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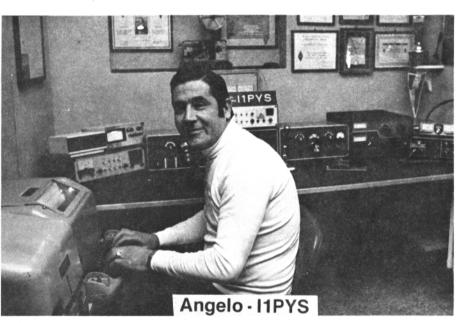
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CARTG. "Olympics" DX SWEEPSTAKES.

The Olympics are over but the big RTTY Olympics will be starting soon. The Canadian Amateur Radio Teletype Group (CARTG) RTTY DX Sweepstakes start October 2nd. Full rules and details below. This is usually the largest of all RTTY contests and this year promises to be bigger and better than ever. Many plaques, medallions and certificates await the various winners. Work some new countries, renew old friendships and have lots of fun by participating. Log sheets or further information is available from CARTG, 85 Fifeshire Rd., Willowdale, Ont. Canada - M2L 2G9. See you during the contest. Enclose IRS coupons for log sheets.

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- 4. CLASSIFICATIONS -
- (a) Single Operator (one transmitter)
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- (c) SWL Printer
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- 6. EXCHANGE POINTS -
 - (a) all points.
 - (b) All others will receive points listed in Zone Chart (same as last year)
- (c) Stations may not be contacted more than once on any one band. Additional contacts counted on different bands.
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Use separate Log Sheet for each band. Log Sheets and Zone Charts available for SAE or IRC's. Logs must be received before December 1st 1976 to qualify.

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HAL'S DX 3000 KSR.

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Several years ago in my original article in the RTTY Journal in which I described Hal's initial efforts at making the move from mechanical to electronic RTTY; I stated that to have something upon which to improve. something had to be in existence. At that time Hal came out with their RVD-1002 (character generator) and their RKB-1 (keyboard). Since that time progress has been rather rapid. The next generation of equipment was the RVD-1005 and the Morse-RTTY keyboard. DKB-2010.

Comes now, the DS-3000 KSR Video Display Terminal. With this unit we now have an exact duplicate of the usual mechanical KSR plus many more features not available in machines.

The design of the DS-3000 is such that the keyboard is very low and I find that when used at an ordinary desk height, it is quite comfortable for typing with no need to resort to special typewriter desks or those with a sunken recessed portion for a typewriter. The display can be permanently mounted on the keyboard with furnished brackets or mounted anywhere up to 100 ft. away, if one is so inclined.

The DS-3000 receives and transmits both ASCII and Baudot codes with either switch selectable. Baudot from 45 baud to 100 baud. 60 wpm, to 132 wpm ASCII from 110 to 1200 baud, 10 to 120 characters per second. The standard baud rates are selected in sequence from the slowest to the fastest with the rate in use appearing in the upper left hand corner of the screen. Such as, when first turning on the screen and terminal unit, the upper left hand corner of the screen exhibits BAUD-45. This article will only concern itself with the Baudot code since the only use we have for ASCII at the present time is to copy commerical stations.

Some of the features of the RVD-1005 and DKB-2010 combination have been improved upon . The display format is now 16 lines of 72 characters instead of 25 lines of 40 characters. Auto CR and LF is inserted at the end of the 72nd character. Non-over-print is achieved by ignoring received CR codes and generating LF as well as CR whenever a LF is received. Unshift on space is still switch selectable. The "Here is" key is now user programmable up to 255 characters and the program will remain in memory until the unit is turned off. The bell signal is translated into an audible tone instead of the former picture of a bell printed on the screen.

The cursor is now completely under control of the operator. It can be positioned anywhere on the screen. There are four keys with arrows in upper case which tell the direction in which it can be moved. Each depression of an arrow key moves the cursor up, down, backward or forward one space at a time. If a lot of

movement of the cursor is required it is much easier to use an arrow key in conjunction with the repeat key. There is one key which sends the cursor "home" and at the same time wipes the screen clean of anything behind the cursor. The cursor indicates where the next character is to be sent or received.

