



# HF Happenings 1131

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Orange River Octagonal Blockhouse at Tierpoort (one of two surviving examples)

## Congratulations Adele!

On Saturday 18 January, Adele, VK4APT/ZS5APT activated VK4/SE-024 and qualified for her second Mountain Goat status (2 000 points). Congratulations, Adele!

## The January Power Hour Tech Talk

What are you doing at 19:00 CAT on Wednesday 29 January? Not sure yet, well here is an opportunity not to be missed, the first Power Hour Tech Talk of 2025. Our live via Zoom special guest will be Phillip, ZS6FY. Phillip was the initiator of the Wacky 1-Watt challenge, is also the reigning winner of the 2024 QRP contest series and a very experienced QRP Radio Operator.

Phillip will be joining us to share his journey in the world of QRP radio, from basic principles to contest-winning tips. This talk will introduce you to his way of playing QRP radio with valuable insights for beginners and more experienced operators alike.

Diarise 19:00 CAT on Wednesday 29 January now and please join us for what is bound to be a very interesting talk on operating QRP radio and antennas. See the SARL upcoming events diary for further details.

## SARL and ICASA Meet

On Monday 13 January 2025, Senior Executives and Managers of ICASA met with a delegation of the SARL lead by Hans van de Groenendaal ZS6AKV, supported by President Nico van Rensburg, ZS6QL; Vice-president Guy Eales, ZS6GUY and the Deputy National Director SARL Hamnet Brian Jacobs, ZS6YZ. Although it was expected to be an in-person meeting, the meeting was held on



- January**
- 24 - closing date for SARL QRP logs
- 25 - SARL Saturday 40 m Club Contest
- 29 - the Sandton Power Hour Tech Talk
- 31 - the closing date for AGM Motions and Award Nominations and for summaries of Papers for the SCTs. The May RAE registration opens
- February**
- 1 - the ZS4SRK Club meeting and the ZS6PTA Flea Market
- 2 - World Wetlands Day and the Antique Wireless Association CW Activity Day
- 9 - Hamsat-SA ZS QO-100 QSO Party
- 11 - International Day of Women and Girls in Science
- 13 - World Radio Day
- 14 - Valentine's Day
- 19 - SARL Wednesday 80 m Club Contest
- 21 - International Mother Language Day and Armed Forces Day
- 22 - SS Mendi Day
- 26 - the Sandton Power Hour Tech Talk
- 27 - International Milk Tart Day
- March**
- 1 - the SARL YL QSO party, the West Rand Boot Sale and ZS4SRK Club meeting
- 1 and 2 - the ARRL Int. DX Phone Contest
- 2 - the SARL HAMNET 40 m Simulated Emergency Contest

the Teams platform as some of the participants were still on leave but could join the meeting from home.

There were eleven issues on the four-page agenda. The recently appointed senior manager Riaan van der Colff, heading up the Spectrum Licensing Department at ICASA, will head-up a workgroup with the relevant ICASA officials and SARL representatives to develop a new Memorandum of Understanding to replace the current outdated MOU. He told the meeting that he had been studying the current MOU and was updating it. He welcomed the new draft that the SARL Science and Technology workgroup had developed. The ICASA/SARL workgroup will meet before the end of February at a date still to be finalised. Other items to be discussed will be the taking over of the Amateur Radio license administration, updating the CEPT agreement conditions and special licences for contesters.

Another important item on the agenda was type approval. Senior Manager Type Approval and Numbering, Siyanda Nkamisa apologized for the long delay in finalising the regulations. He said that it is a complex issue with several other government entities involved. They are currently finalising the last few sticking points with the South African National Accreditation System (SANAS). Mr Nkamisa expects the process to be completed in the next few months.

### **Mega Flea Market in May**

The Pretoria ARC extends an invitation to all Radio Clubs in South Africa to participate in the Mega Flea Market on Saturday 17 May at the Royal Elephant Hotel and Conference Centre in Eldoraigne, Centurion. Contact Almero du Pisani, ZS6LDP on e-mail [almerodps@gmail.com](mailto:almerodps@gmail.com) to arrange for your Club's participation.



