



Happenings 1188

<https://mysarl.org.za/hf-happenings/>



Yes, you are correct, there was no HF Happenings last week. It was one busy week preparing for the SARL Council meeting on 6 and 7 March at the NARC.

The SARL National Field Day

The SARL National Field Day weekend is almost here. Are you getting ready to hit the airwaves? The countdown is on and with just a little time left to prepare, the Sandton Amateur Radio Club, ZS6STN, is gearing up for an unforgettable weekend on 14 and 15 March 2026. We would love nothing more than to catch your signal and log your call as part of the National Field Day fun.

Consider this your friendly nudge and reminder to join the action. Whether you are diving into the competitive spirit or simply hopping on the air for a chat, you are part of what makes Field Day such a vibrant mix of camaraderie, challenge and pure radio enjoyment. ZS6STN will be out in the field, antennas up and ears open, ready to contact you. With only three weeks to go, the excitement is building and the Sandton Amateur Radio Club wishes every operator a fantastic, memorable and contact-filled National Field Day weekend. Get the rules in the 2026 SARL Contest Manual.

Commonwealth Contest

The 89th edition of the Commonwealth (BERU) Contest will be held on from 10:00 UTC to 10:00 UTC on 14 and 15 March on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 m with CW activity

March

- 12A - Africa Scout Day
- 14 and 15 - the RSGB Commonwealth Contest and the SARL National Field Day
- 17 - St Patrick's Day
- 20 - Autumn Equinox and Eid ul Fitr
- 21 - Human Rights Day; World Down Syndrome Day, the Namibian Independence Day and the SARL Saturday 20 m Club Contest
- 22 - World Water Day
- 23 - World Meteorological Day
- 25 - Sandton Power Hour Tech Talk
- 27 - Provincial Schools close
- 28 and 29 - CQ WW WPX SSB contest and the Africa All Mode International DX Contest

April

- 1 - April Fool's Day
- 1 to 9 - Pesach
- 2 to 5 - the Sandstone Cosmos Festival
- 2 - World Autism Day and the SARL 80 m QSO Party
- 3 - Good Friday
- 4 - the Pretoria Boot Sale and the SARL QRP Contest
- 5 - Easter Sunday
- 6 - Family Day
- 7 - World Health Day
- 8 - Provincial Schools open

only. Only stations operating from the Commonwealth Call Areas may participate in this contest. (<https://berucontest.wordpress.com>).

YOTA Contest 2026

Organized by the IARU R1 Youth Working Group in co-operation with the Hungarian Amateur Radio Society (MRASZ), the aim of the YOTA Contest is to increase youngsters' activity on the air, strengthen the reputation of the YOTA programme, and demonstrate support for youngsters across the world. The three sessions of this year's YOTA Contest will be held on Sunday 15 March (10:00 to 22:00 UTC), Sunday 19 July (10:00 to 22:00 UTC) and Monday 28 December (10:00 to 22:00 UTC), on the five classic bands CW and SSB. Everyone can work everyone. See <https://yotacontest.mrasz.org> for the complete rules.

The results of the 2026 HamSAT-SA ZS-100 QSO Party

Yes, I know it is not HF, but where else can we publish the results? There is no VHF and Higher newsletter. Six logs were received for the 2026 HamSat-SA ZS QO-100 QSO Party.

- 1st Hans Potgieter, ZS1ALJ – 154 points
- 2nd Johan Sevenster, ZS1A - 130 points
- 3rd Stewart Clark, ZR1WT – 128 points
- 4th Phillip van Tonder, ZS6PVT – 109 points
- 5th Kevin Naik, ZS6KNA – 31 points
- 6th Hannu Reko, OH3DP – 15 points

CQ WPX Contest (Rules Change)

From the CQ WPX Contest FaceBook page <https://www.facebook.com/cqwpwpx>. Please visit <https://cqwpwpx.com/index.htm> for the complete rules and other contest resources.

