

Sallie was duly upset with me, but science cannot be denied. When I called 6J1YJS, he came right back to me! At this point I had no idea what country had calls like that, but I thought that at least it wasn't New Jersey. It turns out that the guy Pedro Jose Rodregez the 3rd was a member of FEDERACION MEXICANA de RADIO EXPERIMENTADORES MEXICO SPECIAL and was joining in celebration of their 70th anniversary. I didn't get his exact QTH because of some noisy copy at that point, but I'll bet just about anything except Sallie, that he was somewhere in Mexico. PSK and my mighty 1 watt has been redeemed!

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## Proposed frequencies for PSK31 QSO

From <http://www.aintel.bi.edu.es/frecuencias.html>

- The plan for PSK31 activity has always been (since PSK31 started) to concentrate activity starting from the bottom edge of the IARU RTTY bandplan, expanding upwards as activity increased. The exception is in the 10mts band in order to give non full privileges ham to meet. It was defined as 150 Hz above it. Keep in mind that all you need is about 100 Hz as channel separation. - These recommended frequencies are in accordance with the IARU bandplan for region 1. There may be differences for regions 2 and 3

1838.150

3580.150

7035.15 for region 1 and region 3, and 7080.15 for region 2 \*

10142.150

14070.150

18100.150

21080.150 (although most activity can be found 10 kHz lower)

24920.150

28120.150

\* This is due to the fact that the 7 MHz band is much wider in region 2 (the Americas), and the IARU bandplan reflects this.

## JOTA in Towson

Four boys showed up, mostly from Troop 828. Craig, Evan and TJ were there. During the course of the night, each were able to talk to other scouts and other amateur radio operators from around the world. At the completion of the evening (1103 PM!) 9 countries had been contacted and one contact in particular was rather fantastic -- The boys tuned in and spoke with the Gentleman who is on the cover of the Boy Scout Radio Merit Badge book. (He promised to autograph a book if I sent him \$1000. Rich Ashburn asked if monopoly money will do, so I have to get some monopoly money and send to him).

Each of the 828 boys were able to conduct well over 10 minutes of actual on the air conversations which will satisfy a major portion of the Radio Merit Badge. We may yet receive QSL cards (postcards which confirm the contacts) and if we do, several of the contact points were quite rare which is a good thing. Amateur Radio operators try to collect as many QSL cards as possible, and they try to work (contact) all possible areas of the world. A gentleman named Bruno was in Italy. Another named Pete (Had many scouts with him) was in Montgomery Alabama. Shelly was the Gentleman on the cover of the Radio Merit Badge book - he was in a car, mobile, and was in Delray Beach, FL. A gentleman named Craig was in Saint Maarten Island (Spelling?) A man named Sabu in India. Peres in Recife, Brazil. Tony in Venezuela. Others in Canada, San Francisco CA, and the Canary Islands.

All in all, I think the boys had a great night. I think the control operator, Rich Ashburn had a great night as well! Thanks Rich!

All of this was on a portable radio with under 100 watts of power and a temporary 40 foot long antenna strung up from flag pole to flag pole inside the meeting room of the Church where Troop Meetings are held. We started around 7 PM and finally pulled the plug at 1103 PM. The control ops (Rich, WA3SKQ, and myself, KB3CVS) were a bit too tired to go on. TJ wanted to go all night, and the bands were open...

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