ARRL Contest Update

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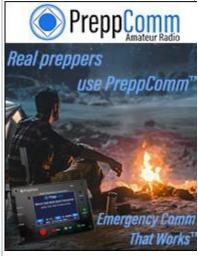
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Upcoming Contests - Things to Do

The Canadian Prairies QSO Party begins at 1700 UTC on Saturday, May 11, and concludes at 0300 UTC on Sunday, May 12. The Canadian prairies are the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta. Stations outside of the three provinces contact as many stations in as many electoral districts as possible. Stations inside the Canadian prairie provinces work everyone. Contacts between stations located in the prairie provinces do not count for QSO credit. Visit https://cpqp.ve6hams.ca/ for rules and log submission information.

The last of the 2024 VHF/UHF Spring Sprints, the 50 MHz Spring Sprint, begins at 2300 UTC on Saturday, May 11, and concludes at 0300 UTC on Sunday, May 12. The Spring Sprints are sponsored by the Central States VHF Society. For rules and other information, visit https://sites.google.com/site/springvhfupsprints/home.

The Arkansas QSO Party begins at 1400 UTC on Saturday, May 18 and concludes at 0200 UTC on Sunday,

May 19. Rules are available at their website, https://arkqp.com/. The Arkansas QSO Party, along with the Canadian Prairies QSO Party, are both a part of the State QSO Party Challenge. Visit http://stateqsoparty.com/ for details.

Bulletins

2024 International EME Conference
There's still time to register for the 21st International EME Conference to be held August 9-11, 2024 in Trenton, New Jersey. Keep an eye on the conference website, https://eme2024trenton.org, for the latest news on presentations, speakers, and conference happenings. The Saturday banquet speaker is Dr. Joe Taylor, KJ1T.

Contest Summary

See the "Contests" section below for complete contest information.

May 9
- CWops Test (CWT)
- QRP Minimal Art Session

May 10
- NCCC FT4 Sprint
- Weekly RTTY Test
- NCCC Sprint
- K1USN Slow Speed Test

May 11
- FISTS Saturday Sprint
- VOLTA WW RTTY Contest
- CQ-M International DX Contest
- SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
- Canadian Prairies QSO Party
- 50 MHz Spring Sprint

May 13
- 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint
- K1USN Slow Speed Test
- ICWC Medium Speed Test
- OK1WC Memorial (MWC)
- RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB

May 14
- Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest
- ICWC Medium Speed Test
- DARC FT4 Contest

May 15
- Phone Weekly Test
- A1Club AWT

- CWops Test (CWT)
- VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest
- Mini-Test 40
- Mini-Test 80

May 16
- Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest
- NAQCC CW Sprint
- CWops Test (CWT)
- NTC QSO Party

May 17
- NCCC FT4 Sprint
- Weekly RTTY Test
- NCCC Sprint
- K1USN Slow Speed Test

May 18
- UN DX Contest
- NZART Sangster Shield Contest
- His Maj. King of Spain Contest, CW
- EU PSK DX Contest
- Arkansas QSO Party
- Feld Hell Sprint
- Baltic Contest

May 19
- FISTS Sunday Sprint
- Run for the Bacon QRP Contest

May 20
- K1USN Slow Speed Test
- ICWC Medium Speed Test
- OK1WC Memorial (MWC)
- RSGB FT4 Contest

May 21
- Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest
- ICWC Medium Speed Test

May 22
- SKCC Sprint
- Phone Weekly Test
- A1Club AWT
- CWops Test (CWT)
- Mini-Test 40
- Mini-Test 80
- RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data

Results and Records

2023 ARRL 160-Meter Contest Results
The results for the 2023 ARRL 160-Meter Contest are available at https://contests.arrl.org/160m/. The Full

Results article by Mark Beckwith, N5OT, line scores, and log checking reports are available at the website. Click on "Articles/Line Scores" on the left side of the page to view results. Downloadable certificates are available by clicking on "Certificates" at the top of the page.

NCJ Contest Results

The final results articles for several *National Contest Journal* (NCJ) contests are available on their website. Direct links to the results articles are listed below.

