



BRITISH AMATEUR RADIO TELEDATA GROUP

REPORT TO THE 2011 SPECTRUM FORUM MEETING

(Sandy, 5th November 2011)

ACTIVITIES

Our main **activities** are

▪ our **HF RTTY CONTESTS**

- **Sprint** contest in January,
- **RTTY** contest in March and
- **Sprint 75** contest in April and September

and

▪ our **AWARDS SCHEME**

- Quarter Century Award
- PSK31 Award
- Africa Award
- North American Award
- South American Award
- European Award
- Asian Award
- Oceania award

Our web site is www.bartg.org.uk

CONCERNS

Our main **concern** is the **harmonisation of the 40m band**. We understand that this is an ongoing process and we would appreciate a timescale for its progress and completion.

HISTORY

*BARTG was founded in 1959 to **promote, encourage and support** the use of **RTTY within amateur radio**. Our RTTY Terminal Units (ST5, Multyterm and Versaterm) and our tuning indicator (Toni-Tuna) became standard items in RTTY shacks. In the 1970s and 1980s RTTY was joined by other datacoms modes such as Packet, Amtor and Pactor. BARTG readily encompassed these modes and the "T" in BARTG was changed from "Teleprinter" to "Teledata".*

*As the variety of datacoms modes grew so datacoms itself became more widely understood within amateur radio. This meant that most newcomers to datacoms needed little or no help to get on the air. BARTG's main activities thus became our **contests** and our **awards scheme** (as shown above).*

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