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The ARRL Board Creates the 10-Band DXCC

From the ARRL Member Bulletin (dated 22 July). Prior to the Board meeting, Board committees met on 17 July with the following action:

“The Programmes & Services Committee and Headquarters staff from the Radiosport Department, on the heels of creating the DXCC Trident award in January, are moving ahead with the creation of another new DXCC award - 10-Band DXCC - which will recognize those who achieve DXCC on all bands from 6 metres to 160 metres (excluding 60 metres). Higher achievement endorsements can be earned at the 200, 300 and Honour Roll levels, like the DXCC Trident. The 10-Band DXCC award challenges participants in the DXCC programme to establish station capabilities and operator skills for dealing with myriad band conditions in pursuing DXCC across all 10 bands.”

The Results of the SARL Newbie QSO Party

Twenty logs were received for the first leg of the SARL Newbie QSO party held on Saturday 5 July 2025.

- 1st Wayne Bevan, ZS6ORB – 478 points
- 2nd Chloe Zaayman, ZR1CZ - 451 points
- 3rd Dave du Toit, ZS6DDT - 411 points
- 4th Martie Venter, ZS6MV - 375 points
- 5th Dieter Oelofse, ZS6DO – 370 points
- 6th Hendrik Henning, ZS6HJH - 323 points
- 7th Phillip Fischer, ZS6FY - 245 points

- July**
- 22 - Provincial schools open
 - 26 - the SARL Saturday 40 m Club Contest
 - 26 and 27 - the RSGB IOTA Contest
 - 28 and 29 - the Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower
 - 30 - International Day of Friendship and the Sandton Power Hour Tech Talk
- August**
- 2 - the ZS4SRK Club meeting
 - 3 - the SARL HF Phone Contest
 - 8 - International Cat Day
 - 9 - Women's Day and SARL YL QSO Party
 - 10 - the SARL HF Digital contest
 - 12 - International Youth Day
 - 12 and 13 - the Perseids Meteor Shower
 - 16 - the SARL Youth QSO Party
 - 16 and 17 - Lighthouse Weekend - ILLW
 - 19 - World Humanitarian Day
 - 20 - SARL Wednesday 80 m Club Contest
 - 24 - the SARL HF CW contest
 - 26 - International Dog Day
 - 27 - the Sandton Power Hour Tech Talk
 - 30 - the West Rand Boot Sale

- 8th Wallie Lourens, ZS6WNL - 213 points
- 9th Kobus Kotze, ZS6KBS - 204 points
- 10th SP van Blerk, ZS1SPB - 191 points
- 11th Llewellyn Hewitt, ZS1VIS - 158 points
- 12th Mark Walker, ZS6MDX - 142 points
- 13th Keith Barker, ZS6HI - 128 points
- 14th the Gauteng ARC, ZS6GPG - 122 points
- 15th Gert du Plessis, ZR6GRT - 120 points
- 16th Martin James, V51MJ – 57 points
- 17th David Macgregor, ZR6DM - 52 points
- 18th Theunis Potgieter, ZS2EC - 30 points
- 19th Alan Ridgard, ZR6AQV - 13 points
- 20th Martin Blomeyer, ZS5MRB - 10 points

The July Power Hour Tech Talk

The July 2025 Power Hour Tech Talk is scheduled for Wednesday evening 30 July at 19:00 CAT and this month we will be learning and discussing a new and popular keyboard to keyboard digital mode, VarAC. Without giving too much away, VarAC is one of the newer Digital Mode Chat Programmes for Amateur Radio. This mode uses highly efficient error correction techniques to ensure reliable communications even in weak signal conditions, whilst also offering faster data transfer rates and lower power consumption when compared to many other modes. It is a FREE, modern HF P2P real-time chatting and emergency communication application for amateur radio operators, leveraging the VARA protocol, and it has become very popular.

Sound interesting? Then please join our special guest, Alistair, ZS2OK, during the next Power Hour Tech Talk to listen and learn more about VarAC and how you can join the over 80 000 amateurs around the world that are already actively having fun with VarAC. The Tech Talk will take place on Zoom to enable everyone everywhere to participate in the conversation and see VarAC in action, so grab a pen as here come the Zoom details. The Power Hour Tech Talk is scheduled for Wednesday 30 July and will start at 19:00 CAT. The Zoom Meeting ID is 891 1944 0458 and the Zoom passcode is 674977. Everyone is welcome, so please diarise to join the next Power Hour Tech Talk on 30 July with our special guest, Alistair ZS2OK.

A Challenge for South African Amateurs

Well, actually two challenges, the one about the Worked All ZS and the other about the 10 MHz or 30-metre band.

