



News and Events, November 2024 Edition

WRTC TENT SPONSORSHIP

We are still seeking contributions to sponsor an operator tent in WRTC2026. As we have in several previous WRTC events, we do plan to donate the approximately \$1200 needed. This is a major event with plenty of international exposure. As TCG has grown, both in size, in scores, and in notoriety, it is appropriate we continue to give back something to the hobby. Our Fearless Leader Kirk would like to make the presentation to WRTC leadership in person while at K3LR for CQWW CW, so we need your contributions now. We already have nearly \$800 contributed or pledged so please consider adding to it. You can do it either via PayPal to tcgtreasury53@gmail.com or via check to our treasurer, Mark Speck (QRZ.com address good) and indicate WRTC Tent in the memo line. In addition to the tent, TCG will also likely be sending volunteers to England to support the event. Thanks for your support of this significant club project.



CONTEST ACTIVITY

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

Oceania DX Contest, Phone 2024

SOSB/10 LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
AC4G			25	19	2		1,425	TCG

Arizona QSO Party 2024

SOCW HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	CW	Mults	Ph	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
AC6ZM				1376	0			22	0	1			1,376	TCG
AA4DD				18	0			11	0	2			496	TCG
AD4EB				10	0			8	0	0:08			160	TCG

SOCW LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	CW	Mults	Ph	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
W4CMG				14	0			12	0	01:15			436	TCG
KT4RH				9	0			9	0	1			262	TCG

SOMixed LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	CW	Mults	Ph	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
NS4X				8	7			7	5	1			376	TCG

SOSSB LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	CW	Mults	Ph	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
A14DB				0	19			0	13	2			347	TCG

Makrothen RTTY Contest 2024

SO/Multi Xcvr HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Op	Time	Score	Club
NS4X			184	4		1,029,928	TCG

SO/Single Xcvr HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Op	Time	Score	Club
AC6ZM			386	12		1,598,350	TCG
W4GKM			263	5:40		1,068,693	TCG
AA4DD			225	8		1,015,270	TCG
W3TB			123	3:09		330,510	TCG
AD4EB			60	1		228,088	TCG

SO/Single Xcvr LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Op	Time	Score	Club
N9TF			310	11:37		1,353,456	TCG
WN8Y			202	10		894,256	TCG
A14DB			145	9		533,696	TCG
K1GU			37	1.4		261,955	TCG



Nevada QSO Party 2024

SOCW HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
AC6ZM				8	0	0	6	1				144	TCG

SOCW LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
W4CMG				4	0	0	4	00:30				48	TCG
AC4G				1	0	0	1	15 min				3	TCG

SOMixed HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
AA4DD				7	2	0	6	1				150	TCG
AD4EB				2	1	0	3	0:41				24	TCG
NS4X				2	1	0	3	10				24	TCG

SOSSB LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
AI4DB				0	7	0	7	0.5				98	TCG

Pennsylvania QSO Party 2024

SOCW HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
AC6ZM				95	0	36	4			7,040	TCG
W6UB				31	0	31	1.6			3,813	TCG
W3TB				20	0	15	0:29			800	TCG

SOCW LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
W4XK				72	0	35	3.8			5,240	TCG
W4CMG				47	0	24	02:40			2,656	TCG
N9TF				50	0	26	2:30			2,600	TCG
K4AMC				44	0	25	2:00			2,200	TCG
W4NZ				16	0	12	.5			584	TCG
KT4RH				12	0	10	1			440	TCG
K4RO				12	0	10	00:30			240	TCG
AC4G				9	0	7	30 min			126	TCG

SOMixed HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
K3FH				180	24	82	5			31,688	TCG
AD4EB				45	5	26	1.5			2,470	TCG

SOSSB LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
NG4V				0	11	11	1			121	TCG

Worked All Germany Contest 2024

SO CW HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	SSB	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
K3IE	SO2R			259	0	88	5			68,376	TCG
AC6ZM				80	0	34	2			8,160	TCG
K1GU				59	0	40	2			7,080	TCG

SO CW LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	SSB	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
AD4EB/M				67	0	33	2			6,633	TCG
W4CMG				23	0	18	01:30			1,242	TCG

SO SSB LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	SSB	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
WA4JA				0	8	8	1			192	TCG

Oceania DX Contest, CW 2024

SOAB HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
N8UM			16	14	3		924	TCG
AD4EB			5	5	0:05		65	TCG

Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB

SOAB HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
AD4EB			11	11	0:10		121	TCG

SOAB LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
WN8Y			12	11	10		132	TCG

South Dakota QSO Party 2024

SO FixedCW HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
AC6ZM				1	0	1	1			102	TCG

SO FixedCW LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
W4CMG				3	0	3	00:30			18	TCG

SO FixedMixed HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
AD4EB				3	2	5	0:17			140	TCG

SO FixedSSB LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
AI4DB				0	6	3	1			118	TCG