Announcing the 2026 CQ World Wide WPX Contests

SSB: March 28-29 CW: May 30-31, 2026

Starts 0000 UTC Saturday; Ends 2359 UTC Sunday

Log Deadlines: SSB – 2359 UTC March 31 / CW – 2359 UTC June 2, 2026 (NEW FOR 2026)

*****RULE CHANGES FOR 2026*****

- All entries must be submitted **WITHIN 48 HOURS** after the end of the contest
- Autonomous operation is prohibited
- The requirement for a station to sign as portable when operating from a DXCC entity different from that indicated by its callsign has been eliminated
- Previous Rookie winners are not eligible for Rookie plaques
- Eligible club members may contribute their DXpedition scores to their club entry
- Entrants must supply details on their station upon request

WRTC.INFO

The World-Wide Radio Operators Foundation (WWROF) has assumed responsibility for WRTC.info (<https://wrtc.info/>), the long-standing community website dedicated to preserving the history of the World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC). Over the years WRTC.info has become the most comprehensive publicly accessible record of WRTC events, documenting more than three decades of Radiosport history through event descriptions, participant accounts, images, and statistics.

WWROF is seeking a small group of volunteers willing to help sustain WRTC.info going forward. <https://wwrof.org/blog/wwrof-assumes-stewardship-for-wrtc-info/>

Is Solar cycle 25 waning?

On 23, 24 and 25 February there were no sunspots. This week has brought the first "spotless days" since 2022. This breaks an uninterrupted 4 years of non-stop sunspot activity. It's an early warning of Solar Minimum, the low point of the 11-year solar cycle. During years around Solar Minimum, whole months can go by without a single sunspot, racking up dozens of spotless days in a row. Between 2018 and 2020 (the last Solar Minimum) there were more than 700 spotless days in total. By the time of this broadcast the sunspots are likely back. Solar Cycle 25 still has years of life left in it. However, these spotless days tell us that the current cycle is waning.

DX from Africa

(These count towards your All Africa Award)

Benin TY. Red, DL1BUG, will once again be active as TY5FR from Cotonou, Benin between 6 March and 2 April. Activity will be on 80 – 10 m using CW and SSB, with an IC7300 (with 100 w) into a CG3000 auto-tuner and 22 m wire antenna. QSL via DL1BUG, direct, by the Bureau, LoTW or ClubLog's OQRS

African Islands

(These unfortunately do not count towards your All Africa Award)

Madeira CT9. Helmut, DF7EE, will once again be active as CT9/DF7EE from Santana, Madeira between 25 March and 1 April. Activity will be on various HF bands, including 60m, using CW, SSB and digital. He plans to participate in the CQ WPX SSB Contest as CQ3W. QSL both callsigns via ClubLog's OQRS. All QSOs will be uploaded to LoTW when he returns home: Visit <https://df7ee.de/>

Tanzania, 5H. Kasimir, DL2SBY, will once again be active as 5H1KB from Zanzibar, Tanzania, between 3 and 12 June. Activity will be focused on 6 m during this trip, along with an ICOM IC7300 using better antennas and amplifier. QSL via DL2SBY direct or LoTW. There will be LiveStream if the Wi-Fi is good.

St Helena Island, ZD7. Jun, JL8AQH, is presently operating as ZD7AQH since 4 March. The duration of his stay is not known at present. He is active on 40 to 10 m using CW so far. QSL via JL8AQH (d) and ClubLog OQRS, LoTW. See also: <https://sites.google.com/view/jl8aqh>.

Mayotte Island, FH. Ivan, UR9IDX, remains on the air as FH/UR9IDX until 20 March.

Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is from 9 to 15 March 2026.

