



News and Events, March 2025 Edition

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

March is here, and that means that Spring is just around the corner. The big contests this month are the ARRL DX SSB and the WPX SSB contests. Now is the time to get your microphones dusted off, and to get your transmit audio sounding as good as possible. This is also the best time to figure out how to use any automated voice-keying technology. My experience is that trying to get everything working immediately before the starting bell can be quite frustrating, if not downright aggravating. Better to test our stations well in advance, so that we have time to calmly troubleshoot and solve any remaining problems.

We are sorry to report the loss of Willard Sitton W4HZD, who passed away recently. Willard was a long-time TCG member, and also played a major role as a the Volunteer Examiner. He helped to get many new hams licensed and current hams upgraded. Willard also served in the United States Navy, and was a regular at the SEDCO/W4DXCC event. He will be remembered mostly for his is kind and helpful spirit, and the encouragement that he gave to new members of our hobby.

It's time now to think about future leadership for the the TCG. Your current officers have enjoyed serving you for the past two years, but it's time to turn the page once again and look towards the future. Some contest clubs choose to retain the same leadership year after year. That can provide a sense of continuity and stability. Other clubs periodically change leadership. Change can be painful sometimes, but it can also bring fresh ideas to help fight stagnation, the insidious enemy of many organizations.

TCG has chosen the latter path of electing new officers periodically. While we have frequently "recycled" officers from the past, we are always looking for new ideas and fresh blood to keep this club active and viable.

Quoting directly from our constitution:

- 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.

We hope that you will give some thought to TCG leadership for the next year. If you are looking for a way to give back to contesting, serving as a club officer is a great way to do it. If you or someone you know might be interested in helping the TCG, please give it some serious consideration.

