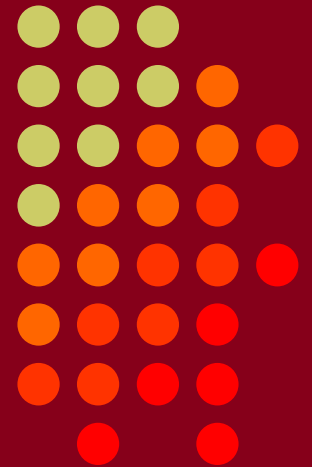


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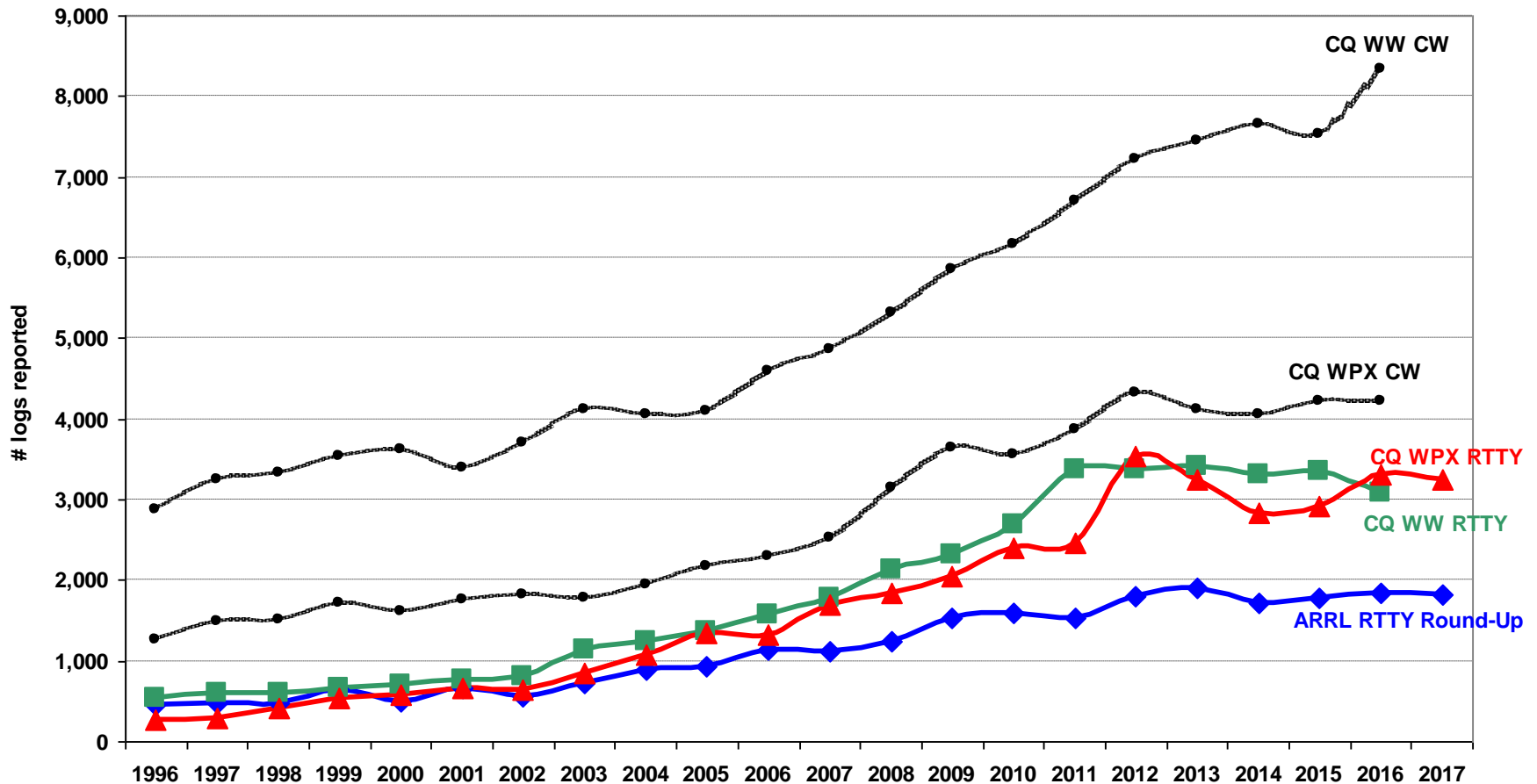
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RTTY Contesting, A to Z



- Introduction
- Part 1: Operating
- Part 2: Setting Up
 - RTTY Decoder/Encoder
 - PC-radio interface
- 2nd CTU RTTY session:
“Advanced Topics in RTTY Contesting”

Three Largest RTTY Contests



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Lots of RTTY Contests

> *two/month*



- **Biggies (7)**

- CQ WW RTTY (last weekend in September)
- CQ WPX RTTY (2nd weekend in February)
- ARRL RTTY Roundup (1st weekend in January)
- BARTG (3rd weekend Jan, 3rd weekend March)
 - 75 Baud (April & September)
- WAE RTTY (2nd weekend in November)

- **NCJ contests (4)**

- NAQP RTTY (3rd Sat. in February, 2nd Sat. in July)
- Sprint RTTY (2nd Sat. in March & October)

- **Other popular RTTY contests (20)**

- Ten-Meter RTTY (1st Sat. in December)
- JARTS, Makrothen, SARTG (2)
- 15 others

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What Makes a Great RTTY Contester?



- Contester who happily logs casual callers
- Uses CW & SSB techniques where useful
- Strives to exploit RTTY uniqueness
 - Auto-decode frees operator time ... use it to do things difficult with CW & SSB, e.g., SO3R!
 - Speed is ~2x CW
- Applies learning back to CW & SSB

What is RTTY?

compared to CW



CW

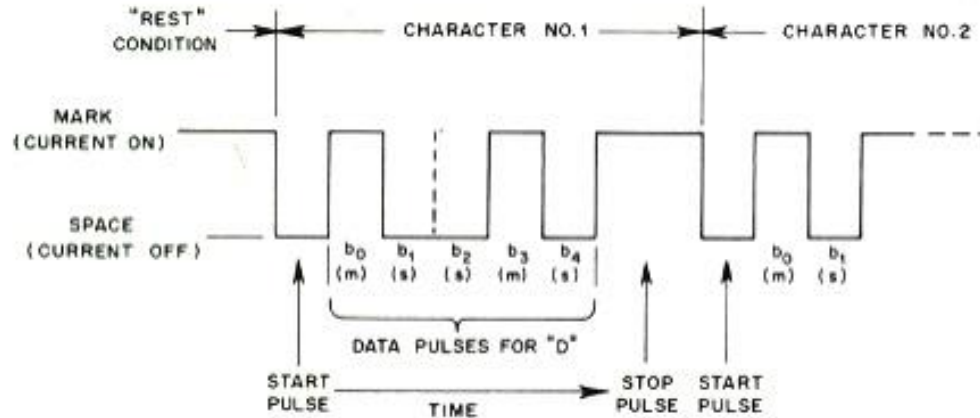
- **One** RF carrier
- Local audio **pitch**
- On **or** off
 - key up is data 0
 - key down is data 1
- **Morse** code
 - typically 25-40 wpm

RTTY

- **Two** RF carriers 170 Hz apart (*Space & Mark; Shift*)
- Local audio **tones**
- One on **and** other off
 - Space is data 0
 - Mark is data 1
- **Baudot** code
 - constant 60 wpm (*or 45.45 Baud*)

What is RTTY?

