



## News and Events, June 2026 Edition

### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

#### May, Dayton, and Getting More of Us Involved

The month of May came and went in the blink of an eye. The week before and the week after Dayton are always chaos for me, and this year was no different.

It was great getting to see some of y'all at Dayton, and also getting to meet a few new folks, including AC4NK. Billy, AC4NU, managed to spare a few minutes so we could catch up, and as always, he is a wealth of knowledge. Dayton is a crazy place. You can see someone a dozen times over the weekend and still never get enough time to really talk to them.

This month I introduced the TCG Operating Achievement Awards:

<https://tcgscores.com/awards/operator-achievement/2026/>, I have already received a little feedback, and so far it has all been positive, but I would really like to hear more from the membership. I am open to suggestions, changes, improvements, complaints, or any ideas that would make it better for the club. The goal is not to make another "score race." The goal is to encourage activity, recognize participation, and give folks another reason to get on the air.

My goals as TCG President are pretty simple: increase contest participation, increase scores, increase fun, and most of all, increase member participation in the club.

We have some extremely knowledgeable members in TCG. There is an incredible base of information, experience, and help inside this club that we are probably not tapping into nearly enough. So here is my ask: please write something for the newsletter that you think could help other club members. It does not have to be fancy. It does not have to be long. It could be operating advice, a technical tip, a station improvement, an antenna that actually works, a contesting lesson learned the hard way, or even something simple that made your operating more fun. Whatever it is, I would love to see more member contributions. Hopefully that also opens the pathway for more conversation on the reflector.

By the time you read this, WPX CW is probably in our rearview mirror. I hope everyone had a great time and that the weather let you operate. Looking at the forecast right now, things look pretty bleak here in West Tennessee, so I may be doing more storm watching than contesting.

There are not a lot of contests in June, but the ARRL VHF Contest is always an interesting one. Please consider starting a post on the reflector with your plans for it. Share what bands you plan to be on, what antennas you are using, past results, advice, or anything else that

might help someone else jump in. I have only played in it once, but I hope to be active this year. It is one of those contests where even my limited VHF antenna situation might be good enough to have some fun.

As always, thanks to everyone who gets on the air, submits scores, posts to the reflector, helps other members, and keeps TCG moving forward.

See y'all on the air.

**73, Ron, WV4P**  
**President, Tennessee Contest Group**

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**ARRL America250 Worked All States** <https://www.arrl.org/america250-was>

**ARRL Tennessee Dates:** W1AW/4 – TN Region

Dates: (in UTC)

- June 10 – 16
- September 16 - 22

We have a few TCG members who have sent in their availability and shift/mode preferences for the June dates, but there is always room for more! There are many slots still open – all bands and modes – so take a look at the [Public Schedule](#),

Please email Cathy W4CMG (ARRL Schedule Coordinator for TN Region W1AW/4) at [w4cmg.dx@gmail.com](mailto:w4cmg.dx@gmail.com) with the dates, times and modes you might be interested in operating as W1AW/4, so that you can get on the list of operators.

There are two Activator Information Meetings before the event:

- Monday, June 8 @ 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time
- Tuesday, June 9 @ 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time

You will learn about the basic processes, from calling CQ to log submission, and see the Public and Activator logs. Those who attend the sessions will be receive a link to the Activator Log on Tuesday afternoon, so they can sign up last minute shifts, additional shifts that are still open, extend the ones they are working if they are having a good “run” or delete shifts that got interrupted by life (you know, grandkids, unexpected appointments....)

Join in the Zoom session with this [link](#), and you will be in a “Waiting Room” until the host admits you. I plan on being on at least 5 minutes early for both sessions, so it won't be too long a wait.

Hope to see you in the Info sessions, and on the air as W1AW/4 TN.