Classic Exchange, CW
13:00 UTC 8 March to 07:00 UTC 9 March and
13:00 UTC 10 March to 07:00 UTC 11 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, 2 m
Classes: (see rules)
Exchange: Name, RST, state, province or
country and rcvr or xmtr manuf or model

Work stations: Once per band per mode per
rcr or xmtr manuf or model
QSO Points: (see rules)
Multipliers: (see rules)
Score Calculation: Total score = sum (total
mode QSO points x total mode mults) and
Bonus Points
Submit logs by: 31 March 2026
E-mail logs to: logs@classicexchange.org

Mail logs to: Mark Bell, K3MSB, 66 Flaharty Rd,
Airville, PA 17302, USA

Find rules at: www.classicexchange.org/



Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest

01:00 - 01:59 UTC 10 March

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: SSB

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

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

Youth (26 years old or younger); Youth YL

(female 26 years old or younger); YL (female older than 26 years)

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

QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: RS and age group (OM, YL, Youth YL or Youth)

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with OM; 5 points

per QSO with YL; 10 points per QSO with

Youth; 15 points per QSO with Youth YL

Multipliers: Each DXCC once per band

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

Submit logs by: 01:59 UTC 11 March 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>

ICWC Medium Speed Test

13:00 – 14:00 UTC and 19:00 – 20:00 UTC 9

March and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 10 March

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

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

Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high

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

QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: 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 12 March 2026

Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

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

DARC CW-Training Contest

18:00 - 18:59 UTC 10 March

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: Single-Op

Max power: LP: 100 watts

Exchange: DE: RST and DOK/NM; non-DE: RST and serial no

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each prefix; Each DOK

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

Submit logs by: 17 March 2026

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at:

<https://dxhf2.darc.de/~accwlog/upload.cgi?form=referat&lang=de>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: www.darc.de/der-club/referate/conteste/cwa/darc-cw-training-rules/

QRP Fox Hunt

02:00 - 03:30 UTC 11 March

Geographic Focus: United States

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 40 m Only

Classes: Single Op - fox or hound

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST and state, province or country and 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 12 March 2026

E-mail logs to: (see rules)

Mail logs to: (none)

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

Mini-Test 80

18:00 - 18:59 UTC 11 March

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high

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

QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: RST and serial no

Work stations: Once per 10-minute period

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each call once

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

Submit logs by: 13 March 2026

Upload log at: <https://ua9qcq.com/hf-logs.php>

Mail logs to: (none)

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



RSGB 80 m CW Club Championship

20:00 - 21:30 UTC 11 March

Geographic Focus: United Kingdom

Participation: Worldwide

Awards: United Kingdom

Mode: CW

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: (none)

Exchange: RST and serial no

QSO Points:

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: (see rules)

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 12 March 2026

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

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2026/r80_mcc.shtml

QRP Fox Hunt

01:00 - 02:30 UTC 13 March

Geographic Focus: United States

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW

Bands: 80 m Only

Classes: Single Op - fox or hound

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and power output

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 02:30 UTC 14 March 2026

E-mail logs to: (see rules)

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

www.qrpfoxhunt.org/winter_rules.htm

NCCC FT4 Sprint

01:00 - 01:30 UTC 13 March

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: FT4

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Max power: 100 watts

Exchange: 4-character grid square

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each 4-character grid square once per band

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

Submit logs by: 15 March 2026

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 13 March

Geographic Focus: North America

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: RTTY

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

Classes: Single-Op - QRP or low

Max power: LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: Name and state, province or country
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: Each call sign once
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 15 March 2026
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com/
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <https://radiosport.world/wrt.html>

NCCC Sprint
02:30 - 03:00 UTC 13 March
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: 15 March 2026
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 13 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;
QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: Maximum 20 wpm - name and state, province or country
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: Each state, province or country once per band; W/VE do not count as country mults
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 15 March 2026
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.k1usn.com/sst.html

YB DX RTTY Contest
00:00 - 23:59 UTC 14 March
Geographic Focus: Indonesia
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: RTTY
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op All Band; Multi-Single
Exchange: RST and serial no
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with same country; 2 points per QSO with different country same continent; 3 points per QSO with different continent; 10 points per QSO with YB station
Multipliers: Each YB prefix once per band; Each DXCC country once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 21 March 2026
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at: <http://rtty.ybdxcontest.com/logs/log-submission/>
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <https://rtty.ybdxcontest.com/>



SARL Field Day Contest
08:00 UTC 14 March to 10:00 UTC 15 March
Status: Active, but no recent results
Geographic Focus: South Africa
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single-Op Field - QRP or high; Multi-Op Field - QRP or high; Ultra-Light Portable; General
 Max power: QRP: 5 watts; non-QRP: >5 watts
 Exchange: Number of transmitters, category (see rules) and Province or DX
 Work stations: Once per band per mode
 QSO Points: (see rules)
 Multipliers: (see rules)
 Score Calculation: (see rules)
 Submit logs by: 21:59 UTC 20 March 2026
 E-mail logs to: contest@sarl.org.za
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <https://mysarl.org.za/contest-resources/>



Commonwealth (BERU) Contest
 10:00 UTC 14 March to 10:00 UTC 15 March
 Geographic Focus: Commonwealth countries and territories
 Participation: Commonwealth countries and territories
 Awards: Commonwealth countries and territories
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op - 12 or 24 - assisted or unassisted - low or high; Single Op Remote - 12 or 24; Single Op QRP - assisted or unassisted; Multi-Op; HQ
 Max power: High: >100 watts; Low: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: RST and serial no
 QSO Points: 5 points per QSO with same continent; 10 points per QSO with different continent; 20 additional points for each of first

three QSOs with a Commonwealth Area or HQ station per band
 Multipliers: (none)
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
 Submit logs by: 10:00 UTC 20 March 2026
 Upload log at: www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2026/rcwc.shtml

SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
 12:00 UTC 14 March to 24:00 UTC 15 March
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Awards: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
 Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high; Multi-Op
 Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and SKCC no or NONE
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO; Bonus Points: (see rules)
 Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once
 Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points
 Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 22 March 2026
 Post log summary at: www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekend_sprintathon/submit-display.php
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekend_sprintathon/

EA PSK63 Contest
 12:00 UTC 14 March to 12:00 UTC 15 March
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Awards: Worldwide
 Mode: PSK63
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op All Band; Single Op All Band QRP; Single Op All Band Youth; Single Op Single Band; Multi-Op
 Max power: Non-QRP: 50 watts; QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: EA: RSQ and province code; non-EA: RSQ and serial no

Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: (see rules)
 Multipliers: Once each band (see rules)
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 30 March 2026
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at:
<https://concursos.ure.es/en/logs/>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
<https://concursos.ure.es/en/eapsk63/bases/>

F9AA Cup, SSB
 12:00 UTC 14 March to 12:00 UTC 15 March
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: SSB
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 2 m
 Classes: >100 W; >10 - 100 W; 10 W
 Exchange: RST and serial no
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with individual; 5 points per QSO with club; 50 points per QSO with F8URC
 Multipliers: (see rules)
 Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points
 Submit logs by: 14 April 2026
 E-mail logs to: concoursf9aa@urc.asso.fr
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
www.site.urc.asso.fr/index.php/om-yl/concours/trophee-f9aa

South America 10 Metre Contest
 12:00 UTC 14 March to 12:00 UTC 15 March
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Awards: Worldwide
 Mode: CW, SSB
 Bands: 10 m Only
 Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high - CW, SSB or mixed; Multi-Single
 Max power: HP: 1500 watts; LP: 150 watts;
 QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: RS(T) and CQ zone
 QSO Points: 4 points per QSO SA station; 2 points per QSO with non-SA station in other country; 2 points per QSO with /MM or /AM; 0 points per QSO with station in same country

Multipliers: SA: each non-SA prefix; non-SA: each SA prefix; Each CQ zone
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 22 March 2026
 E-mail logs to: logs@sa10m.com.ar
 Upload log at: <https://sa10m.com.ar/wp/logs-2/upload-log/>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <http://sa10m.com.ar/wp/rules/>



DIG SSB QSO Party
 12:00 - 17:00 UTC 14 March (20 - 10 m) and
 07:00 - 09:00 UTC 15 March (80 m) and 09:00 -
 11:00 UTC 15 March (40 m)
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: SSB
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op
 Exchange: DIG Member: RS and member no;
 non-Member: RS
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with a non-member; 10 points per QSO with a DIG member
 Multipliers: Each unique DIG member once;
 Each DXCC/WAE country once per band
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 31 May 2026
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at: <https://dig-contest.de/logupload>
 Mail logs to: Henrik Pfeifer, DF1HPK, Arndtweg
 7, D-88400 Biberach, Germany
 Find rules at: <https://dig-contest.de/rules>