45.45 Baud = 60 WPM



- Asynchronous character stream
 - 1 bit Start pulse (Space)
 - 5 bits of data (character code)
 - 1, 1.5 or 2 bits Stop pulse (Mark)

What is RTTY?

code history



- Bacon's cipher (1605)
- Gauss & Weber (1833)
- Baudot code (1870)
 - Manual bit entry
 - 5-bit ITA1 code
 - Two 32-bit character sets
 - letters
 - figures
- Murray code (1901)
 - Teletype character entry
 - Western Union variation
- **5-bit ITA2 code (1930)**
 - **USTTY variation**
- ASCII (1963)
 - 7-bit ITA5 code

Code	Control Characters		
	Letters	Figures	
11111	LTRS		
11011	FIGS		
00000	Null		
00100	Space		
01000	LF		
00010	CR		
	Letters	Figures	
		ITA2	USTTY
00011	A	-	
11001	B	?	
01110	C	:	
01001	D	ENQ	\$
00001	E	3	
01101	F		!
11010	G		&
10100	H		#
00110	I	8	
01011	J	BELL	'
01111	K	(
10010	L)	
11100	M	.	
01100	N	/	
11000	O	9	
10110	P	0	
10111	Q	1	
01010	R	4	
00101	S	'	BELL
10000	T	5	
00111	U	7	
11110	V	;	
10011	W	2	
11101	X	/	
10101	Y	6	
10001	Z	"	



What is RTTY?



Figures Shift

- 5-bit code → 32 chars.
- 2 sets:
 - Letters set & Figures set
 - 6 common control chars.
 - LTRS (unshifted)
 - FIGS (shifted)
 - Null, Space, LF, CR
- LTRS or FIGS toggle set

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10101	Y	6
10001	Z	"

What is RTTY?

Figures Shift



- The *LTRS* and *FIGS* characters do not print
 - The code for the characters “Q” and “1” is the same; which one prints depends on if you are in Letters or Figures set
 - Note that the *LTRS*, *FIGS* and *Space* characters appear in both sets
- Example: “**KI7GUO DE K4GMH**” gets sent as:
 - *LTRS K I FIGS 7 LTRS G U O Space D E Space K FIGS 4 LTRS G M H*
- Why do we care to understand this?
 - If a burst of static garbles the *LTRS* or *FIGS* character, then what prints after that is from the wrong set until the next *LTRS* or *FIGS* character appears

What is RTTY?

UnShift on Space



- UnShift On Space (USOS or UOS)
 - Increases noise immunity for alpha text
 - Space character forces a shift to the Letters set
- Contest exchanges are alpha and numeric
 - Should UOS be on or off?
 - Should Space or Hyphen delimit exchange elements?
 - 599 JOHN NY or 599-JOHN-NY
- *Recommendation:*
 - *Turn on both RX & TX UOS and use Space delimiters*
 - *(more detail in Advanced Topics in RTTY Contesting)*

What is RTTY?

audio tones



- Space and Mark audio tones
 - Default: 2295 and 2125 Hz (“high tones”)
 - Less fatiguing: 1085 and 915 Hz (“low tones”)
- Analogous to CW pitch
 - Operator choice
 - Each operator can use different tone pairs
 - Transmission is always two carriers 170Hz apart
- Must be same in radio and decoder/encoder

What is RTTY?

AFSK vs. FSK



Two methods of transmission:

- AFSK (Audio Frequency Shift Keying)
 - keyed audio tones into SSB transmitter via:
 - Mic input, or
 - Auxiliary audio input. e.g., Line In
- FSK (Frequency Shift Keying)
 - keys the transmitter just like CW

Note: Receiving is the same in either case.

What is RTTY?

dial frequency

spots are often wrong



- RTTY RF is independent of local audio tones and whether LSB or USB is used:
 - The higher RF frequency is the Mark (*14090.000 kHz*)
 - The lower RF frequency is the Space (*14089.830 kHz*)
 - The difference between the two is the shift (*170 Hz*)
- FSK displays Mark (*14090.000 kHz*)
- AFSK displays suppressed carrier which varies with local audio tones and sideband used!
 - For Mark tone of 2125 Hz (Space tone of 2295 Hz):
 - LSB (*14092.125 kHz*)
 - USB – Mark & Space tones reversed (*14087.005 kHz*)

What is RTTY?



AFSK vs. FSK

AFSK

- Indirect (*tones → Mic input*)
- Any SSB radio (*esp. legacy*)
- SSB (wide) filtering
- Dial = sup. car. frequency
- VOX
- Audio cable (*a'la JT65/9 or PSK31*)
- Must use high tones
- *NET* (*automatic TX tone control*)
- *Less bandwidth* (*depends on radio*)
- *Easier hook-up; NET*

FSK

- Direct (*like CW keying*)
- “Modern” radios
- RTTY (narrow) filtering
- Dial = Mark frequency
- PTT
- COM FSK keying cable
- Can use low tones
- *No audio level adjust*
- *No disabling speech proc.*
- *No erroneous sound keying*
- *Less pitfalls*

What is RTTY?

summary



- Uses 5-bit Baudot (actually, USTTY) code with two sets of 32 characters: Letters and Figures
- Space & Mark frequencies separated by 170 Hz “Shift”
- Local Space & Mark tones analogous to pitch in CW
- Constant 45.45 Baud (60 wpm) asynchronous character stream with 5 data bits and 2-3 sync bits
- Figures Shift & Letters UnShift
 - Use optional UnShift-On-Space (UOS), plus space delimiter
- AFSK vs. FSK transmission (receiving is the same)
 - Radio dial frequency differences
 - 100% duty cycle!

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RTTY Considerations

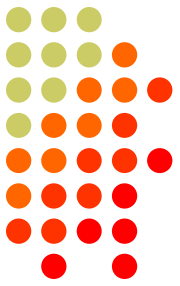


Much like CW and SSB, except:

- Non-human decoding implications
 - *serial number repeat, universal “fist” or “voice”*
- Distractions are tempting
 - *watch TV, do email, read, etc.*
- RTTY established practice
 - *‘CQ’ at end of CQ message*
- Whisper-level headphone volume; low tones
 - *just to detect presence & timing*
- Key-down transmission ... 100% duty cycle

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RTTY Sub-Bands



- 10 meters: 28080-28100, during contests 28080-28200
 - JA: 21070-21150
- 15 meters: 21080-21100, during contests 21080-21150
 - JA: 21070-21150
- 20 meters: 14080-14100, during contests 14080-14150
 - JA: 14070-14150
- 40 meters: 7025-7050 & 7080-7100, during contests 7025-7100
 - JA: 7030-7100
- 80 meters: 3580-3600, during contests 3560-3600
 - JA: 3520-3575 and 3599-3612
- 160 meters: No RTTY contesting

RTTY Sub-Bands

don't QRM!



- Avoid PSK-31 operations near:
 - 28120, 21070, 14070, 7070 and 3580
- Avoid the NCDXF beacons:
 - 21150 and 14100

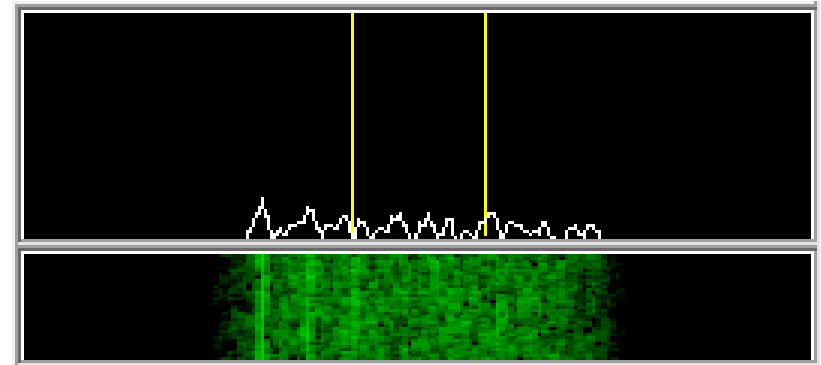
- More details:

www.aa5au.com/rtty/rtty-sub-bands

Receiving



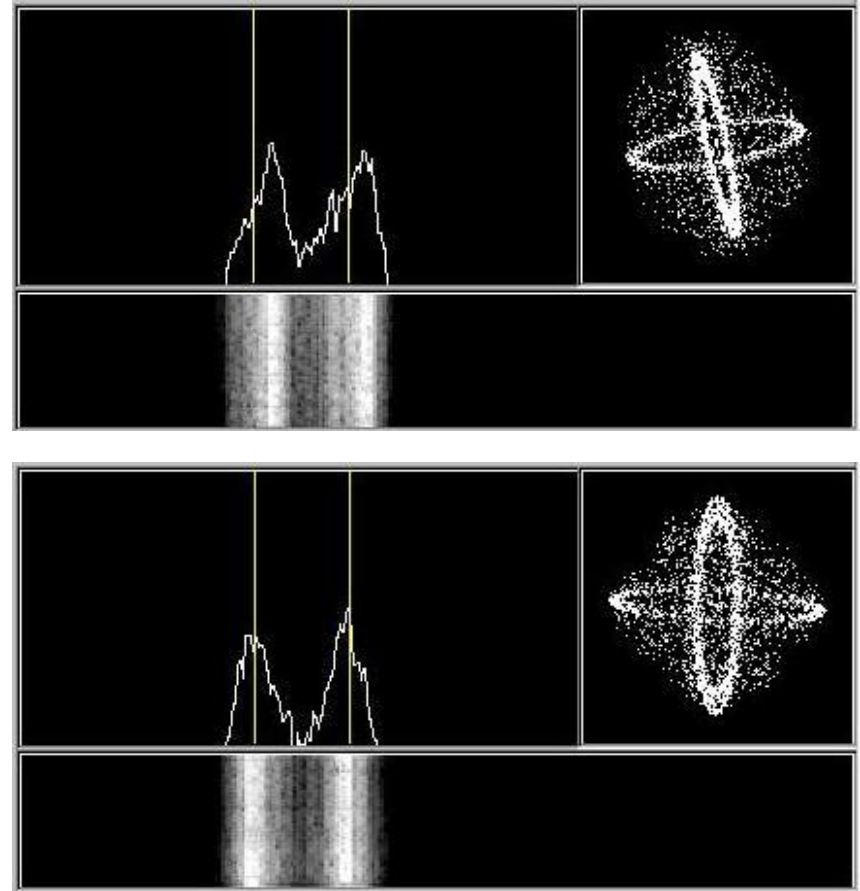
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 - noise 5% of full-scale
- Use narrow filtering
 - CW filters ~ 500 Hz



Receiving



- Set RX audio level
 - noise 5% of full-scale
- Use narrow filtering
 - CW filters ~ 500 Hz
- Learn to tune by ear
 - practice with eyes closed
 - get within 10-20 Hz
- Use “low tones” (if FSK)
 - less fatigue



Basic RTTY Contest QSO



- **WPX K5AM K5AM CQ**
- **ZC4LI ZC4LI**
- **ZC4LI 599 1349 1349**
- **[K5AM] TU 599 985 985**
- **[ZC4LI] TU K5AM CQ**

K5AM: running station

ZC4LI: S&P station

Disciplined QSO Flow



- Standard keystroke (or mouse) sequences for:
 - Normal contact in Run mode
 - Normal contact in S&P mode
 - Repeats/Fills (in either mode)
 - QSO phase skip & tail-enders (in Run mode)
- Each sequence is executed the same way hundreds (thousands) of times during the contest
- Avoid deviations and special sequences

RTTY Messages



- Short, as with CW/SSB
- No extraneous info
- 599 (not 5NN) once
- Serial number twice
- Space (not hyphen)
- Omit 'DE'
- RTTY chars (%R, %E)

www.rttycontesting.com/tutorials/messages

CW/RTTY/SSB Memory Setup

F2:	%RWPX P49X P49X CQ %O%E
F3:	DE P49X %E
F4:	P49X %E
F5:	%R%C 599 %N %N %E
F6:	%RTU P49X CQ %O%E
F7:	%RQRV %ZL.1 %E
F8:	%R%P1 TU NOW %C 599 %N %N %E
F9:	%RCALL? %E
F10:	%R?NR? %E
F11&F12:	%R%N %E

Browse...
OK
Cancel
Help

Normal keys
 Shifted keys
 SSB
 Shifted SSB

CW/RTTY/SSB Memory Setup

F2:	%RWPX P49X P49X P49X CQ %O%E
F3:	UP 1 %E
F4:	%B
F5:	%R%C %E
F6:	%RKB P49X CQ %O%E
F7:	%RQRV %ZR.1 %E
F8:	%R%P1 KB NOW %C 599 %N %N %E
F9:	%RQRZ? %E
F10:	%RAGN? %E
F11&F12:	%RQSL LOTW OR WOYK %E

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RTTY Messages

formatting



CR/LF Space Receive

CW/RTTY/SSB Memory Setup

F2:	%RNPX P49X P49X CQ %O%E
F3:	DE P49X %E
F4:	P49X %E
F5:	%R%C 599 %N3 %N3 %E
F6:	%R%C TU P49X CQ %O%E
F7:	%RQRV %ZB.1 %E
F8:	%R&P1 TU NOW %C 599 %N3 %N3 %E
F9:	%RCALL? %E
F10:	%R?NR? %E
F1&F11:	%R%N3 %N3 %E

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Super Check Partial



- SCP (Super Check Partial) enables computer to pick out call signs in receive window
 - Call signs
 - New mults and double mults
 - Dupes
- Use main SCP from CW/SSB/RTTY contests
 - RTTY SCP is a subset

XYZAB	AA5AU	XYZAB
XYZAB	9Y1VC	9N8TT
XYZAB	W5UKM	XYZAB

N1MM Logger

Super Check Partial

logger differences



XYZAB	AA5AU	XYZAB
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XYZAB	W5UKM	XYZAB

- Background option
- Custom colors

N1MM Logger

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WriteLog

XYZAB	AA5AU	XYZAB
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XYZAB	W5UKM	XYZAB

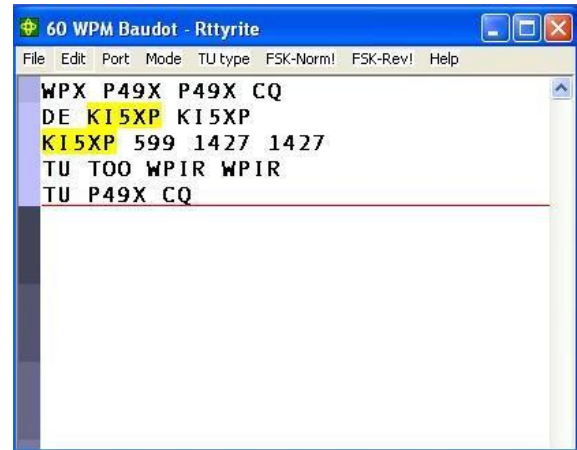
Win-Test

Tips

“All I receive is gibberish!”



- “Upside-down”
 - Reverse Mark & Space in software
 - LSB vs. USB
- Figures vs. letters
 - TOO=599, WPIR=2084
 - Shift-click to convert, or
 - Look at top two rows
- Mic/Line In, level, muting, tones, flutter



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Tips

“They never answer me!”



- “Upside-down”
 - FSK polarity switch in radio
 - AFSK mode, LSB vs. USB
- MMTTY AFC & NET
 - AFC & NET are on by default!
(and every time you choose a profile!)
 - Change defaults in USERPARA.INI
- Radio mode, tones, FSK interface,
AFSK: Mic & SC level & speech processor

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More Tips



- Transmit when others stand-by
- Add his call at end of exchange in pile-ups
- Recommend RIT, but if you use AFC/NET ...
 - AFC only for running, not S&P
 - AFC/NET for S&P (NET only avail. with AFSK)
- Mode-independent skills
 - Bandmap usage
 - ~~QSO B4~~
 - Roving mult: “Squat & Shoot” (*Cajun-speak!*)

and ... More Tips



- 100% duty cycle ... *caution!*
- Practice
 - During RTTY contests (~ two per month)
 - NCCC Thursday night practices (weekly)
- Multi-Ops
- SO2V & SO2R

Interim Summary



- Predominantly casual RTTY contest participants
- RTTY sub-bands; 10-80 only; avoid PSK & beacons
- 500 Hz receive filtering
- Common problems
 - “Upside-down” or reversed Space/Mark (and, LSB vs. USB)
 - Figures vs. Letters
 - Audio:
 - RX audio output level and TX (AFSK only) audio input level
 - Unmuted soundcard inputs and outputs
 - Space and Mark tone consistency between decoder and radio
 - Off-frequency tuning (e.g., MMTTY AFC & NET); propagation flutter
- Messages (“macros”)
 - Short, ~~5NN~~, unique exchange twice, Space delimiter

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How Do I Set it Up?

overview



- **Acquire** hardware and/or software to convert between the RTTY signal and text:
 - RTTY *receive* decoder
 - RTTY *transmit* encoder
 - PC-radio interface
- **Configure** decoder/encoder
- **Integrate** decoder/encoder with logger

The rest of the station setup is the same as for CW and SSB

How Do I Set it Up?

