

Operating awards

There are many

By Tom Lewis, N4TL

RARS Meeting December 9, 2025

First Contact Award

This Certificate is Being Presented to:

*As Recognition of Your
First Two-way Communications by Amateur Radio*

QSO with:	Date	Time	Frequency	Mode

*May this first contact serve as a reminder of when and where your radio journey began
and may you have many contacts with amateur radio operators from around the globe
who share a similar desire to connect with people through the magic of radio.*

Date



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First Contact Award

Commemorate your first contact or present this beautiful certificate to a new ham for making that first memorable contact.

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First Contact Award

This handsome certificate commemorates that special first on-the-air contact. It comes completed with the contact information that you provide in the form below and has a place for you to sign and date when presenting the award.

This would be a wonderful surprise to send a ham when you are THEIR first contact.

[Download and fill out the PDF Certificate](#) to print and present the First Contact Award.

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Sixty-Four On Six-Four

The Raleigh Amateur Radio Society, Inc.
presents this certificate to

Type Name and Callsign Here

**For making and logging sixty-four or more separate
station contacts on the 146.64 W4DW Repeater**

Log Verified: _____
Awards Manager

Approved: _____
President, RARS

Date: _____



SPECIAL ENDORSEMENTS

128 Contacts _____
initials date

192 Contacts _____
initials date

256 Contacts _____
initials date

64 RARS Members

initials date



Raleigh Amateur Radio Society, Inc.

64 on .64 Award Application

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Call</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>RARS Member</u>
1	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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23	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
24	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
25	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

To receive this award, you must make contacts with sixty-four or more different stations on the W4DW repeater (146.64 MHz, - 0.6 MHz offset, no tone). That means no duplicate stations. You can receive two endorsements on the award; one for each additional 64 contacts made and also one for contacting 64 or more RARS members on the .64 repeater



RARS Congratulates the Following Recipients of the 64-on-64 Award

- Denyse Walter, K4DAW, Denyse also earned the 64 RARS members and 128 contacts endorsements. (from December 2004 Exciter)
- Virgina Enzor NC4VA (ex KG4PFA) 2004
- Alan Pitegoff AB4OZ 2018
- Joe Squashic W4TTO 2018
- Bob Brown N4GEB 2018
- Mike Butler K4MBX 2018
- Carl Davis W8WZ 2020
- Kathy Wiandt N4KLW 2020
- Larry Lehman K4LEW 2020

WAC, worked all Continents

- You must work and confirm all six continents
- Sponsored by the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU)
- Cost of the WAC award certificate is \$20.00 for U.S + postage
- WAC program applications can be checked by an official ARRL DXCC card checker.
- ARRL website has the forms
- When Ham Radio was new, this was hard to do.



WAC Award Application

Please print clearly and complete all sections

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Name _____ Callsign _____
(Name as to appear on certificate)

Mailing Address _____

City/Town _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Country: _____ Email Address: _____

Award(s) applied for:

- ☐ Basic certificate
- ☐ CW certificate
- ☐ Phone certificate
- ☐ Image certificate
- ☐ Digital certificate
- ☐ Satellite certificate

Endorsement(s) Applied for:

- ☐ QRP endorsement (5 watts output or less)
- ☐ 1.8 MHz endorsement
- ☐ 3.5 MHz endorsement
- ☐ 50 MHz endorsement
- ☐ 144 MHz endorsement
- ☐ 432 MHz endorsement
- ☐ 1296 MHz endorsement
- ☐ Other Endorsement(s) _____

☐ Cards listed below can be found in my DXCC account.

You must list the callsigns of the QSOs from your DXCC (not LoTW) account that you want to claim.

Special Note: Contacts in LoTW are currently not eligible for WAC credit

I am claiming credit for the following stations. Enter MHz and callsigns:

Note Band Info ⇒	() MHz	() MHz	() MHz	() MHz	() MHz
North America					
South America					
Oceania					
Asia					
Europe					
Africa					

I have read all of the program rules and have complied with all program rules and governmental regulations regarding amateur radio in my country.

Signature _____ Callsign _____ Date _____

WAS, ARRL

- WAS, worked all states
- must be done from one location (50 mile limit)
- Confirmations are required, either paper QSL cards or LoTW
- Many variations. WAS one band, one mode, etc.
- 5 band WAS with endorsements for additional bands.
- If you move more than 50 miles, start over again.
- Triple Play WAS. WAS on voice, CW and digital, all confirmations on LoTW

DXCC, ARRL

- DXCC, work 100 countries.
- Many variations here too. Various modes and bands.
- Work the first 100 using any mode or any band. Mixed DXCC
- Do it again all CW or all Phone. Or QRP
- Confirmations are required, either paper QSL cards or LoTW
- eQSL cards are not allowed. Its to easy to make a forgery.
- All stations worked must be on land.
- 5 band DXCC + endorsements for the others

Endorsement stickers

- for affixing to certificates or pins will be awarded as additional DXCC credits are granted. For the Mixed, Phone, CW, Digital, 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12 and 10-Meter DXCC, stickers are provided in exact multiples of 50 (i.e. 150, 200) etc. between 100 and 250 DXCC credits, in multiples of 25 between 250 and 300, and in multiples of 5 above 300 DXCC credits.
- For 160-Meter, 80-Meter, 6-Meter, 2-Meter, Satellite, and 70 CM, 23 CM, 13 CM, and 3 CM DXCC, the stickers are issued in exact multiples of 25 starting at 125 and in multiples of 10 above 200, and in multiples of 5 between 250 and 300 and above. Confirmations for DXCC credit may be submitted in any increment, but stickers and listings are provided only after a new level has been attained.



DXCC Honor Roll & #1 Honor Roll

- To qualify, you must have at least 331 entities confirmed.
- There are 340 current DXCC entities
- Deleted entities do not count towards the DXCC Honor Roll.
- #1 Honor Roll: To qualify for a Mixed, Phone, CW or Digital, you must have worked every entity on the current DXCC List.
- There are some entries that are very hard to work, BS7H Scarborough Reef, there have only been 2 expeditions to it that count. (<25K)
- North Korea, ham radio not allowed, but some visitors have been allowed. A little over 16,000 contact have been made.



ARRL DXCC Challenge

- Work 1000 band-countries for this one.
- Work 100 DXCC on each of the HF bands 160 to 6 will do it.
- 160, 80, 40, 30, 20, 17, 15, 12, 10, 6
- 60 meters and deleted entities don't count.
- Most people work 200 or more on 20, 15, 10 and not so many on the other bands.
- Endorsements in 500 increments
- Making it to 3000 is a real challenge.