A 256 character buffer is now incorporated to accommodate typing "over runs", or enough for 3.5 lines of display; a very considerable improvement over the DKB-2010 storage capacity.

The completely new features of the DS-3000; not found in Hal's previous equipment or mechanical KSR's either, are "Word" transmission, "Line" transmission, "Page" transmission, "Word-wrap-around". and "Blankfill". None of these features are operative in the continuous transmission mode when each character is transmitted simultaneously with the actuation of each key.

The "word mode" is attained by placing the unit in "line" mode and then activating the proper keys at which time the words "Word Mode On" appear on the screen. When typing in the "word mode" a word is typed, but not transmitted, until the space bar is depressed, at this signal the word is then sent at the operating Baud rate in use. There are some secondary gains from using the word mode since a word is being typed, but not transmitted, it is subject to editing by the "rub-out" key which just simply backs up the cursor erasing a letter at a time. The word can then be corrected for spelling or accidental hitting of wrong keys before transmitting for public consumption. The "blankfill" can also be used in this mode and blanks will be transmitted whenever there is a pause in the typing. When the word mode is used this way with the "blankfill" the over-all impression at the receiving end is that tape transmission is being used since everything is sent at a fixed baud rate. I have also found that with the blankfill there is some help in keeping the receiving operator's machine in sync under adverse propagation or QRM conditions. The blankfill is switch selectable.

One of the nicest features of the DS-3000 is "word-wrap-around" which means simply that there are no split words at the end of the line. If more than 72 characters are typed between two CR's, the characters after the last space signal are moved down to the next line. It certainly makes for more pleasant reading than having all lines end at 72 characters regardless of whether the words do or not. This particular feature is available in both word and line modes, and is operable when receiving in continuous mode.

Line transmission operates in the same way as word transmission except that a complete line is sent minus any characters dropped to the next line because of the word-wrap-around at the baud rate in use after a CR.

In Page mode a whole screen can be typed

and edited and is not transmitted until the proper controls are actuated.

I have made no mention of what controls are used to put the DS-3000 into its various modes, memories, baud rates, etc., since it is of no interest to anyone not owning a DS-3000. and if he does, he has a big fat manual anyway. Suffice it to say, there is one key at the left of the keyboard marked CTL which is always used in conjunction with on letter key and sometimes also a shift key. For example: to enter data into the "here is" memory, a CTL, shift and letter "P" key are depressed simultaneously, the data entered, the same three keys again depressed and the data is permanently in the memory which is available at any time via the "Here is" button.

There are a few other little goodies not heretofore mentioned; a repeat key, a OBF test message and a keyboard operated switch which can be used to control the transmit-

receive functions of the station.

I think we all have a way of coming to grips with our equipment, and each of us in his own way. My solution of the problem of calling CQ with a minimum of typing is to type one line of a

CQ into the "Here is" memory and then punch the "Here is" key for the required number of lines. If I get no answer I place the unit into "page mode", reposition the cursor under the top left "C" of the first CQ and retransmit the whole screen of CQ's. This can be done for any number of repetitions. The cursor moves through the screen indicating which character is being transmitted.

From the above, it is apparent that the DS-3000 KSR has the same capability as a mechanical typing-reperforator, at least up to 16 lines of 72 characters. Anything which appears on the screen can always be put on the air regardless of how it got there, whether from the keyboard or an incoming signal.

It now seems such a short way to go to make the DS-3000 KSR into an ASR. All that is required is a fairly extensive memory and a means of connecting the keyboard to it while receiving over the air print on the screen. I feel certain Hal will come up with something in this direction in the way of plug-ins or add-ons. Then the operator can in effect "pull tape" while receiving.

Notes on the HAL DKB 2010 JOHN POSSEHL, W3KV Dual Mode Keyboard.

