

CONTEST CORRAL



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Start and Finish	HF	VHF+	Contest Title	Phone	CW	Digital	Exchange	Sponsor's Web Site
Feb 28, 0100Z - Mar 1, 0259Z	3.5-14		CQC Winter QSO Party	✗	✗		RS(T), S/P/C, name, CQC nr or power	www.cqc.org
Feb 28, 1700Z - Mar 1, 0300Z	3.5-28		North Carolina QSO Party	✗	✗		RS(T) and NC county or S/P/C	www.w4nc.com
Mar 2, 1900Z - Mar 2, 2100Z	3.5		YL CW Party		✗		RST, serial, if YL "YL," name	www.agcw.org
Mar 6, 0000Z - Mar 7, 2400Z	1.8-28		ARRL International DX	✗			RS and state, province, or power	www.arrl.org/contests
Mar 6, 0900Z - Mar 6, 1700Z	3.5-28		High Speed CW Contest		✗		RST and HSC nr or "NM"	hsc-contest@gmail.com
Mar 6, 2200Z - Mar 7, 1200Z	1.8-28		Open Ukraine RTTY Championship			✗	Regional abbreviation and serial	www.ucc.zp.ua
Mar 7, 1100Z - Mar 7, 1700Z	28		DARC 10 Meter Digital "Corona"			✗	RST and serial	www.darc.de/referate/ukw-funksport/
Mar 9, 1700Z - Mar 14, 1700Z	3.5-21		CLARA and Family HF Contest	✗	✗		RS(T), name, QTH, and CLARA	www.clara.comm.sfu.ca
Mar 13, 0000Z - Mar 14, 2359Z	3.5-28		Heavy Metal Rally	✗	✗		RS(T) and serial, plus "V" if vintage equip	www.xe1rcq.info/heavymetal.htm
Mar 13, 1000Z - Mar 14, 1000Z	3.5-28		RSGB Commonwealth Contest		✗		RST and serial (Commonwealth only)	www.rsgbcc.org/hf/calendar10.shtml
Mar 13, 1400Z - Mar 13, 2000Z	3.5-28		AGCW QRP Contest		✗		RST, serial, class, AGCW number or NM	www.agcw.org
Mar 13, 1500Z - Mar 13, 1800Z	3.5-28		QRP ARCI HF Grid Square Sprint		✗		RST, 4-digit grid square, QRP ARCI number	www.qrparci.org
Mar 13, 1600Z - Mar 14, 1600Z	3.5-28		EA PSK31 Contest			✗	RST + serial or EA province	www.ure.es
Mar 13, 1900Z - Mar 14, 1900Z	1.8-28	50-440	Idaho QSO Party	✗	✗	✗	RS(T) and S/P/C	www.nx7tt.com
Mar 14, 0000Z - Mar 14, 0400Z	3.5-14		North American RTTY Sprint			✗	Both call signs, serial, name, and S/P/C	www.ncjweb.com
Mar 14, 1800Z - Mar 15, 0100Z	3.5-28	50+	Wisconsin QSO Party	✗	✗	✗	WI county or S/P/C	www.warac.org
Mar 20, 0000Z - Mar 21, 2400Z		3.4G	EU EME Contest	✗	✗		TMO/RS(T) and "R"	www.dubus.org
Mar 20, 0001Z - Mar 20, 2359Z	28		10-10 Mobile QSO Party	✗	✗	✗	Call, Name, county & S/P/C, 10-10 number	www.ten-ten.org
Mar 20, 0200Z - Mar 22, 0200Z	3.5-28		BARTG HF RTTY Contest			✗	3-digit serial and 4-digit time	www.bartg.org.uk
Mar 20, 0500Z - Mar 20, 0800Z	1.8-7		OK1WC Memorial Contest	✗	✗		RS(T) and serial	www.hamradio.cz/ok1wc
Mar 20, 1200Z - Mar 21, 1200Z	1.8-28		Russian DX Contest	✗	✗		RS(T), serial or oblast abbr	www.rdx.org
Mar 20, 1200Z - Mar 21, 1600Z	21		9KCC Contest	✗	✗		RS(T) and serial	www.9k2hn.com/9kcc
Mar 20, 1400Z - Mar 21, 2000Z	3.5-28		Oklahoma QSO Party	✗	✗	✗	RS(T) and OK county or S/P/"DX"	www.okdxa.org
Mar 20, 1800Z - Mar 21, 1800Z	1.8-28	50,144	North Dakota QSO Party	✗	✗		RST and ND county or S/P/C	www.w0cq.com
Mar 20, 1800Z - Mar 22, 0100Z	1.8-28	50-440	Virginia QSO Party	✗	✗	✗	Serial and VA county/city or S/P/C	www.qsl.net/sterling
Mar 27, 0000Z - Mar 28, 2400Z		144, 10G+	EU EME Contest	✗	✗		TMO/RS(T) and "R"	www.dubus.org
Mar 27, 0000Z - Mar 28, 2400Z	1.8-28		CQ WPX SSB Contest	✗			RS and serial	www.cqwpw.com

All dates refer to UTC and may be different from calendar date in North America. Times given as AM or PM are local times and dates.

Refer to the contest Web sites for full rules, scoring information, operating periods or time limits and log submission information.

No contest activity occurs on 60, 30, 17, 12 meters. Serial = Sequential number of the contact. S/P/C = State, Province, DXCC Entity.

Publication deadline for Contest Corral listings is the first day of the second month prior to publication.

Check for updates and a downloadable PDF version online at www.arrl.org/contests

Sean's Picks

- QSO Parties this month: Idaho, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Virginia, Wisconsin.
- ARRL International DX Contest, SSB (March 6-7): DX works only US and Canada and vice versa. With so much DX on the bands, don't let this weekend slip by without making some contacts.
- North American RTTY Sprint (March 14): Four hours of fast-paced RTTY goodness. RTTY is easier than ever, thanks to free software and inexpensive or easy-to-build interfaces. If you're not playing on RTTY, you're missing out on big fun.
- BARTG HF RTTY Contest (March 20-21): If you like the RTTY Sprint, go 48 hours in a world-wide contest. Everybody works everybody in this weekend-long digital donnybrook.
- Russian DX Contest (March 20-21): *Privet!* All antennas aim towards the country with the most time zones. See how many Oblasts you can work.
- CQ WPX SSB Contest (March 27-28): Call sign prefixes are the multipliers in this 48 hour event. Log as many different prefixes as you can and work towards your CQ-WPX award.



In the March/April "Contesting 101"

Kirk, K4RO takes a look at the contest "Meta View:" moving beyond the mechanics of copying call signs, to evaluating conditions and adjusting strategy accordingly. Contesting 101 can be found in the *National Contest Journal*, published six times per year. For subscription information, visit www.arrl.org/ncj.

