Pete's Riedel Tips

The show was a multiple remote site event. The main site was sending the program to each site over a common one way fiber. Each site was also able to send their video back to be combined in the total program over a dedicated fiber from each site.

We were tasked to setup a comm channel for coordination of all sites. Each site did not have a 4-wire connection, just the common mix from the main site and their dedicated return back. The idea is that all sites heard the output from a PL channel and then had their talk separately injected into the common PL channel. Every site was to be able to hear each other.

Turning on and off 4-wire inputs to party lines



Each of the remote sites would be using an RTS system which was not a matrix system, just simple 2-wire. There were 8 sites and I did not want to use that many hybrids on the same PL channel since they would be very squirrelly and the channel would have ringing due to the often poor nulling or incomplete nulling of the hybrids.

We used No-Hybrid 4-wire interfaces as detailed in a separate paper on this website.

The fiber systems tended to occasionally make terrible noise when repatching was done at the remote sites. I wanted to be able to quickly disconnect a port from the party line if the noise happened. I devised this method to easily connect and disconnect each site while monitoring each feed just on my panel.

The challenge is finding a way to use the route audio function to connect/disconnect to a party line. The trick is to use a Riedel Artist AlO port as a conversion port. Connect the output to the input, send the input to the party line and then use route audio from the desired 4-w port to the conversion port output.