AGCW QRP Contest
 14:00 - 20:00 UTC 14 March
 Geographic Focus: Europe
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op Only
 Max power: VLP: 1 watt or less; QRP: 5 watts or less; MP: 25 watts or less; QRO: >25 watts
 Exchange: RST, QSO no, class (pwr) and AGCW Member no or NM if not member
 QSO Points: 0 points QSO for QRO - QRO; 3 points QSO for QRP - VLP, VLP - QRP, VLP - VLP, QRP - QRP; 2 points QSO for all others
 Multipliers: 1 per AGCW member per band
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 20:00 UTC 31 March 2026
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at: <https://contest.agcw.de/grpc/>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: www.agcw.de/contest/grp/grp-c-engl/



Oklahoma QSO Party
 14:00 UTC 14 March to 02:00 UTC 15 March and 14:00 - 22:00 UTC 15 March
 Geographic Focus: United States/Canada state/province QSO party
 Participation: Worldwide
 Mode: CW, Phone, Digital (no FT8/4)
 Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
 Classes: Single Op Fixed - CW, phone or mixed - QRP, low or high; Multi-Single; OK Multi-Multi; OK Mobile Non-Assisted - CW, phone or mixed; OK Mobile Assisted - CW, phone or mixed; OK Mobile Unlimited - CW, phone or mixed
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: OK: RS(T) and County; non-OK: RS(T) and - state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band per mode
 QSO Points: 2 points per phone QSO; 3 points per Digital/CW QSO; Bonus points: (see rules)
 Multipliers: OK: Each state, province, OK county, DXCC country once; non-OK: OK counties once
 Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points
 Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 5 April 2026
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at: <https://okqp.contesting.com/>
 Mail logs to: Oklahoma QSO Party, Connie Marshall, K5CM, 2991 S. Woodland Rd., Muskogee, OK 74403, USA
 Find rules at: <http://k5cm.com/okqp.htm>

Stew Perry Topband Challenge
 15:00 UTC 14 March to 15:00 UTC 15 March
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Awards: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 160 m Only
 Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high; Multi-Op - QRP, low or high
 Max operating hours: 14 hours
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 5 - 100 watts; QRP: <5 watts
 Exchange: 4-Character grid square
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO plus 1 point per 500 km; multiply QSO points by 2 if low power station; multiply QSO points by 4 if QRP station
 Multipliers: (none)
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x power multiplier
 Submit logs by: 30 March 2026
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at: <http://stew.contesting.com/tbdcsuploadlog.php>
 Mail logs to: BARC, 50335 NW Hayward Rd, Manning, OR 97125, USA
 Find rules at: www.kkn.net/stew/

Idaho QSO Party
 16:00 UTC 14 March to 04:00 UTC 15 March and 14:00 UTC 15 March to 02:00 UTC, Mar 16
 Geographic Focus: United States/Canada state/province QSO party
 Participation: Worldwide
 Awards: Worldwide

Mode: CW, Phone, Digital (no FT8)
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op : CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Multi-Single : CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Multi-Multi : CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Mobile/Rover : CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; ID Special Event : CW, phone, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high
 Max power: HP: >150 watts; LP: 150 watts; QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: ID: County; non-ID: - state, province or country
 Work stations: Once per mode per band
 QSO Points: 1 point per SSB QSO; 2 points per CW/digital QSO; 5 points per QRP QSO; 5 bonus points each for working K7S, K7P, K7U or K7D at least once
 Multipliers: ID: Each state, province and country once per mode; non-ID: Each ID county once per mode
 Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points
 Submit logs by: 02:00 UTC 26 March 2026
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at:
<https://idqp.contesting.com/idqpsubmitlog.php>
 Mail logs to: Magic Valley Amateur Radio Club - IDQP Logs, PO Box 5892, Twin Falls, ID. 3303, USA
 Find rules at: www.idahogsoparty.org/

