



Contesting

A beginners guide.

A Few Questions.

- Why do we contest ?
- Can anyone take part ?
- Don't you have to be a member of RSGB
- Contesting is only for clubs and groups.
- I don't do HF.
- I don't take it that seriously.
- I take part sometimes but never enter my log.

Software

- SD and SDV
- Minos
- Standard electronic log
- Paper logs

Types of Contest

- Weekly Activity Nights
- 4 Hrs VHF / QRP / Portable
- 6 Hrs Single band
- 24 Hrs VHF / HF Field Day
- 48 Hrs CQWW RTTY

Contest Calendar

<http://www.rsgbcc.org/cgi-bin/readcal.pl>

Contest Committee Radio Society of Great Britain

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HF Contest Calendar 2011

This calendar is available as an Icalendar file which can be imported into Outlook [ICAL](#)
Also as a Google Calendar [Google Calendar](#)

[2012 calendar is here](#)

Date (2011)	Time UTC	Contest Name	Sections	Notes/Special Rules
3 Jan.	2000-2130	80m CC CW	LOW QRP	
9 Jan.	1400-1800	AFS Contest CW	ALL	Affiliated Societies contest (S1)
12 Jan.	2000-2130	80m CC SSB	LOW QRP	
15 Jan.	1400-1800	AFS Contest PHONE	ALL	Affiliated Societies contest (S1)
20 Jan.	2000-2130	80m CC DATA	LOW QRP	
7 Feb.	2000-2130	80m CC SSB	LOW QRP	
12-13 Feb.	2100-0100	1st 1.8MHz Contest	UK Overseas	DXCC & UK District Bonus (M3)
16 Feb.	2000-2130	80m CC DATA	LOW QRP	
24 Feb.	2000-2130	80m CC CW	LOW QRP	

Non RSGB Contest

<http://www.sk3bg.se/contest/>

SM3CER Contest Service

7S3A or SF3A in contests

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July contests - NOW

27 1300 - 1400	CWops Mini-CWT Test (7) - CW
27 1900 - 2000	CWops Mini-CWT Test (8) - CW
28 0300 - 0400	CWops Mini-CWT Test (9) - CW
29 0100 - 0229	QRP Fox Hunt - CW
29 0230 - 0300	NCCC Sprint (NSL XII) - CW

Good Morning and Welcome!

This website is devoted entirely to Amateur Radio HF Contesting on 1.8 - 50 MHz.

I started this site in April 1997 as a Contest Calendar mainly for Swedish contesters. It has grown from a few pages to almost 1.000 pages of information as of today. I'm working with the site on my spare time and it's just another hobby of mine.

The only "official" rules on this site are for the Swedish domestic contests, SAC and NRAU-Baltic. All other rules are copies from other sites, from the Contest-Rules Reflector, from ham magazines and from e-mails and letters sent to me. When I find an official site for a contest I always have a link to it. You'll also find many interesting links, lots of contest software information and much more.

Welcome to explore the site - have fun and I hope you'll find it useful!

Jan, SM3CER - 7S3A - SF3A

CONTEST CALENDAR 2010

FEB	MAR	
APR	MAY	JUN
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2011

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3830 Mail Reflector at contesting.com

3830 Score Submittal Forms by Bruce, WA7BNM

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CWops Mini-CWT Test - 1300Z Jul 27 by Jul 30, 2011

CWops Mini-CWT Test - 1000Z

Shoutbox Chat with your contest friends in real-time

Call Name Message Save

Time	Call/Name	Message
09:48	TC7EYOF Ismail	European Youth Olympic Festival
21:22	PY4COM Anderson	Olá
20:52	LU4MHQ Carlos	sorry Jan, I was confused with another contest GACW

UK Activity Nights

- Ideal to start
- Your score contributes to the clubs score
- Can take part with others from the club
- At home, out portable
- Only takes a few hrs per weeks
- Can pick and choose what events to complete.

Activity Nights

- 144 MHz on the 1st Tuesday of the month,
- 432 MHz on the 2nd Tuesday,
- 1.3 GHz on the 3rd Tuesday,
- 50 MHz and 13cms to 3cms (2000-2200) on the 4th Tuesday,
- 70 MHz where there is a 5th Tuesday in the month.

So How Well Is H.R.C 144 MHz

2011 2m UKAC - July

www.rsgbcc.org/vhf/results/11/2mukac.html

41	Mid-Lanark ARS	0	0	0	0	0	500	2,028	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,528
42	Simpson ARS	336	167	268	269	806	611	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,457	
43	West of Scotland ARS	0	841	920	0	648	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,410	
44	Worcester RAA	0	87	0	655	0	569	898	0	0	0	0	0	2,210	
45	Rugby ATS	0	0	0	0	773	595	822	0	0	0	0	0	2,190	
46	Colchester RA	888	929	0	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,867	
47	International SWL	0	0	0	0	0	897	814	0	0	0	0	0	1,710	
48	Clifton ARS	0	0	0	143	477	534	492	0	0	0	0	0	1,645	
49	Shefford & DARS	500	400	0	222	357	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,479	
50	Lothians RS	475	151	0	361	469	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,456	
51	Reading & DARC	0	0	0	0	0	767	619	0	0	0	0	0	1,386	
52	Stockport RS	569	714	51	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,368	
53	Flight Refuelling ARS	0	881	101	0	0	0	119	0	0	0	0	0	1,101	
54	Sheffield ARC	0	0	0	0	523	0	449	0	0	0	0	0	973	
55	Dudley & DARS	0	365	0	0	570	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	935	
56	Furness ARS	0	0	0	0	0	922	0	0	0	0	0	0	922	
57	Verulam ARC	284	267	154	0	71	143	0	0	0	0	0	0	919	
58	South Birmingham RS	0	190	0	160	250	0	237	0	0	0	0	0	837	
59	Havering & DARC	0	111	188	0	0	534	0	0	0	0	0	0	834	
60	Crawley ARC	0	0	0	0	0	0	667	0	0	0	0	0	667	
61	Itchen Valley ARC	0	0	0	336	328	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	664	
62	Hadley Wood CG	643	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	643	
63	Northampton RC	0	0	0	538	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	538	
64	Hog's Back ARC	0	423	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	423	
65	Dorridge Scout Group	0	67	297	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	364	
66	Preston ARS	0	38	0	61	56	139	0	0	0	0	0	0	294	
67	Medway ARTS	0	0	290	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	290	
68	Bromsgrove & District ARC	0	0	0	0	0	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	78	
69	Thornton Cleveleys ARS	0	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	
70	Sands CG	0	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	

Section AL

Pos	Call Sign	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL	Club
1	M1EYP	1,000	1,000	1,000	970	1,000	917	921	0	0	0	0	0	6,807	Macclesfield & DRS
2	G0BWC	833	923	944	909	944	833	816	0	0	0	0	0	6,204	Bolton Wireless Club
3	G8LZE	889	885	917	848	889	861	763	0	0	0	0	0	6,052	
4	2E0TXT	778	846	889	879	833	806	632	0	0	0	0	0	5,662	Bolton Wireless Club
5	M6OUT	722	731	722	727	750	639	579	0	0	0	0	0	4,870	Trowbridge & DARC
6	G1HSG	944	962	0	0	972	944	947	0	0	0	0	0	4,770	Bolton Wireless Club
7	M3ZPJ	556	769	639	667	639	556	342	0	0	0	0	0	4,167	Bolton Wireless Club

