



HF Happenings 1137

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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.



08:00 UTC 8 March to 10:00 UTC 9 March. Geographic Focus: South Africa. Participation: Worldwide. Mode: CW, SSB, Digital. Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m. Classes: Single-Op Field - QRP or high; Multi-Op Field - QRP or high; Ultra-Light Portable; Back Yard station; General. Max power: QRP: 5 watts; non-QRP: >5 watts Exchange: Number of transmitters, category (see rules) and province (or "DX"). Work stations: Once per band per mode. QSO Points: (see rules). Multipliers: (see rules). Score Calculation: (see rules). Submit logs by: 21:59 UTC 14 March 2025. E-mail logs to: contest@sarl.org.za Find rules at: 2025 SARL Contest Manual

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 www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2025/rcwc.shtml to get all the rules.



March

- 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
- 28 - Provincial schools close

April

- 1 - April Fool's Day
- 2 - World Autism Day
- 3 - SARL 80 m QSO Party
- 5 - the SARL QRP Contest, the ZS4SRK Club meeting and the ZS6PTA Flea Market
- 6 - the arrival of Van Riebeeck at the Cape
- 7 - World Health Day
- 8 - Provincial schools open

Geographic Focus: Commonwealth countries and territories. Participation: Commonwealth countries and territories. Awards: Commonwealth countries and territories. Mode: CW. Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m. Classes: Single Op - 12 or 24 - assisted or unassisted - low or high; Single Op Remote - 12 or 24; Single Op QRP - assisted or unassisted; Multi-Op; HQ. Max power: High: >100 watts; Low: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts. Exchange: RST and serial no. QSO Points: 5 points per QSO with same continent; 10 points per QSO with different continent; 20 additional points for each of first three QSOs with a Commonwealth Area or HQ station per band. Multipliers: (none). Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points. Submit logs by: 10:00 UTC 14 March 2025. Upload log at: www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl

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. Geographic Focus: Worldwide. Participation: Worldwide. Mode: CW, SSB. Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m. Classes: Single Op All Band Open; Single Op All Band YOTA (25 and younger); Single Op All Band; YOTA 6 Hours; Single Op 3-Band Open; Single Op 3-Band YOTA; Multi-Single YOTA (2:1 younger to older ops).



Exchange: Single Op: RS(T) and age (on 1 Jan of year of contest); Multi-Op: RS(T) and average age of ops (on 1 Jan of year of contest). Work stations: Once per band per mode. QSO Points: (see rules). Multipliers: Each age once per band. Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults. Submit logs by: 21:59 UTC 14 March 2025. Upload log at: <https://contest.ham-yota.com/>. Find rules at: <https://yotacontest.mrasz.org/>

DX from Africa

(These count towards your All Africa Award)

Sierra Leone, 9L. Peter, VK3HEX is in Sierra Leone until 7 March. He is active as 9L/VK3HEX on 10 metres SSB during the local evenings and the weekends. QSL direct to VK3HEX, or via eQSL.



Ghana, 9G. Tommy, ON2TD, is expected to be active as 9G5TD from a small village in Ghana. Activity will be holiday style with a portable setup. Tommy states, "Catch me on the air experimenting with antennas and chasing signals from this quiet QTH. QSLs and pics/updates to follow" on QRZ.com.

Tanzania, 5H. Chas, NK8O/VE3ISD/5H3DX (ex 5H9CP), who is currently in Tanzania until 6 March, is planning to return to Tanzania in August of this year. Originally, he stated it be April/May. He is there working for International Health Partners (<http://www.ihptz.org/>). He hopes to improve the antenna system and add CW to his previously digital operation he did in June 2024. He posted the following today on QRZ.com.



"Ground breaking has occurred and we had a wonderful ceremony at our new hospital site. Chihoni is in Nala Ward, Dodoma region.