Stew Perry Topband Challenge

Single Op HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Op	Time	Score	Club
AA4DD			52	2		101	TCG
WM4Q			2	.1		7	TCG

Single Op LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Op	Time	Score	Club
N9TF			126	7		388	TCG
WF7T			73	2.75		220	TCG
AF4T			89	2.53		170	TCG
W4CMG			15	00:35		72	TCG

Single Op QRP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Op	Time	Score	Club
KEØL			63	3		342	TCG



New York QSO Party 2024

SO MobileCW LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
AD4EB/M				45	0	0	12	1.5	2,070	TCG			

SOCW HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
AC6ZM				123	0	0	40	3:30	9,840	TCG			
W3TB				70	0	0	34	2:20	4,760	TCG			
K1GU				30	0	0	16	1	960	TCG			

SOCW LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
K4AMC				104	0	0	41	3:12	8,528	TCG			
W4CMG				36	0	0	20	01:47	1,440	TCG			
KT4RH				26	0	0	17	2	884	TCG			
K4VIG				14	0	0	10	.3	280	TCG			
WM4Q				2	0	0	2	.1	8	TCG			

SOCW YL LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
W4CMG				36	0	0	20	01:47	1,440	TCG			

SOMixed LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
WV4AM				72	41	0	43		7,955	TCG			

SOMixed Youth LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
WV4AM				72	41	0	43		7,955	TCG			

SOSSB LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Dig	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
WA4JA				0	12	0	12	1.5	144	TCG			

Illinois QSO Party 2024

Fixed HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW-Dig	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
AC6ZM				53	0	27	1:10	2,862	TCG		
NS4X				28	0	24	1	1,344	TCG		
K4VIG				23	0	17	.5	782	TCG		

Fixed LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW-Dig	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
K4AMC				91	0	44	2:40	8,008	TCG		
KT4RH				64	12	32	4.5	4,416	TCG		
W4CMG				53	0	30	01:30	3,180	TCG		
WA4JA				0	23	18	2	414	TCG		

Mobile LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW-Dig	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
AD4EB				1440	0	77	8	221,760	TCG		

Non-IL HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW-Dig	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
W6UB				19	0	14	.63	532	TCG		

Non-IL LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW-Dig	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
N9TF				109	22	55	4.5	13,200	TCG		
WV4AM				35	30	37		3,663	TCG		

California QSO Party 2024 Oct 5

SO HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
KØEJ		SO2R		321	386	58	15	100,630	TCG		
K4VIG				60	0	34	1.5	6,120	TCG		
W6UB				42	0	31	2	3,813	TCG		
WØAG				42	0	28		3,528	TCG		

SO LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
K4AMC				221	0	51	5:46	33,813	TCG		
K4KYN				155	0	51	12	23,562	TCG		
KT4RH				143	0	47	6.5	20,163	TCG		
AI4DB				0	107	33	4.5	8,774	TCG		
AJ6T				41	5	26	1:56	3,458	TCG		
W4UT				26	0	21	.5	1,638	TCG		
W4BJB				0	31	24	3	1,488	TCG		
AC4G				0	21	17	1	731	TCG		

SO(A) HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
NR4L		x		460	615	58	23	151,380	TCG		
AC6ZM				381	67	57	16	72,447	TCG		
K4EA				258	118	55	7	55,550	TCG		
N8UM				332	0	53	8	52,788	TCG		
K3IE				159	73	46	6	28,658	TCG		
K1GU				175	0	45	3.7	23,625	TCG		
NS4X				132	22	46	3	20,240	TCG		
K4RO				136	1	50	2:47	19,350	TCG		

SO(A) YL HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
NR4L		x		460	615	58	23	151,380	TCG		

SO(A) LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
WF7T				125	0	44	2.75	16,500	TCG		
W4CMG				118	0	40	6	14,160	TCG		
N9TF				110	0	40	3:35	13,300	TCG		
AD4EB				89	0	33	1	8,811	TCG		
KW4JAM				72	0	31	8	6,696	TCG		
WM4Q				48	0	36	1	5,184	TCG		
WA4JA				0	30	23	2	1,380	TCG		

SO(A) Youth LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Mults	Op	Time	Score	Club
KW4JAM				72	0	31	8	6,696	TCG		

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB 2024

M/S HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Zones	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
NJ4P		x	3224	150	536	47:56	6,165,082	TCG

SO(A)AB HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Zones	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
AD4EB			2007	133	443	34	3,313,152	TCG
K3IE			1820	126	402	30	2,751,408	TCG
K4RO			1470	137	439	24	2,397,312	TCG
NS4X			425	69	190	6	313,131	TCG
KEØL			222	76	207	9	165,555	TCG
W4NZ			90	17	80	1.5	25,802	TCG
W4SDX			96	32	52	2	20,748	TCG

SO(A)AB LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Zones	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
N9TF			377	63	167	16:15	247,250	TCG
N4MCC			306	64	167	17:10	193,578	TCG
AI4DB			221	54	119	13	102,589	TCG
WN8Y			110	29	66	15	29,830	TCG
WM4Q			6	6	6	:10	204	TCG

