

#### News and Events, December 2025 Edition

#### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Welcome to the final TCG newsletter for 2025. November of course was the big month for CW contest fanatics. With the CW running of Sweepstakes to start the month, then the CQ World Wide to finish it off, there was something for everyone. I have really enjoyed reading the post contest stories from everyone following the events.

Some Big Time fun was had this month. Front and center was the VP2MMA operation put forth by AC6ZM, W4CMG, WK9M, and AD7N. This was the first contest DXPedition for some of the team members, and it sounds like they had a pretty marvelous time on the bands! Multi Ops arguably offer the most fun available in contesting, and TCG salutes the VP2MMA team on their excellent effort. If you have never tried operating from outside of North America during a contest, I can't recommend enough to at least try it once. The Caribbean is not really that far away, and the propagation is on a whole different level. Being the only country multiplier on the air can help generate big pileups too. :-)

I know that I am not alone in my desire to read more post-contest stories. The score is rarely (if ever) as interesting as the effort that it took to make it. So please share with your club members... What unusual and interesting things did you observe or learn during the contest? What might you have done or prepared differently in hindsight? There is something to be learned from every contest experience. A big part of the joy in this game is found through sharing our experiences with other contest ops who, you know, "get it." Only a contest operator can truly understand and appreciate the challenges and joys of this pursuit that we share together. Let's continue to spread that joy, and share our challenges and victories. Contesting has a unique appeal. There's nothing else like it.

On a personal note, I would like to personally thank everyone who supported TCG in 2025 with their contest scores, their newsletter contributions, their hard work and their enthusiasm. Special thanks go to the steady team behind the scenes who keep the wheels of TCG turning. These are the people who do the (sometimes) thankless work behind the scenes to provide an environment to share our passion.

K0EJ our treasurer. W4NZ our Most Radio Active Report manager. W4CMG our Newsletter Editor. W0AG our TN QSO Party manager. AC6ZM our Ham Club Online manager. K3IE our QSL manager. My thanks to AD4EB for his perspective and calm guidance. Finally, let's all give a big tip of the hat to WV4P and NR4L. Ron and Trina have brought tremendous enthusiasm, energy, and skill to our club, not to mention mentoring a host of new operators! Thanks to you both.

I am proud and grateful to be a part of TCG. Thank you for keeping Tennessee Radio Active. Here's to 2026!

-Kirk K4RO TCG President

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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 July:

OK/OM DX Contest, CW 2025

ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW 2025	OK/OM DX Contest, CW 2025	
	SOAB HP	
Single Op LP	Call OpMode Remote QSOs Mults Op Time Score Club	
Call OpMode Remote QSOs Sections Op Time Score Club W9SN 933 85 24 158,610 TCG	AD4EB 105 43 1.5 31,519 TCG	
KM9P(KØEJ) 345 78 5.5 53,820 TCG	W4NZ 64 33 1.5 15,972 TCG	
K4AL x 317 83 14.8 52,622 TCG	W6UB 34 30 2.03 10,200 TCG	
W3TB 303 73 44,238 TCG	W4CMG 8 6 1 408 TCG	
K4RO 260 77 3:49 40,040 TCG	W4CMG 8 8 1 408 ICG	
WV4AM 253 75 7:14 37,950 TCG		
K1GU 187 63 2.5 23,562 TCG K4DXV 20 19 1.0 760 TCG	SOSB/15 HP	
20 19 1.0 760 lCd	Call OpMode Remote QSOs Mults Op Time Score Club	
Single Op Limited-Ant LP	KØEJ 85 24 1 12,240 TCG	
Call OpMode Remote QSOs Sections Op Time Score Club		
KM9P(KØEJ) 345 78 5.5 53,820 TCG		
W3TB 303 73 44,238 TCG	WAE DX Contest, RTTY 2025	
WV4AM 253 75 7:14 37,950 TCG	M/S HP	
K4DXV 20 19 1.0 760 TCG	Call OpMode Remote QSOs QTCs Mults Op Time Score Club	
Single Op QRP	NJ4P x 1787 2199 967 44 3,854,462 TCG	
Call OpMode Remote QSOs Sections Op Time Score Club	2.0. 2222 20. 11 3/35 1/102 100	
K3IE 151 58 3 17,516 TCG	Single Op HP	
	Call OpMode Remote QSOs QTCs Mults Op Time Score Club	
Single Op Limited-Ant QRP	AD4EB SO2R 500 341 353 9 296,873 TCG	
Call OpMode Remote QSOs Sections Op Time Score Club	AA4DD 382 497 326 12 286,554 TCG	
K3IE 151 58 3 17,516 TCG	NS4X 278 297 239 7 137,425 TCG	
SO Unlimited HP	W4SDX 223 326 203 7.5 111,447 TCG	
Call OpMode Remote QSOs Sections Op Time Score Club	WN8Y 299 166 222 25 103,230 TCG	
AD4EB 555 84 7 93,240 TCG	K3FH 26 0 56 1.5 1,456 TCG	
AF4T 472 85 15.50 80,240 TCG		
NS4X 457 84 8 76,776 TCG	Single Op LP	
W4UT 201 84 9 33,768 TCG	Call OpMode Remote QSOs QTCs Mults Op Time Score Club	
AA4DD 113 59 4 13,334 TCG	WV4AM 67 0 92 02:51 6,164 TCG	
SO Unlimited Limited-Ant HP	K4DXV 20 0 36 1:15 720 TCG	
Call OpMode Remote QSOs Sections Op Time Score Club		
AF4T 472 85 15.50 80,240 TCG		
	LZ DX Contest 2025 Nov 22	
SO Unlimited LP	SO CW HP	
Call OpMode Remote QSOs Sections Op Time Score Club	Call OpMode Remote CW Qs Ph Qs Mults Op Time Score Club	
WF7T 778 84 22 130,704 TCG N9TF 523 79 15:41 82,634 TCG	AD4EB SO2R 935 0 121 11 351,747 TCG	
W4CMG 285 81 8:45 46,170 TCG	K3IE 380 0 87 6 110,055 TCG	
WM4Q 104 83 3.5 17,264 TCG	NS4X 104 0 19 2 21,600 TCG	
AC6ZM x 33 28 1:35 1,848 TCG	AA4DD 130 0 13 3 15,007 TCG	
	W6UB 100 0 4 5.53 8,890 TCG	
SO Unlimited Limited-Ant LP	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
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N9TF 523 79 15:41 82,634 TCG W4CMG 285 81 8:45 46,170 TCG	Call OpMode Remote CW Qs Ph Qs Mults Op Time Score Club	
W4CMG 285 81 8:45 46,170 TCG	AC4G 171 0 18 4 29,136 TCG	
	W4CMG 82 0 25 02:30 3,575 TCG	
	W3TB 39 0 2 1:37 2 TCG	
	SO SSB HP	
	Call OpMode Remote CW Qs Ph Qs Mults Op Time Score Club	
	WN8Y 0 15 5 2 962 TCG	
	SOSB/10 HP	
	Call OpMode Remote CW Qs Ph Qs Mults Op Time Score Club	
	W4NZ 16 0 8 1 536 TCG	