- January 2024 North American QSO Party CW Final Results
  https://ncjweb.com/naqp-scores/cwnaqp012024.pdf
- February 2024 North American QSO Party RTTY Final Results
  https://ncjweb.com/naqp-scores/rttynaqp022024.pdf
- March 2024 North American Sprint RTTY Final Results
  https://ncjweb.com/sprint-scores/rttysprint032024.pdf

-- *Thanks to Kirk Pickering, K4RO.*

RAC Winter Contest Results

The results for the Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) 2023 Winter contest are now available on-line at https://www.rac.ca/contesting-results/. The RAC Winter Contest Manager Sam Ferris, VE5SF, thanks the contest sponsors and participants.

That's all for this time. Remember to send contesting-related stories, book reviews, tips, techniques, press releases, errata, schematics, club information, pictures, stories, blog links, and predictions to contest-update@arrl.org.

73, Paul, N1SFE

Contests

May 9, 2024 - May 22,2024
An expanded, downloadable version of QST's Contest Corral is available as a PDF. Check the sponsors' website for information on operating time restrictions and other instructions.

HF CONTESTS

CWops Test (CWT), May 9, 0300z to May 9, 0400z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Member: Name + Member No./"CWA", non-Member: Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: May 11.

CWops Test (CWT), May 9, 0700z to May 9, 0800z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Member: Name + Member

No./"CWA", non-Member: Name +
(state/province/country); Logs due: May 11.
QRP Minimal Art Session, May 9, 1400z to May 9, 2200z;
CW; Bands: 80, 40; RST + "/" + class + number of
components; Logs due: May 23.
NCCC FT4 Sprint, May 10, 0100z to May 10, 0130z; FT4;
Bands: (see rules); 4-character grid square; Logs due:
May 12.
Weekly RTTY Test, May 10, 0145z to May 10, 0215z;
RTTY; Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Name +
(state/province/country); Logs due: May 12.
NCCC Sprint, May 10, 0230z to May 10, 0300z; CW;
Bands: (see rules); Serial No. + Name + QTH; Logs due:
May 12.
K1USN Slow Speed Test, May 10, 2000z to May 10,
2100z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Maximum 20
wpm, Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: May 12.
FISTS Saturday Sprint, May 11, 0000z to May 11, 2359z;
CW; Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; FISTS: RST + first name +
FISTS No. + (state/province/country), non-FISTS: RST +
first name + "0" + (state/province/country); Logs due: May
18.
VOLTA WW RTTY Contest, May 11, 1200z to May 12,
1200z; RTTY; Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; RST + QSO No.
+ CQ Zone; Logs due: May 31.
CQ-M International DX Contest, May 11, 1200z to May 12,
1159z; CW, SSB; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; RS(T) +
Serial No.; Logs due: May 22.
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon, May 11, 1200z to May 12,
2359z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6; RST +
(state/province/country) + Name + (SKCC No./"NONE");
Logs due: May 19.
Canadian Prairies QSO Party, May 11, 1700z to May 12,
0300z; CW, Phone; Bands: 40, 20, 15, 10; VE4/5/6: RS(T)
+ district code, Non-VE4/5/6: RST + (state/province/"DX");
Logs due: May 27.
50 MHz Spring Sprint, May 11, 2300z to May 12, 0300z;
not specified; Bands: 6; 4-character grid square; Logs due:
May 25.
4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint, May 13,
0000z to May 13, 0200z; CW, SSB; Bands: 160, 80, 40,
20, 15, 10; Member: RS(T) + (State/Province/Country) +
Member No., Non-member: RS(T) +
(State/Province/Country) + Power; Logs due: May 15.

K1USN Slow Speed Test, May 13, 0000z to May 13, 0100z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Maximum 20 wpm, Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: May 15.

ICWC Medium Speed Test, May 13, 1300z to May 13, 1400z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Name + QSO No.; Logs due: May 16.

OK1WC Memorial (MWC), May 13, 1630z to May 13, 1729z; CW; Bands: 80, 40; RST + Serial No.; Logs due: May 17.

RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB, May 13, 1900z to May 13, 2030z; SSB; Bands: 80; RS + Serial No.; Logs due: May 14.

ICWC Medium Speed Test, May 13, 1900z to May 13, 2000z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Name + QSO No.; Logs due: May 16.

Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, May 14, 0100z to May 14, 0159z; SSB; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6; RS + age group (OM, YL, Youth YL or Youth); Logs due: May 15.

