

## PA3CLQ's Leuke Linken Nr. 529

### [N1MMLoggerPlus] CZECHPTVHF.udc

Has been added to the User Defined Gallery. Full details of the event can be found here;  
<https://www.iaru-r1.org/index.php/vhfuhsshf/1854-czech-pohotovostni-test>  
Les, G4OGB

### Anyone on this list using a 43 foot Zero Five vertical antenna.

Please contact off list my email.

[dbmorris315@gmail.com](mailto:dbmorris315@gmail.com)

Thanks, Dan Morris KZ3T

see:

<https://zerofive-antennas.com/>

Editor

### W5GRJ Code Machine.

I picked up an unmarked code machine, for lack of a better name, and the PCB has W5GRJ imprinted on it.

I would like to find out more about it including instructions and a schematic.

Currently it has three 12AU7 tubes, two unmarked tube sockets, and a mercury wetted contact relay.

Also a crusty double AA battery holder.

Any ideas?

Gary H. Harmon, Jr. - K5JWK - HAM Radio, HEATHKIT, and ATARI Archaeologist

### Gary,

Found this listing in an old file on this website:

<http://www.oocities.org/w8jyz/>

It was from a website mirrored in 2009 9955 5 W5GRJ 1951 Natchitoches LA

Not much but if you come by other info you can see if it matches.

Good Luck, JohnKK4ITX

### Gary & John, that web site

<http://www.oocities.org/w8jyz/>

moved to:

<http://oldqslcards.com/>

and appears to be a list of contacts that W8JYZ had along with a few scans of some of those QSL cards (remember those relics of the past?).

That does not help with your quest to find info on the code machine by or for W5GRJ other than to know that W8JYZ had a qso with W5GRJ at some point in the past 50 years or so.

Thank you. Jim Pruitt

### Gary,

Check this site and also compare what you have to W9TO keyer in the West Coast

Handbook by Bill Orr. <http://www.telegraphkeys.com/pages/keverpaddles.html>

73, Rick N4CYC

### Sounder & Key On Board on eBay may be quite rare.

This eBay item would appear to be a Partrick, Bunnell & Co Philadelphia Sounder and Key On Board. It is very inadequately described and may go for truly short money.

I thought this might be of interest to those of you that collect telegraph instruments. ANTIQUE TELEGRAPH KEY \*\*UNTESTED\*\*

<https://ebay.us/uly73d>

Good Luck!-- Tom Horne

## The MILL is still available:

[https://archive.org/details/w4fok\\_mill\\_morse\\_program](https://archive.org/details/w4fok_mill_morse_program)

73, David Ring MorseKobGroup

## Hello friends,

Here is cut and paste from fellow SKCC member AA7FV from his distribution to the Sideswiper Net.

Perhaps it is only wishful thinking that we are soon to see the entrance of Solar Cycle 25, but if not, at least it hints that conditions over the next few days are on the upswing.

Enjoy: Mike, K5MP

Direct Hit After a Long Wait: Solar Storm Forecast 05-09-2019

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ClnRgQoCqEQ&feature=em-uploademail>

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Cheers, Darrel, aa7fv,

Jos,

I think instead of "mills" you mean "bugs" which is what we call semi-automatic keys, like Vibroplex.

Polish the silver contacts with a four sided nail buffer, like this one:

[https://www.amazon.com/Professional-Buffers-Manicure-Pedicure-Colorful/dp/B07HD4ZGBN/ref=sr\\_1\\_19?keywords=nail+buffer&qid=1556549491&s=gateway&sr=8-19](https://www.amazon.com/Professional-Buffers-Manicure-Pedicure-Colorful/dp/B07HD4ZGBN/ref=sr_1_19?keywords=nail+buffer&qid=1556549491&s=gateway&sr=8-19)



Unless the contact is pitted by switching very high current don't use the STEP 1 to 3, just use 4 to 6. Mostly 5 and 6. 6 is polishing, 5 will take the tarnish off.

Don't use sandpaper.

Wet dry paper is OK but get 800 grit and higher.

I use 3000 grit.

But one or two swipes of 800 grit is fine.

I make figure 8 motions with crocus cloth - which is what plumbers (work with water and copper pipes) use to clean the pipes before soldering them.

You just need a 3 inch square so borrow from a plumber, or buy it's cheap enough.

I have a 500 mm square that I bought 20 years ago and all I've used is 2 inch square.

But when cleaning your bug, be sure to check the pivots.

On my gopher:// site are some interesting files

<http://gopher.floodgap.com/gopher/gw?gopher://sdf.org:70/1/users/djringjr/>

My file about sideswipers:

<http://gopher.floodgap.com/gopher/gw?gopher://sdf.org:70/0/users/djringjr/sideswiper>

DC5GD 's excellent file about sideswipers:

<http://gopher.floodgap.com/gopher/gw?gopher://sdf.org:70/0/users/djringjr/sideswiper%5fdc5gd>

A file of tips on bug sending and cleaning from N1EA

<http://gopher.floodgap.com/gopher/gw?gopher://sdf.org:70/0/users/djringjr/bug%5fadjusting%5fcleaning%5fsending.txt>

A file of bug care and feeding (?) from N1EA (similar to the above).

<http://gopher.floodgap.com/gopher/gw?gopher://sdf.org:70/0/users/djringjr/bug%5fcare%5fand%5ffeeding>

Now for the message I posted already, using http links and not a gopher proxy. Gopher was before the World Wide Web of http pages.

It was gopher:// pages like gopher:

[//sdf.org:70/0/users/djringjr/](http://sdf.org:70/0/users/djringjr/)

There is an extension for Firefox that allows gopher protocol called OVERBITE (think gopher's teeth!)

<https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/overbitewx/>

Install this and you can use regular gopher addresses with firefox.

You might enjoy reading this:

[https://qsl.net/n1ea/bug\\_adjusting\\_cleaning\\_sending.txt](https://qsl.net/n1ea/bug_adjusting_cleaning_sending.txt)

**[NEW! Care and Feeding of Semi-Automatic key.](#)**

How to set up, adjust, and send with a Vibroplex type semi-automatic key.

Includes often overlooked problems with loose or rusted connections, bad ground contacts, intermittent connection of the dot contact spring.

INCLUDES VALUABLE ADVICE OF "ROLLING THE WRIST" nearly forgotten method used by professional telegraphers to avoid repetitive motion injury while sending.

It what I have accumulated over the years.

While were at it, here is some sideswiper info:

[Al, DC5GD How to send with a sideswiper!](#)

[N1EA Version of How to send with a sideswiper.](#)

73, DR

**Correction on PLL Nr. 528, Jan,**

Somehow this link got broken in your message:

<https://archive.org/details/MorseMail>

There's a space before MorseMail in the link you gave and that doesn't work.

73, David N1EA

Editor,,, thanks David

- Intercon net: 05-05-2019

Darrel and Med, I'm likely to be unavailable, chores, will try if back in time.

- EU net:

Durk and gang, FYI, I'll be running QRP 5W this evening, please keep your lug holes wide open friends.

Blue tit chicks in nesting box close to G5RV feeder (not a bird feeder), so QRP only.

They were born on May 2. BTW, today is the "International Dawn Chorus Day":

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/may/04/birdsong-antidote-to-stressful-lives-dawn-chorus-day>

Hope you enjoy(ed) your local bird songs this morning fellows.

Wonderful marathon broadcast from RTE Radio One last night, 7 hours of dawn chorus live from several countries/continents:

<https://www.rte.ie/radio1/mooney/generic/2019/0405/1040899-dawn-chorus-2019/>

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Cheers, Darrel, aa7fv,

**Have a nice day / week(end) gents, BCNU.**

Yann, F5LAW

<http://www.sideswipernet.org/>

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