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The January Power Hour Tech Talk

Are you curious about digital radio, or eager to learn more about D-STAR? Then do not miss out! Mark your calendars for 19:00 CAT on Wednesday 28 January 2026 and join us for the very first Power Hour Tech Talk of the year! We are thrilled to welcome our renowned guest, Dick, ZS6BUN who will guide us through a fascinating Digital D-STAR Primer.

Whether you are a seasoned operator or just starting out, this session promises to spark your interest in this amazing digital mode. D-STAR or Digital Smart Technologies for Amateur Radio lets you connect with operators worldwide using digital voice and data.

Want to know more? Spread the word, set a reminder and join us on Zoom for an evening of discovery and inspiration. Do not miss this opportunity - Power Hour Tech Talk, 19:00 CAT on 28 January. See you there!

Special Membership Fees

During the January Council meeting, it was decided to provide a special on the SARL Membership fees starting on Sunday 1 February and ending on 30 June 2026. You can join the SARL at half price - ordinary member at R280; a senior member at R145; a spouse member at R100; a student member at R60; a shortwave listener at R100; a family membership at R350 and a senior family membership at R200. See more at <https://mysarl.org.za/membership-rates/>. Make use of the online application form at <https://mysarl.org.za/how-to-join/> and join from Sunday 1 February.

January

- 21 - the Eta Corinnids Meteor Shower
- 24 - the International Day of Education and the SARL Saturday 40 m Club Contest
- 24 and 25 - the Sasolburg Arc supports the FastOne cycle race
- 30 - closing date for SARL Symposium Paper proposals
- 31 - the closing date for AGM Motions and Award Nominations

February

- 1 - the Antique Wireless Association CW Activity Day
- 2 - World Wetlands Day
- 7 - the East Rand Boot Sale and SARL Hamnet WC supports the 99er Cycle Tour
- 8 - the Hamsat-SA ZS QO-100 QSO Party
- 11 - International Day of Women and Girls in Science
- 12A - World Radio Day
- 14 - Valentine's Day
- 14 and 15 - the CQ WW WPX RTTY contest and the Ride for Sight cycle race
- 16 - the May RAE registration open
- 17 - Partial Solar Eclipse
- 18 - Start of Ramadan (tentative date) and the SARL Wednesday 80 m Club Contest

Contest News

The SARL Contest Working Group wishes you great propagation and plenty of QSOs for 2026! We hope your signals travel far and wide and can be heard as clear as a bell.

Just a quick reminder: the Holiday Hunt ended on 15 January, signalling that the December break is officially over for most of us slaves. It's time to sort your logs and tally those bands and grid squares. We foresee this holiday activity becoming a very popular event, so look out for more promotion at the end of 2026 for the next round.

This week also saw the addition of electronic calendar .ICS (or 'iCal') files to the Contest Resources on the MySARL website. Simply download and save this file to your PC. You can then import it into your Google Calendar to automatically populate the SARL contest dates and times. This time around, one ICS file will populate the contest dates, while the other provides a gentle reminder of the due date to submit your log. These files work with Outlook and most other calendar applications. Give them a try!

Next week, we will have handy hints and tips for your electronic logging and spreadsheet preparation. Quick and easy — just like calling CQ.

One last thought - is your Club competition team motivated and on track for this year? In 2026 there will be two 20 m club competitions. Insider information shows that the Cape clubs and SOTA operators have the best chance of holding the inside lane to cross the finish line first. Time will tell, so keep your ear to the 20 m this year!

DX from Africa

(These count towards your All Africa Award)

Malawi, 7Q. QRZ.com has listed several new Malawi amateurs over the past few days. Look for the following: Arthur Munthali, 7Q3AM; Chris Mwale, 7Q3CM; QSL via ClubLog; Waliko Sambiri, 7Q3WS; QSL via ClubLog; age 14; will be active during the Easter Holiday; Mathews Phiri, 7Q5MP; QSL via ClubLog; Austin Kadwa, 7Q8AK; Bernadette Kileya, 7Q9BK and Joseph Mumba, 7Q9JM; QSL via ClubLog

Tanzania, 5H. Chas, NK8O will be active again as 5H3DX from Tanzania between 17 January and 9 February. In his limited spare time, he will operate CW and/or digital modes on 20 to 10 metres and possibly 6 metres if conditions allow. QSL via LoTW, eQSL, or direct to home call.

Rwanda, 9X. Harold, DF2WO will be active again as 9X2AW from Kigali, Rwanda starting on 22 January for 18 days. He can operate on 160 to 6 metres using CW, SSB and digital modes as well as on the QO-100 satellite. QSL via MOOXO's OQRS.

