parallel decoder / driver. (left) Fig. 4 (lower) A-Mechanical character Decoder B-Carriage return sense switches and drum. 3-4-5- Lateral positioning solenoids.

of the particular character being selected is used to perform the local machine functions of space. line feed-carriage return, letters/figures, space prevent and print prevent where required.

An interesting feature is built into this machine. Since the printed line can accommodate only 26 characters, carriage return and line feed occur automatically on the first space function after the 20th character is printed or at the end of the line. In this way, few words are broken by the shortened line format. This selector mechanism is shown by arrow "B" in figur. 4.

One other unusual feature is the mechanical digital decoder used to sense the various non-print. non-space functions such as space, line feed etc. Arrow "A" in figure 4 shows one of the two decoders. It consists of an 8 position p.c. sw  $\,h\,$  which senses the position of the lateral and ro,  $\,y\,$ character selection functions as previously described and thereby can be used to detect any desired characters. Its function is to disable the print and advance solenoids on certain functions not requiring them. This decoding system was not

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## **Auto-CW ID for Picture Transmissions**

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Shortly after getting the RTTY pix bug and copying several pictures on the 14.090 KHZ net, it became painfully obvious to me that there had to be a better way to handle the whole pix situation than by the conventional paper type method. (Anyone who has ever rolled up a two hour tape by hand will youch for this!!). A surplus tape rewinder was obtained and alleviated the mess somewhat. however since I was not able to find an unwinder with a compatible core size it was still quite a chore to have to unwind the tapes by hand before sending them on the TD.

Along about this point I happened to have a chat with Ricky, WAØCKY, and found out that he has most of his pictures converted to audio cassettes. This seemed like a good idea, so I got out the cassette recorder, hooked it to the AFSK output of the ST-6, fired up the TD and put a few pictures on the audio tape. Now while this was definitely a step in the right direction, it was still annoying to have to stop the whole operation every ten minutes and manually key the CW ID while transmitting from the audio tape. Again Ricky came to the rescue by telling me about an old VOX circuit he had modified to use as an automatic ID'er when playing pictures from the cassette recorder. He now uses a more elaborate setup in conjunction with his UT-4, but the auto ID in the old system was accomplished by stopping the TD at ten minute intervals while recording the pix and keying a CW ID onto the tape from an outboard audio oscillator. When the tape was replayed through the T/U a tone decoder circuit picked up the CW ID tones and keyed a relay connected to the narrow shift CW ID circuit in the T/U.

Well this sounded just like what I was looking for and after thinking it over for a couple of months I had pretty well figured out how to interface it in the station ere. Now all I needed was the tone decoder. After some fruitless experimentation with a PLL circuit I happened across the circuit shown in Figure 1. It is a modified autostart circuit from an article by KØPHF and WAØUZO in the January 1976 issue of Ham Radio. Since the circuit is basically an audio tone decoder driving a relay, it was just what I

had been looking for.

The circuit was modified slightly to eliminate the delayed pull-in and dropout feature of the autostart and a liberal amount of parts substitution was made to keep it within the realm of my junkbox. Since it worked well the first try, I assume that most any fet and audio transistor of the proper polarity will work. I happened to use a HEP 801 and HEP 726 because I had them available.

#### CIRCUIT ADJUSTMENTS

Deciding what audio frequency to use posed a bit of a problem, 3500 HZ was finally decided upon since it is well away from both the 170 and 850 HZ shift tone frequencies, and the bandwidth of the input filter is broad enough at that frequency that the output frequency of the audio oscillator tones can be off a couple of hundred HZ either way without affecting the operation of the decoder. Once the circuit is completed, apply power to it and if nothing goes up in smoke connect the input of the decoder to the input of your T/U. Plug the output of your tape recorder into the T/U input also and play back a tape containing a steady mark tone. The audio level of the tape recorder should be the same as what you will be using on the air. Adjust the pot on the decoder input until the circuit is overdriven and the relay locks up continuously on the mark tone. Now slowly back off on the pot until the relay opens.

While continuing to play the mark tone into the T/U input, connect the output of your audio oscillator to the T/U input and set it to the frequency you have selected for the tone decoder. Adjust the output level of the audio oscillator until the relay closes and opens as you apply and remove the tone.

Final adjustments of the recorder playback and audio oscillator levels will have to be made on an individual basis and are somewhat interlocking.