### **DX from Africa**

(These count towards your All Africa Award)

South Sudan, Z8. Ken, K4ZW expects to be active as Z81Z from Juba, South Sudan between 20 and 24 January. He will operate CW and some SSB on various bands; once in Juba he will see if activity on the low bands is possible. QSL via LoTW, Club Log's OQRS, or via K4ZW.



Egypt, SU. Vladimir, UA4WHX, is once again active as SU9VB from Egypt. The length of his stay is unknown. Activity has been on 20/12/10 m CW. QSL via his instructions on QRZ.com (direct or PayPal). NO LoTW.

The Gambia, C5. Przemo, SP3PS is again active as C5SP from the Gambia until mid-March. He operates SSB and digital on 80, 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10 metres. QSL via home call.

Africa Trip. Antonio, IK7WUL is going on a humanitarian mission trip to Africa; in his spare time, he might be active - most likely on 10 metres SSB - as follows (dates are tentative): 26 to 31 January Burkina Faso call sign TBA; 1 to 6 February Ghana 9G5IK; 6 to 14 February Togo 5V0DX and 14 to 23 February Benin TY2AA.

Nigeria, 5N. 5N9DTG is expected to be active from Abuja, Nigeria starting "around 25 January for two weeks". This will be a 2-man activity from 160 to 6 metres, with the highest priority given to digital modes. See <https://www.qrz.com/db/5N9DTG> for their planned transmit frequencies. QSL via Club Log's OQRS. "Right after that we are heading to ZS land to meet our Southern Ocean vessel to make a lot of preparation for the most important one..." (according to their previous announcements, it should be Bouvet). <https://www.facebook.com/rebeldxgroup>

Mali, TZ. Ulmar, DK1CE will be active again as TZ1CE from Bamako, Mali between 28 January and 20 February. Usually, he operates mainly SSB and digital on 160 to 6 metres. QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log and LoTW and will be confirmed automatically via the bureau.

The Gambia and Senegal, C5 and 6W. Marcin, LB00G; Jarek, SP1C; Maciej, SP1FM and Andrzej, SQ1GU will be active as C5PL from The Gambia between 1 and 6 February. Their permanent QTH in The Gambia is in the POTA and WWFF programme area Tanji Bird Reserve (POTA GM-0004; WWFF C5FF-0004). However, they also plan trips to other parks for the POTA and WWFF programme - West Kiang Marine Park (POTA GM-0008; WWFF C5FF-0001); call sign C5PL/P and the Delta du Saloum National Park (POTA SN-0002; WWFF 6WFF-0002) from Senegal; they plan to work using their callsigns as 6W/home calls/p



Activity will be on various HF bands, 80 to 6 m, but with a focus on 20 to 10 m. Modes will be on CW, SSB and digital. QSL via LoTW and ClubLog C5PL <https://clublog.org/charts/?c=C5PL>. They will also send their logs to the Parks on the Air (POTA) and World-Wide Flora and Fauna (WWFF) programmes. Paper QSL cards will be sent out two or three months after the expedition, checking the correctness of the logos and ordering the appropriate number of QSL cards (via OQRS)

Guinea Bissau, J5. Livio, IZ3BUR, signs J52EC between 26 January and 1 March. He will be active on 20, 15 and 10 m using SSB and digital modes. QSL only via IZ3BUR direct Livio Pesavento, Via A. Bertoldi 19, Mizzole, 37141, Verona, Italy (does not accept IRCs).

Rwanda, 9X. Harald, DL2WO will be back on the air as 9X2AW between 27 January and 15 February. QSL via M00XO.

## African Islands

St Helena Island, ZD7. Giovanni, IZ2DPX will be active holiday style as ZD7DPX from St Helena Island (AF-022) from 21 January to 3 February. He will operate SSB and digital modes from ZD7CTO's QTH. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or direct to IK2DUW.

Cape Verde, D4. Claudio, HB9OAU will be active holiday style as D44OA from Sal Island (AF-086), Cape Verde between 5 and 18 February. He will operate SSB and CW on 40 and 6 metres. QSL via LoTW and eQSL (paper cards will not be provided); QSOs will be uploaded also to Club Log.

## Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is from 20 to 27 January 2025.

K1USN Slow Speed Test  
 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 20 January  
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: CW  
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
 Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high  
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;  
 QRP: 5 watts  
 Exchange: Maximum 20 wpm - name and state, province or country  
 Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
 Multipliers: Each state, province or country once per band; W/VE do not count as country mults  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
 Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 22 January 2025  
 Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com](http://www.3830scores.com)  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: [www.k1usn.com/sst.html](http://www.k1usn.com/sst.html)

ICWC Medium Speed Test

13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 20 January and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 21 January  
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: CW  
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
 Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high  
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
 Exchange: Name and QSO no  
 Work stations: Once per band  
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
 Multipliers: Each call once  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
 Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 23 January 2025  
 Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com](http://www.3830scores.com)  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at:  
<https://internationalcwcouncil.org/mst-contest/>



OK1WC Memorial (MWC)  
 16:30 - 17:29 UTC 20 January  
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: CW  
 Bands: 80, 40 m  
 Classes: Single Op All Band - QRP or low; Single Op Single Band - QRP or low  
 Max power: LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
 Exchange: RST and serial no  
 Work stations: Once per band  
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
 Multipliers: Each last character of worked station call suffix once per band  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
 Submit logs by: 06:00 UTC 24 January 2025  
 E-mail logs to: (none)  
 Upload log at: <https://memorial-ok1wc.cz/index.php?page=logs>

Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: <https://memorial-ok1wc.cz/index.php?page=rules2!>  
 RSGB FT4 Contest  
 20:00 - 22:00 UTC 20 January  
 Geographic Focus: United Kingdom  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: FT4  
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
 Classes: 100 W, 10 W  
 Exchange: Signal report  
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO; 5 points per QSO with HQ stations G#6XX  
 Multipliers: Each DXCC country once per band; each HQ station G#6XX once per band  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
 Submit logs by: 22:00 UTC 21 January 2025  
 Upload log at: [www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl](http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl)  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at:  
[www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2025/r80m\\_ft4.shtm](http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2025/r80m_ft4.shtm)  
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Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest  
 01:00 - 01:59 UTC, 21 January  
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: SSB  
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m  
 Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high  
 Overlay: Youth (26 years old or younger); Youth YL (female 26 years old or younger); YL (female older than 26 years)  
 Max power: HP: 1500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
 Exchange: RS and age group (OM, YL, Youth YL, or Youth)  
 Work stations: Once per band  
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with OM; 5 points per QSO with YL; 10 points per QSO with Youth; 15 points per QSO with Youth YL  
 Multipliers: Each DXCC once per band  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
 Submit logs by: 01:59 UTC 22 January 2025  
 E-mail logs to: (none)  
 Upload log at: <https://logs.wwsac.com/>  
 Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <https://wwsac.com/rules.html>

#### SKCC Sprint

00:00 - 02:00 UTC 22 January

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Awards: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m

Classes: Single-Op – QRPp, QRP, QRO or QRO plus; Multi-Op

Max power: QRO plus: >100 watts; QRO: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts; QRPp: 1 watt

Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and SKCC no or NONE

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 26 January 2025

E-mail log summary to: (none)

Post log summary at:

[www.skccgroup.com/operating\\_activities/weekday\\_sprint/submit-display.php](http://www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekday_sprint/submit-display.php)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

[www.skccgroup.com/operating\\_activities/weekday\\_sprint/](http://www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekday_sprint/)

#### QRP Fox Hunt

02:00 - 03:30 UTC 22 January

Geographic Focus: United States

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 40 m Only

Classes: Single Op - fox or hound

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 03:30 UTC 23 January 2025

E-mail logs to: (see rules)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

[www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter\\_rules.htm](http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm)

#### Phone Weekly Test

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 22 January

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 m

Classes: Single Op

Max power: 100 watts

Exchange: NA: Name and state, province or country; non-NA: Name

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station

Multipliers: Each US state (including KH6/KL7) once per band; Each VE province/territory once per band; Each North American country (except W/VE) once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 03:00 UTC 24 January 2025

