

HF Happenings 1220

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

ZS4BS, ZS4TX and ZS4BHF visiting the 7P8GE DXpedition

YASME Excellence Award

Established in 2008 by the Yasme Foundation www.yasme.org/, the Excellence Award is presented to individuals and groups who, through their own service, creativity, effort and dedication have made a significant contribution to amateur radio. The contribution may be in recognition of technical, operating or organizational achievement, as all three are necessary for amateur radio to grow and prosper.

The latest recipient, announced on 18 October, is the Reverse Beacon Network team (www.reversebeacon.net/): Felipe Ceglia, PY1NB - founder; Nick Sinanis, F5VIH; Mark Glenn, K7MJG; Dave Pascoe, KM3T - founder and owner of LiveATC.NET; Pete Smith, N4ZR; Dick Williams, W3OA and Chris White, WX7V.

The award "recognizes the contributions to amateur radio by the team in support of a global, volunteer-operated network of automated amateur radio receiver stations (SDR skimmers) that listen to radio bands and report who is transmitting in near-real time. The network is invaluable for propagation testing, antenna comparisons, contest operating, and results adjudication.

The network typically has 250 active nodes around the world measuring a station's frequency, signal strength, signal to noise radio, and sending speed which is then reported live to a central RBN database."

DX from Africa

October

31 - the SARL VHF/UHF FM Mode Contest

November

4 and 5 - Taurids Meteor Shower
5 - Guy Fawkes Day
7 - the West Rand Boot Sale and the SARL Spring QRP Contest
11 - Armistice Day
14 - World Diabetes Day
17 and 18 - Leonids Meteor Shower
21 - SARL Newbie QSO Party
28 - the SARL Saturday 40 m Club contest
28 and 29 - CQ WW DX CW contest

December

1 - Start of the YOTA Month
3 - International Day of Persons with Disabilities
5 - International Volunteers Day and the Pretoria Boot Sale
8 to 19 - the 2026 Senior Scout Adventure
9 - Provincial Schools close (officially)
10 - International Human Rights Day
11 - International Mountain Day

(These count towards your All Africa Award)

3DA0GY QRT. The main goal of LA9GY's three-week 3DA0GY expedition to eSwatini was “to rack up a ton of CW contacts and hand out some juicy multiplier points in the upcoming CQ WW SSB contest.” However, the operation was cut short when his six-month-old SDR radio “simply refused to transmit;” extensive troubleshooting with friends in Norway and remote assistance from the Flexradio helpdesk failed. Morten pivoted to wildlife photography for the remainder of the trip.

Lesotho, 7P. Wolfgang, HB9CCS will be active in his spare time as 7P8EA from Thaba-Tseka, Lesotho from 26 October to 25 November. He plans to be active daily from 04:00 to 06:00 UTC on 20 metres CW and from 15:00 to 18:00 UTC on 10 and 15 metres SSB and CW. He might also be active on 17 and 12 metres. QSL via home call.

Rwanda, 9X. Alain, F8FUA will be active holiday style as 9X5KM from Rwanda from 31 October to 11 November. He will operate CW, SSB and digital modes on various bands. QSL via LoTW, or via home call (direct and bureau). QSOs will be uploaded to Club Log.

The Gambia, C5. Darko, E70A is active as C50A from the Gambia until 31 October. He operates SSB, CW and digital on the HF bands, 6 metres and QO-100. QSL via home call.

Morocco, CN. Special event station CN1UNI will be active from 26 October to 8 November to mark Unity Day. King Mohammed VI has declared 31 October a national holiday to celebrate Morocco's national unity and territorial integrity, following the UN Security Council's approval of a resolution supporting its autonomy plan for the disputed Western Sahara region. QSL via the address on grz.com.

Ivory Coast, TU. F5ANZ, F4DLM, F4VXY and F4ICE are currently in Yopougon, Cote d' Ivoire to bring the Radio Club de Provins's (https://f6kop.com/) long coveted project to life: setting up the TU5KOP club station at the National Institute for the Promotion of the Blind (INIPA). "We want to give these young people the opportunity to discover our passion, to communicate, to learn, to open up to the world and - why not - to become fully fledged radio amateurs in the future,” F6KOP's President says. Preceded by a brief activity in January, the current operations began on 21 October, with QSOs being made on SSB, CW and digital. Keep an eye out for TU5KOP during the upcoming CQ WW DX SSB Contest.

African Islands

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

Cape Verde, D4. Giovanni, IZ2DPX will be active as D44PX from Boa Vista (AF-086), Cape Verde between 4 and 11 November. He will operate SSB and digital on 60 to 6 metres. QSL via Club Log's OQRS, or via home call.

Contest Calendar

This week's contests as compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is from 26 October to 2 November 2026.

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



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

ICWC Medium Speed Test
13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 26 October and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 27 October
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 October 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 26 October
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 October 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=rules2l

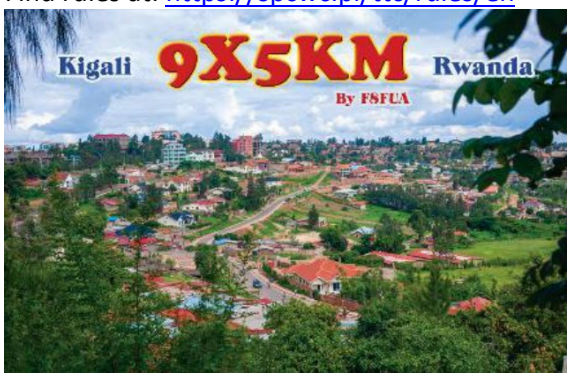


RSGB FT4 Contest
20:00 - 22:00 UTC 26 October
Geographic Focus: United Kingdom
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: FT4
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

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 27 October 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

Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest
01:00 - 01:59 UTC 27 October
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 28 October 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

Tuesday's Telegraphy Contest
19:30 - 20:30 UTC 27 October
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 80, 40 m
Classes: Single-Op All Band - QRP, low or high; Single-Op Single Band - QRP, low or high
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: RST and serial no
Work stations: Once per band per 15-minute period
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points
Submit logs by: 20:30 UTC 28 October 2026
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at: https://spcwc.pl/upload
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: https://spcwc.pl/ttc/rules/en



SKCC Sprint
00:00 - 02:00 UTC 28 October
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
Classes: Single-Op – QRPp, QRP, QRO or QRO plus; Multi-Op
Max power: QRO plus: >100 watts; QRO: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts; QRPp: 1 watt
Exchange: RST, state, province or country, name and SKCC no or NONE
Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: (see rules)
Multipliers: Each state, province, or country once
Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points
Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 31 October 2026
E-mail log summary to: (none)
Post log summary at: www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekday_sprint/submit-display.php
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.skccgroup.com/operating_activities/weekday_sprint/



Phone Weekly Test
02:30 - 03:00 UTC 28 October
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, 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 30 October 2026
E-mail logs to: (none)
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.perluma.com/Phone_Fray_Contest_Rules.pdf

A1Club AWT
11:45 - 13:00 UTC 28 October
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: 2 November 2026
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: https://a1club.org/contest/awt/



CWops Test (CWT)
13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 28 October and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC and 07:00 - 08:00 UTC 29 October
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, 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 31 October 2026
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: https://cwops.org/cwops-tests/

Mini-Test 40
17:00 - 17:59 UTC 28 October
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: 30 October 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 28 October
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: 30 October 2026
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 28 October
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 28 October 2026
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at: http://logs.ukeicc.com/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.ukeicc.com/80 m-rules.php



NCCC FT4 Sprint
01:00 - 01:30 UTC 30 October
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: FT4
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
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: 1 November 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 30 October
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: 1 November 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 30 October
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 m
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: 1 November 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



Zombie Shuffle
15:00 – 24:00 local 30 October
Status: Active historically, but unconfirmed
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: North America
Mode: CW
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: QRP
Max power: 5 watts
Exchange: RS(T), state, province or country, Zombie number or area code and name
Work stations: Once per band every two hours
QSO Points: (see rules)
Multipliers: (see rules)
Score Calculation: (see rules)
Submit logs by: 20 November 2026
E-mail logs to: na5n[at]zianet[dot]com
Mail logs to: Paul Harden, 72 Polvadera Heights Road, Lemitar, NM 87823, USA
Find rules at:
www.zianet.com/qrp/ZOMBIE/pg.html

K1USN Slow Speed Test
20:00 - 21:00 UTC 30 October
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 November 2026
Post log summary at: www.3830scores.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.k1usn.com/sst.html



UK/EI DX SSB Contest
12:00 UTC 31 October to 12:00 UTC 1 November
Status: Active historically, but unconfirmed
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: SSB
Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op Unassisted - 24 or 12 - QRP, low or high; Single Op Assisted - 24 or 12 - QRP, low or high; Single Op Overlay: (Single-Element-Antenna)
Max power: HP: >100 W; LP: 100 W; QRP: 5 W
Exchange: UK/EI: RS and serial no and District Code; DX: RS and serial no
QSO Points: (see rules)
Multipliers: Each DXCC country once per band; Each UK/EI district once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 12:00 UTC 2 November 2026
Upload log at: http://logs.ukeicc.com/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl?Contest=DX%20SSB%20Contest
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.ukeicc.com/dx-contest-rules.php

Russian WW Multi-Mode Contest
12:00 UTC 31 October to 11:59 UTC 1 November
Status: Active historically, but unconfirmed
Mode: CW, SSB, RTTY, BPSK
Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op All Band Single Mode – CW, SSB, RTTY or BPSK; Single Op All Band Mixed; Single Op High Bands Mixed; Single Op Low Bands Mixed; Multi-Single Mixed; SWL
Exchange: UA: RST(Q) and 2-character oblast; non-UA: RST(Q) and QSO no
Work stations: Once per band per mode
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with same country on 20/15/10 m; 3 points per QSO with different country same continent on 20/15/10 m; 5 points per QSO with different continent on 20/15/10 m; 2 points per QSO with same country on 160/80/40 m; 6 points per QSO with different country same continent on 160/80/40 m; 10 points per QSO with different continent on 160/80/40 m
Multipliers: Each DXCC country once per mode per band; Each oblast once per mode per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 6 November 2026
E-mail logs to: rusww[at]rdrclub[dot]ru
Upload log at: https://ua9qcq.com/hf-logs.php
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.rdrclub.ru/news-radio/russian-ww-mm-contest/159-rus-ww-multimode-contest

North American SSB Sprint Contest
00:00 - 04:00 UTC 1 November
Status: Active historically, but unconfirmed
Geographic Focus: North America
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: North America
Mode: SSB
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
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 and DC (including KL7 and KH6) once; Each VE province 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 8 November 2026
E-mail logs to: (see rules, web upload preferred)
Upload log at: https://ssbsprint.com/submit-log-start/
Mail logs to: Robert Hayes, KW8N, 9192 Bender Rd, N. Ridgeville, OH 44039, USA
Find rules at: https://ssbsprint.com/rules/



EANET Sprint
08:00 - 12:00 UTC 1 November
Status: Active historically, but unconfirmed
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: Any
Bands: Any
Classes: Individual - Spain or non-Spain; Club - Spain or non-Spain - member or friend
Exchange: RS(T)
Work stations: Once
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with an individual; 3 points per QSO with a friend radio club; 5 points per QSO with a member radio club
Multipliers: Each ISO 3166-1 country once; Each continent once
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total countries x total continents
Submit logs by: 11 November 2026
E-mail logs to: eanet-sprint[at]fediea[dot]org
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: https://fediea.org/news/

Classic Exchange, CW
14:00 UTC 1 November to 08:00 UTC 2 November and 14:00 UTC 3 November to 08:00 UTC 4 November
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 receiver or transmitter and manufacturer or model
Work stations: Once per band per mode per receiver or transmitter and manufacturer 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: 15 December 2026
E-mail logs to: logs[at]classicexchange[dot]org
Mail logs to: Mark Bell, K3MSB, 66 Flaharty Rd, Airville, PA 17302, USA
Find rules at: www.classicexchange.org/

High Speed Club CW Contest
14:00 - 17:00 UTC 1 November
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Awards: Worldwide
Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: HSC Members; Non-Members; QRP; SWL
Max power: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: Members: RST and HSC no; non-Members: RST and "NM"
Work stations: Once per band
QSO Points: 5 points per QSO with an HSC member; 2 points per QSO with a non-member
Multipliers: Each DXCC country once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 17:00 UTC 15 November 2026
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at: https://sites.google.com/view/hsc-contest
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: www.highspeedclub.org/

Real Time Contest
16:00 - 20:00 UTC 1 November
Geographic Focus: Worldwide
Participation: Worldwide
Mode: CW, SSB
Bands: 40, 20, 15, 10 m
Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high; Multi-Op
Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts
Exchange: Serial no and 4-character grid
Work stations: Once per band per mode
QSO Points: 1 point per QSO and 1 point per 2 000 km for distances greater than 2 000 km
Multipliers: Unique grid squares once per band
Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
Submit logs by: 20:10 UTC 1 November 2026
E-mail logs to: (none)
Upload log at: https://hamscore.com
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at: https://blog.contestonlinescore.com/real-time-contest-rtc-rules/

K1USN Slow Speed Test
00:00 - 01:00 UTC 2 November
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 4 November 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 2 November and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 3 November
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 5 November 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 2 November
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 6 November 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=rules2l

RSGB 80 m Autumn Data Series
20:00 - 21:30 UTC 2 November
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 5 November 2026
Upload log at: www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/hfenter.pl
Mail logs to: (none)
Find rules at:
www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2026/rautumn.shtml