#### RECORDING THE PICTURE

The block diagram of the recording set that I use is shown in Figure 2. The ST-6 is placed in standby, the tape recorder input is connected to the AK-1 output, and the audio oscillator output, through the key, is also connected to the recorder input.

Once the tape recorder is running in the "record" mode the picture tape is started through the TD. The loop and AK-1 are keyed by the TD and the audio tones are recorded on the cassette.

At ten minute intervals the TD is stopped and the ST-6 being in standby remains in mark-hold. The AK-1 is now feeding a steady mark tone onto the cassette. About ten seconds of mark is allowed so that when the picture is played back on the air the receiving station will have the opportunity to switch his T/U to standby during the CW ID. After the delay, the CW ID is keyed onto the tape from the output of the audio oscillator, in my case at 3500 HZ. This procedure is then repeated every ten minutes for as long as the picture runs.

#### PLAYBACK/TRANSMIT

The block diagram of the playback/transmit set up is shown in Figure 3.

The ST-6 is placed in the auto mode and the output from the tape recorder is applied to the ST-6 input. The tone decoder input is also connected to the ST-6 input, and the output relay contacts to the CW ID jack.

The transmitter is turned on and the tape recorder started. The RTTY tones comprising the picture are now being played into the ST-6 and are keying the loop and FSK circuits.

Because of the toroid filter on its in-

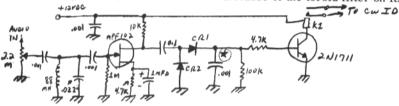
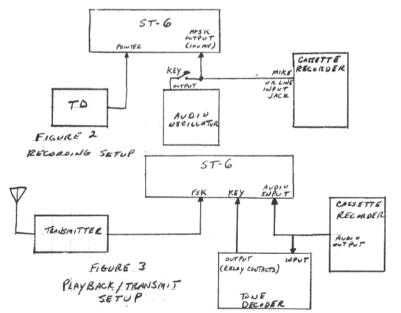


FIGURE 1

\* THE 100 mfd CAR USED HERE IN THE ORIGINAL CIRCUIT, PROVIDED THE DELAYED ALL-IN AND DRUP-OUT FOR AUTOSTART

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put, the tone decoder will not react to the normal mark and space tones; however, when the 3500 HZ CW ID tones come along they are decoded and drive the relay instep thereby keying the CW ID circuit in the ST-6. The result is complete hands-off picture transmission.

There is nothing original about this

project. The general idea came from my good friend Ricky, WAØCKY, and the circuit was borrowed from KØPHF and WAØUZO. It was easy and inexpensive to build and proved to be extremely tolerant of parts substitution. It has definitely made picture transmission much less effort and more fun.

## TTY TIME CLOCK

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Here is a time clock for your teletype station that is simple, inexpensive and flexible enough to fit most any station configuration. The basic time message generator requires only 11 integrated circuits with a cost of approximately \$12.00 for the chips. The display will add about \$6.00 more.

The unit generates the following 15-character message: "LTRS - SP - AT - SP - FIGS. - XXXX - LTRS - SP - AST" or any other combination of 11 fixed characters and four time digits. More imaginative types will no doubt find ways to add 12 hour time rather than 24 hour, and some will want to add seconds to the display with colon separators. None of these are described here. Just imple 24-hour clock with the above message.

The message is generated in two parts — the fixed portion which is stored in segment "0" of the Read-Only-Memory (ROM) you program yourself (\$3.00) and the variable time portion generated by an LSI time clock chip and translated into TTY code (Baudot) by segment "1" of the ROM.

The fixed portion of the message is pretty straight-forward. IC's V1, 2 and 3 form a clock and divider chain which generate at the A, B, C and D outputs of U3 a binary code for each of 16 possible characters. This code is passed through a 4PDT switch (U5) to the ROM (U6) where a preset TTY character is selected and presented to a parallel-to-serial converter (Selector), U7, of U9. This is divided down into minutes and hours within the chip by a series of divide-by-120 and divide-by-6 circuits. The digits representing the time are outputted in binary form at pins 2-5 one digit at a time in the following sequence: minutes, tens of minutes, hours, tens of hours. (The digits appear as a parallel 4-bit BCD code.) As each of these digits is outputted, one of four other pins (22-25) will go low to indicate which digit is being n de available. At the same time, the binary coded is translated into seven other signals (pins 6-12) which are fed to an LED 7-segment readout to display the current digit. To see the time then, it is necessary to use a multiplexed 4-digit LED readout and to connect it to the time clock chip as shown in

