



Description

Background of the Invention

5 1. Field of the Invention

This invention relates generally to the field of control circuits for electronic equipment. More particularly, this invention relates to a transceiver having a controller which permits a single switch to perform a plurality of transceiver functions which may be dependent upon the status of the receiver or the transmitter, or the recent
10 actuation history of the switch itself.

2. Background of the Invention

As the state of the art in the electronic industry progresses, the trend is towards ever smaller electronic
15 devices which must reliably perform a variety of functions. An example of this trend may be found in the field of electronic calculators. While the predecessor of the modern pocket calculator literally occupied rooms, devices with similar computational power which will fit in a shirt pocket are now commonplace. Such devices often have control buttons which electronically address a number of different features per button in order to provide the user with a large number of features in a small package. This is accomplished by using a "second
20 feature button" which is actuated prior to the actuation of a button which addresses a plurality of features. Therefore, in order for the user to address the features of his calculator, two button actuations are required to address a single feature.

In the field of portable radio transceivers, there is a similar size reduction trend taking place. As the size of these devices diminishes, the number of control features incorporated in a single control switch must also
25 increase in order for the user to control the additional electronic features incorporated therein.

This is particularly true for selective calling portable radio transceivers (radio transmitter/receivers) such as those commonly used throughout Europe. In these systems the user is required by regulation to monitor his receiver prior to making any transmission to assure that there is no channel activity taking place on the communication channel he intends to use. Once the user establishes that the channel is free of activity, he must
30 normally transmit a series of tones or a digitally encoded message in order to address the receiver or repeater he desires to contact. For example, in the well known ZVEI (Zentral Verband der Elektro-Industrie) system commonly used in Germany, an address code consists of a sequence of five audio frequency tones between 1060Hz and 2600Hz which are consecutively transmitted. Each tone has a 70 millisecond duration with no pause between tones. Each tone represents a single digit 0-9 (or a repeat tone indicating that the preceeding digit is
35 repeated). Each user or repeater is assigned a five digit address which must be correctly decoded to access that receiver or repeater. Encoding and decoding circuits for such systems are well known. Having established receiver or repeater access, the user is then free to carry on normal two way voice or data communications with another transceiver.

One scheme often used to accomplish the above sequence of steps is to provide the portable transceiver
40 with three switches. In operation, the user firsts actuates a "push-to-monitor" switch which enables the receiver section audio so that the user may determine if there is activity taking place on the desired radio frequency channel. When the channel is clear, the user actuates a second switch which transmits an appropriate code word in tones or binary digits, as for example, a set of five sequential tones of predetermined length and frequency, to access the desired receiver. The user then actuates a third switch to enable his transmitter and
45 microphone in order to carry on normal conversation.

In the above transceiver scheme, a total of three switches are required to perform even the most basic selective calling transceiver functions. In addition to these controls, the transceiver must also include a volume control, an on/off switch, a squelch control, a channel selector control, and quite possibly many other controls such as a telephone style keypad for more sophisticated transceivers. It is evident that utilizing three separate
50 switches simply to control the sequence of steps necessary for initialization of a conversation is highly inefficient. As these transceivers incorporate more and more features and options, the switch requirement becomes a severe size limitation in a portable or mobile transceiver.

Another scheme often used in portable transceivers, such as Motorola's European version of its MX300 series of transceivers, utilizes a momentary push-to-talk type switch in conjunction with a three position toggle
55 switch. This exemplifies the utilization of a two switch requirement for the selection of any transceiver function. In this scheme a first position of the toggle switch places the radio receiver in a coded squelch mode. This makes the radio receiver responsive only to tone or digitally encoded messages bearing an appropriate user address code. The center position of the toggle switch places the receiver in the carrier squelch mode which allows the



receiver to turn on its audio amplifier and speaker upon receipt of any message on the communication channel without regard to coding. The third position of the toggle switch enables the transmitter and transmits the encoded message required to access a receiver or repeater.

In operation, if the user wishes to initiate a call he switches the toggle switch from the coded squelch position to carrier squelch position in order to monitor the channel for activity by other users. He then moves the toggle switch to the encode mode to transmit an appropriate address code to access an appropriate receiver. The user may then utilize his "push-to-talk" (PTT) switch in a normal manner as necessary to carry on the desired conversation. This system has the advantage of forcing the user to monitor the channel prior to transmitting the code to access a receiver since he has to pass through the carrier squelch position of the three position switch in order to initiate a call. After completing the conversation, the user must switch his transceiver back to the coded squelch-mode.

Another two switch system is used in radios such as the GRUNDIG MODEL FK103. In this system a first switch turns ON the receiver audio so that the user may monitor the channel. Deactuation of the switch places the transceiver in a coded squelch mode. Actuation of the second switch while in the coded squelch mode reverts the receiver to carrier squelch and transmits the address code. All subsequent transmissions are without encoding and the first switch is actuated again to place the radio back in the coded squelch mode.

Although these systems reduce the number of switches required to two, operation of the transceiver with one hand can be quite awkward. They inefficiently utilize valuable transceiver controls to actuate only basic transceiver functions not to mention increasing their cost. Also, the user is required in each case to manually place the transceiver back in a coded squelch mode after conversation has ended.

The radio SE20 manufactured by Autophon AG disables the transmission when the channel is busy and for 4 seconds after the carrier ends. In this condition a busy tone is produced when the PTT or selective-call key is pressed. The radio does not provide for channel monitoring as a user-selectable feature separate from PTT.

