## **Announcing:**

## The 24th Annual CQ World Wide WPX Contest

SSB: March 29-30, 1980 & C.W.: May 24-25, 1980

Starts: 0000 GMT Saturday Ends: 2400 GMT Sunday

I Contest Period: Only 30 hours of the 48 hour contest period permitted for Single Operator stations. The 18 hours of non-operating time may be taken in up to 5 periods anytime during the contest, and must be clearly indicated on the log. Multi-operator stations may operate the full 48 hours.

Il Objective: Object of the contest is for amateurs around the world to contact as many amateurs in other parts of the world as possible during the contest period.

III Bands: All bands, 1.8 thru 28 MHz may be used.

IV Type of Competition: 1. Single Operator (a) All Band, (b) Single Band. 2. Multi-operator, All Band only. (a) Single Transmitter, (only one signal permitted), (b) Multi-Transmitter, (one signal per band permitted).

V Exchange: RS(T) report plus a progressive three digit contact number starting with 001 for the first contact. (Continue to four digits if past 1000) Multi-transmitter stations use separate numbers for each band.

VI Points: 1. Contacts between stations on different continents; count 3 points on the 14, 21, and 28 MHz. bands, and 6 points on the 7, 3.5 and 1.8 MHz. bands.

2. Contacts between stations in the same continent but not in the same country, count 1 point on 14, 21 and 28 MHz. and 2 points on 7, 3.5 and 1.8 MHz. (Exception: Contacts between different North American countries count 2 points on 14, 21 and 28 MHz. and 4 points on 7, 3.5 and 1.8 MHz. This applies to North American countries only).

3. Contacts are permitted between stations in the same country for the purpose of obtaining a Prefix multiplier, but have no QSO point value.

4. A Station in a call area different than that indicated by its call sign is required to sign portable. The portable Prefix would be the multiplier as indicated in Section VII (below).

VII Multiplier: The multiplier is determined by the number of different prefixes worked. A "PREFIX" is counted once during the entire contest regardless of how many times the same prefix is worked.

A "PREFIX" is considered to be the three letter/number combination which forms the first part of an amateur radio call. (N1, W2, WB3, K4, AA6, WD8, 4X4, DL7, G3, IT9, KH2, AL7, NP2, WP4, 9M2, CT9, 4J9, PY7, VK4, JE3, VE3, etc.). See the WPX Awards Program information if additional clarification is necessary. It is available from K6XP.

Special event, commemorative and other unique prefix stations are also encouraged to participate.

VIII Scoring: 1. Single Operator (a) All Band score, total QSO points from all bands multiplied by the number of different Prefixes worked. (b) Single Band score, QSO points on the band multiplied by the number of different Prefixes worked. See VII.

 Multi-Operated stations. Scoring in both these categories is the same as the All Band scoring for Single Operator.

A Station may be worked once on each band for QSO point credit. How-

ever, prefix credit can be taken only once regardless of the band.

IX QRPp SECTION: (Single Operator Only). Power must not exceed 5 watts ouput to qualify for QRPp section competition. You must denote QRPp on the summary sheet and state the actual maximum power output used for all claimed contacts. Results will be listed in a separate QRPp section and certificates will be awarded to each top scoring QRPp station in the order indicated in Section X. These certificates will be marked QRPp and show your power output. QRPp stations will be competing only with other QRPp stations for awards. All other information contained in these rules is applicable to this section.

X Awards: Certificates will be awarded to the highest scoring station in each category listed under Sec. IV.

1. In every participating country.

2. In each call area of the United States, Canada, and Asiatic USSR.

All scores will be published. However, to be eligible for an award, a Single Operator station must show a minimum of 12 hours of operation. Multi-operator stations must show a minimum of 24 hours.

A single band log is eligible for a single award only. If a log contains more than one band it will be judged as an all band entry, unless specified otherwise. However, a 12 hour minimum is required on the single band.

In countries or sections where the returns justify, 2nd and 3rd place awards will be made.

XI Trophies, Plaques and Donors.

SSB

Single Operator, All Band WORLD - North Florida DX Assn. U.S.A. - Bob Epstein, K8IA CANADA - Garth Hamilton, VE2VY JAPAN - Palm Garden Radio Club. WORLD QRPp - Dayton A.R.A.

Single Operator, Single Band WORLD - John N. Reichert, N4RV U.S.A. - Richardson Wireless Klub. (Joe Johnson, W5QBM Memorial) CANADA - Gene Krehbiel, VE7KB EUROPE - Myron E. Crofoot, WB4VQO WORLD - 21 MHz - Lee Wical, KH6BZF

Multi-Operator, Single Xmtr. WORLD - Mike Badolato, W5MYA

Multi-Operator, Multi Xmtr. WORLD - Henry Thel, VE7WJ

Contest Expedition
WORLD - Northern Ohio DX Assn.

C.W.

Single Operator, Alf Band
WORLD - Canadian DX Assn.
U.S.A. - Corker A. Rhines, W8EAO
(Charles Rhines, W7VIU Memorial)
CANADA - Canadian A.R.F.
EUROPE - Sig. Jakobsson, TF3CW
JAPAN - Palm Garden Contest Club.
WORLD QRPp - Nevada A.R.A
(George Hewitt WB700Q Memorial)

Single Operator, Single Band WORLD - Pedro Piza, Jr., KP4RF U.S.A. - Kansas City DX Club. S. AMERICA - John Kroll, K8LJG

Multi-Operator, Single Xmtr. WORLD - Ron Blake, N4KE CANADA - Tehrahedral Contest Circle.

EUROPE - Jonas Bjarnason, TF3JB

Multi-Operator, Multi Xmtr. WORLD - North Florida DX Assn.

Contest Expedition
WORLD - Northern Ohio DX Assn.

Club (SSB & C.W.)
WORLD - Canadian DX Assn.
(Bud Abraham, VE1VR Memorial)

Trophy and Plaque winners may win the same award only once within a three year period.

XII Club Competition: A trophy will be awarded each year to the club or group that has the highest aggregate score from logs submitted by members. The club must be a local group and not a national organization. Participation is limited to members operating within a local geographical area. (Exception: DX-peditions especially organized for operation in the contest and manned by members.) Indicate your club affiliation. To be listed, a minimum of three logs must be received from a club.

XIII Log Instructions: 1. All times must be in GMT. The 18 hour non-operating periods must be clearly shown.

2. Prefix multipliers should be entered only the FIRST TIME they are contacted.

3. Logs must be checked for duplicate contacts and prefix multipliers. Recopied logs must be in their original form, with corrections clearly indicated.

4. A Prefix check list is not only desirable but a **must** for proper contest operation. (It is recommended that you also send it along with your contest log.)

5. Each entry must be accompanied by a Summary Sheet listing all scoring information, the category of competition and the contestant's name and mailing address in BLOCK LETTERS.

Also a signed declaration that all contest rules and regulations for amateur radio in the country of the

contestant, have been observed.

6. Official log and summary sample sheets are available from CQ. A large self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage or IRCs must accompany your request.

If official forms are not available you can make your own with 40 con-

tacts to the page.

XIV Disqualification: Violation of amateur radio regulations in the country of the contestant, or the rules of the contest, unsportsmanlike conduct, taking credit for excessive duplicate contacts; unverifiable QSO's or multipliers will be deemed sufficient cause for disqualification. Actions and decisions of the CQ WPX Contest Committee are official and final.

XV Deadline: All entries must be postmarked no later than May 10, 1980 for the SSB section and July 10, 1980 for the C.W. section. Indicate SSB or C.W. on envelope. From rare isolated areas the deadline will be made more flexible. You support is appreciated.

Logs go to: CQ Magazine, WPX Contest, 76 N. Broadway, Hicksville,

N.Y. 11801.

Please remember to send in early for the WPX Contest Logs and Summary Sheets.

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