



BRITISH AMATEUR RADIO TELEDATA GROUP

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REPORT TO THE 2015 SPECTRUM FORUM MEETING

(Sandy, 7th November 2015)

1. 7MHz HARMONISATION.

We look forward to the harmonisation of the **7MHz** band. We appreciate that this will be a protracted process.

2. RTTY ALLOCATION FOR CONTEST USE.

Roger Cooke G3LDI wishes to make an observation about RTTY contesting in view of two postings.

i. Made by a WK6 licensee. [The IARU-R2 bandplan seems not to support the comment about RTTY going down to 14000kHz.]

14000-14150 is available for RTTY in the US. Since 14070-14080 have other fun digital modes living there by agreement, you can go below 14070, and on down. In fact there were many signals down there this past weekend. I think it's pretty cool seeing so many signals going so far up the band!

ii. Posted to rtty@contesting.com on 28 Sep 15 at 1:59pm by a K9 licensee.

I'd like to support an effort to increase the size of the RTTY bands on all bands. Such as: 14080 to 14150 wasn't nearly wide enough for this weekends CQWW0RTTY Test. I love CW, but why does CW get to use more of the band than RTTY?

Roger's observation is:

This happens in all contests, no matter what mode, even SSB has been heard all over the CW end of 40m in the CQWW SSB. Contests always do have a habit of "expanding" our bandwidth allowance, although BARTG are pretty strict on that. I presume we maintain our stand on this, but wonder what others think. Do contests present a "different" bandplan, albeit temporary? With RTTY being the most used and most popular digital mode, it is very difficult to maintain this stance.

3. OFCOM'S POWERS.

A member of another organisation's committee mentioned this concern:

The lack of enforcement powers by Ofcom, coupled with their requirement to investigate RF pollution. Waste of taxpayers money; dangerous to hobby.

Raise a complaint - Get it investigated - Retailer/neighbour realises they don't have to resolve it - Word spreads & hobby goes into decline.

The use of our bands will be impossible for most if RF pollution increases at its present rate.

BARTG - HISTORY and ACTIVITIES

BARTG was founded in 1959 to **promote, encourage and support** the use of **RTTY within amateur radio**. Our experience of datacoms is predominantly in the HF bands.

Our main activities are:

- [HF RTTY CONTESTS](#).
- [AWARDS SCHEME](#) - Quarter Century Award, PSK31 Award, Golden Jubilee award and continent awards.
- A [FOR SALE / WANTED](#) web page which helps to keep datacoms equipment in use and find assistance with equipment.

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