

Skyview Radio Society 2016 Digital Communication Challenge – Mode for May

The modes of operation for May will be **MFSK** and **RTTY**. As we have learned from the less used Olivia mode, it has become challenging to get 10 contacts, let alone get ten with some miles. So, I decided that having two modes available for May should make things easier. Any combination of ten MFSK and RTTY contacts in your May log will keep you in the running for the Certificate. Other than that, the Rules remain the same. You are still limited to 20 watts. (In your log, please identify what mode each of your contacts was made in).

As you probably found with Olivia, non-contest contacts in MFSK or RTTY will more than likely be with rag chewers. But, if you find either of these in use during a contest during May, those contest contacts will count.

As far as where to look for MFSK or RTTY, I am not going to venture any guesses. I have had some MFSK contacts in the past, so I know that some folks use it. I have never really gone hunting for RTTY contacts outside of contests. I would suggest that you check PSKReporter from time to time for some help – I see that it lists RTTY as well as a few different MFSK flavors. And, you can always Google on “RTTY Frequencies” and “MFSK Frequencies” to see what different recommendations you can find.

By now, you have your digital interface all setup and you have been using BPSK31 and Olivia. So you are all ready to use MFSK and RTTY. If the interface software that you have been using does not support these two modes, you may need to find software that does.

We are all getting experienced at this stuff now, so less info this time.

Post any questions on the K3MJW reflector. Or you may email me at: k3jzd-AT-nelis.net (please put "Digital Challenge" in the Subject). Tuesday nights at the Skyview Clubhouse is also a great place for discussion, comparing notes, and demonstrations. Good Luck !!!!

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