In the field of terminating a two-way radio analog speech transmission by pressing of a button or by hanging up a handset, DE-A-2,433,164 describes a radio which has a time-out feature, whereby if the button is not pressed or the handset is not hung up, the radio returns to a reception-readiness state.

Summary of the Invention

It is an object of the present invention to integrate a plurality of switching functions in a single switch of a transceiver and to provide an efficient switch scheme for initiating communications with a portable transceiver in a selective calling communications system.

Accordingly, the invention defined in claim 1 is provided.

The invention has the advantage of providing a transceiver having a controller which allows a single switch to perform a plurality of functions in a portable transceiver as a result of receiver conditions, transmitter conditions, and activity of the switch itself.

The invention enables a controller to be provided for efficient utilization of switches in a miniature portable transceiver.

In one embodiment of the present invention. A transceiver has a multiple function switch controller including a timer for establishing a time interval. A first circuit produces a first control signal when the switch is actuated during the time interval, and a second circuit produces a second control signal when the switch is actuated outside the time interval.

In another embodiment of the present invention, a transceiver includes a multiple function switch controller having an apparatus for detecting the actuation of a switch and a circuit for monitoring the status of a communication channel. A timer responsive to either the monitoring circuit or the switch detecting apparatus establishes a time interval. A transmitter enabling circuit enables the transmitter upon actuation of the switch during the time interval and an annunciation circuit annunciates the status of the communication channel upon actuation of the switch outside the time interval.

In another embodiment of the present invention, a transceiver includes a multiple function switch controller having an apparatus for decoding a received signal having a predetermined address. A timer responsive to the decoder establishes a time interval following each received signal having a predetermined address. A first circuit responsive to the actuation of the switch produces a first control signal if the switch is actuated during the time interval. A second circuit produces a second control signal if the switch is actuated outside the time interval.

In another embodiment of the present invention, a transceiver has a multiple function switch controller including a circuit for detecting actuation of the switch and a decoder for decoding received signals of a predetermined type. A timer responsive to either the decoder or the switch detector circuit establishes a time interval following each decoding of a received message of a predetermined type. A controller circuit causes the



switch to activate a first function if actuated during the time interval and a second function if actuated outside of the time interval.

In another embodiment of the present invention, a method of controlling a multiple function switch includes the steps of providing a timer to establish time intervals, detecting whether or not the timer's output is predetermined active, counting the number of switch actuations occurring while the output is a predetermined signal, enabling an encoder if the count equals a first predetermined count and inhibiting the encoder if the count is equal to a second predetermined count.

The features of the invention believed to be novel are set forth with particularity in the appended claims. The invention itself however, as to organization, method of use, and method of operation, together with further objects and advantages thereof, may be best understood by reference to the following description taken in conjunction with the accompanying drawings.

Brief Description of the Drawings

FIG. 1 is a block diagram of a hardware implementation of the present invention embodied in a transceiver. FIG. 2 is a detailed electrical schematic of a hardware embodiment of the controller portion of the present invention.

FIG. 3 is a timing diagram of the controller of FIG. 2.

FIG. 4 is a system block diagram for a microcomputer implementation of the present invention embodied in a transceiver.

FIG. 5 is a flow chart detailing the operation of the controller portion of the present invention.

FIG. 6 is a combined functional block diagram and electrical schematic showing the hardware to utilize a preferred microprocessor embodiment of the present invention for FIG. 4.

Description of the Preferred Embodiment

Turning now to FIG. 1, a receiver 10 is coupled to an address decoder 20 and receives modulated coded information from a radio channel. An address decoder 20 examines that information to determine if the transceiver is being selectively addressed by an appropriately encoded transmission. An indication of a correctly encoded address is then provided to an input 25 of a switch controller 30 for processing. This information is also provided to a receiver audio circuit 40 so that voice information received after the detected coded address may be transferred to a speaker 50 in the preferred embodiment. Receiver 10 also provides a squelch circuit 60 with information, usually audio noise, for the purposes of determining whether or not there is an on channel signal, correctly encoded or not, being received by receiver 10. This squelch information is transferred by switch controller 30 at a controller input 65 where it may be processed and delivered to the receiver audio via an output 75.

A transmitter 80 can receive inputs either from a microphone 90 or an address encoder 100, for modulation and transmission on the radio frequency communication channel. It is understood by those skilled in the art that transmitter 80 as well as receiver 10 may be AM, FM, PM or any combination or variation thereof without loss of generality. In the preferred embodiment, a narrowband FM system is used.

Transmitter 80 is enabled by a signal from switch controller 30 at a controller output 105. Switch controller 30 also determines when encoder 100 should generate an address code by providing encoder 100 with an enabling signal from a controller output 115. In the preferred embodiment a momentary switch 120 is normally grounded on one side. Actuation of the switch connects that side of the switch to a logic high in the form of a DC supply 130. The other side of switch 120 is coupled to an input 135 to switch controller 30.