E-mail logs to: (none)

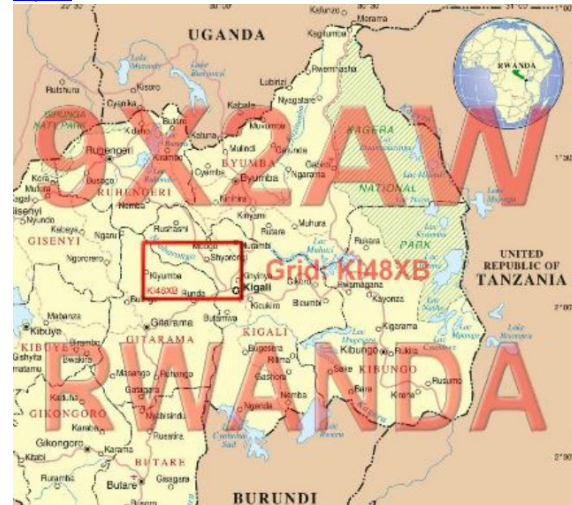
Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com](http://www.3830scores.com)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

[www.perluma.com/Phone Fray Contest Rule s.pdf](http://www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_Contest_Rule_s.pdf)

[www.perluma.com/Phone Fray Contest Rule s.pdf](http://www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_Contest_Rule_s.pdf)



#### A1Club AWT

12:00 - 13:00 UTC 22 January

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;

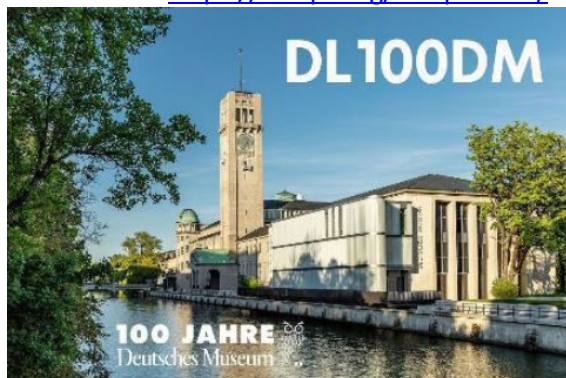
QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: Member: RST and name

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: Each call once  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 27 January 2025  
Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com](http://www.3830scores.com)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <https://a1club.org/contest/awt/>

CWops Test (CWT)  
13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 22 January and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC and 07:00 - 08:00 UTC 23 January  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Awards: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high  
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: Member: Name and member no or CWA; non-Member: Name and state, province or country  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: Each call once  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 08:00 UTC 25 January 2025  
Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com](http://www.3830scores.com)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <https://cwops.org/cwops-tests/>



Mini-Test 40  
17:00 - 17:59 UTC 22 January  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 40 m Only  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: RST and serial no  
Work stations: Once per 10-minute period  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: Each call once  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 24 January 2025  
Upload log at: <https://ua9qcq.com/hf-logs.php>  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <http://minitest.narod.ru/>

Mini-Test 80  
18:00 - 18:59 UTC 22 January  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 80 m Only  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high  
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: RST and serial no  
Work stations: Once per 10-minute period  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: Each call once  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 24 January 2025  
Upload log at: <https://ua9qcq.com/hf-logs.php>  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <http://minitest.narod.ru/>

NAQCC CW Sprint  
01:30 - 03:30 UTC 23 January  
Geographic Focus: United States/Canada  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 160 m Only  
Classes: (none)  
Max power: 5 watts  
Exchange: RST, state, province or country and NAQCC no or power  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 2 points per QSO with member  
Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once; Key Type Mult: 2x if straight key, 1.5x if bug, 1x if other  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults x key type mult

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 26 January 2025

E-mail logs to: (none)

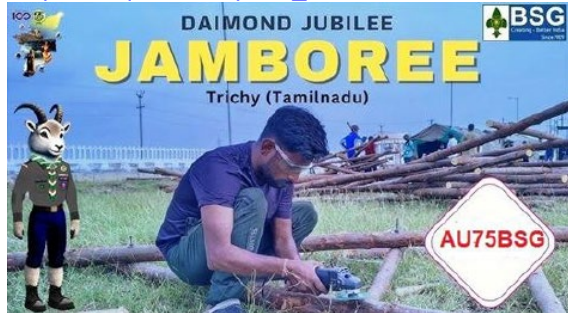
Upload log at:

<http://naqcc.info/autologger.php>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

[http://naqcc.info/sprint\\_rules.html](http://naqcc.info/sprint_rules.html)



NCCC FT4 Sprint

01:00 - 01:30 UTC 24 January

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: FT4

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Max power: 100 watts

Exchange: 4-character grid square

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each 4-character grid square once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 26 January 2025

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at: <https://lotw.arrl.org/>

Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com/](http://www.3830scores.com/)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: [www.ncccsprint.com/ft4ns.html](http://www.ncccsprint.com/ft4ns.html)

Weekly RTTY Test

01:45 - 02:15 UTC 24 January

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: RTTY

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single-Op - QRP or low

Max power: LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: Name and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each call sign once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 26 January 2025

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com/](http://www.3830scores.com/)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<https://radiosport.world/wrt.html>

QRP Fox Hunt

02:00 - 03:30 UTC 24 January

Geographic Focus: United States

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: Single Op - fox or hound

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 03:30 UTC 25 January 2025

E-mail logs to: (see rules)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

[www.grpfoxhunt.org/winter\\_rules.htm](http://www.grpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm)



NCCC Sprint

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 24 January

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Max power: 100 watts

Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 26 January 2025

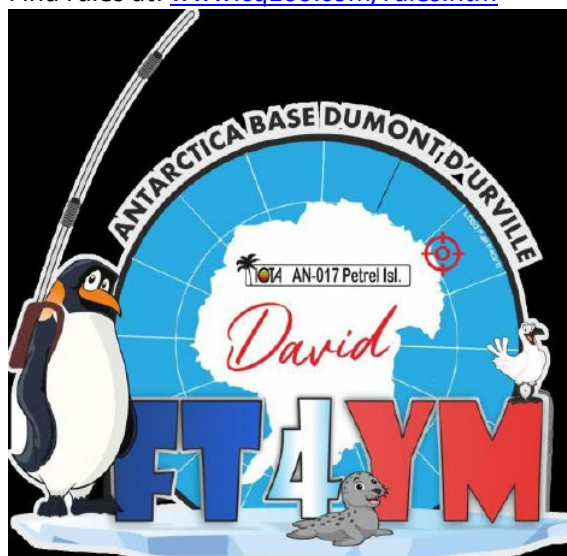
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com/](http://www.3830scores.com/)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at:  
<https://ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

K1USN Slow Speed Test  
20:00 - 21:00 UTC 24 January  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high  
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;  
QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: Maximum 20 wpm - name and  
state, province or country  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
Multipliers: Each state, province or country  
once per band; W/VE do not count as country  
mults  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO  
points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 26 January 2025  
Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com](http://www.3830scores.com)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: [www.k1usn.com/sst.html](http://www.k1usn.com/sst.html)



CQ 160-Metre CW Contest  
22:00 UTC 24 January to 22:00 UTC 26 January  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Awards: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 160 m Only  
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high  
Single Op Assisted - low or high  
Multi-Op - high  
Max operating hours: Single Op: 30 hours;  
Multi-Op: 40 hours  
Max power: HP: 1500 watts; LP: 100 watts;  
QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: W/VE: RST and state or province;  
DX: RST and CQ Zone  
QSO Points: 2 points per QSO with own  
country; 5 points per QSO with other countries  
on same continent; 10 points per QSO with  
other continents; 5 points per QSO with  
maritime mobile  
Multipliers: Each US state and DC (excluding  
KH6/KL7); Each VE province; Each DXCC and  
WAE country (including KH6/KL7)  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO  
points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 22:00 UTC 31 January 2025  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Upload log at: [www.cq160.com/logcheck/](http://www.cq160.com/logcheck/)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: [www.cq160.com/rules.htm](http://www.cq160.com/rules.htm)