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ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB 2025	CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW 2025	
Single Op HP	M/S LP	
Call OpMode Remote QSOs Sections Op Time Score Club	Call OpMode Remote QSOs Zones Countries Op Time Score Club	
K9UC 448 77 13 68,992 TCG	VP2MMA 5382 133 473 48 7,747,710 TCG	
W4SDX 419 82 8 68,716 TCG		
KØEJ SO2R 420 78 4.5 65,520 TCG	SO(A)AB HP	
WN8Y 32 21 2 1,344 TCG	Call OpMode Remote QSOs Zones Countries Op Time Score Club K1GU 1156 127 434 23.6 1.838.958 TCG	
K9QJS 25 18 1.5 900 TCG	K1GU 1156 127 434 23.6 1,838,958 TCG K3IE 862 116 392 16 1,229,360 TCG	
	WV4P x 567 155 534 1,074,151 TCG	
Single Op Limited-Ant HP	N54X 855 103 308 14 986,400 TCG	
Call OpMode Remote QSOs Sections Op Time Score Club	W4NZ 263 69 221 8.25 213,150 TCG	
W4SDX 419 82 8 68,716 TCG	K3FH 210 48 130 5 98,790 TCG	
K9QJS 25 18 1.5 900 TCG	K4DXV 50 19 35 2:45 7,020 TCG	
Circle On LD		
Single Op LP	SO(A)AB 2-Bands HP	
Call OpMode Remote QSOs Sections Op Time Score Club AD4EB 301 70 5 42,140 TCG	Call OpMode Remote QSOs Zones Countries Op Time Score Club	
WA4JA 132 59 4 15,576 TCG	K4DXV 50 19 35 2:45 7,020 TCG	
N4MCC 90 47 2 8,460 TCG	SO(A)AB LP	
AA4CS 28 23 2.25 1.288 TCG	Call OpMode Remote OSOs Zones Countries Op Time Score Club	
20 23 2,23 1,200 100	KØEJ SO2R 2243 148 514 41 4,172,586 TCG	
Single Op Limited-Ant LP	WV4AM x 1011 107 366 21:47 1,337,644 TCG	
Call OpMode Remote QSOs Sections Op Time Score Club	N9TF 611 89 311 24 676,400 TCG	
WA4JA 132 59 4 15,576 TCG	W3TB 303 59 169 13:25 191,748 TCG	
132 33 1 13/376 136	WM4Q 194 85 178 7.4 136,234 TCG	
SO Unlimited HP	AE4GS 75 26 52 02:10 15,912 TCG	
Call OpMode Remote QSOs Sections Op Time Score Club	CO/A)AD Varida ID	
NR4L x 1363 85 24 231,710 TCG	SO(A)AB Youth LP Call OpMode Remote QSOs Zones Countries Op Time Score Club	
NS4X 401 80 8 64,160 TCG	WV4AM × 1011 107 366 21:47 1,337,644 TCG	
	X 1011 107 300 21.47 1,337,044 1CG	
SO Unlimited LP	SOAB HP	
Call OpMode Remote QSOs Sections Op Time Score Club	Call OpMode Remote QSOs Zones Countries Op Time Score Club	
WV4AM x 409 85 10:14 69,530 TCG	AC4G 464 95 233 14 1/2 421,808 TCG	
N9TF 326 82 13 53,464 TCG	W4UT 424 57 199 11.5 314,624 TCG	
	W6UB 255 52 131 13.9 133,224 TCG	
SO Unlimited Limited-Ant LP	K9QJS 11 10 11 1 609 TCG	
Call OpMode Remote QSOs Sections Op Time Score Club SOAB Classic HP		
N9TF 326 82 13 53,464 TCG	Call OpMode Remote QSOs Zones Countries Op Time Score Club	
	AC4G 464 95 233 14 1/2 421,808 TCG	
	W6UB 255 52 131 13.9 133,224 TCG	
<b>=•••</b>	K9QJS 11 10 11 1 609 TCG	
NA Sprint SSB Contest 2025 November	SOAB LP	
Single Op HP	Call OpMode Remote QSOs Zones Countries Op Time Score Club	
Call OpMode Remote QSOs Mults Op Time Score Team	K4KYN 282 53 170 12 168,525 TCG	
	KQ4E 115 27 67 3 29,798 TCG	
KØEJ 107 44 1.5 4,708 TCG	W9SN 99 30 59 1 24,297 TCG	
AD4EB 20 16 0:20 320 TCG	KT4RH 89 35 54 6 20,203 TCG	
	SOAB Classic LP	
Single Op LP	Call OpMode Remote QSOs Zones Countries Op Time Score Club	
Call OpMode Remote QSOs Mults Op Time Score Team		
WV4AM 15 12 2 180 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.





#### TCG at K3LR

You can see Tim's official score report at the following link: https://www.3830scores.com/showrumor.php?arg=RvYizV7nJDe07U

It was another fine trip to the K3LR superstation. Your TCG was again well represented, with TCG members making up a full quarter of the team. We were lucky to arrive a day early and spend another Thanksgiving meal with Tim. Tim's hospitality is always over the top, and we feel very fortunate to be a part of his team. As always, Brad and Jim were magnificent traveling and operating partners.

Trust me when I tell you that operating at K3LR is no walk in the park. People have this vision of endless runs of powerful and easy to copy signals. Reality could not be further from that illusion. There were multiple hours when ONE QSO was made, in the entire hour! Just look at the rate sheet at the link below for verification. Yes, the antenna systems at K3LR are the best of the best. Yes, you can count on being heard when calling in a pileup. When the bands are hot and the QSO interleaving rhythm gets going, it is very exciting stuff. There's nothing like it.