73 de Cathy W4CMG

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

**7th Call Area QSO Party**

**SOCW HP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
AD4EB				134	0	0	0	54	2			21,708	TCG
N6NT				93	0	0	0	42				11,718	TCG
W4NZ				86	0	0	0	39	3			10,062	TCG
W4CMG				47	0	0	0	24				3,384	TCG
NS4X				34	0	0	0	25	2			2,550	TCG

**SOCW LP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
AC6ZM	SO2R			116	0	0	0	51	16			17,748	TCG
WM4Q				55	0	0	0	37				6,105	TCG
K4KYN				56	0	0	0	31	5			5,130	TCG
W3TB				42	0	0	0	18				2,268	TCG
W4UT				28	0	0	0	24	4			2,016	TCG

**SOMixed HP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
WV4P		x		235	88	0	0	88	10			77,528	TCG
NR4L		x		143	67	0	0	72	6			40,536	TCG

**SOMixed LP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
AA4CS				59	5	0	0	32	6			5,984	TCG
KS4X				17	9	0	0	19				1,311	TCG

**SOSSB HP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
WN8Y				0	17	0	0	14	2			420	TCG
W4SDX				0	13	0	0	12	2			312	TCG

**SOSSB LP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
WA4JA				0	31	0	0	24	2			1,488	TCG

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**ARI International DX Contest**

**SO CW HP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	RTTY	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
W4CMG				34	0	0	0	31	02:30			4,588	TCG

**SO Mixed HP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	RTTY	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
NR4L		x		69	7	110	91	6				101,010	TCG
AA4DD				35	0	17	36	4				7,200	TCG
WV4P		x		7	0	17	24	4				2,832	TCG

**SO Mixed LP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	RTTY	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
AA4CS				1	0	5	6	1				48	TCG

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**Arkansas QSO Party**

**SOMixed LP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
KØEJ				5	1	0	4	<1				20	TCG

**SOSSB LP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
WA4JA				0	9	0	9	0.5				81	TCG

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**CQWW WPX Contest, CW**

**Delaware QSO Party**

**Single Op HP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW-Dig	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
WV4P		x		15	3	10				3,300	TCG
AD4EB				9	0	6	1			1,080	TCG
NR4L		x		4	1	4	1			360	TCG
NS4X				0	0	3	1			180	TCG
W4NZ	SO2R			3	0	0	1			180	TCG
W4CMG				3	0	0				180	TCG
N6NT				2	0	2				80	TCG
W4SDX				0	1	1	2			10	TCG

**Single Op LP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW-Dig	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
AC6ZM	SO2R			8	0	5	16			1,600	TCG
WA4JA				0	5	4	.5			400	TCG
W3TB				3	0	3				360	TCG
KS4X				2	0	2				160	TCG
WM4Q				2	0	2				160	TCG

**Indiana QSO Party**

**Single Op HP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	CW	Mults	Ph	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
WV4P		x		62	38	40	9	6					17,934	TCG
AD4EB				28	0	22	0	1					1,232	TCG
W4SDX				0	25	0	21	2					1,050	TCG
NR4L		x		32	13	14	6	2					1,000	TCG
W4NZ	SO2R			18	0	14	0	1					504	TCG
W4CMG				15	0	12	0						360	TCG
NS4X				7	0	7	0	2					98	TCG

**Single Op LP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	CW	Mults	Ph	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
WA4JA				0	47	0	34	3					1,598	TCG
AC6ZM	SO2R			26	0	23	0	16					1,196	TCG
AA4CS				16	11	11	10	6					1,134	TCG
WM4Q				11	0	10	0						220	TCG
W3TB				8	0	8	0						128	TCG
KS4X				4	0	4	0						32	TCG
K4KYN				3	0	3	0	.25					18	TCG

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**Canadian Prairies QSO Party**

**Single Op HP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
W4CMG				13	0	13	1			169	TCG
NR4L		x		5	0	5	1			25	TCG
WV4P		x		5	0	5	1			25	TCG
KØEJ				0	4	4	1			16	TCG

**Single Op LP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
AD4EB				12	0	12	0.5			144	TCG
WA4JA				0	11	10	0.5			110	TCG

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**CQWW WPX Contest, CW (Cont.)**



**M/2 HP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
WG4R(@K4EA)		x	3382	1209	48	9,981,504	TCG

**M/S LP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
AC6ZM(@W5MX)			1831	853	47	4,096,959	TCG

**SOAB HP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
WR30(K4RO)	SO2R		2866	1027	36	6,743,282	TCG
AD4EB	SO2R		1647	810	21	3,578,580	TCG
W4NZ			1141	597	21	1,688,316	TCG
NJ4P(WV4P)		x	400	399	12	584,934	TCG
NS4X			590	353	10	494,906	TCG
W4UT			251	201	8	156,579	TCG
K1GU			100	89	2.9	34,265	TCG
K4DXV			49	47	0.5	5,029	TCG
WA4WZR			34	33	1:10	2,772	TCG
KM9P			294	200	3	1	TCG