73, —Kirk K4RO TCG President



CONTEST ACTIVITY

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

British Columbia QSO Party 2025 Feb 1																	
Single OpCW HP																	
Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	CW	Mults	Ph	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club				
K3IE				57	0		48	0	00:12		11,024	TCG					
AC4G				18	0		18	0	1		1,296	TCG					
NS4X				16	0		14	0	1		916	TCG					
W4NZ				17	0		13	0	1		904	TCG					
AF4T				14	0		13	0	1.8		748	TCG					
Single OpCW LP																	
Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	CW	Mults	Ph	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club				
W4CMG				9	0		9	0	00:30		324	TCG					
AD4EB				3	0		3	0	0:15		18	TCG					
Single OpMixed LP																	
Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	CW	Mults	Ph	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club				
WV4AM				13	1		13	0	1		722	TCG					
W4UT				4	3		4	3	00:15		154	TCG					
Single OpSSB LP																	
Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	CW	Mults	Ph	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club				
WA4JA				0	7		0	7	1		138	TCG					
KR4EE				0	6		0	6			72	TCG					
N4MCC				0	3		0	2	1		16	TCG					
K4DXV				0	2		0	2	00:02		8	TCG					
Mexico RTTY International Contest 2025 Feb 1																	
Single Op HP																	
Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club										
W4GKM	SO2R		63	13	1	50,197	TCG										
AA4DD			250	71	10	45,298	TCG										
AF4T			62	22	4.01	3,322	TCG										
Single Op LP																	
Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club										
WN8Y			84	241	7	11,327	TCG										
N4MCC			60	16	4	2,610	TCG										
AD4EB			31	13	1	975	TCG										
European Union DX Contest 2025 Feb 1																	
SOABCW HP																	
Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Countries	EU Regions	Op Time	Score	Club						
K3IE				162	0		57	69	3	172,872	TCG						
AD4EB				25	0		18	22	0:40	9,280	TCG						
W4NZ				11	0		10	10	1	2,060	TCG						
SOABCW LP																	
Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Countries	EU Regions	Op Time	Score	Club						
K4KYN				17	0		15	12	1	2,336	TCG						
SOSB/40 HP																	
Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Countries	EU Regions	Op Time	Score	Club						
AF4T				26	0		16	19	1.0	7,556	TCG						
SOSB/40 LP																	
Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Countries	EU Regions	Op Time	Score	Club						
W4CMG				7	0		5	4	1	585	TCG						
Vermont QSO Party 2025 Feb 1																	
Single Op HP																	
Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	CW	Mults	Ph	Mults	Dig	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AF4T				11	3	1		4	2	1	1.8				175	TCG	
AC4G				5	0	0		3	0	0	.5				30	TCG	
AD4EB				3	0	0		3	0	0	0:10				18	TCG	
NS4X				0	4	0		0	3	0	1				12	TCG	
Single Op LP																	
Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	CW	Mults	Ph	Mults	Dig	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K4DXV				5	14	0		5	7	0	1.5				396	TCG	
KE4CMA				0	10	0		0	5	0					75	TCG	
WM4Q				5	0	0		5	0	0	.5				75	TCG	
W4NZ				7	0	0		3	0	0	1				63	TCG	
WV4AM				4	8	0		3	2	0	0.4				55	TCG	
KR4EE				0	8	0		0	5	0					40	TCG	
N4MCC				0	6	0		0	4	0	1				36	TCG	
W4CMG				4	0	0		3	0	0	00:30				36	TCG	
W4UT				2	1	0		2	1	0	00:10				23	TCG	
WA4JA				0	4	0		0	2	0	0.5				8	TCG	
Minnesota QSO Party 2025 Feb 1																	
Single OpCW HP																	
Call	OpMode	Remote	CW-RTTY	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club							
AF4T				10	0	9	1.8	180	TCG								
AC4G				7	0	6	15min	84	TCG								
Single OpCW LP																	
Call	OpMode	Remote	CW-RTTY	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club							
K4AMC				42	0	23	1:34	1,932	TCG								
N9TF				39	0	18	1:32	1,404	TCG								
AD4EB				19	0	13	0:40	494	TCG								
W4CMG				4	0	4	00:30	32	TCG								
K4DXV				2	0	1	00:02	2	TCG								
Single OpMixed HP																	
Call	OpMode	Remote	CW-RTTY	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club							
NS4X				1	6	7	1	98	TCG								
Single OpMixed LP																	
Call	OpMode	Remote	CW-RTTY	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club							
KØEJ				14	6	15	1	510	TCG								
WV4AM				11	1	10	0.5	220	TCG								
KE4CMA				0	9	7		126	TCG								
Single OpSSB LP																	
Call	OpMode	Remote	CW-RTTY	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club							
KR4EE				0	9	8		144	TCG								
N4MCC				0	9	8	1	140	TCG								
WA4JA				0	6	6	1	112	TCG								
Dutch PACC Contest 2025 Feb 8																	
SO CW HP																	
Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	CW	Mults	Ph	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club				
W4NZ				74	0	34	0	3			2,516	TCG					
AD4EB				17	0	14	0	0:20			238	TCG					
SO CW LP																	
Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	CW	Mults	Ph	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club				
K4AMC				29	0	18	0	1:00			522	TCG					
SOSB/CW/40 LP																	
Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	CW	Mults	Ph	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club				
W4CMG				5	0	4	0	00:30			20	TCG					

NA Sprint CW Contest 2025 February

Single Op HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
K4RO	SO2R		347	47	4	16,309	TCG Sprinters
KØEJ			294	46	4	13,524	TCG Sprinters
AD4EB			273	47	4	12,831	TCG Sprinters
W4NZ	SO2R		274	43	4	11,782	TCG Sprinters

Single Op LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
K1GU			210	42	3.6	8,820	TCG Sprinters

Single Op QRP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
WF7T			101	35	2	3,535	TCG