PO Box 73 BLUE BELL, PA. 19422

We would like to bring to your attention two simple modifications to this popular solid state keyboard. Both mods require a minimum of parts, are extremely easy to apply, and if you are a fairly slow typist like myself you will enjoy using this excellent piece of gear more than ever before. First a word about the keyboard. In basic form it has a three character buffer memory with optional 64 and 128 character memories available. When you have typed 64 letters, figures, or spaces, a lamp lights and an audio tone on the speaker tells you have reached the end of the line and to use the CR/LF keys. In addition there are extra keys programed to automatically send "CQ", "DX", "Here is" "QBF" etc., when you depress the proper key. In the information to follow we will be only interested in the "AUX" key which is usually factory programmed to send "DX". The modifications themselves do not require getting into or changing any of the existing circuitry in any way with the exception of re-programming the diode matrix of the "AUX" key as you will see later. Only four wires are tack soldered to specific points on the logic circuit board. Both modifications are explained and shown on an overlay of Dwg. B-1025 of the manual (Fig. 1), however, due to the drawing density and the need to photo reduce it to get it on the page here it may be difficult to see, so the mods will be spelled out in text also.

Mod. Nr. 1, by Heinz Schilling, DJ1XK.

This modification will automatically insert a "Ltrs" or a "Figs" signal between each character typed and depending whether you happen to be in upper or lower case at the time. Parts required are a 10K 1/4 watt resistor, SEPTEMBER 1976

a germanium diode (1N270), a .001 disc capacitor, and a miniature on/off switch.

A. Connect the diode and 10K resistor in parallel and then connect the cathode end of this junction to one side of the switch.

The anode side of the junction goes to the .001 capacitor.

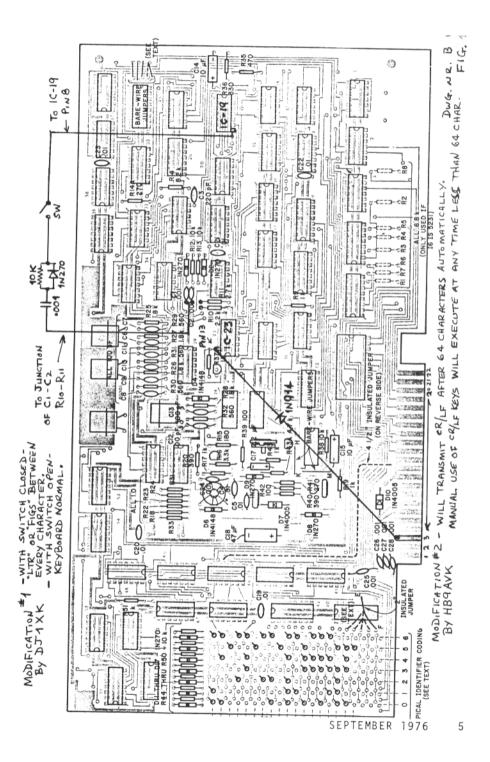
C. The remaining side of the capacitor goes to the junction of C1, C2, R10, R11 on the logic board. Tack solder.

D. The remaining side of the switch goes to Pin G of I.C. 19 (7404). Tack solder.

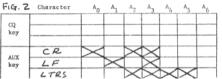
With the switch open the keyboard functions normally. With the switch closed a "FIGS" or "LTRS" signal will be inserted between each character typed. For the operator it allows for more relaxed typing as you will only have to type at about half the baud rate you happen to be using on the receiving end the printed characters come out at a rythmic rate with what appears to be a pause between each printed character. If you happen to have one of the optional 64 or 128 character buffer memories installed you will find that you can easily load the storage and at sign off you can open the switch and the storage will dump out at the standard speed without the "diddle". All four selectable baud rates on the kevboard act in the same way and the mod has no effect at all on the CW mode. Mod Nr. 2, by Paul Kung, HB9AVK.

This modification will automatically transmit CR/LF after 64 characters and/or spaces are typed. This will occur at the same time that the lamp lights and the tone sounds in the speaker. This mod only requires a single silicon diode (1N4148, 1N914, etc.)

A. Cathode end of diode to Pin 13, IC 23 (7373). Tack solder.



- B. Anode end of diode to Pad #3 of the 22 pad edge connector on the logic PC board. Tack solder.
- C. One additional requirement is that it is necessary to program the "AUX" diode matrix as shown in Fig. 2.



The "AUX" key is usually factory set to send DX when pressed and this is done using six 1N270 diodes. To program it for CR, LF, LTRS, you will need three additional diodes or a total of nine. With the aid of "solder wick" obtainable at any Radio Shack store it will be a simple matter to remove the diodes without damaging them. We refer you to Page 5-34, Para 5.13 of the manual on how to program the diode matrix. Read it carefully as the AO to A6 lines are in reverse to that shown on Fig. 2.

