

Appendix Cm—Sample Printout of a TDD Communication (October 1981)

LATHAM ON.i. GA

HI, ITS JINNY STERN. Do YOU HAVE TIME NOW IF I ASK SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT
TTY HISTORYXX HISTORY Q GA

YES, FIRE AWAY. BUT DO YOU HAVE OLD COPIES OF THE TDI DIRECTORY
THERE USED To BE THUMBNAIL HISTORIES BUT THESE WERE DROPPED ABOUT TWO
YEARS AGO. GA

YSXX YES, LUCKILY I FOUND A 1977 DIRECTORY WHICH HAS A GOOD DEATXX
DETAILED HISTORY AND I HAVE JUST STUDIED IT. I REALLY WANTED TO ASK
QUESTIONS ABOUT PERSONALITIES NOW THAT I HAVE THE ACCURATE DATES.

FOR INSTANCE, DID YOU MEET BOB WEITBRECHT AT THE UTAH ODS XX ODAS
MEETING IN 1964 OR HAD YOU KNOWN EACH OTHER BEFORE Q HOW DID THE
NETWORK GET STARTED IN TERMS OF FINDING ONE ANOTHER Q

GA

JIM MARSTERS WAS WITH HIS FAMILY AT A RESORT IN CALIFORNIA WHEN SOMEONE
HEARD A CHARACTERISTIC DEAF VOICE. THIS MUST HAVE BEEN ABOUT 1962 .
SO JIM INTRODUCE HIMSELF TO BOB AND THEY GOT TOGETHER

BOB WAS A
RADIO AMATEUR-- HE HAD HAD ENOUGH HEARING EARLIER TO PASS THE FCC
LICENSE FOR TRANSMITTING. JIM WS FASCINATED. BUT DEAF PEOPLE CANNOT
ORDINARILY PASS THE FCC LICENSE TO JIM CONCEIVED THE IDE XX IDEA
OF USING THE REGULAR TELEPHONE. THE STANDARD TTY NETWORK AT THAT TIME
WAS BUSINESS ORIENTED AND DIRECT WIRE AND PROHIBITIVELY EXPENSIVE
INSOFAR AS DEAF PEOPLE WOULD BE CONCERNED

SO OUT OF THAT MEETING CAME
THE CONCEPT OF COUPLERS FOR DEAF PEOPLE ALTHOUGH COUPLERS OR MODEMS
WERE AT THAT TIME KNOWN.
(unfortunate)' BCB CHOSE TRANSMITTING AND RECEIVING FREQEUNCIES THAT
WOULD LOCK US INTO A UNIQUE NETWORK.
THE FIRST PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION WAS AT THE A G BELL cONVENTION IN UTAH
IN 1964. GA

OK FINE. WASN'T THAT THE YEAR ODAS WAS FOUNDED ALSO Q GA

YES IT WAS A BUSY AND MOMENTOUS CONVENTION GA

WAIT A MINUTE.. . SORRY FOR THE INTERRUPTION. DO YOU FEEL THAT YOU
ORGANIZED INTO A CONSUMER GROUP HELPED THE DEVELOPMENT AT THAT POINT
IN TIME Q GA

ACTUALLY THE GROWTH OF ODAS AND OF TTYS FOR THE DEAF MORE OR LESS PARALLED
EACH OTHER. FOR THE NEXT YEARS 1964-68 THE TTY SYSTEM WAS BEING
DEBUGGED AND ANYWAY TTY MACHINES WERE NOT READILY AVAILABLE SINCE AT & T
WAS LOCKED INTO THE CARTERPHONE CASE LAWSUIT SO COULD NOT HELP. ODAS
MORE OR LESS GREW INDEPENDENTLY OF THE TTY EFFORT. IT WAS INTERESTING
THAT THE FOUNDERS OF THE TTY MOVEMENT WERE ALSO ALL ODAS MEMBERS--
CHARTER MEMBERS. GA

WHAT WAS THAT SUIT Q I MISSED THAT. GA

AT&T WAS INVOLVED IN A LAWSUIT CALLED THE CAREXX CARTERPHONE CASE
RELATIVE TO INFORMATION BEING PICKED UP OFF A RADIO AND TRANSMITTED
OVER THE TELEPHONE LINES AND VICE VRSA. AT&5 XX AT&T LOST THE
SUIT SO IN 1967 SURPLUS TTY BECAME AVAILABLE.