

Loading One or More Pictures into an MMSSTV Template

In my tutorial, Adding an Image or Picture into the MMSSTV Template, we discussed one technique for inserting a picture from your 'S.pix' collection. This tutorial explores another technique and discusses how you might quickly insert pictures as insets into your template 'on the fly' during an SSTV QSO. These pictures may come from your saved picture file and/or the received picture history file.

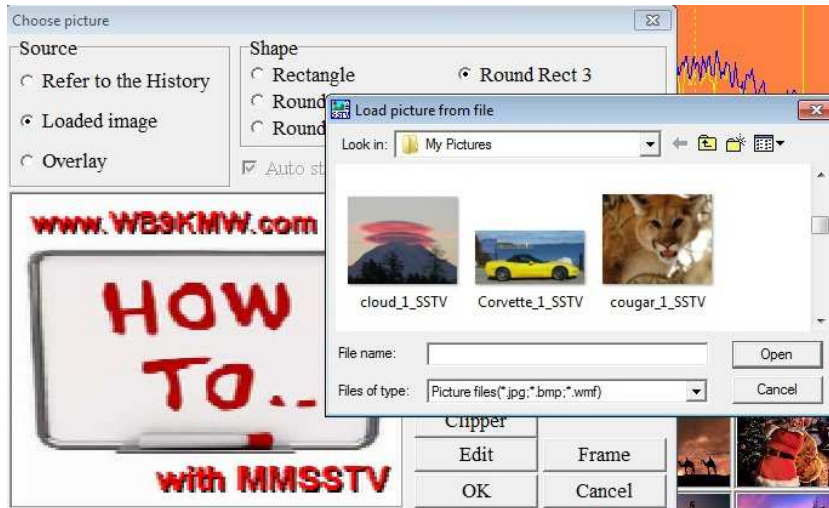
First, I am going to insert some text into my template, ie, my call sign (WB9KMW), the other station's Call marco (%c) and the Note macro (%o). I have in mind inserting two pictures in the upper portion of this template.



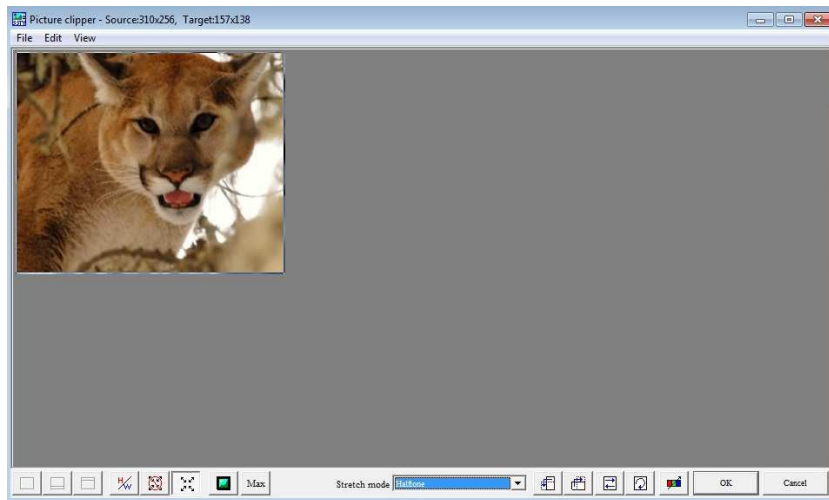
Next I am going to click on the 'Draw picture' tool which is found to the immediate right of the T (Draw text) tool. Then place your cursor in the template area and draw a rectangle, as you see I have done in the upper left hand corner. Once I release my cursor, the 'Choose picture' dialog box pops up. I select 'Loaded image' and that brings up the most recent picture in my History file. This picture just happens to be my last transmission, a 'How To...with MMSSTV' template. Notice that I also selected a shape style, Round Rect 3, for my insert.



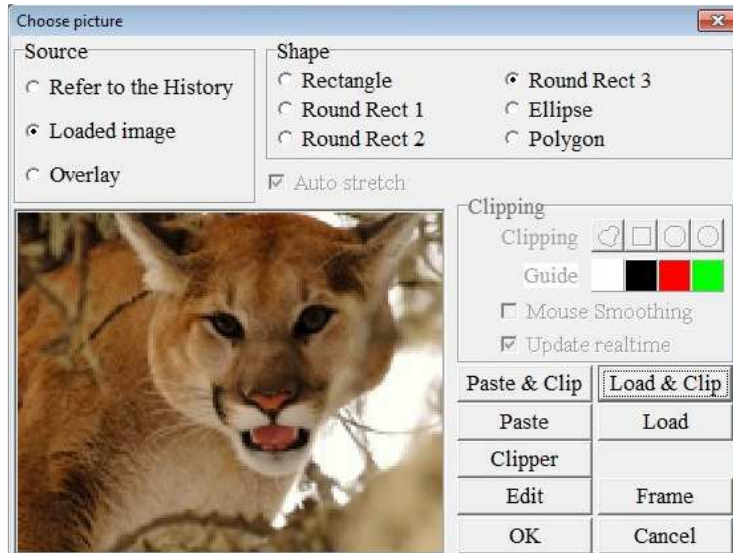
Click on the Load & Clip button, and you can then browse your computer for your picture source. For this occasion, it is the My Pictures sub-directory where I store all my SSTV pictures. It could have just as easily been the MMSSTV History file, or any other file on my computer that contained a JPG image. I am going to select the cougar image.



When I do, up comes MMSSTV's picture clipper. Just press OK.



Now the 'Choose picture' window appears again, this time with the cougar inserted as the selected, loaded image. At this point I could make some other basic adjustments, but I am satisfied, so just click OK.



This inserts my image cropped into a rectangle on my template. I want one more picture, this time as an ellipse (simply to illustrate the variety of shapes), so just repeat the above steps and my template is final and ready to be stored for future, repeated use.



Now when I am in the middle of a QSO, I can select this template and double-click on one of these pictures to bring up the 'Choose picture' dialog box. From there I simply go through the Load & Clip process to insert an alternate picture for display/transmission from either my pictures or history file.

In my tutorial, Create Cool Text for your MMSSTV Presentation, I created a Happy New Year image. I'd like to feature that in one of my templates. I can use the same process as discussed above. I have selected the ellipse shape, and drawn a tighter ellipse to nicely frame my New Year's greeting. And here is my completed work with an optional picture loaded into the background.

