



# Happenings 1165

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We had a lovely holiday in the De Rust and Prince Albert areas – Klaarstroom, Meiringspoort, the waterfall, Herrie se Klip, the Travelling Tortoise, De Rustica Olive Estate, Domein Doornkraal Wines & Padstal, Arbeidsgenot, Safari Ostrich Farm, Cango Wildlife Ranch, Karusa Premium Wines & Craft Brewery, Cango Caves, Kobus se Gat, the Swartberg Pass, Bid Huisie, the Lazy Lizard, the Swartberg Hotel and Kredouw Pass.

**Do you remember the flight of BACAR-12 in 2024?**

Well for those that may not be aware, BACAR-13 is planning to travel to the edge of space on Saturday 11 October at around 07:30 CAT and as 2025 is the SARL centenary, this flight is going to be one to remember.

For those that may not know, BACAR means a weather Balloon Carrying Amateur Radio and BACAR-13 will be the Secunda ARC's thirteenth launch of a balloon to the edge of space. The Secunda ARC is the guru when it comes to launching the BACAR weather balloons and as they did in 2024 the Secunda Club invited all interested Clubs and individuals to fly payloads on BACAR if they would like to do so. The Secunda ARC does all the heavy lifting, they manage all the logistics, obtain the necessary flight permissions, supply the required flight transponder and recovery parachute payload. They also make all necessary arrangements with the Hamnet tracking and recovery bloodhounds, who, together with the Sasolburg ARC Club members and their tracking command and control station built into a caravan for ultimate mobility, track and recover the payloads once the balloon returns to earth.

All that those flying payloads have to do is, design, build and test their 10 x 10 cm CubeSat style payloads, ensure their payload remains under the 500 g weight limit, register

**September**

- 22 - Spring Equinox
- 22 to 24 - Rosh Hashanah
- 24 - National Braai Day
- 26 - World Maritime Day
- 27 - World Tourism Day
- 27 and 28 - the CQ WW RTTY contest
- 28 - the ZS1 QSO Party
- 30 - International Translation Day

**October**

- 1 - International Day of Older Persons
- 1 and 2 - Yom Kippur
- 2 - the SARL 80 m QSO Party
- 3 - the Provincial schools close
- 4 - the ZS4SRK Club meeting
- 4 to 10 - World Space Week
- 5 - World Teachers' Day, the Antique Wireless Association AM Valve QSO Party and the RSGB DX Contest
- 7 - World Habitat Day and the Draconids Meteor Shower
- 8 - the Early Morning Coffee QSO Party
- 9 - World Postal Day
- 12 - World Migratory Bird Day
- 13 - Provincial schools open
- 15 - SARL Wednesday 80 m Club Contest
- 16 - the end of the SARL 6 m African Challenge
- 17 to 19 - Jamboree on the Air
- 18 - CQ Hou Koers, the October RAE and the SARL QRP Contest

their payloads in advance of the flight with the BACAR team and arrive on the flight line with their payload early in the morning on launch day, where the payload will be included in the BACAR payload string. BACAR-13 on launch is expected to soar to an altitude of 30 km or more, which is bordering on the edge of space and deep into the stratosphere. At this altitude you can obtain some beautiful photographs of the curvature of the earth and achieve amazing line of sight coverage for the onboard transmitters.

Do you have to build a payload to participate, absolutely not. All are encouraged to participate and many of the payloads will be orbiting specifically to facilitate everyone's participation and enjoyment, such as the cross-band repeaters, the SSTV transmitters and the various LORA and APRS trackers. Why not wow your friends or even help a school or the scouts to enjoy BACAR by assisting them to track the balloon and receive and decode the images broadcast from the edge of space.

