



British Amateur Radio Teledata Group



GB50ATG

Golden Jubilee

Celebrating 50 Years of BARTG 1959 - 2009

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In 1959, Arthur "Doc" Gee, G2UK and Bill Brennan, G3CQE – the first two UK amateurs to use RTTY on the HF bands - formed BARTG. The mode exploded and this year we are celebrating our 50th year, a record which we are very proud to publicise and commemorate with a special award. Unfortunately the two founder members are both SK now but their original efforts are much appreciated by thousands of amateurs worldwide.

BARTG now encompasses all data modes and long gone are the nostalgic days of oily machinery, paper spewed out all over the shack and noise, sometimes unbearable after a 24 hour contest. These have been replaced with computer based equipment. However, the distinctive sound of "jingle bells (RTTY)" will change and is now more popular than ever, and still the most prevalent of the data modes.

To commemorate this occasion BARTG used a special call, GB50ATG, from July 1, 2009 until June 30, 2010. Congratulations, and tnx for the QSO(s) 73.



Arthur Owen G2FUD Bill Brennan G3CQE in G2FUD radio room



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