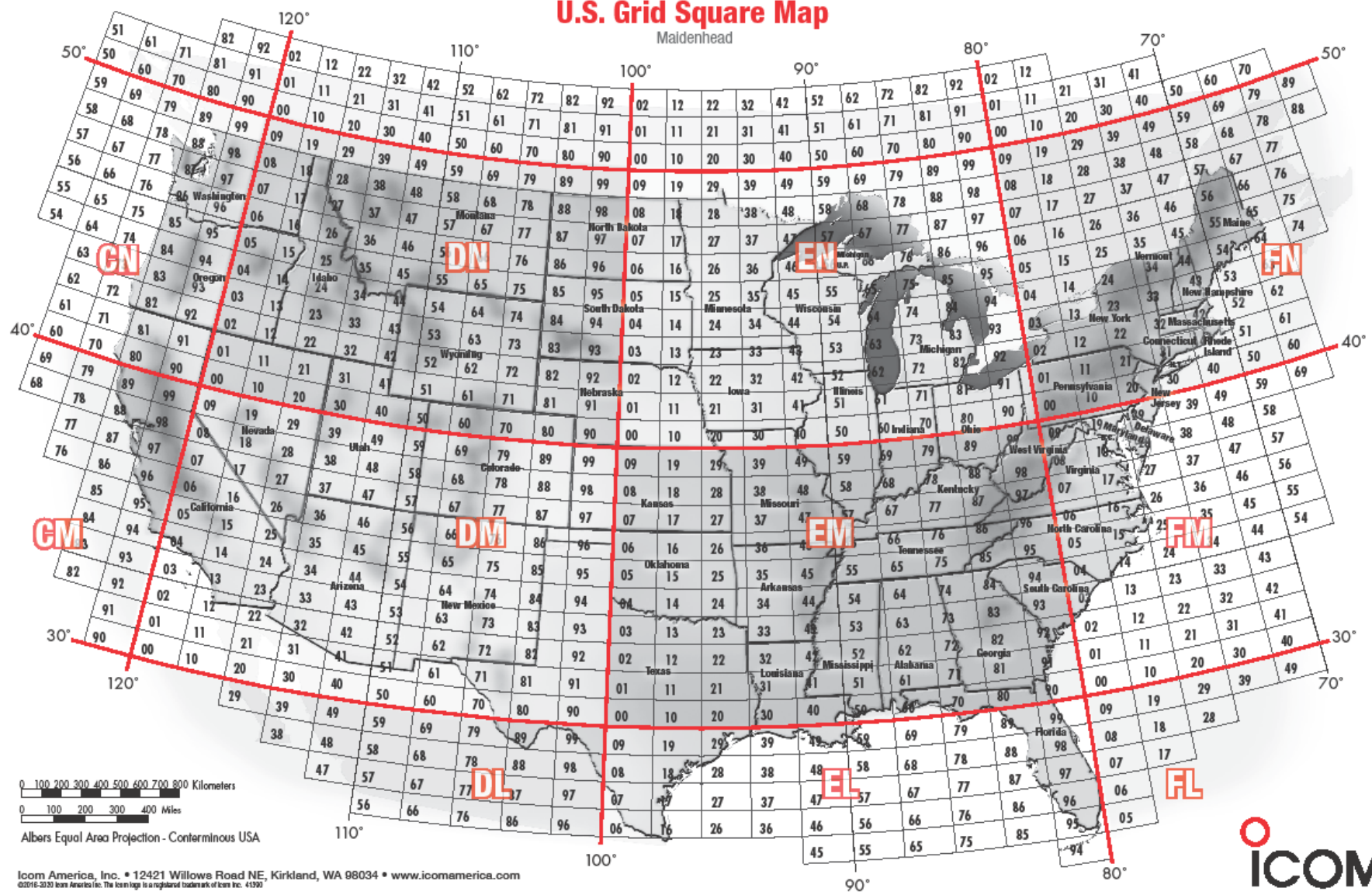


VHF/UHF Century Club, VUCC

- Work 100 Grid Locators on 6 or 2 meters.
- 50 on 222 MHz, or 432 MHz
- Less on the higher bands.
- All contacts must be made no more than 200 KM apart.
- When uploading to LoTW, edit your station location in the TQSL application.
- Endorsements in 25 increments
- Most of Raleigh is in FM05



U.S. Grid Square Map



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Fred Fish Memorial Award

- Fred Fish, W5FF (SK) was the first amateur to work & confirm all 488 grids in the 48 contiguous States on 6 meters.
- Fred completed it in 1995.
- The FFMA Leader board website lists 61 Amateurs who also have worked all 488 grids on 6 meters.

County hunting

- Dave W4YDY, provided a lot of information about County hunting in the December RARS Exciter.
- The main site for county hunting is the Mobile Amateur Radio Awards Club (<https://marac.org/>)
- They took over the Worked All Counties award from CQ when CQ went out of business.
- The first achievement in county hunting is usually USA-CA, where you work and confirm all 3077 United States counties.



Alabama	Alaska	Arizona	Arkansas	California	Colorado	Connecticut	Delaware	Florida
Wyoming	Wisconsin	West Virginia	Washington	Virginia	Vermont	Utah	Texas	Tennessee
South Dakota	South Carolina	Rhode Island	Pennsylvania	Oregon	Oklahoma	Ohio	North Dakota	North Carolina
New York	New Jersey	New Hampshire	Nevada	Nebraska	Nevada	Montana	Missouri	Maryland
Massachusetts	Michigan	Minnesota	Mississippi	Missouri	Montana	Maryland	Massachusetts	Michigan

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

COUNTY AWARD

MOBILE AMATEUR RADIO AWARDS CLUB MARAC

This certificate congratulates and acknowledges that
Joe Smyth, WN1XYZ has
met the requirements for the USA-CA award by
making valid contacts with at least 500
United States counties with the special Band/Mode
endorsements indicated.

12345 Mixed Bands and Modes
Certificate Number Endorsement(s)

11/01/2024 Phil Yasson AB7RW
Award Date MARAC Awards Manager

17th Annual 13 Colonies



Special Event

JULY 1ST - 7TH 2025

★ K2A/NY

★ K2B/VA

★ K2C/RI

★ K2D/CT

★ K2E/DE

★ K2F/MD

★ K2G/GA



1776

K2H/MA ★

K2I/NJ ★


K2J/NC ★

K2K/NH ★

K2L/SC ★

K2M/PA ★



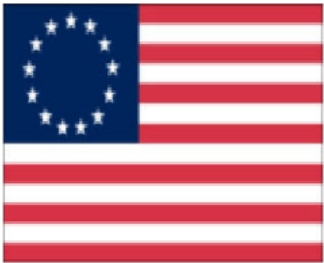
THIS CERTIFICATE CERTIFIES THAT ARS: N4TL HAS PARTICIPATED IN THIS ON - AIR
AMATEUR RADIO EVENT HONORING THE ORIGINAL THIRTEEN COLONY STATES, OUR
INDEPENDENCE, & OUR ACTIVE MILITARY / VETERANS. 