Ivory Coast, TU. The Radio Club of the Yopougon Institute for the Blind received its TU5KOP call sign on 23 April 2025, issued by the AIGF, the Ivorian Agency for Radio Frequency Management. The radio club's manager is Tony Alfonsi, TU5NG. The first activity took place on 16 to 18 January and 131 QSOs were made using very modest equipment: 100 watts and a homemade wire antenna.

The Gambia, C5. Andre, ON7YK is again active as C5YK. Previously, his activity has lasted a few months; generally, into February or March. He is active mainly on the high bands using SSB and digital. QSL via LoTW and eQSL, or via home call (direct or bureau).

Central African Republic, TL. Joao, CR7BNW is operating as TL8BNW until June. He is active on 40, 20, 15 and 10 metres using SSB and digital with a dipole.

Benin, TY. Gerard, F5NVF is operating from Godomey as TY5GG until April. Activity is on various bands

using CW and digital from 80 to 10 metres. QSL via LoTW.

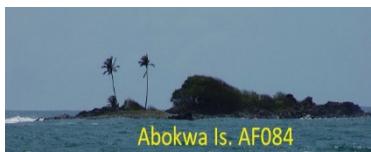
Namibia, V5. Gunter, DK2WH is once again active as V51WH until 24 March. Activity from a farm near Omaruru from 160 to 6 metres (60 m included).

African Islands

Sao Tome, S9. Borut, S53BV will be active holiday style as S9BV from Sao Tome (AF-023) between 5 and 20 February. He will operate CW and SSB on 60, 40, 30 and 15 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS only.

Cape Verde, D4. Heli, DD0VR will be operating as D4VR from 6 to 19 February with activity on HF with highly efficient antennas using QRP. QSL via home call.

Ghana 9G. From the I2YSB Web page at www.i2ysb.com/idx/index.php, Silvano, I2YSB, posted the that the Italian DXpedition Team will be active from Abokwa Island (AF-084), Ghana, during March/April 2026. More details will be announced soon.



Guinea-Bissau, J5. Ben, DA1DX (ex-DL6FBL); Win, DK9IP; Andree, DL8LAS; Uli, DM5EE and Lutz, DM6EE (all active members of Bavarian Contest Club), will be operating from Bijagos Archipelago, Guinea-Bissau (IOTA AF-020) in February/March 2026. On ClubLog, Guinea-Bissau is ranking as #85 Most Wanted country worldwide, #53 from Asia, #100 from North America and #104 from Europe. According to ClubLog the demand is highest on digital, then CW and then Phone. All of us can manage pile-ups in any mode, however we will only use SSB, CW and digital. QSL cards / LoTW => Please use the ClubLog's OQRS system. See QRZ.com for more details.

Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is from 19 to 26 January 2026.



K1USN Slow Speed Test

00:00 - 01:00 UTC 19 January

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 21 January 2026

Post log summary at:

<http://www.3830scores.com>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.k1usn.com/sst.html>

ICWC Medium Speed Test

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

January and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 20 January

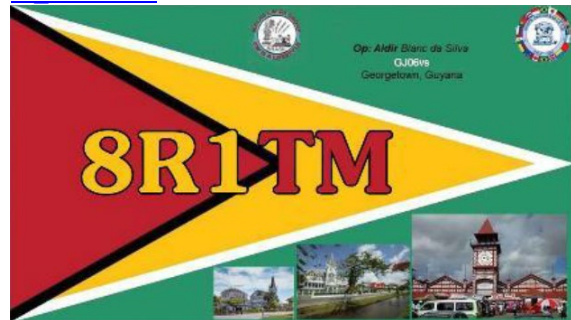
Geographic Focus: Worldwide

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 22 January 2026
Post log summary at:
<http://www.3830scores.com>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
<https://internationalcwcouncil.org/mst-contest/>

OK1WC Memorial (MWC)
16:30 - 17:29 UTC 19 January
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 23 January 2026
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
20:00 - 22:00 UTC 19 January
Geographic Focus: United Kingdom
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: FT4
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: 100 W; 10 W
Exchange: Signal report

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO; 5 points per QSO with HQ stations G#6XX
Multipliers: Each DXCC country once per band; Each HQ station G#6XX once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 22:00 UTC 20 January 2026
Upload log at: <https://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
https://www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2026/r80m_ft4.shtml



Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest
01:00 - 01:59 UTC 20 January
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 21 January 2026
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at: <https://logs.wwsac.com/>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <https://wwsac.com/rules.html>

QRP Fox Hunt
02:00 - 03:30 UTC 21 January
Geographic Focus: United States

Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 40 m Only
Classes: Single Op - fox or hound
Max power: 5 watts
Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 03:30 UTC 22 January 2026
E-mail logs to: (see rules)
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm



Phone Weekly Test
02:30 - 03:00 UTC 21 January
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 23 January 2026
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at:
<http://www.3830scores.com>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
http://www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_Contest_Rules.pdf

