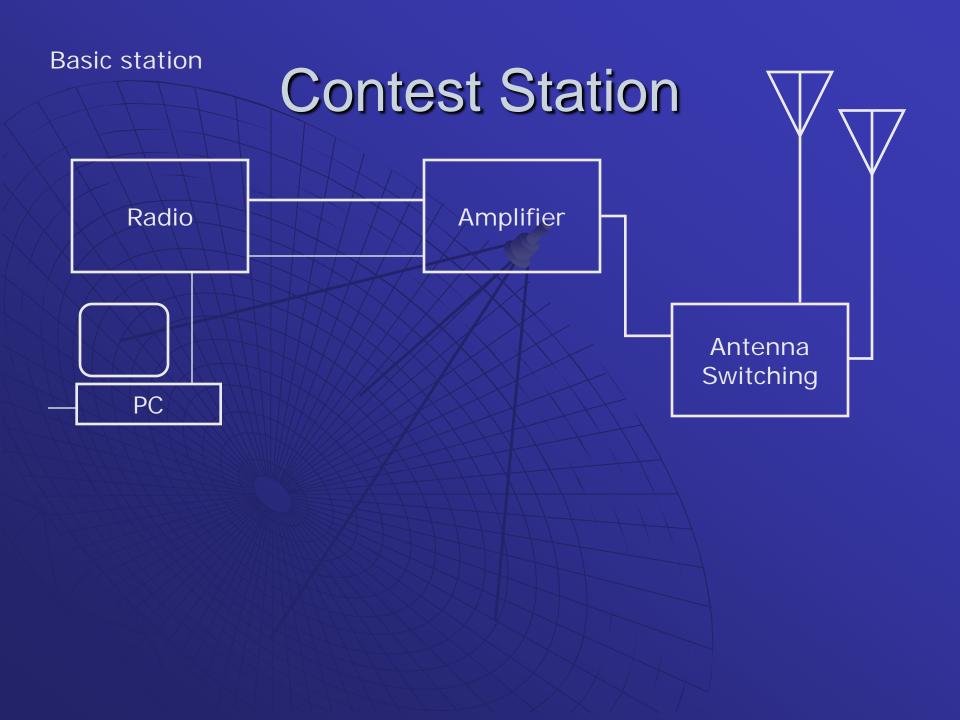
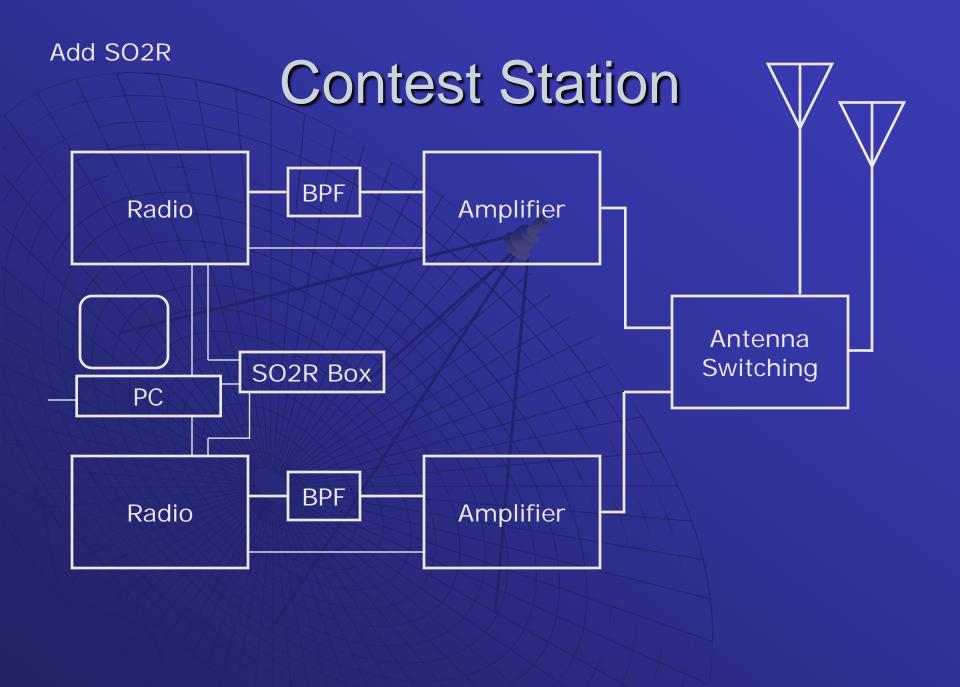
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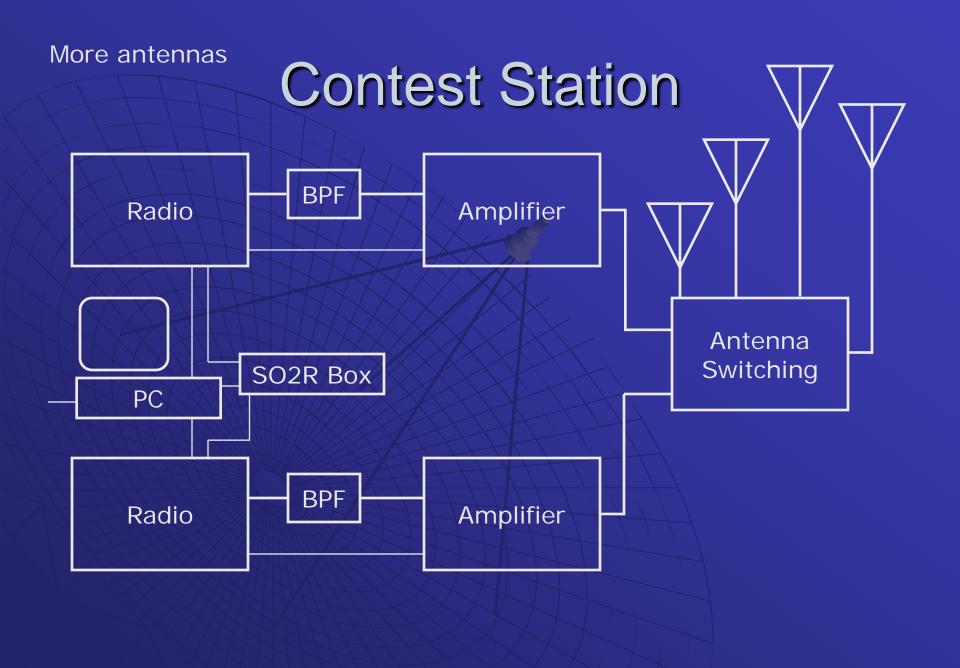
