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The Dial program is sort of crude, and there is no support for saving the file. (Of course, the "design" of the dial isn't all that involved, either).

You can always save an image of the dial by displaying it, and then pressing PrtSc, and opening Windows Paint and pressing Ctrl+V. This is fairly clumsy and you are limited to the screen resolution.

An approach I use from time to time is to install a PostScript printer driver (any old one will do, I happen to like the HP 4550 PS because it can support large paper), and print to a file. Once you have a PostScript file of the dial, you can produce .bmp, .jpg, .png, .tif, or .pdf of any resolution with GhostScript. Of course, if you had GhostScript installed you would probably use the command line version anyway, since your original source is now saved. GhostScript is free, but it is a pain to get working.

The command line versions of Dial and Panel produce PostScript without the help of the Windows PostScript driver. This makes for very simple, clean, PostScript which is fairly easy to edit. But again, not useful without some sort of PostScript rendering capability, either GhostScript or an actual PostScript printer.

Some of the high end graphics programs can use the PostScript file, too. I think there are drivers out there which can "print" to eps, which is a little more widely useable than raw PostScript, but I haven't investigated these. There are also drivers to print directly to pdf, which might be a little more useful if your intent isn't to edit the image.

Hope this helps a little
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----- Original Message -----

From: "Terry Fletcher" <wa0itp@rew2000.com>
To: "John J. McDonough" <wb8rcr@arrl.net>
Sent: Sunday, January 23, 2005 6:51 PM
Subject: DIAL MAKER

>> Hi John

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>> I just downloadsd your Dial Maker. Great program, it does exactly

>> what I need for a label I'm making for a pal..

>> But I cant save out of it I can oly print, the save and some other

>> functions are not available (grayed out) in the version I just got, Ver

3.

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>> Is it possible to save a dial as a jpeg or bitmap? I'm not expecting

>> any software support, just a little info. I know its been a while since

>> you developed it. And I can always scan a print..

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>> Thanx for any info

>> .72 Terry, WA0ITP

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