THIS YEAR'S EVENT HONORS KEN VILLONE (KU2US), WHO CREATED THE 13 COLONIES SPECIAL EVENT IN 2009



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CONTACTS

<http://www.13colonies.us/logsheets>



The Annual 13 Colonies Special Event

GB13COL TM13COL WM3PEN

NY - K2A

VA - K2B	DE - K2E	MA - K2H	NH - K2K
RJ - K2C	MD - K2F	NJ - K2I	SC - K2L
CT - K2D	GA - K2G	NC - K2J	PA - K2M

**Dedicated to W1TEF - Tom Francis (SK) K2L/SC State Manager
and
KU2US - Ken Villone (SK) 13 Colonies Founder - RIP**

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TOP OPERATORS

MERCHANDISE


<https://13colonies.us/node/18>

You can use the automated form generator to fill out the form (or upload an ADIF), or use the PDF form visible below.

[Automated Form Generator](#)


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New Log Sheet 13COL- 20... 1 / 1 76% +



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Produced with a Trial Version of PDF Annotator - www.pdfannotator.com



Original 13 Colonies Special Event - Certificate Request Log Sheet

	DATE	UTC	FREQ	RS(T)	MODE
K2A - NY					


<http://hamclubs.info/13colonies/logs/2025/824105>

Original 13 Colonies Special Event - Certificate Request Log Sheet

	DATE	UTC	FREQ	RS(T)	MODE
K2A - NY	20250701	1514	21.07400	-08	FT8
K2B - VA	20250701	1445	18.10100	-06	FT8
K2C - RI	20250701	1812	14.31000	59	USB
K2D - CT	20250701	1752	10.13600	+26	FT8
K2E - DE	20250701	1809	14.07500	-06	FT8
K2F - MD	20250701	1941	7.17790	59	LSB
K2G - GA	20250701	2314	7.22496	59	LSB
K2H - MA	20250701	1942	7.19306	59	LSB
K2I - NJ	20250701	1938	14.26801	59	USB
K2J - NC	20250701	1510	18.10500	-01	FT4
K2K - NH	20250701	1803	14.07500	+14	FT8
K2L - SC	20250701	1425	7.07500	+19	FT8
K2M - PA	20250701	1631	14.03000	59	CW
WM3PEN	20250701	1817	7.22500	59	LSB
GB13COL	20250701	2113	10.13600	-16	FT8
TM13COL	20250701	1542	14.07400	-16	FT8

ENDOURSEMENTS ☐ ALL QRP ☒ VET ☐ AMER. LEGION ☐ NRA ☐ VFW ☐ CW
 n4tl2@yahoo.com ☐ MOBILE ☐ DIGITAL ☐ SATELLITE

WE REQUEST A DONATION OF \$5.00, CASH, CHECK, OR MONEY ORDER MADE PAYABLE TO:
 PLEASE SEND YOUR REQUEST TO: TONY - N4ATJ - PO BOX 622 MCADENVILLE NC 28101

NAME **TOM LEWIS** CALL SIGN **N4TL**
 ADDRESS **10709 MARTHAS WAY, RALEIGH NC 27615** CITY **RALEIGH**
 STATE / PROVINCE / COUNTRY **NC** ZIP/MAIL CODE **27615**

WE HOPE YOU ENJOYED THE SPECIAL EVENT.PLEASE HAVE A HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!

Parks on the air, POTA

- Parks on the Air® (POTA) started in early 2017 when the ARRL's National Parks on the Air special event ended. A group of volunteers wanted to continue the fun beyond the one-year event, and thus, POTA was born
- <https://parksontheair.com/>
- There are Activators and Hunters
- <https://docs.pota.app>

POTA Awards

- Parks activated, parks hunted, late shift activator, late shift hunter, and more
- 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 75, 100, 200, up to 1,000, 1500, 2,000, and up
- More than 15 different awards for Activators and Hunters.
- <https://docs.pota.app/docs/awards.html>
- [Awards - Parks on the Air Documentation](#)



That

Charles A. Swindell

WB4DCM

has submitted proof of at least

50 QSOs

with activator

Jerry Weisskohl AC4BT



Jason Johnston, W3AAX, POTA Coordinator

08/27/2024

Date



https://pota.app/#/

Parks on the Air

Search for Callsigns & Parks

SPOTS

Active Spots Data will refresh in 60 seconds.

Band: All 82 Mode: All 82 Program: All 82 QRT: Show 82 Hunted: Show 82 Sort: Time

VE1NR @ CA-0042

CA-0042 Kejimikujik National Park

CA-NS

14074.0 kHz (FT8)

W2NNN-#

RBN via W2NNN-#

Last heard 2 sec ago at 17:04 UTC

RE-SPOT

6

TA1UT @ TR-0307

TR-0307 Büyükçekmece Lake Conservation Area

TR-IB

14014.0 kHz (CW)

RK3TD-2-#

RBN 17 dB 25 WPM via RK3TD-2-#

Last heard 3 sec ago at 17:04 UTC

RE-SPOT

5

KD9DI @ US-7368

US-7368 Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site

US-IL

14074.0 kHz (FT8)

K1RA-#

RBN -3 dB via K1RA-#

Last heard 3 sec ago at 17:04 UTC

RE-SPOT

0

K5SJC @ US-4404

US-4404 Pike National Forest

US-CO

14075 kHz (FT8)

WA5HRO

No spot information

Last heard 11 sec ago at 17:04 UTC

RE-SPOT

12

K0VIK @ US-2484

US-2484 Frontenac State Park

US-MN

14241 kHz

W4JHO

57 TN

Last heard 12 sec ago at 17:04 UTC

RE-SPOT

12

DK4TN @ DE-0299

DE-0299 Moore im Salzach-Hügelland Natura 2000

DE-BY

5357.0 kHz (FT8)

S54L-#

RBN -1 dB via S54L-#











































Last heard 13 sec ago at 17:04 UTC

RE-SPOT

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Hunter log

- Activators upload their logs
- Your hunter log is updated automatically (329)

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	Date/Time	Station	Operator	Worked	Band	Mode	Location	Park
Hunter	2025-10-05 21:14	 KA3DRR	 KA3DRR	 N4TL	15M	CW (CW)	US-CA	US-0639 Los Padres National Forest
Hunter	2025-10-03 14:07	 KE8VC	 KE8VC	 N4TL	12M	DATA (FT8)	US-MI	US-6735 Middleville State Game Land
Hunter	2025-09-22 21:18	 KC9HEQ	 KC9HEQ	 N4TL	40M	PHONE (SSB)	US-IL	US-1018 Red Hills State Park
Hunter	2025-09-22 21:15	 N2JIM	 N2JIM	 N4TL	17M	PHONE (SSB)	US-MN	US-10308 Carlos Avery WMA Wildlife Management Area
Hunter	2025-09-04 20:49	 AA1BS	 AA1BS	 N4TL	20M	PHONE (SSB)	US-ME	US-7980 Fort Baldwin State Historic Site
Hunter	2025-09-01 14:36	 K3MTO	 K3MTO	 N4TL	20M	PHONE (SSB)	US-FL	US-12134 A-1 Flow Equalization Basin State Conservation Area
Hunter	2025-09-01 14:34	 WW3K	 WW3K	 N4TL	20M	PHONE (SSB)	US-TX	US-4414 Angelina National Forest
Hunter	2025-09-01 14:17	 K8BTU	 K8BTU	 N4TL	40M	PHONE (SSB)	US-OH	US-1958 Hocking Hills State Park
Hunter	2025-09-01 14:15	 NX9T	 NX9T	 N4TL	40M	PHONE (SSB)	US-MI	US-1538 Silver Lake State Park
Hunter	2025-09-01 14:03	 KF8AHK	 KF8AHK	 N4TL	40M	PHONE (SSB)	US-OH	US-1987 Quail Hollow State Park
Hunter	2025-09-01 14:01	 N4MIO	 N4MIO	 N4TL	40M	PHONE (SSB)	US-NC	US-6830 Alamance Battleground State Historic Site
Hunter	2025-09-01 14:00	 W4MY	 W4MY	 N4TL	40M	PHONE (SSB)	US-NC	US-6830 Alamance Battleground State Historic Site

Hunter log

Hunter	2002-02-03 22:42	VP8GEO	✖ N5KO	⊞ N4TL	15M	PHONE (SSB)	GS-G	GS-0001 South Georgia Marine Reserve
Hunter	2002-01-30 19:26	VP8GEO	✖ N5KO	⊞ N4TL	40M	CW (CW)	GS-G	GS-0001 South Georgia Marine Reserve
Hunter	2002-01-29 00:59	VP8GEO	✖ N5KO	⊞ N4TL	20M	CW (CW)	GS-G	GS-0001 South Georgia Marine Reserve
Hunter	2002-01-28 17:59	VP8GEO	✖ N5KO	⊞ N4TL	20M	CW (CW)	GS-G	GS-0001 South Georgia Marine Reserve
Hunter	2002-01-28 01:17	VP8GEO	✖ N5KO	⊞ N4TL	17M	PHONE (SSB)	GS-G	GS-0001 South Georgia Marine Reserve
Hunter	2002-01-27 18:17	VP8GEO	✖ N5KO	⊞ N4TL	17M	PHONE (SSB)	GS-G	GS-0001 South Georgia Marine Reserve
Hunter	1999-01-24 08:22	ZL9CI	✖ N5KO	⊞ N4TL	40M	PHONE (SSB)	NZ-AI	NZ-0601 Campbell Island Nature Reserve
Hunter	1999-01-22 01:48	ZL9CI	✖ N5KO	⊞ N4TL	17M	PHONE (SSB)	NZ-AI	NZ-0601 Campbell Island Nature Reserve
Hunter	1999-01-21 07:43	ZL9CI	✖ N5KO	⊞ N4TL	20M	PHONE (SSB)	NZ-AI	NZ-0601 Campbell Island Nature Reserve
Hunter	1999-01-17 19:56	ZL9CI	✖ N5KO	⊞ N4TL	15M	PHONE (SSB)	NZ-AI	NZ-0601 Campbell Island Nature Reserve
Hunter	1999-01-10 20:08	ZL9CI	✖ N5KO	⊞ N4TL	15M	CW (CW)	NZ-AI	NZ-0601 Campbell Island Nature Reserve
Hunter	1998-12-20 12:27	FT5ZH	FT5ZH	⊞ N4TL	20M	PHONE (SSB)	TF-AM	TF-0003 TERRES AUSTRALES FRANCAISES FR3600161 National Nature Reserve
Hunter	1984-03-23 11:05	ZL8BQD	⊞ ZL1BQD	⊞ N4TL	40M	PHONE (SSB)	NZ-KI	NZ-0286 Kermadec Island Nature Reserve
Hunter	1984-03-22 22:20	ZL8BQD	⊞ ZL1BQD	⊞ N4TL	20M	PHONE (SSB)	NZ-KI	NZ-0286 Kermadec Island Nature Reserve
Hunter	1984-03-22 22:18	ZL8BQD	⊞ ZL1BQD	⊞ N4TL	10M	PHONE (SSB)	NZ-KI	NZ-0286 Kermadec Island Nature Reserve
Hunter	1982-09-21 11:22	3D2RJ	⊞ ZL1BQD	⊞ N4TL	20M	PHONE (SSB)	FJ-C	FJ-0004 Colo-i-Suva Forest Reserve National Park

Many others

- A-1, Operator club, a potential member has to be nominated by 2 members. On the air proficiency.
- IOTA (<https://www.iota-world.org/>)
- Summits on the air (<https://www.sota.org.uk/>)
- Jamboree on the air
(<https://www.scouting.org/international/jota-joti/jota/>)
- Satellites (WAS, eQSL, AMSTAT, VUCC)
- EME, Earth Moon Earth, (WAS, WAC)

More

- Anyone can download and give these from the ARRL
 1. Mentor Award
 2. First contact award
 3. Rag Chewers' Club
- Radio Society of Great Britain <https://rsgb.org/main/operating/amateur-radio-awards/>

Code Proficiency Certificate

- Copy one of W1AW's qualifying runs and submit one minute of solid copy (legible) along with your \$10 fee for a certificate to:
- W1AW Qualifying Run
- 225 Main Street
- Newington, CT USA 06111
- Slow Code = practice sent at 5, 7-1/2, 10, 13 and 15 words per minute (wpm).
- Fast Code = practice sent at 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 13 and 10 wpm.
- W1AW Qualifying Runs are sent on the same frequencies as the Morse code transmissions.
- Check the ARRL website for dates and times.