RTTY decoder/encoder



- RTTY *receive* decoder converts printed characters from the two RF freqs.
 - CW and SSB receive audio is converted to typed characters by our ears/brain/hands

(CW decoders are also available, similar to RTTY decoders, but seldom used)

- RTTY *transmit* encoder converts typed characters (or messages) into the two RF freqs.
 - Transmitted CW is converted from text by our brain/hand with the aid of a key and/or keyer
 - Transmitted SSB is converted from text by our brain/mouth via a microphone

(CW software keyers and SSB DVKs are also used, similar to RTTY encoders)

How Do I Set it Up?

decoder/encoder terminology



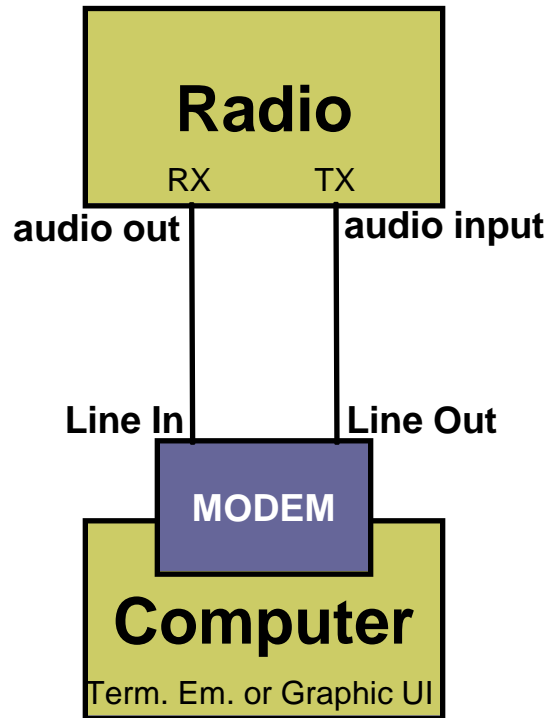
- The RTTY *transmit encoder* and *receive decoder* is sometimes referred to as a MODEM or a TNC:
 - MODEM = MOdulator DEModulator
 - TNC = Terminal Node Controller
- MODEMs can be:
 - a hardware box, or
 - a software application driving a PC soundcard

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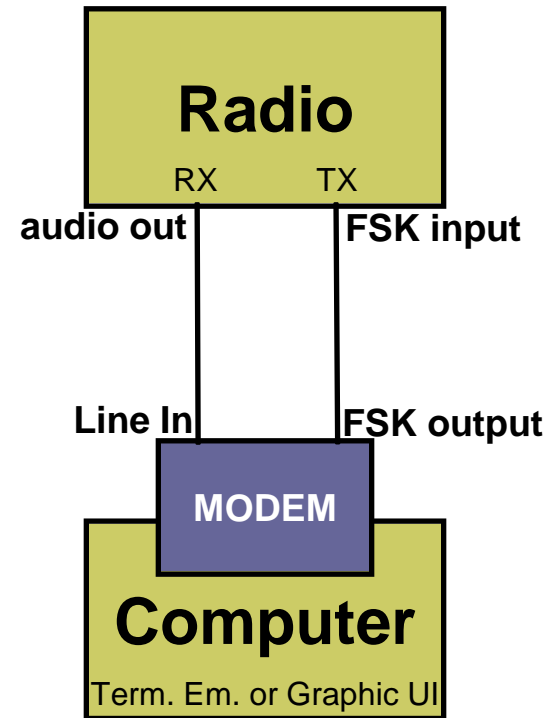
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AFSK



FSK



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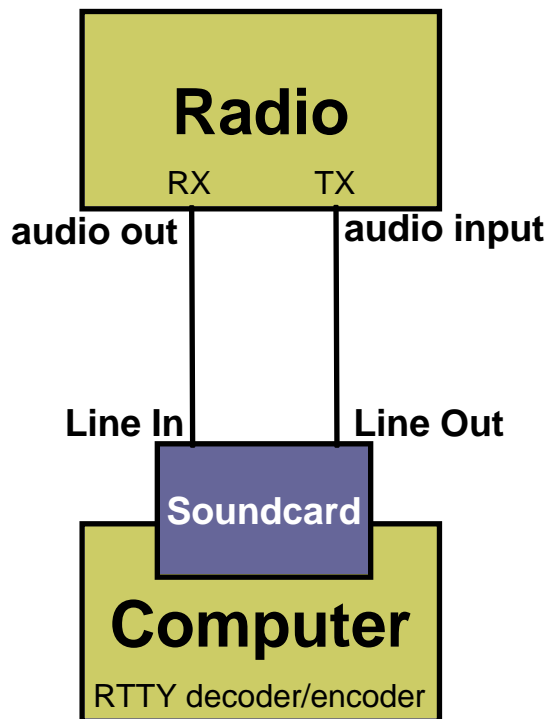


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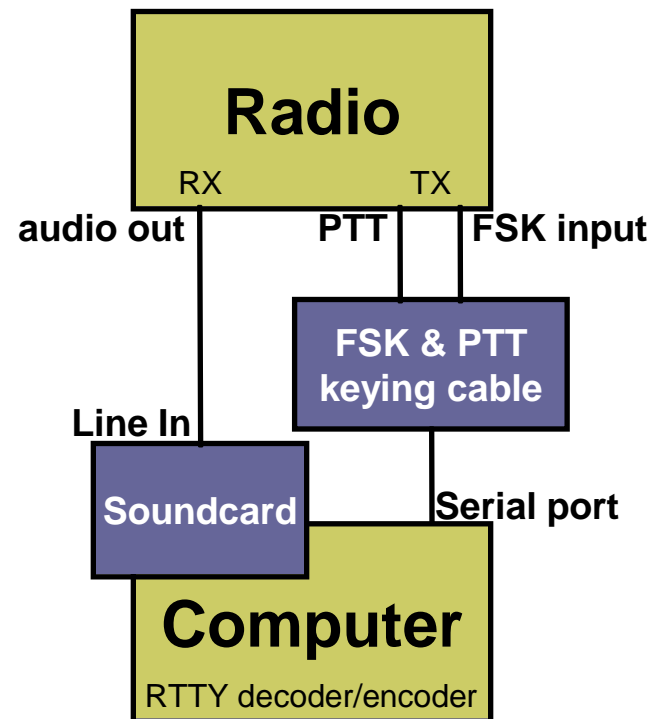
software application & *soundcard*



AFSK



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How Do I Set It Up?

ground loops

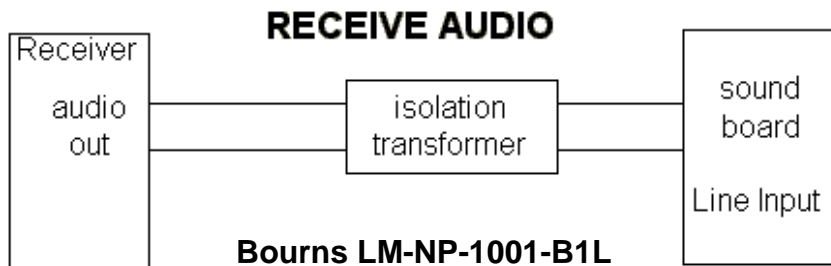


- Eliminate ground loops between radio and PC
- Otherwise insert 1:1 audio isolation transformer on:
 - RX output
 - TX Mic input (*AFSK only*)
- Alternatives:
 - Bourns LM-NP-1001-B1L transformer → homebrew cable
 - Ground loop isolators
 - W2IHY iBox
 - Commercial RTTY interfaces
 - K3 (uses Bourns LM-NP-1001-B1L on LINE IN & OUT)

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How Do I Set It Up?

homebrew audio isolation



\$1.78

-90 dBc 3rd order IMD



How Do I Set It Up?

ground loop isolators



Radio Shack \$19.49 or eBay \$6.99
-64 dBc 3rd order IMD



eBay \$3.35



eBay \$5.50



eBay \$7.45

How Do I Set It Up?

