



News and Events, July 2025 Edition

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

From the president's desk...

By the time this newsletter is published, Field Day 2025 will have come and gone, and the Tennessee summer swelter is upon us. I was reminded recently that there is a strong synergy between station and operator preparedness. The more ready that my station is, the more ready the operator becomes. It works the other way too. If I neglect needed repairs or upgrades, I'm not quite as motivated as I might be for the next contest.

Traditionally, the months between April and September have been considered "off-season" months. Contest types would spend these months getting everything ready in time for the CQWW SSB in October. Then we would try to keep the pedal to the metal through March with the ARRL DX SSB contest.

To some extent, this is still true, but the contest calendar has grown and evolved a great deal over the years. The popularity of RTTY and other digital mode contesting quickly started to fill the calendar. The introduction of CQWW RTTY and WPX RTTY contests turned out to be very popular, bringing in hundreds of new contest enthusiasts per year.

Meanwhile, the WPX CW and SSB contests grew in popularity at a steady rate, and continue to do so. State QSO parties, once a "niche market" for county hunters and advanced mobile operators, have exploded in popularity. Programs such as the State QSO Party Challenge coupled with POTA, SOTA and other "adventure" type operations have brought a great many people into contesting-style operating. The ever-evolving miniaturization of equipment has certainly played a role as well. We should welcome these new operators with open arms.

All of this explosion of "can you hear me now?" activity is good for contesting. There are contests literally every weekend now. Some of the old-timers can be heard occasionally grumbling about "too many contests" diluting the playing field, but I'd much rather have too many contests to choose from than too few.

The Most Radio Active report has been designed to reward those operators who participate in a large number and variety of events. The operators in the top ranks of the MRA report are spreading contesting joy in the most important way -- by making QSOs in lots of events. Let's keep on sowing the seeds of contesting fun.

Please be sure to read the announcement from AC6ZM regarding the World Wide Award activity from TCG. You can still join the fun. See our Zoom session recording from June 25 for the complete details.

—Kirk K4RO

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CONTEST ACTIVITY

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

ARRL Digital Contest 2025 Jun 7 Claimed Scores												
SO1R-24 LP												
Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Op Time	Score	Club						
K4EA		x	487	24	5,459	TCG						
AA4DD			312	12	3,242	TCG						
WK9M			205	10	1,917	TCG						
AA4CS			253	13	1,873	TCG						
K9QJS			69	.2.5	462	TCG						
SO1R-8 HP												
Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Op Time	Score	Club						
NS4X			51	2	389	TCG						
SO1R-8 LP												
Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Op Time	Score	Club						
W4SDX			173	8.25	1,048	TCG						
W4GHD			60	3	357	TCG						
KO4DDG			31	6	155	TCG						
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Kentucky QSO Party 2025 Jun 7 Claimed Scores												
SO Fixed HP												
Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	RTTY	Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AD4EB				22		0		0	14	1.5	816	TCG
NS4X				11		7		0	15	1	535	TCG
W4NZ				6		0		0	6	1	172	TCG
SO Fixed LP												
Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	RTTY	Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K4AMC				24		0		0	20	1:00	1,920	TCG
W4CMG				14		0		0	12	1	772	TCG
KØEJ				10		0		0	10	:15	400	TCG
K4KYN				10		0		0	9	1.5	360	TCG
WA4JA				0		10		0	10	1	200	TCG
SO Mobile LP												
Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	RTTY	Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AC6ZM				350		53		0	47	12	73,388	TCG
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His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB 2025 Jun 28												
SOAB LP												
Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club					
WN8Y			5	11	5	55	TC					

