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The Lesotho Micro-DXpedition 2025: Ten Peaks Above 3 000 m

This September, Brandon Zietsman, ZS6LZ, will embark on a Lesotho Micro-DXpedition, which has been organised in conjunction with the Sandton Amateur Radio Club. Over six days, starting on 17 September, he will traverse the Maloti–Drakensberg escarpment, operating from ten summits, all above 3 000 metres, including Thabana Ntlenyana, the highest point in Southern Africa south of Kilimanjaro.

The route covers about 100 kilometres on foot, with nearly five thousand metres of climbing, through some of the most remote wilderness areas in the region. Nine of the target summits are registered 10-point SOTA peaks in South Africa, but six of them have workable activation zones extending into Lesotho, from where Brandon will operate as 7P8LZ. Only three of these peaks have ever been activated before. Thabana Ntlenyana is not yet a SOTA summit as Lesotho is still in the process of being surveyed for SOTA.

Brandon will be supported by two porters on the mountains, while Mathew Varkevisser, ZS6MDV, operating as 7P8MW, will provide communications and logistics from base stations in Lesotho and KwaZulu-Natal. A safety team led by Mark, ZS6MDX, with Keith, ZS6HI and Christi, ZS4CGR will monitor Garmin InReach messaging and relay spots and alerts. Operation will be primarily on SSB, with FT8 as a fallback. Equipment includes a Yaesu FT-891, an Elecraft KX2, SOTAbeams portable masts, linked dipoles and Bienno LiFePO4 batteries, with Bienno Power sponsoring the expedition.

Chasers should watch the SOTA WhatsApp spotting group and SOTAwatch, as cell coverage will be limited. Brandon will keep s tightly to his schedule as possible and some activation windows may be tight. Should the expedition be successful, operators who manage to log all ten summits will

August

- 26 - International Dog Day
- 27 - the Sandton Power Hour Tech Talk
- 30 - the West Rand Boot Sale

September

- 1 - the arrival of the 1820 Settlers in Algoa Bay
- 2 to 6 - the SA Philatelic Exhibition in Paarl
- 3 - Secretary's Day
- 6 and 7 - the Region 1 Field Day, SARL National Field Day and the SARL VHF/UHF FM Contest
- 7 - Total Lunar Eclipse
- 8 - International Literacy Day
- 13 - the European SOTA Day and the Africa FT4 DX Contest
- 13 and 14 - the ZS SOTA Spring Activity
- 16 - the start of the SARL 6 m Challenge
- 21 International Day of Peace
- 22 - Spring Equinox
- 22 to 24 - Rosh Hashanah
- 24 - National Braai Day and the Power Hour Tech Talk
- 26 - World Maritime Day
- 27 - World Tourism Day
- 27 and 28 - the CQ WW RTTY contest
- 28 - the ZS1 QSO Party

receive special recognition. The September issue of Radio ZS carries the full article, with route details, daily plans, and tips for chasers. Look for Lesotho Micro-DXpedition 2025: Ten Peaks Above 3 000 m on page 18. We wish Brandon, ZS6LZ and his team every success.

Oceania DX Contest 2025 - Africa Plaque

African stations are cordially invited to operate in the Oceania DX Contest for 2025 and compete for worldwide places and awards as well as a plaque specifically sponsors for participants in Africa. We know that propagation can be difficult to Africa and therefore Oceania stations are always very pleased to have contacts with our African friends, fellow hams and contesters. There is a specific award plaque for the highest scoring station from Africa.



The OCDX Contest runs on the first (SSB) and second (CW) weekends in October and for serious contesters can be a great warm-up to the big CQ WW SSB at the end of the month. The contest commences at 06:00 UTC on the Saturday and runs for 24 hours. The exchange is a signal report and a serial number. The full rules can be found at <https://www.oceaniadxcontest.com/rules>.