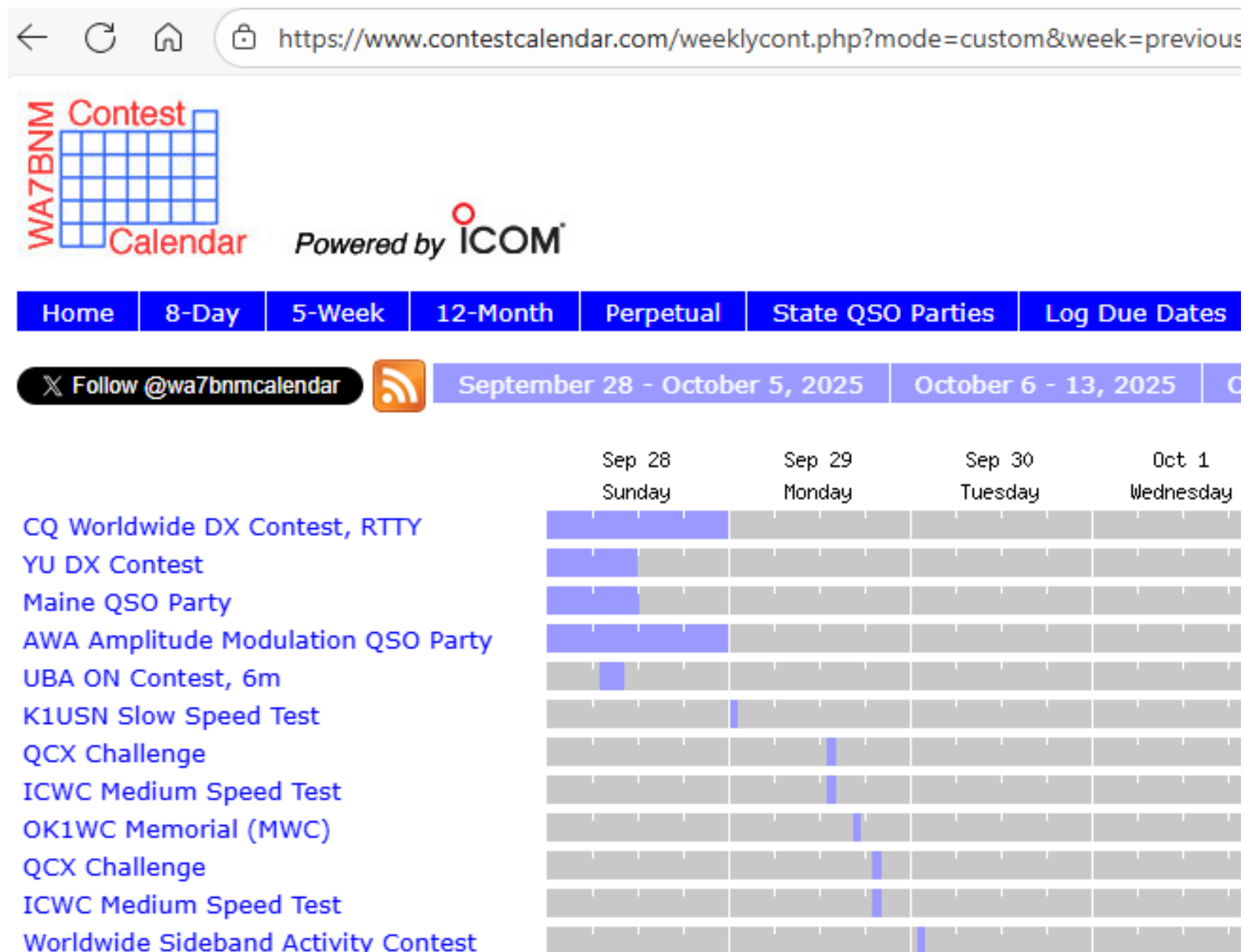


Contests

WA7BNM

Contest

Calendar



Potomac Valley Radio Club (PVRC) Amateur Radio Contesting



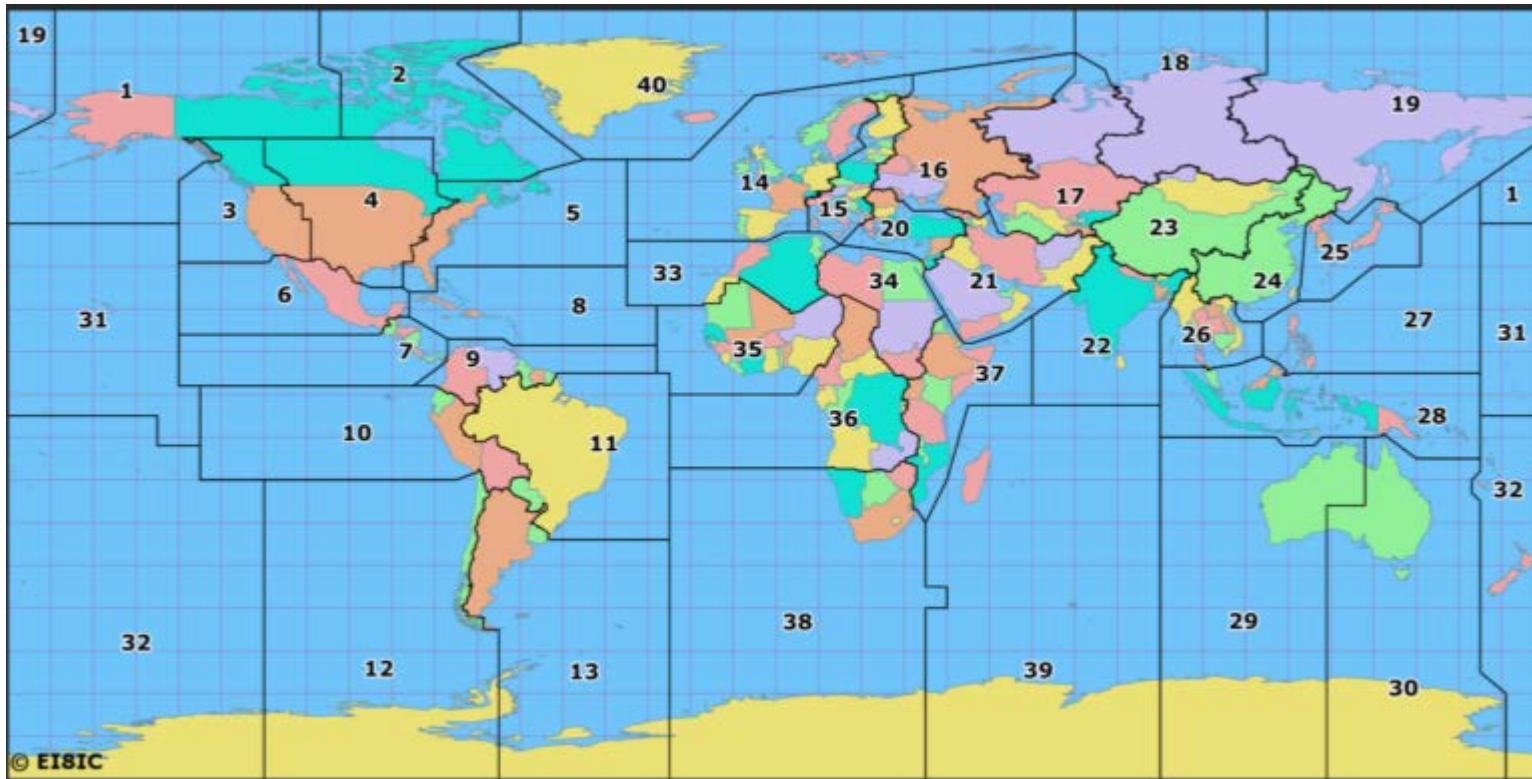


CQ Awards

- Earlier this year CQ Magazine stopped publishing.
- They sponsored a number of very popular contests and awards
- The World (WWROF) are keeping many of the CQ contests going.
- Confirmations on LoTW use to be sent to the CQ awards manager, but that person is unknown now.
- Worked all Zones, WAZ, N4BAA has taken it over, search on CQ WAZ Award.

CQ 40 Zone map

- Basic WAZ any band or mode
- 5 band WAZ is hard





Welcome to the Annual DX Marathon

Starting January 1 of each year and running until the end of December, the DX Marathon is the perfect answer for the DX-er who needs that extra incentive to get on the air every day.

Simply work as many **countries** and **CQ Zones** as you can in each calendar year, regardless of the band or mode. Each country and zone counts only once, so you can concentrate on working new ones, rather than working the same ones on multiple bands and modes. [Find more information in the rules.](#)

Check our constantly updated [Resources](#) to improve your 2024 score.

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- Sep 12: [501C3 for DX Marathon, Inc](#)
- Aug 24: [Sprint Rules Posted to Website](#)
- Aug 12: [Our First Corporate Sponsor](#)
- Aug 9: [Guest Speaker, W3LPL August 25, 2025](#)
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Help fund the DX Marathon with a donation.

eQSL, eAwards

- There are 129 different eAwards and endorsements available.
 - eDX100, eWAC, eWAS, eAFRICA
 - eEchoLink, eJapan,
 - And many more.
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- I don't use eQSL so I was not able to find more information.



YASME

- Yasme is a storied word in amateur radio DX circles. DX stands for “distance” and the sailboats for which Yasme is named certainly covered their share of DX, crossing the oceans and dropping anchor at exotic islands some six decades ago. In turn, amateurs around the world, the “DX-ers,” would then try to contact the Yasme captain, Danny Weil, VP2VB, an amateur operator of renown.
- Danny got his ham radio license in the British Virgin Islands after sailing the Atlantic in the Yasme. He used G7DW before he was licensed.
- Dick Spenceley, KV4AA helped Danny get his license
- Danny is considered the first Dxpeditioner.

\$24.95

YASME

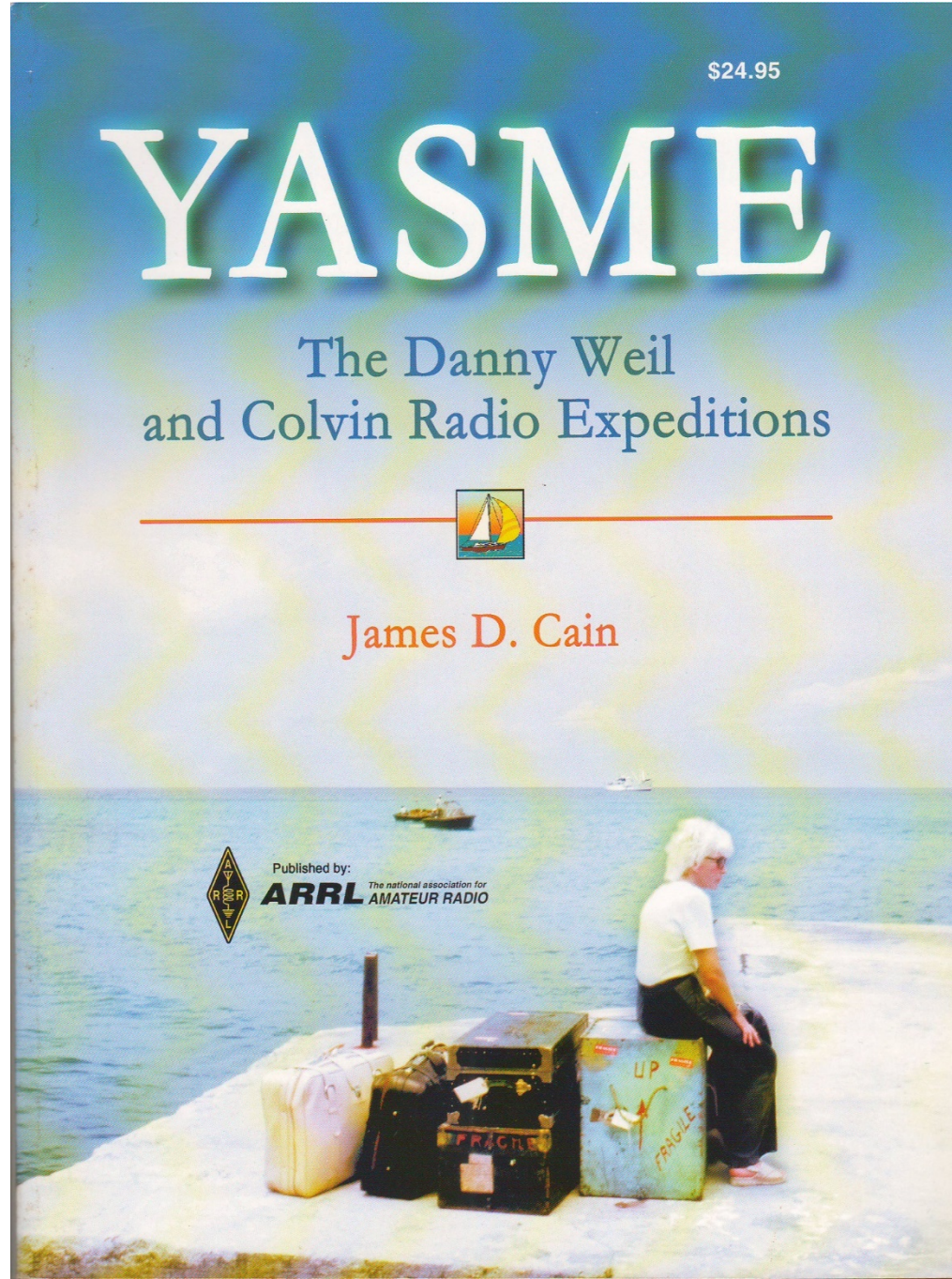
The Danny Weil
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This book is now free.

Type Yasme book in
Google and search.

The first one that came up
on my computer was the
www.yasme.org and a link
to the book. Down load in
a pdf.

plaque

- The Yasme Foundation offers a beautiful plaque to anyone who submits proof showing contacts with 30 different call signs of YASME officers, directors and/or operations. For proof of 60 contacts, a trophy in the shape of the sailboat “Yasme” is awarded. Eligible call signs are listed on the Yasme Awards Call Sign Directory page.