Construction on the outpatient facility is going full-speed ahead and I expect we will have evidence of actual buildings in short order. This has not been a great trip for Amateur Radio, what with time constraints and other business at hand. Band conditions are definitely in the summer doldrums here. I've worked a couple of South African stations and I had a nice CW rag chew with one of them, using my QMX+ and only 4 watts of power, on 10 metres. When I return in August, we will have our visitor's quarters completed and I will have the possibility of some more elaborate antennas and a better location on the site. The visitor's quarters will be located on the highest ground on the property. In addition, I have been doing quite a bit of work on operating remotely and I fully intend to have a remote station at our new QTH as soon as I can make the arrangements. There are some obstacles to overcome but I am confident this can be achieved. The only thing I really wish I had available is a 100

Ah LiFePO4 battery. I would place solar panels out to keep it topped up and I would never have to be concerned about the irregularity of the commercial mains, nor regarding the frequent electrical surges that like to destroy electronics. I did find that the QMX+ is highly affected by USB port noise and that made it impossible to operate any FT4/FT8. I will be better prepared when I return later in the year and I will have a better environment for getting on the air in my otherwise downtime. I will be in Tanzania another week but with little possibility of getting on the air during the balance of the visit.”

QSL via eQSL or LoTW. He will provide QSL cards to anyone who requests one, but he is asking for a 5 USDs donation for each card. A PayPal account is in place, and payments should be made directly to (5H3DX.zinga@gmail.com). In addition to the PayPal notification, please send a separate e-mail with your call, contact information, and date/time of the QSO.

African Islands

Madagascar, 5R. Richard, HB9FHV is active holiday style as 5R8RH from Nosy Be (AF-057), Madagascar until 7 March. He can operate SSB on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres. As for QSL, “I will send PDF by e-mail,” he says.

Comoros Islands, D6. Elvira, IV3FSG will be active as D68Z from the Comoro Islands (AF-007) from 3 March until at least 18 March. Her actual arrival date will be 28 February, but she will be busy with other tasks prior to the start of the expedition. She will operate SSB, CW, RTTY and other digital modes on 160 - 6 metres. Club Log's Livestream will be enabled and IK0XBX will be her pilot. See www.qrz.com/db/D68Z for suggested frequencies, more information and updates. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, LoTW, or via IK2WAD (new QSL route for direct and bureau cards).

During her trip, Elvira will also be mentoring three local youths (thanks to Don, 7Q6M/D60AB for making this possible) who will learn how to raise antennas and work the pile-up before attending this year's YOTA Summer Camp in August. There are also plans in the works for the station to be operated remotely, by experienced operators as well as YOTA Italia members.

Cape Verde, D4. Warren, KN6ZZI, posted the following today. Warren, KN6ZZI and Harald, DF2WO will be operating "Holiday Style" from Ponta Achada, Paraia Baixo, Cape Verde, during the month of May 2025. After striking up a friendship based on a mutual interest in Africa, Harald (an Africa DX veteran), invited Warren (a newer, passionate DXer/Contester), to join him in Cape Verde to ‘learn the ropes of working as an African DX station.’”



Harald will use his faithful FT-991A and Warren his FTdx10. Harald will focus on CW and FT4 while Warren will operate SSB and FT8. We will also work QO-100 satellite as opportunities present. Antennas will include a BuddiHex for 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10, verticals for 160, 80, 60, 40, 30 and a homebrew 4 element 6 metre Yagi. Antennas will be mounted rooftop at ~10 m, close to the Atlantic on the South East coast of Santiago Island. QSL both call signs via M0OXO's OQRS or direct mail.)

Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is from 3 to 10 March 2025.

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
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: www.k1usn.com/sst.html



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
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <https://internationalcwcouncil.org/mst-contest/>

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=rules2l>

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
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2025/r80_mcc.shtml

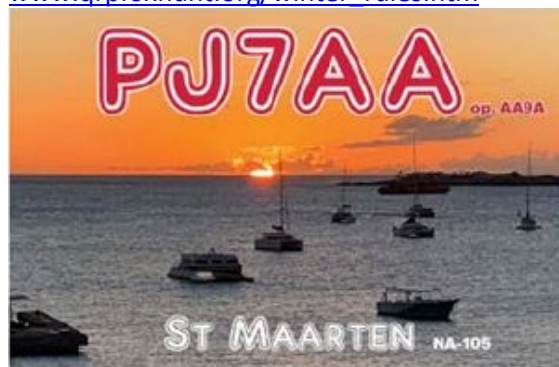
ARS Spartan Sprint
 01:00 - 03:00 UTC 4 March
 Geographic Focus: North America
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Skinny; Tubby
 Max power: 5 watts
 Exchange: RST, state, province or country and power
 Work stations: Once per band
 Submit logs by: 6 March 2025
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com/
 Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: http://ars-grp.com/Spartan_Sprint/Spartan_Sprint.html