In operation, the system functions in the following manner. If the user desires to initiate a transmission, he first actuates switch 120. If switch controller 30 has received an indication of channel activity at its input 65, the receiver's audio is turned on by output 75 so that the user may hear that channel activity on speaker 50 thereby annunciating the channel status to the user. In the alternative, other ways of annunciating the channel status such as a visual display or light may be preferred in some cases. When the user has determined that the channel is free of activity he actuates the same switch 120 for a second time. The second actuation must occur within a predetermined time interval established at deactuation of the first actuation of switch 120. Upon receiving the second switch actuation, switch controller 30 sends a control signal at output 115 enabling address encoder 100. It also sends a signal at output 105 actuating transmitter 80. Encoder 100 provides transmitter 80 with the address code, such as a ZVEI tone sequence, for the desired receiver and preferably instructs transmitter 80 to mute any inputs from microphone 90 while the address is being encoded. Microphone 90 is muted at this time to prevent voices or noises entering the microphone from corrupting the encoder generated address.



After the brief period of time required for the encoder 100 and transmitter 80 to send out the address, microphone 90 is unmuted and the user can begin his conversation. If the party being called responds within a predetermined period of time established by the last deactuation of the user's switch 120, he may do so in an uncoded transmission mode in the preferred embodiment. The present user's receiver will acknowledge receipt of that message by transferring voice information from receiver audio 40 to speaker 50. After receiving that transmission the user will typically respond with more voice information in a manual two-way conversation. This is accomplished by once again actuating switch 120 within a predetermined time interval established at the end of the received transmission as indicated by loss of radio frequency carrier.

Upon a third actuation of switch 120 within a predetermined time interval of receiving the last message, a signal at output 105 once again enables transmitter 80 and voice transmission may once again occur. In one embodiment of the present invention, the user may select at his discretion whether or not encoder 100 is actuated at such a time. This is the type of system option that may be useful in a number of communication systems. The system operates in a manner identical to its operation during the last reception and transmission on subsequent receptions and transmissions as long as they occur within the time interval established by the switch controller 30.

In all cases of the preferred embodiment this time interval begins upon deactuation of switch 120 or the end of a received message. In the preferred embodiment this time interval is controlled by a programmable timer which can be set anywhere from several milliseconds to several minutes. A time interval of approximately 7 seconds has been found to be convenient. If either the receiving or transmitting party fails to respond within the predetermined time interval, the transceiver automatically reverts back to the coded squelch mode. The next actuation of switch 120 causes the transceiver to operate as if it is the first actuation of switch 120 thereby restarting the operation sequence without the necessity of manual intervention by the user.

If, rather than a user initiated transmission, a conversation is initiated by receipt of a properly encoded message, address decoder 20 provides switch controller 30 with a signal at input 25. This signal directs switch decoder 30 to enable transmitter 80 upon the first actuation of switch 120 and places the receiver in a non-coded squelch (carrier squelch) mode. The initial switch actuation which is necessary to prevent interference when initiating a call is by passed automatically when a conversation is initiated by receipt of a properly encoded message. Since that initial actuation is carried out by the party initiating the call. Thus the controller operation is made dependent on both user initiated switch actuations and messages received from calling parties.

If receiver 10 receives a transmission which is on a proper channel but does not possess an appropriately encoded address, address decoder 20 will not respond and switch controller 30 will not turn on receiver audio 40. Actuation of switch 120 during the time that this improperly encoded signal is being received however, will cause the receiver audio 40 to turn on so that the user is alerted to the presence of an active or busy channel. The receiver audio therefore serves as an annunciation circuit in the preferred embodiment. It will be clear to those skilled in the art that other ways of alerting the user to the presence of channel activity are readily implemented.

Turning now to FIG. 2 for one embodiment of switch controller 30, input 135 is coupled to one input of an OR gate 200 and one input of an AND gate 205. Input 25 is coupled to one input of an AND gate 210. The output of an AND gate 210 is coupled to a second input of an OR gate 200. The output of an OR gate 200 drives one input of an AND gate 215 and one input of an OR gate 220. Input 25 is also coupled to a second input of OR gate 220. The output of an OR gate 220 is coupled to a reset input 225 of a timer 230. An output 232 of timer 230 is coupled to the input of an inverter 235 and one input of an AND gate 240. The output of AND gate 240 is coupled to a third input of an OR gate 220.

The output of inverter 235 is coupled to the reset input 245 of a counter 250 and the output of AND gate 215 is coupled to a clock input 251 of counter 250. Counter 250 in this embodiment is preferably a commercially available Johnson counter with code converter having four digital outputs shown in FIG. 2 and designated 0, 1, 2, and 3 respectively and numbered 252, 253, 254 and 255, respectively in FIG. 2. However, it will be evident to those skilled in the art that many other types of counter circuits may be substituted for the Johnson counter of this embodiment.

It is understood that counter 250 is reset upon power-up. That is, 1 0 0 0 appears at outputs 0, 1, 2, and 3 respectively upon initial power-up of controller 30. Also, it is understood that timer 230 is not timing upon power-up of the system. That is, when power is applied a logic zero appears at the output of timer 230. Although further circuitry which is not shown is required to establish such an initialization, addition of that circuitry is well known and will not add materially to the understanding of the present invention. It will be evident to one skilled in the art that the design addition of that circuitry is readily accomplished.

The output of inverter 235 is coupled to one input of an OR gate 256 and one input of an AND gate 210. A second input of an OR gate 256 is coupled to squelch input 65 and the input of an inverter 260. The output of inverter 260 drives a second input of AND gate 240. The output of OR gate 256 is the audio enable output



75 of decoder 30.