W2IHY iBox audio isolation



How Do I Set It Up?

commercial interface audio isolation



Rascal



RIGblasters



How Do I Set It Up?

radio audio isolation



K3 audio isolation IN - LINE - OUT



How Do I Set It Up?

K3s audio isolation



digital: soundcard
analog: IN - LINE - OUT

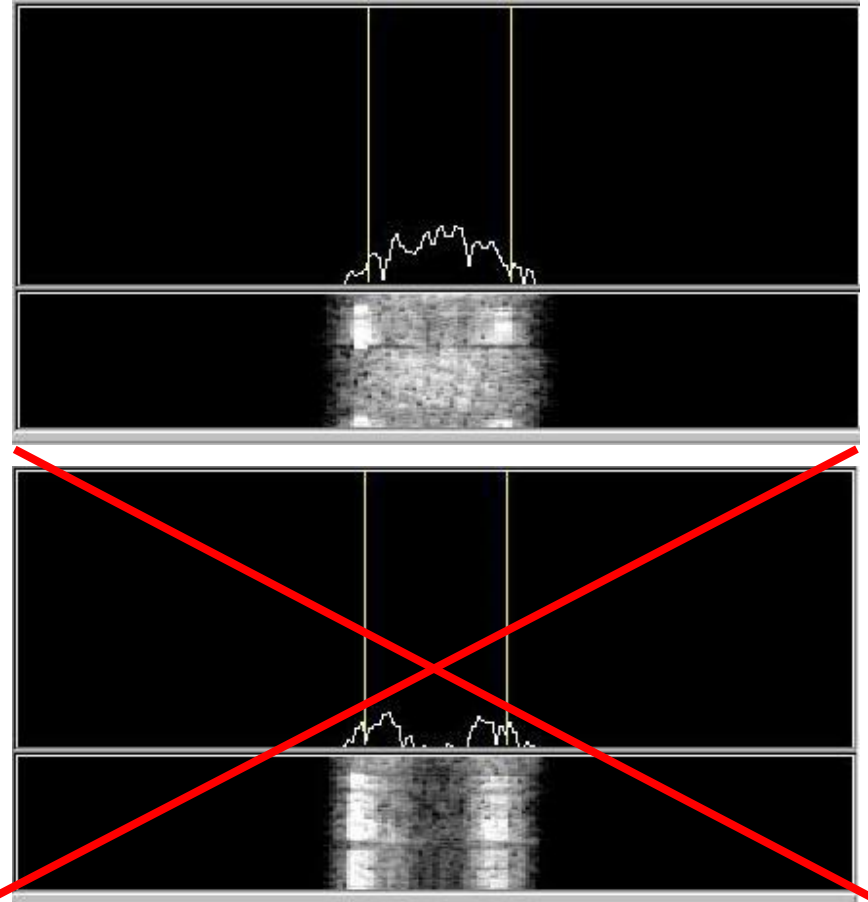


How Do I Set It Up?

radio IF filtering



- PC Audio isolation
 - Transformer
 - Commercial interface
 - Some radios (K3)
- Narrow IF filters (Roofing & DSP)
 - 500 Hz - normal
 - 250 Hz - extreme QRM only
 - Tone filters – **don't use!**
 - Icom Twin Peak Filter
 - K3 Dual-Tone Filter



How Do I Set It Up

AF filtering



- PC Audio isolation
 - Transformer
 - Commercial interface
 - Some radios (K3)
- Narrow IF filters (Roofing & DSP)
 - 400 Hz - normal
 - 250-300 Hz – strong QRM
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- Audio filtering
 - JPS NIR-10/12
 - Timewave DSP-599zx
 - Modern DSP rigs



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How Do I Set It Up?

soundcard levels



- Adjust levels in Windows Volume Control
(or, in MMTTY *Options/Soundcard ...*)
 - Use isolation transformer, if needed
 - Mute other inputs and outputs
- RX audio goes to LINE IN (or, MIC w/pad)
 - *Options/Soundcard input level*
- TX AFSK audio (mic) comes from LINE OUT
 - *Options/Soundcard output level*
 - Turn off radio compression (speech proc.)
 - Avoid over-drive

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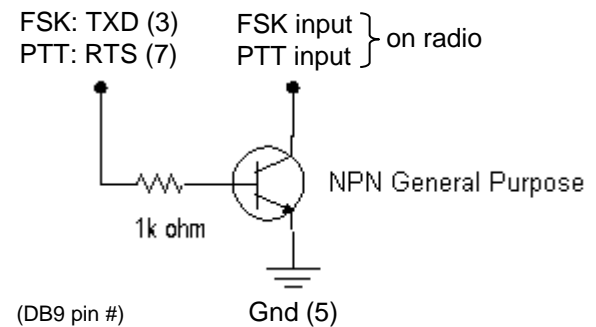
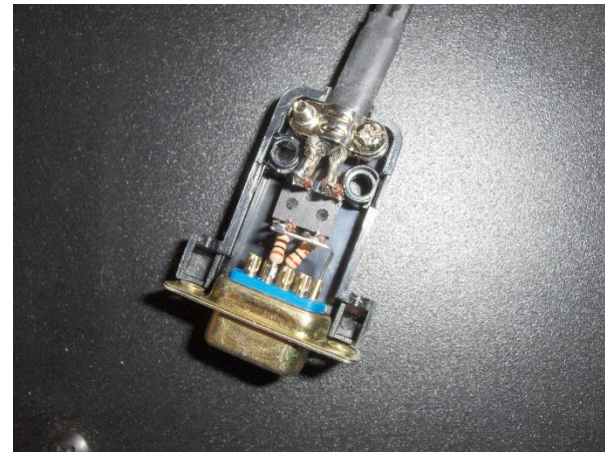
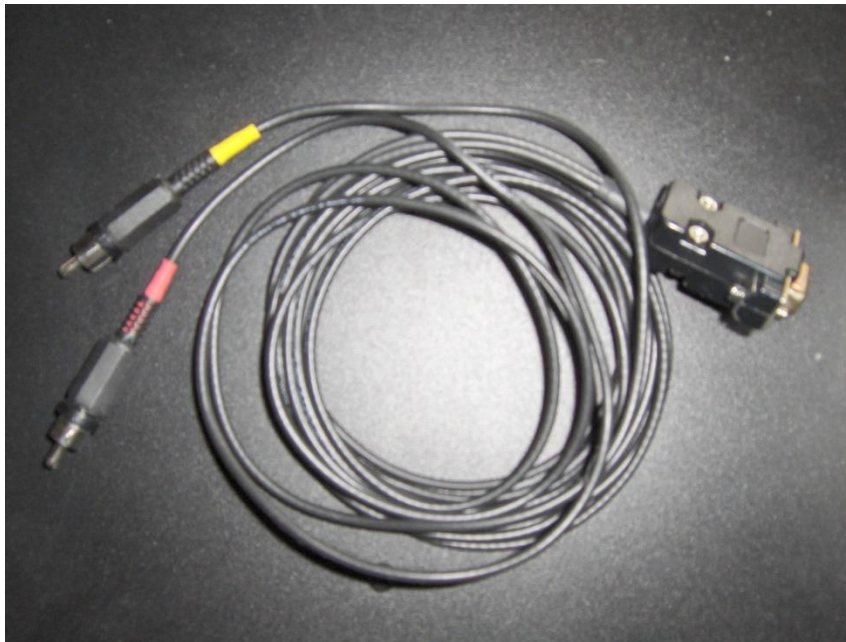
PTT vs. VOX