Up to this point we have ignored the means of determining how and when the individual digits

are selected for output by U9. This selection is performed by a set of selectors, dividers and oscillator built onto the clock chip which may be controlled through pin 26. When Q1 is off, the .001 capacitor and 150k resistor determine the frequency of the free-running on-chip oscillator and each digit is displayed at an approximately 5khz rate. When Q1 is on, it effectively shorts out the capacitor and the oscillator stops, leaving at the outputs to both the display and the ROM whichever digit was last selected.

In order to set the clock, three control lines are available: 'S' when grounded, advances the counter chain at a rate of 1 hour per second, 'F' advances the chain 1 minute per second, 'H' prevents the clock from advancing. The procedure then is to put the clock in hold (H), set the hours one hour less than the desired hour with FAST (F), advance to the desired minute of the correct hour using SLOW (S), then at precisely the indicated time, release the hold switch. The clock will then be set to the desired time and maintain that time as closely as any electric clock.

To understand how the current time is fed to the TTY code generating circuitry described before, we must first assume the time clock is running and displaying the time as we just described it. Note that the outputs of U3 which are fed to U4 and U5 are also tied to U8 which is a 1 of 16 selector. As U3's count progresses from 0 to 15, the corresponding inputs of U8 are connected to its output. The out of U8 is connected through an inverter to Q1. This arrangement means that any time the output of U8 goes high, Q1 is turned on therefore stopping the digit selection and display oscillator. This would occur only if the specific input of the selector (U8), which corresponds to the binary count from U3, happens to be low.

Since all inputs to U8, except 6-9, are floating (and consequently high) no such oscillator stoppage can occur except during character times 6-9 which are those times when time digits are described. Now at character time 6, the tens of hours output of the time clock (U9) is connected through input 6 of U8 to its output. When the digit display oscillator finally selects the tens-of-hours digit (H10) that output of U9 will go low causing U8's output to go high, thus stopping the oscillator with the binary code for tens-of-hours being presented to U10, U1, U5, U6 and U7 for output to the TTY loop.

When the digit has been completely trans-

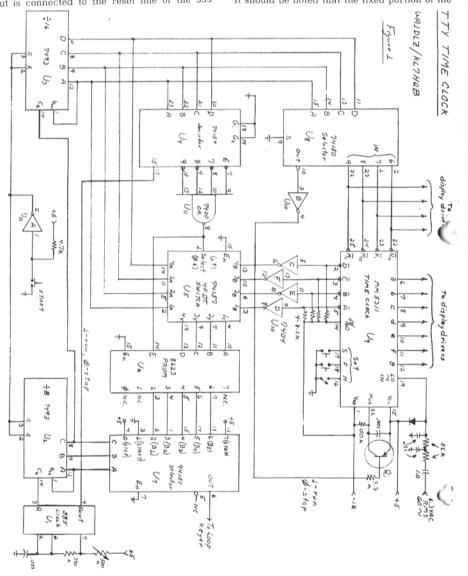
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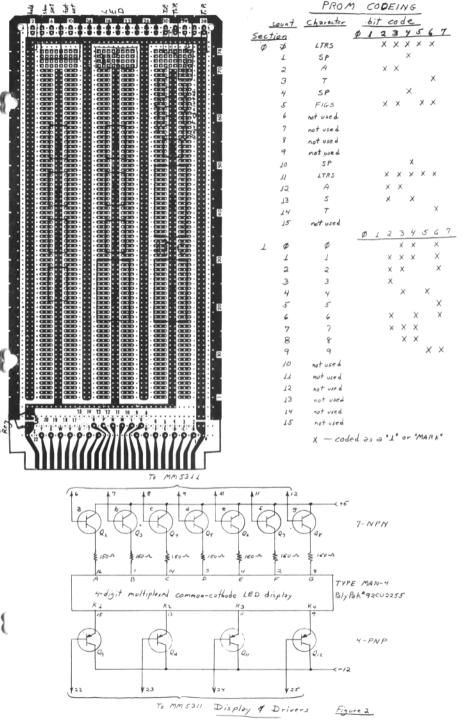
mitted, U4 will advance to character time 7, U8 will clock which now stops with the output of U7 connect the H1 output of U9 to its output and the connected to its 0 input which is high, causing the oscillator will stop when the hours digit is output to maintain a steady Mark until the entire available. This procedure will be repeated for the process is restarted. This restart will occur when tens-of-minutes and minutes digits during charactine U2-U3 counter chain is reset to 0, thus moving ter times 8 and 9. At character time 11, the 4DPT U4 to its 0 condition and allowing output 15 to go stiwch U5 no longer connects the ROM to the time high which in turn allows the 555 clock to run. clock and the fixed portion of the time message continues.