Here are some of the payloads that have been registered to fly during the BACAR-13 centenary launch - ZS6SRC parachute shuttle and ADSB Transponder; ZS6BAM with a Pi camera to take stills and video; SARL Hamnet with cross-band repeater, LORA and APRS; Jeugland Club with VHF SSTV; Sandton Club with UHF SSTV; ZR6TG with APRS and SSTV; ZS6WBT with LORA and a camera; ZS6HJH with projects aerolink and lumina stratos; ZS6CYE with skunkworks project, LORA and APRS; ZR6BN with a sensor filled CubeSat and ZS6BN tribute and ZR1WT with a WSPR beacon.

The Sandton Amateur Club is also putting out a challenge to the Amateur Radio community to strive to obtain bragging rights, by utilising the BACAR payloads, recording and publishing cross-band QSOs, capturing and publishing the SSTV images received and as an added incentive, to attempt to decode the quiz embedded in the UHF SSTV images for an opportunity to win a Takealot voucher. All frequencies and details to follow. There is now three weeks to go to the BACAR centenary launch. Get ready.

### The results of the second Leg of the 2025 SARL National Field Day Contest

Eighteen logs were received for the second leg of the SARL National Field Day Contest, held on Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 September 2025. Entries were noted in Class A, C, E and G and the logs contained 1 050 SSB and 6 CW QSOs.

#### Class A - Field Station, Multi operator (11 entries)

- 1<sup>st</sup> the Sandton ARC, ZS6STN – 315 554 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> the West Rand ARC, ZS6WR – 187 562 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> the Port Elizabeth ARS, ZS2PE – 91 418 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> ?
- 5<sup>th</sup> ?
- 6<sup>th</sup> ?
- 7<sup>th</sup> ?
- 8<sup>th</sup> ?
- 9<sup>th</sup> ?
- 10<sup>th</sup> ?
- 11<sup>th</sup> ?

#### Class C - Field Station, Single operator (1 Entry)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Anthony Rouquette, ZS6ANT – 29 426 points

#### Class E - Ultra Light Portable Field Station (1 entry)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Phillip Fischer, ZS6FY – 63 146 points

#### Class G – General Stations (5 entries)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wally Lourens, ZS6WNL – 1 010 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Romeo Nardini, ZS6ARQ – 840 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Johann Bezuidenhout, ZS6JBZ – 324 points
- 4<sup>th</sup> ?
- 5<sup>th</sup> ?

### The combined results of the 2025 SARL National Field Day Contest

For both legs, forty-seven logs were received, with Class A being ever popular. There is plenty of room in the QRP and portable classes for SOTA and POTA experts to showcase their skills next time round. The contest generated 2 389 SSB and 21 CW QSOs overall.

Well done to the class winners, it was a well-deserved earned victory.

#### Class A - Field Station, Multi operator (16 entries)

- 1<sup>st</sup> the Sandton ARC, ZS6STN – 458 692 points
- 2<sup>nd</sup> the West Rand ARC, ZS6WR – 323 692 points
- 3<sup>rd</sup> the Northern Cape ARC, ZS3NC – 120 484 points

- 4<sup>th</sup> ?
- 5<sup>th</sup> ?
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- 7<sup>th</sup> ?
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- 13<sup>th</sup> ?
- 14<sup>th</sup> ?
- 15<sup>th</sup> ?
- 16<sup>th</sup> ?

**Class B - Field Station, Multi operator, QRP (1 entry)**

1<sup>st</sup> the Sasol ARC, ZS6OSRK – 49 298 points

**Class C - Field Station, Single Operator (2 entries)**

1<sup>st</sup> Anthony Rouquette, ZS6ANT – 65 956 points  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Emil Bohme, ZS1XB– 252 points

**Class D - Field Station, Single Operator, QRP (1 entry)**

1<sup>st</sup> Eddie Leighton, ZS6BNE – 914 points

**Class E - Ultra Light Portable Field Station (2 entries)**

1<sup>st</sup> Phillip Fischer, ZS6FY – 136 396 points  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Ludwig Combrinck, ZS5CN – 58 802 points

**Class C - General Stations (16 entries)**

1<sup>st</sup> Marjoke Schuitemaker, ZS5V – 1 344 points  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Herman Kleynhans, ZS6HKL – 1 058 points  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Wallie Lourens, ZS6WNL – 1 010 points  
 4<sup>th</sup> ?  
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**The results of the Africa FT4 DX Contest**

Twenty-four logs were received for the second leg of the Africa FT4 DX Contest held on 13 September 2025. Seventeen logs were submitted by operators within African DXCC entities and the other seven from non-African DXCC entities.