Questions

- One question was “ are there still 10-10 nets”. Yes, they are still on the air. See the [Ten Ten international website](#).
- Marty Young reminded us that there is the [ARRL Field Day](#) and the [NC QSO party](#).
- Bob Starkenberg stated that State QSO parties are good for getting WAS. If you need a state, search for their QSO party.
- The [N1MM contesting software](#) supports state QSO parties.

Propagation & DXing

KC2G HF Propagation Planer

- Doing research for this presentation, I found this.

HF Propagation Planner

Help

Global

Power (W) 100

Man Made Noise Rural (-150 dBW/Hz @ 3 MHz) ▼

Timezone Offset -4

Get from Browser

Starting Hour 00Z ▼

Traffic

Mode SSB (Usable) (BW=3000Hz / SNR=6dB)

TX Site

Locator FM05qw

Get from Browser

Antenna Isotropic ▼

Gain (dBi) 2.16

RX Sites

Custom Site ☐

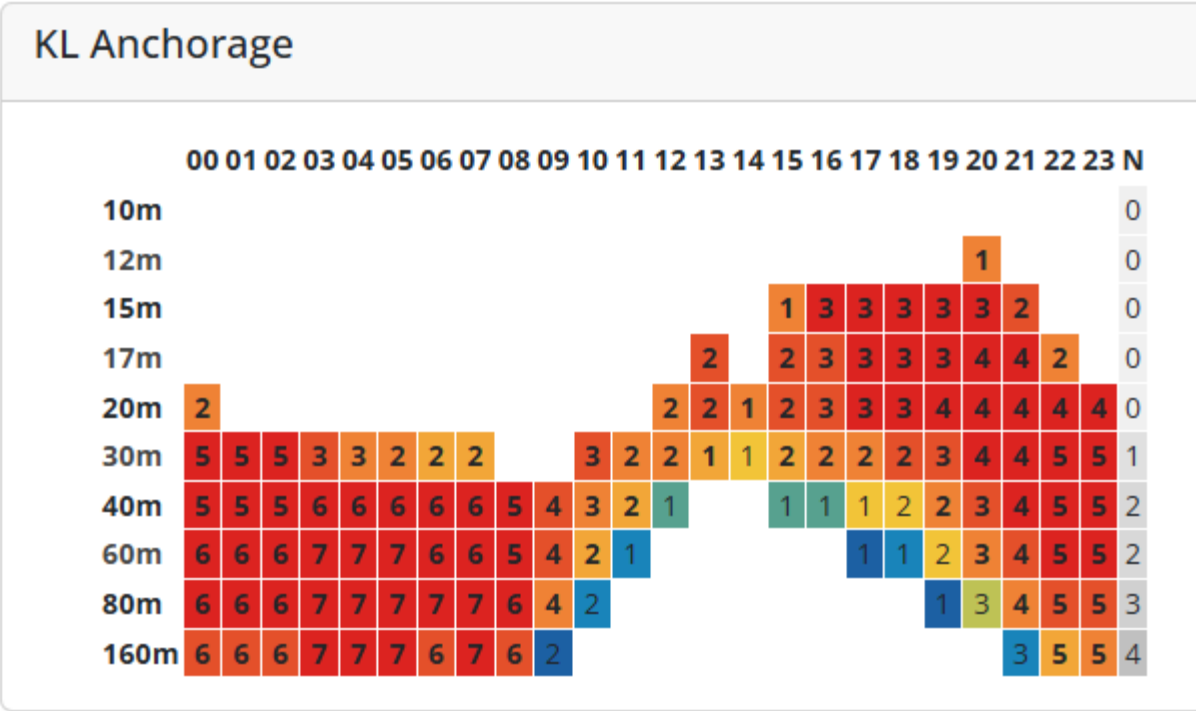
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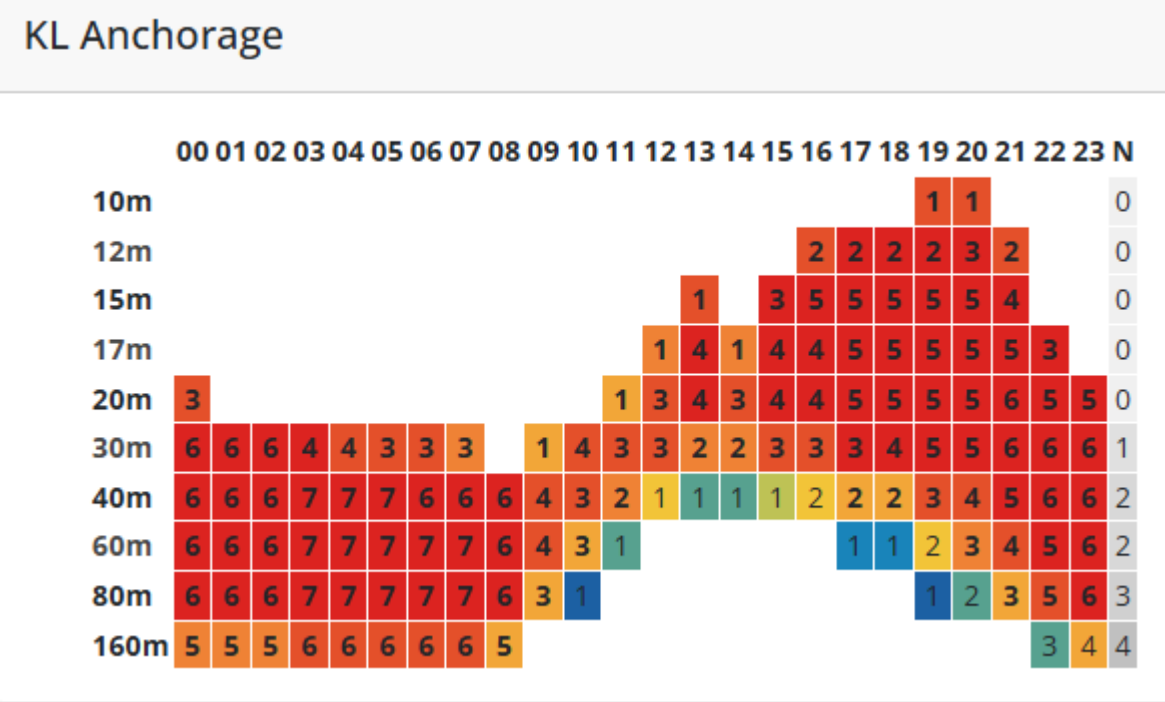
Run Prediction



Run Prediction



• With a vertical

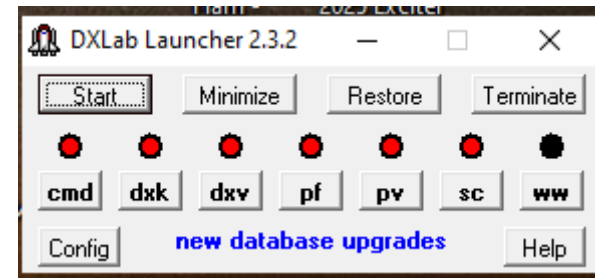


With a 3 element beam

DXLab Propagation Prediction

DXLab is a freeware suite of eight interoperating applications that can be installed independently in any order. When multiple applications are running, they sense each other's presence and automatically interoperate to support your Amateur Radio DXing activities:

CMD	Commander Transceiver Control
DXK	Keeper, logging
DXV	DX View DX info
PF	Pathfinder for QSL info
PV	PropView, Propagation prediction
SC	Spot collector
Ww	WinWarbler, for Digital modes.



