



News and Events, February 2026 Edition

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Hello TCG Contest enthusiasts! As I write this, Nashville and surrounding areas are still digging and sawing their way out of the biggest ice storm to hit the area since 1994. At the time of this writing, there are still over 40,000 customers without electricity in the Nashville Electric Service area alone, one full week after the storm. Up here on Scenic View Drive, we had impassible roads for 2 days and were without power or Internet for 5 days. WV4P and NR4L went 9 days! Several members of our club are still waiting for power to be restored. A big salute to the heroic crews doing the hard work to get everyone's power restored.

How did you handle power outages? Feel free to share any innovative power solutions that you deployed during the mains outages. Reports of antenna damage have been trickling in. We are still in the middle of contesting season, so if time and weather permit, get those antlers back up. There is a lot of radio fun ahead in February. Here are some of the events to keep in mind.

For the CW fanatics who enjoy working the best CW contest operators in the game, the CW Sprint will offer four hours of non-stop excitement. If you are doing CW contesting, you've got to give the CW Sprint a try. It's becoming the last bastion of "Turn The Big Knob" contesting left out there. Enjoy the challenge of operating a contest where the emphasis is primarily on the operator. One of the greatest joys of operating the Sprint is the quality of the operating. Check it out and learn from some of the best in the game.

Contest season continues on in full bloom throughout February with the CQ WPX RTTY and ARRL DX CW contests. These are the biggies for February, and are sure to generate lots of activity. We still have enough solar activity to keep things very interesting. You never know what you're gonna get! For the DX chasers among us, the KP5 operation continues on, and another DXpedition to Bouvet Island will be QRV before we know it.

Please keep those thinking caps fully charged and spend some processing cycles on the question of who you wish to lead the TCG over the next contest season. We have many capable leaders out there, and we need your help. Please volunteer yourself, or discuss with another member your desire to nominate them. Our group is strong. please give some consideration into taking a leadership role in it. A TCG constitution excerpt is below.

73 —Kirk K4RO

OFFICERS: Article II

A. The officers of this club shall be President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary

B. The officers shall be nominated during the first 22 days of March by all members in good standing. Voting occurs the final week of March, after which officers will be announced. Elected officers serve for a term of one year — March 31 through April 1.

C. Vacancies occurring between elections shall be filled by special election at the first opportunity following the withdrawal or resignation.

D. Officers may be removed by a three-fourths majority of the voting membership.

E. The president may solicit volunteers for special events.

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Now that we're starting to thaw... so you don't forget:
Mark K0EJ - No story but a post-Fern picture of the 80m 4-square



Bringing out the heavy equipment in Nashville – the tree in front of W4CMG/WA4VGZ's home
Missed the antenna and the house, but did a number of traffic down our street



CONTEST ACTIVITY : Here is a selected list, as of this publication, of those who put up scores on [3830 Scores Summary](#) in December:

ARRL RTTY Roundup

M/2 HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	State/Prov	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
NJ4P		x	3510	61	78	30	487,890	TCG
K4EA		x	2182	61	75		296,752	TCG

M/S LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	State/Prov	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
W9SN		x	1691	59	63	30	206,302	TCG

Single Op HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	State/Prov	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
W5MX			1351	59	63	22	164,822	TCG
W4SDX			343	54	15		23,667	TCG
AC6ZM			222	47	30	5:00	17,094	TCG
WN8Y			226	43	21	9	14,464	TCG
K9QJS			102	36	9	4.0	4,590	TCG
NK4I			102	42	3	2:56	4,590	TCG

Single Op Limited-Ant HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	State/Prov	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
W4SDX			343	54	15		23,667	TCG
AC6ZM			222	47	30	5:00	17,094	TCG
K9QJS			102	36	9	4.0	4,590	TCG