When this occurs, output 15 of U4 goes low. This displaying it on the LED readout. output is connected to the reset line of the 555

Regardless of the state of the TTY output however, the time clock U9 continues to count Eventually, U3 reached character-time 15. Hz sinewayes, maintaining accurate time a

It should be noted that the fixed portion of the





message may be anything the builder desires by end of the card where they can be easily seen or simply coding the ROM accordingly. The position of reached. the time digits may also be changed by simply appear at character time 3, pin 22 of U9 (H10) is connected to pin 5 (input 3).

The LED display is a non-standard unit available from Poly-Pak which has all the digits appearing in a vertical line, one above the other. clock as a portion to his UT-4 station con This allows the card to be mounted in a standard system. card cage with all controls and the display on the

The entire device including 4-digit LED display. changing the wiring between U8 and U9. (For display time-setting switches, osc trim pot, a 5v instance, if the tens-of-hours digit is desired to regulator, and all LED drivers can be mounted on a \$10.00 Vector #3677 4.5 x 9.6 inch board with room for about 6-7 more I.C.S. One builder. KL7HOH. has used this space to add a C.W.I.Der, call sign generator, and 4N generator to the basic time

## VHF RTTY NEWS

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This month we have two pieces of information about activity in the Washington, D.C. area from Paul Rinaldo, K4YKB.

"All RTTYers are invited to a "Green Keys" get-together near Washington, D.C. on May 3 at 8 p.m., sponsored by AMRAD (Amateur Radio Research and Development Corporation). The meeting will take place at the Patrick Henry Branch Library, Maple Avenue at Center Street, Vienna, Virginia. (I-495 Beltway Exit 12W, VA Rt. 123, 2 miles on left). Admission is free.

"One of the reasons for calling this gathering is to acquaint those interested with our new WR4APC repeater on 147.81/147.21 MHz at Tyson's corner, McLean, Virginia. Also to be discussed, will be concepts for adding a microcomputer to the repeater for RTTY access.

"The other main reason for the meeting is to give RTTYers in the area an opportunity for "eve-ball QSO's" and a chance to hear about different facets of RTTY. The program will include topics of interest to beginners and experienced amateurs who are active on HF and VHF (amateur and MARS) bands.

"If interested in information on the repeater, please contact Jeff Brennan, WB4WLW, 7817 Bristow Drive, Annandale VA 22003, (703) 354-8541. For information on the meeting or AMRAD in general, contact Paul Rinaldo, K4YKB. 1524 Springvale Avenue, McLean, VA., 22101, (703) 356-8918."

Also from Paul we have the latest information on the RTTY repeater:

"Our WR4APC repeater went on the air on March 20. WB4WLW, WB4ZOH, WB4NFB, and WA4KFZ spent most of the 20th and 21st at the repeater site debugging everything and pruning coax. By the time they left on the 21st, the machine was working well. We still have a few problems, but they will be worked out over the next few



weeks. We also have to increase the output power a little and complete some new control circuitry. From our site at Tyson's Corner in McLean, VA., we are covering about 40 miles in radius at the moment. That will be extended as the tweaking process is continued."

Thank you so much, Paul, for the meeting notice and the repeater information. Anyone of out there with some information?

> 73 ES CUL at Dayton, RG. \*\*\*

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# RTTY-DX



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Hello there . . .