CQ WPX RTTY Contest 2025 Feb 8

SOAB HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
AD4EB	SO2R		1000	581	11	1,636,096	TCG
W4GKM	SO2R		1271	533	23	1,525,446	TCG
NS4X			1075	516	15	1,393,200	TCG
K3IE			352	275	9	314,050	TCG
K4RO			244	175		122,850	TCG
W3TB			252	161	7:50	104,650	TCG
KN4DUA(AC6ZM)			211	150	5	83,100	TCG
AF4T			96	84	4.08	25,778	TCG
K3FH			51	47	2	6,862	TCG

SOAB TB-Wires HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
W3TB			252	161	7:50	104,650	TCG
K3FH			51	47	2	6,862	TCG

SOAB LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
N4MCC			300	193	18:30	153,049	TCG
W4SSF			280	211	14:30	150,654	TCG
K1GU			200	160	4	80,640	TCG
WN8Y			201	155	9	68,975	TCG
K4DXV			81	71	4:58	14,058	TCG
K9QJS			61	55	2	6,710	TCG

SOAB TB-Wires LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
N4MCC			300	193	18:30	153,049	TCG

SOSB/10 QRP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
AC4G			6	6	1/2	102	TCG

SOSB/10 Classic QRP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
AC4G			6	6	1/2	102	TCG

SOSB/15 HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Prefixes	Op Time	Score	Club
WG4R(K4EA)			1000	661	25	1,626,060	TCG

ARRL DX Contest, CW 2025 Feb 15

M/S LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N4SS(@W5MX)			3056	471	46	4,309,650	TCG

SOAB HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W4UT			340	157	7.5	160,140	TCG
W6UB			131	13493	6	40,170	TCG
K9QJS			22	19	1	1,254	TCG

SOAB Limited-Ant HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K9QJS			22	19	1	1,254	TCG

SOAB LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
KØEJ	SO2R		2982	406	40	3,632,076	TCG
AC4G			629	247	16.25	466,089	TCG
N2JF			417	1251	5	266,463	TCG
W4SSF			316	191	14:00	181,068	TCG
W3TB			287	129	7:07	111,069	TCG
K4KYN			224	145	12	99,466	TCG
KQ4E			204	107	4	65,484	TCG
K4DXV			150	125	5:54	56,250	TCG
K4AMC			160	70	2:41	33,600	TCG

SOAB Limited-Ant LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
KQ4E			204	107	4	65,484	TCG
K4DXV			150	125	5:54	56,250	TCG

SOAB QRP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W9WI			131	93	10	36,549	TCG

SOUAB HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K1GU			1169	411	19	1,440,144	TCG
W4NZ			641	350	15	673,050	TCG
K3IE			424	239	5	304,008	TCG
NS4X			481	201	6	290,043	TCG
K3FH			45	34	2	4,590	TCG

SOUAB Limited-Ant HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K3FH			45	34	2	4,590	TCG

SOUAB LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W4CMG			512	239	21:23	365,670	TCG
N9TF			486	221	18:13	322,218	TCG
WM4Q			183	181	8	98,826	TCG
WØAG			148	115	6	50,715	TCG

SOUAB Limited-Ant LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W4CMG			512	239	21:23	365,670	TCG
N9TF			486	221	18:13	322,218	TCG
WØAG			148	115	6	50,715	TCG

CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB 2025 Feb 21

Single Op HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	State/Prov	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
W4KW			325	36	5	6:31	29,233	TCG
AC4G			86	28	2	2.5	5,790	TCG
AA4DD			71	29	0	2	4,727	TCG
AC6ZM(@W2/SUMMIT)		x	39	18	5	1	2,852	TCG
KØEJ			20	14	0	1	686	TCG
AF4T			15	12	0	1	432	TCG

Single Op LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	State/Prov	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
AD4EB			21	14	0	0:30	630	TCG

Single Op Assisted LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	State/Prov	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
WV4AM			92	29	1	1h 44m	5,771	TCG

