

Curious About Operating Contests? Learn More With The TENNESSEE CONTEST GROUP

Contesting is a multi-disciplinary sport which integrates a wide variety of skill sets, from effective station construction to precision operating skills. The Tennessee Contest Group was formed by several dedicated Tennessee contest operators in August of 1993. Thirty-plus years later, the Tennessee Contest Group is still going strong. We invite you to consider joining the TCG, and to discover the fun and excitement of amateur radio contesting. TCG maintains a strong presence in the contesting community. TCG members have given talks at Dayton Contest University and other events. Our members are highly enthusiastic ham radio operators. TCG welcomes anyone interested in contest operating, from novice to expert.

All members enjoy access to the TCG email reflector. The TCG email reflector is a good place to ask questions and find answers about contest operating. To learn more about joining the

Tennessee Contest Group, please visit **K4TCG.ORG**

TCG sponsors an annual award called the "Most Radio Active" award. Awards are granted via specific operating achievements over a one year period. Due to the unique rules crafted by W4NZ and team, it is not necessary to have a super station to compete for the MRA award. Awards are distributed to competitors in the three Grand Divisions of Tennessee: West, Middle and East, in addition to an overall statewide award.

TCG sponsors the Tennessee QSO Party (TNQP) held the first Sunday of September. The TNQP is a unique opportunity for operators in Tennessee to be "the hunted" and to enjoy being on the receiving end of a ham radio pileup. Please join us in September. Rare counties are welcome!

For more information on the Tennessee QSO Party, please visit ${\bf TNQP.ORG}$

TCG assesses an annual dues of \$10. The money is used to cover the costs related to the yearly Tennessee QSO Party, including award certificates plus the highly regarded, hand-crafted TNQP Barn Wood Plaques (designed and built by our own KØEJ). Dues also support the TCG email reflector, websites, and other associated costs. TCG also sponsors contest awards besides the TN QSO Party, including the NCJ NAQP and CQ WPX contests. TCG also supports the World Radiosport Team Championship, an international event geared towards promoting ham radio contesting world-wide.

We hope that you will consider joining the fun with TCG!