

- **Basic HHOTA Comments**
 - This is meant to be a fun, informal event for both the activators and contacting stations.
 - Please follow good Amateur Radio practices.
 - Please be cooperative and polite to the site owners so they will be left with a good impression of Amateur Radio and so future HHOTA activators will be welcome.
 - Please read the info for those wanting to contact HHOTA stations too.

- **Who is organizing HHOTA?**
 - The Valencia County Amateur Radio Association (KC5OUR) in New Mexico is the organization responsible for this web site and trying to get other Hams to undertake their own HHOTA activations. Having all HHOTA activations on the same day should make it more exciting for both ends of the QSOs.

- **What Harvey Houses are eligible for HHOTA?**
 - Any of the 70 Harvey Houses (hotels, restaurants and resorts) operated by the Fred Harvey Company to serve railroad customers.
The links on the Home Page can lead you to a Harvey House ripe for a Harvey House on the Air activation.
 - Fred Harvey's home (now a museum) in Leavenworth, Kansas, is also considered to be a Harvey House for HHOTA.
 - If a HH building no longer exists, activate its original site.
 - If a HH building has been moved from its original site, either activate the building at its new location or activate the original site.

- **On actual site? Within the HH?**
 - Operating within the original building would really be neat, but in most cases won't be practical. Concept is to be able to say you have activated the HH, so hopefully you can operate from the actual site. Ownership, development, etc. may limit how close you can get to the site so an adjacent parking lot or street would meet the spirit of HHOTA. Just use common sense as what would be in the spirit of HHOTA.
 - Special Case: A Harvey House might be located in a high radio noise area due to nearby power lines, RR communications, etc. If you cannot hear any of the stations on the band due to this noise, moving your HHOTA station to a nearby location where you can still see the Harvey House is acceptable.

- **What approvals are required?**
 - Just the approval of the site's owner/manager.

- **Does my HHOTA activation need to be listed on the HHOTA web site??**
 - No, but
 - Getting on the list should get some folks looking for you.

- Getting on the list may prevent several operators showing up to activate the same HH.
- Remember, being on the list does not give you any exclusive rights.
- **How do I get my planned HHOTA activation listed on the HHOTA web site?**
 - Just email info about you plans to our contact email. Check out the list to see what information is needed.
 - Your email will be listed in this format ?????? at ????.??? to prevent harvesting.
- **What if another station is already listed for the HH I want to activate?**
 - Suggest contacting the listed station. It is possible they will not be operating all day. Maybe the site is large enough that with some band and mode coordination two stations can operate. They may be short of operators and be happy to have you share mic time. Remember to be polite, friendly and cooperative. Of course, you could just seek out another HH to activate.
- **How long/short of time may I operate?**
 - Duration of your operation is entirely up to you. While overall 1800-2300 UTC is suggested, if you want to start early/late or end early/late that is fine.
- **How many contacts are required?**
 - No minimum number is required nor is there an upper limit.
- **Do I have to send out QSL cards?**
 - As with all special event stations, hopefully activators will prepare special cards and send them out when contacts send them a SASE.
 - Please put our HHOTA website address on your cards.
- **Are there certificates for those contacting HHOTA stations?**
 - Folks who contact 25% of the listed HHOTA stations can get a certificate as a pdf file by sending a list of the contacted HHOTA stations to *vcara at qsl.net* .
 - This will operate on an honor basis so claimed contacts will not be verified against logs.
- **What are the reporting requirements?**
 - None, but
 - Please send your total number of QSOs to us so that info can be added to the activations list.
 - Please send a picture of your HHOTA operation for the photos page of the web site. A photo or digital file of your QSL card would be nice too.
- **Modes? Bands? Suggested frequencies?**
 - Any mode, any band, except:
 - No repeaters except for satellites.
 - No 60 meters.

- No split operation or cross band.
 - WARC bands OK since HHOTA is not a contest.
 - Suggested HF phone frequencies: 1.850, 3.815, 7.260, 14.280, 18.155, 21.380, 24.955, 28.380 and 50.130 MHz (well, 6 meters is really VHF). These frequencies are only suggestions. If other stations are using a frequency please QSY to a nearby frequency or search for other HHOTA participants.
- **Power? Number of transmitters? Number of operators?**
 - No restrictions other than good Amateur Radio practices.
- **CQ and Exchange**
 - No specific CQ or exchange required, but following typical special event station operations, you might want to include something like:
 - “Harvey House on the air”, “Special Event Station”, or “Harvey House Special Event Station” in your CQ.
 - In your exchange you will probably want to include some general information about Harvey Houses, your HH, your location, etc.
- **Spotting? Posting?**
 - Sounds like a great idea.
- **Publicizing your HHOTA Special Event Station**
 - Suggest have your HHOTA special event station listed with ARRL and QRZ.com’s forum section.
 - Might get info to the local news media and invite the public as a way to publicize your club and/or Amateur Radio.
- **REMEMBER!**
 - Have fun.
 - HHOTA participants assume all liability for their activities and the VCARA assumes absolutely no control, no responsibility and no liability for HHOTA participants.