SO(A)SB10 HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Zones	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
K4BP			275	25	82		85,707	TCG

SO(A)SB10 LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Zones	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
WF7T			965	32	122	26.5	430,430	TCG

SO(A)SB20 HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Zones	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
K3FH			24	6	17	0.3	1,633	TCG

SOAB HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Zones	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
KØEJ	SO2R		2820	134	407	38	4,313,934	TCG
KA4OTB			165	21	51	6	32,850	TCG

SOAB LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Zones	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
WV4AM			785	68	247	10	703,710	TCG
KT4RH			65	32	50	5	14,186	TCG
K4KYN			41	13	35	4.5	6,322	TCG
WA4JA			8	6	8	.5	252	TCG

SOAB Classic LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Zones	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
K4KYN			41	13	35	4.5	6,322	TCG
WA4JA			8	6	8	.5	252	TCG

SOAB Youth LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Zones	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
WV4AM			785	68	247	10	703,710	TCG

SOSB10 QRP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Zones	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
AC4G			486	29	91	28	164,760	TCG

SOSB10 Classic QRP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Zones	Countries	Op Time	Score	Club
AC4G			486	29	91	28	164,760	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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K3IE – Hunter Mills

I grew up outside of Philadelphia PA and got my ham ticket in the mid-70's. My dad was the 3rd generation owner of our family business – a heating and air conditioning company serving metropolitan Philly. My great-grandfather started the company in 1901 by delivering coal and ice to Philadelphia businesses via horsedrawn wagons. A ham who installed and maintained the 2-way radios in our company trucks introduced my dad (WA3ZRB SK) to amateur radio while I was in middle school. My dad got his Advanced Class ticket but spent most of the time on a local 2-meter repeater. My interest in the hobby did not start until my dad, at the encouragement of a couple of ham friends, brought home a Drake C-Line and strung a 40-meter dipole up in our backyard. I started tuning around with HF rig and was hearing stations as far as Texas (hi) and the Caribbean – I was hooked!

I was introduced to Joe Welch K3CT (SK) through my dad's group of ham radio friends. Joe was the Philadelphia FCC Amateur Radio supervisor, and he became my Elmer. Joe taught me Morse code, which is my preferred mode to this day. He helped me pass my Extra exam in 1977 at the age of 15 and my CW preference led me to select my vanity callsign K3IE "dit-dit dit". I was "all-in". The backyard wire antenna

was replaced with 25 ft of Rohn 25 and a Hy-Gain 2 element tri-bander. A trap dipole was atop the roof line of our suburban ranch house. Next came the Drake L4B amp and I was soon wreaking havoc among the neighbors' TVs and stereos! I got to know our next-door neighbor, Mr. White, very well during those formative years. He was not amused hearing "Kay Three Italy Echo" through his Hi-Fi set. Fortunately, I learned about RF Filtering (hi). We swapped the Drake C-Line for a CW-centric rig, the TenTec Triton IV. Solar Cycle 21 was just starting to crank and the bands were "hot" during my high school and college years (Northeast QTH also helped LOL). I concentrated on DXing and hung out on the low end of 10/15/20 meters.

My QSL bureau activity was noticed by the 3-land QSL director, Jesse Beiberman W3KT (SK). Jesse reached out to me and invited me to a Frankford Radio Club meeting. He said the club was always looking for CW ops and encouraged me to give contesting "a try". I was not familiar with radiosport but it took just one club visit and I became an FRC member and multi-oped during my college years and the late 80's at Jim Berger K3II.

Work brought me to The South (Birmingham AL) in 1994 and we have lived in the SEC ever since. We relocated to Nashville in 2012 and I joined TCG in 2017. I am very thankful to be part of this club and its vibrant membership. Contesting comprises the majority of my band activity.

Current working conditions are the Flex-line (6600/TGXL Auto Tuner/PGXL Amp), Yaesu FTDX101D, 40 ft tower (Rohn 55G) w/ Skyhawk Tribander and Mosely Shorty-Forty, and various wire antenna (the XYL calls it my "Trapeze of Wires"). I hope to see you on the bands. Chances are I will, because as my non-ham XYL sarcastically comments, "There's a contest EVERY weekend!".



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DUES & MEMBERSHIP & NEW MEMBERS

TCG received an anonymous donation from one of our members. \$50 was designated towards TCG sponsorship of an operating tent during WRTC 2026 and the remaining \$200 to support new membership. After discussion among the TCG officers and membership, a consensus was reached that we would support recruitment efforts by offering free membership for the first year to new members. Based on this input, 23 invitations to join were sent out. 21 were to TN hams who made it into the K4TCG Tennessee QSO Party log and submitted logs, and the other 2 were specific recommendations made by TCG members. So far 5 have accepted the invitation.

A big TCG “welcome” to Jill KR4EE. If current members would like to nominate new members, please e-mail K0EJ (mark.speck.k0ej@gmail.com) so an invite can be sent out.

Are you up-do-date with your dues? Do you need help navigating the HamClubOnline? Pop us a message via the 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.

November 2, 2024	ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW
November 9, 2024	OK/OM DX Contest, CW
November 9, 2024	WAE DX Contest, RTTY
November 10, 2024	North American Sprint SSB Contest, Nov
November 16, 2024	ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB
November 16, 2024	LZ DX Contest
November 23, 2024	CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW
December 6, 2024	ARRL 160-Meter Contest
December 7, 2024	FT Roundup
December 14, 2024	ARRL 10-Meter Contest
December 21, 2024	OK DX RTTY Contest
December 28, 2024	RAC Winter Contest – Dec
December 28, 2024	Stew Perry Topband Challenge-Dec

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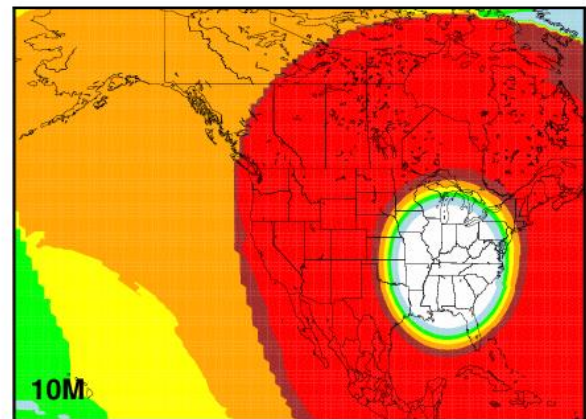
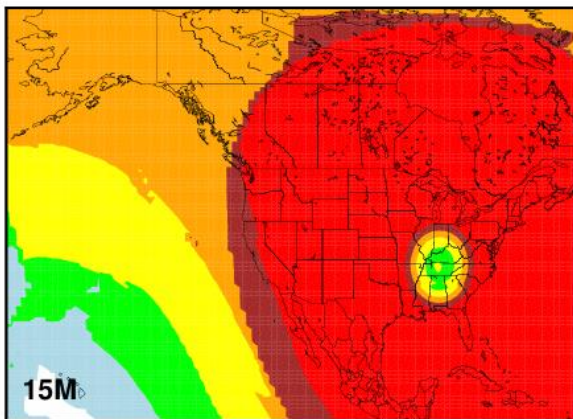
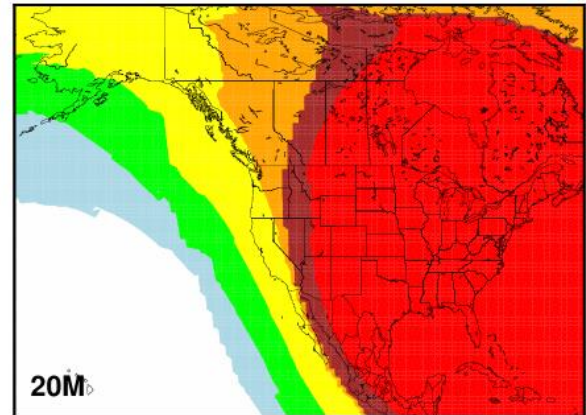
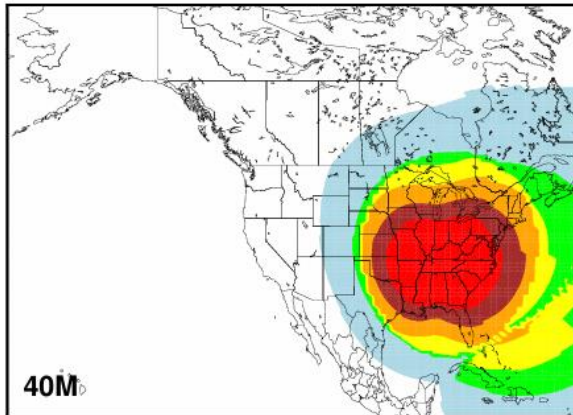
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Starting at 2100Z, you can see that 20 is money, with 15 looking just as good. Ten might produce VI and PR early, and maybe even the tough VE mults.

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Twenty certainly seems the place to be at the starting bell. It can be mayhem, but at this point in the solar cycle people may stretch out a bit onto 15 and even ten. The conventional wisdom for sweepstakes (“if you are on 10, then you are losing”) might be proven wrong this year. That said...TWENTY. And FIFTEEN!