ARRL June VHF Contest 2025 Jun 14 Claimed Scores							
Single Op-All Modes HP							
Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AD4EB			23	15	1	345	TCG
Single Op-All Modes LP							
Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AJ6T	SO2R		263	154	19:42	44,660	TCG
W4SDX			80	58		4,640	TCG
AF4T			22	18	1.42	396	TCG
WV4AM			6	5	00:37	30	TCG
Single Op-Analog LP							
Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
WN8Y			7	7	1	49	TCG
W4CMG			2	2		4	TCG
SO3Band-All Modes LP							
Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
WF7T			86	51		4,386	TCG
SO3Band-Analog LP							
Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
WA4JA			9	8	1.2	72	TCG
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All Asian DX Contest, CW 2025 Jun 21 Claimed Scores							
SOAB HP							
Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K3IE			114	74	04:30	8,436	TCG
KØEJ			42	34	2	1,428	TCG
AD4EB			28	23	1.5	644	TCG
NS4X			15	14	1	210	TCG
SOSB/15 HP							
Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K1GU			9	8	1	72	TCG
SOSB/20 HP							
Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K4DZR			11	11	84 MIN	121	TCG
AA4DD			3	3	.5	9	TCG

Stew Perry Topband Challenge 2025 Summer

Single Op HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Op Time	Score	Club
K1GU			34	1	67	TCG
AA4DD			32	2	59	TCG
W6UB			29	1.3	58	TCG

Single Op LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Op Time	Score	Club
W4CMG			14	1:06	34	TCG

West Virginia QSO Party 2025 Jun 21

Single Op HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
NS4X				8	8		0	9	1		416	TCG
AC6ZM				13	0		0	7	1		382	TCG
K3FH				4	0		0	3	1		124	TCG

Single Op LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W4CMG				3	0		0	3			18	TCG
WN8Y				0	5		0	3	2		12	TCG

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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LEBANON HAMQUEST

Please mark your calendars for Saturday July 19 for the annual Lebanon Hamquest. We will have a table at the hamfest, which is a place to meet up with other TCG types and share a tale or two. We will be flying the TCG banner, and should have the table manned up until lunch time, which is when most people leave anyway.

TCG has the back meeting room reserved at Shoney's from noon until 2PM. This will be the best opportunity to get together as a group, and has also become our annual group photo for those who make the trek. Please join us if you are of such a mind. RSVP would be appreciated, so please let us know if you're planning to attend the lunch via the TCG email list.

73, —Kirk K4RO

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS & NEW MEMBERS

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.

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.

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CORPORATE CASUALS

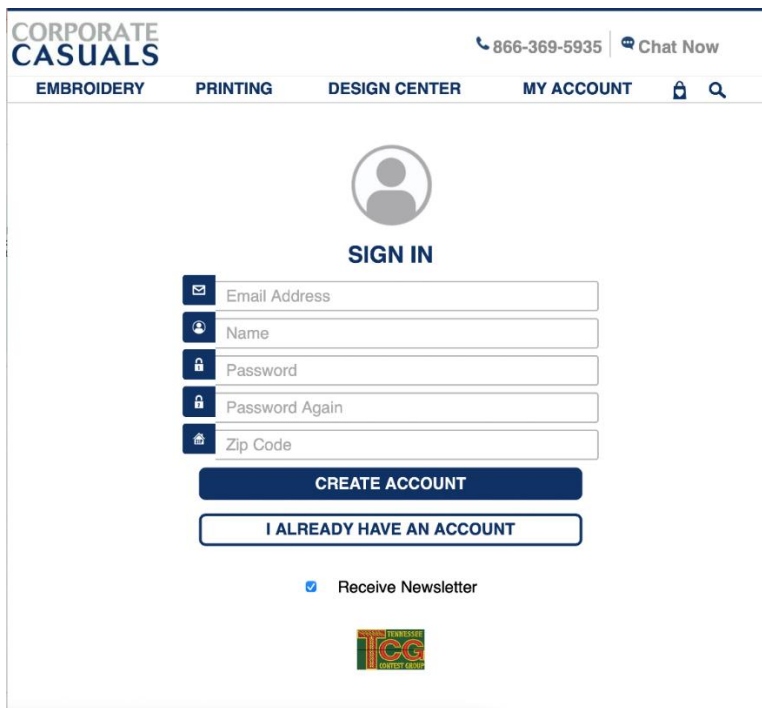
Kirk K4RO and Juan AC6ZM

If anybody is looking for some new TCG apparel, AC6ZM has worked with Corporate Casuals to upload our logo. The process is pretty straightforward. Just create an account, and place your order. Don't forget to add your name and call sign below the TCG logo.