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

AGCW YL-CW Party
19:00 - 21:00 UTC 4 March
Geographic Focus: Europe
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 80 m Only
Classes: YL; OM; SWL
Exchange: YL: RST, serial no, "/YL/" and name; OM: RST, serial no, "/" and name
QSO Points: 1 point per YL-OM QSO; 2 points per YL-YL QSO; 0 points per OM-OM QSO;
Extra Points: 1 point per country worked
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points and extra points
Submit logs by: 18 March 2025
E-mail logs to: ylcw@agcw.de
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.agcw.de/contest/yl-cw-party/

QRP Fox Hunt
02:00 - 03:30 UTC 5 March
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 6 March 2025
E-mail logs to: (see rules)
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm



Phone Weekly Test
02:30 - 03:00 UTC 5 March
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 7 March 2025
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at: 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 5 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: 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: 10 March 2025
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <https://a1club.org/contest/awt/>

HL100IARU



CWops Test (CWT)
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
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 8 March 2025
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <https://cwops.org/cwops-tests/>

Mini-Test 40
17:00 - 17:59 UTC 5 March
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: 7 March 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 5 March
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: 7 March 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 5 March
Geographic Focus: Europe

Participation: Worldwide
Mode: SSB
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 5 March 2025
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at: <http://logs.ukeicc.com/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.ukeicc.com/80m-rules.php

Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest
00:00 - 01:00 UTC 6 March and 02:00 - 03:00 UTC 7 March
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 40 m Only
Classes: Single Op
Max power: 5 watts
Exchange: Maximum 13 wpm – RST, state, province or country, name and member no or power
Work stations: Once per day
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 3 points per QSO with member on same continent; 5 points per QSO with member on different continent
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 13 March 2025
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at:
<https://qrptest.com/pigwalk40/autolog.php>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
<https://qrptest.com/pigwalk40/>

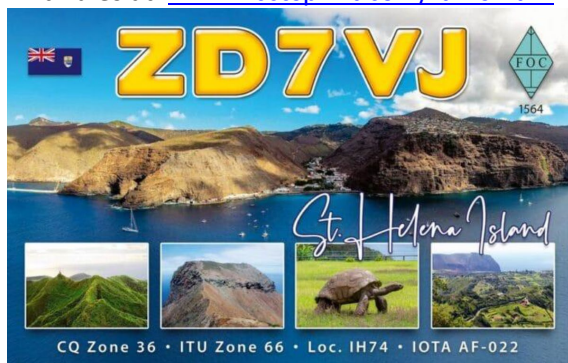
NRAU 10 m Activity Contest
18:00 - 19:00 UTC (CW) and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC (SSB) and 20:00 - 21:00 UTC (FM) and 21:00 - 22:00 UTC (Dig) 6 March
Geographic Focus: Nordic Europe
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW, SSB, FM, Digital
Bands: 10 m Only
Classes: Single Op; Multi-Op
Exchange: RS(T) and 6-character grid square
QSO Points: (see rules)
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 20 March 2025
E-mail logs to: 10m@nrcontest.no
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <https://nrau.net/nrau-contests-in-general/>



SKCC Sprint Europe
20:00 - 22:00 UTC 6 March
Geographic Focus: Europe
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
Classes: (none)
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: 13 March 2025
E-mail log summary to: (none)

Post log summary at:
www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/skse/submit-display.php?submit_id=165
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/skse/

NCCC FT4 Sprint
01:00 - 01:30 UTC 7 March
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: 9 March 2025
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at: <https://lotw.arrl.org/>
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com/
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.ncccsprint.com/ft4ns.html



