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The President's Corner

Here it is March already and yes spring is getting closer. From what I hear many of us have projects waiting for warmer weather, including myself. Well this month's meeting has been moved to Wednesday the 17th due to scheduling problems with the Library. Hope to see everyone there. Also the 1st Foxhunt for the season will start at the 5 STAR parking lot on March 21st at 1 pm. Good luck to all. Mike will be the FOX for March. I know this isn't a club event, but the American Legions Corn Beef luncheon is March 14th. It starts at NOON so come early. Since it is spring remember there are many Hamfests around here and don't forget the NWS Spotter Classes, too. Hey, here is something I thought was interesting. I am sure it has happened before, but I don't recall it in my lifetime – On February 13th snow was on the ground in 49 states! The only holdout was Hawaii....PRETTY COOL!!!!!!!

CU at the meetings

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Meeting is March 17th.
This is a Wednesday.

Dues are now past due. \$12.00



From the Desk of the Vice President

Well I hope everyone had a good time at the La Porte Hamfest. The place was pretty crowded and the tables had stuff on them. There was something for everyone, so if you went home empty handed it was your own fault. The club had a good turn out as expected and a good time at Christo's. Field Day is coming closer and we have a lot of things to work out. The Indiana QSO party is also coming up at Hugh's house in May. We are looking for a place for breakfast on Field Day. Fingerhut may work if we eat in shifts or maybe we could go to Brantwood. I have e-mailed the place in town and have not received a reply. I guess I will have to go there in person and check it out. Don't forget the club meeting is on Wednesday this month. Check the website for the date.

Till next month
73's Randy



SIDEBAR ARTICLES

**FOR SALE ITEMS ON THE WEBSITE WILL BE FOR ONLY CLUB MEMBERS
BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2010**

OUR OWN *FOR SALE* PAGE IS AT [WWW.W9JOZ.ORG](http://www.w9joz.org)

March Birthdays to remember are March 8th Joe AA9YQ and Nancy KC9NEB -- March 25th James KC9KTV.

COCORAHS NOW IN ALL 50 STATES

The saying "Rain doesn't fall the same on all" really proves to be true. CoCoRaHS has expanded across the country at a rapid pace over the past few years. With the recent addition of Minnesota to the network, CoCoRaHS is now in all fifty states. When you have the chance, please tell a friend or neighbor about this exciting grassroots effort to measure precipitation in the backyards of citizens from the Atlantic to the Pacific. It's easy to join, takes only five minutes a day and is a fun way to learn about this wonderful natural resource that falls from the sky. We are striving to have 20,000 active observers by the end of 2010.

ARRL's Outgoing QSL Service

One of the greatest bargains of League membership is being able to use the ARRL Outgoing QSL Service to conveniently send your DX QSL cards overseas to foreign QSL Bureaus. Your ticket for using this service is proof of ARRL Membership and following the fee schedule below. For those of you who are not quite so DX active you can send 10 cards or less for just \$1.50. You can't even get a deal like that at your local warehouse supermarket! And the potential savings over the substantial cost of individual QSLing is equal to many times the price of your annual dues. Your cards are sorted by the Outgoing QSL Service staff, and are usually shipped within one month of receipt. The Service handles approximately one million cards each year!

QSL cards are shipped to QSL Bureaus throughout the world, which are typically maintained by the national Amateur Radio Society of each country. While no cards are sent to individuals or individual QSL managers, keep in mind that what you might lose in speed is more than made up in the convenience and savings of not having to address and mail each QSL card separately. (In the case of DXpeditions and/or active DX stations that use US QSL managers, a better approach is to QSL directly to the QSL manager. The various DX newsletters, the *GOLIST* QSL manager directory, and other publications, are good sources of up-to-date QSL manager information.)

As postage costs become increasingly prohibitive, don't go broke before you're even halfway towards making DXCC. There's a better and cheaper way -- "QSL VIA BURO" through the ARRL Outgoing QSL Service! For more information visit this website <http://www.arrl.org/qs/qsout.html>

Rules, 2010 ARRL International DX Contest

[ARRL Contest Branch](#) · [General Rules](#) · [HF Rules](#)

1. Object:

1. 1.1. W/VE amateurs work as many amateur stations in as many DXCC countries of the world as possible on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter bands.
2. 1.2. Foreign amateurs (also including KH6, KL7, CY9, and CYØ) work as many W/VE stations in as many of the 48 contiguous states and provinces as possible.

2. Date and Contest Period:

1. 2.1. CW: Third full weekend in February (**February 20-21, 2010**).
2. 2.2. Phone: First full weekend in March (**March 6-7, 2010**).
3. 2.3. Contest Period: 48 hours each mode (separate contests). Starts 0000 UTC Saturday; ends 2400 UTC Sunday.

3. Entry Categories:

1. 3.1. Single Operator:
 1. 3.1.1. All Band:
 1. 3.1.1.1. QRP.
 2. 3.1.1.2. Low Power.
 3. 3.1.1.3. High Power.
 2. 3.1.2. Single Band.
 1. 3.1.2.1. A participant may submit only one single band entry. If contacts are made on other bands, the log file must clearly be marked as Single Band in the header of the Cabrillo file.
 2. 3.1.2.2. The same callsign may not be used by a different operator(s) to generate additional single band entries.
2. 3.2. Single Operator Unlimited.
3. 3.3. Multioperator:
 1. 3.3.1. Single Transmitter.
 2. 3.3.2. Two Transmitter.
 3. 3.3.3. Multi-transmitter.