High band propagation to Oceania is best in Africa mornings beaming East and mid to later evenings on the low bands. 20 m can support both LP and SP openings, LP at 06:00 UTC and SP from around 12:00 or 14:00 UTC. Oceania stations look forward to contacts with any stations from Africa and we hope to hear you in the contest.

The Results of the SARL YL QSO Party

Nineteen logs were received for the second leg of the SARL YL QSO Party held on Saturday 9 August 2025.

- 1st Louise Larsen, ZS5BSR – 132 points
- 2nd Adele Tyler, ZS5APT/6 and Esmarie Lotriet, ZS3EL - 114 points
- 4th Lizette Scheepers, ZS6ZET - 93 points
- 5th Graham Busse, ZS6GL - 89 points
- 6th Dave du Toit, ZS6DDT - 81 points
- 7th Marjoke Schuitemaker, ZS5V - 75 points
- 8th Gert du Plessis, ZR6GRT - 71 points
- 9th Keith Lowes, ZS5WFD - 69 points
- 10th Heather Holland, ZS5YH - 60 points
- 11th Theunis Potgieter, ZS2EC - 52 points
- 12th Helmar Otto, ZS1H - 48 points
- 13th Jurie Venter, ZS5ZG - 38 points
- 14th Martin Blomeyer, ZS5MRB - 29 points
- 15th Wallie Lourens, ZS6WNL - 27 points
- 16th Sid Tyler, ZS5AYC/6/p - 18 points
- 17th SP van Blerk, ZS1SPB - 17 points
- 18th David Bijleveld, 3DA0PA -12 points
- 19th Gawie Hoon, ZS5R - 9 points

Combined results

- 1st Adel Tyler, ZS5APT - 222 points
- 2nd Marjoke Schuitemaker, ZS5V - 153 points
- 3rd Louise Larsen, ZS5BSR - 132 points
- 4th Esmarie Lotriet, ZS2EL - 114 points
- 5th Keith Lowes, ZS5WFD - 108 points

- 6th Lizette Scheepers, ZS6ZET - 93 points
- 7th Graham Busse, ZS6GL - 89 points
- 8th Veronica Kotze, ZR6VTK - 84 points
- 9th Gert du Plessis, ZR6GRT - 82 points
- 10th Dave du Toit, ZS6DDT - 81 points
- 11th Heather Holland, ZS5YH - 75 points
- 12th Jurie Venter, ZS5ZG - 59 points
- 13th Odette Vosloo, ZS2OD - 57 points
- 14th Theunis Potgieter, ZS2EC - 52 points
- 15th Helmar Otto, ZS1H - 48 points
- 16th Dienie Schnetler, ZS6DNI - 44 points
- 17th Sonet de Wet, ZS3SW and Magda Swart, ZS6MMS - 33 points
- 18th Valerie Wagner, ZS5VAL - 30 points
- 19th Martin Blomeyer, ZS5MRB - 29 points
- 20th Sid Tyler, ZS5AYC/6/p - 18 points
- 21st SP van Blerk, ZS1SPB - 17 points
- 22nd Alan Aitken, ZS5AJA - 15 points
- 23rd David Bijleveld, 3DA0PA - 12 points
- 24th Gawie Hoon, ZS5R - 9 points
- 25th Martin James, V51MJ - 7 points
- 26th Christi Grobbelaar, ZS4CGR - 4 points

The first weekend of September

Looking ahead, the weekend of 6 and 7 September is going to be busy with the IARU Region 1 Field Day, the SARL National Field Day and the SARL VHF/UHF FM Contest.



A change to the calendar

It has been decided to move the ZS-SOTA Activity Weekend back one weekend. In the 2025 Diary of Events, it is shown as the weekend of 20 and 21 September, but the ZS-SOTA Team have decided that the weekend of 13 and 14 September will be more suitable. The European SOTA Day takes place on Saturday 13 September as well.

So, all the SOTA activators, start making your plans for activating summits on 13 and 14 September. Join the ZS-SOTA WhatsApp group to get the latest information.



