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Introduction

This Recommendation provides a VERON proposal for an SSB/CW and Meteor scatter MGM contest in the 70 MHz frequency band. It provides the relevant information with respect to rules, time planning and duration.

Proposal

The IARU-R1 VHF/UHF/Microwaves Committee (Varna-Albena, Bulgaria 2014),

Considering

- a) that within IARU-Region 1 in more than 40 DXCC countries the 70 MHz frequency band has been allocated to the amateur service;
- b) that the number of countries where the amateur service has access to the 70 MHz frequency band is growing;
- c) that it is desirable that the use of the 70 MHz band shall be encouraged and the activity on this frequency band is increased;
- d) that during the third weekend of June the IARU-R1 50 MHz contest is organized;
- e) that during the first weekend of July the harmonized national VHF-UHF contests are planned.

Recognizing

- a) that during the summer season, especially the period from 28th May to 28th June, there is a high probability of sporadic-E propagation, allowing long distance communication on 70 MHz;
- b) that the month of June is preferred for a 70 MHz SSB/CW contest;
- c) that, to ensure concentration of activity, a 70 MHz contest must take place in a weekend separate from other VHF contests in the same period;

- d) that it is certainly not desirable to organize a 70 MHz contest in the same weekend as the IARU Region 1 50 MHz contest;
- e) that the rules for the existing official IARU Region 1 VHF contests, set out in the VHF Managers Handbook, can be applied to a 70 MHz contest.

Recommends

1. that member societies encourage the use of the 70 MHz frequency band;
2. that every year an IARU-Region 1 70 MHz SSB/CW and MS MGM contest shall be organized during the first or second full weekend of June;
3. that for a 70 MHz SSB/CW and MS MGM contest, the first full weekend of June has a strong preference;
4. that this contest shall run for 24 hours from 14:00 to 14:00 UTC;
5. that stations must exchange a signal report, serial contest number and a 6 character Maidenhead locator. Procedure and scoring are the same as the other IARU-R1 contests.
6. that meteor scatter contest contacts made with MGM modes are allowed between 21:00 and 09:00 UTC;
7. that MS contacts shall comply unconditionally with the IARU-R1 VHF/UHF/Microwaves Committee Meteor Scatter procedure;
8. that in MS contacts call signs, meteor scatter reports, the serial contest number and final RRR shall be exchanged;
9. that for each completed contact the distance in kilometres between the stations counts as QSO points;
10. that the use of split frequency operation is allowed;
11. that the rules for this contest shall be mentioned in the VHF Managers Handbook;
12. that the chairman of the VHF/UHF/Microwaves committee shall be invited to update the VHF Managers Handbook.

Requests

the Final Plenary of the IARU Region 1 General Conference (Varna-Albena, Bulgaria 2014) to adopt this Recommendation.