

27 February  
International Milk Tart Day



# HF Happenings 1136

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## The Top Band

There is something special at 19:00 CAT this coming Wednesday, 26 February and you are invited. Tune in to the February Power Hour Tech Talk to discover the mysterious and intriguing ways of the 160 m band. This often-unvisited band has some surprises and delights in store for you. During this session, you can learn how to set up an antenna to radiate at this low frequency, with the correct pattern for optimal results. You will also learn what it takes to acquire your Top Band certificate, a very rare trophy indeed!

Grab a pen as here are the Zoom login details. The Meeting ID is 830 7855 2021 and the Passcode is 585181. Do not miss out, spread the word and join the tech talk this coming Wednesday 26 February at 19:00 CAT with our special guest, Phillip, ZS6PVT to expose 160 m magic. If you missed anything, please visit the SARL upcoming events diary for all the details.

## Boot Sales

The West Rand Amateur Radio Club invites you to join them at the next "Best in the West" boot sale on Saturday 1 March. Be at the West Rand clubhouse around 10:00 for a boerewors roll breakfast (*I am told these are the best boerierolls in the world! Ed.*) Vendors can set up shop at 11:30 and you are guaranteed to find a treasure or two and maybe even long-lost treasure. Thinking of cleaning out your garage or shack? This is your opportunity - why delay? Book your table by e-mail to [info@zs6wr.co.za](mailto:info@zs6wr.co.za) or contact Phillip, ZS6PVT on mobile 083 267 3835. The Clubhouse is at the end of Kroton Street in Weltevreden Park, Roodepoort.



## February

- 26 - the Sandton Power Hour Tech Talk
- 27 - International Milk Tart Day

## March

- 1 - the SARL YL QSO party, the West Rand and CTARC Boot Sales and ZS4SRK Club meeting
- 1 and 2 - the ARRL International DX Phone Contest
- 2 - the SARL HAMNET 40 m Simulated Emergency Contest
- 3 - World Wildlife Day
- 8 - International Women's Day
- 8 and 9 - the SARL National Field Day, the SARL VHF/UHF FM contest and the RSGB Commonwealth contest
- 9 - YOTA Contest
- 16 - the start of the SARL 6 m Challenge
- 17 - St Patrick's Day
- 20 - the Autumn Equinox @ 08:58 UTC and the International Day of Happiness
- 21 - Human Rights Day; World Down Syndrome Day and the Namibian Independence Day
- 22 - World Water Day and the SARL Centenary Technical Symposium
- 22 and 23 - the Africa All Mode International DX Contest
- 23 - World Meteorological Day
- 26 - the Sandton Power Hour Tech Talk

The Cape Town Amateur Radio Centre will host its annual boot sale on Saturday 1 March at the clubhouse in the Belvedere Community Centre, Keurboom Park, in Rondebosch. The building is near the corner of Chess and Keurboom road. Sellers may arrive from 11:30 to set up their table or their car's boot. No tables will be supplied by the club, so please bring your own. The cost for sellers is R10 per car/table, which includes a free raffle ticket, no charge to buyers. Buyers may arrive from noon.

Ice-cold liquid refreshments will be available with a small donation to the club, and delicious Boerewors rolls will be on sale from around 13:00. Come along for a glorious afternoon under the trees whether you are a buyer or seller, it is a great afternoon to buy something new and chat to your friends. (The club only has a certain number of chairs so, to be on the safe side you may wish to bring your own chairs along too).

If you live in Hanover in the Karoo, you are halfway between Cape Town and Johannesburg, so you can decide if it is the Cape Town flea market or the West Rand flea market you are attending on 1 March.

### The SARL Hamnet 40 m Simulated Emergency Contest

What are your plans for Sunday afternoon? Afternoon snooze? NO! If the weather allows it, get out, setup a station in a local park and participate in the 2025 SARL Hamnet 40 m Simulated Emergency Contest. The contest runs from 12:00 - 14:00 UTC on Sunday 2 March with phone activity on 40 metres.

You can participate as a single op stationary mobile, a single op portable or a single op base station. If you get the Club involved, then you operate as a multi-op portable station (don't forget the Club braai!) Submit your log by 21:59 UTC on Friday 7 March to [contest@peham.co.za](mailto:contest@peham.co.za). Get all the details in the 2025 SARL Contest Manual.