**African Entities**

1<sup>st</sup> John Green, A2NEW - 262 points  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Phillip Van Tonder, ZS6PVT - 209 points  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Danie Schnetler, ZS6DPS - 182 points  
 4<sup>th</sup> Kobus Boshoff, ZS6BOS - 170 points  
 5<sup>th</sup> Johann Bezuidenhout, ZS6JBZ - 163 points  
 6<sup>th</sup> James Miller, ZS1JWM - 140 points  
 7<sup>th</sup> Leon Olivier, ZR6LO - 132 points  
 8<sup>th</sup> Gerhard Coetzee, ZS3TG - 127 points  
 9<sup>th</sup> Jason Weeks, ZS1WH - 118 points  
 10<sup>th</sup> Gabriel Marais, ZS6GJM - 117 points  
 11<sup>th</sup> Vasco Erse Alves, 7Q1A - 104 points  
 12<sup>th</sup> Kobus Kotze, ZS6KBS - 101 points  
 13<sup>th</sup> Theunis Potgieter, ZS2EC and Stewart Clark, ZR1WT - 96 points  
 15<sup>th</sup> Ishwar S Mandary, 3B8GL - 65 points  
 16<sup>th</sup> Stephen Rough, ZS6STE - 48 points  
 17<sup>th</sup> Evan Seligmann, ZS6ELI - 46 points

**Non-African Entities**

1<sup>st</sup> Jacob Elias, VU2ADV - 48 points  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sara Hautamäki, OH5YL and Evgeny Seminko, R5KH - 28 points  
 4<sup>th</sup> Nadine Noerdinger, ON3NYL - 24 points  
 5<sup>th</sup> Andrii Poliezhai, ER3UA - 20 points  
 6<sup>th</sup> Yury Akhramenka, EW8AP - 8 points  
 7<sup>th</sup> Paulo Ferraz, LX1FP - 4 points

**The combined results of the two legs**

**African Entities**  
 1<sup>st</sup> Danie Schnetler, ZS6DPS – 308 points  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Kobus Boshoff, ZS6BOS – 270 points  
 3<sup>rd</sup> John Green, A2NEW – 262 points  
 4<sup>th</sup> Leon Olivier, ZR6LO – 227 points  
 5<sup>th</sup> Gerhard Coetzee, ZS3TG – 223 points  
 6<sup>th</sup> Phillip Van Tonder, ZS6PVT – 209 points  
 7<sup>th</sup> James Miller, ZS1JWM – 198 points  
 8<sup>th</sup> Theunis Potgieter, ZS2EC – 192 points  
 9<sup>th</sup> Johann Bezuidenhout, ZS6JBZ – 163 points  
 10<sup>th</sup> Jason Weeks, ZS1WH – 118 points

11<sup>th</sup> Gabriel Marais, ZS6GJM – 117 points  
 12<sup>th</sup> Paul Tye, ZS1PTY – 112 points  
 13<sup>th</sup> Dieter Hoffmann, ZS1DWH – 108 points  
 14<sup>th</sup> Vasco Erse Alves, 7Q1A – 104 points  
 15<sup>th</sup> Kobus Kotze, ZS6KBS – 101 points  
 16<sup>th</sup> Stewart Clark, ZR1WT – 96 points  
 17<sup>th</sup> Andy Cairns, ZS6ADY – 81 points  
 18<sup>th</sup> Ishwar S Mandary, 3B8GL – 65 points  
 19<sup>th</sup> Sidney Tyler, ZS5AYC – 53 points  
 20<sup>th</sup> Stephen Rough, ZS6STE – 48 points  
 21<sup>st</sup> Evan Seligmann, ZS6ELI – 46 points  
 22<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Naik, ZS6KNA – 44 points

Non-African Entities

1<sup>st</sup> Jacob Elias, VU2ADV and Sara Hautamäki, OH5YL – 48 points  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Evgeny Seminko, R5KH – 28 points  
 4<sup>th</sup> Nadine Noerdinger, ON3NYL – 24 points  
 5<sup>th</sup> Andrii Poliezhai, ER3UA – 20 points  
 6<sup>th</sup> Petrica Dandes, YO4CVV – 16 points  
 7<sup>th</sup> Dieter Kritzer, OE1KDK and Yury Akhramenka, EW8AP – 8 points  
 9<sup>th</sup> Paulo Ferraz, LX1FP – 4 points

Congratulations to the winners! A certificate will be awarded to the first, second and third place in the competition for African based and Non-African based contestants respectively. All other contestants will receive certificates of participation. Certificates will be in PDF format and will follow soon. Both the South African Radio League and the West Rand Amateur Radio Club thank you for your participation. We hope you enjoyed the contest and look forward to receiving your logs next year!

**The DX Marathon Sprint Programme**

“Take the risk or lose the chance”

We are getting excited as we approach the DX Marathon Sprint Programme. I am hoping that you all received my first email that announced this fun programme and that you have placed it on your calendar. The programme will commence on 18 October and extended for 10 days. In between these dates, our participants will work as many DXCC entities and CQ Zones as possible on all bands 160 to 6 m.

There is no sign up required for the programme. Just start logging those contacts and after the 10 days, simply generate an ADIF file from your log and upload it to [entry.dxmarathon.com](http://entry.dxmarathon.com). That’s it! Every participant will receive a beautiful certificate and list what your particular accomplishments were during the 10 days period.

We are also going to randomly select 3 previous participants of the DX Marathon Programme and 3 new participants and make a special merchandise award to be announced later.

This is the first time we have conducted such a programme, it is intended to attract testers and of course past and current participant of the DX Marathon year long programme. Give it a try... just do it!

I promise you it will be loads of fun and any DX worked during the Sprint of course can be claimed when you submit your year-long submission at the end of the year for the full Marathon. Any QSO that you worked in a contest (during the CQ WW SSB contest that occurs on 25 and 26 October), CAN be claimed.

We are excited about the programme, our intentions will be to do it every year but that will depend on you, our participants. If we get a strong participation level, we will most certainly continue it. If we don’t, we will evaluate and may or may not do it again.

Help us to keep this in our schedule in future years. Mark your calendar and start at 00:00 UTC on 18 October. See the entire rules on our website [www.dxmarathon.com](http://www.dxmarathon.com) under the “Rules” tab. Any questions, feel free to ask. We also have a Group IO site that we encourage you to sign up for as many questions appear on that site.

**Gear Packed for 3YØK DXpedition to Bouvet in February 2026**

The 3YØK DXpedition to Bouvet Island has packed its shipping container of gear. The team spent the weekend near Oslo, Norway, getting things ready, including generators, tents, tools and, most importantly, radios, antennas and amplifiers. This checks off another large box on the to-do list before they depart in February next year.

This international team of radio amateurs is aiming to activate the tenth most-wanted DX entity, Bouvet Island, in February 2026. With 24 operators, two camps and a load of gear, they hope to provide a lot of QSOs to those who need the entity for their DXCC totals. Bouvet is in the South Atlantic Ocean, 2 575 km from Cape Town, South Africa and 1 609 km north of continental Antarctica.