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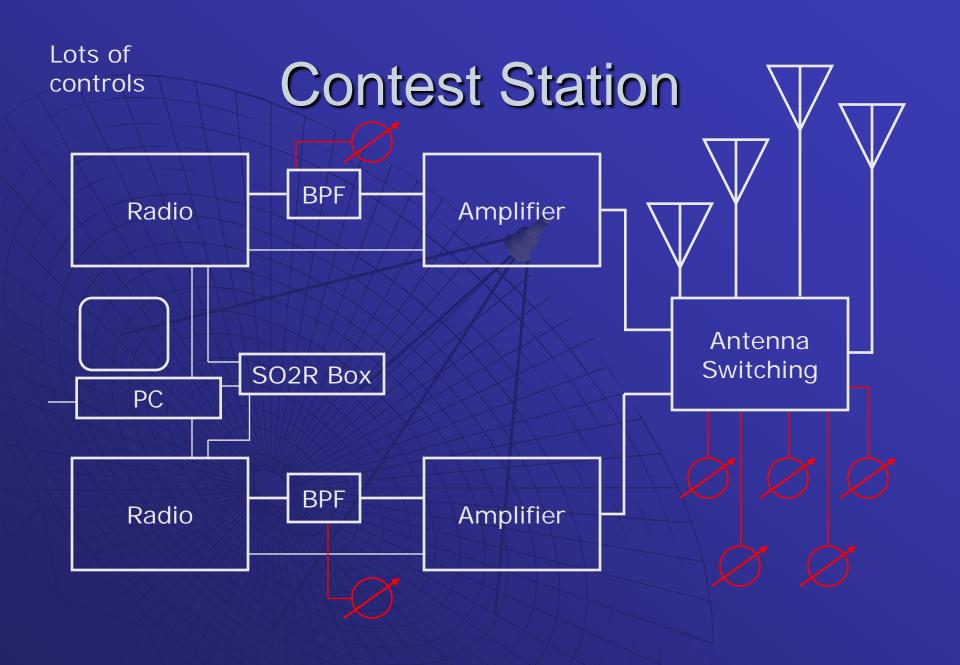
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