This mod relieves the operator of having to manually press the CR/LF keys at the end of the line, however, you can still manually perform CR/LF at any time less than 64 characters by merely hitting the proper keys or the "AUX" key. Should you happen to be typing in the middle of a word at the 64 character count, the remainder of the word will appear on the next line less one letter which will be eliminated by the CR/LF signal.

Closing comments. We have installed both mods as above and we would not now be without them. It certainly allows for a much more relaxed approach to typing and we find that we can almost fill the 128 character buffer storage and we have never been able to do that previously in the course of a QSO, and this is without preloading the buffer. Also in the event of severe QSB or QRN or QRM conditions where many hits would normally occur the injection of the LTRS or FIGS between each character allows for better copy on the receiving end, a particular asset in a contest. While all of the above applies to the keyboard mentioned, there are a great many homebrew keyboards of solid state design presently in use to which the same principles would apply. Finally, our Thanks to DJ1XK and HB9AVK for sharing their expertise with us by allowing us to translate their efforts here.

LOOP SWITCHING -

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Here is a simple circuit that will allow you to increase the versatility of your station. I have always wanted to be able to switch various pieces of gear in and out of two different loops. I don't have the room for a 28ASR in the closet, nor can I afford one, but with this switching arrangement I have more than the versatility offered with an ASR without the cost or size.

There are two basic methods by which I can switch gear in and out of two different loops. One is to use a number of plugs and jacks in a "cord board" arrangement and the other is to use switches. Each have their own advantages and disadvantages.

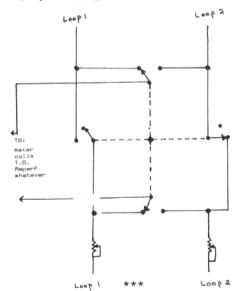
Using a "cord board" arrangement is popular and simple, yet it offers some disadvantages. The wires and plugs must be in plain sight which detracts from the appearance of the station, the wires often get tangled. and Murphy requires the wires to break at the most critical of moments, and finally when switching a printer from one loop to another the machine runs open and when the current is reapplied there is a hit. This can be frustrating in the middle of a tape where errors are not wanted.

I wanted to be able to use switches since it is neater in appearance, there are no wires to get tangled or break, and the machine doesn't run open for the moment it takes to switch a printer in and out of loops. The biggest problem is to find a switch that will do the job without a great deal of overkill. There never seem to be enough in the junk hox.

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The switching arrangement eliminates the problems associated with a "cord board" arrangement. In the circuit the rheostats remain in the circuit since it is possible to remove all resistance out of one loop andblow a fuse. The gear can be switched entirely out of both loops by adding a shorting switch.

As I said, finding the proper switch seems to be the greatest obstacle to many. I have come across a supply of the switches and wafers. Most of them are new. They are \$1.25 for the wafers and \$3.00 for the entire switch. postpaid in the 48.



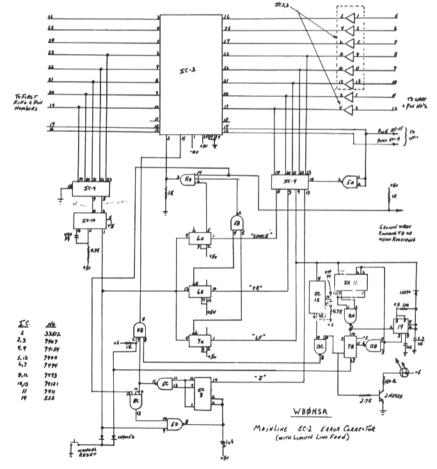
Maineline EC-1 and EC2 **Error Corrector.**

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Since the advent of the UT-4 there has been some discussion of how nice it would be to have some method of correcting typing errors. This is not as difficult as some may think and can be done with the use of a Fifo. This Fifo can be one that is external to the UT-4 or it can be one of the two existing Fifos in the UT-4. If one of the existing Fifos is used, the UT-4 system would then be cut down to a 40 character memory rather than its normal 80

and the characters are stored in this new Fifo. If the word is corect, you simply allow the word to leave the Fifo into the UT-4's main Fifos. If the word is not correct, the word storage Fifo would be reset and the word typed over again. The word Fifo would also have to be allowed to output on an end of line function as it would be too easy to erase this leaving the other fellow hung up on the old line.