No doubt you all have your own pet adjectives to describe band conditions for the BARTG Spring Contest and I would imagine that they would all add up to some form of the word "terrible". However, this did not dampen the spirit of the RTTY fan one bit it seems. There were scores of signals to be printed when the ionized curtain raised long enough to let them through. A quite unusual occurrence at about 1900z on the second day of the Contest resulted in a complete black-out of signals throughout the spectrum for about an A4XGB, in recent weeks, which of course had hour, it was just as if a steel door was slammed many of us concerned. Sid wants you to know that shut on the proceedings. It was not confined to all is well and that the QRT is temporary and due RTTY as there was a SSB contest in progress the same week-end and the same phenomenon was noted on those frequencies also. The conditions seemed to bounce back however, and the Contest ended in much better shape than when it started.

Rumor has it that including W and VE districts, there were perhaps in excess of 45 multipliers or countries to be logged on one or more bands. Some of the more unusual ones were: CE3MA, CO2HZ, CT1IW, EA4UM, EA8IT, FG7XT, GW3IGG, HI3XCP. IA1ACB, IR6AG, KZ5BH, LZ1KDP, OA4BR. OE8HWK, OK1KVK, PY2CYK, P29DJ, TF3IRA, UR2GAX, XE1AFU, ZS6BNF, 5B4YK, 9P6AY. We were also informed that several VK stations were active but the calls elude us at the moment. JR6AG is on Okinawa; however, this now counts the same as Japan. CO2HZ stopped everyone in their tracks and while he seemed reluctant to give out numbers. I am sure that he was a new country for many that he worked. QSL via the Cuban Bureau, P.O. Box 1. Havana.

A big surprise was the activity from LZ1KDP. Uli, DK3CU, put in many months of effort in getting equipment to this station and we must say that Uli did an excellent job as the signals from Sofia are just perfect . . . Rumen seems to be the chief Island comes from Serge, FG7AQ. In use is a operator at this club station and says that he will try to be on the band after 1700z daily. His first stateside QSO was with W1MX.

During the third week of March a group of the area. Swiss amateurs activated HBOAN in Liechtenstein with excellent RTTY signals in addition to their keep up the activity from here while Roy, PI3AR, is main effort in the ARRL C.W. contest the weekend of March 21st. They were active on RTTY before RTTY. So with past activity, there should hardly be anyone that does not have this country in the log. At the keyboard Rene, HB9AHA, was doing most of York recently and spent some time with Bud. the honors. RTTY QSL's can go via Rene or to -

USKA Ortsgruppe Aargu Sandacher c/o Irminger CH 5314 Kleinoettingen AG Switzerland

Pierre, OD5HC, was again active in early March during the period when things quieted down in that country. With the situation there again deteriorating, he has not been heard from recently and we all hope for the safety of his family and himself.

There has been no RTTY activity from Sid. to an administrative problem with the licensing authorities in that country. As soon as this is resolved he will be back in full swing again. In the meantime, you can find Sid in the SSB portions of the band and he can fill you in on the details.

There is another new station active from Korea. Bill, HL9WI, has been on since 16 March and was hoping to be in the BARTG Contest. W8BCT was his first stateside contact and his QSL manager is WA5ZWC.

Activity has been reported from VP80B, HC8GI (Galapagos), and TA2MM. The later being DJORR, and ex-YBOAAO of some years back. Since details are lacking at this writing, we merely mention them so that you can dig for the weak ones with the odd shifts and we are hoping to fill in with more details as they become available.

Jeff, G3YDR, was on leave in the U.K. and active in the BARTG Contest. He should be again active from Malta by the time you read this.

We understand that 9L1JM, Jaap, in Freetown, Sierra Leone, is getting set up for RTTY and may show on the band at most any time. He has a machine and a ST-6 is presently in the works.

That excellent new signal from Guadaloupe TS-520 T/R into a three element beam, a ST-6, and a Siemens T100 printer. Along with FG7XT and FG7AO, it makes for three active stations from this

Ivan, PI3SF, is now QRV from Aruba and should away on the St. Martin's.

OY1A was printed briefly but was on his way to that and into the middle of the following week on Copenhagen to visit his son Mike, OY1M, who is in that city furthering his education.

Jean-Marie, F6BEX, and ex FM7AI, was in New

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used by the author in his electronic decoder however, and these switch wafers were subsequently removed from the machine as it is more reliable to use electronic decoding for the local functions detection.