DX from Africa

(These count towards your All Africa Award)

South Africa, ZS. The special event stations ZS100SARL, ZS6SRL and ZS9HQ celebrate the 100th anniversary of the South African Radio League (SARL) until the end of 2025.

Mali, TZ. Jeff, K1MMB, will once again be active as TZ4AM from Bamako, Mali, sometime between September and December. Activity will be on 80 to 6 m using CW and SSB. Jeff reported on QRZ.com (during his last trip and probably this trip): "I have now put a new beacon TZ4AM/B on 50 050.5, 50 watts on the air and leave it operating part-time at times when I think there might be openings (but not 24/7 due to power cuts). It transmits at 22 wpm focusing on Regions 2 and 3 but can be heard in EU during openings." QSL via KX4R.

Rwanda, 9X. Harold, DF2WO will be active again as 9X2AW from Rwanda between 1 and 27 September. Usually he operates CW, SSB and digital on various bands, 6 metres included, and via QO-100. QSL via M0OXO's OQRS and LoTW.

Malawi, 7Q. Zachary, KJ5BIN, informs on his upcoming 7Q5BIN activity. "I am working to get on the air remotely in Embangweni in the Mzimba District of Malawi. I don't have any specific dates yet. I will be using up to 100 w power on SSB and digital mostly. I have a club log page in progress as well as LOTW, but neither will be very active for a while. I also will use QRZ to log a majority of contacts. While I am in the process of having QSL cards made, I will be receiving direct QSLs via my KJ5BIN address and will respond in the order they are received. When my ClubLog account is set up, I will also be utilizing OQRS. Sorry I cannot offer more specific details at this time. I will reach out to you when I have a more concrete date and time calendar available."

African Islands

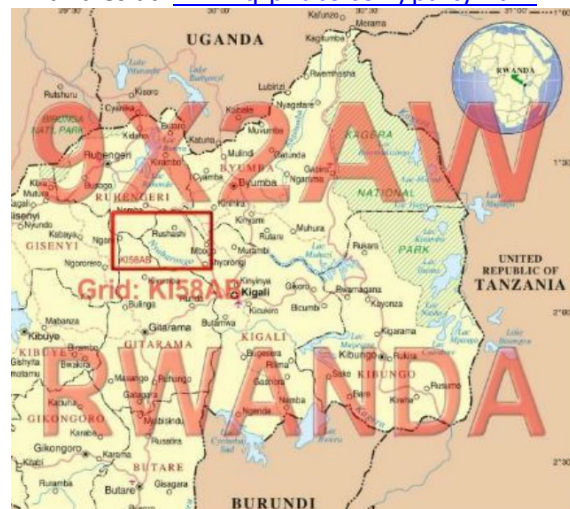
Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is from 25 August to 1 September 2025.

K1USN Slow Speed Test
00:00 - 01:00 UTC 25 August
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 August 2025
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.k1usn.com/sst.html

QCX Challenge
13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 25 August and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 26 August
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 31 August 2025
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.grp-labs.com/party.html



ICWC Medium Speed Test
13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 25 August and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 26 August
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 28 August 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 25 August
 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 29 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!>

Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest
 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 26 August
 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 27 August 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>

ZL Sprint
 08:00 - 08:29 UTC (CW) 26 August and 08:30 -
 08:59 UTC (SSB) 26 August and 09:00 - 09:29
 UTC (FT4) 26 August
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW, SSB, FT4
 Bands: 80 m Only
 Classes: Single Op - CW, SSB, digital or mixed -
 QRP or high
 Max power: Open: 100 watts; QRP: CW/FT4: 5
 Watts, SSB: 10 Watts
 Exchange: CW/SSB: RS(T) and Outside
 Temperature (C); FT4: 4-character grid square
 Work stations: Once per mode section
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
 Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 09:29 UTC 27 August 2025