The following two schematics are offered for experimental purposes only, as they have not been built up and debugged. It is suggested that you do not build either of these two up unless you are familiar with digital and debugging techniques. These schematics are offered hoping that someone will be able to produce a workable unit that may be The theory is relatively simple in that you type shared with all. If time permitted, I would be able



However, I did want to get these schematics into one letter to another. IC 5a inhibits all outputs the hands of the people most concerned and who during this transition. had the available time. Good luck and good correcting.

SHORT FORM CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION (WITHOUT LINE FEED VERSION)

IC-1 is the word Fifo, IC 2-3 are non-inverting buffers to provide fan out from the UART lines.

IC-4 is a 4-16 line decoder whose output lines to inhibit from IC-9 and 10. will provide one half of the Baudot functions.

IC-4, the possibility of an erroneous character or whenever a word is outputted from the Fifo. producing a pulse on the output lines of the MAINLINE EC-1

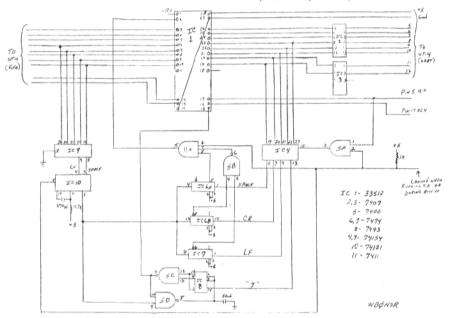
to do this. But at present it is out of the question. decoder is extremely great during transition from

IC 9 is set up on a similar basis and its function is to recognize that the word has been fully outputted from the Fifo. Its outputs fire IC-10 which resets the Fifo to inhibit again.

IC 6 and 7a form the latches to enable the Fifo's output. They are set to enable from IC-4 and reset

IC-8 and 5c form the erase function with IC-8 IC SA is set up to inhibit this decoder during counting how many I's are sent. 5c recognizing 3 I's receive or when a T.D. is run. On transmit it serves and pulsing the Fifo reset line. IC 5d resets the I as a deglitcher for IC-4. During code changes of counter to zero everytime three I's have been sent

> ERROR CORRECTOR FOR UT-4 (WITHOUT LIMITED LINE FEED)



1 Finger Ltrs, Figures Return.

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One of the most exasperating troubles with RTTY is for a machine to go to letters when it should print figures or vice versa. The down space on shift only half remedies the problem or maybe adds to it. I added on both the letters and figures keys, a simple switch to disable the term unit while actuating the appropriate character series in the machine transmitting loop thus forcing the machine back to upper or lower case as required. The added switch is adjusted to make contact SEPTEMBER 1976

somewhat ahead of the mechanical release. The two switches are connected in parallel and to the remote or standby circuit of the TU. The switches are best made of spring steel or piano wire so that they are long enough and springy enough to prevent adding tension to the key. Only one spring is actually needed per key since the remote circuit ground can be completed thru the key lever arm. A simple plastic insulator bolted to the frame of the machine supports the fixed end of the spring. I have used this on Model 15 and 28 machines.

A few figures or letters are lost while the machine regains synch but it is better than many, as usual. Of course the system will act as a machine "mute" if pressed down until the switch only is operated.

VHF RTTY NEWS

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The Double, G8CDW, 89, Linden Gardens, Enfield, Middlesex, England, sent word on the coming 8th BARTG VHF RTTY Contest. Although it is limited to amateurs in Zones 14 and 15 we thought it would be worthwhile to mention it here. The contest will take place on Saturday, 1976 SEP 11 from 1800-2300 GMT and on Sunday, SEP 19 from 0700-1200 GMT. Operation is permitted on both 144 MHz and 432 MHz. It is recommended that 45-Baud signalling speed be used. For further information, please contact G8CDW.