Output 255 of counter 250 is coupled to one input of an OR gate 265 and to the input of an inverter 270. The output of inverter 270 is coupled to a second input of AND gate 215. Output 254 of counter 250 is coupled to a second input of an OR gate 265. The output of OR gate 265 is coupled to a second input of AND gate 205. The output of AND gate 205 is the transmit enable output 105. Outputs 252 and 253 of counter 250 are not used in controller 30 but are shown here to complete the discription.

Encoder enable output 115 is selectively coupled by a two position jumper or switch 280 to either counter output 254 (if switch 280 is in position A) or transmit enable output 105 (if switch 280 is in position B). If switch 280 is in position A, the address encoder 100 of FIG. 1 will be operative only on the first actuation of switch 120 after the timer starts timing and subsequent transmissions will be unencoded. If switch 280 is in position B, the encoder will be enabled each time a transmission occurs during the timer interval (each time the transmitter is enabled).

FIG. 3 is a timing diagram of the circuit embodiment of FIG. 2. Although outputs 252 and 253 of counter 250 are not utilized in the circuit of FIG. 2, they are included in timing diagram FIG. 3 for the purpose of illustrating the operation of the particular type of Johnson counter used in this embodiment. Commercially available Johnson counters such as the MC14022 counter produced by Motorola Inc. as well as other counters are entirely suitable for this application. Similarly, numerous timing circuits, such as analog one-shot type timers and clocked digital counter based circuits, to be used for timer 230 will occur to those skilled in the art.

The timing diagrams of FIG. 3 includes FIGS. 3A through 3M wherein FIG. 3A represents the signal at switch input 135, FIG. 3B represents the signal present at the reset input 225 of timer 230 and FIG. 3C represents the signal present at the output 232 of timer 230. FIGS. 3D, 3E, 3F and 3G respectively represent the signals present at outputs 252, 253, 254, and 255 of counter 250, respectively. FIG. 3H represents the signal present at transmit enable output 105. FIG. 3I represents the signal present at encode enable output 115 in the case of switch 280 set in the A position. FIG. 3J represents the signal present at squelch input 65. FIG. 3K represents the signal present at audio enable output 75. FIG. 3L represents the signal present at encoder enable output 115 in the case of switch 280 set to the B position. FIG. 3M represents the signal present at decoder input 25.

At a time T1 OF FIG. 3 the user actuates switch 120 for a first time to initiate a call causing a logic high to appear at input 135. This causes a logic high to appear at the reset input 225 of timer 230 which in turn causes the output 232 of timer 230 to become active and go to a logic high. Counter 250 is clocked at this time causing output 253 to go high, output 252 to go low and outputs 254 and 255 to remain at a logic low. Assuming the squelch input is at a logic high, indicating no channel activity, the user will hear that he has a clear channel and will release switch 120 at time T2. This causes a low going logic transition at the reset input 225 of timer 230 which causes the timer to begin timing its predetermined time interval.

At time T3, the timer interval started at time T2 has not yet expired, and the user once again actuates switch 120 causing a low to high logic transition at input 135. This once again resets timer 230 holding its output high and causes counter 250 to be clocked to its next state wherein output 254 is at logic high and outputs 252, 253 and 255 are at logic lows. This state of the counter causes a logical low to high signal transition at transmitter enable output 105 and encoder enable output 115. This causes the transmitter to be active and the encoder to provide the transmitter with the address of the party being called. This occurs whether switch 280 is in either position A or B. Since the output of the timer is held high by the constant reset input caused by actuation of switch 120, the audio is always disabled when the transmitter is enabled. Normally the encoder will require only a very brief period of time (typically less than 0.5 seconds) to encode an address to be transmitted by the transmitter. During this time, the transmitter will normally mute the microphone 90 of FIG. 1 and transmit the code address.

After the code address has been transmitted, the microphone 90 will be unmuted and voice transmission may proceed. Alternately, if data transmission is desired it may take place after the addressing process is completed. At the end of the voice or data transmission, switch 120 is deactuated at a time corresponding to T4 of FIG. 3. The deactuation disables the transmitter and, if switch 280 is in position A, disables the encoder. The low transition at the reset input 225 of timer 230 once again causes the timer to begin its predetermined time interval.

At time T5 the party being called responds with a transmission of his own. This causes squelch input 65 of the formerly transmitting and now receiving unit to go to a logic low causing audio enable output 75 to go low turning on the receiver's audio allowing the user to hear the message being received. The received audio also turns on the reset input 225 of timer 230 thereby holding the output at a logic high.

At time T6 the received message ends causing the squelch input 65 to go back to a logic high which in turn causes the audio to be disabled by the high going transition at output 75. The change at input 65 causes timer 230 which had been reset by the logic high on input 65 to start its time interval once again.



At time T7, the user once again actuates switch 120 to respond to the message received between T5 and T6 causing input 135 to go high and resetting the timer. The counter is once again clocked to the next count causing its output 255 to go to a logic high while outputs 252, 253 and 254 are at a logic low. The transmitter is enabled by output 105 and, if switch 280 is in position B, the encoder 100 of FIG. 1 is once again enabled. If switch 280 is in position A an unencoded transmission will occur. If the encoder 100 is enabled, voice or data may be transmitted after the address is encoded and transmitted. If the encoder is not enabled voice or data information may be transmitted immediately.