- FSK uses PTT
 - Serial port controls FSK and PTT signals
- AFSK uses VOX

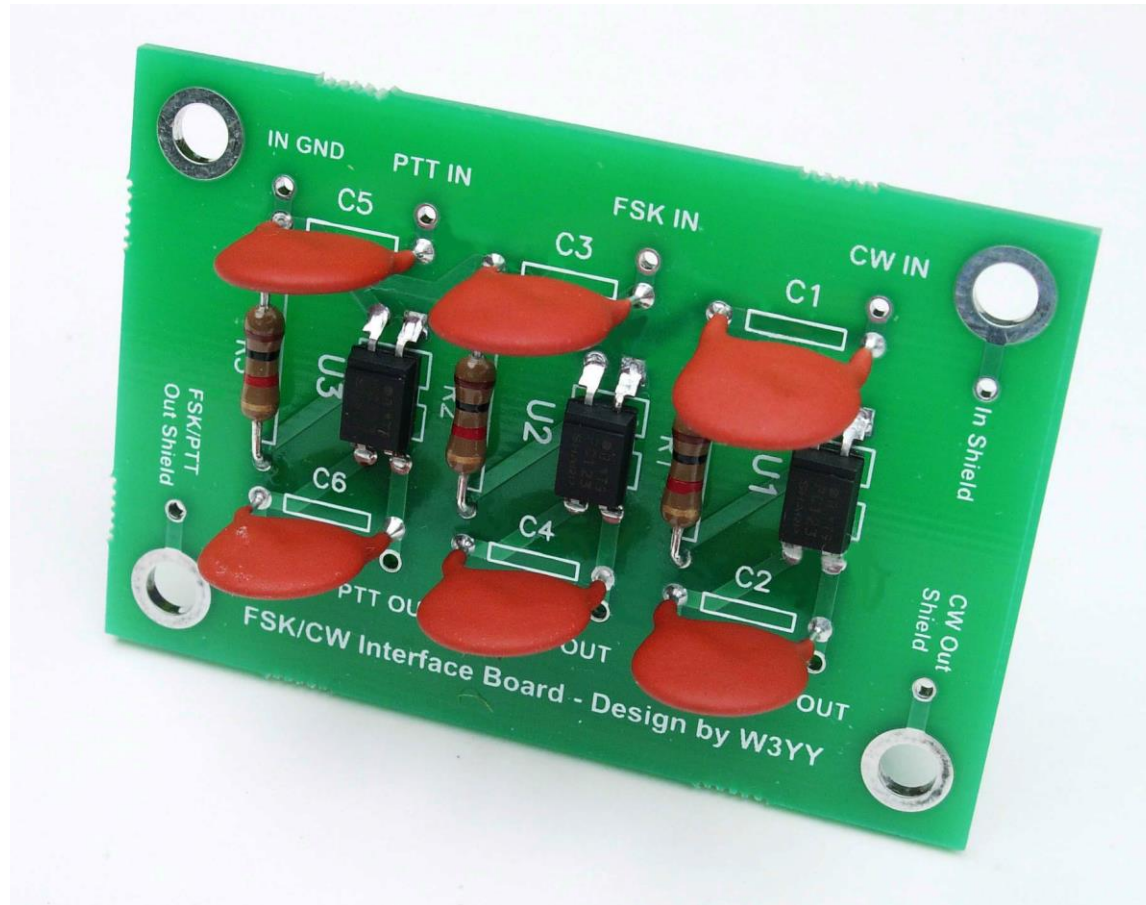
How Do I Set It Up?

homebrew *FSK & PTT* keying cable



How Do I Set It Up?

W3YY FSK & PTT keying cable



How Do I Set It Up?

commercial interfaces



RASCAL



RIGblasters



How Do I Set It Up?

commercial interfaces



Vendor	Model	Price	PC In'fc	PTT	Soundcard	Level ctrl	FSK	CW	WinKey	Voice	Radio in'fc
generic (with K3)	(2) 3.5mm M-M audio cables	\$ 10	-			√					
Buxcomm	Rascal-IIB or -IIIA	\$ 69	-								
Buxcomm	Rascal GLX	\$ 79	Serial	√							
Tigertronics	SL-1+	\$ 80	-	auto							
Tigertronics	USB	\$ 110	USB	auto	√	√					
MFJ	1273B	\$ 60	Serial	√							
MFJ	1275	\$ 110	Serial	√							
MFJ	1279	\$ 140	Serial	√	√						
Mountain Radio	RIGblaster Nomic	\$ 60	Serial/USB	√							
Mountain Radio	RIGblaster Plug & Play	\$ 120	USB	√				√			some
Mountain Radio	RIGblaster Plus II	\$ 160	USB	√			√ or CW	√ or FSK			some
Mountain Radio	RIGblaster Advantage	\$ 200	USB	√	√	√	√ or CW	√ or FSK			√
Mountain Radio	RIGblaster Pro	\$ 300	Serial/USB	√			√	√			√
Navigator	Navigator	\$ 417	USB	√	√	√	√	√	√		√

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How Do I Set It Up?

RigExpert Interfaces



How Do I Set It Up?

microHAM interfaces



One Radio



SO2R



How Do I Set It Up?

RigExpert & microHAM interfaces



Vendor	Model	Price	PC In'fc	PTT	Soundcard	Level ctrl	FSK	CW	WinKey	Voice	Radio in'fc	SO2R
RigExpert	Tiny	\$ 120	USB	✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	
RigExpert	Standard	\$ 265	USB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
RigExpert	TI-5	\$ 365	USB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
microHAM	USB Interface II	\$ 179	USB	✓				✓			✓	
microHAM	USB Interface III	\$ 225	USB	✓	✓	✓		✓			✓	
microHAM	Digi KEYER II	\$ 369	USB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
microHAM	microKEYER II	\$ 479	USB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
microHAM	micro2R	\$ 369	USB	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
microHAM	MK2R	\$ 899	USB	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
microHAM	MK2R+	\$ 999	USB	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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How Do I Set It Up?

summary - receive



1. Use appropriate receiver IF and AF filtering.
2. Receiver Audio Out (via isolation) to ...
 - MODEM Audio In, or
 - MMTTY via Soundcard Line In (or Mic In with pad):
 - Enable soundcard Line In (or Mic) input, disable/mute other inputs
3. Set level so band noise is 5% of full-scale

How Do I Set It Up?

summary - FSK



1. Connect the radio FSK and PTT inputs to:
 - the MODEM FSK and PTT outputs and connect the MODEM Serial port to the PC

OR, if MMTTY

 - the RTTY interface FSK and PTT outputs and connect the interface Serial or USB port to the PC
2. If no PC Serial port, then use a USB-Serial adapter.
 - Beware that some won't key FSK properly. Edgeport USB-Serial adapters are known good.

How Do I Set It Up?

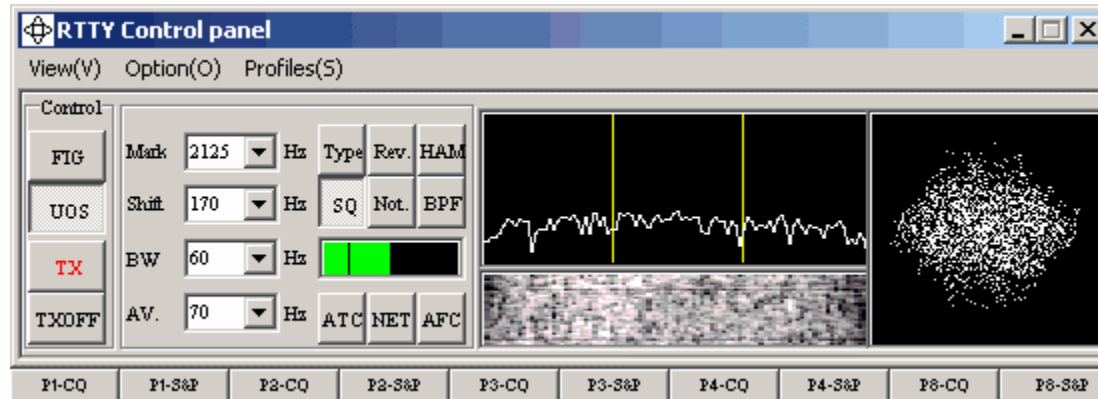
summary - AFSK



1. Turn off speech processor in radio; enable VOX
2. Connect radio's Line In (Mic In with pad) via isolation to:
 - MODEM Audio Out
 - Set radio Mic level to just reach peak power output
 - or ...
 - Soundcard Line Out
 - Enable soundcard WAV output, disable/mute other outputs
 - Increase WAV level and/or radio Mic level to just reach peak power output
3. Do not overdrive!