TESLA Memorial HF CW Contest
 18:00 UTC 14 March to 05:59 UTC 15 March
 Geographic Focus: Worldwide
 Participation: Worldwide
 Awards: Worldwide
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 80, 40 m
 Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high; Single Op Single Band - QRP, low or high; Multi-Single
 Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: RST and serial no and 4-character grid square
 QSO Points: (see rules)
 Multipliers: (none)
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC March 19, 2026
 E-mail logs to: tesla@yu1srs.org.rs
 Upload log at:
www.radiosport.yu1srs.org.rs/HFTeslaMemorial/index.php/log-submitting-service
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
www.radiosport.yu1srs.org.rs/HFTeslaMemorial/index.php/rules



North American RTTY Sprint
 00:00 - 03:59 UTC 15 March
 Geographic Focus: North America
 Participation: Worldwide
 Awards: North America
 Mode: RTTY
 Bands: 80, 40, 20 m
 Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high
 Max operating hours: 4 hours
 Max power: HP: 1 500 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
 Exchange: other station's call, your call, serial no, your name and your state, province or country
 QSY rule: CQing station must QSY after QSO
 Work stations: Once per band
 QSO Points: NA station: 1 point per QSO; non-NA station: 1 point per QSO with an NA station
 Multipliers: Each US state/DC (including KH6/KL7) once; Each VE province/territory once; Each North American country (except W/VE) once
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 22 March 2026
 E-mail logs to: (none)
 Upload log at:
www.ncjweb.com/sprintlogssubmit/
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <http://ncjweb.com/Sprint-Rules.pdf>

YOTA Contest

10:00 - 21:59 UTC 15 March

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide

Mode: CW, SSB

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

Classes: Single Op All Band Open; Single Op All Band YOTA (25 and younger); Single Op All Band YOTA 6 Hours; Single Op 3-Band Open; Single Op 3-Band YOTA; Multi-Single YOTA (2:1 younger to older ops)

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

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: Each age once per band

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

Submit logs by: 21:59 UTC 22 March 2026

E-mail logs to: (none)

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

Mail logs to: (none)

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



Wisconsin QSO Party

18:00 UTC 15 March to 01:00 UTC 16 March

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

Participation: Worldwide

Awards: Worldwide

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

Bands: All, except WARC

Classes: Single Op - fixed, mobile or rookie - QRP, low or high; Multi-Op - fixed or mobile - QRP, low or high; Multi/Multi - fixed or mobile - QRP, low or high

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

QRP: 5 watts

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

Work stations: Once per band per mode

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

Multipliers: WI Stations: WI counties, states, provinces once; Non-WI Stations: WI counties once; Power mults: HP x1.0, LP x1.5, QRP x2.0
Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x power mult x total mults) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 29 March 2026

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

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

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

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest

23:00 UTC 15 March to 01:00 UTC 16 March

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: 21 March 2026

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at:

<http://qrpccontest.com/pigrun/autolog.php>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://qrpccontest.com/pigrun/>

K1USN Slow Speed Test

00:00 - 01:00 UTC 16 March

Geographic Focus: Worldwide

Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;
QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: Maximum 20 wpm - name and state, province or country
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: Each state/province/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 18 March 2026
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 16 March and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 17 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;
QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: Name and QSO no
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: Each call once
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 19 March 2026
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 16 March
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 80, 40 m
Classes: Single Op All Band - QRP or low; Single Op Single Band - QRP or low
Max power: LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: RST and serial no
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: Each last character of worked station call suffix once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 06:00 UTC 20 March 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>

Bucharest Digital Contest
18:00 - 20:59 UTC 16 March
Status: Active historically, but unconfirmed
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: FT4
Bands: 80, 40 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP or low - 2-Band or Single Band; Single Op 2 Radio Low Power 2-Band
Max power: LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: RST and QSO no
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Multipliers: (none)
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 23 March 2026
E-mail logs to: bucurestidigital@gmail.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: <https://yo3test201x.blogspot.com/>

RSGB FT4 Contest
20:00 - 22:00 UTC 16 March
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 17 March 2026
Upload log at: www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl
Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:
www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2026/r80m_ft4.shtml

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