See the info from Juan below, including the link to use when ordering after you have created an account. They are showing about a 10 day delivery, which gives plenty of time before the Lebanon Hamquest.

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). Once the account is created, the logo will automatically upload to the account for use: <http://www.CorporateCasuals.com/logoShare/tennesseecontestgroup>

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.).



73 – Juan AC6ZM

World Wide Award July 2025 Sprint

Several TCG members have been busy preparing for the WWA July Sprint. The link to the TCG WWA overview/prep meeting is now available on YouTube at the following link: <https://youtu.be/nx6A-6dzMew>

If you haven't worked any of the World Wide Award July 2025 stations, there is still plenty of time to get on the air and make some contacts!

WWA – World Wide Award Sprint – July 2025 – June 30 – July 6 <https://hamaward.cloud/wwa>

Rules: <https://hamaward.cloud/wwa/rules>

HF Band 80 – 40 – 30 – 20 – 17 – 15 – 12 – 10 Meters

Modes CW, SSB, Digi (FT8, FT4, RTTY, PSK)

Scores (on each band)

- CW 10 points
- SSB 5 points
- Digi – 2 points FT8/FT4; 4 points RTTY/PSK

Note: To obtain the WWA Sprint Award, a minimum of 100 points is required.

MEET THE N4W TEAM:

 **N4W** United States

AA4CS, AC6ZM, AD4EB, K0EJ, K1GU, K4HWS, K4NMR,
K4RO, KQ4VQB, N4KO, N4MCC, NK4O, NR4L, W4CMG,
W4LT, W4SDX, W5MX, WK9M, WV4P