Single Op LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	State/Prov	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
K1GU			360	51	23	8.3	26,640	TCG
N4MCC			280	50	28	8	21,840	TCG
AA4NU			351	50	12		21,762	TCG
W4GKM			200	45	12	5:00	11,400	TCG
KØEJ			115	37	12	1:50	5,635	TCG
AD4EB	SO2R		90	35	3	1.5	3,420	TCG
W3TB			76	27	15	2:50	3,192	TCG
K4HWS			52	17	21	1.5	1,976	TCG

Single Op Limited-Ant LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	State/Prov	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
N4MCC			280	50	28	8	21,840	TCG
AA4NU			351	50	12		21,762	TCG
W3TB			76	27	15	2:50	3,192	TCG

SO Unlimited HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	State/Prov	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
NS4X			518	51	21	8	37,296	TCG

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ARRL January VHF Contest

Single Op-All Modes HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
NS4X			46	26	3	1,196	TCG

Single Op-All Modes LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AJ6T	SO2R		115	83	16:59	11,537	TCG
WA4WZR			32	20		640	TCG
AC4G			32	16	2	512	TCG

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North American QSO Party, CW

Single Op HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
WØAG			73	46	2.5	3,358	TCG Team GUYOT
W6UB			60	26	3	1,560	TCG

Single Op LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
K4RO	SO2R		1454	263	10	382,402	TCG Team KUWOHI
KØEJ	SO2R		1248	263	10	328,224	TCG Team KUWOHI
K1GU			735	208	10	152,880	TCG Team KUWOHI
N6NT			661	230	7:42	152,030	TCG
W9WI			284	122	5	34,648	TCG Team CHAPMAN
W4UT			240	118	5	28,320	TCG Team CHAPMAN
W3TB			230	104	5:53	23,920	TCG Team LeCONTE
KQ4E			131	88	3	11,528	TCG
WM4Q			94	93	1.5	8,742	TCG
K4KO			110	61	2.5	6,710	TCG
ND4U			50	37	1.41	1,850	TCG
K9QJS			51	32	1.0	1,632	TCG
AC4G			48	26	1	1,248	TCG
W4SDX			33	22	1.5	726	TCG
WV4P		x	20	14	1.2	280	TCG

Single Op Assisted LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
AD4EB	SO2R		1265	310	10	392,150	TCG Team KUWOHI
AC6ZM(@NJ4P)	SO2R		1043	299	10	311,857	TCG Team KUWOHI
W4NZ	SO2R		876	217	10	190,092	TCG Team GUYOT
W4CMG			663	176	08:38	116,688	TCG Team GUYOT
WV4AM		x	430	182	06:25	78,260	TCG Team GUYOT
AC4NK			451	160	10	72,160	TCG Team GUYOT
NS4X			372	166	5	61,752	TCG
WK9M			388	146	7	56,648	TCG
WF7T			200	118	3.5	23,600	TCG
K4DXV			100	68	3.5	6,800	TCG Team CHAPMAN

Single Op Assisted Youth LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
WV4AM		x	430	182	06:25	78,260	TCG Team GUYOT

NAQP CW TCG Team Scores

TCG Team CHAPMAN

W9WI	34,648
W4UT	28,320
K4DXV	6,800
Team Total:	69,768

TCG Team GUYOT

W4NZ	190,092
W4CMG	116,688
WV4AM	78,260
AC4NK	72,160
WØAG	3,358
Team Total:	460,558

TCG Team KUWOHI

AD4EB	392,150
K4RO	382,402
KØEJ	328,224
AC6ZM(@NJ4P)	311,857
K1GU	152,880
Team Total:	1,567,513

TCG Team LeCONTE

W3TB	23,920
Team Total:	23,920

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Hungarian DX Contest

SOABCW HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	SSB	Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AC6ZM				79	0	76	2		19,096	TCG
AD4EB				11	0	8	0:10		504	TCG

SOABCW LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	SSB	Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W4CMG				32	0	16	2		2,160	TCG

SOSB/40CW HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	SSB	Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W4NZ				16	0	14	1		1,540	TCG

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CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW

Single Op HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	State/Prov	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
KØEJ			481		45	23	5.5	88,876 TCG
WV4P		x	226		49	17		39,138 TCG
K1GU			294		40	10	5.3	34,450 TCG
AC4G			230		44	14	7	33,814 TCG
AA4DD			147		37	3	6	12,720 TCG
AF4T			127		36	4	2.37	12,000 TCG

Single Op LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	State/Prov	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
WM4Q			119		32	5	2.2	9,768 TCG
WK9M			80		21	0	1	4,323 TCG
WD8RYC			29		27	0	1.0	1,647 TCG

Single Op Assisted HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	State/Prov	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
NS4X			350		44	9	5	41,181 TCG
W4NZ			256		40	8	3.5	27,600 TCG
AD4EB			142		39	7	1	14,996 TCG
W4CMG			75		29	1	02:15	4,770 TCG

Single Op Assisted LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	State/Prov	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
WF7T			260		42	8	6	29,000 TCG
AC6ZM			221		33	5	6:15	18,722 TCG
WV4AM		x	200		36	5	04:19	18,040 TCG

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BARTG RTTY Sprint

Single Op HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Pts	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
WV4P		x	338	48	6		97,344	TCG
NS4X			102	36	4	2	14,688	TCG
AA4DD			151	25	3	5	11,325	TCG

Single Op LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Pts	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AA4CS			97	28	3	3.8	8,148	TCG
N4MCC			88	23	4	5:00	8,096	TCG
WN8Y			41	41	2	2	1,640	TCG

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North American QSO Party, SSB

M/2 LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
NJ4P		x	1711	305	12	521,855	TCG

Single Op HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
N6NT			112	63	2	7,056	TCG

Single Op LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
KØEJ	SO2R		476	112	5	53,312	TCG
W4KW			200	104	6:05	20,800	TCG Team Crockett
KS4X			176	115	7	20,240	TCG Team Sevier
AI4DB			185	102		18,870	TCG
AC4G			195	77	3.5	15,015	TCG
K4KO			130	77	5	10,010	TCG
K4RO			118	56	1	6,608	TCG Team Crockett
W9WI			60	41	1:45	2,460	TCG Team Sevier
K9QJS			52	29	.0.7	1,508	TCG

Single Op Assisted LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
W4NZ			248	139	5	34,472	TCG Team Sevier
N4MCC			260	129	7:35	33,540	TCG Team Sevier
AD4EB	SO2R		300	96	3.5	28,800	TCG Team Crockett
K4DXV			180	94	5:03	16,920	TCG Team Sevier
WV4AM			206	82	03:49	16,892	TCG Team Crockett
AC6ZM			162	69	3:45	11,178	TCG Team Crockett
NS4X			106	67	3	7,102	TCG
WN8Y			32	22	2.5	704	TCG

Single Op Assisted Youth LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
WV4AM			206	82	03:49	16,892	TCG Team Crockett

NAQP SSB TCG Team Scores

TCG Team Crockett

AD4EB	28,800
W4KW	20,800
WV4AM	16,892
AC6ZM	11,178
K4RO	6,608
Team Total:	84,278

TCG Team Sevier

W4NZ	34,472
N4MCC	33,540
KS4X	20,240
K4DXV	16,920
W9WI	2,460
Team Total:	107,632

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Didn't see your score listed? Next time, make sure to submit your score summary to 3830scores.com, and use the pull-down menu under "Club" to select "Tennessee Contest Group." Of course, it's also important to make sure that the Cabrillo file that you submit to the contest sponsor also contains the following line: CLUB: Tennessee Contest Group. This will ensure that your score will contribute to the TCG club aggregate score.

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TCG Member Spotlight – Jim Bogard KY4L

Jim Bogard, KY4L, tells us how he got started in ham radio.

I was in graduate school at The University of Texas (Austin) in the mid-1970s and facing the likelihood of moving away from my family in the event that I found a job. My brother, John (now KF5RX), already had his ham license, and I figured radio might be a good way to stay in touch, since long distance calls incurred a cost back then.

