

CONTEST CORRAL



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Start and Finish	HF	VHF+	Contest Title	Phone	CW	Digital	Exchange	Sponsor's Web Site
May 1, 6 AM - May 1, 1 PM		902+	Microwave Spring Sprint	X	X	X	Grid Square (6-character preferred)	tinyurl.com/springsprints
May 1, 6 AM - May 2, 8 PM		2.4G+	2 GHz and Up World Wide Contest	X	X	X	6-char grid locator	www.ham-radio.com/sbms
May 1, 0000Z - May 2, 2400Z	3.5-28	50-432	MARAC CW and SSB Contests	X	X		RS(T), state, county abbreviation	www.marac.org
May 1, 0001Z - May 2, 2359Z	28		10-10 Spring Digital Contest			X	Call sign, name, 10-10 number, state	www.ten-ten.org
May 1, 1300Z - May 1, 1900Z	3.5,7		QRP-QRP-Party		X		RST, serial, category	www.agcw.org
May 1, 1300Z - May 2, 0700Z	1.8-28	50,144	7th Area QSO Party	X	X	X	State and county code	www.7qp.org
May 1, 1600Z - May 2, 0400Z	1.8-28		Indiana QSO Party	X	X		RS(T) + S/P or IN county, DX RS(T) only	www.hdxcc.org/inqp
May 1, 1700Z - May 2, 0459Z	3.5-21		Radio Club of America QSO Party	X			RS, QTH, name, equipment	www.radio-club-of-america.org
May 1, 2000Z - May 2, 1959Z	1.8-28		ARI International DX Contest	X	X	X	RS(T), serial or Italian province	www.qsl.net/contest_ari
May 1, 2000Z - May 2 2400Z	3.5-28		New England QSO Party	X	X	X	RS(T) and S/P or New England county	www.neqp.org
May 8, 1200Z - May 9, 2400Z	1.8-28		Armed Forces Comm'n's Test	X		X	RS(T)	www.netcom.army.mil/mars
May 8, 1200Z - May 9, 1200Z	1.8-28		CQ-M International DX Contest	X	X		RS(T) and serial	www.cq-m.andys.ru
May 8, 1200Z - May 9, 1200Z	3.5-28		Alessandro Volta RTTY DX Contest			X	RST, serial, CQ zone	www.contestvolta.com
May 8, 1500Z - May 9, 1500Z	3.5-28		Portuguese Navy Day	X	X		RS(T), serial, CQ zone	www.nra.pt
May 8, 1700Z - May 8, 2100Z	3.5-28		FISTS Spring Sprint		X		RS(T), S/P/C, name, FISTS nr or power	www.fists.org/sprints.html
May 8, 1700Z - May 9, 1700Z	1.8-28	50	Nevada QSO Party	X	X	X	RS(T) and S/P/C or NV county	nv.arri.org/nqp
May 8, 2300Z - May 9, 0300Z		50	50 MHz Spring Sprint	X	X	X	Grid Square (6-character preferred)	tinyurl.com/springsprints
May 15, 0800Z - May 15, 1500Z	3.5-28		Portuguese Navy Day			X	RST, serial, CQ zone	www.nra.pt
May 15, 1200Z - May 16, 1200Z	3.5-28		EU PSK DX Contest			X	RST and EU area code or serial	www.eu.srars.org
May 15, 1200Z - May 16, 1200Z	1.8-28		His Majesty King of Spain Contest		X		RST and serial or EA province	www.ure.es
May 15, 1500Z - May 16, 2359Z	3.5-28		All America Contest		X		RST, continent, and category	www.powerline.com.br/cwjf/eng4.htm
May 16, 1000Z - May 16, 1400Z	1.8-7		Worked All Britain - LF Phone	X			RS, serial, and WAB nr or DXCC entity	www.worked-all-britain.co.uk
May 22, 0000Z - May 23, 2400Z		1.2G	EU EME Contest	X	X		TMO/RS(T) and "R"	www.dubus.org
May 22, 2100Z - May 23, 0200Z	3.5		Baltic Contest	X	X		RS(T) and serial	www.lrsf.it/bcontest/english/rules_html.htm
May 29, 0000Z - May 30, 2400Z	3.5-28		CQ WW WPX Contest		X		RST and serial	www.cqwpw.com
May 30, 8 PM - May 30, Midnight	3.5-28		QRP ARCI Hootowl Sprint		X		RST, S/P/C QRP number or power	www.qrparci.org
May 31, 2300Z - Jun 1, 0300Z	1.8-28		MI QRP Memorial Day CW Sprint		X		RST, S/P/C, MI QRP number or power	www.miqrp.org

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.arri.org/contests

Sean's Picks

- **QSO Parties this month:** 7th Call Area, Indiana, Nevada, New England.
- The weekend of May 1-2 will bring a lot of activity to the bands. Three major QSO parties encompassing 15 states (7th Area, New England and Indiana) coupled with the MARAC County Hunter contests adds up to a heck of a lot of fun. Try going mobile to activate rare counties, especially in states that are part of the QSO Parties this weekend; you'll make a lot of friends very quickly. This is a great activity for the ham family. See NOAX's article about mobile contesting on p 86 of the February 2008 QST.
- **50 MHz Spring Sprint (May 8):** 4 hours of fun on a Saturday night

to help warm up 6 meters for the coming summer sporadic-E propagation season. Exchange is simply your grid square.

- **All-America Contest (May 15-16):** How many countries in North and South America can you work? Find out in this CW-only event.
- **CQ WPX Contest, CW (May 29-30):** Prefixes are the multiplier in this everybody-works-everybody competition. A KG4 is just as important as an XX9. This one's a lot of fun.
- **MI QRP Club Memorial Day Sprint (May 31-June 1):** 4 hours of QRP CW fun on Memorial Day evening. You'd be surprised what QRP can do? Don't believe me? Try it for yourself in this low-pressure, relaxed fun event.

MAY 2010 W1AW QUALIFYING RUNS

W1AW Qualifying runs are 7 PM EDT (2300Z) Monday, May 3 and 9 AM EDT (1300Z) Friday, May 21 (10-35 WPM). The West Coast Qualifying run will be transmitted by station K9JM on 3590 and 7047.5 kHz at 9 PM PDT Wednesday, May 12 (0400Z May 13)(10-35 WPM).