ICWC Medium Speed Test, May 14, 0300z to May 14, 0400z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Name + QSO No.; Logs due: May 16.

DARC FT4 Contest, May 14, 1900z to May 14, 2000z; FT4; Bands: 80; DL: RST + 4-character grid square; Logs due: May 21.

Phone Weekly Test, May 15, 0230z to May 15, 0300z; SSB; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15; NA: Name + (state/province/country), non-NA: Name; Logs due: May 17.

A1Club AWT, May 15, 1200z to May 15, 1300z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Member: RST + Name; Logs due: May 20.

CWops Test (CWT), May 15, 1300z to May 15, 1400z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Member: Name + Member No./"CWA", non-Member: Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: May 18.

VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest, May 15, 1700z to May 15, 2100z; FT8; Bands: 1.2G; 4-character grid square; Logs due: May 20.

Mini-Test 40, May 15, 1700z to May 15, 1759z; CW; Bands: 40; RST + Serial No.; Logs due: May 17.

Mini-Test 80, May 15, 1800z to May 15, 1859z; CW; Bands: 80; RST + Serial No.; Logs due: May 17.

CWops Test (CWT), May 15, 1900z to May 15, 2000z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Member: Name +

Member No./"CWA", non-Member: Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: May 18.

Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest, May 16, 0000z to May 17, 0300z; CW; Bands: 20; Maximum 13 wpm, RST + (state/province/country) + Name + (Member No./power); Logs due: May 23.

NAQCC CW Sprint, May 16, 0030z to May 16, 0230z; CW; Bands: 80, 40, 20; RST + (state/province/country) + (NAQCC No./power); Logs due: May 19.

CWops Test (CWT), May 16, 0300z to May 16, 0400z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Member: Name + Member No./"CWA", non-Member: Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: May 18.

CWops Test (CWT), May 16, 0700z to May 16, 0800z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Member: Name + Member No./"CWA", non-Member: Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: May 18.

NTC QSO Party, May 16, 1900z to May 16, 2000z; CW; Bands: 80, 40, 20; NTC Member: RST + Member No., non-Member: RST + "NM", Less than 25 wpm; Logs due: May 19.

NCCC FT4 Sprint, May 17, 0100z to May 17, 0130z; FT4; Bands: (see rules); 4-character grid square; Logs due: May 19.

Weekly RTTY Test, May 17, 0145z to May 17, 0215z; RTTY; Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: May 19.

NCCC Sprint, May 17, 0230z to May 17, 0300z; CW; Bands: (see rules); Serial No. + Name + QTH; Logs due: May 19.

K1USN Slow Speed Test, May 17, 2000z to May 17, 2100z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Maximum 20 wpm, Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: May 19.

UN DX Contest, May 18, 0600z to May 18, 2100z; CW, SSB; Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Kazakhstan: RS(T) + District Code, non-Kazakhstan: RS(T) + QSO No.; Logs due: Jun 2.

NZART Sangster Shield Contest, May 18, 0800z to May 19, 1100z; CW; Bands: 80; ZL: RST + Serial No. + Branch No., non-ZL: RST + Serial No.; Logs due: Jun 15.

His Maj. King of Spain Contest, CW, May 18, 1200z to May 19, 1200z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; EA: RST + province, non-EA: RST + Serial No.; Logs due: Jun 3.

EU PSK DX Contest, May 18, 1200z to May 19, 1200z; BPSK63; Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; EU: RST + EU area, non-EU: RST + QSO No.; Logs due: May 24.

Arkansas QSO Party, May 18, 1400z to May 19, 0200z; CW, Phone, Digital (no FT8); Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, 2; AR: RS(T) + County, non-AR: RS(T) + (state/province/"DX"); Logs due: Jun 7.

Feld Hell Sprint, May 18, 1600z to May 18, 2000z; Feld Hell; Bands: 10; (see rules); Logs due: May 22.

Baltic Contest, May 18, 2100z to May 19, 0200z; CW, SSB; Bands: 80; RS(T) + Serial No.; Logs due: Jun 1.

FISTS Sunday Sprint, May 19, 0000z to May 19, 2359z; CW; Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; FISTS: RST + (state/province/country) + first name + FISTS No., non-FISTS: RST + (state/province/country) + first name + "0"; Logs due: May 26.