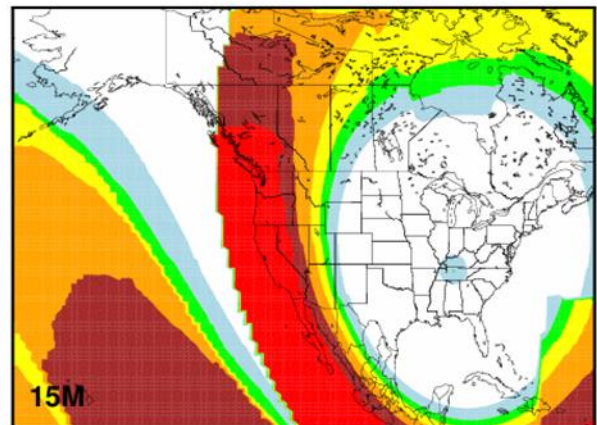
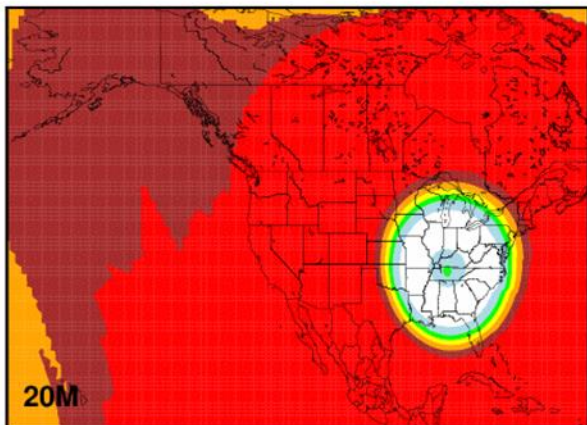
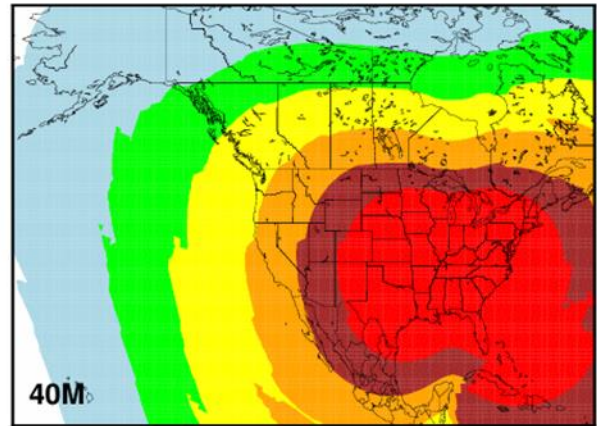
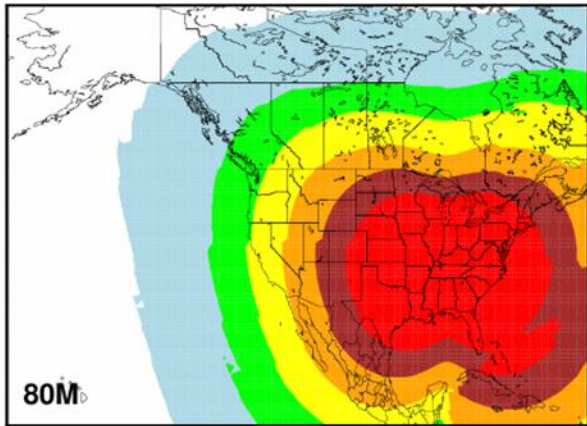
The second radio will be busy!

At 0300Z, 80 and 40 are into the prairie. 20 is long and strong.

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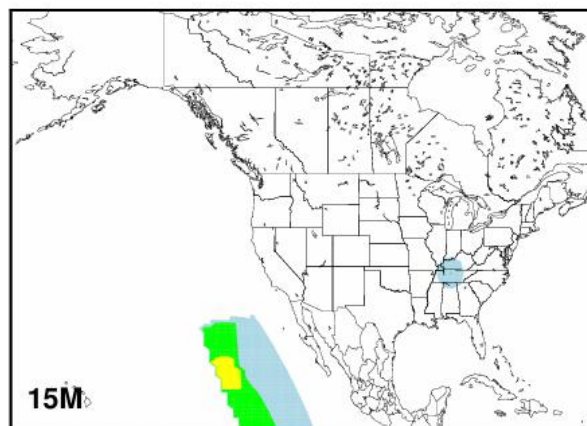
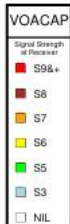
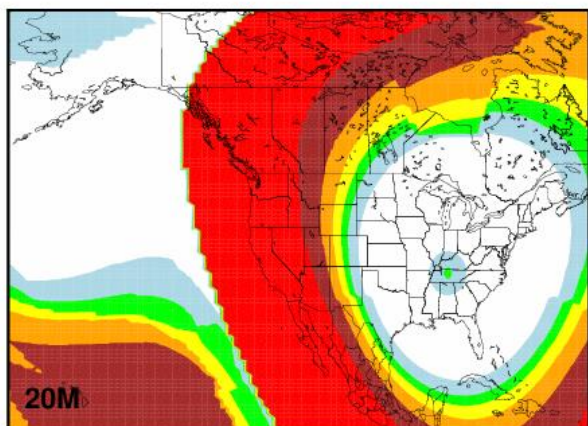
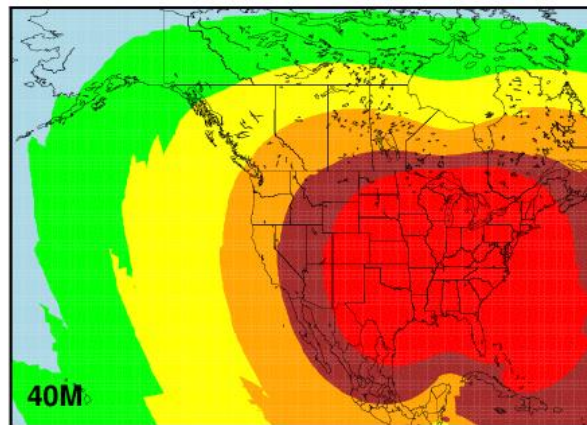
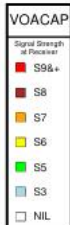
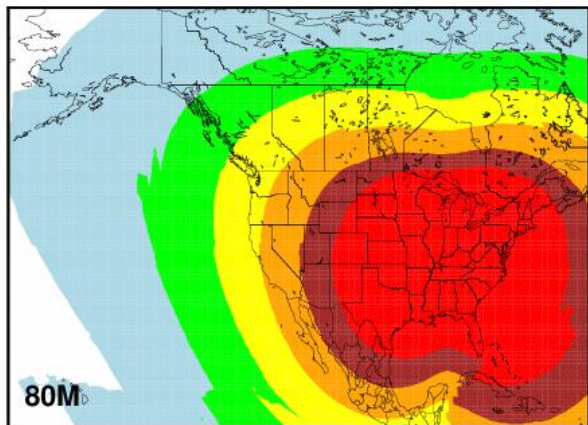
Like I mentioned above...TWENTY! But I like to start camping out on 40 by 4PM on my second radio to avoid the rush, but it will be hard to pull away from TWENTY! It will start going long by 0600Z, but might still have some contacts available. Eighty and 40 are going strong until the wee-hours.

80 and 40 are your bands through 0900Z (why are you still awake?). Twenty might still produce some west coast mults.

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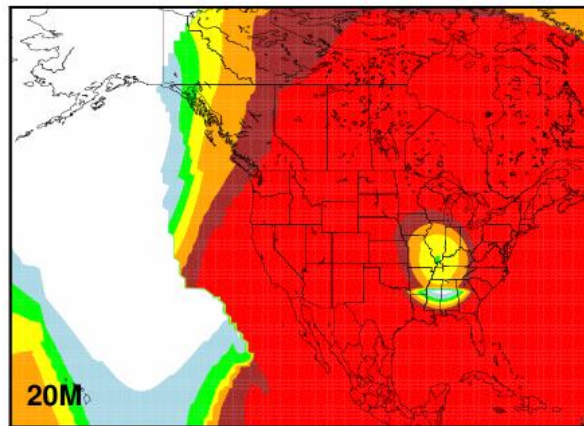
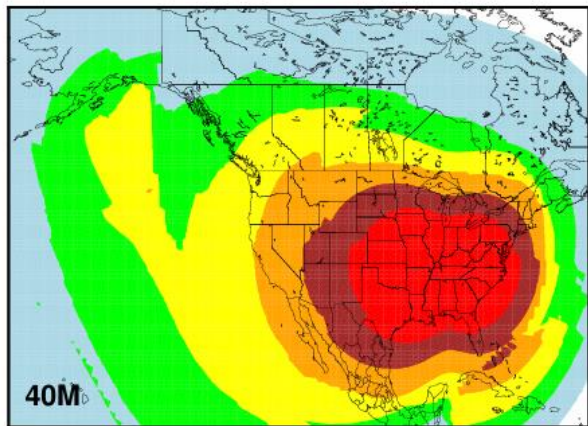


1300Z, daybreak! Predawn and after 80 and 40 can be very productive. Twenty comes alive!

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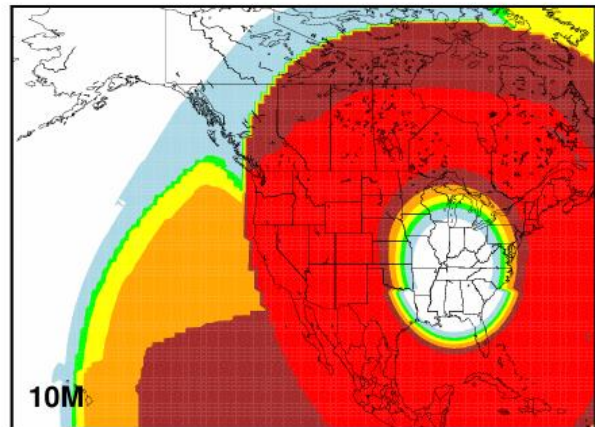
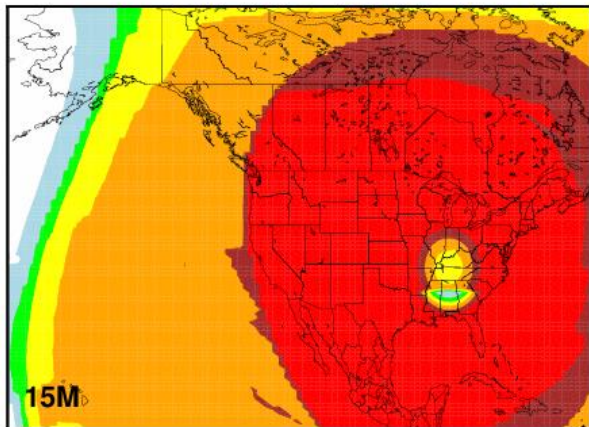
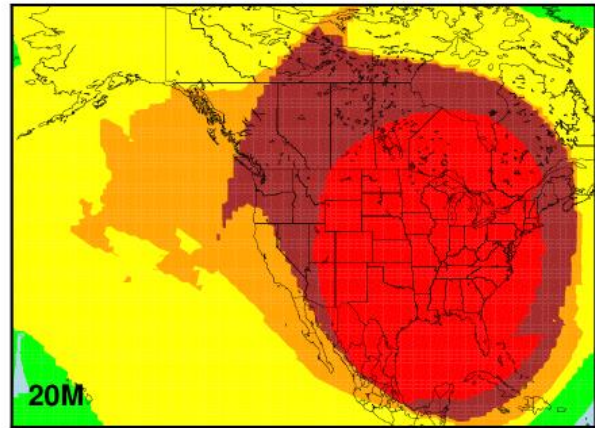
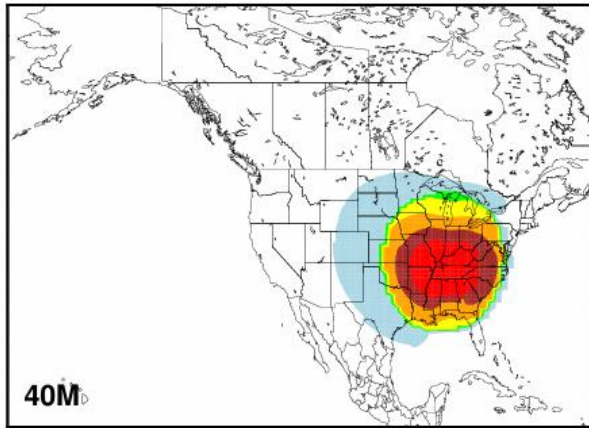


By 1600Z, the high bands are rocking and rolling again.

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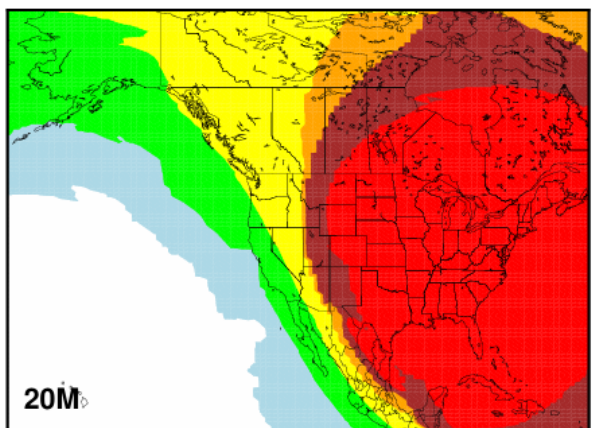
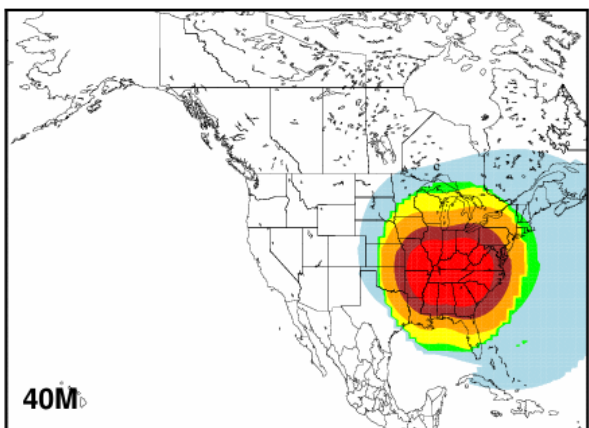