The following VHF RTTY information comes from Warren "Buck", Buchanan, WAØLEM, in Kansas City: "Effective 1976 JUL 04, the Kansas City Area went to 170 Hz shift (2125 Mark - 2295 Space). Most stations have 850-Hz shift capability, but all autostart and normal communications are 170 Hz. The WROAHR repeater, 146.100 MHz in, 146.700 MHz out, is voice and RTTY accessible. All mobile operators in the area are invited to call and 'talk' RTTY while in the area, as several of the stations monitor for voice calls." Thanks, Buck.

Melvin Leibowitz, W3KET, has the following news that shows how versatile hams are becoming: "We have a new repeater in the Wilmington, DE, area that is especially intended for special purpose uses such as RTTY, SLO-SCAN, and Fax. The call is WR3ACV and the frequencies are 147.825 MHz in, 147.225 MHz out. Narrow shift RTTY is used. Power output is 40 watts which will be increased to 120 watts. The repeater is jointly owned and operated by WA3QPX and WA3QLS. The antennas are only 80 feet above sea level, but experience with the site indicates that we should have coverage well into the New York City Area. Antennas consist of a Phelps-Dodge Station Master plus two rotatable beams. Primary coverage will be NE-SW from Wilmington thus putting our main pattern to Philadelphia and New York and to the Baltimore and Washington areas. We do have two stations on 24-hour autoprint. Operators along the East Coast are invited to listen for the machine. The owners feel that this is a unique machine in that it is one of the first high-powered special purpose repeaters. Activity is needed and all operators are invited to use the machine.'

Finally, we have a current-awareness item: John Sheetz, K2AGI, has the following article in the 1976 AUG issue of QST, pp. 32-33: "Rid Your Model 28 TD of Distortion." The history behind the article is quite interesting. As we understand it, it came about when John monitored an on the air signal which was full of distortion.

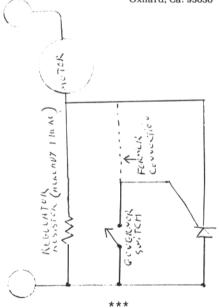
Well, that's it for this month. Please keep the information coming.

73, ES CUL, RG.

Noise from a Governed Motor.

I had one problem that I thought you might like to hear about. I have a model 15 machine and it has a series governed motor. This motor generates a lot of noise. It was almost half scale on the receiver! In checking with some local experts I tried using an SCR to control the motor current instead of switching the full load with the governor contacts. Low and behold, it worked. I now have almost no noise from the motor. This is a lot easier than putting a synchronous motor in.

Glen Charnock WB6IKM 560 W. Gonzales Rd. #22 Oxnard, Ca. 93030



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RTTY-DX

John Possehl, W3KV, Editor

P.O. Box 73, Blue Bell, PA 19422 5B4BK on Cyprus was reported active the

Hello there . . . As the saving goes, "after the Boom comes the Bust", and the tremendous DX activity of early Summer has settled down to the normal routine with new countries few and far between. Also, one might well ask the question; where did everybody go? A few short weeks ago the boys were burning the midnight oil looking for stations like JY4JW, FL8KW, 985AN, ZD8PL, ZD8RD, 5B4YK, 5Z4TV, TA2MM, 8P6AY, 8P6HE, 8P6GC, TG9AD, TG9GI, P2 9DJ, P2 9MO, and many more. To be sure, they are all for real as we have had QSL cards pass through here for all of them but IY4IW and 5Z4TV for DXCC credit. As usual of course band conditions were a contributing factor to the decline as they have been in quite poor shape for several weeks. However, there were some rewards for those that kept their printers clacking. Early June brought RTTY activity for the first time from a really rare spot, Malaysia. Mal, 9M2MW, fired up and has been logged by many of the boys in Japan and adjacent areas. He has even penetrated to West coast USA but so far has not crossed the Rockies in North America or for that matter into western Europe. We have been advised by Gin that Mal has a linear and a beam in the works so he should be copy into most all areas. soon, conditions permitting. Dusty informs us that he has subscribed to the Journal so that may mean that he intends to stay with the mode for a while. Two more stations may soon

hope to keep you advised as things develop. Sid was quite active from his home call of G4CTQ while on a few weeks leave in the U.K. He returned to A4XGB in Oman in late June and hopes that he can persuade the authorities to lift the present ban on RTTY. Watch for Sid

come up there also, 9M2CL and 9M2ML and we

at any time now.