E-mail logs to: markz13ab@gmail.com

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

www.nzart.org.nz/activities/contests/sprints/



SKCC Sprint

00:00 - 02:00 UTC 27 August

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 30 August 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 27 August

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 29 August 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

A1Club AWT

11:45 - 13:00 UTC 27 August

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: 1 September 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 27

August and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC and 07:00 -

08:00 UTC 28 August

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 30 August 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 27 August
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: 29 August 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 27 August
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: 29 August 2025
Upload log at: <https://ua9qcq.com/hf-logs.php>
Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://minitest.narod.ru/>

QRP Fox Hunt
01:00 - 02:30 UTC 29 August
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 30 August 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 29 August
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: 31 August 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 29 August

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: 31 August 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 Ladder

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 29 August

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: 31 August 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 29 August

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 31 August 2025

Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com

Mail logs to: (none)

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

SCRY/RTTYOps WW RTTY Contest

22:00 UTC 29 August to 12:00 UTC 30 August and 12:00 - 23:59 UTC 31 August

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: RTTY

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

Classes: Single Op All Band 1 Radio - low or high; Single Op All Band Unlimited; Multi-Two - low or high; Multi-Unlimited; Multi-Unlimited Distributed; Single Op Overlays:

Classic/Distributed/Wires-

Only/Rookie/Portable/Youngster/Unlimited

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

Exchange: RST and 4-digit year license first issued

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Each 4-digit year licensed once per band per period; Non-Scandinavia/Baltic

stations: Each Scandinavia/Baltic prefix once per band per period

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 7 September 2025
E-mail logs to: rttyops-ww-rtty@rttyops.com
Upload log at: <https://log.rttyops.com/>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
<https://rttyops.com/index.php/contests/cq-rttyops-ww-scry-rtty/cq-rttyops-ww-scry2-rtty-rules>

Feld Hell Sprint
00:00 - 23:59 UTC 30 August
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: Feld Hell
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
Classes: (none)
Max power: Standard: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: (see rules)
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: (see rules)
Bonus Points: (see rules)
Multipliers: (see rules)
Score Calculation: (see rules)
Submit logs by: 3 September 2025
Upload log at:
<https://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
<https://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/Home/contests/sprints/worked-all-americas-sprint>

ALARA Contest
06:00 UTC Aug 30 to 05:59 UTC 31 August
Geographic Focus: Australia/New Zealand
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW, Phone
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op
Exchange: ALARA: RS(T), serial no, ALARA member and name; non-ALARA: RS(T), serial no, name and whether YL, OM or club station
Work stations: Once per 60 minutes per band per mode
QSO Points: 5 points per phone QSO with ALARA member; 4 points per phone QSO with YL non-member; 3 points per phone QSO with OM; Double points per QSO for CW

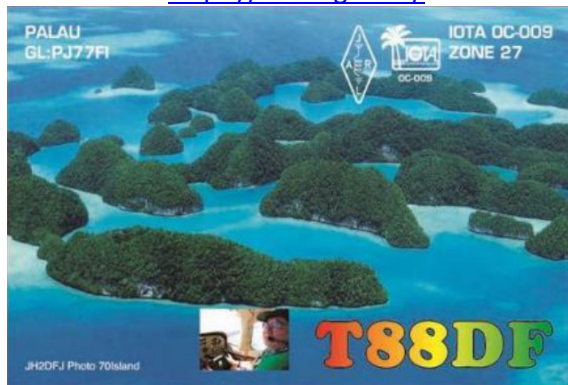
Multipliers: Each VK/ZL call area once per band; Each YL DXCC country once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 30 September 2025
E-mail logs to: contest@alara.org.au
Mail logs to: Alisha Ashley VK2FASH, 36 Brooklyn Drive, Bourkelands NSW 2650, AUSTRALIA
Find rules at: www.alara.org.au/contests/



