

Announcing:

The 34th Annual CQ World-Wide WPX Contest

SSB: March 24–25, 1990

CW: May 26–27, 1990

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. **Off periods must be a minimum of 60 minutes in length and clearly marked in 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: The 1.8, 3.5, 7, 14, 21, and 28 MHz bands may be used. No WARC bands.

IV. Type of Competition: 1. Single Operator (a) All Band, (b) Single Band (one entry per operator). 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:

A. Contacts between stations on different continents are worth three (3) points on 28, 21, and 14 MHz and six (6) points on 7, 3.5, and 1.8 MHz.

B. Contacts between stations on the same continent but different countries are worth one (1) point on 28, 21, and 14

MHz, and two (2) points on 7, 3.5, and 1.8 MHz. **Exception: For North American stations only—contacts between stations within the North American boundaries count as two (2) points on 28, 21, and 14 MHz and four (4) points on 7, 3.5, and 1.8 MHz.**

C. Contacts between stations in the same country are permitted for multiplier credit but have zero (0) point value.

VII. Multiplier: The multiplier is the number of different prefixes worked. A "PREFIX" is counted only once regardless of the number of times the same prefix is worked.

A. The letter/numeral combinations which form the first part of the amateur call will be considered the prefix. Examples: N8, W8, Y22, Y23, WD8, HG1, HG19, WB2, WB200, KC2, KC200, OE2, OE25, U3, GB75, ZS66, NG84, etc. Any difference in the numbering, lettering, or order of same shall constitute a separate prefix. A station operating from a DXCC country different from that indicated by its callsign is required to sign portable. The portable prefix must be an authorized prefix of the country or call area of operation. In cases of portable operation, the portable designator would then become the prefix. Example: N8BJQ operating from Wake Is. would sign N8BJQ/KH9 or KH9/N8BJQ, and KH6XXX operating from Ohio would not sign /KH8 which is normally assigned to American Samoa, but could sign /W8, /N8, /K8, etc., or any other prefix authorized for use in the US 8th district. Portable designators without numbers will be assigned a zero (0) after the second letter of the designator to form the prefix. Example: N8BJQ/PA

would become PA0. All calls without numbers will be assigned a zero (0) after the first two letters to form the prefix. Example: XEFTJW would count as XE0, RAEM would count as RA0, etc. Maritime mobile, mobile, /A, /E, /J, /P, or interim license class identifiers do not count as prefixes.

B. Special event, commemorative, and other unique prefix stations are 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 will 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 Section IV.

1. In every participating country.

2. In each call area of the United States, Canada, Australia, 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:

SSB

Single Operator, All Band

WORLD - Stanley Cohen, WD8QDQ
U.S.A. - Atilano de Oms, PY5EG
CARIB./C.A. - Auturo Gigante, Jr., HI8GB
EUROPE - Jim Hoffman, PY5ZBA
*JAPAN - The DX Family Foundation
SO. AMERICA - Ron Moorefield, W8ILC
WORLD QRPp - Dayton A.R.A.

Single Operator, Single Band

WORLD - John N. Reichert, N4RV
*WORLD 21 MHz - Lee Wical, KH6BZF
WORLD 7 MHz - William Diggins, WA8LXJ
EUROPE - Myron E. Crofoot, WB4VQO
JAPAN - Ken Ruddock, K6HNZ
*JAPAN - 28 MHz - Joe Arcure, W3HMK & Toshi Kusano, JA1ELY (Terry Appleton, W4GSM Memorial Award)
U.S.A. 3.7 MHz - Lance Johnson Engineering
U.S.A. 7 MHz - William Diggins, WA8LXJ
U.S.A. 14 MHz - Doug Zwiebel, KR2Q
U.S.A. 21 MHz - Bernie Welch, W8IMZ Memorial
U.S.A. 28 MHz - Novice/Tech. only - Jon Engelhardt, KA0ZFX

Multi-Operator, Single Xmtr.

WORLD - Mike Badolato, W5MYA

Multi-Operator, Multi-Xmtr.

WORLD - Henry Thel, VE7WJ
NORTH AMERICA - James Dixon, NL7HI (Burt Curwen, KL7IRT Memorial)
U.S.A. - Glenn Tracey, KC3EK

Contest Expedition

WORLD - Kansas City DX Club

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CW

Single Operator, All Band

WORLD - Terry Baxter, N6CW
U.S.A. - Steve Bolia, N8BJQ

*JAPAN - The DX Family Foundation
OCEANIA - Tom Morton, KT6V
*CANADA - Canadian Amateur Radio Federation (C.A.R.F.)
WORLD QRP/p - QRP A.R.C.I.

Single Operator, Single Band

WORLD - Pedro Piza, Jr., NP4A
(Pedro Piza, Sr., KP4ES Memorial)
WORLD 3.5 MHz - Lance Johnson Eng.
U.S.A. - Kansas City DX Club
U.S.A. 21 MHz - Wayne Carroll, W4MPY
U.S.A. 14 MHz - Gene Walsh, N2AA
U.S.A. 7 MHz - Dennis Younker, NE6I
ASIA - Bruce Frahm, K0BJ
Oceania 3.5 MHz - Les Myers, K0SCM

Multi-Operator, Single Xmtr.

WORLD - Ron Blake, N4KE
U.S.A. - Austin Regal, N4WW

Contest Expedition

WORLD - Ed Roller, K4IA

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Combined SSB/CW

SINGLE OPERATOR, ALL BAND - EUROPE - Les Nouvelles DX Group

Club (SSB & CW)

WORLD - CQ Magazine
U.S.A. - Northern Ohio A.R.S. (N.O.A.R.S.)

**Donor is responsible for this trophy.*

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 if the returns justify the award.

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 eligible for an award, a minimum of three logs must be received from a club.

XIII. Log Instructions: 1. All times must be in GMT. All breaks must be clearly marked. Single operator and multi-single logs must be submitted in chronological order. Multi-multi logs must be submitted chronologically by band.

2. Prefix multipliers should be entered only the **FIRST TIME** they are contacted.

3. Logs must be checked for duplicate contacts, correct points, and prefix multipliers. Duplicate contacts must be clearly shown. Computerized logs must be checked for typing accuracy. Original logs may be requested if further cross-checking is required.

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.

7. Computerized logs will be accepted. Logs submitted on disk must contain all required information (Time, Band, Call, RST & NR Sent, RST & NR Rcvd, New Prefix, and QSO Points). The disk files must be in ASCII format and in chronological order for single operator and multi-single stations. Multi-multi stations submit logs chronologically by band. A sorted multiplier file and dupe sheet file are also required. Other formats (.bin, .dbf, .wks, etc.) may also be acceptable; however, please check with the contest director before submitting. Only MS-DOS compatible disks will be accepted. Please use 5 1/4 floppies (either 360K or 1.2M) or 3 1/2 floppy (720K) only. A written summary sheet must accompany the disk, showing all required scoring information, the category of competition, and off times, as well as the normal signed declaration and your name and address in **BLOCK LETTERS**. A hard copy of the log, or the original log, may be requested for further cross-checking or in the event the file cannot be used.

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. (Incorrectly logged calls will be counted as unverifiable contacts.) 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, 1990** for the SSB section and **July 10, 1990** for the CW section. **Indicate SSB or CW on the envelope.** Extensions may be granted if requested.

All logs go to: **CQ Magazine, WPX Contest, 76 N. Broadway, Hicksville, NY 11801 U.S.A.**

Questions pertaining to the WPX Contest can be sent to: WPX Contest Director, Steve Bolia, N8BJQ, 4121 Gardenview Dr., Beavercreek, OH 45431 U.S.A.

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