**SOAB Unassisted HP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
W4NZ			1141	597	21	1,688,316	TCG
KM9P			294	200	3	1	TCG

**SOAB Classic HP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
W4NZ			1141	597	21	1,688,316	TCG
K1GU			100	89	2.9	34,265	TCG
K4DXV			49	47	0.5	5,029	TCG
WA4WZR			34	33	1:10	2,772	TCG

**SOAB LP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
AC4NK			785	420	35.5	626,220	TCG
AA4PA(W4CMG)			769	384	29:14	568,704	TCG
WF7T			407	296	10	302,216	TCG
AC4G			311	227	8:41	213,834	TCG
W3TB			252	205	8:00	133,660	TCG
W4SSF			305	194	16:00	111,938	TCG
K3FH			251	182	8	97,370	TCG
WV4AM		x	78	74	1	14,430	TCG
K4HWS			68	65	4.6	9,620	TCG
KQ4J			64	57	2	9,462	TCG
KEØL			12	12	.5	168	TCG

**SOAB Classic LP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
WF7T			407	296	10	302,216	TCG
AC4G			311	227	8:41	213,834	TCG

**SOAB Rookie LP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
AC4NK			785	420	35.5	626,220	TCG

**SOAB TB-Wires LP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
AC4NK			785	420	35.5	626,220	TCG
W3TB			252	205	8:00	133,660	TCG
K3FH			251	182	8	97,370	TCG

**SOAB Youth LP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
WV4AM		x	78	74	1	14,430	TCG

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**Arkansas QSO Party****SOSB20 HP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
NR4L		x	4	4	1	28	TCG

**SOSB20 LP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
W4SDX			23	23	2.5	1,288	TCG

**SOSB20 TB-Wires LP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
W4SDX			23	23	2.5	1,288	TCG

**SOSB40 HP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
KØEJ			50	39	1	3,510	TCG

**SOSB40 Unassisted HP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
KØEJ			50	39	1	3,510	TCG

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**New England QSO Party****Single Op HP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW-Dig	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
WV4P		x		278	49	60	18	36,300	TCG	
K1GU				240	0	57	7.9	27,360	TCG	
AD4EB				165	0	51	4	16,830	TCG	
W4NZ	SO2R			140	0	53	6	14,840	TCG	
N6NT				107	0	45		9,630	TCG	
W4CMG				91	0	42		7,644	TCG	
NS4X				81	0	37	2	5,994	TCG	
NR4L		x		51	8	27	2	2,970	TCG	
W4SDX				0	9	8	2	72	TCG	

**Single Op LP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW-Dig	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AC6ZM	SO2R			181	0	53	16	19,186	TCG	
W3TB				82	0	41		6,724	TCG	
W4UT				70	0	44	4	6,160	TCG	
K4KYN				76	0	34	5	5,168	TCG	
KS4X				51	18	37		4,440	TCG	
WM4Q				53	0	36		3,816	TCG	
AA4CS				48	3	27	6	2,673	TCG	
WA4JA				0	35	23	3	805	TCG	
KØEJ				20	0	15	1	600	TCG	

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**CQ-M International DX Contest****SOABCW HP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W4CMG				71	0	35	4	6,475	TCG	
AD4EB				56	0	27	2	4,374	TCG	
NR4L		x		8	0	6	1	120	TCG	

**SOSB/15Mixed HP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
KØEJ				24	3	14	1	994	TCG	

**SOSB/40CW HP**

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
WV4P		x		3	0	1	1	6	TCG	

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**Volta RTTY DX Contest**

SOMixed LP													
Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
KØEJ				5	1	0	4	<1				20	TCG
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SOSSB LP													
Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
WA4JA				0	9	0	9	0.5				81	TCG
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<a href="#">His Maj. King of Spain Contest, CW</a>													
SOAB HP													
Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club					
KØEJ			100	49	2		7,252	TCG					
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SOAB HP								
Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
WV4P	2BSIQ	x	800	194	22		2,113,531,200	TCG
AA4DD			100	60	6		10,193,100	TCG
AD4EB			100	58	2		8,317,200	TCG
NR4L		x	85	59	3		7,161,420	TCG
WN8Y			84	1145	6		3,270,120	TCG
SOAB LP								
Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
W4SDX			80	46	3		2,752,640	TCG
AC6ZM	SO2R		63	38	2:17		1,838,592	TCG
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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.

