



ANNOUNCING

"Important Rule Changes"

The 25th Annual CQ World Wide WPX Contest

(Silver Anniversary Event)

SSB: March 28-29, 1981

& C.W.: May 30-31, 1981

Starts: 0000 GMT Saturday

Ends: 2400 GMT Sunday

I Contest Period: 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.

IV Type of Competition: 1. Single Operator (a) All Band, (b) Single Band. 2. Multi-operator, All Band *only*. (a) Single Transmitter (only one transmitter and one band permitted during the same time period, defined as 10 minutes, no exception), (b) Multi-Transmitter, (one signal per band permitted). **NOTE:** All transmitters must

be located within a 500 meter diameter or within the property limits of the station licensee's address, whichever is greater. The antennas must be physically connected by wires to the transmitter.

V Exchange: RS(T) 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 18 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 in Section VII (below).

VII Multiplier: The multiplier is determined by the number of different prefixes worked. A "PREFIX" is counted once during the entire contest regardless of how many times the same prefix is 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, 4X4, DL7, G3, IT9, KH2, AL7, NP2, WP4, 9M2, CT9, 4J9, PY7, VK4, JE3, VE3, Y32, H31, AN8, AB8, H44, KT4, 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 the band multiplied by the number of different Prefixes worked. See VII.

2. Multi-Operated stations. Scoring in both these categories is the same as the All Band scoring for Single Operator.

3. A Station may be worked once on each band for QSO point credit. However, prefix credit can be taken only **once** regardless of the number of different bands on which the same station and/or prefix has been worked during the entire contest.

IX QRPP SECTION: (Single Operator Only). Power must not exceed 5 watts output to qualify for QRPP section competition. You must denote QRPP on the summary sheet and state the actual maximum power output used for all claimed contacts. Results will be listed in a separate QRPP section and certificates will be awarded to each top scoring QRPP station in the order indicated in Section X. These certificates will be marked QRPP and show your power output. QRPP stations will be competing only with other QRPP 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 Asiatic USSR.

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 and Donors.

S.S.B.

Single Operator, All Band

WORLD - North Florida DX Assn.
U.S.A. - Bob Epstein, K8IA
CANADA - Garth Hamilton, VE2VY
CARIB./C.A. - Ray Alea, KB8JF
EUROPE - Bernie Welch, W8IMZ
JAPAN - Palm Garden Radio Club
WORLD QRPP - Dayton A.R.A.

Single Operator, Single Band

WORLD - John N. Reichert, N4RV
U.S.A. - Richardson Wireless Klub.
(Joe Johnson, W5QBM Memorial)
CANADA - Gene Krehbiel, VE7KB
EUROPE - Myron E. Crofoot, WB4VQO
WORLD - 21 MHz-Lee Wical, KH6BZF

Multi-Operator, Single Xmtr.

WORLD - Mike Badolato, W5MYA

Multi-Operator, Multi Xmtr.

WORLD - Henry Thel, VE7WJ

Contest Expedition

WORLD - Northern Ohio DX Assn.

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C.W.

Single Operator, All Band

WORLD - Canadian DX Assn.
U.S.A. - Corker A. Rhines, W8EAO
(Charles Rhines, W7VIU Memorial)
CANADA - Canadian A.R.F.
EUROPE - Sig. Jakobsson-TF3CW
JAPAN - Palm Gardens Contest Club
WORLD QRPP - Nevada A.R.A.
(George Hewitt WB700Q Memorial)

Single Operator, Single Band

WORLD - Pedro Piza, Jr., KP4RF
U.S.A. - Kansas City DX Club
S. AMERICA - John Kroll, K8LJG

Multi-Operator, Single Xmtr.

WORLD - Ron Blake, N4KE
CANADA - Tetrahedral Contest Circle
EUROPE - Jonas Bjarnason, TF3JB

Multi-Operator, Multi-Xmtr.

WORLD - North Florida DX Assn.

Contest Expedition

WORLD - Northern Ohio DX Assn.

Club (S.S.B. & C.W.)

WORLD - Canadian DX Assn.
(Bud Abraham, VE1VR Memorial)

Trophy and Plaque winners may win the same award *only once* within a **TWO** year period. This does not apply to any QRPP, Club, Expedition or CQ Special Awards. A station winning a World Trophy will not be considered for a sub-area award. That Trophy will be awarded to the runner-up for that area.

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

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. An alphabetical/numerical check list of claimed PREFIX multipliers must be sent along with your contest log. (A prefix is counted one time only.)

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 submit 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 sample 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, 1981 for the S.S.B. section and July 10, 1981 for the C.W. section. Indicate S.S.B. or C.W. on envelope. From rare isolated areas the deadlines will be made more flexible. Your support is appreciated.

Logs go to: CQ Magazine, WPX Contest, 76 N. Broadway, Hicksville, N.Y. 11801.

or to

CQ WPX Contest Director
Bernie Welch, W8IMZ
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Dayton, Ohio 45424, U.S.A.

Please remember to send in early for the WPX Contest Logs and Summary Sheets.