4. Contest Exchange:

1. 4.1. W/VE stations in the 48 contiguous United States and Canada (except in the islands of St Paul and Sable) send signal report and state or province.
2. 4.2. DX stations send signal report and power (number indicating approximate transmitter output power).

5. Scoring:

1. 5.1. QSO Points - W/VE stations count three points per DX QSO. DX stations count three points per W/VE QSO.
2. 5.2. Multiplier
 1. 5.2.1. W/VE stations: Sum of DXCC entities (except US and Canada) worked per band.
 2. 5.2.2. DX stations: Sum of US states (except KH6/KL7), District of Columbia (DC), and Canadian provinces/territories: NB (VE1, 9), NS (VE1), QC (VE2), ON (VE3), MB (VE4), SK (VE5), AB (VE6), BC (VE7), NWT (VE8), NF (VO1), LB (VO2), NU (VYØ), YT (VY1), PEI (VY2) worked per band (maximum of 63 per band).
3. 5.3. Final Score: QSO points X multipliers = final score.

6. Miscellaneous:

1. 6.1. Your call sign must indicate your DXCC station location (KH6XYZ/W1 in Maine, KG4/W1INF at Guantanamo Bay, etc).
2. 6.2. The same station may be worked only once per band: no cross-mode or repeater contacts.
3. 6.3. Aeronautical and maritime mobile stations outside the US and Canada may be worked by W/VE stations for QSO credit only.
4. 6.4. DXpedition scores may be included in the Medium and Unlimited club totals only.
5. 6.5. Participants are reminded they should be aware of the ARRL Band Plans (<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/regulations/bandplan.html>).

7. Submission:

1. 7.1. Entries for the **CW competition** must be emailed or postmarked by **2359 UTC Monday, March 22, 2010**.
2. 7.2. Entries for the **Phone competition** must be emailed or postmarked by **2359 UTC Monday, April 5, 2010**.
3. 7.3. Electronic entries for the CW competition must be emailed to DXCW@arrl.org
4. 7.4. Electronic entries for the Phone competition must be emailed to DXPhone@arrl.org

5. 7.5. Submissions that are created electronically must be in the Cabrillo file format and must include the log file.
 1. 7.5.1. Paper copies of electronic logs are not an acceptable substitute for the electronic Cabrillo format file. Paper logs that are entered into an electronic medium after the contest are considered electronic logs.
6. 7.6. Hand-written paper entries or diskettes should be marked on the envelope as either DX Phone or DX CW entries and mailed to: ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.
 1. 7.6.1. Entries for the CW and Phone portions of the competition are considered separate contests and must be submitted in separate emails or envelopes to the appropriate contest address.
7. **7.7. Submissions of Cabrillo files that are manually created (not created automatically by contest logging software) may be made using the web applet at www.b4h.net/cabforms**
 1. 7.7.1. Forms for all ARRL contests may be downloaded from the Contest Home Page at: <http://www.arrl.org/contests>
8. 7.8. Contest forms and rules may be requested from the ARRL by sending an SASE with 2 units of postage.

8. Awards:

1. 8.1. Plaques (if sponsored) will be awarded in the following categories for both the CW and Phone contests.
 1. 8.1.1. Top W/VE scorer in each entry category; single operator-all band-QRP, single operator-all band-low power, single operator-all band-high power, single operator-single band (160-10 Meters), single operator assisted, multi-operator-single transmitter, multi-operator-two transmitter, multi-operator-multi-transmitter.
 2. 8.1.2. Top scorer in the single operator-all band category worldwide and on each continent. In addition, worldwide leaders in the single operator-all band-QRP, single operator-all band-low power, single operator-single band, single-operator assisted, multioperator-single transmitter, multi-operator-two transmitter and multioperator multi-transmitter categories will receive plaques.
 3. 8.1.3. Additional special plaques will be awarded as sponsored.
 2. 8.2. Certificates will be awarded to:
 1. 8.2.1. Top single operator-all band entries (QRP, low power, and high power) from each DXCC entity and ARRL/RAC Section.
 2. 8.2.2. Top single-band entries in each ARRL/RAC section and each DXCC entity.
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3. 8.2.3. Top single operator assisted entries in each ARRL/RAC section and each DXCC entity.
4. 8.2.4. Top multi-operator entries (single, two and multi-transmitter) in each DXCC entity, US call area and in Canada.
5. 8.2.5. DX entrants making more than 500 QSOs on either mode will receive certificates.
6. 8.2.6. Additional certificates will be awarded as appropriate.

9. Other:

1. 9.1. See "General Rules for All ARRL Contests" and "General Rules for ARRL Contests on bands below 30 MHz (HF)" on the ARRL Web at <http://www.arrl.org/contests/forms/>

9.2. For information, contact contests@arrl.org or by phone (860) 594-0232.

2010 ARRL International DX Pins

The ARRL Contest Branch is again offering pins for the 2010 International DX Contest. The sharp four-color design will prominently display the year 2010. To earn the International DX Contest pin, all you need to do is complete 100 QSOs in either the CW or Phone contest weekends. There are not separate pins for each mode. You may contact the same station on different bands. The cost is \$7 (US) in the US, its possessions and Canada, and \$10 for others (postage included). Your pins will be shipped once all logs for the contest have been processed and verified by the log checking team for publication in *QST*. To purchase your pin, send a copy of the first page of your Cabrillo log file along with your payment to: DX Contest Pins, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington CT 06111. Pins are only guaranteed for orders received by close of business on Friday, April 2, 2010. Please allow 6-8 weeks for delivery after the order deadline.

Until next month,

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John, W3ML