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432MHz

Station	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
17 Blackfriars ARC	719	833	983	768	834	903	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,234
18 Oldham RC	313	759	752	854	937	357	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,974
19 Simpson ARS	739	760	778	833	667	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,777
19 Bittern DX Group	864	0	0	688	1,124	929	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,604
20 Wythall RC	672	691	703	0	646	732	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,444
21 Poldhu ARC	746	0	797	875	0	857	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,276
22 Telford & DARS	1,075	309	338	422	308	714	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,165
23 Govt Comms ARC	522	221	500	453	0	875	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,571
24 Martello Tower Group	938	868	730	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,535
25 Lothians RS	358	59	0	599	250	742	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,008
26 Colchester RA	866	897	0	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,841
27 Shefford & DARS	400	500	600	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,500
28 West of Scotland ARS	0	167	200	0	333	583	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,283
29 West Kent ARS	343	324	284	0	215	89	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,255
30 Harwell ARS	0	0	0	0	556	667	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,222
31 Rugby ATS	0	0	0	766	0	446	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,212
32 Verulam ARC	200	0	300	375	222	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,097
33 Cheltenham ARA	0	0	0	0	0	935	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	935
34 Mid-Lanark ARS	0	0	0	0	0	903	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	903
35 International SWL	0	0	0	0	0	804	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	804
36 Havering & DARC	0	0	108	0	62	607	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	777
37 Coulsdon ATS	0	132	459	0	108	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	700
38 Stockport RS	0	0	614	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	660
39 Christchurch ARS	0	0	622	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	622
40 Oxford & DARS	0	0	608	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	608
41 Guernsey ARS	0	0	527	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	527
42 Strictly Contest Club	0	0	486	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	486
43 Sheffield ARC	0	0	0	406	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	406
44 North Wales Radio Society	328	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	328
45 Meirion ARS	0	0	0	297	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	297
46 Addiscombe ARC	0	294	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	294
47 Clifton ARS	0	0	0	0	0	232	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	232
48 Flight Refuelling ARS	119	74	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	193
49 Torbay ARS	0	0	0	0	0	167	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	167
50 Dorridge Scout Group	0	0	162	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	162
51 Horsham ARC	0	0	0	0	0	161	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	161
52 De Montfort University ARS	0	103	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	103
53 Preston ARS	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42

OK So how do I take part.

- Taking part v entering a contest.
- What is a valid contact.
- What types of exchange are needed.
- What is the point of 599...001.
- What is the point ...

What is the point...

- How often have you worked 500km on 2m.
- How about 500km on 70cm !
- Improves you operating procedure.
- Tests out your skills in speed and accuracy.
- Test out a radio / antenna.
- How good is your setup compared to x

Seriously

- The transfer of information accurately and with speed under less than ideal conditions.
- Mobile phones and the Internet don't always work.

So I have completed a contest.

- Check the accuracy of your log.
- Enter it in good time
- Review the Google map file
- Try and make improvements next time.
- Have fun !

50 MHz Map

Google Mail - FW: Log entr... <http://www.rsgbcc.org/vhf>

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433 MHz

Google Mail - Search results - <http://www.rsgbcc.org/vhf>

maps.google.com/maps?q=http://www.rsgbcc.org/vhf/kml_files/2011/SZENwicFu9STS88jl4AKsQvRK3u58IY

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 - G5LK/P JO01ND
 - G3RCV/P
 - G3RCV/P JO01DH
 - G0FBB/P
 - G0FBB/P JO01LD
 - G0VHF/P
 - G0VHF/P JO01PU
 - G3PXE/P
 - G3PXE/P JO02CD

Map Traffic

50 mi 50 km

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Microsoft PowerPoi... <http://www.rsgbcc...> 13:17

50 MHz Trophy Cup

The screenshot shows a Google Maps browser window. The address bar contains the URL: http://www.rsgbcc.org/vhf/kml_files/2011/iJVRM3D2QHVT. The map displays a large number of blue location pins across Europe, primarily concentrated in Western and Central Europe. A sidebar on the left contains the following text:

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- GW3JXN

The browser window also shows standard navigation and search elements, including the Google Maps logo and a search box containing the URL. The taskbar at the bottom shows a Windows 7 desktop with several open applications, including Microsoft PowerPoint and the browser.

Links

- Minos
- <http://minos.berlios.de/>
- SD
- <http://www.ei5di.com/>
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Remember have fun, and enjoy contesting...



If at first you don't succeed, buy an Icom.