### A busy weekend

The weekend of 8 and 9 March is going to be busy with two local contests and one of the longest running contests. You and/or you Club can participate in the SARL VHF/UHF FM Contest and the SARL Field Day Contest, both starting at 08:00 UTC on Saturday 8 March and ending at 10:00 UTC on Sunday 9 March. Both are great activities to do outside, away from home. You will get all the details in the 2025 SARL Contest Manual. The Sandton ARC is going to camp at Hekpoort and PEARS is going to camp at the Olifantskop Pass for the weekend.



Then for the CWers, you can participate in the RSGB Commonwealth Contest which runs from 10:00 UTC on Saturday 8 March to 10:00 UTC on Sunday 9 March with CW only activity on 80 to 10 metres. Visit <https://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2023/rcwc.shtml> to get all the rules.



Sunday 9 March sees the running of the first leg of the Youth on the Air contest. The contest is on the air from 10:00 - 21:59 UTC with CW and phone activity on 80 to 10 metres. The rules can be found at <https://yotacontest.mrasz.org/rules/english>.

### The International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend

Yes, I know that ILLW only takes place in August, but some planning is needed before the event. I had a look at the ILLW website <https://illw.net/index.php/entrants-list-2025> and note the following lighthouses are registered.

Doring Bay Lighthouse, ZA0020 operated by the Bo-Karoo ARC, ZR3VDK/1 with QSL via the bureau

Green Point Lighthouse, Cape Town, ZA0006 operated by the Cape Town ARC, ZS1CT with QSL via ZS1CT

Cape Point Lighthouse, ZA0013 operated by the Cape Radio Group, ZS1CRG with QSL via ZS1ABU

Cape Hangklip Lighthouse, ZA0010 operated by the Winelands ARC, ZS1WRC. QSL via the operator's instructions

Danger Point Lighthouse, ZA0005 operated by the Overberg ARC, ZS1OAR. QSL via the operator's instructions

Ystervarkpunt Lighthouse, ZA0009 operated by the Eden ARC, ZS1ERZ. QSL via the operator's instructions

Cape St Blaize, Mossel Bay, ZA0026 operated by the Southern Cape ARC, ZS1SKR

Cape Seal Light, Plettenberg Bay, no ILLW number yet, operated by Andries, ZS1SMP

Seal Point Lighthouse, Cape St Francis, ZA0021 operated by ZS0SPL with QSL to ZS6RSW via the bureau

Great Fish Point Lighthouse, ZA0024 operated by Dennis, ZS2B with QSL to Clublog and via the bureau to ZS4BS

Tugela Bluff Lighthouse, ZA0028 operated by Pierre, ZS6PS/5 with QSL to ZS6PS via the bureau

### **DX from Africa**

(These count towards your All Africa Award)



South Africa, ZS. On 20 May 2025, the South African Radio League will celebrate its 100th anniversary. The SARL Centenary Marathon QSO Party has been running since 1 January. Throughout the year, the SARL, with the aid of its members and associated clubs, will be on the air with a special event call sign ZS100SARL, as well as the permanent call signs ZS6SRL and ZS9HQ and from April, ZS100IARU and other special event call signs. Several awards will be available, see <https://mysarl.org.za/centenary-marathon/> for more information.

Lesotho, 7P. Mark KW4XJ and Arina KO4PZT are active as 7P8AB and 7P8NB until mid-2025. QSL via KW4XJ.

Tanzania, 5H. Charles, NK8O will once again be active as 5H3DX between 20 February and 6 March. Now Charles will have a better QTH for an antenna farm.

Tanzania, 5H. Maurizio, IK2GZU will be active as 5H3MB between 18 March and 8 April. Maurizio is doing volunteer work at a local school. Operation during his spare time from 80 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via Club Log, LoTW or via IK2GZU, direct or bureau.

Senegal 6W, Willy ON4AVT is once again active as 6X7/ON4AVT until 10 April. Operation from 80 to 10 metre using SSB, digital and the QO-100 sat. QSL via home call, Club Log.

The Gambia C5, Przemo, SP3PS is once again operating as C5SP until mid-March. Operation from 80 to 10 metres using SSB and digital. QSL via home call.