At time T8 switch 120 is deactuated causing input 135 to once again return to a logic low. This causes a high to low transition at the timer reset input 255 which restarts the timing of the predetermined time interval. The signal at output 255 of counter 250 is fed back through inverter 270 and AND gate 215 to prevent further actuations occurring while the output 232 of timer 230 is active (logic high) from clocking counter 250. Therefore, there is no change in counter outputs 252, 253, 254 or 255 on any subsequent transmission unless timer 230 times out to the end of its time interval. This will cause the counter 250 to reset to its original state prior to time T1.

The time interval from T9 to T10 represents a received message similar to that occurring between time T5 and T6. Although counter 250 is at a different count, the controller 30 responds to this incoming message in a manner identical to its response between T5 and T6. Similarly, the decoder responds to subsequent transmissions such as that occurring between time T11 and T12 the same as transmissions occurring between time T7 and T8 as long as the timer output 232 is at a logic high.

At time T13 the output 232 of timer 230 becomes inactive and goes to a logic low indicating that the predetermined time interval of timer 230 has expired. This resets counter 250 to its initial state just prior to time T1. Actuations of switch 120 occurring subsequent to time T13 will cause controller 30 to respond as it did at time T1 restarting the entire cycle.

At time T14, the response of controller 30 to correctly encoded incoming messages is shown. That is, the conversation is initiated by another transceiver addressing the transceiver of the present user. At this time input 25 makes a low to high transition as a result of a correctly decoded address by decoder 20. This causes a logic low to logic high transition at the timer reset input 225 which in turn causes the timer output 232 to go high. The incoming signal at input 25 also causes counter 250 to be clocked causing its output 253 to go high and its output 252 to go low. Outputs 254 and 255 remain at a logic low. Since a decoder output implies that a signal is being received, squelch input 65 makes a logic high to a logic low transition and audio enable output 75 goes low turning on the receivers audio circuits.

At time T15 the incoming message ends causing the timer 230 to begin timing its predetermined interval and the audio to be disabled. It should be noted that after time T15 controller 30 is in exactly the same set of logic states that it was in after time T2. Therefore it is evident that a response by the user of actuating switch 120 will cause the same response as that which occurred at time T3. That is, a transmission with an encoded address will occur. It will be evident to those skilled in the art, that the minor modification of causing no address encoding when communication is initiated by receipt of a correctly encoded incoming message may be readily implemented by clocking counter 250 more than once as a result of a logic high at the output of AND gate 210.

Turning now to FIG. 4, it will be evident to one skilled in the art that a microprocessor or microcomputer is ideally suited to perform the functions of controller 30 in an equivalent embodiment shown in FIG. 4 as system 300. In this system a microcomputer 310 along with its associated "code plug" ROM 320 will preferably perform the functions not only of controller circuit 30 but also of other radio functions such as that of the address decoder 20 and address encoder 100 of the system of FIG. 1 but this is not intended to be limiting. In this system, microcomputer 310 accepts incoming information from receiver 10, squelch circuit 60, and switch 120 and delivers appropriate signals to receiver audio 40 and transmitter 325. It will be appreciated that transmitter 325 may alternately include an encoder such as encoder 100 and receiver 10 may alternately include a decoder such as decoder 20. Preferably, however, the microcomputer would handle these functions. Micro-computers such as the widely available Motorola MC146805G2 as well as others is suitable for performing these functions.

In this embodiment, ROM 320 serves as a "code plug" which is used to program the transceiver with various options and information necessary to the transceivers standard operation. Information such as tone duration, tone frequency, etc may be stored therein and programmed to meet various user or system requirements. The switch 280 of controller 30 is preferably replaced by one bit of digital information in ROM 320 for system 300.

FIG. 5 shows a flow chart of one method of programming micro-computer 310 to perform the functions of the present invention. This flow chart is designed to parallel the operation of hardware switch controller 30 and the reader should be aware that decision blocks do not uniformly show the result of a "yes" answer at the bottom of the diamond shaped blocks. It will occur to those skilled in the art that many other flow charts will result in firmware which will equally well perform the desired functions, therefore, the flow chart of FIG. 5 is not intended to be limiting as the only program sequence which would perform the function of the present invention.

Program step 400 of the flow chart of FIG. 5 encompasses the first steps of the program wherein a timer, counter and other circuitry will be initialized upon powering up the system. The program looks for a switch actuation at step 410 and if none is found proceeds to step 420 where the receiver squelch circuit is inspected to see if a radio frequency carrier is present. If carrier is present the timer is reset and a brief delay occurs at steps 5 430 and the program is returned to step 410. If the switch has been actuated step 440 checks to see if the timer is running. If not, step 450 enables the audio until step 460 detects a switch release. Until the switch release occurs periodic delays are encountered through steps 470 until the switch is released.

When the switch is released the timer is reset at step 480 and the program returns to step 410. If at step 440 it is determined that the timer is running, step 490 clocks the counter. If the counter's count equals 2 at 10 step 500, the encoder is activated along with the transmitter at step 510. The transmitter remains activated until steps 520 and 530 determine that the switch has been released. At that point. Step 540 stops transmission and step 550 resets the timer. The program is then returned to step 410.

If at step 500 the count is not equal to two, step 560 disables the clock to the counter. Step 570 determines whether or not the user desires to encode upon each transmission or not. If so the program returns to step 510 15 and if not the program simply turns on the transmitter at step 580 without enabling the encoder. The program then proceeds to step 520.