Only two amateurs hold this Worked All ZS Award. According to the latest SARL VHF/UHF/SHF Distance Records, Hal, ZS6WB (in 1997) and Paul ZS6NK (in 2018) are the only holders of the 6-metre Worked All ZS Award. It is noted that Hal, ZS6WB; Paul, ZS6NK; Chris, ZS6EZ and Bernie, ZS4TX hold the All-Africa Award for 6-metres.

The first challenge – who will be number three to achieve a 6-metre Worked all ZS?

Then, the foot note to the IARU Region 1 10 MHz band plan states, “The band segment 10 120 kHz to 10 140 kHz may be used for SSB transmissions in the area of Africa south of the equator during local daylight hours.”

The Australian HF band plan for 10 MHz states, “The current band plan has telephony from 10,120 to 10,135 MHz.” And they can use the frequency 24 hours a day. Unfortunately, because of an FT8 frequency, it is recommended that 10,120 to 10,130 be used for phone.

The second challenge – who will be the first South African amateur to make a phone QSO with an Australian amateur on 30 metres?

The VU4AX DX-adventure Book

With its 56 full-colour pages in A4 format, this book “offers an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at the VU4AX DXpedition, featuring stories and stunning photographs from the participating operators.” See <https://www.dx-adventure.com/en/vu4ax-book/> for the details.

DX from Africa

(These count towards your All Africa Award)

Kenya, 5Z. Ben, VE3NZ, is currently active as 5Z4NZ from Nairobi, Kenya, until 5 August. His activity is limited to time permits on various HF bands using mainly CW. Ben plans a longer stay in the future (dates were not provided). QSL via his home call sign.

Benin, TY. Antonio, IK7WUL, will once again be active as TY2AA from Benin between 18 August and 7 September, on a humanitarian mission. Activity is usually on 10 m SSB when time permits. QSL via I8KHC or LoTW. See QRZ.com for some videos.

African Islands

Tanzania, 5H. Andy, 5Z4VJ, operates as 5H1VJ during the IOTA contest from Zanzibar Island (AF-032). QSL via MOURX, LoTW.

Madagascar, 5R. The Italian DXpedition Team (IDT) announce their new activity from Nosy Be Island (IOTA AF-057), Madagascar, between 29 October and 12 November. Operators mentioned are: Alfeo, I1HJT; Franco, I1FQH; Tony, I2PJA; Silvano, I2YSB; Angelo, IK2CKR; Gino, IK2RZP; Stefano, IK2HKT and Maurizio, IV3ZXQ. Call sign to be used: 5R8TT (CW/SSB/RTTY) and 5R8XX (ft8). Activity will be on 160 to 6 metres (no 60 m) with four stations. The Pilot station will be reachable, only in English, for any requests at idt-pilot@gmail.com. For any information or in case of problems during the DXpedition with the OnlineLog please contact ONLY the Pilot Station (who has access to the Log). All requests addressed directly to the operators will be ignored. QSL both callsigns via I2YSB, OQRS or LoTW. I.D.T. DXpeditions DO NOT use ClubLog OQRS, QRZ Log, eQSL Log, Digital QSL, and Bureau. - NO QRZ flags. Click here for QSL or LoTW OQRS for all DXpeditions <http://win.i2ysb.com/logonline/>. LoTW: All Sponsors who request a direct QSL will have their QSOs uploaded to LoTW. The contacts requested will be uploaded at the end of the DXpedition. DIRECT: via I2YSB only. 2 USDs for Italy and Europe + SAE; 3 USDs outside of Europe + SAE; 4 USDs VK-ZL Pacific Area + SAE. Important: These prices are for letters, don't use PayPal. Important: One (1) CALL ONLY per envelope. NO IRCs, NO stamps (*Sounds like a money-making plan!*) Address: Silvano Borsa, Viale Capettini 1, 27036 Mortara (PV), Italy



Please note: QSLs will be mailed typically within 2 to 8 weeks, depending on workload and mail service. Please do not solicit them. All donors contributing USDs 50 (USDs) or more will automatically receive: a QSL card, credit on LOTW, and a USB stick with the DXpedition video. E-mail Pay Pal: idt@i2ysb.com

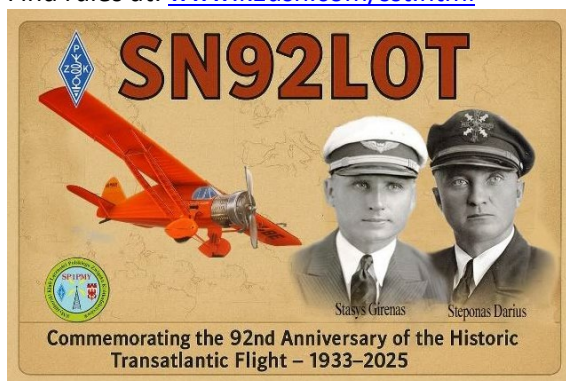
Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is from 21 to 28 July 2025.