The Gambia C5, Luc F5RAV and Lui YU5R will be active from Kololi between 19 April and 2 May. They will be active as C5LT and C5R on HF using CW, SSB and digital also SATS (mostly RS44). QSL via LoTW.

Gabon TR, Roland, F8EN is once again active as TR8CR until at least April. Operation on HF using CW only. QSL via F6AJA.

Benin TY, Gérard F5NVF is again active as TY5C from Godomey until 2 April. He is active mostly from 80 to 10 metres using CW and digital. active in 'holiday-style' using an IC-7000, 100 W and wire antennas. QSL direct via F5RAV / free LoTW.

Mali, TZ. Jeff, K1MMB is operating as TZ4AM from Bamako until May. 'TZ1CE is operating my station DX style for the next 3 weeks, concentrating on digital and SSB to a lesser extent. He is currently operating from 80 to 6 m. He has already worked into southern EU on 6 m digital.'

Mali, TZ. Ulmar, DK1CE will once again be active as TZ1CE from Bamako. Currently QRX due to uncertain flights. active from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via home call. Ulmar mentions: 'On digital, DX stations outside of EU always have precedence. Based on my experience, there is not advantage to F/H mode. I use only normal digital mode. I will mostly operate on digital and SSB. The log will be updated daily on Club Log; the LoTW log will only be available after the end of my operations in Mali. In Mali operation on 60m is not permitted.'

## African Islands

Comoros, D6. Elvira, IV3FSG will be active as D68Z between 28 February and 18 March. Operation on HF using CW, SSB and digital. Log upload to Club Log. QSL via LoTW and LoTW.

Cape Verde, D4. Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the independence of Cabo Verde (5 July 1975), the Monteverde Contest Team (D4C) and Paolo, D44PM will be active as D450ICV until 31 December. They will operate "across all bands and modes, primarily focusing on HF". QSL via Club Log's OQRS. Bookmark <https://www.facebook.com/D4C.STATION> for updates.

Cape Verde, D4. Harald, DF2WO will once again be active as D44TWO during May. Activity on HF and 6 metres using CW and digital. <https://www.qrz.com/db/D44TWO>

Rodrigues Island, 3B9. David, OK6DJ and team OK7GU, OK2ZA and OK1CRM will be active as 3B9DJ between 23 March and 5 April 2025. Operation from 160 to 10 metres using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via OK6DJ, OQRS and LoTW.

Madagascar, 5R. The Italian DXpedition Team led by Silvano, I2YSB announce a new activity from Madagascar (Nosy Be, IOTA AF-057) during October/November 2025. Team of eight operators covering four stations and active as 5R8TT and 5R8XX. QSL via I2YSB. Full details to follow.

## Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is from 24 February to 3 March 2025.

K1USN Slow Speed Test  
00:00 - 01:00 UTC 24 February  
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 February 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)

QCX Challenge  
13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 24 February and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 25 February  
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  
 Multipliers: (none)  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points  
 Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 2 March 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 24 February and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 25 February  
 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 27 February 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 24 February  
 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 28 February 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=rules21>



RSGB FT4 Contest  
 20:00 - 22:00 UTC 24 February  
 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 25 February 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.shtml](http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2025/r80m_ft4.shtml)



Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest  
 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 25 February  
 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: 1 500 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 26 February 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 26 February

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 and state, province or country and name and (SKCC No./"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 1 March 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 26 February  
 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 27 February 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 26 February  
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 28 February 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\\_Rules.pdf](http://www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_Contest_Rules.pdf)



A1Club AWT  
11:45 - 13:00 UTC 26 February  
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: 3 March 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 26 February and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC and 07:00 - 08:00 UTC 27 February  
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 1 March 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 26 February  
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: 28 February 2025  
Upload log at: <https://ua9qcq.com/hf-logs.php>  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <http://minitest.narod.ru/>