A1Club AWT
11:45 - 13:00 UTC 21 January
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: 26 January 2026
Post log summary at:
<http://www.3830scores.com>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <https://a1club.org/contest/awt/>

CWops Test (CWT)
13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 21 January and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC and 07:00 - 08:00 UTC 22 January
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 24 January 2026
Post log summary at:
<http://www.3830scores.com>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <https://cwops.org/cwops-tests/>

Mini-Test 40
17:00 - 17:59 UTC 21 January
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: 23 January 2026
 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 21 January
 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: 23 January 2026
 Upload log at: <https://ua9qcq.com/hf-logs.php>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <http://minitest.narod.ru/>

Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest
 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 22 January and 02:00 - 03:00 UTC 23 January
 Geographic Focus: North America
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 20 m Only
 Classes: Single Op
 Max power: 5 watts
 Exchange: Maximum 13 wpm – RST, state, province or country, name, member no or power
 Work stations: Once per day

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 3 points per QSO with member on same continent; 5 points per QSO with member on different continent
 Multipliers: (none)
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
 Submit logs by: 29 January 2026
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at:
<https://qrptest.com/pigwalk20/autolog.php>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
<https://qrptest.com/pigwalk20/>



NAQCC CW Sprint
 01:30 - 03:30 UTC 22 January
 Geographic Focus: United States/Canada
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 80, 40, 20 m
 Classes: (none)
 Max power: 5 watts
 Exchange: RST, state, province or country and NAQCC no or power
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 2 points per QSO with member
 Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once; Key Type Mult: 2 x if straight key, 1,5 x if bug, 1 x if other
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults x key type mult
 Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 25 January 2026
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at:
<http://naqcc.info/autologger.php>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
http://naqcc.info/sprint_rules.html

NCCC FT4 Sprint
 01:00 - 01:30 UTC 23 January
 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: 25 January 2026
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at: <https://lotw.arrl.org/>
 Post log summary at:
<https://www.3830scores.com/>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
<https://www.ncccsprint.com/ft4ns.html>



Weekly RTTY Test
 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 23 January
 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: 25 January 2026
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Post log summary at:
<http://www.3830scores.com/>

Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
<https://radiosport.world/wrt.html>
 QRP Fox Hunt
 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 23 January
 Geographic Focus: United States
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 80 m Only
 Classes: Single Op - fox or hound
 Max power: 5 watts
 Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
 Multipliers: (none)
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
 Submit logs by: 03:30 UTC 24 January 2026
 E-mail logs to: (see rules)
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
http://www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm

NCCC Sprint Ladder
 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 23 January
 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 and 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: 25 January 2026
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Post log summary at:
<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 23 January
 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 25 January 2026
 Post log summary at:
<http://www.3830scores.com>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <http://www.k1usn.com/sst.html>

CQ 160-Metre CW Contest
 22:00 UTC 23 January to 22:00 UTC 25 January
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Awards: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 160 m Only
 Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high; Single Op
 Assisted - low or high; Multi-Op - high
 Max operating hours: Single Op: 30 hours;
 Multi-Op: 40 hours
 Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts;
 QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: W/VE: RST and state or province;
 DX: RST and CQ Zone
 QSO Points: 2 points per QSO with own
 country; 5 points per QSO with other countries
 on same continent; 10 points per QSO with
 other continents 5 points per QSO with
 maritime mobile
 Multipliers: Each US state and DC (excluding
 KH6/KL7); Each VE province; Each DXCC and
 WAE country (including KH6/KL7)
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO
 points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 22:00 UTC 30 January 2026
 E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at:
<https://www.cq160.com/logcheck/>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
<http://www.cq160.com/rules.htm>



Kawanua DX Contest
 00:00 - 23:59 UTC 24 January
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: SSB
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op All Band
 Exchange: Indonesia North Sulawesi: RS and
 District Code; Indonesia Outside North Sulawsi:
 RS and "ORARI"; Non-Indonesia: RS and "DX"
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-YB
 country; 5 points per QSO with YB station; 100
 points per QSO with 7F8R
 Multipliers: Each prefix once per band (See
 rules for other mults)
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO
 points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 31 January 2026
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at:
<https://www.kawanuadxcontest.com/log/submit/>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
<https://www.kawanuadxcontest.com/rules/outside-indonesia/>

