

SWEEPSTAKES!

This weekend is ARRL CW SS, and the first step in developing an impressive Affiliated Club Score. Here are a few hints.

VE8 - CF8CC was active in CQWW and says he'll be around for SS. CW on 20 meters ONLY and SSB on 10 meters ONLY. Don't miss him!

K25 - K2ØDX and K25DO were active for CQWW and should be heard for SS.

KL7 - KL7HR is active, so KL7 should be no problem.

TIPS FOR BEGINNERS

1. ESTABLISH A QSO TARGET AT A LEVEL THAT YOU FEEL IS SLIGHTLY OUT OF REACH. AFTER YOU MEET THAT GOAL, SET ANOTHER, ABOUT 20% HIGHER.
2. CALL CQ AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE. IF YOU CAN HOLD A FREQUENCY AND SUSTAIN A RUN THIS IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO ADD QSO'S. DON'T FORGET TO LOOK FOR MULTIPLIERS.
3. KEEP AN ACCURATE RECORD OF YOUR MULTIPLIERS WORKED. IF YOU KNOW THAT YOUR SIGNAL IS NOT LARGE ENOUGH TO RUN HUGE QSO TOTALS, CONCENTRATE ON GETTING ALL 75 SECTIONS AND AS MANY Q'S AS POSSIBLE.
4. PRE-NUMBER ALL LOG FORMS. TRYING TO ADD QSO NUMBERS TO THE LOGS WHILE OPERATING TAKE UNNECESSARY TIME AND EFFORT.
5. LOG IN PENCIL. TRY TO LOG DIRECTLY INTO THE LOG AND AVOID SCRATCH PAPER. TIME SPENT RE-COPYING REPORTS IS WASTED EFFORT.
6. KEEP CLOSE TRACK OF YOUR OFF TIMES. MAKE SURE YOU GET IN A FULL 24 HOURS OF CONTEST.
7. I FIND MECHANICAL PENCILS USEFULL, PARTICULARLY THE PENTEL 0.5 MM LEAD VARIETY. YOU DON'T HAVE TO STOP TO SHARPEN THEM: THE LEAD ADVANCES BY PRESSING ON THE ERASER.
8. READ THE RULES CAREFULLY: QST, October 1978, pp. 73-74.

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9. READ THE ARTICLE "SWEEPSTAKES FOR THE LITTLE GUY" IN QST, OCTOBER 1978, PP 48-49.
10. READ THE ARTICLE "NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES PROPAGATION PREDICTING" IN QST, NOVEMBER 1977, PP 50-51.
11. HAVE YOUR STATION, LOGS, PENCILS - EVERYTHING - READY TO GO EARLY SATURDAY. RELAX AND STAY LOOSE. AT LEAST 1/2 HOUR BEFORE CONTEST START TIME, BEGIN TO LISTEN ON THE BAND YOU HAVE CHOSEN TO BEGIN ON (USUALLY 20 METERS FOR ME). GET A FEEL FOR WHAT'S ON THE BAND, AND IF NECESSARY CHOOSE A DIFFERENT BAND TO START ON. WHEN THE CONTEST BEGINS YOU SHOULD HAVE ALREADY STAKED OUT A FREQUENCY FOR CQ'ING OR A CQ'ING STATION FOR QSO.
12. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE CONTEST, CONTACT ME SO I CAN GET A ROUGH IDEA OF HOW MRRC DID:

KBND

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(NITE) (614) 451-3713 (BEFORE 11 PM, PLEASE)

RADIOGRAM: VIA OSSBN, BN, OSN, ONN

ON AIR: MAD RIVER NET, MONDAYS AT 7:30 LOCAL  
3825 ±5.

13. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE CONTEST, CONGREGATE ON ABOUT 3825 FOR SOME DISCUSSION AND BS'ing.

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CQWW

IF YOU PARTICIPATED IN CQWW SSB OR PLAN TO OPERATE CQWW CW IN NOVEMBER, PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND ME YOUR FINAL SCORES! MRRC WILL SUBMIT A CLUB SCORE, AND BASED ON ACTIVITY FROM KBAZ, KBLX, WBBVPA, KBMN, E19CB (NBET), WBBYUO, KBMR, AND OTHERS HEARD ON THE AIR, WE MAY HAVE A VERY RESPECTABLE SCORE. SO GET YOURS TO ME FOR INCLUSION IN MY REQUIRED LETTER TO CQ.

PRELIMINARY CQWW

KBAZ (+KBNZ, WBHSK, WOKIC, KBND) 1125 Q/338 COUNTRY/118 ZONES  
WBBYUO (SINGLE OP, 15 meters) 322 Q/74 COUNTRY/25 ZONES