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest, May 19, 2300z to May 20, 0100z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; RST + (state/province/country) + (Member No./power); Logs due: May 25.

K1USN Slow Speed Test, May 20, 0000z to May 20, 0100z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Maximum 20 wpm, Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: May 22.

ICWC Medium Speed Test, May 20, 1300z to May 20, 1400z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Name + QSO No.; Logs due: May 23.

OK1WC Memorial (MWC), May 20, 1630z to May 20, 1729z; CW; Bands: 80, 40; RST + Serial No.; Logs due: May 24.

RSGB FT4 Contest, May 20, 1900z to May 20, 2030z; FT4; Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Signal report; Logs due: May 21.

ICWC Medium Speed Test, May 20, 1900z to May 20, 2000z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Name + QSO No.; Logs due: May 23.

Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, May 21, 0100z to May 21, 0159z; SSB; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6; RS + age group (OM, YL, Youth YL or Youth); Logs due: May 22.

ICWC Medium Speed Test, May 21, 0300z to May 21, 0400z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Name + QSO No.; Logs due: May 23.

SKCC Sprint, May 22, 0000z to May 22, 0200z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6; RST + (state/province/country) + Name + (SKCC No./"NONE"); Logs due: May 26.

Phone Weekly Test, May 22, 0230z to May 22, 0300z; SSB; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15; NA: Name + (state/province/country), non-NA: Name; Logs due: May 24.
A1Club AWT, May 22, 1200z to May 22, 1300z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Member: RST + Name; Logs due: May 27.
CWops Test (CWT), May 22, 1300z to May 22, 1400z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Member: Name + Member No./"CWA", non-Member: Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: May 25.
Mini-Test 40, May 22, 1700z to May 22, 1759z; CW; Bands: 40; RST + Serial No.; Logs due: May 24.
Mini-Test 80, May 22, 1800z to May 22, 1859z; CW; Bands: 80; RST + Serial No.; Logs due: May 24.
RSGB 80m Club Championship, Data, May 22, 1900z to May 22, 2030z; RTTY, PSK; Bands: 80; RST + Serial No.; Logs due: May 23.
CWops Test (CWT), May 22, 1900z to May 22, 2000z; CW; Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10; Member: Name + Member No./"CWA", non-Member: Name + (state/province/country); Logs due: May 25.
VHF+ CONTESTS

Log Due Dates

May 9
- ARS Spartan Sprint
- SKCC Sprint Europe
- Walk for the Bacon QRP Contest
- ICWC Medium Speed Test

May 10
- Mini-Test 40
- Mini-Test 80
- Phone Weekly Test
- OK1WC Memorial (MWC)
- ARI International DX Contest

May 11
- CWops Test (CWT)
- RCC Cup

May 12
- NCCC Sprint
- Florida QSO Party
- NCCC FT4 Sprint
- Weekly RTTY Test
- K1USN Slow Speed Test

May 13

- 10-10 Int. Spring Contest, CW
- A1Club AWT
- VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest

May 14
- JIDX CW Contest
- RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB

May 15
- AGCW QRP/QRP Party
- WAB 7 MHz Phone
- 7th Call Area QSO Party
- North Dakota QSO Party
- 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint
- Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest
- K1USN Slow Speed Test

May 16
- NRAU 10m Activity Contest
- ICWC Medium Speed Test

May 17
- Mini-Test 40
- Mini-Test 80
- Phone Weekly Test
- OK1WC Memorial (MWC)

May 18
- Microwave Spring Sprint
- FISTS Saturday Sprint
- CWops Test (CWT)

May 19
- SKCC Weekend Sprintathon
- NCCC Sprint
- NTC QSO Party
- NCCC FT4 Sprint
- Weekly RTTY Test
- K1USN Slow Speed Test
- NAQCC CW Sprint

May 20
- A1Club AWT
- VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest

May 21
- Nebraska QSO Party
- Ontario QSO Party
- EA-QRP CW Contest
- DARC FT4 Contest
- RSGB FT4 Contest
- Quebec QSO Party

May 22
- CQ-M International DX Contest

- Feld Hell Sprint
- Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest
- K1USN Slow Speed Test

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