REF CW Contest  
06:00 UTC 25 January to 18:00 UTC 26 January  
Geographic Focus: France and overseas  
territories  
Participation: Worldwide  
Awards: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Op All Band; Single Op Single  
Band; Multi-Single; Club; SWL  
Max power: HP: >100 Watts; LP: 100 Watts;  
QRP: 5 Watts  
Exchange: French: RST and Department or  
Prefix; non-French: RST and serial no  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: French: 6 points per QSO with  
French station same continent; French: 15  
points per QSO with French station on  
different continent; French: 1 point per QSO

with non-French station same continent;  
 French: 2 points per QSO with non-French station on different continent; non-French: 1 point per QSO with French station same continent; non-French: 3 points per QSO with French station on different continent  
 Multipliers: French/Corsica departments once per band; French overseas prefixes once per band non-French DXCC countries once per band (available only to French stations)  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
 Submit logs by: 3 February 2025  
 E-mail logs to: (none)  
 Upload log at: <https://concours.r-e-f.org/contest/logs/upload-form/>  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: [https://concours.r-e-f.org/reglements/actuels/reg\\_cdfhfdx.pdf](https://concours.r-e-f.org/reglements/actuels/reg_cdfhfdx.pdf)

**BARTG RTTY Sprint**  
 12:00 UTC 25 January to 12:00 UTC 26 January  
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: RTTY  
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
 Classes: Single Op Expert; Single Op - QRP, low or high; Multi-Single; Multi-Multi; SWL  
 Max power: HP: >100 W; LP: 100 W; QRP: 5 W  
 Exchange: Serial no (no signal report)  
 Work stations: Once per band  
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
 Multipliers: DXCC countries once regardless of band; JA, W, VE and VK areas once regardless of band  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults x continents  
 Submit logs by: 2 February 2025  
 E-mail logs to: (none)  
 Upload log at: <http://bartg.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: <http://bartg.org.uk/wp/bartg-sprint-contest/>

**UBA DX SSB Contest**  
 13:00 UTC 25 January to 13:00 UTC 26 January  
 Geographic Focus: Belgium  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Awards: Europe  
 Mode: SSB

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
 Classes: Single Op All Band - low or high; Single Op Single Band - low or high; Single Op QRP; Multi-Op; SWL  
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 10 watts  
 Exchange: ON: RST, serial no and section; non-ON: RST and serial no  
 Work stations: Once per band  
 QSO Points: 10 points per QSO with Belgian station; 3 points per QSO with other stations in a European Union country; 1 point per QSO with stations not in a European Union country  
 Multipliers: Each Belgian section once per band; Each Belgian prefix once per band; Each European Union DXCC country once per band  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
 Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 2 February 2025  
 E-mail logs to: [ubassb@uba.be](mailto:ubassb@uba.be)  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: [www.uba.be/en/hf/contest-rules/uba-dx-contest](http://www.uba.be/en/hf/contest-rules/uba-dx-contest)



**Winter Field Day**  
 16:00 UTC 25 January to 21:59 UTC 26 January  
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: Any (see rules for exceptions)  
 Bands: All, except WARC  
 Classes: Max Simultaneous Xmtrs and Site – Indoor, Outdoor, Home or Mobile  
 Max power: LP: 100 W; QRP: 5 W for CW, 10 W for phone  
 Exchange: Category and ARRL Section (or MX or DX)  
 Work stations: Once per mode per band  
 QSO Points: 1 point per phone QSO; 2 points per CW/digital QSO  
 Multipliers: Objectives (see rules)  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x objective multiplier

Submit logs by: 11:59 UTC 1 March 2025

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at: [www.winterfieldday.com/](http://www.winterfieldday.com/)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: [www.winterfieldday.com/](http://www.winterfieldday.com/)

#### Australia Day Contest

22:00 UTC 25 January to 10:00 UTC 26 January

Geographic Focus: VK/ZL/P2

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW, Phone, Digital

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op – CW, phone, digital or mixed; Multi-Single; Multi-Two

Exchange: RST and 4-character grid square

Work stations: Once per mode per band

Score Calculation: (see rules)

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 3 February 2025

E-mail logs to: [axlogs@wia.org.au](mailto:axlogs@wia.org.au)