Next Week's Contests

Classic Exchange, CW 14:00 UTC 1 November to 08:00 UTC 2 November and 14:00 UTC 3 November to 08:00 UTC 4 November
ARS Spartan Sprint 01:00 - 03:00 UTC 3 November
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 3 November
Tuesday's Telegraphy Contest 19:30 - 20:30 UTC 3 November
QRP Fox Hunt 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 4 November
Phone Weekly Test 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 4 November
A1Club AWT 11:45 - 13:00 UTC 4 November
CWops Test 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 4 November and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC and 07:00 - 08:00 UTC 5 November
Mini-Test 40 17:00 - 17:59 UTC 4 November
Mini-Test 80 18:00 - 18:59 UTC 4 November
UKEICC 80 m Contest 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 4 November
Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 5 November and 02:00 - 03:00 UTC 6 November
NRAU 10 m Activity Contest 18:00 - 19:00 UTC (CW) and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC (SSB) and 20:00 - 21:00 UTC (FM) and 21:00 - 22:00 UTC (Dig) 5 November
SKCC Sprint Europe 20:00 - 22:00 UTC 5 November
NCCC FT4 Sprint 01:00 - 01:30 UTC 6 November
Weekly RTTY Test 01:45 - 02:15 UTC 6 November
QRP Fox Hunt 02:00 - 03:30 UTC 6 November
NCCC Sprint 02:30 - 03:00 UTC 6 November

K1USN Slow Speed Test 20:00 - 21:00 UTC 6 November
YBDXPI FT8 Contest 00:00 UTC 7 November to 23:59 UTC 8 November
IPARC CW Contest 06:00 - 18:00 UTC 7 November
ARRL CW Sweepstakes Contest 21:00 UTC 7 November to 03:00 UTC 9 November
IPARC SSB Contest 06:00 - 18:00 UTC 8 November
FIRAC HF Contest 07:00 UTC to 17:00 UTC 8 November
K1USN Slow Speed Test 00:00 - 01:00 UTC 9 November
4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint 01:00 - 03:00 UTC 9 November
ICWC Medium Speed Test 13:00 - 14:00 UTC and 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 9 November and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 10 November
OK1WC Memorial 16:30 - 17:29 UTC 9 November
Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest 01:00 - 01:59 UTC 10 November
DARC FT4 Contest 19:00 - 20:29 UTC 10 November
Tuesday's Telegraphy Contest 19:30 - 20:30 UTC 10 November

Contest Results (published as received!)

RESULTS FOR EARLY MORNING COFFEE QSO PARTY 14 OCT 2026

NO	CALLSIGN	NAME	POINTS
1	ZS6KOB	KOBUS BOTHA	82
2	ZS1TG	GERHARD COETZEE	78
3	ZS5JR	DANIëL HUBBARD	75
4	ZS6DDT	DAVE DU TOIT	59
5	ZS1WT	JASPER V.D. WESTHUIZEN	57
6	ZS1YR	ROY WALSH	40
7	ZS1PIG	TREVOR HUGHES	37
8	V51MJ	MARTIN JAMES	35
9	ZS6JOH	JOHANNES MULLER	32
10	ZS1ZAN	NICO V. RENSBURG	27
11	ZS6MDX	MARK WALKER	6
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OVERALL RESULTS FOR THE EARLY MORNING COFFEE QSO PARTY

PLACE	CALL SIGN	NAME	1ST LEG POINTS	2ND LEG POINTS	OVERALL POINTS
1st	ZS5JR	DANIëL HUBBARD	63	75	**138**
2nd	ZS6DDT	DAVE DU TOIT	40	59	**99**
3rd	ZS6KOB	KOBUS BOTHA		82	**82**
4th	ZS1YR	ROY WALSH	41	40	**81**
5th	ZS1TG	GERHARD COETZEE		78	**78**
6th	ZS6BOS	KOBUS BOSHOFF	62		**62**
7th	ZS1WT	JASPER V.D. WESTHUIZEN		57	**57**
8th	ZS6KBS	KOBUS KOTZE	55		**55**
9th	ZS5H	SID TYLOR	44		**44**

10th	ZS1PIG	TREVOR HUGHES		37	**37**
11th	V51MJ	MARTIN JAMES		35	**35**
12th	ZS6JOH	JOHANNES MULLER		32	**32**
13th	ZS1ZAN	NICO VAN RENSBURG		27	**27**
14th	ZS5YH	HEATHER HOLLAND	26		**26**
15th	ZS4N	NICO OELOFSE	24		**24**
16th	ZR6AGA	ANDRè DU PLESSIS	21		**21**
17th	ZS6MDX	MARK WALKER	6	6	**12**

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