Early June saw a rare appearance by Sigge. OH /NI, from Aland Island.

P29MO has been reported quite active and

Graham, P2 9DJ is very prompt in sending out

With some able assistance from Dick. WA3JTC/ZP5, both ZP5XT, and ZP6AT were quite active early in the summer and you can QSL to them either direct or via Dick.

A real surprise in mid July was the excellent signal from JY9BB in Amman. Blackie was trying out his new Hal video and solid state keyboard and it sure was doing a great job for him. W90EQ was his first contact stateside and QSL's are requested via his stateside QTH at W4TA, and that is . . .

Bruce Blackburn 9001 Old Courthouse Rd. N.E. Vienna, Virginia 22180 SEPTEMBER 1976

same day using 45 band and 850 hz shift, Peter, 5B4YK, is now QRT and has returned to Finland. Any QSL's sent now should go to his home call which is OH2BCA.

Unfortunately this info arrived here too late for the last issue and is over by the time you read about it here. Pierre, F2PY, made his annual trip to Andorra as C3 1CA where he was active between 2 and 7 of August. If you were fortunate to have made contact he requests QSL's be sent to his home QTH . . .

Pierre Pollidoro, F2PY 82 Montpezat - DU - Quercy

France

Those trying for WAS might listen for KL7HAQ who has been active this Summer.

Cz 2 O was the official Olympic station operating from the site of the Games in Montreal. QSL cards were requested via the VE2OSL bureau.

Roy, PI3AR, has been back home now tor several weeks and expresses regret that he was unable to operate RTTY from PI7/FS7 during his six week stay on the island. All is not lost, however, as Roy will be moving to there permanently around October or November. He has already applied for the call sign FS7RR. Once he is settled at his new QTH he assures us that RTTY will soon follow.

ZD8EW has been reported active from Ascension so it would seem that a high percentage of the active amateurs on the island are going RTTY.

RTTY activity from North Ireland has always been quite difficult to find. GI4AMP has now been joined by GI3GXP who has been putting an excellent signal into the States. From the Republic of Ireland your best bet is still Paul, EI5BH, who seems to be the only active station on the HF bands at present. He can usually be found at around 12-1300z daily.

The last listing of the Honor Roll had W8JIN in the No. 1 spot with 97 countries confirmed. A few days after publication the mail brought 101 QSL cards confirming . . . Plaque Nr. 23 for 100 RTTY DXCC

TO

Jim Ringland W8JIN

Jim was first licensed in 1933 at age 15 and has held W8JIN the entire time. A 40 Meter QSO with a CT2 in 1934 gave him the DX fever from which he has never really recovered. Regular DXCC was first made in 1947 and he now has the very difficult 5 Band DXCC Award. Over 100 countries have been confirmed on all bands, 10 thru 80 on both fone and CW with 50 countries confirmed on 160 meters. Jim collects Awards like most of us collect QSL's and he was first in the World to

receive the Arne Trossman Trophy for his collection of over 200 Awards. Jim is presently hot after DXCC via Oscar but you are sure to find him in the middle of the pile-up when a new one shows up on RTTY. When not chasing DX Jim is the man responsible for the big TV signal coming out of Channel 12 in Cincinnati,

Congratulations are extended to the following amateur . . . W A C All 14 MHZ

Angelo Lo Re

At the time Dusty authorized the issuance of a DXCC Award for RTTY it was decided that the basis for country count would be the ARRL DXCC Countries list. The ARRL publication covering the subject in detail is called "Operating Aid Nr. 7" and can be obtained upon request by sending either a SASE or 2 IRC's (for DX) to ARRL Headquarters. From time to time changes in the existing country count are revised due to either political or geographical considerations and the list that you had last year could very well be obsolete this year. As anyone having an insurance policy knows, it is the "fine print" that contains all the important information and Operating Aid Nr. 7 is no exception in this respect. Reading the fine print in the foot notes could get you a couple of additional countries. We will try to bring you up to date on some of the important revisions and perhaps answer some of the questions most frequently asked.

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Germany — DA, DJ, DK, DL, DM — Only contacts made BEFORE 17 Sept. 1973 will

Ryukyu Is. - KR6, 8, JR6, KA6 - Only contacts made BEFORE 15 May 1972 will count. After 15 May counts same as Japan.

Papua Territory - P2, VK9AA-MZ - Only contacts made BEFORE 16 Sept. 1975 will

New Guinea Terr. — P2, VK9AA-MZ — Only contacts made BEFORE 16 Sept. 1975 will

Swan Island - KS4 - Only contacts made BEFORE 1 Sept. 1972 will count. Sept. 1 and after counts same as Honduras (HR6).

Newfoundland, Labrador - VO - Only contacts made BEFORE 1 April 1949 will count. After 1 April counts same as Canada.

CURRENT COUNTRIES

Fed. Rep. Germany - DA, DJ, DK, DL -Contacts 17 Sept. 1973 and after will count.

Dem. Rep. Germany — DM, DT — Contacts 17 Sept. 1973 and after will count.

Papua New Guinea - P2 - Contacts 16 Sept. 1975 and after will count.

So what does it all mean? We will try (!?) to make it clear with a few examples that apply to the RTTY mode.

1. If you had a QSO with DK3CU and DM2AYO before 17 Sept. 1973 it counts (1) one country for DXCC.

2. If you had a QSO with DK3CU and

DM2AYO on 17 Sept. 1973 or after it counts as (2) two countries for DXCC.

3. Total countries equals (3) for DXCC.

Another example —

1. If you had a QSO with VK9GG and VK9MC before 16 Sept. 1975 it counts as (2) two countries for DXCC.

2. If you had a QSO with P29DJ 16 Sept. 1975 or after it counts as (1) one country.

3. Total countries equals (3) for DXCC.

We hope that all of the above will help to up your totals slightly and perhaps in some cases to put you over the top.

The SARTG Contest is about over now and hope we can have a report next month. Coming up real soon is the CARTG "Olympics 21 SS" 2-4 October, Log sheets and Zone matrix available from CARTG. Send SASE or IRC's.

73 de John

DXCC Certificate from ARRL.

We have just received word that the ARRL has decided to offer a DXCC certificate with RTTY endorsement. Details are not known but should be available by listening to W1AW, or in a near future issue of QST. As soon as we get all details John will have the rules in his DX column. The JOURNAL will continue to offer a plaque and endorsements as in the past for DXCC. NO charge for the Plaque.

FURTHER DETAILS --

The ARRL will issue a DXCC Certificate endorsed forRTTY one a once only basis (no) further endorsments will be entered). Send only 100 cards with maybe an extra in case of disqualification of a card-.

Cards will be accepted on November 1st 1976, and cards received before that date will be set aside and not processed until a later date.

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After a reprint of 500 copies of the UART articles, and then receiving a number more from Clyde Keenan we thought we would never use them up. We were wrong! We are completely out of them but still get requests. If someone really needs a copy, we have made arrangements with R. Wilson, WBØESF, 4011 Clearview Ave., Cedar Falls, IA 50613, to supply them on an individual basis for \$2.00 a set postpaid. There are 12 81/2 x 11 pages containing all 4 UART articles. We sent Red our last copy to use as master so have only the original articles in our Journal File. Red also does a good job on duplicating any past issue of the Journal. The duplicates are done on both sides of the paper and except for some halftone reproductions, are hard to tell from the original. \$1.00 per issue, pp. We mention this as a service to readers looking for back issues as there are very few we can supply.

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Most readers are probably aware of the changes in allowable power in the novice bands - Limit of 250 watts, regardless of license. Since there has been some RTTY action about 7140 in the past, and this is in the novice band, watch your power if operating around this frequency. 7040 and 7090 are other frequencies used but very seldom do we hear any RTTY on this except during contests.

If "gh" stands for "p" as in "hiccough"; "ough" for "o" as in "dough"; "phth" for "t" as in "phthisis"; "eigh" for "a" as in "neighbor"; "tte" for "t" as in "gazette"; and "eau" for "o" as in "beau" — the correct spelling of "potato" must be — "ghoughphtheightteeau".

That looks like some of the copy at times received on the teletype paper especially during a RTTY Contest!

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