Decoders

MMTTY



- Dominant soundcard MODEM in use today
- Exceeds performance of most other MODEMs
- Freeware since introduction in 2000
- Written by Mako, JE3HHT

How Do I Set It Up?

MMTTY standalone



Squelch

Messages

Leave UOS on

Don't click inside display

Turn off: NET
AFC

received text

transmitted text

Control

Demodulator (IIR)

Macro

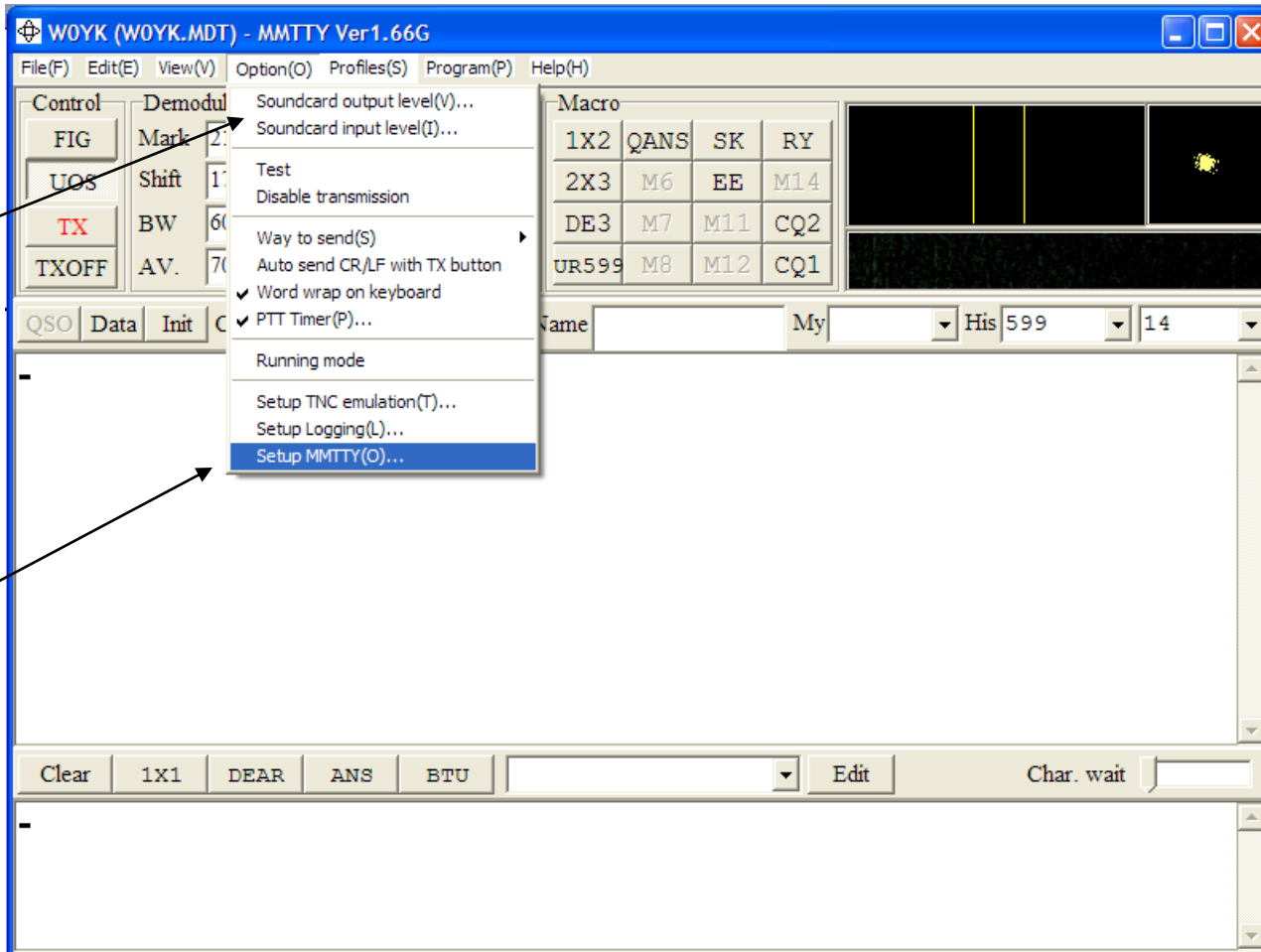
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How Do I Set It Up?

MMTTY Option menu



Soundcard levels

MMTTY setup

How Do I Set It Up?

MMTTY Option/Setup/Demodulator



Set tones

Setup MMTTY Ver1.66G

Demodulator | AFC/ATC/PLL | Decode | TX | Font/Window | Misc | SoundCard

Discriminator
Type
 IIR resonator
 FIR BPF
 PLL

Limit Amp.
 AGC
 Over Sampling
Gain 200

Pre-Filter
Show
BPF LMS/Notch
 ON
Tap 56
FW 100
 AFC Connection

Mark 2125 Hz
Shift 170 Hz
BW 60 Hz
Show

Smooth LPF
 FIR av. IIR
Freq 70 Hz
f

Reverse
HAM Default 2125 170

HAM Set Default(Demodulator) ? OK Cancel

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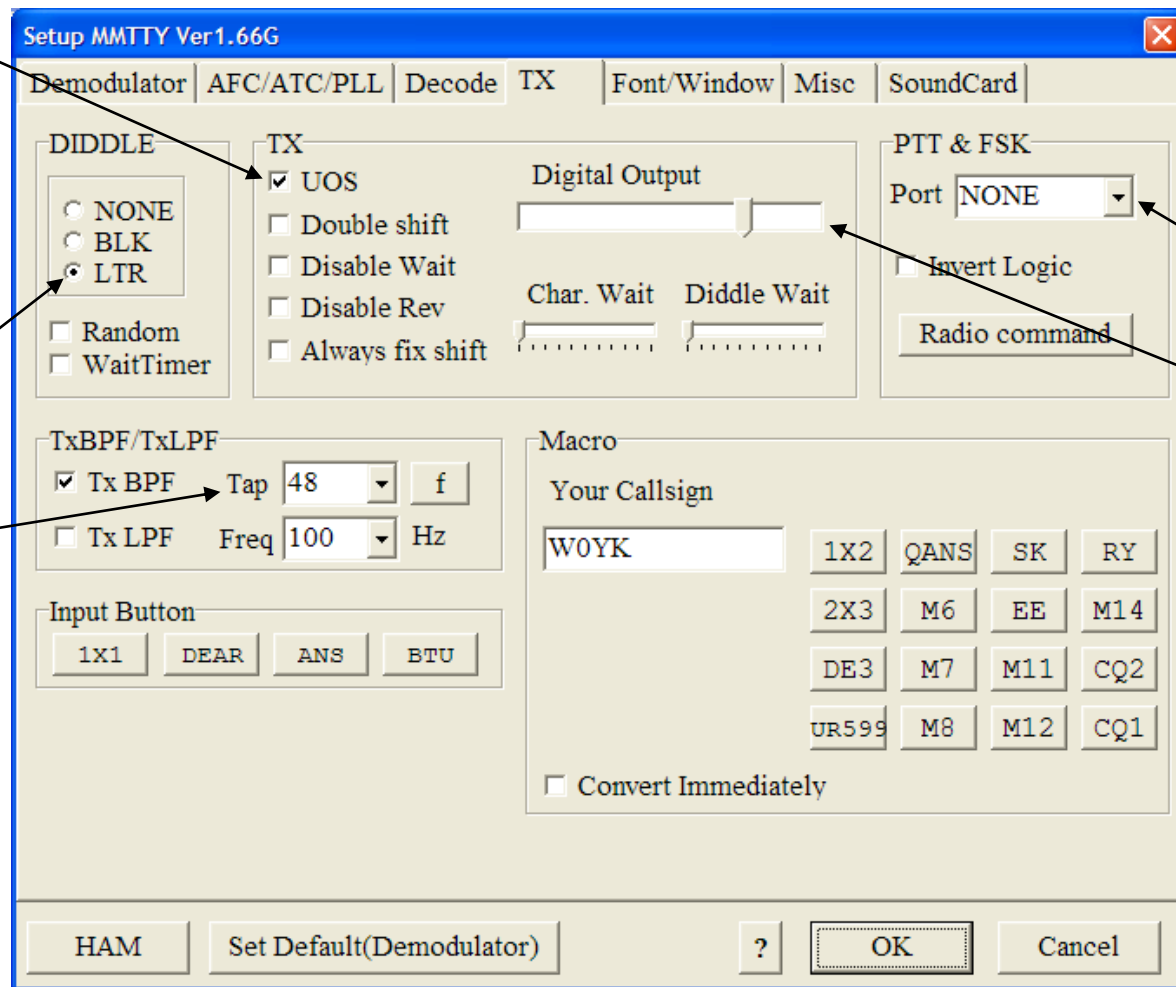
MMTTY Option/Setup/TX



