New in the 1978 Contest...
"A QRPp Section"
and "A Club Competition Award"

22nd Annual CQ World Wide WPX/SSB Contest

0000 GMT MARCH 25-2400 GMT MARCH 26, 1978

Sturday. Ends: 2400 GMT Sunday. Only 30 hours of the 48 hour contest period permitted for Single Operator stations. The 18 hours of non-operating time may be taken in up to 5 periods anytime during the contest, and must be clearly indicated on the log, Multi-operator stations may operate the full 48 hours.

II Objective: Object of the contest is for amateurs around the world to contact as many amateurs in other parts of the world as possible during the contest period.

III Bands: All bands, 1.8 thru 28 MHz may be used, but operation is confined to two-way single side band

IV Type of Competition: 1. Single Operator (a) All Band, (b) Single Band. 2. Multi-operator, All Band only. (a) Single Transmitter, (only one signal permitted), (b) Multi-Transmitter, (one signal per band permitted).

V Exchange: Five figure serial number, RS report plus a progressive three digit contact number starting with 001 for the first contact. (Continue to four digits if past 1000) Multi-transmitter stations use separate numbers for each band.

VI Points: 1. Contacts between stations on different continents; count 3 points on the 14, 21, and 28 MHz bands, and 6 points on the 7, 3.5 and 1.8 MHz bands.

2. Contacts between stations in the same continent but not in the same country; count 1 point on 14, 21 and 28 MHz and 2 points on 7, 3.5 and 1.8 MHz (Exception: Contacts between different North American countries count 2 points on 14, 21 and 28 MHz and 4 points on 7, 3.5 and 1.8 MHz. This applies to North American countries *only*).

3. Contacts are permitted between stations in the same country for the purpose of obtaining a Prefix multiplier, but have no QSO point value.

4. A station in a call area different than that indicated by its call sign is required to sign portable. The portable Prefix would be the multiplier as indicated below.

VII Multiplier: The multiplier is determined by the number of different prefixes worked.

A "PREFIX" is considered to be the three letter/number combination which forms the first part of an amateur radio call. (N1, W2, WB3, K4, AA6, WD8, WA0, DA1, DL7, G3, IT9, 4X4, 3D6, 9M2, CT9, 4J9, PY7, VK4, JE3, VE3, etc.) See the WPX Awards Program information if additional clarification is necessary. It is available from K6XP.

Special event, commemorative and other unique prefix stations are also encouraged to participate.

VIII Scoring: 1. Single Operator (a) All Band score, total QSO points from all bands multiplied by the number of different Prefixes worked. (b) Single Band score, QSO points on that band multiplied by the number of different Prefixes worked. See VII.

Multi-Operated stations. Scoring in both these categories is the same as the AII Band scoring for Single Operator. A station may be worked once on each band for QSO point credit.
 However, prefix credit can be taken only once regardless of the band.

IX QRPp SECTION: Power must not exceed 5 watts output to qualify for QRP_p section competition. You must denote QRP_p on the summary sheet and state the actual maximum power output used for all claimed contacts. Results will be listed in a separate QRP_p section and certificates will be awarded to each top scoring QRP_p station in the order indicated in Section X. These certificates will be marked QRP_p and show your power output. QRP_p stations will be competing only with other QRP_p stations for awards. All other information contained in these rules is applicable to this section.

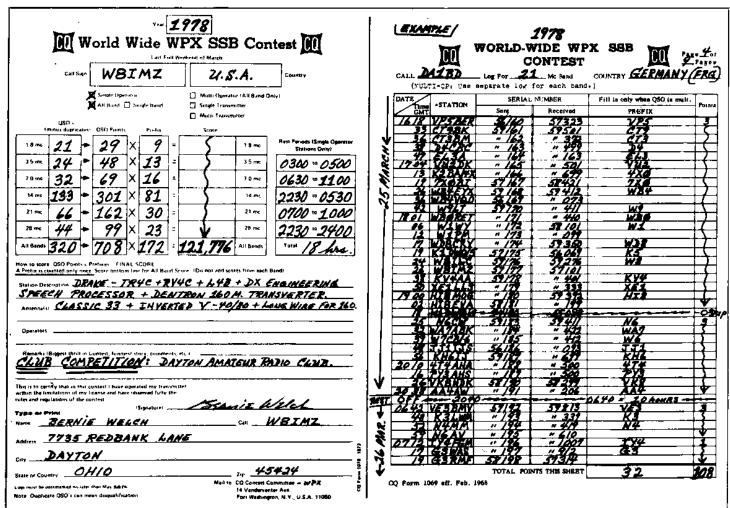
X Awards: Certificates will be awarded to the highest scoring station in each category listed under Sec. IV.