REF CW Contest
 06:00 UTC 24 January to 18:00 UTC 25 January
 Geographic Focus: France and overseas
 territories
 Participation: Worldwide
 Awards: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band; Single Op Single Band; Multi-Single; Club; SWL
 Max power: HP: >100 Watts; LP: 100 Watts; QRP: 5 Watts
 Exchange: French: RST and Department or Prefix; non-French: RST and serial no
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: French: 6 points per QSO with French station same continent; French: 15 points per QSO with French station on different continent; French: 1 point per QSO with non-French station same continent; French: 2 points per QSO with non-French station on different continent; non-French: 1 point per QSO with French station same continent; non-French: 3 points per QSO with French station on different continent
 Multipliers: French/Corsica departments once per band; French overseas prefixes once per band; non-French DXCC countries once per band (available only to French stations)
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 2 February 2026
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at: <https://concours.r-e-f.org/contest/logs/upload-form/>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: https://concours.r-e-f.org/reglements/actuels/reg_cdfhfdx_en_20250315.pdf



BARTG RTTY Sprint
 12:00 UTC 24 January to 12:00 UTC 25 January
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: RTTY
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op Expert
 Single Op - QRP, low or high; Multi-Single;
 Multi-Multi; SWL
 Max power: HP: >100 W; LP: 100 W; QRP: 5 W

Exchange: Serial no (no signal report)
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
 Multipliers: DXCC countries once regardless of band; JA, W, VE and VK areas once regardless of band
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults x continents
 Submit logs by: 1 February 2026
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at: <http://bartg.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <http://bartg.org.uk/wp/bartg-sprint-contest/>

Winter Field Day
 16:00 UTC 24 January to 21:59 UTC 25 January
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: Any (see rules for exceptions)
 Bands: All, except WARC
 Classes: Max Simultaneous transmitters and Site – indoor, outdoor, home or mobile
 Max power: LP: 100 W; QRP: 5 W for CW, 10 W for phone
 Exchange: Category and ARRL Section (or MX or DX)
 Work stations: Once per mode per band
 QSO Points: 1 point per phone QSO; 2 points per CW/digital QSO
 Multipliers: Objectives (see rules)
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x objective multiplier
 Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 1 March 2026
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at: <https://www.winterfieldday.com/>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <https://www.winterfieldday.com/>

Australia Day Contest
 22:00 UTC 25 January to 10:00 UTC 26 January
 Geographic Focus: VK/ZL/P2
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW, Phone, Digital
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op - CW, phone, digital or mixed; Multi-Single; Multi-Two
 Exchange: RST and 4-character grid square

Work stations: Once per mode per band
Score Calculation: (see rules)
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 3 February 2026
E-mail logs to: axlogs@wia.org.au
Upload log at: <https://vklogchecker.com>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
<https://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/australiaday/index.php>

K1USN Slow Speed Test
00:00 - 01:00 UTC 26 January
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 January 2026
Post log summary at:
<http://www.3830scores.com>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <http://www.k1usn.com/sst.html>

QCX Challenge
13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 26 January and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 27 January
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 1 February 2026
Post log summary at:
<http://www.3830scores.com>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <http://www.qrp-labs.com/party.html>

ICWC Medium Speed Test
13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 26 January and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 27 January
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 29 January 2026
Post log summary at:
<http://www.3830scores.com>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
<https://internationalcwcouncil.org/mst-contest/>



OK1WC Memorial (MWC)
16:30 - 17:29 UTC 26 January
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 30 January 2026
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 27 January
SKCC Sprint, 00:00 - 02:00 UTC 28 January
QRP Fox Hunt, 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 28 January
Phone Weekly Test, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 28 January
A1Club AWT, 11:45 - 13:00 UTC 28 January
CWops Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 28 January and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC and 07:00 - 08:00 UTC 29 January
Mini-Test 40, 17:00 - 17:59 UTC 28 January
Mini-Test 80, 18:00 - 18:59 UTC 28 January
UKEICC 80 m Contest, 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 28 January
NAQCC CW Sprint, 01:30 - 03:30 UTC 29 January
NCCC FT4 Sprint, 01:00 - 01:30 UTC 30 January
Weekly RTTY Test, 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 30 January
QRP Fox Hunt, 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 30 January
NCCC Sprint Ladder, 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 30 January
K1USN Slow Speed Test, 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 30 January
Feld Hell Sprint, 00:00 - 23:59 UTC 31 January
UBA DX SSB Contest, 13:00 UTC 31 January to 13:00 UTC 1 February
North American SSB Sprint Contest, 00:00 - 04:00 UTC 1 February
Marconi Club ARI Loano Slow CW QSO Party, 13:00 - 23:00 UTC 1 February
Real Time Contest, 16:00 - 19:00 UTC 1 February
K1USN Slow Speed Test, 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 2 February
ICWC Medium Speed Test, 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 2 February and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 3 February
OK1WC Memorial, 16:30 - 17:29 UTC 2 February
RSGB 80 m SSB Club Championship, 20:00 - 21:30 UTC 2 February
ARS Spartan Sprint, 01:00 - 03:00 UTC 3 February
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 3 February

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