TX UOS on

Select LTR

512 Tap



FSK/PTT port

Soundcard
Line Out level

How Do I Set It Up?

MMTTY Option/Setup/Misc



Soundcard

Soundcard Format, 4x

AFSK

FSK

How Do I Set It Up?

MMTTY userpara.ini



- *userpara.ini* file (in MMTTY program directory) stores parameter defaults
- There is a section for each profile, e.g.,
 - [Define0]
 - Name=Standard RTTY
- In each section (profile) make sure:
 - NET and AFC are off [NET=0, AFC=0]
 - UOS and TXUOS are on [UOS=1, TXUOS=1]
 - Other parameters are set so that they do not have to be changed every time you load MMTTY or that profile

RTTY Radios

FSK & AFSK bandwidth



FSK

- Use radio FSK filter
 - DSP TX filter (K3)
 - Crystal TX filter (K3)
 - Lobby other mfrs
- Otherwise, use AFSK
 - With TX filtering
 - Properly adjusted

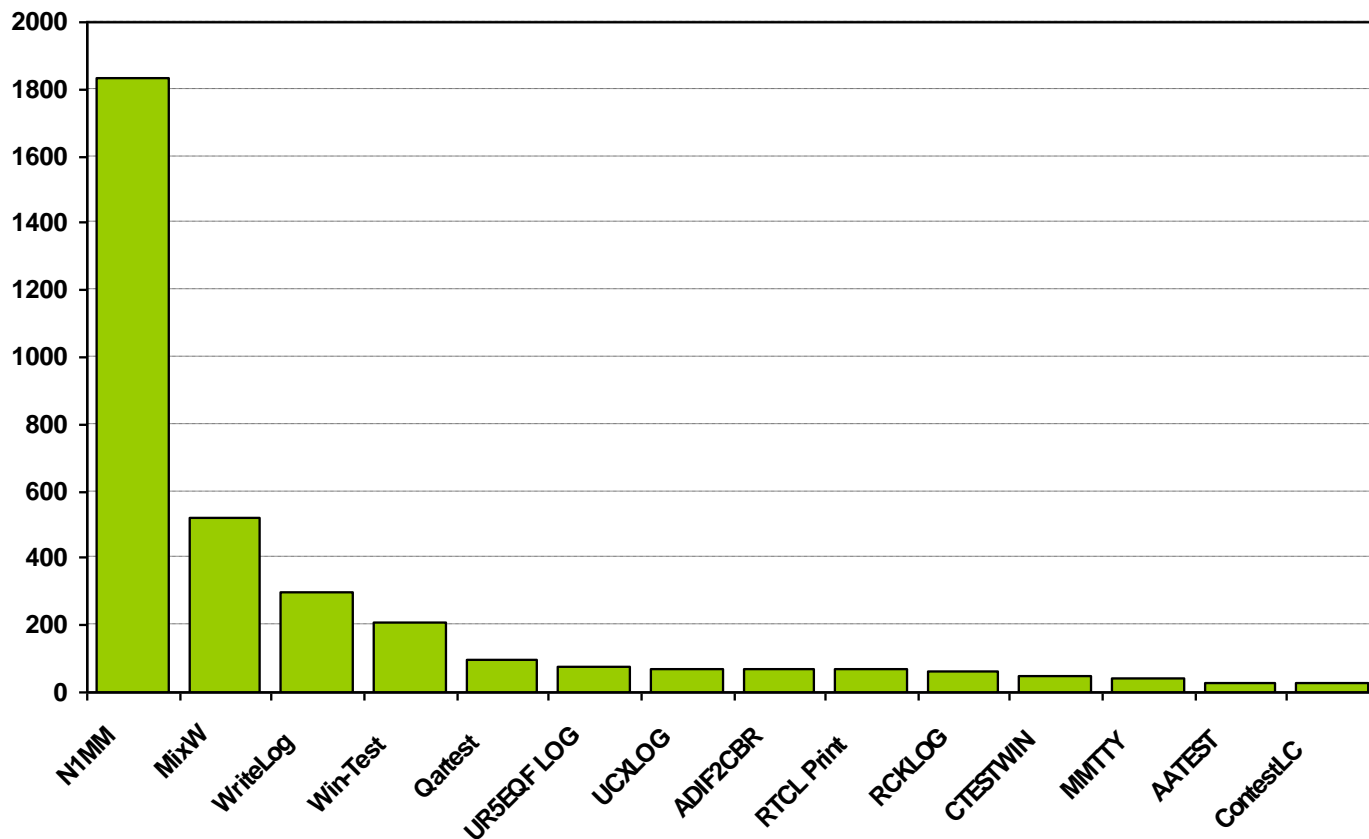


AFSK

- Use radio AFSK filter
 - DSP TX filter (K3)
 - Crystal TX filter (K3)
 - Lobby other mfrs
- Use MODEM TX filter
 - MMTTY 512-tap
 - 2Tone default

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3550 submitted logs



RTTY Contest Loggers



- WriteLog (1994)
 - created for RTTY (CW & SSB came later)
 - www.rttycontesting.com/tutorials
- N1MM Logger+ (2000; dedicated RTTY software designer)
 - Free
 - www.rttycontesting.com/tutorials
- Win-Test (2003; RTTY is low priority)

All three integrate MMTTY and have similar functionality for basic RTTY contesting.

A Blizzard of Details!

this is fun??



Start Simple, then Enhance

- MMTTY (*free*)
 - get RX working (*std audio cable from radio to PC*)
 - get TX working; use either:
 - AFSK (*2nd std audio cable from radio to PC*)
 - FSK (*keying cable or commercial interface*)
- Integrate MMTTY with logging software
- Enhance later
 - Audio isolation (*highly recommended*)
 - Commercial interface
 - Advanced setup: SO2V, SO2R, multiple decoders, ...

Resources



- www.rttycontesting.com premier website
 - Tutorials and resources (beginner to expert)
 - WriteLog, N1MM Logger+ and MMTTY
- rtty@contesting.com Email reflector
 - RTTY contester networking
 - Q&A
- Software web sites
 - mmhamsoft.amateur-radio.ca/ (MMTTY)
 - n1mm.hamdocs.com/tiki-index.php (N1MM Logger+)
 - www.writelog.com (WriteLog)
 - www.wintest.com (Win-Test)
- Software Email reflectors
 - mmtty@yahoogroups.com (MMTTY)
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