North American QSO Party, RTTY 2025 February

Single Op LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
AC6ZM			510	154	10	78,540	DEEP DIXIE CC TEAM MAGNOLIA
WK9M			278	123	7	34,194	TCG
W3TB			153	77	3:33	11,781	TCG DIGITS
N4MCC			122	65	5	7,930	TCG DIGITS
K1GU			109	63	1.9	6,867	TCG
K4DXV			100	55	4:40	5,500	TCG DIGITS
WN8Y			69	69	8	4,761	TCG DIGITS
AF4T			73	53	2.08	3,869	TCG
KØEJ			60	37	1	2,220	TCG DIGITS

Single Op Assisted LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
K4EA	SO2R		445	178	8.5	79,210	TCG
AD4EB	2BSIQ		450	169	5	76,050	TCG CIPHERS
K4HWS			366	154	10	56,364	TCG CIPHERS
NS4X			304	113	5	34,352	TCG
WV4AM			100	52		5,200	TCG
K3FH			63	38	2.3	2,394	TCG CIPHERS

South Carolina OSO Party 2025 Feb 22

Single Op FixedCW HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	CW	Mults	Ph	Mults	Dig	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AC6ZM			2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00:30	258	TCG

Single Op FixedCW LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	CW	Mults	Ph	Mults	Dig	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
WM4Q			25	0	0	22	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	2,700	TCG	
W4CMG			25	0	0	23	0	0	1:22	0	0	1,150	0	0	1,150	TCG	
AD4EB			10	0	0	10	0	0	0:15	0	0	450	0	0	450	TCG	

Single Op FixedMixed LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	CW	Mults	Ph	Mults	Dig	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W4NZ			33	7	0	27	33	0	2:24	0	0	4,590	0	0	4,590	TCG	

Single Op FixedSSB LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	CW	Mults	Ph	Mults	Dig	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
NG4V			0	44	0	0	36	0	4.5	0	0	3,168	0	0	3,168	TCG	
WA4JA			0	14	0	0	11	0	2	0	0	808	0	0	808	TCG	
W4KW			0	15	0	0	11	0	1:00	0	0	330	0	0	330	TCG	

North Carolina QSO Party 2025 Feb 23

SO CW HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AC6ZM			103	0	0	36	4:13	11,174	TCG			

SO CW LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AD4EB			61	0	0	30	1	5,540	TCG			
W3TB			33	0	0	25	1:00	2,525	TCG			
WM4Q			30	0	0	21	3	1,940	TCG			
W4CMG			20	0	0	18	1	1,130	TCG			

SO Mixed HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
NS4X			46	14	0	34	1	5,694	TCG			

SO Mixed LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
WV4AM			171	80	0	78	3h 41m	52,544	TCG			
W4NZ			96	12	0	51	4:28	15,912	TCG			
KØEJ			17	8	0	21	1	1,457	TCG			

SO SSB HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W4KW			0	10	0	8	0:20	160	TCG			

SO SSB LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AI4DB			0	77	0	40	6,260	TCG				
WA4JA			0	15	0	11	1	330	TCG			
WN8Y			0	13	0	12	1	312	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.

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W4UT – Ron Duncan

I grew up in southeastern Tennessee and I've been interested in radio for as long as I can remember. I was stringing antenna wire in trees when I was in the 5th grade and while in high school a friend introduced me to ham radio. My friend and I got our novice tickets in 1964. I used a home brew transmitter with a Hallicrafters receiver & I grew to love CW. My original call sign was WN4ANB. I became WB4ANB while studying at UT. My friend from high school and I discovered the FCC came to Knoxville twice a year to administer exams. After graduating from college I found myself immersed in my career and life in general. I was only able to get on the air occasionally when time permitted. In those days when I was able to operate I usually chose CW over any other mode. My first "modern" commercial radio was a Kenwood TS-530 and I remember ordering it in the mid 1980's from a dealer in Alabama. In those days accessories such as microphones weren't included with the radio. The dealer asked me if I wanted to order a microphone with the radio. I politely told him that I didn't want a microphone because I only operated CW.

Although I wasn't able to operate much in those days, I did manage to make a trip to the FCC in Atlanta where I upgraded to Extra. I think this was in the late 1980's or early 90's Fast forward to 2009 when I was introduced to contesting by a friend. I found contesting to be addictive and extreme fun. I soon joined the Tennessee Contest Group (TCG). I found that the folks in the TCG and really most all contesters are a close group of friends and many of them choose CW over any other mode.

I am now retired and recently my wife and I relocated to a mountain above Pikeville Tennessee. The bands are free of any man-made noise and operating is a real pleasure! I hope to catch everyone on the air soon.

Ron, W4UT

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DUES & MEMBERSHIP & NEW MEMBERS

No new members logged in February! 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.

Remember that club dues are due NOW! Are you up-do-date with your dues? Do you need help navigating the HamClubOnline (<https://secure.hamclubonline.com/>) ? Pop us a message via the TCG Google Group (<https://groups.google.com/u/1/g/tcg1>) and we can assist!

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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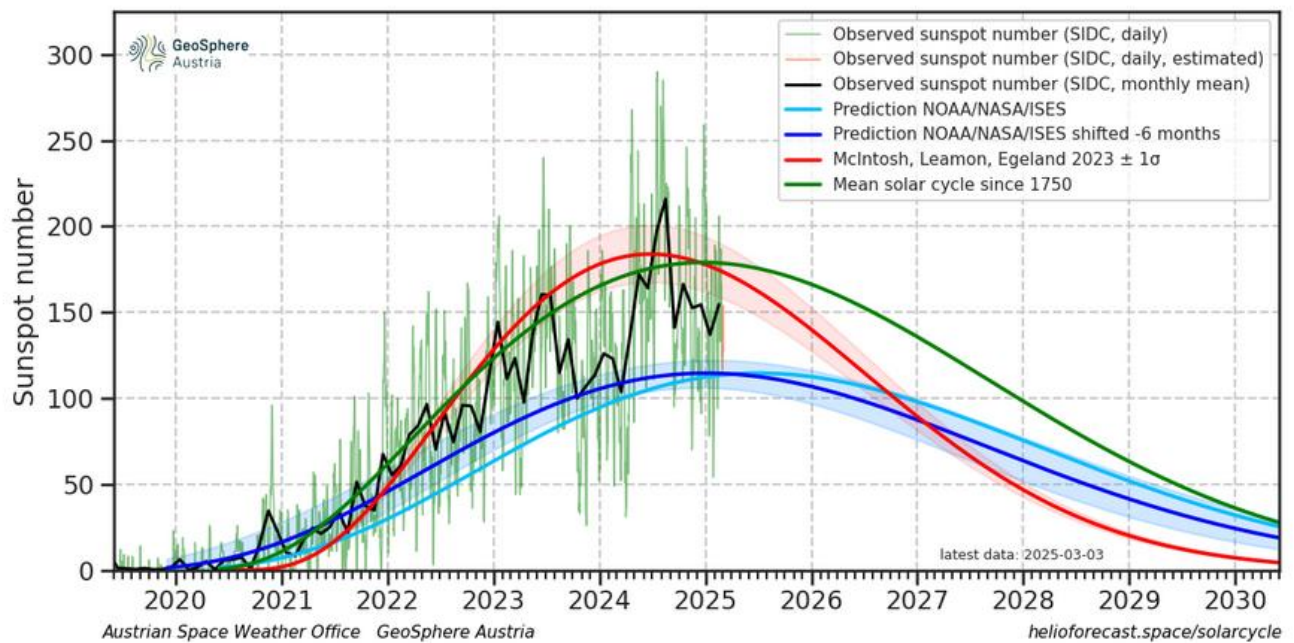
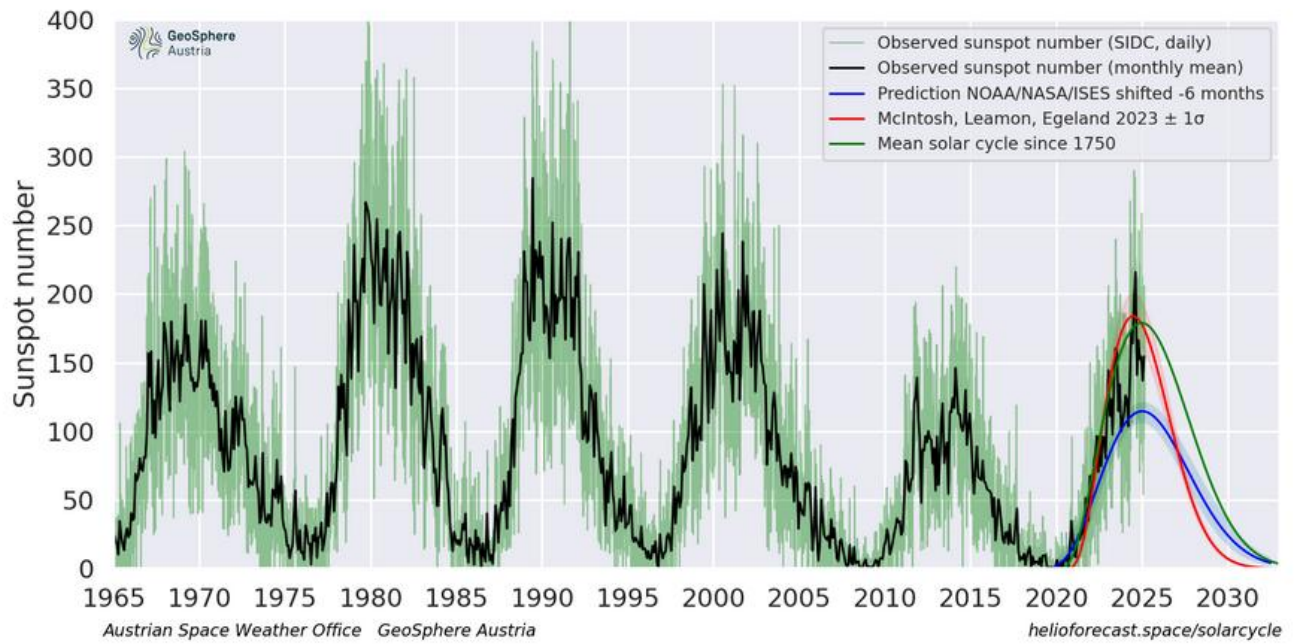
UPCOMING CONTESTS