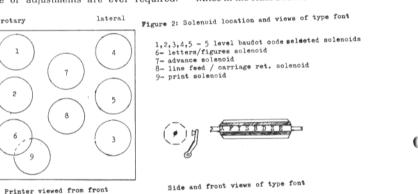
The machine is quiet in operation, only the print hammer makes any noise and can be used at any speed up to 100 w.p.m. The maximum speed is dictated by the time required to set the solenoids (85 msec.) and the time required to stroke the print hammer (15 msec.) or a total of 100 msec. per character.

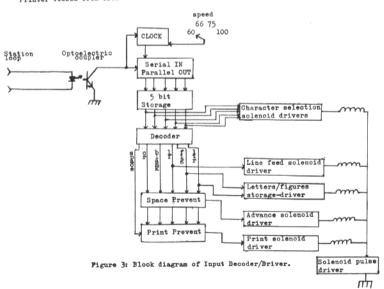
As the mechanics of the machine have been reduced to the basics, little in the way of maintenance or adjustments are ever required. Only a light oiling in a few places every 250 operating hours is recommended.

These machines are no longer being manufactured. It is not known how many were ever produced. This particular machine was acquired through the generosity of Harry March WB4HID. Certainly there are more of them around, possibly just sitting unused for years as this one did. Should enough interest be generated in this machine future articles are contemplated where in complete schematic of the author's Digital Decoder/Driver and details of machine wiring and adjustments will be presented. Correspondence from anyone having one of these printers or desiring further information is welcome.

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J From The Editor his Mail

The Post Office informs us that all mail including any U.S. possessions is forwarded via Air Mail. Only Mexico and Canada should renew at the \$4 rate for Air Mail delivery.

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. - One of the latest developments in the electronic field, personal computers, will be the subject of a trade show/convention in Atlantic City, N.J. August 28-29, 1976.

PERSONAL COMPUTING '76 is the first truly national gathering of manufacturers and users of these devices. Space has been provided for over 200 exhibitors and a series of related seminars is

being arranged.

The weekend show is being staged in the Shelburne Hotel on the Boardwalk in the famed resort city. PERSONAL COMPUTING '76 is ponsored by the Southern Counties Amateur .adio Association of New Jersey.

John H. Dilks, chairman of PERSONAL COMPUTING '76, said, "We are expecting that most of our exhibitors will be aiming directly at the consumer." "In the first days after our plans were announced," Dilks added, "we received a number of exhibit commitments from some of the biggest names in the microcomputer field.'

Recent advances in microminiaturization have enabled manufacturers to reduce the size and cost of personal computers to the point where the small businessman or hobbyist can now acquire one without a great expenditure of funds.

The committee would like someone to speak on "Personal Computers and Amateur Radio, especially on use in the RTTY station. Contact K2TQN at the address below.

> For further information contact: Personal Computing '76 Shelburne Hotel Boardwalk & Michigan Ave. Atlantic City, N.J. 08404 609-927-6950 \*\*\*

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? ? ? ? Actually we try to balance it but can only run what we get so if you can help out with either of these problems send it in.

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## **DIAL YOUR SHIFT**

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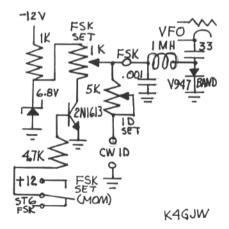
We goofed again. We are sorry, but it may still happen again - On page 7 of the April article Selective Overline for the Model 28, we added another short article with no connection. The article and drawing are reproduced again below Nr. 7 Robert L. Nolan - WA6WGL as the article without the drawing is worthless.

#### DIAL YOUR SHIFT

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 resetability is excellent and the keying 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-

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.



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W2LFL, before heading for the San Francisco area during his holiday.

At this time we wish to extend congratulations to the following stations upon obtaining the RTTY Journal Merit Award as indicated.

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Our apologies to ON4CX mentioned here in la months column. While our copy had the name correctly as Bernard, it somehow translated to Edward at the print shop. Of course it is Bernard, ON4CX. Sorry about that!

Very shortly we will be making our annual trek to Dayton to see all the latest electronic wares displayed, to do a little scratching in the flea market, and to meet old friends and settle down to serious RTTY talk in the BAUD room of the RTTY Journal at the Imperial House North, Come see us all if you are in town that weekend.

Next issue we will post the RTTY-DX Honor Roll listing. Have your numbers in by the end of May to be posted.

> 73 de John \*\*\*

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