

JOHN MOYLE FIELD DAY CONTEST 2003

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Contest period

15 - 16 March, 2003
0100 UTC Sat - 0059 Sun

General

Well, once again those who enjoy a weekend in the bush should be planning for this year's John Moyle Field Day.

The rules 5, 6, 12, 13, and 17 have changed.

If anyone wishes to contact me privately to discuss rules etc, my home phone number is 07 3390 5664, and my address is as shown in the Log Submission section below. I wish all entrants good luck, and look forward to hearing you on air during the contest!

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, 15-16 March 2003.
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, or All mode;
 - c. HF, VHF/UHF or All Band.
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, or All mode;
 - c. HF, VHF/UHF or All Band.
6. Home and SWL single operator entries may be either 24 hour or 6 hours, All mode, All band.

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, 10 points per QSO;
 - c. 100-149 km 20 points per QSO;
 - d. 150-199 km 30 points per QSO;

- e. 200-499 km 50 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, 10 points per QSO;
 - c. 100 to 149 km, 20 points per QSO;
 - d. 150 km 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 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.)

Logs must be accompanied by a summary sheet showing: callsign, 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 callsigns (legible) of all operators must be listed.

13. Paper logs may be posted to "John Moyle Contest Manager, 108 Queensport Road, Murarrie Qld 4172, Australia". Alternatively, logs may be e-mailed esr@powerup.com.au The following formats are acceptable ASCII text or Office. 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 28 April 2003.

Certificates and Trophy

14. 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.
15. The Australian portable station, CW section, with the highest CW score will be awarded the President's Cup, a perpetual trophy held at the Executive Office, and will receive an individually inscribed wall plaque as permanent recognition.

Disqualification

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

Definitions

17. 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.
18. All equipment comprising the portable station must be located within an 800m diameter circle.
19. A single operator station is where one person performs all operating, logging, and spotting functions.
20. A single operator may only use a callsign of which he/she is the official holder. A single operator may not use a callsign belonging to any group, club or organisation for which he/she is a sponsor except as part of a multioperator entry.
21. A multioperator station is where more than one person operates, checks for duplicates, keeps the log, performs spotting, etc.
22. A multioperator station may use only one callsign during the contest.
23. Multioperator stations may only use one transmitter on each band at any one time, regardless of the mode in use.
24. Multioperator stations must use a separate log for each band.
25. A station operated by a club, group, or organisation will be considered to be multioperator by default.
26. None of the portable field equipment may be erected on the site earlier than 28 hours before the beginning of the contest.
27. 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.
28. Phone includes SSB, AM and FM.
29. CW includes CW, RTTY, and packet.
30. It is not expected that any other modes will be used in the contest, but if they are, they shall be classed as CW.
31. All amateur bands may be used except 10, 18 and 24 MHz. VHF/UHF means all amateur bands above 30 Mhz. Note: On 6 m, 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.
32. Cross-band, cross-mode and contacts made via repeaters 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.
33. 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: 01-0359. 04-0659. 07-0959. 10-1259. 13-1559. 16-1859.19-2159. 22-0059 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 five minutes, since the previous valid contact with that station on the same band and mode.

34. Stations must exchange ciphers comprising RS(T) plus a 3 digit number commencing at 001 and incrementing by one for each contact.
35. Portable stations shall add the letter "P" to their own cipher, eg. 59001P.
36. Multioperator stations are to commence each band with 001.
37. 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.
38. 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.