## Hardin County 911 Camp

Every May, right before Dayton, Hardin County Emergency Services puts on a 911 Camp for all of the fifth-grade students in the county. It is held in a big hangar at the airport, and it is one of those events that really shows how many people and organizations are involved in keeping a community safe.

They invite all of the emergency services to set up and show the kids what they do. Police, Fire, EMS, Search and Rescue, and several others are there with equipment, displays, demonstrations, and plenty of things for the kids to see up close. And certainly not least, they invite us, the local amateur radio club, N4PX.

We get to set up a booth, fire up several remote stations, and let the kids get on the air. Most of the contacts are with POTA stations, and it is always fun watching a student go from being nervous about talking on the radio to realizing they just made a real contact with someone somewhere else. You can see the light bulb come on for some of them.



I believe this was our fifth year doing the 911 Camp, and it has been a blast every year. The kids show a lot of interest, ask good questions, and who knows, maybe it will light a few fires for future hams. Sometimes all it takes is one moment like that to get a kid interested in radio, electronics, public service, or emergency communications.

We are fortunate here in Hardin County that for many years our 911 system was run by a ham, KA4ESF, and several of the dispatchers are also hams. Because of that, amateur radio has had a good relationship with our local emergency services for a long time. In real emergency situations, that relationship has already proven to be a beneficial asset. It is a lot easier to work together when everyone already knows each other before something bad happens.

This year WV4P, NR4L, W4SDX, K4HWS, and KN4RQM were able to attend and help with the N4PX booth. Thanks to everyone who came out, helped the kids get on the air, answered questions, and represented amateur radio well.



Events like this are a good reminder that ham radio is not just contesting, DXing, repeaters, or playing with antennas. It is also community, education, public service, and planting seeds for the next generation.

Ron, WV4P

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## HAMVENTION – TCG Group Photos Opportunities This Month

The Dayton Hamvention took place May 15–17, 2026. TCG President Ron (WV4P) and Vice President Juan (AC6ZM) are invited all members to join them for two special group photo opportunities during the event.

The first gathering took place during lunch break at **Contest University (CTU)** on **May 14, 2026**, at the **Hope Hotel**. Members met out in the Hope Hotel Courtyard for a quick group photo:



OOPS!!! Some of us didn't get the memo, and met of Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>, well ahead of the scheduled Saturday group picture at the grandstands! A great pix, minus a few TCG members who had hadn't heard about it through the grapevine.

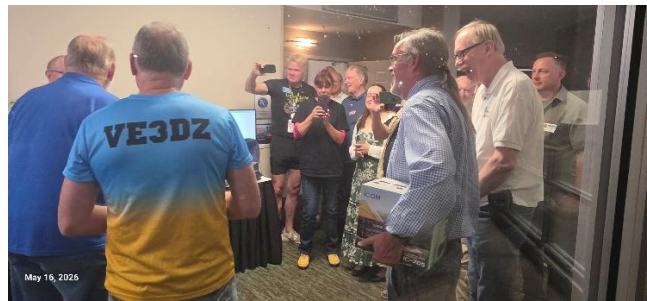


There was an opportunity for those who did not come up to Dayton early for Contest University to get into the picture on **Saturday, May 16, 2026** during the **Dayton Hamvention**, where we assembled at the **bleachers** overlooking the flea market for another group shot.

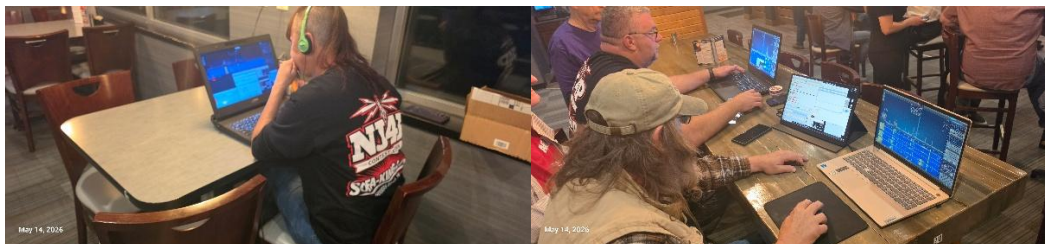


Hamvention wouldn't be the same without the infamous pileup HorseRace – where ops do their best to beat other serious contesters in breaking some pretty intense pileups. Of course, our TCG (and other) Rock stars scored some pretty great numbers – and some prizes – for their 5 minutes of hard work!