ARRL Education and Learning Support Specialist Max Freedman, N4ML, is part of the team. At 21 years of age, he will be the youngest person to ever set foot on the island and is the youngest operator known in a top 10 DXpedition. He is excited for the opportunity. "I have learned a lot being a part of the 3YØK team," said Freedman. "A lot of work goes into a DXpedition, more than most people think. It is an honour to work with these high performing amateur radio operators to get everything prepared for February."

You can find out more about the DXpedition at <https://3y0k.com/>.

### **DX from Africa**

(These count towards your All Africa Award)

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

Botswana, A2. Benjamin, DB2LS, will once again be active as A25LS from Botswana between 24 and 30 September. Activity will probably be on 20, 12 and 10 m using SSB and digital. No other details currently. QSL via DB2LS and LoTW.



Uganda, 5X. Pista, HA5AO, will be back on the air as 5X2I between 29 September and 10 October with activity on 80 to 6 m using CW, SSB and digital. QSL via OQRS, LoTW or direct via: Gaspar Istvan, 1196 Budapest, Rakoczi u. 85, Hungary. For more information see [www.ha5ao.com/index.php/dxpedititions/5x2i-uganda-2025](http://www.ha5ao.com/index.php/dxpedititions/5x2i-uganda-2025)

Malawi, 7Q. Zachary, KJ5BIN, has set up a remote station during his volunteering at a hospital in Embangweni, which he now uses with the call sign 7Q5BIN on 10 and 6 m using SSB and digital. QSL direct via KJ5BIN, OQRS.

## African Islands

Mauritius, 3B8. Roman, 5B4AQN, is now active as 3B8/5B4AQN from Mauritius until 4 October with holiday style activity on 40 to 6 m, using mainly CW with an ICOM IC-7300. He was spotted on 30/12 m today. QSL via 5B4AQN, by the Bureau or ClubLog. For Russia via RN3RQ. Mauritius, officially the Republic of Mauritius, is an island country in the Indian Ocean, about 2 000 kilometres off the southeastern coast of East Africa, east of Madagascar.



Seychelles, S79. Kasimir, DL2SBY, will once again be active as S79/DL2SBY from the Seychelles between 28 September and 12 October. Activity will be on various HF bands and 6 meters. QSL via his home callsign direct or LoTW. QSOs will also be uploaded to ClubLog.

## Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is from 8 to 15 September 2025.

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest  
23:00 UTC 21 September to 01:00 UTC 22 September  
Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
Participation: Worldwide  
Mode: CW  
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
Classes: Single Band; All Band  
Max power: 5 watts  
Exchange: RST, state, province or country and member no or power  
Work stations: Once per band  
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: Each state, province, or country once; Multiply mults by 2 if >50 members worked  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
Submit logs by: 27 September 2025  
E-mail logs to: (none)  
Upload log at:  
<http://qrcontest.com/pigrun/autolog.php>  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: <http://qrcontest.com/pigrun/>

K1USN Slow Speed Test  
00:00 - 01:00 UTC 22 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 24 September 2025  
Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com](http://www.3830scores.com)  
Mail logs to: (none)  
Find rules at: [www.k1usn.com/sst.html](http://www.k1usn.com/sst.html)



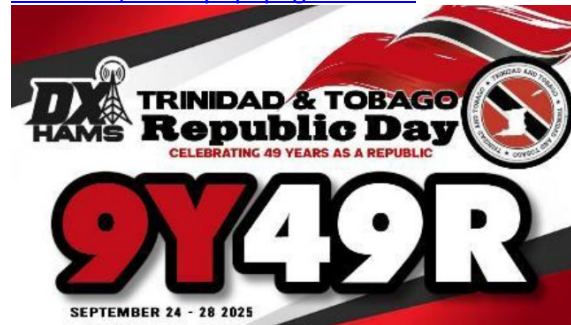
ICWC Medium Speed Test  
13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 22 September and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 23 September

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 25 September 2025  
 Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com](http://www.3830scores.com)  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at:  
<https://internationalcwcouncil.org/mst-contest/>