However, just as with any contest, it comes down working the very weakest of signals and working the toughest multiplier battles. That is what wins contests. There were QSOs where Jim and I used all four ears plus all of the concentration that we could muster, just to get a single character at a time. As my old friend KL7RA used to say "those super weak signals will suck your brain right out through your ears into the headphones." It's exhausting to work one ESP strength signal after another. Some of the rare multiplier packet pileups were just insanely unruly, but working all 40 zones was *very* cool!

Meanwhile, you're battling QRM from 10 other transmitters in the same room, including one on the very same band! It can get quite crunchy at times, despite Tim's remarkable engineering efforts. The QRM can really test your mettle. In other words, it's not all huge rates and clear frequencies all the time. Multi-multi contesting is not for the faint of heart. Jim and Brad have what it takes to spend an entire weekend in the tough Multi-Multi environment, and I'm very proud to operate with them.

#### —Kirk K4RO





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# TCG in Montserrat for CQ WW CW!

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*VP2MMA – Multi-Single LP @ Gingerbread Hill, Montserrat\*\*\*\*\*\*

We entered the Multi-Single Low Power category, with club points split Tennessee Contest Group (¾) and Utah Contest Club (¼). This was a TCG team event from Gingerbread Hill, St. Peters, Montserrat. For most of the team, it was their very first DXpedition abroad. While operating experience was moderate, the enthusiasm, spirit, and dedication were off the charts.

Extensive planning and testing were done stateside before deployment, and it paid off. The automated antenna switching worked flawlessly throughout the contest.

We did encounter one hiccup with N1MM+ in M/S mode when paired with the Antenna Genius, which required a modification to the DX\_AG bridge software. Special thanks to YO3HEX (Gabriel) for developing and modifying the integrationsoftware that makes seamless switching possible between N1MM+ and AG using UDPbroadcast messages. His work is freely available at: <a href="mailto:rig2cast.com">rig2cast.com</a> (DXag BridgeV2).

# **Contest Operations:**

Our target was 135 QSOs/hour, but we averaged 112/hour. The multiplier count was lower than hoped, but we were pleased with the log overall.

- 80 & 160m: Stronger Friday night than Saturday.
- 10m (Saturday): Absolutely exceptional, kept us running until after sunset.
- 15m (Sunday): As predicted, EU opening made us "fresh meat."

Chaos ensued, signals echoed from dual paths, polar flutter added QRM, and unruly callers CQ'd endlessly. Copying exchanges was nearly impossible. To recover, I abandoned the crowded frequency and CQ'd elsewhere. Once the CW skimmer spotted us, callers arrived in smaller, manageable numbers. Sending the callsign twice cut down on repeats significantly. The "mushy signals" phenomenon lasted  $\sim 1.5$  hours, but once conditions stabilized, 15m ran strong all day and closed with a great USA run. We didn't hear many JA's, but the mult station picked up several Asia/Pacific QSOs.

#### Station Setup:

Radios: 2 × Kenwood TS-590SG

#### Antennas:

- 65 ft tower w/rebuilt Mosley Tribander
- 15–40m Delta Loop
- 80m Sky Loop
- 160m Inverted L



#### • Terminated Beverage

Switching & Filtering: 8×2 Antenna Genius, Perfo Box BPFs, Quadplexer, SureFire BF-100 BPF

Extras: SDR (RSP-1B) on the mult station, 8-port GB Ethernet switch for device integration

Acknowledgments: Huge thanks to WV4P (Ron) for his assistance with configuration planning, testing, and remote support—while simultaneously chasing mults and achieving 4-band DXCC during the contest. His CW skimmer was an invaluable tool as well. Thanks also to all the TCG and CWOps members who called us.

73, Juan AC6ZM for the VP2MMA Team

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#### CQ WW DX CW - K0EJ

By Mark K0EJ

First time doing SO(A)...it was different! Quite a rollercoaster for conditions but CQWW participation always makes its own propagation! Didn't work all 40 zones but certainly heard them all!

I dedicated this year's effort to our new grandson (Ellis) and to my wife, Judy. Ellis was planned for delivery on Tuesday before CQWWCW and I expected we would be in Nashville helping out. I was scrambling a bit to figure out a way to at least make an appearance during the greatest contest of the year (my opinion..but widely shared) but was willing to forego if I had to. Well he decided he needed to come early..by about 10 days.. so Judy and I spent that previous week in Nashville helping out so we were home for the big (radio) event. Figured I would be PT as Judy is still one-armed for another 2 weeks..but she just had a few requests to prepare for the weekend and then cut me loose!