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UPCOMING CONTESTS

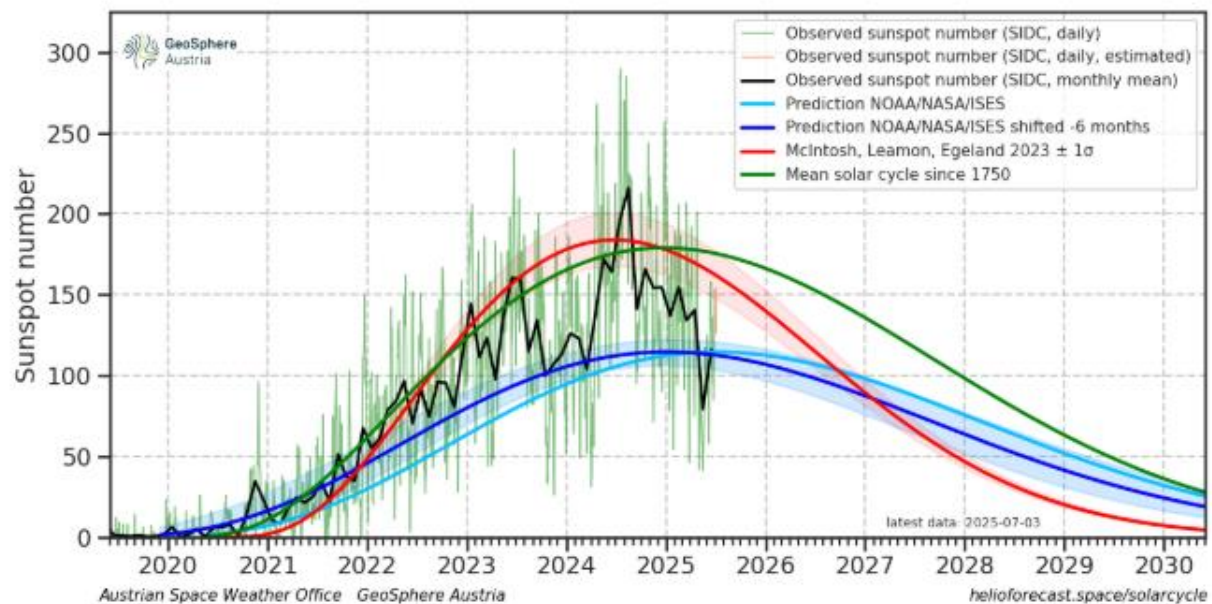
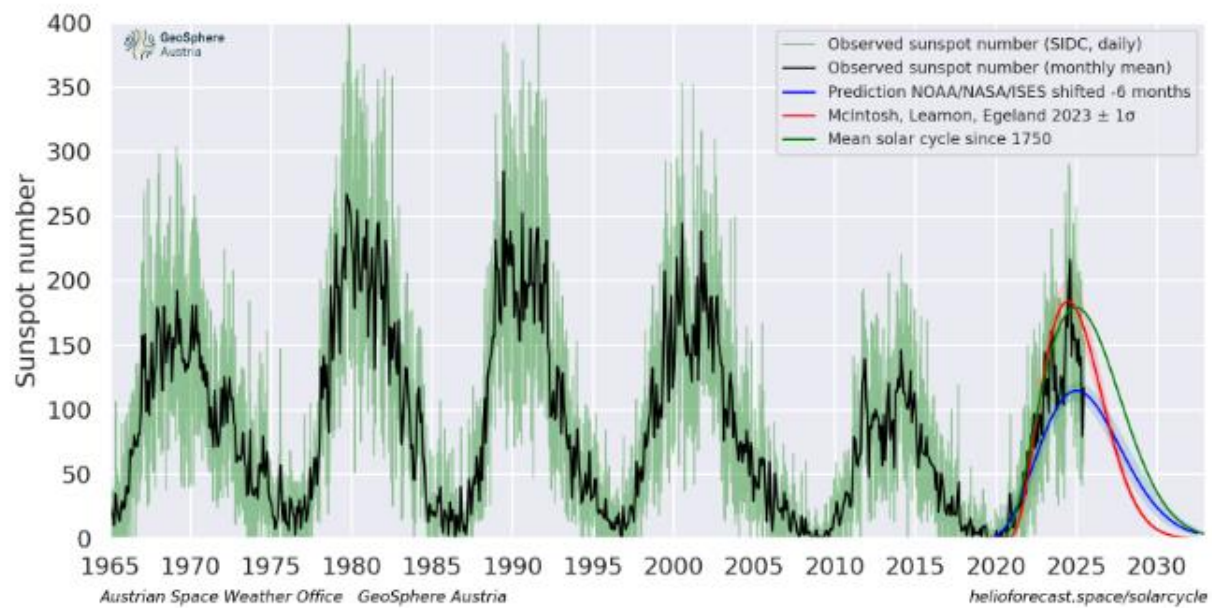
The following table is a list of the upcoming contests which qualify for the TCG Most Radioactive Award. For more information on the MRA, please refer to K4TCG.ORG under the TCG INFO section. Thanks to Jim AD4EB for this list, and to Ted W4NZ for administering the TCG Most Radioactive Award.

July 1, 2024	RAC Canada Day Contest – July
July 5, 2024	Marconi Memorial HF Contest
July 12, 2024	IARU HF World Championship
July 19, 2024	CQ Worldwide VHF Contest
July 19, 2024	North American QSO Party, RTTY Jul
July 26, 2024	RSGB IOTA Contest
July 26, 2024	Alabama QSO Party
August 2, 2024	North American QSO Party, CW Aug
August 9, 2024	Maryland-DC QSO Party
August 9, 2024	WAE DX Contest, CW
August 16, 2024	North American QSO Party, SSB Aug
August 16, 2024	SARTG WW RTTY Contest
August 23, 2024	Hawaii QSO Party
August 23, 2024	Ohio QSO Party
August 23, 2024	YO DX HF Contest
August 30, 2024	World Wide Digi DX Contest
August 30, 2024	Kansas QSO Party
August 30, 2024	Colorado QSO Party

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Progression of solar cycle 25

Sunspot numbers including predictions



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