OK1WC Memorial (MWC)  
 16:30 - 17:29 UTC 22 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 26 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=rules2!>



Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest  
 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 23 September  
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: SSB  
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6m  
 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 24 September 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 24 September  
 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



Multipliers: Each call once  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
 Submit logs by: 08:00 UTC 27 September 2025  
 Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com](http://www.3830scores.com)  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: <https://cwops.org/cwops-tests/>

Mini-Test 40  
 17:00 - 17:59 UTC 24 September  
 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: 26 September 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 24 September  
 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: 26 September 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 24 September  
 Geographic Focus: Europe  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: CW  
 Bands: 80 m Only  
 Classes: Single Op Connected - QRP, low or high; Single Op Unconnected - QRP, low or high  
 Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts;  
 QRP: 5 watts  
 Exchange: 6-Character grid square  
 QSO Points: 1 point per 500 km (10 pts max); multiply QSO points by 2 if low power station; multiply QSO points by 4 if QRP station  
 Multipliers: (none)  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points  
 Submit logs by: 22:00 UTC 24 September 2025  
 E-mail logs to: (none)  
 Upload log at: <http://logs.ukaicc.com/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: [www.ukaicc.com/80-m-rules.php](http://www.ukaicc.com/80-m-rules.php)



RSGB 80 m Data Autumn Series  
 19:00 - 20:30 UTC 25 September  
 Geographic Focus: United Kingdom  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: RTTY, PSK  
 Bands: 80 m Only  
 Classes: 100 W; 10 W  
 Exchange: RST and serial no  
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points  
 Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 28 September 2025  
 Upload log at: [www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl](http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl)  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: [www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2025/rautumn.shtml](http://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2025/rautumn.shtml)



NCCC FT4 Sprint  
 01:00 - 01:30 UTC 26 September  
 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: 28 September 2025  
 E-mail logs to: (none)  
 Upload log at: <https://lotw.arrl.org/>  
 Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com/](http://www.3830scores.com/)  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: [www.ncccsprint.com/ft4ns.html](http://www.ncccsprint.com/ft4ns.html)

Weekly RTTY Test  
 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 26 September  
 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: 28 September 2025  
 E-mail logs to: (none)  
 Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com/](http://www.3830scores.com/)  
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 Find rules at: <https://radiosport.world/wrt.html>

NCCC Sprint  
 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 26 September  
 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: 28 September 2025  
 E-mail logs to: (none)  
 Post log summary at: [www.3830scores.com/](http://www.3830scores.com/)  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: <https://ncccsprint.com/rules.html>



K1USN Slow Speed Test  
 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 26 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 28 September 2025

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

Mail logs to: (none)

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



CQ Worldwide DX RTTY Contest

00:00 UTC 27 September to 24:00 UTC 28 September

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Awards: Worldwide

Mode: RTTY

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

Classes: Single Op All Band - QRP, low or high; Single Op Single Band - QRP, low or high; Single Op Assisted All Band - QRP, low or high; Single Op Assisted Single Band - QRP, low or high; Single Op Overlays: Classic, Rookie or Youth; Multi-Single - low or high; Multi-Two; Multi-Multi; Multi-Distributed

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

Exchange: 48 States/Canada: RSQ, CQ Zone and state or VE area; All Others: RSQ and CQ Zone

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with same country; 2 points per QSO with same continent; 3 points per QSO with different continent

Multipliers: W/VE Stations: Each US state/VE area once per band; Each DXCC/WAE country once per band; Each CQ zone once per band  
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 3 October 2025

E-mail logs to: (none)

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

Mail logs to: (see rules)

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

Bill Windle QSO Party

00:00 - 23:59 UTC 27 September

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

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

Classes: Single Op

Exchange: FOC-Member: RST, name and member no; non-Members: RST and name

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: FOC-Member: Score = Total QSOs/Total Member QSOs; non-Member:

Score = Total Member QSOs

Submit logs by: 4 October 2025

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at: <https://focqp.g4foc.org/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: [www.g4foc.org/bill-windle-qso-party/](http://www.g4foc.org/bill-windle-qso-party/)



YU DX Contest

12:00 UTC 27 September to 11:59 UTC 28 September

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW, SSB

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

Classes: Single Op All Band CW - QRP, low or high; Single Op All Band - SSB or mixed- low or high; Single Op Single Band; Multi-Single  
Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: YU/YT: RS(T) and County; non-YU/YT: RS(T) and serial no

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: 10 points per QSO with YU/YT station; 1 point per QSO with same country; 2 points per QSO with same continent, different country; 4 points per QSO with different continent

Multipliers: Non-YU/YT: Each YU or YT prefix once per band; All: Each DXCC country once per band  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
 Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 8 October 2025  
 E-mail logs to: [yudx@yu1rs.org.rs](mailto:yudx@yu1rs.org.rs)  
 Upload log at: [www.yudx.yu1srs.org.rs/upload-log](http://www.yudx.yu1srs.org.rs/upload-log)  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: [www.yudx.yu1srs.org.rs/](http://www.yudx.yu1srs.org.rs/)



Maine QSO Party  
 12:00 UTC 27 September to 12:00 UTC 28 September  
 Geographic Focus: United States/Canada state/province QSO party  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: CW, Phone  
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
 Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high; Single Op Mobile – low; Multi-Single - low or high; Multi-Multi  
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts  
 Exchange: ME: RS(T) and county; non-ME: RS(T) and state, province or DX  
 Work stations: Once per band per mode  
 QSO Points: 2 points per QSO with ME stations; 1 point per QSO with non-ME stations  
 Multipliers: ME counties, states, provinces, DXCC countries once per band per mode  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
 Submit logs by: 13 October 2025  
 E-mail logs to: [maineqsoparty@gmail.com](mailto:maineqsoparty@gmail.com)  
 Mail logs to: Wireless Society of Southern Maine, Maine QSO Party, PO Box 1603, Scarborough, ME 04070, USA  
 Find rules at: [www.ws1sm.com/MEQP.html](http://www.ws1sm.com/MEQP.html)

Masonic Lodges on the Air

14:00 - 22:00 UTC 27 September  
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: SSB  
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m  
 Classes: Single Op - low or high; Multi-Single - low or high; Multi-Multi - low or high  
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts  
 Exchange: Lodge: Lodge Name, Lodge no and Jurisdiction; non-Lodge: state, province or DX  
 Work stations: Once per band  
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO  
 Multipliers: Each lodge once only  
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults  
 Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 11 October 2025  
 E-mail logs to: [LOGS@cqmorelight.com](mailto:LOGS@cqmorelight.com)  
 Post log summary at: <http://cqmorelight.com/summary>  
 Mail logs to: (none)  
 Find rules at: <http://cqmorelight.com/rules>



AWA Amplitude Modulation QSO Party  
 20:00 UTC 27 September to 24:00 UTC 28 September  
 Geographic Focus: United States  
 Participation: Worldwide  
 Mode: AM  
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 10 m  
 Classes: (none)  
 Exchange: Name and state, province or country  
 Work stations: Once per band  
 QSO Points: Power>100 W: 1 point per QSO; Power 25 - 100 W: 2 points per QSO; Power <=25 W: 3 points per QSO; Bonus: 10 points for the first QSO on 160 m; Bonus: 25 points for

making at least one QSO on each of the five bands; Bonus: 10 points for each first QSO with W2AN or W8ACR

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points and bonus points

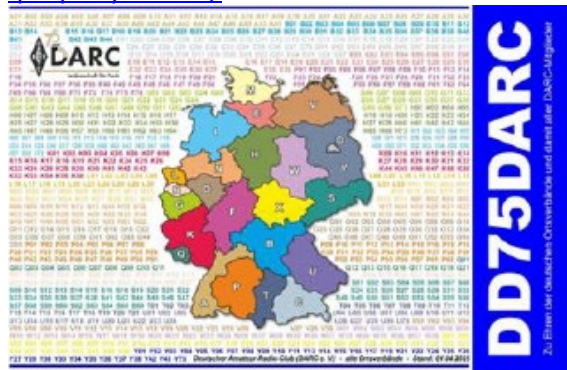
Submit logs by: 26 October 2025

E-mail logs to: [skipperfam@gondtc.com](mailto:skipperfam@gondtc.com)

Mail logs to: Ron Skipper - W8ACR, 6466 41st Ave NE, Knox ND 58343, USA

Find rules at:

<https://antiquewireless.org/homepage/am-qso-party-details/>



K1USN Slow Speed Test

00:00 - 01:00 UTC 29 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 1 October 2025

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

Mail logs to: (none)

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

QCX Challenge

13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 29 September and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 30 September

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 5 October 2025

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

Mail logs to: (none)

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

ICWC Medium Speed Test

13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 29

September and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 30

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 2 October 2025

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

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

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

OK1WC Memorial (MWC)

16:30 - 17:29 UTC 29 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 3 October 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

Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 30 September  
Phone Weekly Test, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 1 October  
A1Club AWT, 11:45 - 13:00 UTC 1 October  
CWops Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 1 October and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC and CWops Test 07:00 - 08:00 UTC 2 October  
Mini-Test 40, 17:00 - 17:59 UTC 1 October  
Mini-Test 80, 18:00 - 18:59 UTC 1 October  
UKEICC 80 m Contest, 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 1 October  
Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest, 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 2 October and 02:00 - 03:00 UTC 3 October  
SARL 80 m QSO Party, 17:00 - 20:00 UTC 2 October  
NRAU 10 m Activity Contest, 17:00 - 18:00 UTC (CW) and 18:00 - 19:00 UTC (SSB) and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC (FM) and 20:00 - 21:00 UTC (Dig) 2 October  
SKCC Sprint Europe, 19:00 - 21:00 UTC 2 October  
URC DX RTTY Contest, 00:00 UTC to 24:00 UTC 3 October  
NCCC FT4 Sprint, 01:00 - 01:30 UTC 3 October  
Weekly RTTY Test, 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 3 October  
NCCC Sprint, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 3 October  
German Telegraphy Contest, 07:00 - 10:00 UTC 3 October  
K1USN Slow Speed Test, 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 3 October  
Collegiate QSO Party, 00:00 UTC 4 October to 23:59 UTC 5 October  
TRC DX Contest, 06:00 UTC 4 October to 18:00 UTC 5 October  
Oceania DX Phone Contest, 06:00 UTC 4 October to 06:00 UTC 5 October  
Worked All Provinces of China DX Contest, 06:00 UTC 4 October to 05:59 UTC 5 October  
Russian WW Digital Contest, 12:00 UTC 4 October to 11:59 UTC 5 October  
California QSO Party, 16:00 UTC 4 October to 22:00 UTC 5 October  
International HELL-Contest, 16:00 - 18:00 UTC 4 October (80 m) and 09:00 - 11:00 UTC 5 October (40 m)  
IARU Region 2 Area G HF SSB Contest, 22:00 - 23:59 UTC 4 October  
UBA ON SSB Contest, 06:00 - 10:00 UTC 5 October  
Peanut Power QRP Sprint, 22:00 - 23:59 UTC 5 October  
K1USN Slow Speed Test, 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 6 October  
ICWC Medium Speed Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 6 October and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 7 October  
OK1WC Memorial, 16:30 - 17:29 UTC 6 October  
RSGB 80 m CW Autumn Series, 19:00 - 20:30 UTC 6 October  
ARS Spartan Sprint, 00:00 - 02:00 UTC 7 October  
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 7 October

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