Now to figure out how to make it memorable. 5BDXCC, SB/HP?? I guess if you are a contester, you must live under a rock not to catch the on-line buzz about N6MJ/KL9A/E77DX trying to break the world record this year. Maybe I should go for a record of some sort.. My only criteria was that I wanted to do it Assisted..never done it before and wanted to try something different. A brief scroll thru the CQWW records showed that N4UU set the W4 SOAB(A)/LP record last year with 3.35M...pretty high bar..so I looked at Zone 4.. NM5M had just a hair over 3M set back in 2013.. I hadn't done a LP effort in a few years so decided on Game Day to go SOAB/LP(A).

Conditions were a big question between high A/K indices, a somewhat anemic SSN for near the cycle peak but some new sunspots coming into view and a forecast for improving conditions over the weekend including quiet wx at least Friday night.



Needless to say the contest went well. 10/15 closed shortly after sunset Friday and 20M went shortly after that but worked some EU on 160, 80 was fairly quiet, and was able to run (more of a trot) EU on 40. Kept my BIC and used packet for mults as well as S&P for QSO volume while CQing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> "radio". Saturday morning started pretty well but 20M went mushy shortly after it opened but 15 and then 10 opened well with some good rate (for USA-LP) with a 157Q hour at 1300Z. Had 3 few 100q+ hours Saturday and also 1 on Sunday. I was pretty happy how things were going. Bands generally seemed OK tho nothing like last year. Sometimes that works in your favor as folks use all the other bands vice just camping out on 10M and then pulling the plug when it dies. Something about those "between the peak" years that make for better SOAB scores. I hit 2M just as I hit 2359Z Saturday night. Using the "double + 10%" thumb rule for Day 2 and I figured 4M (and new records)was possible.

No EU sunrise opening on 20M Friday night so I took my usual 1.5 hour nap. I heard a few hits Saturday night but nothing terrific so took my usual 2x1.5 hour naps Saturday evening/early Sunday AM. 20M produced a little more early Sunday morning before turning "mushy" again. Again things started rolling Sunday morning...15 was runnable again and I was smiling but then BAMMM!..the power went out around 1220Z Sunday morning...OH NO! I lost cell service inside the shack so had to go outside to see if I could check the utility website for outage info...I saw that my neighbor's outside lights were out but checked my breaker panel anyway. Reported the outage and then sat waiting...couldn't even make a cup of coffee! Power returned after about 30 minutes..WHEW! but the Flex restart was not great. Did a 2nd restart and reloaded a config profile and then finally was back in business..not surewhat I lost in those 30 or-so minutes except for some hair...and I don't have much of that any more.

More of the same as before.. BIC and Qs and Mults. Polar path was better Sunday..3B8/3B9, VU, and even a few choice goodies on 20M thru the "polar mush". I passed the W4 record at around 1600Z so the rest of the day was trying to solidify the margin. 10/15 went soft-ish in the afternoon but 20M started to get "runnable" into EU and then the 10/15 Pacific path got better late afternoon and JAs were starting to come through. Had to walk away from a few pileups as they were wasting valuable time but caught a few choice mults in the last hour.. even a double or 2 but came up a few short on 20M(!?) to make 4BDXCC.

Needless to say..not sure how many of these 40+hour efforts I have left but this one was special! I heard many TCG in the hunt...and waited in-line behind you in at least a few of the piles..

To Ellis and Judy! De Mark K0EJ

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### First time DXpedition: Montserrat

by Cathy W4CMG

In Montserrat as part of VP2MMA (team) & VP2MMG (personal)

The trip to Montserrat was "interesting", starting in Nashville through Miami to Antigua, then an overnight stay in Antigua followed by a short puddle jumper flight to Montserrat. We had 11 checked bags going into a very small 8-seater plane from Antigua to Montserrat. Many of our "priority bags" that contained equipment made the first trip, but Juan AC6ZM made a trip back to the airport to pick up the remainder of the items at 4:00 that afternoon.

Friday afternoon, I did a practice run as VP2MMG on 15M and made 225 contacts in 2:40 hours. A good start that helped me to get familiar with the equipment. I got "busted" by Ron WV4P for not responding to his "HBD" during my first run of the contest. He told Juan, which led to an impromptu birthday celebration before the start of the contest. What a way to celebrate one's birthday! New friends and rum cake on a tropical island working intense pileups! AWESOME! The pace had been steady but not overwhelming — UNTIL the contest began! It was a tough start at the beginning. The previously gentler pileups came full force. Juan introduced me to the finer points of using RIT (and XIT for S&P efforts). What a difference!

My next lesson thanks to Ron WV4P – who was listening in from his QTH and Juan – to not send our station callsign after every "TU". Sending it intensified the pileups, with each time it was sent. Juan had broken the team into pairs who worked the same shift, which enabled us to get some periodic sleep breaks and eat amazing food that Juan's wife Melisa cooked at each shift change. Randy/Cathy and Juan/Ben made great teams that would switch between running and S&P every hour to keep each operator fresh during the shift.

The slow-starting 0800-1300 shift took a turn to insanely busy as we moved from the lower bands to 10M, which was CRAZY. The running on 10M carried through for most of the 1800-0000 shift, though S&P for mults was pretty dead during that time. The treats for me during that shift – worked Jim WA4VGZ and Scott N3FJP.

The overnight shift was very slow in the beginning, there the scary pileups kicked in when 20M opened. The run took a lot of work to be productive, since ops didn't stop calling during the exchange. It eventually slowed down, and we got VP2MAA into the log during that shift.

The final shift for Randy and I was a continuation of Juan/Ben's 15M pileups, which slowed down in the last ½ hour. Moved to 10M for 15 minutes, then shifted to 20M. during my literal last 2 minutes, there was an unintelligible pileup – Ben to the rescue!

The Monday evening after-contest VP2MMG run: I had posted that I would be on in the Long Island CW Club groups.io to encourage some of my students to call in – and slowed down my speed periodically. There were a lot of JA stations who called with a warbly signal on 20M, moved to 40M for a bit, then returned to 20M to have better signals from the JA and South American stations. I wrapped up with 400 total VP2MMG QSOs in the log.



### Learnings (Positive):

- Better use of RIT, XIT and the ESC key (to cut back the number of callsign transmissions
- Practice session before the start of the contest to learn the rig
- Setting up and using the Beverage antenna
- Pileups seemed easier (except in the last 2 minutes) but using the tips I received from my teammates (local and remote)
- Narrowing the filters when the pileups got heavy to reduce the number of stations I could hear

## Challenges:

- Check your SPAM folder for DX Country documents
- Ops who continued to call even though they had no part of the partial call I sent
- Ops who jumped in before the end of the current exchange
- Ops who send VP2MMA at the beginning of their exchange. I KNOW what my callsign is! In contest mode, I type what I hear and then discover they're sending my call. WASTED TIME
- Chatting ops during the contest sorry, you get the required exchange only
- Ops who sent their call again when I had it right the first time. Did I make a mistake? RE-WORK = wasted time
- Staying connected via Bluetooth wired worked better.

Would I do it again? IN A HEARTBEAT!!!

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#### MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS & NEW MEMBERS

Just a reminder... The year is coming to a close, and that means that it is time to submit your TCG membership dues for 2026.

Dues for 2026 received from: KO4DDG (Thru 2027), K3FH (which included a generous donation), K9UC, W4CMG, NK4I, K4KYN, K4AMC, W3TB and W0AG, WA4JA (2026-2027 renewal and a generous donation). Thanks for your generous support of TCG and its activitiesThanks for your 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.

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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: <a href="http://www.CorporateCasuals.com/logoShare/tennesseecontestgroup">http://www.CorporateCasuals.com/logoShare/tennesseecontestgroup</a>

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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.

December 5, 2025	ARRL 160-Meter Contest
December 6, 2025	FT Challenge
December 13, 2025	ARRL 10-Meter Contest
December 20, 2025	OK DX RTTY Contest
December 20, 2025	RAC Winter Contest – Dec
December 27, 2025	Stew Perry Topband Challenge-Dec
January 2, 2026	ARRL RTTY Roundup
January 10, 2026	North American QSO Party, CW Jan
January 17, 2026	ARRL January VHF Contest
January 17, 2026	Hungarian DX Contest
January 17, 2026	North American QSO Party, SSB Jan
January 23, 2026	CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW
January 24, 2026	BARTG RTTY Sprint

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# **Progression of solar cycle 25**

# **Sunspot numbers including predictions:**