K1USN Slow Speed Test
00:00 - 01:00 UTC 21 July
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 23 July 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 21 July and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 22 July
 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 24 July 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 21 July

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 25 July 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>



Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest
 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 22 July
 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 23 July 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 23 July
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 July 2025
E-mail log summary to: (none)
Post log summary at:
www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekday_sprint/submit-display.php
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekday_sprint/

Phone Weekly Test
02:30 - 03:00 UTC 23 July
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: SSB

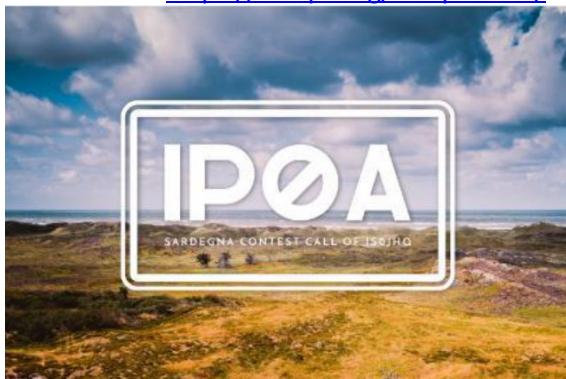
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 m
Classes: Single Op
Max power: 100 watts
Exchange: NA: Name and state, province or country; non-NA: Name
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station
Multipliers: Each US state (including KH6/KL7) 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 25 July 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 23 July
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: 28 July 2025
Post log summary at: 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 23 July and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC and 07:00 - 08:00 UTC 24 July
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 26 July 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 23 July
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: 25 July 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 23 July
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: 25 July 2025
Upload log at: <https://ua9qcq.com/hf-logs.php>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <http://minitest.narod.ru/>

RSGB 80 m Data Club Championship
19:00 - 20:30 UTC 24 July
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 25 July 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

QRP Fox Hunt
01:00 - 02:30 UTC 25 July
Geographic Focus: United States
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 20 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: 02:30 UTC 26 July 2025
E-mail logs to: (see rules)
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
www.qrpfoxhunt.org/summer_rules.htm



NCCC FT4 Sprint
01:00 - 01:30 UTC 25 July
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: 27 July 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.nccsprInternational.com/ft4ns.html



Weekly RTTY Test
01:45 - 02:15 UTC 25 July
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: 27 July 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>

NCCC Sprint
02:30 - 03:00 UTC 25 July
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: (see rules)
Classes: (none)
Max power: 100 watts
Exchange: Serial no, name and QTH

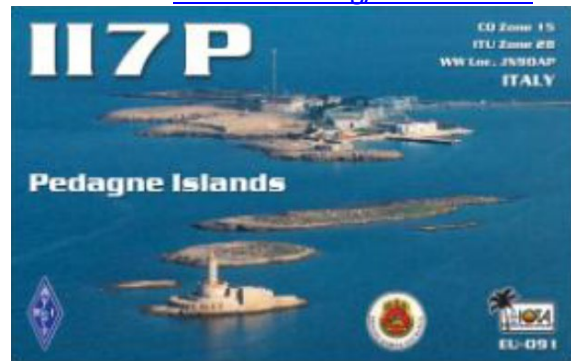
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 27 July 2025
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com/
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
<https://nccsprInternational.com/rules.html>



K1USN Slow Speed Test
 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 25 July
 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 27 July 2025
 Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: www.k1usn.com/sst.html

MARAC US Counties QSO Party
 00:00 UTC 26 July to 24:00 UTC 27 July
 Geographic Focus: United States
 Participation: Worldwide
 Awards: Worldwide

Mode: CW/Digital, Phone
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, 2 m
 Classes: Fixed Single Op - CW-digital, phone or mixed; Portable Single Op - CW-digital, phone or mixed; Mobile - CW-digital, phone or mixed; DX
 Exchange: RS(T) and state, county or DX
 Work stations: Once per band per mode
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with fixed US station; 15 points per QSO with US mobile; US: 2 points per QSO with DX station
 Multipliers: Each US county once per mode
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 1 September 2025
 E-mail logs to: contest-logs@marac.org
 Mail logs to: Lee Hallin - N7NU, 3413 Walton Ln., Eugene, OR 97408-4673, USA
 Find rules at: www.marac.org/contests.htm



FRAPR 10 m Contest
 00:00 UTC 26 July to 23:59 UTC 27 July
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW, SSB
 Bands: 10 m Only
 Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high - CW, SSB or mixed; Multi-Single - low or high; Multi-Two - low or high
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;
 QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: RS(T) and power
 QSO Points: 3 points per QSO with station outside of PR; 5 points per QSO with PR station; 10 points per QSO with KP4FRA/E/W/S/N (see rules)
 Multipliers: Each DXCC country once per mode; Each KP4FRA/E/W/S/N once per mode
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 3 August 2025
 E-mail logs to: eventos@frapr.org
 Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: www.frapr.org/concursos/



RSGB IOTA Contest

12:00 UTC 26 July to 12:00 UTC 27 July

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW, SSB

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

Classes: Single Op - 12 or 24 hrs - Island-Fixed, Island-DXped or World - CW, SSB or mixed - QR, low or high; Single Op Assisted - 12 or 24 hrs - Island or World - CW, SSB or mixed - QRP, low or high; Single Op Overlay:

Newcomer; Multi-Single - Island-Fixed or Island-DXped - low or high; Multi-Two - Island-Fixed or Island-DXped - low or high

Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: RS(T) and serial no and IOTA no (if applicable)

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Each IOTA reference once per band per mode

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

Submit logs by: 12:00 UTC 1 August 2025

E-mail logs to: (none)

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

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

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

Alabama QSO Party

15:00 UTC 26 July to 03:00 UTC 27 July

Geographic Focus: United States/Canada state/province QSO party

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW, Phone

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

Classes: Single Op - CW, phone or mixed - QRP, low or high; M/S - CW, phone or mixed - QRP, low or high; M/M - CW, phone or mixed - QRP, low or high; Mobile Single Op - CW, phone or mixed - QRP, low or high; Mobile Single Op and Driver - CW, phone or mixed - QRP, low or high; Mobile Multi-Op - CW, phone or mixed - QRP, low or high

Max power: HP: >150 watts; LP: 150 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: AL: RS(T) and County; non-AL: RS(T) and state, province or country

QSO Points: 2 points per QSO

Multipliers: AL Stations: Each state, VE province/territory, country, AL county once per mode; non-AL Stations: Each AL county once per mode

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

Submit logs by: 29 August 2025

E-mail logs to: logs@alabamagsoparty.org

Upload log at:

<https://alabamacontestgroup.org/aqp/log-submission/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://alabamacontestgroup.org/aqp/rules/>



ARS Flight of the Bumblebees

17:00 - 21:00 UTC 27 July

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Home-Based; Bumblebee

Max power: 5 Watts

Exchange: Home: RST, state, province or country and power; Bumblebee: RST, state, province or country and Bumblebee no
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
 Multipliers: Bumblebees
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total Bumblebees x 3
 Submit logs by: 10 August 2025
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com/
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <http://ars-grp.com/FOBB/FOBB.html>



K1USN Slow Speed Test
 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 28 July
 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 30 July 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 28 July and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 29 July
 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 31 July 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 28 July
 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 1 August 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
19:00 - 21:00 UTC 28 July

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: 21:00 UTC 29 July 2025
Upload log at: www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2025/r80m_ft4.shtml

Next Week's Contests

Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 29 July
Phone Weekly Test, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 30 July
A1Club AWT, 11:45 - 13:00 UTC 30 July
CWops Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 30 July and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC and 07:00 - 08:00 UTC, Jul 31
Mini-Test 40, 17:00 - 17:59 UTC 30 July
Mini-Test 80, 18:00 - 18:59 UTC 30 July
QRP Fox Hunt, 01:00 - 02:30 UTC 1 August
NCCC FT4 Sprint, 01:00 - 01:30 UTC 1 August
Weekly RTTY Test, 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 1 August
NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 1 August
K1USN Slow Speed Test, 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 1 August
10-10 International Summer SSB Contest, 00:01 UTC 2 August to 23:59 UTC 3 August
European HF Championship, 12:00 - 23:59 UTC 2 August
North American CW QSO Party, 18:00 UTC 2 August to 05:59 UTC 3 August
SARL HF Phone Contest, 14:00 - 17:00 UTC 3 August
K1USN Slow Speed Test, 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 4 August
ICWC Medium Speed Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 4 August and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 5 August
OK1WC Memorial, 16:30 - 17:29 UTC 4 August
ARS Spartan Sprint, 00:00 - 02:00 UTC 5 August
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 5 August
ZL Sprint, 08:00 - 08:29 UTC (CW) and 08:30 - 08:59 UTC (SSB) and 09:00 - 09:29 UTC (FT4) 5 August

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