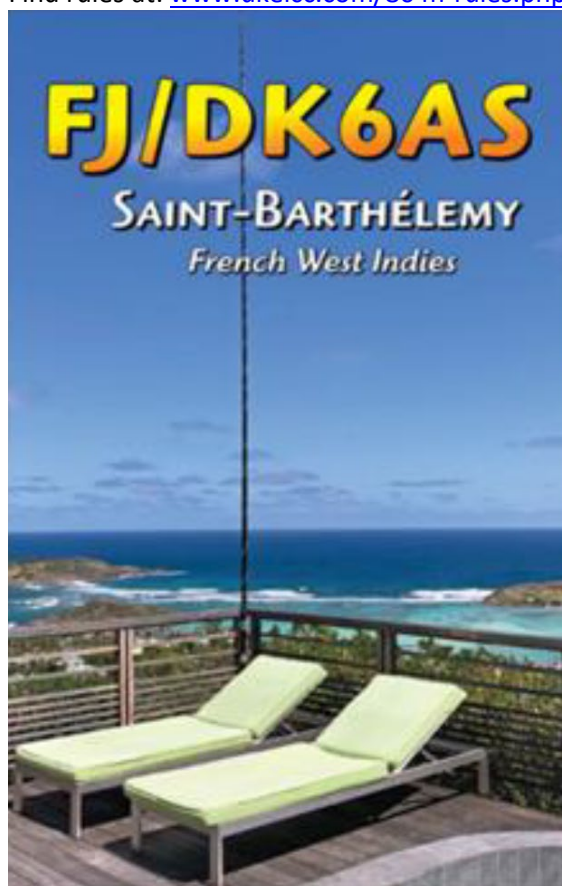


#### Mini-Test 80

18:00 - 18:59 UTC 26 February  
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: 28 February 2025  
Upload log at: <https://ua9qcq.com/hf-logs.php>  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <http://minitest.narod.ru/>

#### UKEICC 80 m Contest

20:00 - 21:00 UTC 26 February  
Geographic Focus: Europe  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 80 m Only  
Classes: Single Op Connected - QRP, low or  
high; Single Op Unconnected - QRP, low or  
high  
Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts;  
QRP: 5 watts  
Exchange: 6-Character grid square  
QSO Points: 1 point per 500 km (10 pts max);  
multiply QSO points by 2 if low power station;  
multiply QSO points by 4 if QRP station  
Multipliers: (none)  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO  
points  
Submit logs by: 22:00 UTC 26 February 2025  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Upload log at: [http://logs.ukaicc.com/cgi-  
bin/hfenter.pl](http://logs.ukaicc.com/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: [www.ukaicc.com/80m-rules.php](http://www.ukaicc.com/80m-rules.php)



RSGB 80 m CW Club Championship  
20:00 - 21:30 UTC 27 February

Geographic Focus: United Kingdom  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Awards: United Kingdom  
 Mode: CW  
 Bands: 80 m Only  
 Classes: (none)  
 Exchange: RST and serial no  
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
 Multipliers: (none)  
 Score Calculation: (see rules)  
 Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 28 February 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/r80\\_mcc.shtml](http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2025/r80_mcc.shtml)



NCCC FT4 Sprint  
 01:00 - 01:30 UTC 28 February  
 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: 2 March 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)

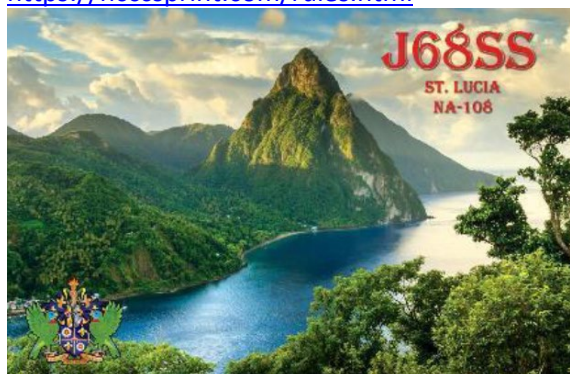
Weekly RTTY Test  
 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 28 February  
 Geographic Focus: North America  
 Participation: Worldwide

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: 2 March 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 28 February  
 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 1 March 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)

NCCC Sprint Ladder  
 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 28 February  
 Geographic Focus: North America  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: CW  
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 m  
 Classes: Single Op  
 Max power: 100 watts  
 Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH  
 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  
 KL7 and KH6) once per band; Each VE province  
 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: 2 March 2025  
 E-mail logs to: (none)  
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K1USN Slow Speed Test  
 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 28 February  
 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 2 March 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)



ARRL International DX SSB Contest  
 00:00 UTC 1 March to 24:00 UTC 2 March  
 Geographic Focus: United States/Canada  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Awards: Worldwide  
 Mode: SSB  
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
 Classes: Single Op All Band - QRP, low or high;  
 Single Op Single Band - QRP, low or high; Single  
 Op Unlimited All Band - QRP, low or high;  
 Single Op Unlimited Single Band - QRP, low or  
 high; Single Op Overlay: (Youth/Limited  
 Antennas); Multi-Single – low or high; Multi-  
 Two; Multi-Multi  
 Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts -  
 NEW lower limit; QRP: 5 watts  
 Exchange: W/VE: RS and state or province;  
 non-W/VE: RS and power  
 Work stations: Once per band  
 QSO Points: 3 points per QSO  
 Multipliers: W/VE: Each DXCC country once per  
 band; Non-W/VE: Each state, District of  
 Columbia, VE province/territory once per band  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO  
 points x total mults  
 Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 9 March 2025  
 E-mail logs to: (none)  
 Upload log at: [http://contest-log-  
 submission.arrl.org](http://contest-log-submission.arrl.org)  
 Mail logs to: ARRL International DX Contest,  
 Phone, ARRL, 225 Main St., Newington, CT  
 06111, USA  
 Find rules at: [www.arrl.org/arrl-dx](http://www.arrl.org/arrl-dx)

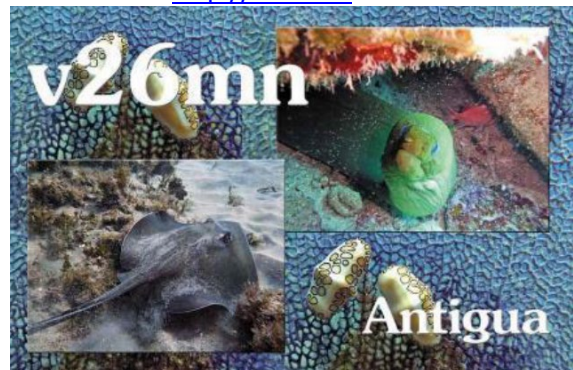
Wake-Up! QRP Sprint

06:00 - 06:29 UTC and 06:30 - 06:59 UTC and  
 07:00 - 07:29 UTC and 07:30 - 08:00 UTC 1  
 March  
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: CW  
 Bands: 40, 20 m  
 Classes: (none)  
 Max power: 5 watts  
 Exchange: RST, serial no and suffix of previous  
 QSO ("QRP" for 1st QSO)  
 Work stations: Once per band per period  
 QSO Points: 1 point per km  
 Multipliers: 1 point per new station worked on  
 each band  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO  
 points x total multiplier points  
 Submit logs by: 8 March 2025  
 E-mail logs to: [ru-grp-club@mail.ru](mailto:ru-grp-club@mail.ru)  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at:  
[http://grp.ru/contest/wakeup/333-wakeup-  
 eng](http://grp.ru/contest/wakeup/333-wakeup-eng)



UBA Spring CW Contest  
 07:00 - 11:00 UTC 2 March  
 Geographic Focus: Belgium  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: CW  
 Bands: 80 m Only  
 Classes: Single; SWL  
 Max power: non-QRP: >5 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
 Exchange: ON: RST, serial no and UBA Section;  
 non-ON: RST and serial no  
 QSO Points: 3 points per QSO with Belgian  
 station  
 Multipliers: Each UBA Section  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO  
 points x total mults  
 Submit logs by: 16 March 2025  
 E-mail logs to: (none)  
 Upload log at: <http://springcontest.on4dst.be/>  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: [www.uba.be/en/hf/contest-  
 rules/spring-contest-dst](http://www.uba.be/en/hf/contest-rules/spring-contest-dst)

NSARA Contest  
 12:00 - 16:00 UTC and 18:00 - 22:00 UTC 2  
 March  
 Geographic Focus: United States/Canada  
 state/province QSO party  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: CW, SSB, Digital  
 Bands: 80 m Only  
 Classes: Single Transmitter - CW, SSB, digital or  
 mixed  
 Exchange: Nova Scotia: RS(T) and county; non-  
 NS: RS(T) and QSO no  
 Work stations: Once per mode  
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
 Bonus Points: (see rules)  
 Multipliers: Nova Scotia counties once per  
 mode  
 Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO  
 points x total mults) and bonus points  
 Submit logs by: 1 April 2025  
 E-mail logs to: [ve1pjs@rac.ca](mailto:ve1pjs@rac.ca)  
 Mail logs to: Peter J. Surette, VE1PJS, 20  
 Dresden Way, Debert, NS B0M 1G0, Canada  
 Find rules at: <http://nsara.ca>



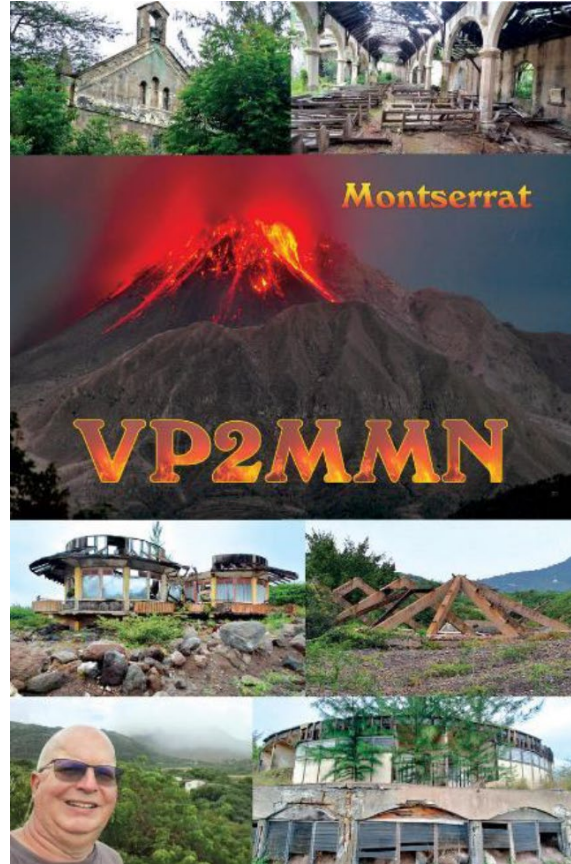
SARL Hamnet 40 m Simulated Emergency  
 Contest  
 12:00 - 14:00 UTC 2 March  
 Geographic Focus: Southern Africa  
 Participation: Southern Africa  
 Awards: Southern Africa  
 Mode: SSB  
 Bands: 40 m Only  
 Classes: A: Single Op Stationary Mobile; B:  
 Single Op Portable; C: Multi-Op Portable; D:  
 Single Op Base Station  
 Exchange: Class A: RS and serial no (starting  
 with 201); Class B: RS and serial no (starting  
 with 401); Class C: RS and serial no (starting  
 with 601); Class D: RS and serial no (starting

with 801); Non-participants: RS and serial no (starting with 001)  
 Score Calculation: (see rules)  
 Submit logs by: 21:59 UTC 7 March 2025  
 E-mail logs to: [contest@peham.co.za](mailto:contest@peham.co.za)  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at:  
[www.sarl.org.za/public/contests/contestrules.asp](http://www.sarl.org.za/public/contests/contestrules.asp)

WAB 3,5 MHz Phone  
 18:00 - 22:00 UTC 2 March  
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Awards: Worldwide  
 Mode: SSB  
 Bands: 80 m Only  
 Classes: Single Op - fixed, mobile or portable;  
 Multi-Op - fixed, mobile or portable; Low Power; SWL - fixed, mobile or portable  
 Max power: non-Low: >10 watts; Low: 10 watts  
 Exchange: British Isles: RS, serial no and WAB square; Other: RS, serial no and country  
 QSO Points: (see rules)  
 Multipliers: (see rules)  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
 Submit logs by: 12 March 2025  
 E-mail logs to: [g3xkt@worked-all-britain.org.uk](mailto:g3xkt@worked-all-britain.org.uk)  
 Mail logs to: Tony Beardsley, G3XKT, 14 York Avenue, Sandiacre, Nottingham NG10 5HB, United Kingdom  
 Find rules at:  
<http://wab.intermip.net/Contests.php>

K1USN Slow Speed Test  
 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 3 March  
 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 5 March 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)



OK1WC Memorial (MWC)  
 16:30 - 17:29 UTC 3 March  
 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 7 March 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>

ICWC Medium Speed Test

13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 3 March and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 4 March

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 6 March 2025

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

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

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

RSGB 80 m Data Club Championship

20:00 - 21:30 UTC 3 March

Geographic Focus: United Kingdom

Participation: Worldwide

Awards: United Kingdom

Mode: RTTY, PSK

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: (none)

Exchange: RST and serial no

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: (see rules)

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 4 March 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/r80\\_mcc.shtml](http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2025/r80_mcc.shtml)

## Next Week's Contests

ARS Spartan Sprint, 01:00 - 03:00 UTC 4 March

Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 4 March

AGCW YL-CW Party, 19:00 - 21:00 UTC 4 March

QRP Fox Hunt, 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 5 March

Phone Weekly Test, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 5 March

A1Club AWT, 11:45 - 13:00 UTC 5 March

CWops Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 5 March and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC and 07:00 - 08:00 UTC 6 March

Mini-Test 40, 17:00 - 17:59 UTC 5 March

Mini-Test 80, 18:00 - 18:59 UTC 5 March

UKEICC 80 m Contest, 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 5 March

Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest, 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 6 March and 02:00 - 03:00 UTC 7 March

NRAU 10 m Activity Contest, 18:00 - 19:00 UTC (CW) and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC (SSB) and 20:00 - 21:00 UTC (FM) and 21:00 - 22:00 UTC (Dig) 6 March

SKCC Sprint Europe, 20:00 - 22:00 UTC 6 March

NCCC FT4 Sprint, 01:00 - 01:30 UTC 7 March

Weekly RTTY Test, 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 7 March

QRP Fox Hunt, 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 7 March

NCCC Sprint Ladder, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 7 March

K1USN Slow Speed Test, 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 7 March

Novice Rig Roundup, 00:00 UTC 8 March to 23:59 UTC 1 March 6

SARL VHF/UHF FM Contest, 08:00 UTC 8 March to 10:00 UTC 9 March

SARL Field Day Contest, 08:00 UTC 8 March to 10:00 UTC 9 March

RSGB Commonwealth Contest, 10:00 UTC 8 March to 10:00 UTC 9 March

SKCC Weekend Sprintathon, 12:00 UTC 8 March to 24:00 UTC 9 March  
EA PSK63 Contest, 12:00 UTC 8 March to 12:00 UTC 9 March  
South America 10 Metre Contest, 12:00 UTC 8 March to 12:00 UTC 9 March  
DIG SSB QSO Party, 12:00 - 17:00 UTC 8 March (20 m - 10 m) and 07:00 - 09:00 UTC 9 March (80 m)  
and 09:00 - 11:00 UTC 9 March (40 m)  
AGCW QRP Contest, 14:00 - 20:00 UTC 8 March  
Stew Perry Topband Challenge, 15:00 UTC 8 March to 15:00 UTC 9 March  
Oklahoma QSO Party, 15:00 UTC 8 March to 02:00 UTC 9 March and 15:00 - 21:00 UTC 9 March  
TESLA Memorial HF CW Contest, 18:00 UTC 8 March to 05:59 UTC 9 March  
Idaho QSO Party, 19:00 UTC 8 March to 19:00 UTC 9 March  
North American RTTY Sprint, 00:00 - 03:59 UTC 9 March  
FIRAC HF Contest, 07:00 UTC to 17:00 UTC 9 March  
YOTA Contest, 10:00 - 21:59 UTC 9 March  
Classic Exchange, Phone, 13:00 UTC 9 March to 07:00 UTC 10 March and  
13:00 UTC 11 March to 07:00 UTC 12 March  
Wisconsin QSO Party, 18:00 UTC 9 March to 01:00 UTC 10 March  
4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint, 00:00 - 02:00 UTC 10 March  
K1USN Slow Speed Test, 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 10 March  
ICWC Medium Speed Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 10 March and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC  
11 March  
OK1WC Memorial, 16:30 - 17:29 UTC 10 March  
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 11 March

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