Upload log at: <https://vklogchecker.com>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

[www.wia.org.au/members/contests/australiaday/index.php](http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/australiaday/index.php)

#### K1USN Slow Speed Test

00:00 - 01:00 UTC 27 January

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;

QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: Maximum 20 wpm - name and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multippliers: Each state, province or country once per band; W/VE do not count as country mults

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 29 January 2025

Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com](http://www.3830scores.com)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: [www.k1usn.com/sst.html](http://www.k1usn.com/sst.html)



#### SKCC 19th Anniversary & Straight Key Month

##### QCX Challenge

13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 27

January and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 28 January

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op

Max power: HP: >5 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, name, state, province or country and rig

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 3 points per QSO with QCX station;

1 point per QSO with non-QCX station

Multippliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 2 February 2025

Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com](http://www.3830scores.com)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: [www.qrp-labs.com/party.html](http://www.qrp-labs.com/party.html)

##### ICWC Medium Speed Test

13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 27

January and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 28 January

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;

QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: Name and QSO no

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multippliers: Each call once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 30 January 2025

Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com](http://www.3830scores.com)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<https://internationalcwcouncil.org/mst-contest/>

OK1WC Memorial (MWC)  
16:30 - 17:29 UTC 27 January  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 80, 40 m  
Classes: Single Op All Band - QRP or low; Single  
Op Single Band - QRP or low  
Max power: LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: RST and serial no  
Work stations: Once per band  
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each last character of worked  
station call suffix once per band  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO  
points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 06:00 UTC 31 January 2025  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Upload log at: [https://memorial-  
ok1wc.cz/index.php?page=logs](https://memorial-ok1wc.cz/index.php?page=logs)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: [https://memorial-  
ok1wc.cz/index.php?page=rules21](https://memorial-ok1wc.cz/index.php?page=rules21)

### Next Week's Contests

Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 28 January  
QRP Fox Hunt, 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 29 January  
Phone Weekly Test, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 29 January  
A1Club AWT, 12:00 - 13:00 UTC 29 January  
CWops Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 29 January and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC and 07:00 -  
08:00 UTC 30 January  
Mini-Test 40, 17:00 - 17:59 UTC 29 January  
Mini-Test 80, 18:00 - 18:59 UTC 29 January  
UKEICC 80 m Contest, 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 29 January  
NCCC FT4 Sprint, 01:00 - 01:30 UTC 31 January  
Weekly RTTY Test, 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 31 January  
QRP Fox Hunt, 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 31 January  
NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 31 January  
K1USN Slow Speed Test, 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 31 January  
Vermont QSO Party, 00:00 UTC 1 February to 24:00 UTC 2 February  
LABRE-RS Digi Contest, 00:00 UTC 1 February to 20:59 UTC 2 February  
10-10 International Winter Contest SSB, 0001Z 1 February to 23:59 UTC 2 February  
Mexico RTTY International Contest, 12:00 UTC 1 February to 23:59 UTC 2 February  
European Union DX Contest, 12:00 UTC 1 February to 12:00 UTC 2 February  
F9AA Cup CW, 12:00 UTC 1 February to 12:00 UTC 2 February  
Minnesota QSO Party, 14:00 - 24:00 UTC 1 February  
FYBO Winter QRP Sprint, 14:00 - 24:00 UTC 1 February  
AGCW Straight Key Party, 16:00 - 19:00 UTC 1 February  
British Columbia QSO Party, 16:00 UTC 1 February to 03:59 UTC 2 February; 16:00 - 23:59 UTC 2  
February  
North American Sprint CW, 00:00 - 03:59 UTC 2 February  
Marconi Club ARI Loano Slow CW QSO Party, 13:00 - 23:00 UTC 2 February  
K1USN Slow Speed Test, 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 3 February  
ICWC Medium Speed Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 3 February and 03:00 - 04:00  
UTC 4 February  
OK1WC Memorial, 16:30 - 17:29 UTC 3 February  
RSGB 80 m Club Championship SSB, 20:00 - 21:30 UTC 3 February  
ARS Spartan Sprint, 01:00 - 03:00 UTC 4 February  
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 4 February

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