Weekly RTTY Test
01:45 - 02:15 UTC 7 March
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: 9 March 2025
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com/
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
<https://radiosport.world/wrt.html>

QRP Fox Hunt
02:00 - 03:30 UTC 7 March
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 8 March 2025
E-mail logs to: (see rules)
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm

NCCC Sprint Ladder
02:30 - 03:00 UTC 7 March
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: 9 March 2025
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com/
Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<https://ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

K1USN Slow Speed Test

20:00 - 21:00 UTC 7 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 9 March 2025

Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: www.k1usn.com/sst.html

Novice Rig Roundup

00:00 UTC 8 March to 23:59 UTC 16 March

Geographic Focus: United States

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 15, 10, 2 m

Classes: Novice 1 (xtal control); Novice 2 (VFO control)

Max power: Novice 1: 75 watts input; Novice 2: 250 watts input

Exchange: Name, QTH and optional – rig or NRR number

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Each state, province and country once per band

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

Submit logs by: 15 April 2025

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at:

<https://forms.gle/u4xi7rpHGB6EQixu5>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: www.novicerigroundup.org/

SARL Field Day Contest

08:00 UTC 8 March to 10:00 UTC 9 March

Geographic Focus: South Africa

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW, SSB, Digital

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

Classes: Single-Op Field - QRP or high; Multi-Op Field - QRP or high; Ultra-Light Portable; Back Yard station; General

Max power: QRP: 5 watts; non-QRP: >5 watts

Exchange: Number of transmitters, category (see rules) and province (or "DX")

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: (see rules)

Score Calculation: (see rules)

Submit logs by: 21:59 UTC 14 March 2025

E-mail logs to: contest@sarl.org.za

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

www.sarl.org.za/public/contests/contestrules.asp



Commonwealth (BERU) Contest

10:00 UTC 8 March to 10:00 UTC 9 March

Geographic Focus: Commonwealth countries and territories

Participation: Commonwealth countries and territories

Awards: Commonwealth countries and territories

Mode: CW

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

Classes: Single Op - 12 or 24 - assisted or unassisted - low or high; Single Op Remote - 12 or 24 ; Single Op QRP - assisted or unassisted; Multi-Op; HQ

Max power: High: >100 watts; Low: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: RST and serial no

QSO Points: 5 points per QSO with same continent; 10 points per QSO with different continent; 20 additional points for each of first

three QSOs with a Commonwealth Area or HQ station per band

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 10:00 UTC 14 March 2025

Upload log at: www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2025/rcwc.shtml



SKCC Weekend Sprintathon

12:00 UTC 8 March to 24:00 UTC 9 March

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Awards: Worldwide

Mode: CW

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

Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high; Multi-Op

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

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Bonus 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 16 March 2025

Post log summary at:

www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekend_sprintathon/submit-display.php

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekend_sprintathon/

EA PSK63 Contest

12:00 UTC 8 March to 12:00 UTC 9 March

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Awards: Worldwide

Mode: PSK63

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

Classes: Single Op All Band; Single Op All Band QRP; Single Op All Band Youth; Single Op Single Band; Multi-Op

Max power: Non-QRP: 50 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: EA: RSQ and province code; non-EA: RSQ and serial no

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Once each band (see rules)

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

Submit logs by: 24 March 2025

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at:

<https://concurso.ure.es/en/logs/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<https://concurso.ure.es/en/eapsk63/bases/>

South America 10 Metre Contest

12:00 UTC 8 March to 12:00 UTC 9 March

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Awards: Worldwide

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 10 m Only

Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high - CW, phone or mixed; Multi-Single

Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 150 watts;

QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: RS(T) and CQ zone

QSO Points: 4 points per QSO SA station; 2 points per QSO with non-SA station in other country; 2 points per QSO with /MM or /AM; 0

points per QSO with station in same country

Multipliers: SA: each non-SA prefix; non-SA:

each SA prefix; Each CQ zone

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

Submit logs by: 16 March 2025

E-mail logs to: logs@sa10m.com.ar

Upload log at: <https://sa10m.com.ar/wp/logs-2/upload-log/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://sa10m.com.ar/wp/rules/>

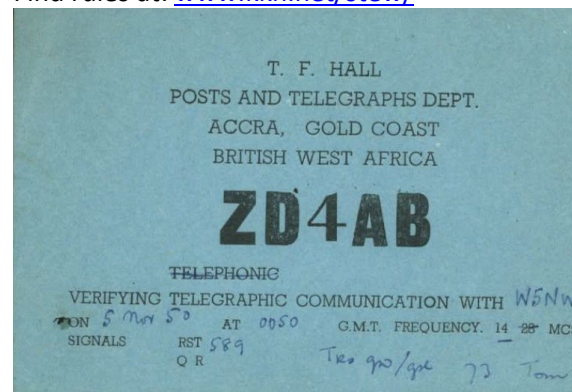
DIG SSB QSO Party

12:00 - 17:00 UTC 8 March (20m-10 m) and
 07:00 - 09:00 UTC (80 m) and 09:00 - 11:00
 UTC 9 March (40 m)
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: SSB
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op
 Exchange: DIG Member: RS and member no;
 non-Member: RS
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with a non-
 member; 10 points per QSO with a DIG
 member
 Multipliers: Each unique DIG member once;
 Each DXCC/WAE country once per band
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO
 points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 31 May 2025
 E-mail logs to: df2kd@web.de
 Mail logs to: Karl-Dieter Heinen, DF2KD,
 Kropelspfad 3, D-53925 Kall, Germany
 Find rules at: [https://diplom-interessen-
 gruppe.info/downloads/dig-qso-party-en/](https://diplom-interessen-gruppe.info/downloads/dig-qso-party-en/)

AGCW QRP Contest
 14:00 - 20:00 UTC 8 March
 Geographic Focus: Europe
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op Only
 Max power: VLP: 1 watt or less; QRP: 5 watts
 or less; MP: 25 watts or less; QRO: >25 watts
 Exchange: RST, QSO no, class (pwr) and AGCW
 member no or NM if not member
 QSO Points: 0 points/QSO for QRO-QRO; 3
 points/QSO for QRP-VLP, VLP-QRP, VLP-VLP,
 QRP-QRP; 2 points/QSO for all others
 Multipliers: 1 per AGCW member per band
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO
 points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 20:00 UTC 22 March 2025
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at: <https://contest.agcw.de/grpc/>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: [www.agcw.de/contest/grp/grp-
 c-engl/](http://www.agcw.de/contest/grp/grp-c-engl/)

Stew Perry Topband Challenge
 15:00 UTC 8 March to 15:00 UTC 9 March

Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Awards: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 160 m Only
 Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high; Multi-Op
 - QRP, low or high
 Max operating hours: 14 hours
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 5 - 100 watts;
 QRP: <5 watts
 Exchange: 4-Character grid square
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO plus 1 point per
 500 km; 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 x power multiplier
 Submit logs by: 24 March 2025
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at:
www.b4h.net/stew/tbdcsubmitlog.php
 Mail logs to: BARC, 50335 NW Hayward Rd,
 Manning, OR 97125, USA
 Find rules at: www.kkn.net/stew/



Oklahoma QSO Party
 15:00 UTC 8 March to 02:00 UTC 9 March and
 15:00 - 21:00 UTC 9 March
 Geographic Focus: United States/Canada
 state/province QSO party
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW, Phone, Digital (no FT8/4)
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
 Classes: Single Op Fixed - CW, phone or mixed -
 QRP, low or high; Multi-Single; OK Multi-Multi;
 OK Mobile Non-Assisted - CW, phone or mixed;
 OK Mobile Assisted - CW, phone or mixed; OK
 Mobile Unlimited - CW, phone or mixed
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;
 QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: OK: RS(T) and County; non-OK: RS(T)
 and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band per mode
QSO Points: 2 points per phone QSO; 3 points per Digital/CW QSO; Bonus points: (see rules)
Multipliers: OK: Each state, province, OK county, DXCC country once; non-OK: OK counties once
Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points
Submit logs by: 1 April 2025
E-mail logs to: okqlogs@suddenlink.net
Mail logs to: Oklahoma QSO Party, Connie Marshall, K5CM, 2991 S. Woodland Rd., Muskogee, OK 74403, USA
Find rules at: <http://k5cm.com/okqp.htm>

TESLA Memorial HF CW Contest
18:00 UTC 8 March to 05:59 UTC 9 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 80, 40 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high; Single Op Single Band - QRP, low or high; Multi-Single
Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: RST, serial no and 4-character grid square
QSO Points: (see rules)
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 13 March 2025
E-mail logs to: tesla@yu1srs.org.rs
Upload log at:
www.radiosport.yu1srs.org.rs/HFTeslaMemorial/index.php/log-submitting-service
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
www.radiosport.yu1srs.org.rs/HFTeslaMemorial/index.php/rules

Idaho QSO Party
19:00 UTC 8 March to 19:00 UTC 9 March
Geographic Focus: United States/Canada state/province QSO party
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: Worldwide
Mode: CW, Phone, Digital (no FT8)
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high Multi-Single - CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Multi-Multi - CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Mobile/Rover - CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; ID Special Event - CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high
Max power: HP: >150 watts; LP: 150 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: ID: County; non-ID: state, province or country
Work stations: Once per mode per band
QSO Points: 1 point per SSB QSO; 2 points per CW/digital QSO; 5 points per QRP QSO; 100 bonus points each for working K7S, K7P, K7U or K7D at least once, 100 additional bonus points for working all four
Multipliers: ID: Each state, province and country once per mode; non-ID: Each ID county once per mode
Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points
Submit logs by: 19 March 2025
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at:
<https://idqp.contesting.com/idqpsubmitlog.php>
Mail logs to: Magic Valley Amateur Radio Club - IDQP Logs, PO Box 5892, Twin Falls, ID. 83303, USA
Find rules at: www.idahoqsoparty.org/

North American RTTY Sprint
00:00 - 03:59 UTC 9 March
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: North America
Mode: RTTY
Bands: 80, 40, 20 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high
Max operating hours: 4 hours
Max power: HP: 1500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: other station's call, your call, serial no, your name and your state, DC, province or country
QSY rule: CQing station must QSY after QSO
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/DC (including KH6/KL7) once; Each VE province/territory once; Each North American country (except W/VE) once

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

Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 16 March 2025

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at:

www.ncjweb.com/sprintlogssubmit/

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://ncjweb.com/Sprint-Rules.pdf>

FIRAC HF Contest

07:00 UTC to 17:00 UTC 9 March

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

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

Classes: FIRAC Member; Non-Member; SWL

Exchange: Member: RS(T), serial no and "F";

Non-member: RS(T)

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 10 points per QSO with FIRAC member; 1 point per QSO with non-member

Multipliers: Each FIRAC member DXCC country once only

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

Submit logs by: 23 March 2025

E-mail logs to: contest@firac.de

Mail logs to: Stegan Tanko, YO6BGT, Lunca Mare 4, sc A, 16, RO-530231 Miercurea-Ciuc, Romania

Find rules at:

www.firac.de/FIRAC_HF_CONTEST_E.pdf

YOTA Contest

10:00 - 21:59 UTC 9 March

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW, SSB

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

Classes: Single Op All Band Open; Single Op All

Band YOTA (25 and younger); Single Op All

Band; YOTA 6 Hours; Single Op 3-Band Open;

Single Op 3-Band YOTA; Multi-Single YOTA (2:1 younger to older ops)

Exchange: Single Op: RS(T) and age (on 1 Jan of year of contest); Multi-Op: RS(T) and average age of ops (on 1 Jan of year of contest)

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Each age once per band

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

Submit logs by: 21:59 UTC 14 March 2025

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at: <https://contest.ham-yota.com/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <https://yotacontest.mrasz.org/>

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

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: AM, SSB, FM

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, 2 m

Classes: (see rules)

Exchange: Name, RS, state, province or country and rcvr/xmtr manuf/model

Work stations: Once per band per mode per rcvr/xmtr manuf/model

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = sum (total mode QSO points x total mode mults) and Bonus Points

Submit logs by: 30 April 2025

E-mail logs to: myscupper@gmail.com

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: www.classicexchange.org/

Wisconsin QSO Party

18:00 UTC 9 March to 01:00 UTC 10 March

Geographic Focus: United States/Canada

state/province QSO party

Participation: Worldwide

Awards: Worldwide

Mode: CW, Phone, Digital (no FT4/8)

Bands: All, except WARC

Classes: Single Op- fixed, mobile or rookie -

QRP, low or high; Multi-Op- fixed or mobile -

QRP, low or high; Multi/Multi- fixed or mobile -

QRP, low or high

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

QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: WI: county; non-WI: state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 1 point per Phone QSO; 2 points per CW/Digital QSO; Bonus Points: 500 points for mobiles for each county from which you make at least 12 QSOs; Bonus Points: 100 points for each band/mode QSO with W9FK below 50 MHz

Multipliers: WI Stations: WI counties, states, provinces once; Non-WI Stations: WI counties once; Power mults: HP x 1.0, LP x 1.5, QRP x 2.0

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

Submit logs by: 23 March 2025

E-mail logs to: wigp-logs@warac.org

Mail logs to: Wisconsin QSO Party; PO Box 511381; New Berlin, WI 53151; USA

Find rules at: www.warac.org/wqp/wqp.htm

4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint

00:00 - 02:00 UTC 10 March

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW, SSB

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

Classes: Single Op

Max power: CW: 5 watts, SSB: 10 watts

Exchange: Member: RS(T), state, province or country and member no; Non-member: RS(T), state, province or country and power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 2 points per QSO with member

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 12 March 2025

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at:

<http://qrpccontest.com/4sgrp>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

www.4sgrp.com/SSS/sss_rules.pdf

K1USN Slow Speed Test

00:00 - 01:00 UTC 10 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 12 March 2025

Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: www.k1usn.com/sst.html

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

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 13 March 2025

Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

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

OK1WC Memorial (MWC)

16:30 - 17:29 UTC 10 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 14 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>

Next Week's Contests

Novice Rig Roundup, 00:00 UTC 8 March to 23:59 UTC 16 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
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 11 March
QRP Fox Hunt, 01:00 - 02:30 UTC 12 March
Phone Weekly Test, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 12 March
A1Club AWT, 11:45 - 13:00 UTC 12 March
CWops Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 12 March and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC and 07:00 - 08:00 UTC 13 March
Mini-Test 40, 17:00 - 17:59 UTC 12 March
Mini-Test 80, 18:00 - 18:59 UTC 12 March
RSGB 80 m CW Club Championship, 20:00 - 21:30 UTC 12 March
BCC QSO Party, 19:00 - 20:59 UTC 13 March
QRP Fox Hunt, 01:00 - 02:30 UTC 14 March
NCCC FT4 Sprint, 01:00 - 01:30 UTC 14 March
Weekly RTTY Test, 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 14 March
NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 14 March
K1USN Slow Speed Test, 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 14 March
PODXS 070 Club St Patrick's Day Contest, 00:00 - 23:59 UTC 15 March
BARTG HF RTTY Contest, 02:00 UTC 15 March to 01:59 UTC 17 March
Russian DX Contest, 12:00 UTC 15 March to 12:00 UTC 16 March
F9AA Cup, SSB, 12:00 UTC 15 March to 12:00 UTC 16 March
Virginia QSO Party, 14:00 UTC 15 March to 04:00 UTC 16 March and 12:00 - 24:00 UTC 16 March
Feld Hell Sprint, 20:00 - 21:59 UTC 16 March
AWA John Rollins Memorial DX Contest, 23:00 UTC 15 March to 03:00 UTC 17 March and 23:00 UTC 2 March2 to 03:00 UTC 2 March4
UBA Spring SSB Contest, 07:00 - 11:00 UTC 16 March
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest, 23:00 UTC 16 March to 01:00 UTC 17 March
K1USN Slow Speed Test, 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 17 March
ICWC Medium Speed Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 17 March and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 18 March
OK1WC Memorial, 16:30 - 17:29 UTC 17 March
Bucharest Digital Contest, 18:00 - 20:59 UTC 17 March
RSGB FT4 Contest, 20:00 - 22:00 UTC 17 March
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 18 March

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