For propagation only to need launcher, DX View & Propagation prediction.

DXView

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DXView Info 4.9.8 @ 2025-11-22 18:44:36 Z [PV] New DB!

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Search

callsign

KL7A

Go

DXCC

prefix

KL7

entity

Alaska

code

6

Heading

short

323

long

143

Antenna presets

0	
45	
90	
135	
180	
225	
270	
315	

Location @ 2025-11-22 09:44:36 local

latitude

61 6' 15" N

longitude

149 52' 30" W

SP DX

3471

cont

NA

grid

BP51bc

CQ

1

ITU

USAP database

location

Alaska <Pri:AK>

IOTA

time zone

UTC-9

GeoMag

max

64

K

Map

World

Plot

MapQuest

Country

Clear

Google

Xlate

Sun

QRZ

Scan DX

SC Lock

DXCC

new DB!

Config

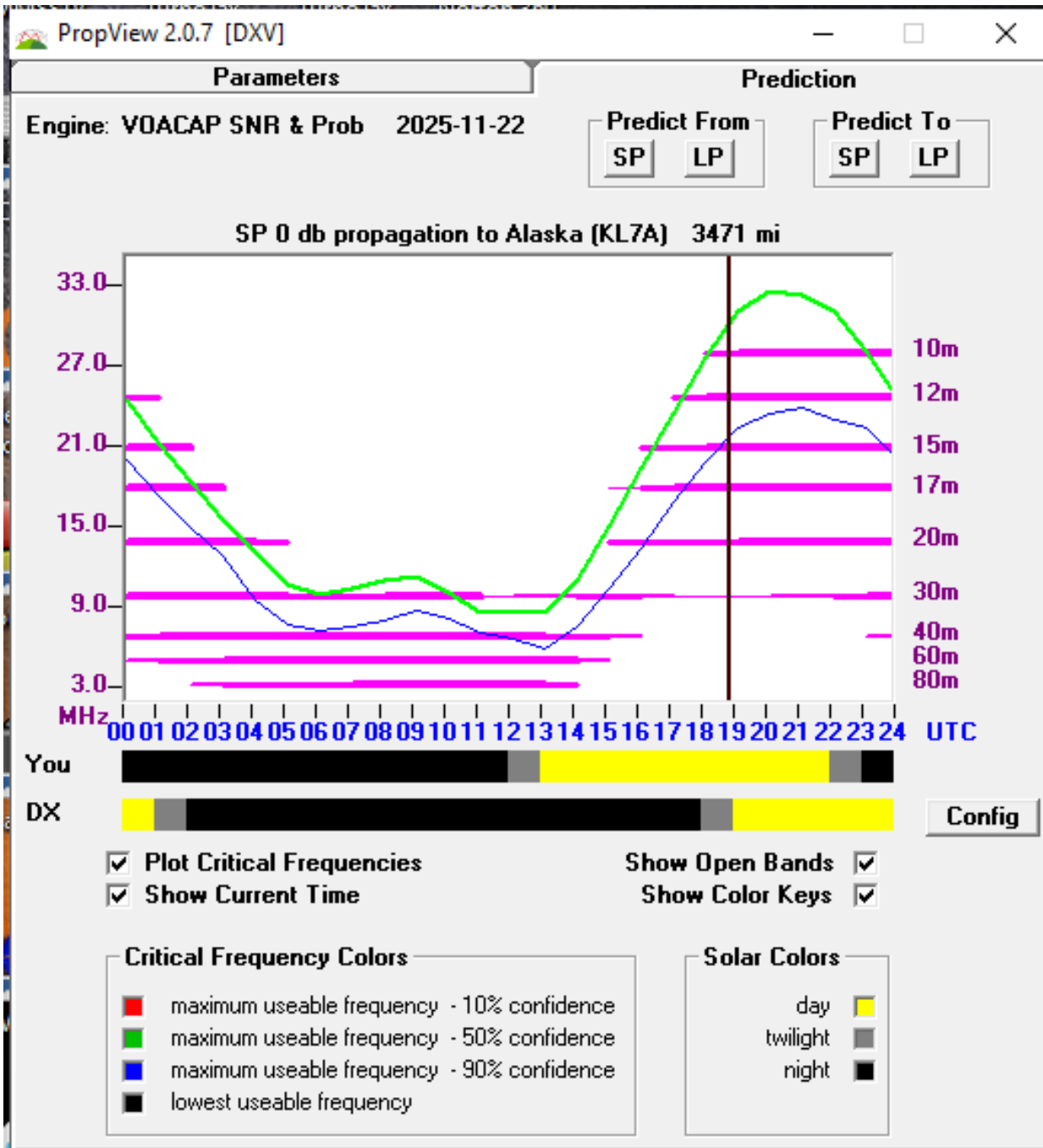
Help

Use DXView Configuration/general to set your own call and location



PropView 2.0.7 [DXV]

Parameters		Prediction	
Conditions		Your Station	
Date	2025-11-22	Lat	35 55' 47" N
SFI	121 U	Lon	78 39' 11" W
SSN	124.8 U	Grid Square	FM05qw
K index	1 U	TakeOff	3
Avail	10	Power	100
SNR	0	Man-made noise level	
Mode	FT8	Remote <input type="radio"/>	
		Rural <input type="radio"/>	
		Residential <input checked="" type="radio"/>	
		Industrial <input type="radio"/>	
Prediction Direction		Prediction Path	
From the DX Station <input type="radio"/>		Short <input checked="" type="radio"/>	
To the DX Station <input checked="" type="radio"/>		Long <input type="radio"/>	
		Predict Abort	
Propagation Web Sites			
http://dx.qsl.net/propagation/index.html		Go	
https://www.swpc.noaa.gov/content/space-weather-enthusiasts-dashboard		Go	
https://spaceweather.gfz-potsdam.de/products-data/forecasts/forecast-kp-inc		Go	
		Go	
Solar and Geomagnetic Parameters		Beacon	
History Current Forecast		Monitor	
		Config Help	



End

46 years on six meters for Worked all States



November 1, 2024
PSK reporter 6 meters

Very rare opening on
6M between Alaska and
eastern USA