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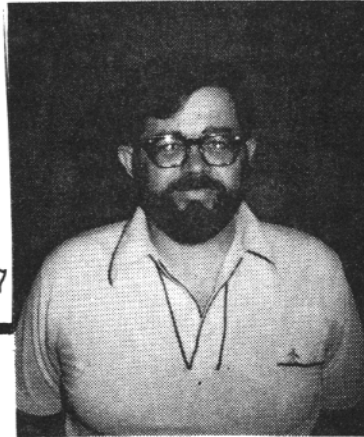
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Greetings to all.....

With summer activities just around the corner I expected more inputs and also more activity on the low bands but the bands have not been really in our favor for this.

Paul HB9AVK reports that Willy will soon be going to Montserrat VP2M land very soon. Paul mentioned that he is hoping to operate from Geneva 4U1ITU and also HB0 again this year.

From Minoru JA1DSI that he has worked the following FG7XT, 8P6UY, 6Y5SS and FP8DF.

Jean F8XT writes that he has finally gotten his 100th card and will be sending them in soon. Jan has built up the AFSK generator that Patrice FY7BI is using on French Guyana. Some of the activity from Jean is 3D2BM, 6Y5SS, FY7BI and JN4ZDR.

VK25G Syd reports hearing from Europe that a YJ8 station is now on RTTY. H44CD has keying problems and there is a chance that he might be going to a solid state system. V56EK has been back on again and is quite active. Several others Syd reports as active are GD3YEO and 5N2ZBH.

I had a nice chat with Bruce while he was Grand Cayman Island his call was ZF2CM he says to look for him the first part of April as HC2 then a week later as K0BJ/CE0 then in Middle April as VF6BJ the VF6 stop is for sure the others are a possibility.

"The Australian National Amateur Radio Teleprinter Society" runs a Sunday brocast which is the official RTTY brocast in Australia and by the way is only one of four such brocasts throughout the world. This broadcast is on 45.45 bands at 170HZ shift on international frequencies of 7045KHZ, 14090 KHZ and 146.6 MHZ at 00030GMT on Sunday mornings and 3545KHZ and 146.6 MHZ at 0930GMT on Sunday evenings.

"GB2ATG" the British teleprinter Group has two schedule a summer and a winter I will give you both of them as they should be changing very soon. 0830Z beamed to VK and ZL via long path. 1530Z

Beamed to Far East across Europe. 1600Z Beamed to W and VE frequency 14090KHZ their summer schedule 0730Z to VK and ZL, 1530Z to Far East across Europe and 1900Z beamed to W/VE land again all on 14090KHZ.

"W1AW" from American Radio Relay League RTTY bulletins are daily 0200Z, 0500Z and 2300Z and Monday thru Friday at 1600Z on 3,625KHZ 7095KHZ, 14095KHZ, 21095KHZ, 28095KHZ and 147.55MHZ all signals are 170HZ shift 45.45 bands.

The Netherlands is the other country that provides RTTY bulletins but I don't have the information available at present to print it.

The DXCC honor roll will again run in the July/August issue. Please don't wait until the last minute to give me your scores. I have already received a half dozen. If you get any last minute cards a short note or a phone call to me with the updates will do fine. I must have your inputs by Mid June so please don't wait until it's too late. Also don't mail them to the Journal office I see Dee once every month or so. Mail them to the address at the top of this article thanks.

"Dee" phoned me asking that I mention that she is having problems with the printing of Journal. Everything now is being proof read twice at least I know this will make many of you happy (hi hi). The Journal will be back on schedule with the May June issue barring more difficulties.

73
de Skip



WORLD WIDE RTTY ART CONTEST
September 1, through November 30, 1979

1. All worldwide licensed radio Amateurs and members of their immediate families (except as otherwise provided in these rules) are eligible to participate in this contest.

2. Entries must have been originated by means of manual inputs to a teleprinter using a standard communications keyboard, and may be submitted only by

the originator of the art, or by the Amateur on behalf of a family member.