US Islands QSO Party
12:00 UTC 30 August to 03:00 UTC 31 August
Geographic Focus: United States/Canada
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW, Phone, Digital
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
Classes: US Island Fixed QRP or QRO; US Island Expedition QRP or QRO; US Island Rover QRP or QRO; Non-Island QRP or QRO
Max power: QRO: >5 W; QRP: 5 W
Exchange: Islands: RS(T) and USI/CISA Island Designation (see rules for digital); Non-Islands: RS(T), state, province or country (see rules for digital)
Work stations: Once per mode per band
QSO Points: 5 points per QSO with US island; 2 points per CW/Digital QSO with non-island; 1 point per phone QSO with non-island
Multipliers: (see rules)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 30 September 2025
E-mail logs to: ns4j@usislands.org
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <http://usislands.org/qso-party-rules/>

World Wide Digi DX Contest
12:00 UTC 30 August to 12:00 UTC 31 August
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide

Mode: FT4/8
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op Single Transmitter - QRP, low or high; Single Op Multi-Transmitter - QRP, low or high; Multi-Single - low or high; Multi-Two; Multi-Unlimited
 Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: 4-character grid square
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO plus 1 point per 3 000 km short path distance between stations
 Multipliers: Each grid field (first 2 letters of grid square) once per band
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 5 September 2025
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at: <https://ww-digi.com/logcheck/>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <https://ww-digi.com/>



Colorado QSO Party
 13:00 UTC 30 August to 04:00 UTC 31 August
 Geographic Focus: United States/Canada state/province QSO party
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW, Phone, Digital
 Bands: All, except WARC
 Classes: Single Op - CW, phone, digital or mixed- QRP, low or high; Multi-Single - CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Colorado Mobile Single Op - CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP or low; Colorado Mobile Multi-Op - CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP or low; Colorado Portable Single Op - CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP or low; Colorado Portable Multi-Op - CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP or low; School- CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high
 Max power: HP: >150 watts; LP: 150 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: CO: Name and county; W/VE: Name and state or province; DX: Name and DXCC prefix
 Work stations: Once per band per mode per CO county
 QSO Points: 1 point per phone QSO; 2 points per CW/digital QSO; Double QSO points for countries outside of W/VE
 Multipliers: CO Stations: Each CO county, state, VE province, DXCC country, maritime region once per mode; Non-CO: Each county once per mode
 Power: (see rules)
 Score Calculation: (see rules)
 Submit logs by: 4 October 2025
 E-mail logs to: coqplogs@ppraa.org
 Mail logs to: Colorado QSO Party, PO Box 16521, Colorado Springs, CO 80935-6521, USA
 Find rules at: <http://ppraa.org/coqp>

Kansas QSO Party
 14:00 UTC 30 August to 02:00 UTC 31 August and 14:00 - 20:00 UTC 31 August
 Geographic Focus: United States/Canada state/province QSO party
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW, SSB, Digital/RTTY
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
 Classes: Single Op - CW, phone or mixed - low or high; Single Op QRP; Multi-Op; Youth (17 and under); Kansas Club; Kansas Mobile Single Op - CW, phone or mixed - low power; Kansas Mobile Multi-Op Single Radio Low Power; Kansas Mobile Unlimited; Kansas Portable - single county or county line; Kansas Expedition - single county per day or county line; Kansas Rover Low Power; Single Op Canada or DX; Single Op FT8
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: KS: RS(T) and county; non-KS: RS(T) and state, province or DX
 Work stations: Once per band per mode
 QSO Points: 2 points per phone QSO; 3 points per CW/digital QSO; Bonus: 100 points for at least one QSO with KS0KS
 Multipliers: KS: Each US state, VE province/territory and "DX" once; non-KS: Each KS county once
 Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and Bonus Points

Submit logs by: 1 October 2025
E-mail logs to: (see rules)
Upload log at:
<https://ksqp.contesting.com/ksqpsubmitlog.php>
Mail logs to: Kansas QSO Party, c/o Bob Harder, W0BH, PO Box 746, Hesston, KS 67062, USA
Find rules at:
<https://ksqsoparty.org/rules/KSQPRules2025.pdf?1>

K1USN Slow Speed Test
00:00 - 01:00 UTC 1 September
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 3 September 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 1 September and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 2 September
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 4 September 2025
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
<https://internationalcwcouncil.org/mst-contest/>



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OK1WC Memorial (MWC)
16:30 - 17:29 UTC 1 September
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 5 September 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 80 m SSB Autumn Series
19:00 - 20:30 UTC 1 September
Geographic Focus: United Kingdom

Participation: Worldwide
Mode: SSB
Bands: 80 m Only
Classes: 100 W; 10 W
Exchange: RS and serial no
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 4 September 2025
Upload log at: www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2025/rautumn.shtml

MI QRP Labour Day CW Sprint
23:00 UTC 1 September to 03:00 UTC 2 September
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
Classes: (none)

Max power: 5 Watts
Exchange: RST, state, province or country and member no or power output
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 5 points per QSO with members; 2 points per QSO with non-member W/VE stations; 4 points per QSO with non-member DX stations
Multipliers: Each state, province or country, once per band; Bonus: multiply total points by 1.25 if xmtr or receiver is homebrew; Bonus: multiply total points by 1.5 if both xmtr and receiver are homebrew; Bonus: work WQ8RP for a bonus multiplier (see rules)
Score Calculation: Total score = bonus multiplier x total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 15 September 2025
E-mail logs to: N8LJ@arrl.net
Post log summary at: www.miqrp.net/contest-challenge
Mail logs to: Lee Dziekan, N8LJ, 2735 Miller Rd, Metamora, MI 48455, USA
Find rules at: www.miqrp.net/contest

Next Week's Contests

ARS Spartan Sprint, 00:00 - 02:00 UTC 2 September
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 2 September
Phone Weekly Test, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 3 September
A1Club AWT, 11:45 - 13:00 UTC 3 September
CWops Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 3 September and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC and 07:00 - 08:00 UTC 4 September
Mini-Test 40, 17:00 - 17:59 UTC 3 September
Mini-Test 80, 18:00 - 18:59 UTC 3 September
UKEICC 80 m Contest, 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 3 September
Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest, 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 4 September and 02:00 - 03:00 UTC 5 September
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) 4 September
SKCC Sprint Europe, 19:00 - 21:00 UTC 4 September
NCCC FT4 Sprint, 01:00 - 01:30 UTC 5 September
Weekly RTTY Test, 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 5 September
NCCC Sprint Ladder, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 5 September
K1USN Slow Speed Test, 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 5 September
All Asian DX Phone Contest, 00:00 UTC 6 September to 24:00 UTC 7 September
CWops CW Open, 00:00 - 03:59 UTC and 12:00 - 15:59 UTC and 20:00 - 23:59 UTC 6 September
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 6 September
SARL Field Day Contest, 08:00 UTC 6 September to 10:00 UTC 7 September
Russian RTTY WW Contest, 12:00 UTC 6 September to 11:59 UTC 7 September
IARU Region 1 SSB Field Day, 13:00 UTC 6 September to 12:59 UTC 7 September

RSGB SSB Field Day, 13:00 UTC 6 September to 13:00 UTC 7 September
AGCW Straight Key Party, 13:00 - 16:00 UTC 6 September
Ohio State Parks on the Air, 14:00 - 22:00 UTC 6 September
PODXS 070 Club Jay Hudak Memorial 80 m Sprint, 20:00 UTC 6 September to 20:00 UTC 7 September
Tennessee QSO Party, 17:00 UTC 7 September to 03:00 UTC 8 September
K1USN Slow Speed Test, 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 8 September
ICWC Medium Speed Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 8 September and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 9 September
OK1WC Memorial, 16:30 - 17:29 UTC 8 September
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 9 September
DARC CW-Training Contest, 18:00 - 18:59 UTC 9 September

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