Morse code was required for an FCC Amateur license, so I started learning code by interpreting road signs as I rode the shuttle bus back and forth to campus. My first job was as a post-doc at Argonne National Laboratory, just outside of Chicago. ANL had a very nice station with (among other things) a Collins KWM-2 transceiver and a vertical antenna that was stored underground and could be popped up as part of its emergency plan. The Argonne Amateur Radio Club met weekly and helped me study for my Novice license. FCC license exams were given in downtown Chicago, and my first callsign was WD9GTK.

The plan worked, and I had a regular schedule with my brother in the Novice portion of the 40-meter amateur band for over a year. In fact, one of the most interesting QSOs I've had was with my brother. He traveled in his job with Texas Instruments and would take a long wire with him, to hang out the window on an upper floor of his hotel, and attach it to a tuner and small transceiver. He forgot the wire on one trip when we had a QSO scheduled, but his bed had an inner spring mattress. John propped the mattress against his upper-floor window, clipped the tuner to the inner springs, and we had a 2-way QSO between Chicago and Houston. This pretty much hooked me, and I've loved CW ever since because of its versatility.

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS & NEW MEMBERS

Just a reminder... We are fresh into the New Year, and it's time to submit your TCG membership dues for 2026, if you haven't already done so. Thanks in advance for your generous support of TCG and its activities.

TCG membership is open to all with an interest in contesting. There are no geographical limitations. All you need is a sincere interest in contesting, and the willingness to get on the air and operate with us. If you have someone that you would like to nominate as a new members, please e-mail K0EJ (mark.speck.k0ej@gmail.com) so an invite can be sent out.

A reminder that in order to more efficiently maintain MRA awards, HamClubOnline, TCG reflector roster, TCG website roster, and the financial spreadsheet, members who are not current with dues will be removed on March 1, 2026.



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Corporate Casuals – TCG Logo Items

Corporate Casuals now uses what's called a /*sharelink */in which they share the TCG logo with club members through their webstore platform. The link below will take you to their website and prompt you to create an account with them. The page will look like the screenshot below (and will show the logo at the bottom of the screen).

You can add a personal callsign as a personalization ("NAMES" icon in the product) and select the placement location on the purchased item (e.g., polo, bag, hat, etc.).Once the account is created, the logo will automatically upload to the account for use:

<http://www.CorporateCasuals.com/logoShare/tennessecontestgroup>

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UPCOMING CONTESTS

The following table is a list of the upcoming contests which qualify for the TCG Most Radioactive Award. For more information on the MRA, please refer to K4TCG.ORG under the TCG INFO section. Thanks to Jim AD4EB for this list, and to Ted W4NZ for administering the TCG Most Radioactive Award.

February 1, 2026	North American Sprint, SSB Feb
February 7, 2026	British Columbia QSO Party
February 7, 2026	Mexico RTTY International Contest
February 7, 2026	European Union DX Contest (new)
February 7, 2026	Vermont QSO Party
February 7, 2026	Minnesota QSO Party
February 8, 2026	North American Sprint, CW Feb
February 14, 2026	CQ WW WPX Contest, RTTY
February 14, 2026	Dutch PACC Contest
February 21, 2026	ARRL International DX Contest, CW
February 27, 2026	CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB
February 28, 2026	North American QSO Party, RTTY Feb
February 28, 2026	South Carolina QSO Party
February 28, 2026	North Carolina QSO Party

March 7, 2026	ARRL International DX Contest, SSB
March 14, 2026	Idaho QSO Party
March 14, 2026	Oklahoma QSO Party
March 14, 2026	Stew Perry Topband Challenge-Mar
March 15, 2026	North American Sprint, RTTY Mar
March 15, 2026	Wisconsin QSO Party
March 21, 2026	BARTG HF RTTY Contest
March 21, 2026	Russian DX Contest
March 21, 2026	Virginia QSO Party
March 28, 2026	CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB

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Progression of solar cycle 25

Sunspot numbers including predictions:

