

JOHN MOYLE MEMORIAL NATIONAL FIELD DAY CONTEST 2009

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14 - 15 March, 2009

0100 UTC Sat - 0059 Sun

The WIA and I wish all entrants good luck, and look forward to hearing you on air during the contest!

N.B. new Email address: jmfd2009@wia.org.au and you can check out latest info at <http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/johnmoyle/>

Overview

1. The aim is to encourage and provide familiarisation with portable operation, and provide training for emergency situations. The rules are therefore designed to encourage field operation.
2. The contest takes place on the 3rd full weekend in March each year, and runs from 0100 UTC Saturday to 0059 UTC Sunday, 14-15 March 2009.
3. The contest is open to all VK, ZL and P2 stations. Other stations are welcome to participate, but can only claim points for contacts with VK, ZL and P2 stations.
4. Single operator portable entries shall consist of ONE choice from each of the following (e.g. 6 hour, portable, phone, VHF/UHF):
 - a 24 or 6 hour;
 - b Phone, CW, Digital or All modes;
 - c HF, VHF/UHF or All Bands.
5. Multi-operator portable entries shall consist of ONE choice from each of the following (e.g. 24 hour, portable, phone, VHF/UHF):
 - a 24 or 6 hour;
 - b Phone, CW, Digital, or All modes;
 - c HF, VHF/UHF or All Bands.
6. Home and SWL single operator entries may be either, 24 hour or 6 hours, all modes, all bands.

Scoring

7. Portable HF stations shall score 2 points per QSO.
8. Portable stations shall score the following on 6m:
 - a 0-49 km, 2 points per QSO;
 - b 50-99 km, 5 points per QSO;
 - c 100-149 km 10 points per QSO;
 - d 150-299 km 20 points per QSO;
 - e 300-499 km 30 points per QSO;
 - f 500 km and greater, 2 points per QSO.

9. Portable stations shall score the following on 144MHz and higher:

- a 0 to 49 km, 2 points per QSO;
- b 50 to 99 km, 5 points per QSO;
- c 100 to 149 km, 10 points per QSO;
- d 150 to 300km, 20 points per QSO.
- e 300 kms and greater, 30 points per QSO.

10. For each VHF/UHF QSO where more than 2 points is claimed, either the latitude and longitude of the station contacted or other satisfactory proof of distance such as the 6-figure Maidenhead Locator must be supplied.

11. Home stations shall score:

- a Two points per QSO with each portable station.
- b One point per QSO with other home stations.

Log Submission

12. For each contact: UTC time, frequency, station worked, RST/serial numbers sent / received and claimed score. (VHF and above location of other station and distance showing the Lat Long or Maidenhead Locator to 6 figures for the station worked.)

13. Logs must be accompanied by a summary sheet showing: call sign, name, mailing address, section entered, number of contacts, claimed score, location of the station during the contest, and equipment used, and a signed declaration stating "I hereby declare that this station was operated in accordance with the rules and spirit of the contest and that the contest manager's decision will be accepted as final". For multi-operator stations, the names and call signs (legible) of all operators must be listed.

14 Paper logs may be posted to "John Moyle Contest Manager, 27 Laguna Ave, Kirwan 4817 Qld " Alternatively, logs may be e-mailed jmfd2009@wia.org.au , vk3zux@wia.org.au or to vk4ae@wia.org.au or snail mailed via the WIA Contest Manager JMMFD, P.O. Box 2042 Bayswater, VIC, 3153. The following formats are acceptable: EXCEL or Microsoft Word, ASCII text or an electronic log programs such as VK Contest Log (VKCL). Logs sent by disc or e-mail must include a summary sheet and declaration, but the operators name (legible) is acceptable in lieu of a signature. Logs must be postmarked no later than 17 April 2009.

Certificates and Trophy

15 At the discretion of the Contest Manager, certificates will be awarded to the winners of each portable section. Additional certificates may be awarded where operation merits it. Note that entrants in a 24 hour section are ineligible for awards in a 6 hour section.

16 The President's Cup, a perpetual trophy held at the Executive Office, will be awarded to the portable Australian Club station, with the highest score in the 24-hour, All Modes, All Bands section For the purpose of the contest "Club Station" means a club affiliated with the WIA. The winning club will receive an individually inscribed wall plaque as permanent recognition.

Disqualification

17 General WIA contest disqualification criteria, as published in Amateur Radio from time to time, apply to entries in this contest. Logs which are illegible or excessively untidy are also liable to be disqualified.

Definitions

18 A portable station comprises field equipment operating from a power source, e.g. batteries, portable generator, solar power, wind power, independent of any permanent facilities, which is the normal location of any amateur station.

19 All equipment comprising the portable station must be located within an 800m diameter circle.

20 A single operator station is where one person performs all operating, logging, and spotting functions.

21 A single operator may only use a call-sign of which he/she is the official holder. A single operator may not use a call-sign belonging to any group, club or organisation for which he/she is a sponsor except as part of a multi-operator entry.

22 A multi-operator station is where more than one person operates, checks for duplicates, keeps the log, performs spotting, etc.

23 A multi-operator station may use only one call sign during the contest.

24 Multi-operator stations may only use one transmitter on each band at any one time, regardless of the mode in use.

25 Multi-operator stations must use a separate log for each band.

26 Logs submitted electronically can use a separate Excel worksheet for each band linked to a summary sheet. A typical example is located at: - <http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/johnmoyle>. This file is only typical example and can be copied and adapted for the individual use of either single or multi-operators station.

27 A station operated by a club, group, or organisation will be considered to be multi-operator by default.

28 None of the portable field equipment may be erected on the site earlier than 28 hours before the beginning of the contest.

29 Single operator stations may receive moderate assistance prior to and during the contest, except for operating, logging and spotting. The practice of clubs or groups providing massive logistic support to a single operator is, however, totally against the spirit of the contest. Offenders will be disqualified, and at the discretion of the manager, may be banned from further participation in the contest for a period of up to 3 years.

30 Phone includes SSB, AM and FM.

31 CW means Morse Code, either hand or computer generated.

32. Digital mode include any other modes other than the above (Rules 30 and 31), such as RTTY, Packet, PSK31 etc. Another Station can be worked only once per period on any digital mode: i.e. you cannot work them on RTTY, then on Packet, then on PSK31 – only one digital contact, regardless of mode per period (see Rule 35)

33 All amateur bands may be used except 10, 18 and 24 MHz. VHF/UHF means all amateur bands above 30 MHz. Note: On 50 MHz, the region below 50.150 has been declared a contest free zone, and contest CQ's and exchanges may only take place above this frequency. Stations violating this rule will be disqualified.

34 Cross-band, cross-mode and contacts made via repeaters or satellites are not permitted for contest credit. However, repeaters may be used to arrange a contact on another frequency where a repeater is not used for the contact.

35 Stations may make repeat contacts and claim full points for each one. For this purpose, the contest is divided into eight consecutive three-hour blocks: 0100-0359, 0400-0659, 0700-0959, 1000-1259, 1300-1559, 1600-1859, 1900-2159, 2200-0059 UTC. If you work a station at 0359 UTC a repeat contact may be made after the start of a new block providing, they are not consecutive or are separated by at least five minutes, since the previous valid contact with that station on the same band and mode.

37 Stations must exchange ciphers comprising RS(T) plus a 3 digit number commencing at 001 and incrementing by one for each contact.

38 Portable stations shall add the letter "P" to their own cipher, e.g. 59001P.

39 Multi-operator stations are to commence numbering on each band with 001.

40 Receiving stations must record the ciphers sent by both stations being logged. QSO points will be on the same basis as for Home Stations, unless the receiving station is portable.

41 The practice of commencing operation and later selecting the most profitable operational period within the allocated contest times is not in the spirit of the contest, and shall result in disqualification. The period of operation commences with the first contact on any band or mode, and finishes either 6 or 24 hours later.

If anyone wishes to contact me privately to discuss rules etc, my home phone number is (07) 4723 4229, and my snail mail and e-mail address is as shown in the Log Submission section above.

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