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 AD4EB for this list, and to Ted W4NZ for administering the TCG Most Radioactive Award.

March 1, 2025 ARRL International DX Contest, SSB
March 8, 2025 Idaho QSO Party
March 8, 2025 Oklahoma QSO Party
March 8, 2025 Stew Perry Topband Challenge-Mar
March 9, 2025 North American Sprint, RTTY Mar
March 9, 2025 Wisconsin QSO Party
March 15, 2025 BARTG HF RTTY Contest
March 15, 2025 Russian DX Contest
March 15, 2025 Virginia QSO Party
March 23, 2025 North American Sprint SSB Contest, Spring
March 30, 2025 CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB

April 5, 2025 EA RTTY Contest
April 5, 2025 SP DX Contest
April 5, 2025 Louisiana QSO Party
April 5, 2025 Missouri QSO Party
April 5, 2025 Mississippi QSO Party
April 12, 2025 Georgia QSO Party
April 12, 2025 New Mexico QSO Party
April 12, 2025 IG-RY World Wide RTTY Contest
April 12, 2025 North Dakota QSO Party
April 18, 2025 Holy Land DX Contest
April 19, 2025 CQMM DX Contest
April 19, 2025 Michigan QSO Party
April 19, 2025 Nebraska QSO Party
April 19, 2025 Ontario QSO Party
April 26, 2025 SP DX RTTY Contest
April 26, 2025 Florida QSO Party
April 26, 2025 Helvetia Contest
April 27, 2025 BARTG Sprint 75

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