- 1. In every participating country.
- 2. In each call area of the United States, Canada and Australia.

All scores will be published. However, to be eligible for an award, a Single Operator station must show a minimum of 12 hours of operation. Multi-operator stations must show a minimum of 24 hours.

A single band log is eligible for a single award only. If a log contains more than one band it will be judged as an all band entry, unless specified otherwise. However, a 12 hour minimum is required on the single band.

In countries or sections where the returns justify, 2nd and 3rd place



awards will be made.

XI Trophies & Plaques: (Donors)

- WORLD—Single Operator, Single Band, (Jack Reichert, W3ZKH)
- 2. WORLD—Single Operator, All Band. (North Florida DX Assn.)
- 3. WORLD—Multi-operator, Single transmitter. The Ted Thorpe, ZL2AWJ Memorial. (Don Miller, W9WNV)
- 4. WORLD—Multi-operator, Multi-transmitter. The Chuck Swain, K7LMU Memorial. (Don Miller, W9WNV)
- 5. USA—Single Operator, Single Band. The Joe Johnson, W5QBM Memorial. (Richardson Wireless Klub)
- 6. USA—Single Operator, All Band. (Bob Epstein, K8IA)
- 7. CANADA—Single Operator, Single Band. (Gene Krehbiel, VE7KB)
- 8. CANADA—Single Operator, All Band. (Garth Hamilton, VE2VY)
- 9, WORLD—Club. (Ontario Contest Beavers Club of Canada)
- 10. WORLD Contest Director's Plaque. To the DXpedition especially organized and operated in the WPX Contest that the Committee considers the most worthy. A minimum of three logs must be received. (Bernie Welch, W8/MZ)

(Except for #10 above, the awards are for high score.) WORLD Trophy & Plaque winners may win the same award only once within a two year period. This does not apply to any

USA, Canada or CQ Special Awards.

XII Club Competition: A trophy will be awarded each year to the club or group that has the highest aggregate score from logs submitted by members. The club must be a local group and not a national organization. Participation is limited to members operating within a local geographical area. (Exception: DXpeditions especially organized for operation in the contest and manned by members.) Indicate on your Summary Sheet the name of your club affiliation. To be listed, a minimum of three logs must be received from a club.

XIII Log Instructions: 1. All times must be in GMT. The 18 hour non-operating periods must be clearly shown.

- 2. Prefix multipliers should be entered only the FIRST TIME they are contacted.
- 3. Logs must be checked for duplicate contacts and prefix multipliers. Recopied logs must be in their original form, with corrections clearly indicated.
- 4. A prefix check list is not only desirable but a *must* for proper contest operation. (It is recommended that you also send it along with your contest log.)
- 5. Each entry must be accompanied by a Summary Sheet listing all scoring information, the category

of competition and the contestant's name and mailing address in BLOCK LETTERS.

Also a signed declaration that all contest rules and regulations for amateur radio in the country of the contestant, have been observed.

6. Official log and summary sheets are available from CQ. A large self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage or IRCs must accompany your request.

If official forms are not available you can make your own with 40 contacts to the page.

XIV Disqualification: Violation of amateur radio regulations in the country of the contestant, or the rules of the contest, unsportsmanlike conduct, taking credit for excessive duplicate contacts; unverifiable QSO's or multipliers will be deemed sufficient cause for disqualification. Actions and decisions of the CQ WPX Contest Committee are official and final.

XV Deadline: All entries must be postmarked no later than May 10, 1978. From rare isolated areas the deadline will be made more flexible. Your support is appreciated.

Logs go to: CQ WPX SSB Contest Committee, 14 Vanderventer Avenue, Port Washington, NY 11050 USA.