

Holland Amateur Radio Club Get On The Air QSO Contest

To help keep HARC Club members, and non-members, interested in staying on the air and utilizing our frequencies, the Holland Amateur Radio Club is sponsoring an on-air contest event! The objective: Make as many contacts in 1 (one) month as possible. The contest is open to **anyone** who is a properly licensed Amateur Radio Operator. If this contest is well-received and attended, we'll look at other contest opportunities that'll allow more options such as Hotspots, Digital Voice, etc.

Here are some details about the contest:

1. The Contest will last for 1 (one) month.
2. The Contest will start at 12:00 AM ET on June 1st 2020 and conclude at 11:59 PM ET on June 30th 2020.
3. This is a fun contest so feel free to stick around and chat with the person you're making a QSO with. No need to rush off to the next QSO. The point of the contest is to have fun, meet new people or say hello to someone you haven't seen/talked with in a while.
4. This contest is Technician License Friendly and structured so Techs have just as much of a competitive chance as Generals and Extras.

What is the point system?

- 1 point for a Repeater QSO or Domestic Echolink, IRLP, or Allstar QSO (See Rule 4).
- 2 points for a Simplex QSO
- 3 points if you have a QSO on a domestic non-local repeater or Simplex (ie skip into Wisconsin, etc)
- 4 points if your QSO is DX (ie. skip into Canada) (See Rule 4) or is a FM VHF/ UHF Satellite QSO

Here are the basic rules of the contest:

1. FM & Sideband are the **only** modes that can be used. Sorry, no digital voice or data modes. **Analog Only.**
2. Hotspot QSOs will *NOT* count.
3. Duplicates: You can only work a station once per method per band through the duration of the contest - ie you can work a station on a repeater, then again on Simplex, then again on Echolink, and you cannot work that station again on Repeater, Simplex or Echolink (or other VoIP service - See Rule 5) on the same band. However you may repeat the process on a different band (if you did 2 meter repeater, simplex, then a VoIP service, then you could follow those steps again on 440, 220, 10 meters, or 6 meters.)
4. To keep the contest fair for Technicians, 10 meter FM will not count since 10 meter FM is not available for Techs. However, 10 meter sideband (**28.300 - 28.500 ONLY**) will count and 6 meters and up is available as long as the mode is Analog FM or Sideband.
5. The use of Echolink, IRLP, or Allstar is allowed for Domestic & DX QSOs. But you must be the one to initiate the QSO (ie you accessed the remote repeater and called for a QSO). For stations using the Echolink computer/phone/tablet software, Echolink QSOs must connect to a repeater and not an individual user. Echolink, IRLP, and Allstar count as one VoIP QSO so you cannot work the same station on IRLP if you've worked it on Echolink or Allstar or any combination of the three. (See Rule 3)
6. Sorry, nets do not count - however you may coordinate with someone on a net for a QSO (repeater or Simplex) before or after the net. Please respect and follow Net Rules and Procedures as well as the Net Control Station's guidelines.

Log Submission Details:

1. Logs must be submitted via email within 1 (one) week of the contest's conclusion. No later than 11:59 PM ET July 8th 2020.
2. Submit your logs to ke8bsm@arrl.net
3. For the email subject line, please type "[YOUR CALLSIGN] HARC QSO CONTEST"
4. Please use your name and callsign in the filename.
5. Log entry format: THEIR CALL - Name - Location (use 6 figure GRID Square) - Band & Method Used - Point Value of QSO (sorry this is not a standard logging format).
6. Log submissions can be attached as an MS Excel file, PDF, or Word Document
7. Please total up your points at the end of your document.

What does the winner receive?

1. A certificate that'll be emailed to the winner which they can print and hang in their shack.
2. Your name, call, and city/state will be put on the HARC website (hollandarc.org) for all to see in addition to the Facebook Group.
3. Bragging rights.

Please have fun! If you have questions, please email ke8bsm@arrl.net.

*****FOR NET CONTROL OPERATORS SHARING THIS CONTEST*****

The Holland Amateur Radio club is sponsoring a contest called the Get On The Air QSO Contest. The objective of the contest is to make as many FM and/or Sideband contacts in one month as possible. The contest starts on June 1st 2020 at 12AM ET and concludes on June 30 2020 at 11:59 PM ET. The contest is open to all properly licensed Amateur Radio Operators, regardless of club affiliation. The winner will receive a certificate via email, their name on the HARC website, and bragging rights. For contest info and rules, please visit www.hollandarc.org. For questions or comments, please email Zach KE8BSM at ke8bsm@arrl.net. Have fun!