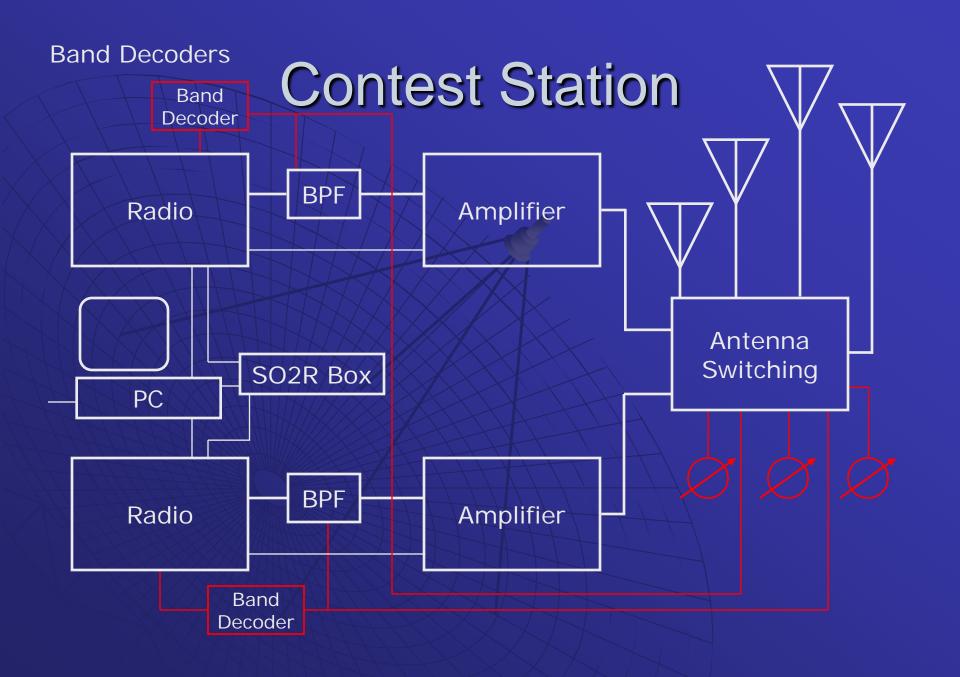
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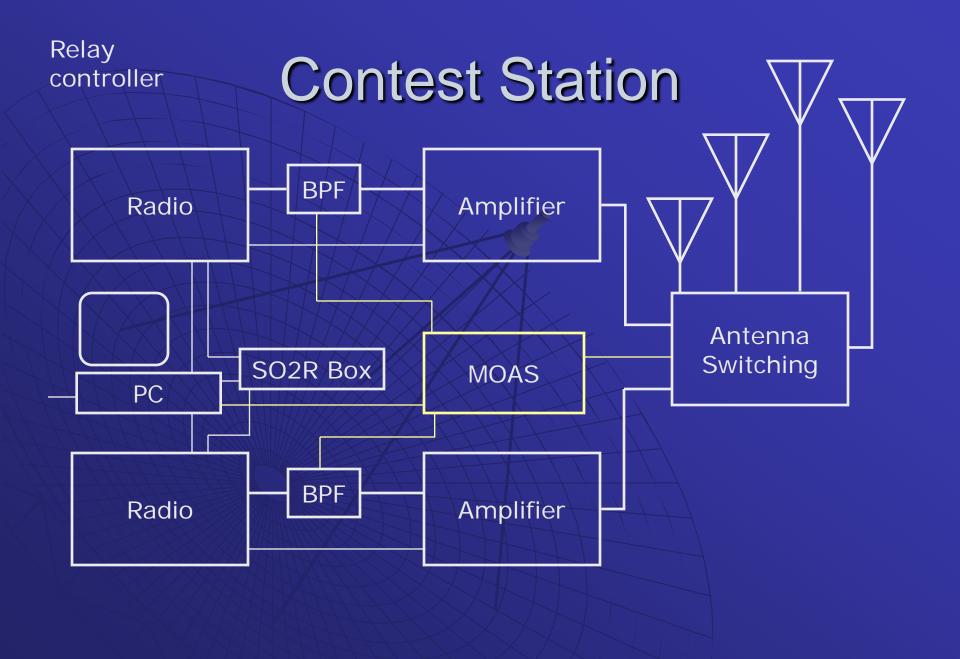


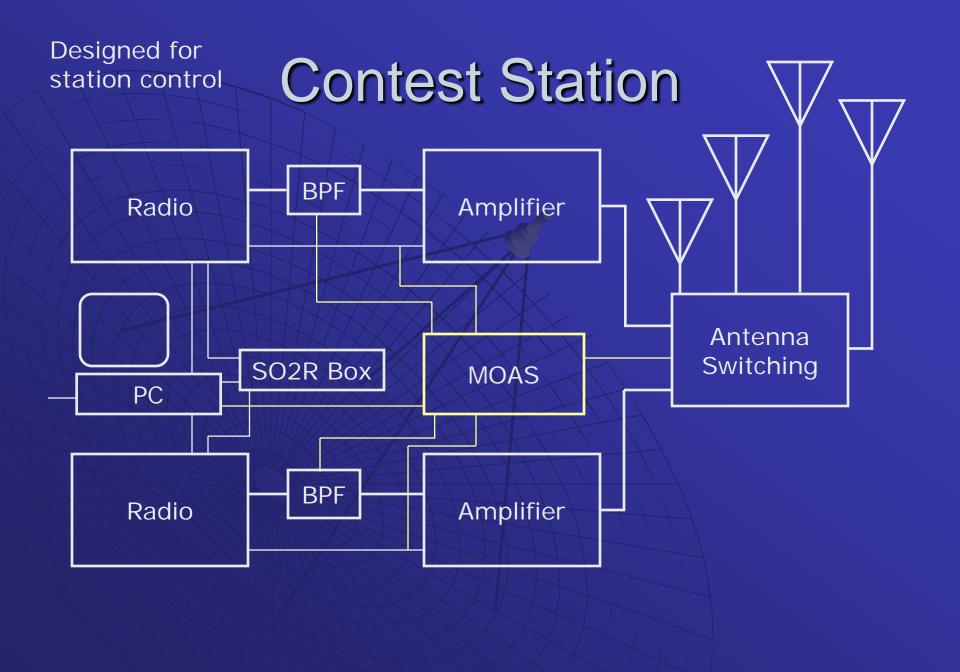


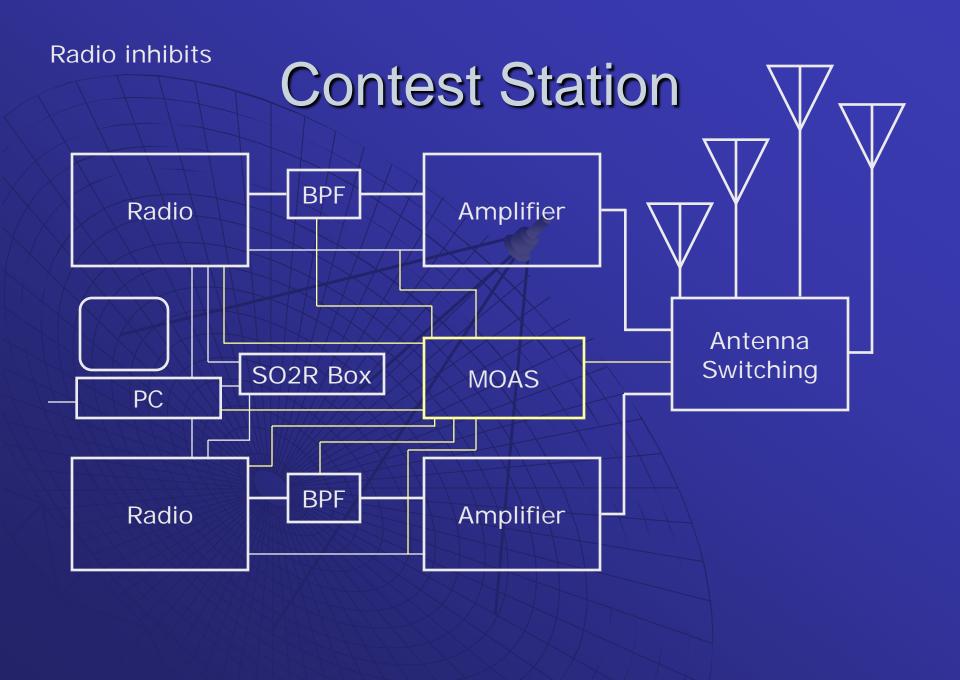








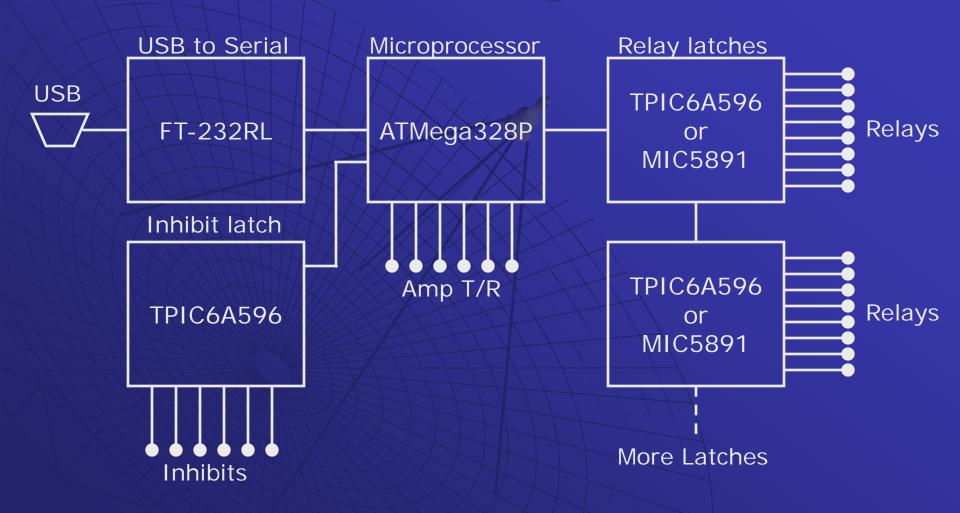




#### Status

- Hardware design completed
- Case design starting
- Documentation in progress
- ◆ Firmware completed and tested
- Prototype testing completed
- ◆ External relay board on hold
- Software development needed

## Block Diagram



## Prototype 1

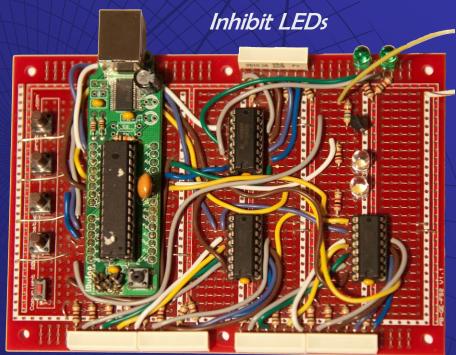
- LEDs on relay and inhibit outputs
- Pushbuttons for T/R inputs

USB powered

T/R buttons

Microprocessor

Firmware Reload



Activity LEDs

Square wave input

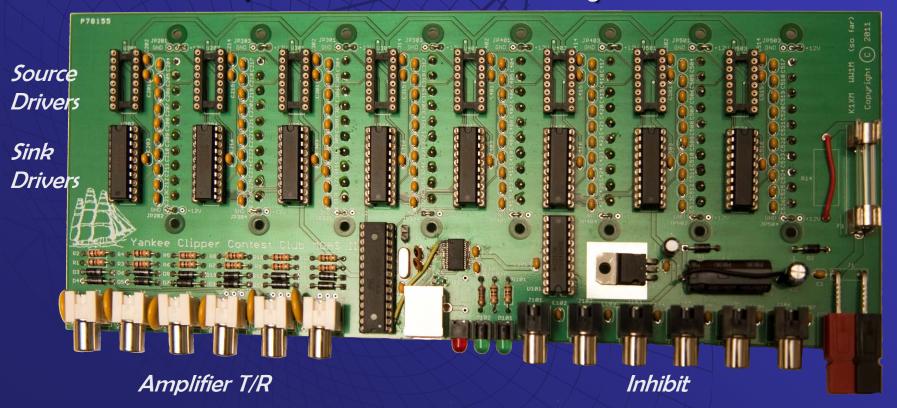
Test and timing LEDs

Relay drivers

Relay LEDs

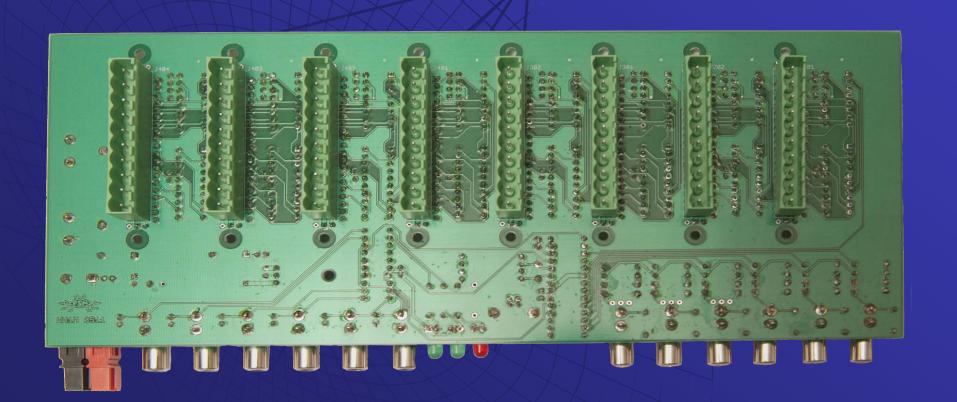
### Prototype 2

- ◆ Full PC board implementation
  - Bruce, WW1M did the layout



## Prototype 2

◆ Full PC board implementation



### Box Design

- ◆ Jose, N4BAA has volunteered
  - He designed the SO2R Box

#### Documentation

- I'm working on a programmer's document
- Assembly manual not started yet

# Testing

- ◆ Performance
- ◆ Stress
- ◆ Hardware Function

## Performance - Latency

- Latency T/R change to relays change
- ◆ Requirement less than 1 ms
- ◆ Goal less than 500 µs

### Performance - Latency

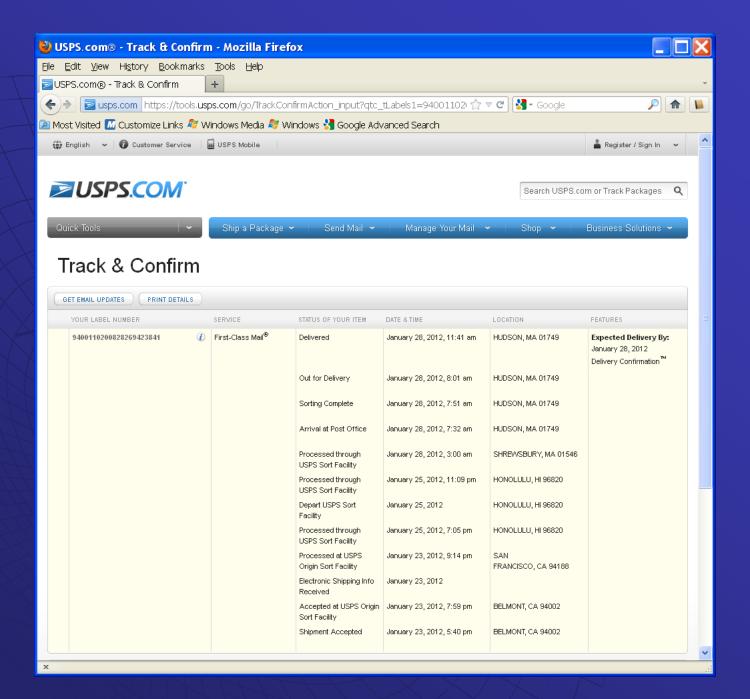
- ◆ Measured with oscilloscope 80 µs
- Code examination showed worst case
  10 extra µs
- ◆ Interrupts off
  - Timer interrupt 11 µs
  - Resolver 57 µs worst case
  - Others less than 5 µs
- ♦ Worst case latency < 180 µs</p>

### Performance - Resolver

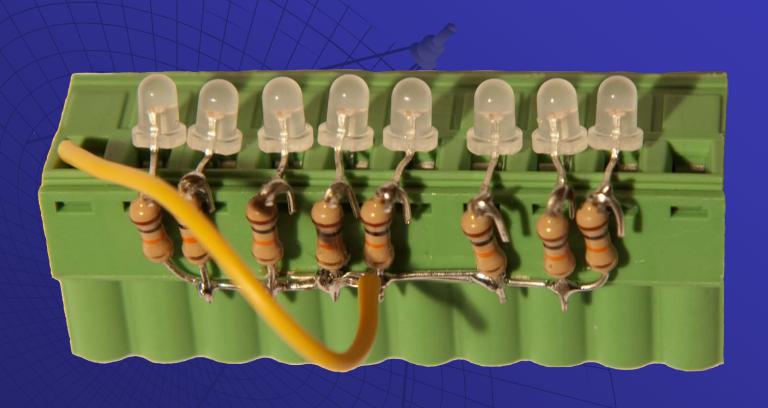
- ◆ Conflict resolver algorithm 2<sup>n</sup>
- Interrupts are on commands and T/R changes cause restart
- ◆ Goal ¼ second worst case
- Measured 40 ms with eleven conflicts.
- Ten conflicts caused barely perceptible delay

#### Stress

- Connected square wave generator to T/R pin
  - My square wave generator is lousy not quite 50% duty cycle
- ◆ Stable to over 5000 Hz
- ◆ Tested with continuous antenna commands and 1000 Hz



### Hardware Function

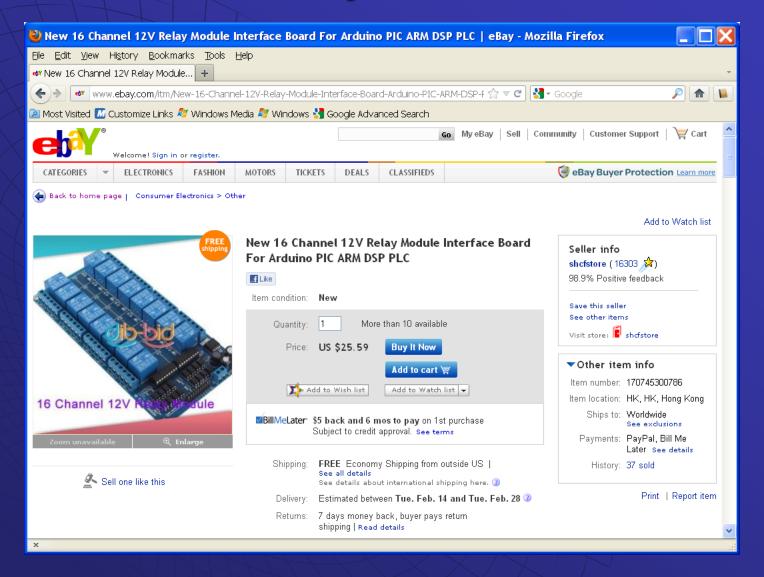


### Hardware Function

1-8	9 – 16	17 – 24	25 – 32	33 – 40	41 – 48	49 – 56	57 – 64
Source							
Source	Source	Source	Source				
Source	Source	Source	Source	Source	Source	Source	Source
Source	Source	Source	Source	Source	Source	Source	Sink
Sink	Source	Source	Source	Source	Source	Source	Sink
Sink	Sink	Source	Source	Source	Source	Source	Source
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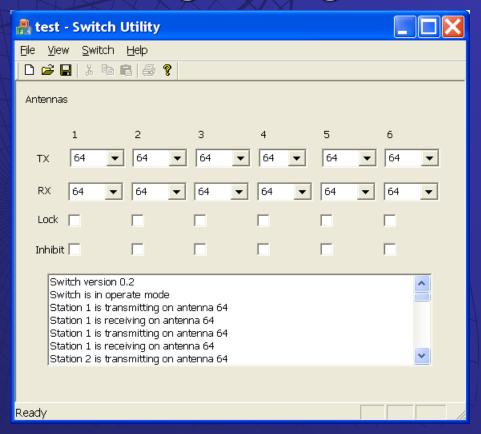
All tested cases worked correctly T/R and inhibits also tested

## Relay Board



### Software

- ◆ Test program written
- Not good enough for general use



#### Software

- Dick, WC1M is integrating it into his station control software
- I'm looking for people to work on a simple application
  - I'm not a GUI developer

#### Software

- ◆ I'd like to work on a client-server version
  - Non-PC clients too
  - Touch-screen devices
- ◆ It would be seriously cool to control the antenna system from an iPad...

### **Estimated Cost**

- ◆ Sixteen output kit
  - Board and box
  - All parts
  - You supply solder and a USB cable
  - You select source or sink outputs
  - \$150
- Additional eight outputs
  - \$15

## **Estimated Delivery**

◆ Summer 2012

#### The End

- ◆ I'm Outta Here
- See you on the bands
  - Work Me
  - Spot Me
- And thanks for your support