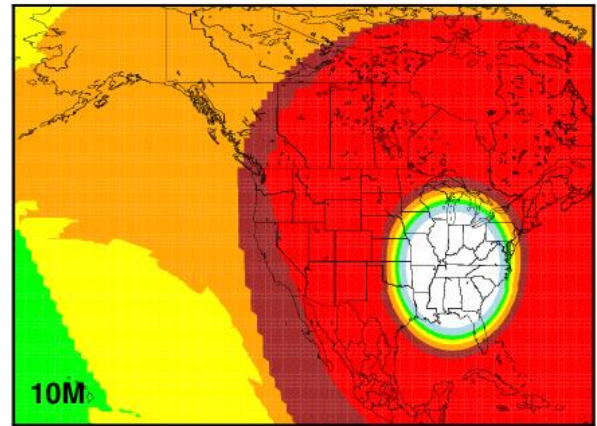
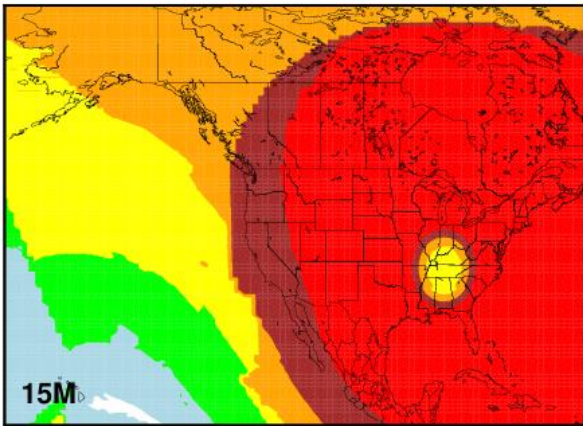
By 2000Z, things are still cruising along on the high-bands

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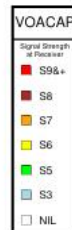
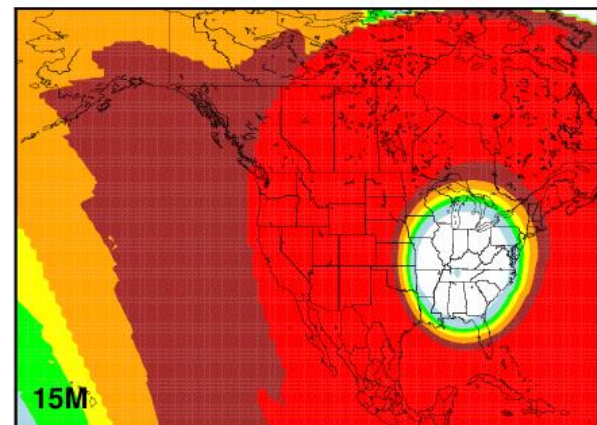
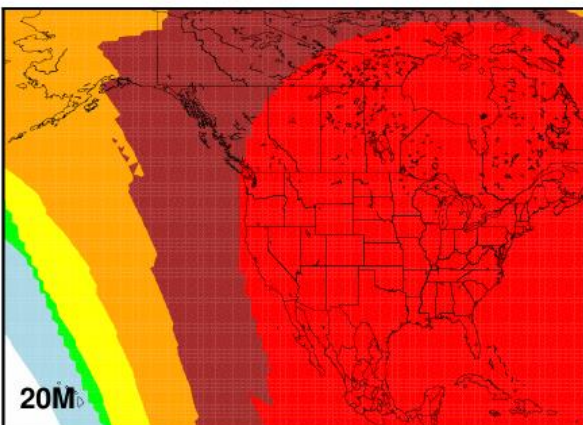
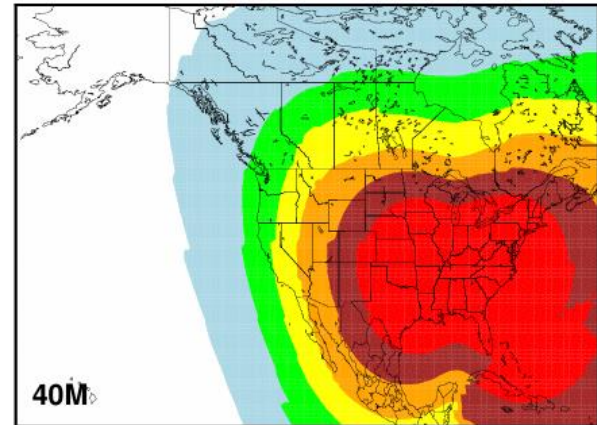
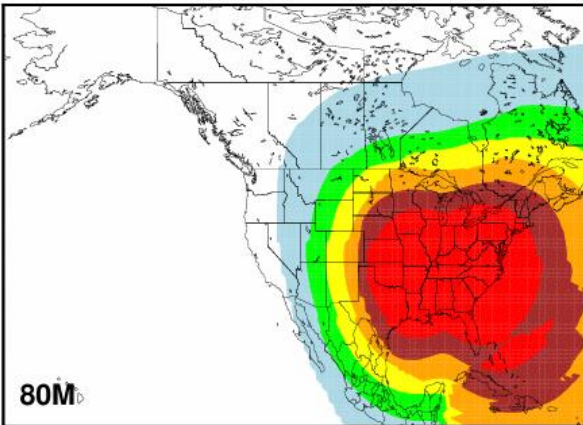


0000Z is looking good on 80-15M

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These are certainly just models, but I find the visualizations help to understand the art of the possible. This Sweepstakes weekend, barring any solar disturbances, promises to be a fun one!

73 — Brad WF7T