3. Submitted art may be of any subject suitable for transmission via Amateur Radio.

4. Entrants may submit as many entries as desired.

5. Each entry shall be given a short title.

6. Submitted art may contain overline shading.

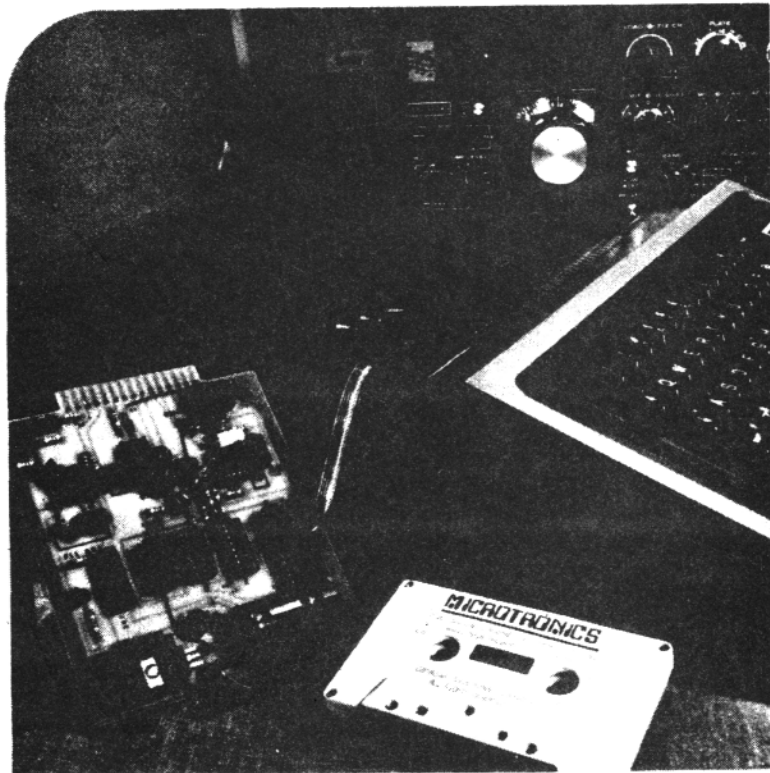
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8. Each line of the art shall be limited to a maximum of 72 characters (including space). Prints must be in one single part, - no splices. Tapes must be limited to a maximum running time of 40 minutes at 60 words per minute for the art itself, exclusive of any other information on the tape.

9. Each entry must have been transmitted for the first time via Amateur Radio after September 1, 1979, and must be accompanied by a confirmation of at least one receipt of its transmission, identifying the title of the art and the call letters of the receiving and transmitting stations. All confirmations must be in writing (not by RTTY transmission), and must have been obtained by the entrant from the receiving station. Entrants may obtain necessary transmission of their entry by any Amateur Radio station.

10. The tape and prints of each entry shall carry the full name of the author, call letters of the submitting station, and mailing address. This information shall be both written upon a beginning leader of the tape and also punched in the tape to appear on page copy when reproduced.

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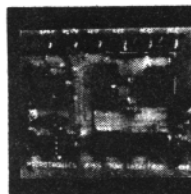


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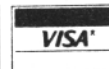
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For additional information, write AMRAD, 1524 Springvale Ave., McLean, VA 22101. Or phone Bob Bruninga (703)281-2762 eves., weekends, Eastern Standard Time.

Hope to see more pictures and info about activities of your Club and Repeater for publication.

C U ENJOY — ARNY K6PXA

Glad to see reports of several RTTY Repeaters really developing throughout the country.

The RCA (Corp.) A.R.C. Repeater is now open for RTTY in Indianapolis, Indiana. The WR9ACU Repeater is on 146.28/88 with autopatch. Their Terminal Unit has all the desirable features such as regenerated tones, bandpass filter and crystal controlled U.A.R.T. generator. Shift is narrow (170 Hz.) only and speed is 60 W.P.M. only. Contact WB9ERE for further info.

The Bi-State VHF Teleprinter Society (Iowa-Illinois) — Mike Stone WB0-QCD — is still growing with more than 42 Club Members and over 55 active on their exclusive RTTY Rptr. The Club is currently building an ST-6 T.U. rack mounted, featuring W9IF U.A.R.T. and selcal/WRU circuits and K9WRL MS-5. They had a booth and large display Feb. 25 at the Davenport, Iowa Hamfest.

Sorry to hear that the Portland, Oregon RTTY Society has lost its wide-area coverage repeater site; the owner just asked them to leave. The Club is currently funding for a duplexer and expects to "regenerate" soon.

A Washington, DC area electronic mail box is now in operation by the Amateur Radio Research and Development Corporation (AMRAD) — a club of over 200 radio and computer amateurs.

The electronic mail box is an AMI 6800 computer which may be accessed either via telephone line or by means of an amateur radio repeater in McLean, Virginia.

Telephone access is initiated by dialing (703)281-2125. Any 110 or 300-baud ASCII terminal with standard Bell Telephone model 103 tones (1270 Hz mark, 1070 Hz space) may be used. The user should first type several "returns" to permit the computer to automatically adjust to the user's terminal speed.

Radio access is via the WR4APC 2-meter VHF-FM repeater operating on 147.81 MHz input, 147.21 MHz output. The computer recognizes the call sign WD4IWG when sent using 45-baud (60 wpm) Baudot radioteletype with tones of 2125 Hz (mark) and 2295 Hz (space).

The electronic mail box is similar to the Community Bulletin Board Systems (CBBS) currently in operation:

FOLLOWING IS SOMETHING OF INTEREST, NO DOUBT

Drake no longer supplies built in FSK in any of their line. They will build it in if you return your rig but this would not be convenient for most people.

For those who do not have AFSK but use units like the ST-5 or any other unit that puts out plus-minus keying voltage, the vfo may be made to shift very easily.

Remove the three tubes immediately behind the vfo can. Unhook the spring and then slide back the vfo shield can and remove. Our unit had a lug mounted on the

front of the vfo which has no connections and we assume this is the lug that Drake used to use. We simply soldered a 2.5 pf. capacitor to this lug, pressed the body of the capacitor against the lug and led the other free end of the capacitor towards the tuning slug. We positioned the free end about a quarter of an inch along side the tuning slug. No physical connection was made to any part of the circuit. Following the above put the vfo shield back on and replace the tubes. Our diode shifter was

mounted on a terminal lug and screwed in place on the right side of the vfo. (looking from the front). We have not shown a schematic here as it is common knowledge. The lug only contains a 2.5 choke, a switching diode and a trimmer capacitor. The above arrangement does not alter the frequency of the T4XC and is very easy to set up.

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Any owner of a Kenwood TS-520S who wishes to get on RTTY is left with two options: (1) use AFSK and LSB or (2) modify the rig for FSK operation.

While workable, the increasingly common method of using AFSK and LSB on the HF bands for the generation of RTTY is at best very marginal. One has only to tune the banks almost any evening and an RTTY signal with several spurious emissions, in close proximity, can be found. The use of a transceiver in this mode only compounds the problem since one cannot monitor his own signal while transmitting. Some signals have been heard on the air with significant amounts of AChum or even shack background noise from an open Mic.

Another disadvantage is that when receiving an RTTY signal on a receiver with the LSB function selected, the 2125/2295 tones are not centered in the receiver passband; therefore, the signal is attenuated. This also means that the CW filter, often a very needed item, cannot be used.

ATV ACTIVITIES

One of the problems we will need to address while trying to transmit and receive video signals is the loss of signal in the feedline. RG 8 will lose approximately 4.5 db per 100 feet at 450 MHz. Most of us will be using from 60' to 100' of coax, so we can watch half of our power disappear. One possible solution to this, that we are

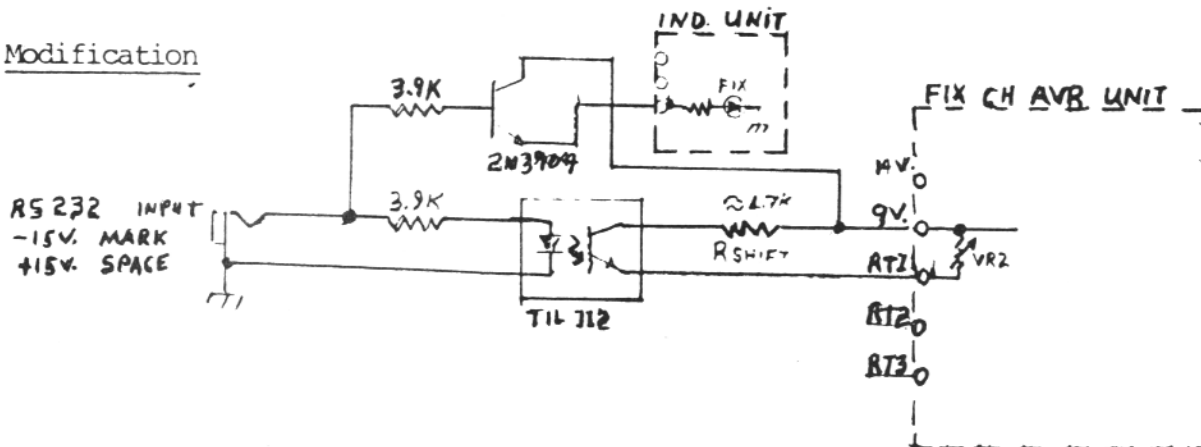
working on now is, Alumafilm, 3/4", 75 OHM aluminum coax with only 1.5 db loss per 100 feet at 450 MHz. This type coax has been available in this area for several years from the cablevision people, scrap rollends etc; but how to connect it to our rigs and antennas, has been the question along with impedance matching. Bob, W5HOS, is working on a stripline matching section and I have found a way to affix "n" type connectors to it for about 45c. For more on this contact W5HOS or W5DFU or WB5DIT.

We are still looking for a small solid state TV receiver for our repeater if you have one or, know of one please contact one of the ATV group.

Clint, WB5DIT



XMTR Modification



This modification makes use of the RIT function on the 520 to perform the FSKing of the XMTR. In addition, a method for moving the BFO frequency low enough to place the 2125 Hz tones into the passband of the CW filter is also described.

The value of Rshift determines the amount of frequency shifting which occurs for a space. A trim pot in this location may be desirable and a second circuit with a larger value could be used for "small shift CWID."

THE RT1 terminal is tied to the XMIT side of the T/R relay while the RIT control is tied to the RCV side of the T/R relay and to RT3. By raising the voltage on RT1 slightly during the space, the VFO oscillator frequency is pulled low.

The "FIX" led is used as an RTTY "Space" indicator. Remove the two wires from the bottom terminal post on the indicator unit and attach them together. The

emitter of the 2N3904 transistor is now tied to the post.

NOTE: Since most terminal units put out an FSK signal during receive as well as transmit, the "FIX" led can also be used as a tuning indicator.

If this is the case, however, the transceiver must be kept in the RIT position. Otherwise, the FSK input will shift the receive frequency.

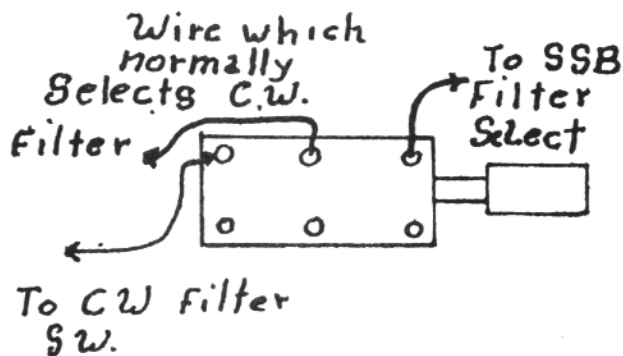
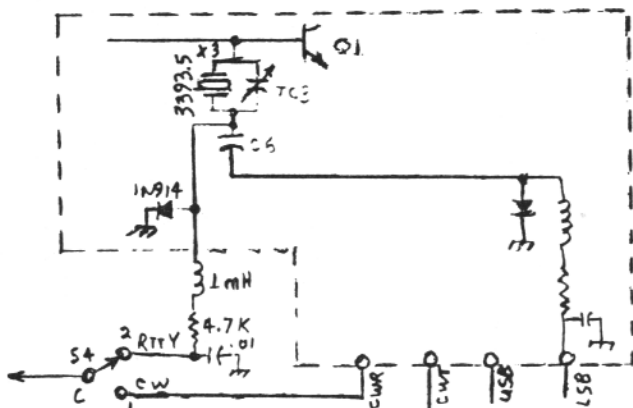
Now that the XMTR section has been modified, the TS-520S will xmit FSK quite well but it will be immediately apparent that a great deal is lacking in the RCV department. Unless the receiver mods are made, it is necessary to switch to LSB and move the RIT control about a kHz to receive the RTTY. This is less than optimum since it places the RTTY tones on the edge of the SSB filter and the signal is somewhat attenuated. This also makes using the CW filter impossible.

The modification involves using two positions of the FIX CH switch to select between RTTY and CW when the MODE switch is in the CW position.

The "CWR" line is broken and routed through the FIX CH switch. All wires on SW4 should be removed (FIX CH operation will no longer be possible). The common is the right most connection when viewed from above the front. One and two are the left two connections respectively.

In order to attach the choke and diode, the car unit board mounting screws will need to be removed so that the underneath side of the PC board can be reached. Drilling a small hole in a clear area near C6 and clear of any etch will allow for the interconnection of the choke with the resistor and cap topside.

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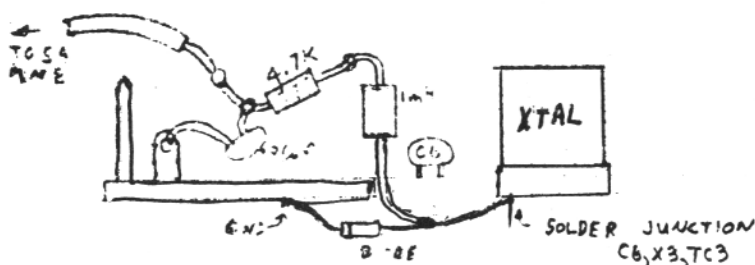
RF ATT. SW. N5TM

By enabling the LSB XTAL ahead of C6 the frequency is pulled lower than normal by just the right amount to place the RTTY signal in the center of the passband.

Now, the whole thing can be made even better by making the CW filter selectable for easier tuning. (Sometimes, a nice feature on CW too).

The RF ATT switch can be used for this modification. Merely connect directly the two ends of coax which occupy the switch and remove the "pad" resistors.

NOTE: It will probably be necessary to remove the front panel in order to gain proper access to the mounting screws on the RF ATT switch.



RTTY ART CONTEST, continued

11. Entrants must submit one (1) five-level paper tape and five (5) prints of each entry and by such submission agree that the tapes and prints may be used, duplicated and published for any purpose.

12. Tape, prints and transmission confirmation information should be securely packaged and sent to: RTTY ART CONTEST, c/o Norm Koch, K6ZDL, Post Office Box 1351, Torrance, California, U.S.A., 90505. Entries must be postmarked on or before November 30, 1979. Entries will not be acknowledge nor returned. Winners will be announced as soon as possible after the closing date. (Since mail damaged tape will be of little use, it is suggested that tapes be wound tightly upon a hard core.)

13. Entries will be judged on the originality of the author in selection and subject matter, on excellence of technique in producing the art and formatting the tape, on overall appearance of the art when viewed from a distance, on suitability for publication, and on the entrant's compliance with these rules.

14. A committee of judges, made up from those amateurs who have exhibited an interest in RTTY art, will select first, second, third and honorable mention winners. Winning entrants will receive a plaque for first place and certificates for

other places. Winning entries will be published in later specified Amateur organs. The decision of the judges shall be final, and no correspondence will be entered into regarding their decisions.

15. Officials and judges of this contest and members of their families shall not be eligible to participate herein.

This year's BARTG VHF RTTY contest attracted a somewhat smaller entry than last year, partly due, perhaps, to a clash of dates with other contests. In particular, the continental entry was much reduced, although the UK section was well supported.

The battle for first place was very closely fought, and after careful scrutinising of the logs, GW3UUP/P, operated from a site near New Radnor is declared winner, with a lead of just nine points over last year's winner, G4BPO/P. Congratulations to the Ealing and District A.R.S.

In third place is G4FRJ, the only fixed station in the top four places. Only six stations operated on 432 MHz, although it was the respective 432 MHz scores which decided the first and second places in the contest overall.

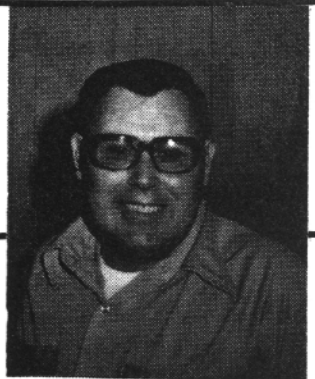
Conditions were generally commented on as fair on the Saturday, but below average on the Sunday morning. Several stations commented on the lack of activity on the Sunday morning, although the leading stations were still able to make significant numbers of contacts.

Stations in UK appearing in the logs of entrants, apart from other entrants were: G2AJS, G3AJS, G3DZW, G3EFP, GW3EHN, G3MY, G3ODR, G3OZM, G3PEJ, G3TTC, G3VZZ, G3WIP, G3XYC, G3YQC, G3YYD, G3ZQU, G4AEU, G4AOF, G4BEL, G4CQR, G4CRJ, G4CWS, G4DEL, G4DSF, G4DTL, G4ERR, G4ERX, G4EWK, G4FFJ, G4FJD, G4GTH, G4HTJ, G8AGH, GM8BJJ, G8BNE, G8CDL, G8CDV, G8CDW, G8CIU, G8CJL, GW8ELR, G8EHU, G8EIN, G8HHO, G8HPU, G9HUE, G9HYA, G8IGQ, G8IKW, G8JXG, G8KBA, G8MGS, G8MXX, G8MYE, G8NDP, G8NOP, G8NPM, G8PKD.

This is a total of 60 stations, other than entrants, who were on the bands at some time during the contest.

HITS & MISSES

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FROM
THE
MAILBAG

The FCC waiver on the sale of linear amplifiers with the ten meter band expires April 30, 1979 and it appears the ARRL will go forward with its appeal court case ARRL V, (FCC 78-1853). I hope the amateur fraternity will write and support the ARRL in this matter. The logic of the FCC in this case escapes me. With their full throttle approach to deregulation. Why create a ban on linears with ten meters which unnecessarily penalizes amateur and those who serve amateurs.

I just put the finishing touches on a modification to my Info-Tech M200 terminal unit which allows me to not only use the LEDs to tune with but also scope tuning with my Kenwood SM220. The cost is about three dollars. I will try to have the article ready for the next issue.

I was listening the other night to the RTTY bulletin (W1AW) and the

propagation cycle 21 is sure bursting at the seams. Anyone who was not around in 1959 for the fun is in for a real treat over the next couple of months. It is expected that ten and fifteen meters will open earlier and close later. It is hoped in the coming B.A.R.T.G. contest the results will bear this out with all time high scores.

There must be a good reason why the ARRL quit standing by at the end of their RTTY bulletins for general calls. I worked W1AW on RTTY in March 1968 and prize the QSL I received to confirm the contact. In addition to stateside stations, many DX stations monitor the broadcasts. It sure seems to me a positive way to promote goodwill.

COLD TURKEY! Yes sir, that's the word this month as I have given up the habit of smoking. So if you see me chewing gum or a toothpick you know the reason.

The ham shack is not the same with clean ashtrays and the blue haze is gone. The XYL used to open the window in the shack to let the smoke out and panic the whole neighborhood into thinking the house was on fire. So no more two packs a day, hmmm I wonder if she will let me get that new rig with the money saved.

Since the Bi-centennial year the worked all states program has slowed down. I will be glad to pass information in this column on hard to get states and help anyone receive the RTTY JOURNAL WAS Award. So write and give me your input.

So long for now, George.



ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY COMMUNICATIONS TEST

This year's observance of Armed Forces Day marks three decades of communications tests between the amateur radio fraternity and military communications systems. Since 1950, this event has been scheduled during the month of May and has emphasized a continuing climate of mutual assistance and warm esteem. Saturday, May 19, 1979 has been designated as the 30th Annual Armed Forces Day.

A featured highlight of the nationwide celebration will be the traditional military-to-amateur crossband communication tests. These tests give amateur operators

an opportunity to demonstrate their individual technical skills and to receive recognition from the Secretary of Defense or the appropriate military radio station for their proven expertise.

The proceedings will include operations in radioteletype (RTTY).

Special commemorative QSL cards will be awarded to amateurs achieving a verified two-way radio contact with any of the participating military radio stations. Those who receive and accurately copy the Armed Forces Day CW and/or RTTY message from the Secretary of Defense will receive a special commemorative

certificate from the Secretary.

CROSSBAND RADIO CONTACTS

The military-to-amateur crossband operations will be conducted from 19/1300UCT (Universal Coordinated Time) to 20/0245UCT May 1979. Military stations will transmit on selected military frequencies and listen for amateur stations on those portions of the amateur bands indicated below. The military operator will specify the particular frequency in the amateur band to which he/she is listening. Duration of the contact should be limited to three minutes.

STATION	MILITARY FREQUENCY [kHz]	EMISSION	APPROPRIATE AMATEUR BAND [MHz]
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WAR Headquarters, U.S. Army MARS Washington, D.C.	4030	RTTY	3.65-3.775
NNNOMET USMC Air Station MARS Radio Station El Toro, CA	7347.5 13922.5	RTTY RTTY	7.075- 7.1 14.075-14.1

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ANNUAL ARMED FORCES COMMUNICATIONS TESTS

RTTY RECEIVING TEST

The Radioteletype (RTTY) Receiving Test will be transmitted at 60 words per minute. Radio station "AIR" will transmit using 850Hertz (wide) shift. All other stations will transmit using 170 Hertz (narrow) shift. A ten minute CQ call for tuning purposes will begin at 20/0335 UCT. The special Armed Forces Day message from the Secretary of Defense will be transmitted at 20/0345 UCT. This test is to exercise the technical skill of the amateur operator in aligning and adjusting equipment. Transmission will be from the same stations and on the same frequencies as previously listed for the CW Receiving Test.

SUBMISSION OF TEST ENTRIES

Transcriptions should be submitted "as received." No attempt should be made to correct possible transmission errors.

Time, frequency and call sign of the station copies as well as the name, call sign and address (including zip code) of the individual submitting the entry must be indicated on the page containing the message text. Each year, a large number of acceptable copies are received with sufficient identification information, or the necessary information was attached to the transcript and has become separated, thereby precluding the issuance of a certificate.

Entries should be submitted to the appropriate military command and post-marked no later than 25 May 1979.

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Chief, Navy-Marine Corps MARS
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**MSG-1 BAUDOT
MESSAGE GENERATOR
JOE YOUNG
W6RLL**

INTRODUCTION

This article describes a simple baudot message generator designed to operate in either a manual or automatic (answerback) mode. The circuit features an isolated loop interface, transmitter on/off control, LED output indicator, and a

number of TTL status signals.

The basic circuit was designed by WA5IAT, and has been tested recently by W6BXR.

DESCRIPTION

The basic circuit has been modified to add a loop keyer, transmitter control and status signals; and to allow selection/deletion of a "NNNN CR LF LTRS" terminator.

A sample message generated by the MSG-1 is:

THIS IS RALPH K6IUP NNNN

The sample message prints:

THIS IS RALPH K6IUP NNNN

and turns up a new line.

The message is coded:

CR LF LTRS THIS IS RALPH K FIGS 6
LTRS IUP NNNN CR LF LTRS

and uses all of the 32 character field.

The message can be a maximum of 32 characters, but the last 8 characters are reserved for "SPACE NNNN CR LF LTRS." This leaves 24 characters for the user message.

NNNN SELECTION/DELETION

To select the "NNNN" terminator, switch pin 6 of the PCB to ground. Use this mode for a WRU message or for terminating a typed message. To delete the "NNNN" terminator, switch pin 6 of the PCB open. Use this mode for initiating a typed message.

HARDWARE

The circuit uses 9 chips including the clock and the optoisolator.

ASSEMBLY AND TEST

The MSG-1 P.C.B., power supply P.C.B., and parts kits for this project are available from the author. See the ad in this issue.

After installing all parts except the 74S188, apply +5Vdc and set the output of U1 (Pin 3) to 45Hz.

Momentarily ground the "start" input. The LED monitor should flash for about 11 seconds, then remain on.

Turn off the 5Vdc, install the 74S188, (**using a socket) plug the loop output into your loop, and turn on the 5Vdc.

With your loop active, (T.U. on standby) again momentarily ground the "start" input. Your message should print on the local printer.

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PROM

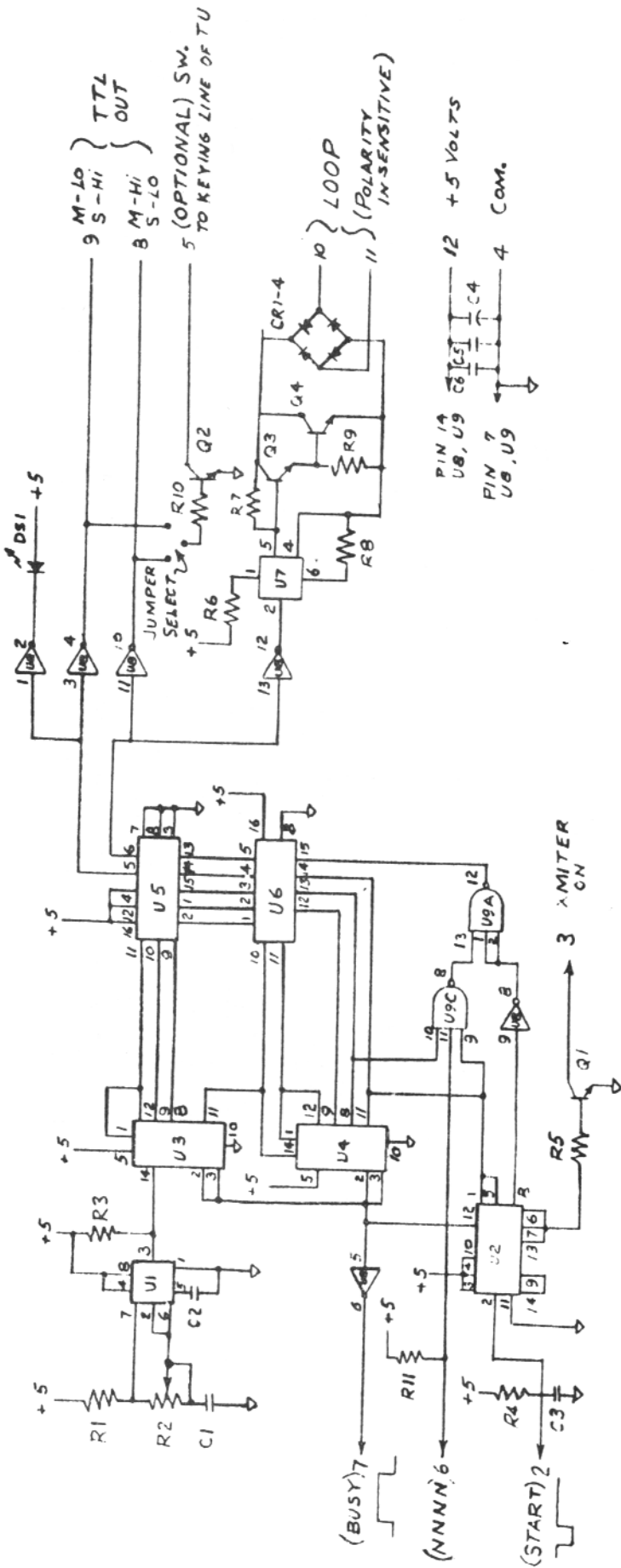
The 74S188 is a 32 by 8 device. Programming sense is:
1 = MARK
0 = SPACE

DATA CYCLE

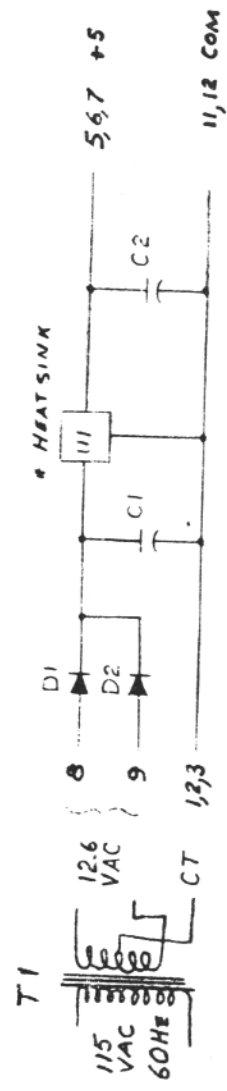
When the "start" input line is momentarily grounded the data cycle begins. The "busy" signal goes high, the "XMTRON" output becomes active and 32 "letters" are sent at 45 baud. This provides the delay necessary when using the MSG-1 as a WRU. Following the 32 "letters," the PROM message is sent (74S188); and upon completion of the PROM message, "busy" goes low, "SMTRON" becomes inactive, and the system resets. An on-board LED monitors the data line. The MSG-1 can be removed from service by turning off its 5Vdc supply.

PIN	FUNCTION	DESCRIPTION
1	N/A	
2	START	Momentary low input
3	XMTRON	Q1 conducts during data cycle
4	COMMON	5Vdc common
*5	DATA	(Optional) for ST-5,6 etc. keyer
6	NNNN	Ground to enable "NNNN"
7	BUSY	TTL HI during data cycle
9	M DATA	TTL Mark HI
9	S DATA	TTL Space HI
10	LOOP	Primary system data output-plugs into 60
11	LOOP	MA TTY Loop
12	VCC	+5Vdc Power, 170 ma

*For those who are already interfaced to their T.U. (internal) loop keying transistor.



C1	1000µf	25V	D1,2	IN4005
C2	4.7µf	20V	U1	LM 309K
C3	0.05	DISC	U2	7473
C4	22µf	10V	U3,4	7493
DS1	5V	3MA	U5	74151
			U6	7451B
			U7	FCE 810
			U8	7404
			U9	7410
			Q1,2	2N2222
			Q3,4	MJE 340
			R1	20K
			R2	100K Pot.
			R3,4,11	1K
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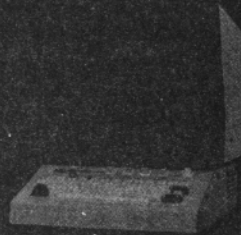
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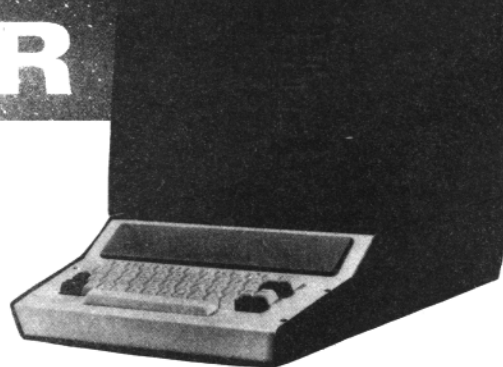
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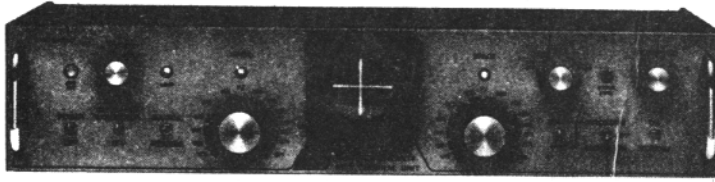
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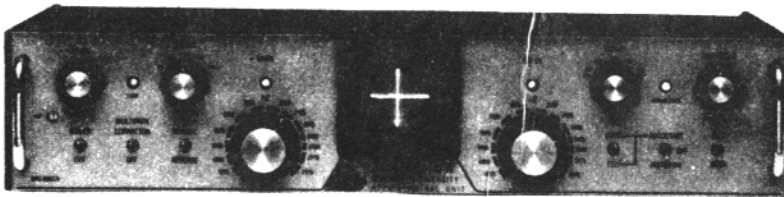


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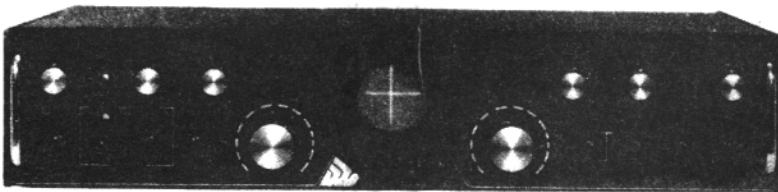


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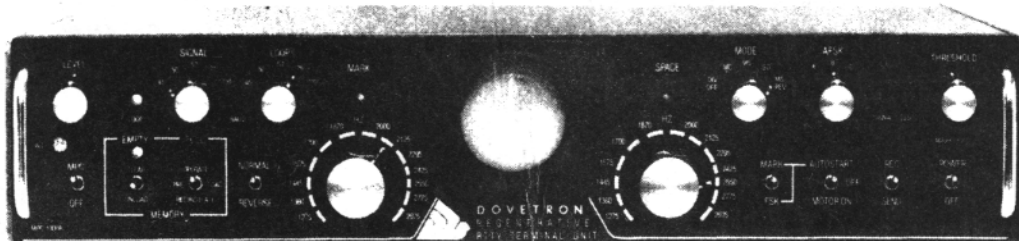
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Standard features include a high level loop supply and keyer (neutral or polar), EIA and MIL FSK outputs, a phase-continuous AFSK Tone Keyer with three selectable Mark - Space - Shift tone pairs, Mark, FSK & Digital Autostart, Automatic Markhold, an internal RY Generator for terminal unit Self-Test and circuit adjustment, and a Signal Loss Alarm circuit.

The MPC Series is available in six different models to meet your exact requirements.

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