



BRITISH AMATEUR RADIO TELEDATA GROUP

Report to the 2022 Spectrum Forum Meeting

We have two items to report.

(1) HF OPERATING.

FT8 and DXpeditions are increasingly using the traditional RTTY areas for FT8. A recent example was ZL7/K5WE operating on 14.091MHz as his default frequency. That is right in the middle of the RTTY 'section'.

It's 'chicken and egg' though, as outside of contests, there is no RTTY activity to lay claim to the space.

Sooner or later we will see a similar operation running FT8 when a RTTY contest is taking place. That will cause a big problem. Some better guidance in any new band plans would help.

(2) BARTG CONTESTS.

Our contest manager, Ian Pawson G0FCT, reports that in 2022:

- We have run three HF RTTY Contests and one PSK63 Contest.
- We received 1070 logs for the Sprint Contest (run in January), 950 logs for the HF RTTY Contest (run in March), 104 logs for the Sprint75 Contest (run in April) and 95 logs for the Sprint PSK63 Contest (run in September).
- The winner of our 2022 Flex Radio Trophy is EA4GOY.

RSGB and BARTG.

In addition to BARTG's connection with the Spectrum Forum, BARTG interacts with the RSGB in other noteworthy ways. BARTG is grateful for any 'mention' it gets in RadCom and/or on GB2RS. BARTG also very much appreciates the substantial support of the RSGB in handling and scoring its contest entries.

==== ABOUT BARTG ====

What we do.

We have four main areas of activity.

- (1) We currently runs four **Contests** each year. We may introduce more contests if we perceive that there is a need for such contests and if they can be fitted into the contest calendar.*
- (2) We run an **Awards scheme** for datacoms. Most of our awards are open to both licensed amateurs and listeners.*
- (3) We offer a **For Sale / Wanted Web Page** on our web site. The main intention of this page is to keep amateur radio datacoms equipment in use and out of the tip. We also use it to carry appeals for assistance and advice from datacoms users.*
- (4) We offer **Sponsorships** to DXpeditions. Terms & conditions apply.*

Our history.

BARTG was founded in 1959 to promote, encourage and support the use of teleprinters within amateur radio. This evolved to encompass amateur radio datacoms in general. Our experience of datacoms is predominantly in the HF bands.

We celebrated the Diamond Jubilee during 2019-2020.

For much of its existence BARTG was a 'subs and magazine' organisation. Members paid subs and in return received a printed magazine and were entitled to a number of benefits such as discounts on our range of components. Earlier this century the printed magazine was superseded by a web site and this change enabled us to offer membership for free.

In 2018/19 we closed our membership scheme. BARTG is now run by volunteers on a management team. This change will not affect any of BARTG's activities. Anyone who was a member can keep their BARTG number for life (as a matter of record) and are welcome to continue to display it and/or the BARTG logo on QSL cards, callsign badges and plaques, car stickers and suchlike.

If any BARTG topics arise at the meeting our representative (G4EAN) can be contacted by phone if he is not already online to the meeting.

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