Top Twenty				Next Twenty	
R...	Player	Calls	Chars	R...	Player
1	W9WI	62	309	21	WG3J
2	VE3DZ	61	311	22	N8EA
3	K5GN	56	281	23	K9GY
4	PY1NX	55	276	24	AA1K
5	K5ZD	53	270	25	K3WJV
6	K1VR	44	217	26	N2KW
7	N4HAI	41	206	27	N2MG
8	N3QE	40	203	28	VA2WA
9	AD4EB	40	195	29	AC0C



Because we just can't get away from work sometime...





Test your QLF, Anyone???  
A new “visitor” at Cathy W4CMG’s SKCC Booth

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## Coming Soon: Field Day 2026

More of a “comm-test” than a “contest”, “Field Day is ham radio's open house. Every June, more than 31,000 hams throughout North America set up temporary transmitting stations in public places to demonstrate ham radio's science, skill and service to our communities and our nation. It combines public service, emergency preparedness, community outreach, and technical skills all in a single event. Field Day has been an annual event since 1933, and remains the most popular event in ham radio.” Source ARRL.org

Each year, ops head to the fields to practice some Emergency-style operating, but still with a goal to make as many contacts with other stations as possible under abnormal conditions.

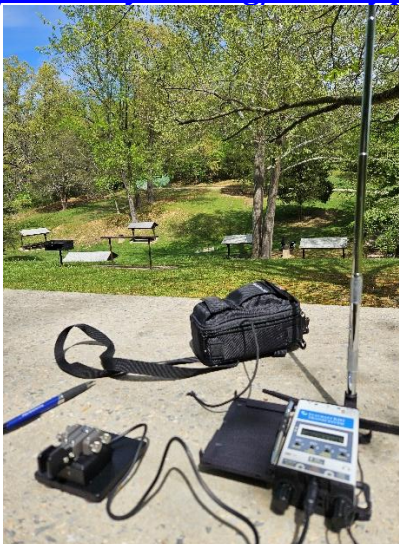
Field Day is ALWAYS the fourth full weekend of June, beginning at 1800 UTC Saturday and ending at 2059 UTC Sunday. This year, ARRL Field Day 2026 will be held June 27-28.

Think of planning your Field Day exercise like a mini-DXpedition, where you may wind up operating in some adverse conditions – hot and unbelievably humid, then cold and storms pass through and the temperatures drop. Planning becomes critical to get through the weekend out in the field, whether you are operating alone under emergency power, or hanging out at a local Radio Club house. Club events are pretty much guaranteed to have lots of food, QRM while ops are chatting right over your head while you are trying to work ops with your hastily, but carefully erected antennas.

Here are a few planning tips for those who plan to get away from our more traditional contesting mode for the weekend, but still rack up high numbers of contacts:

- Line up participants and location
- Pick a Class & Number of Stations
- Plan logistics and support

- Technology – Logs - logging programs, paper logs, extra scribble paper, sticky notes, pencils/pens, flip chart paper, blue tape, sharpies, dry-erase markers
- Gather Equipment
  - o Tables & chairs, cots, BYOPillow, tarps, canopy, tents, lighting, flashlights and lanterns
  - o Food sign-up – ingredient list
  - o First Aid Kits, Bug Spray, fire extinguishers
  - o Headsets, Microphones,
  - o Rigs, antennas, band pass filters, Tuners, ground rods, extra connectors, etc.
  - o CW Keys, extra cables, adapters (stereo to mono, 1/4 adapters)
- Schedule Operators (band, modes, times)
  - o Consider operating ability
  - o Splitters for headsets so 2 can listen
- **Set up Antenna supports and antennas**
- **Shelters , Emergency Power and support (the emergency component)**
- **Set up stations**
  - o Radio, power supply
  - o Coax to antenna
  - o Logging computer table and chairs
  - o Lighting
  - o Etc.
- **Operating:**
  - o Quick exchanges, log, repeat (the contest factor)
  - o Keep stations on the air for 24 hours
  - o Stagger the schedule, multiple modes if possible
- Earn bonus points
- Eat and keep hydrated
- **Tear Down and Stow all equipment**
  - o Note any problems in a log – and address them BEFORE planning for the next Field Day
  - o Check for hitchhikers (aka Ticks!)
- **Submit Log Entry** <https://field-day.arrrl.org/fdentry.php>