If at step 420 it is determined that carrier is not present, step 590 determines if a message has been is properly encoded and correctly decoded. If not step 600 checks to see if the timer's interval has expired. If not a delay is encountered at step 610 prior to returning the program to step 410. If the timer's interval has expired 20 at step 600, the audio is muted at step 620 and the timer is reset at step 630. The program then returns to step 410.

If at step 590 the signal was appropriately decoded, step 635 checks to see if the timer is running. If so, step 640 resets the timer and step 660 enables the receiver's audio. The program then returns to step 410. If at step 635 the timer is not running, step 665 clocks the counter, step 670 resets the timer, step 675 enables 25 the timer and step 680 enables the audio. The program then returns to step 410. If it is desirable not to transmit an address code on the first actuation of the switch 120 occurring after receipt of a correctly encoded message, step 665 should clock the counter twice, otherwise an address will be encoded on the first transmit.

Turning now to FIG. 6 a diagram of the actual hook up for the preferred firmware embodiment of the present invention is shown. This embodiment utilizes the Motorola MC146805G2P microcomputer in conjunction with 30 the MCM2802P programmable ROM. The details of using this particular widely available microprocessor/microcomputer family are well known and documented in the "M6805/M146805 Family Microcomputer/microprocessor User's Manual" published by Motorola, Inc., 3501 Ed Bluestein Blvd., Austin, Texas 78721. The contents of the above referenced manual is hereby incorporated by reference. Details of the microprocessor itself may be found in the commonly published "Motorola Microprocessor Data Manual" in the section entitled 35 "MC146805G2", the contents of which is also hereby incorporated by reference. In FIG. 6, the actual transceiver functions are represented in block diagram form and one skilled in the art will readily know how to accomplish the appropriate interfacing to those functions. Also, pin numbers for the plastic dual in-line package versions of the microcomputer and ROM are circled and shown adjacent the appropriate I.C. terminals.

When the hexadecimal program code shown in Table I is loaded into the microcomputer's internal memory, 40 and the code shown in Table II is loaded into the programmable ROM, the circuit will perform in a manner substantially the same as that of controller 30 with switch 280 in the A position and in addition will perform the decoding function for a 9-9-9-9-9 ZVEI code on data entering the PB6 input. If an encode is desired on each transmission (switch 280 in the B position), the tenth byte in line 3 of Table II should be changed from 2E to 3E. Also, the encoding function is performed and the output appears in the form of a 350 millisecond, 1200Hz 45 tone in digital form at outputs PD2 and PD3 when the microcomputer is clocked at 1MHz. This output is processed by a two bit D/A converter 690 and a low pass filter 695 prior to being transmitted by transmitter 325. The output of receiver 10 is processed by a low pass filter 700 and then limited by a limiter 710 prior to input into the PB6 terminal of the microcomputer.

Thus, it is apparent that in accordance with the present invention an apparatus that fully satisfies the 50 objects, aims, and advantages is set forth above. While the invention has been described in conjunction with specific embodiments, it is evident that many alternatives, modifications and variations will be apparent to those skilled in the art in light of the foregoing description.





TABLE I

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0010	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0020	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0030	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0040	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0050	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0060	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0070	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0080	24	04	16	01	20	02	17	01	18	01	19	01	81	A6	60	E7
0090	09	A6	21	E7	04	AE	10	A6	14	E7	3E	A6	0A	E7	3D	CD
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0370	81	0D	04	03	0C	00	15	0D	71	0B	1E	72	ED	DA	9C	CC
0380	05	62	A6	E6	E7	04	E6	76	E7	00	1D	68	81	16	68	E6
0390	6A	A4	1E	27	04	1D	07	20	02	1C	07	E6	6C	E7	6D	01
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06F0	41	E1	37	26	82	CC	05	80	E6	32	E8	29	E7	29	E6	31
0700	E9	28	E7	28	0D	01	18	2E	0E	0C	28	04	3C	2A	20	27
0710	3C	2E	20	23	0C	28	04	3C	2C	20	1C	3C	2D	20	18	2E
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07B0 E7 25 E6 0B E0 0A E7 3C E6 07 E0 09 E7 3E E8 3C
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07E0 0D 23 10 6A 03 26 14 A3 10 26 04 10 36 20 0C 16
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E4 91 2A 3C 92 0D 04 55 EF 49 26 37 E9 0D 04 55
80 80 09 09 09 0A 01 09 09 09 05 AA AA AA 00 00
A7 0D 4A 64 51 57 59 4A 62 3E 6B 34 75 2E 80 22
8D 1A 9A 13 E7 07 C3 03 05 01 01 04 04 04 54 52
54 52 0A 05 09 09 09 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 79

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Claims

1. A transceiver including a transmitter (80 or 325), a receiver (10), and a multiple function switch controller (30 or 310), comprising:

means (30 or 310) for detecting operation of a switch (120);

means (60) coupled to said receiver (10) for monitoring the activity of a selected communication channel;

a timer (230 or 310), responsive to said monitoring means (60) for establishing a time interval being independent of the operation of said switch (120);

means (30 or 310), responsive to actuation of said switch (120) during said time interval, for enabling said transmitter (80 or 325);

characterized by

means (40, 50), responsive to actuation of said switch (120) outside of said time interval, for disabling said transmitter and annunciating the status of said communication channel irrespective of said status.

2. A transceiver including a transmitter (80 or 325), a receiver (10), and a multiple function switch controller (30 or 310), comprising:

means (30 or 310) for detecting operation of a switch (120);



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0730	2C	20	04	3A	2D	20	00	5A	27	42	21	00	E6	1F	EE	16
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0760	1A	20	95	2B	08	0C	15	04	3A	17	20	8C	3A	18	20	88
0770	0C	15	04	3A	19	20	81	3A	1A	CC	06	F8	A6	AD	C7	00
0780	08	A6	02	E7	09	E6	1C	EE	16	E7	16	E6	1B	E9	15	E7
0790	15	E6	2F	EE	29	E7	29	E6	2E	E9	28	E7	28	05	36	05
07A0	AE	10	CD	07	AE	0B	36	05	AE	23	CD	07	AE	B1	E6	0C
07B0	E7	25	E6	08	E0	0A	E7	3C	E6	07	E0	09	E7	3B	EE	3C
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07E0	0D	23	10	6A	03	26	14	A3	10	26	04	10	36	20	0C	16
07F0	36	20	08	E6	03	E1	11	27	02	6C	03	E6	37	27	15	0A
0800	36	12	3A	12	26	0E	A1	01	26	0B	E6	20	E7	12	3A	45
0810	26	02	12	36	00	25	07	E6	3D	F7	E6	3C	E7	01	4F	E7
0820	07	E7	08	E7	09	E7	0A	B1	A6	1B	E7	3A	0E	3E	03	0C
0830	72	37	01	39	02	A6	4E	E7	3A	E6	1B	00	36	02	E6	2E
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0890	43	6F	70	79	72	69	67	68	74	20	31	39	3B	32	20	20
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TABLE II

9A	01	29	33	40	0D	04	5C	9A	01	29	33	40	0D	04	5C
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E4	91	2A	3C	92	0D	04	55	BF	49	26	37	E9	0D	04	55
80	80	09	09	0A	01	09	09	09	05	AA	AA	AA	00	00	
A7	0D	4A	64	51	57	59	4A	62	3E	6B	34	75	2E	80	22
8D	1A	9A	13	E7	07	C3	03	05	01	01	04	04	04	54	52
54	52	0A	05	09	09	09	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	79

Claims

1. A transceiver including a transmitter (80 or 325), a receiver (10), and a multiple function switch controller (30 or 310), comprising:
 - means (30 or 310) for detecting operation of a switch (120);
 - means (60) coupled to said receiver (10) for monitoring the activity of a selected communication channel;
 - a timer (230 or 310), responsive to said monitoring means (60) for establishing a time interval being independent of the operation of said switch (120);
 - means (30 or 310), responsive to actuation of said switch (120) during said time interval, for enabling said transmitter (80 or 325);
 characterized by
 - means (40, 50), responsive to actuation of said switch (120) outside of said time interval, for disabling said transmitter and annunciating the status of said communication channel irrespective of said status.
2. A transceiver including a transmitter (80 or 325), a receiver (10), and a multiple function switch controller (30 or 310), comprising:
 - means (30 or 310) for detecting operation of a switch (120);



means (60) coupled to said receiver (10) for monitoring the activity of a selected communication channel; a timer (230 or 310), responsive to said detecting means (30 or 310), for establishing a time interval being independent of the operation of said switch (120); characterized by

5 means (30 or 310), responsive to actuation of said switch (120) during said time interval, for enabling said transmitter (80 or 325); and

means (40, 50), responsive to actuation of said switch (120) outside of said time interval, for annunciating the status of said communication channel.

3. A transceiver in accordance with claim 1 or 2, wherein said annunciating means (40, 50) includes means (40) for selectively directing received audio frequency signals to a loudspeaker (50).

4. A transceiver in accordance with claim 2 further including:

means (30, or 310) for detecting a first actuation of said switch (120) occurring during said time interval; and

means (30 or 310) for enabling an encoder (100 or 310, 690, 695) during said first actuation.

5. A transceiver in accordance with claim 3, further including means (30 or 310) for inhibiting said encoder (100 or 310, 690, 695) during second and subsequent actuation of said switch occurring during said time interval.

6. A transceiver in accordance with claim 5, wherein said encoder includes a five tone sequential selective calling encoder.

Patentansprüche

1. Sender-Empfänger-Einrichtung mit einem Sender (80 oder 325) einem Empfänger (10) und einer eine
25 mehrfache Funktion ausübenden Schaltsteuerung (30 oder 310), mit:

einer Vorrichtung (30 oder 310) zur Wahrnehmung der Arbeitsweise eines Schalters (120);

einem an dem Empfänger (10) angeschlossenen Hilfsmittel (60) zur Überwachung der Tätigkeit eines
gewählten Nachrichten-Übertragungskanal;

30 einem Zeitgeber (230 oder 310), der auf das Überwachungshilfsmittel (60) anspricht, um ein Zeitintervall festzulegen, das von der Arbeitsweise des Schalters (120) unabhängig ist;

einer auf eine Betätigung des Schalters (120) während des Zeitintervalles ansprechende Vorrichtung (30 oder 310) zum Einschalten des Senders (80 oder 325);

gekennzeichnet durch

35 eine auf eine Betätigung des Schalters (120) außerhalb des Zeitintervalles ansprechende Vorrichtung (40, 50) zum Abschalten des Senders und zur Anzeige des Zustandes des Nachrichten-Übertragungskanal ungeachtet von dessen Zustand.

2. Sender-Empfänger-Einrichtung mit einem Sender (80 oder 325), einem Empfänger (10) und einer eine mehrfache Funktion ausübenden Schaltsteuerung (30 oder 310), mit:

einer Vorrichtung (30 oder 310) zur Wahrnehmung der Arbeitsweise eines Schalters (120);

40 einem an dem Empfänger (10) angeschlossenen Hilfsmittel (60) zur Überwachung der Tätigkeit eines gewählten Nachrichten-Übertragungskanal;

einem Zeitgeber (230 oder 310), der auf die der Wahrnehmung dienende Vorrichtung (30 oder 310) anspricht, um ein Zeitintervall festzulegen, das von der Arbeitsweise des Schalters (120) unabhängig ist;

gekennzeichnet durch

45 eine auf eine Betätigung des Schalters (120) während des Zeitintervalles ansprechende Vorrichtung (30 oder 310) zum Einschalten des Senders (80 oder 325); und

eine auf eine Betätigung des Schalters (120) außerhalb des Zeitintervalles ansprechende Vorrichtung (40, 50) zur Anzeige des Zustandes des Nachrichten-Übertragungskanal.

3. Sender-Empfänger-Einrichtung gemäß Anspruch 1 oder 2, bei der die Anzeigevorrichtung (40, 50) Hilfsmittel (40) zur wahlweisen Lenkung von Hörfrequenzsignalen zu einem Lautsprecher (50) enthält.

4. Sender-Empfänger-Einrichtung gemäß Anspruch 2, die außerdem eine Vorrichtung (30 oder 310) zur Wahrnehmung einer ersten Betätigung des Schalters (120), die während des Zeitintervalls erfolgt, und eine Vorrichtung (30 oder 310) zum Einschalten eines Kodierers (100 oder 310, 690, 695) während der ersten Betätigung enthält.

55 5. Sender-Empfänger-Einrichtung gemäß Anspruch 3, die außerdem eine Vorrichtung (30 oder 310) zum Sperren des Kodierers (100 oder 310, 690, 695) während einer zweiten und nachfolgenden Betätigung des Schalters, die während des Zeitintervalls erfolgt bzw. erfolgen, enthält.

6. Sender-Empfänger-Einrichtung gemäß Anspruch 5, bei der der Kodierer einen durch fünf aufeinander-





folgende Töne wahlweise rufenden Kodierer enthält.

Revendications

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1. Emetteur-récepteur comportant un émetteur (80 ou 325), un récepteur (10) et un moniteur de commutateur à fonctions multiples (30 ou 310), comportant :

un dispositif (30 ou 310) destiné à détecter la manoeuvre d'un commutateur (120)

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un dispositif (60) couplé avec ledit récepteur (10) pour contrôler l'activité d'un canal de communications sélectionné;

un temporisateur (230 ou 310) réagissant audit dispositif de contrôle (60) en établissant un intervalle de temps indépendant du fonctionnement dudit commutateur (120);

un dispositif (30 ou 310) réagissant à la manoeuvre dudit commutateur (120) pendant ledit intervalle de temps en autorisant ou validant ledit émetteur (80 ou 325);

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caractérisé par :

un dispositif (40, 50) réagissant à la manoeuvre dudit commutateur (120) en dehors dudit intervalle de temps en invalidant ledit émetteur et en annonçant l'état dudit canal de communication quel que soit ledit état.

2. Emetteur-récepteur comportant un émetteur (80 ou 325), un récepteur (10) et un moniteur de commutateur à fonctions multiples (30 ou 310), comportant :

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un dispositif (30 ou 310) destiné à détecter la manoeuvre d'un commutateur (120)

un dispositif (60) couplé avec ledit récepteur (10) pour contrôler l'activité d'un canal de communications sélectionné;

un temporisateur (230 ou 310) réagissant audit dispositif de détection (30 ou 310) en établissant un intervalle de temps indépendant du fonctionnement dudit commutateur (120);

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caractérisé par :

un dispositif (30 ou 310) réagissant à la manoeuvre dudit commutateur (120) pendant ledit intervalle de temps en autorisant ou validant ledit émetteur (80 ou 325); et

un dispositif (40, 50) réagissant à la manoeuvre dudit commutateur (120) en dehors dudit intervalle de temps en annonçant l'état dudit canal de communication.

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3. Emetteur-récepteur selon la revendication 1 ou 2, dans lequel ledit dispositif annonceur (40, 50) comporte un dispositif (40) destiné à diriger sélectivement des signaux de fréquence audible vers un haut-parleur (50).

4. Emetteur-récepteur selon la revendication 2, comportant en outre :

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un dispositif (30 ou 310) destiné à détecter une première manoeuvre dudit commutateur (120) se produisant pendant ledit intervalle de temps; et

un dispositif (30 ou 310) destiné à autoriser, ou valider, un codeur (100 ou 310, 690, 695) pendant ladite première manoeuvre.

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5. Emetteur-récepteur selon la revendication 3, comportant en outre un dispositif (30 ou 310) destiné à inhiber, ou invalider, ledit codeur (100 ou 310, 690, 695) pendant une seconde et suivante manoeuvre dudit commutateur se produisant pendant ledit intervalle de temps.

6. Emetteur-récepteur selon la revendications 5, dans lequel ledit codeur comporte un codeur d'appel sélectif à cinq tonalités séquentielles.

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