Have Fun! de Cathy W4CMG

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## Upcoming Hamfests:

### Lebanon Hamquest

de Bert W4KW

The 2026 Lebanon Hamquest will be held July 11<sup>th</sup> at the Wilson County Fairgrounds in Lebanon, TN.

- **Location:** [James E Ward Agricultural Center](#), 945 E. Baddour Pky, Lebanon, TN.
- **Date & Time:** Saturday, July 11, 2026, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

Held in the air-conditioned "Made in Tennessee Building," the event features indoor vendors, tailgating, educational forums, and VE license exams.

The Lebanon Shoney's meeting room has been reserved for the TCG lunch from noon thru 2 PM on the 11th. Hopefully we can have a Great turnout.

### Huntsville Hamfest: August 22 & 23

- Huntsville Hamfest: <https://hamfest.org/> in Huntsville, AL – a great place to try out equipment before you buy it!
- Sponsored by the Northern Alabama DX Club, there will be a DX dinner on the Saturday night of Huntsville Hamfest

## Huntsville Hamfest 2026

*The World's Friendliest Hamfest*® In our 73<sup>rd</sup> year!

Saturday August 22 9 AM to 4:30 PM  
Sunday August 23 9 AM to 3 PM

Von Braun Center South Hall  
700 Monroe St. SW, Huntsville, AL 35801

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- World Class Educational Forums
- License Exams both days
- Outstanding Youth Lounge
- Over 50 Commercial Vendors
- Huge Expanded Flea Market
- ARRL National Convention
- All indoors & air-conditioned
- DX Card Checking
- Grand Prizes both days + hourly prizes
- Special Event Station: W1AW/4 America250 WAS

*Plus: scheduled gatherings before & during the weekend! YouTubers at Monte Sano State Park, DX Banquet, Expanded after-hours Hospitality Suite at on-site Hotel, Microwave group activities, YL Breakfast, and more!*  
Check the website for details & times.

[www.hamfest.org](http://www.hamfest.org)

### W4DXCC DX and Contest Convention by SEDCO

- DATE: September 19, 2026
- LOCATION: LeConte Hotel and Convention Center (Formerly the MainStay Suites) Ascend, 410 Pine Mountain Rd, TN
- W4DXCC is back in Pigeon Forge TN after a brief break and a reboot of the Convention. The Hotel is available for September 18th and 19th with a special Convention price. Expect a new experience that is tailored to old and new amateur radio operators. We will also be having a Flea Market on Saturday morning.
- See the lineup of Presentations [here](#)

### Hamfest Chattanooga

- Oct 15-17, 2026 – More to follow....

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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS & NEW MEMBERS

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](mailto:mark.speck.k0ej@gmail.com)) so an invite can be sent out.

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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/tennesseecontestgroup>

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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.

June 6, 2026	ARRL International Digital Contest
June 6, 2026	Kentucky QSO Party
June 7, 2026	Atlantic Canada QSO Party
June 13, 2026	ARRL June VHF Contest
June 13, 2026	GACW WWSA DX
June 20, 2026	All Asian DX Contest, CW
June 20, 2026	Stew Perry Topband Challenge-Jun
June 20, 2026	West Virginia QSO Party
June 27, 2026	His Majesty King of Spain Contest, SSB
July 1, 2026	RAC Canada Day Contest - July
July 4, 2026	Marconi Memorial HF Contest
July 11, 2026	IARU HF World Championship
July 18, 2026	CQ Worldwide VHF Contest
July 18, 2026	North American QSO Party, RTTY Jul
July 25, 2026	RSGB IOTA Contest
July 25, 2026	Alabama QSO Party

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## Progression of solar cycle 25

### Sunspot numbers including predictions:

