

ARRL 10 METER CONTEST -ACARA PARTICIPATION!

Fellow members of the ACARA,

This December the ARRL holds a contest on the 10 meter band that the ACARA has participated in since 2002. The contest was suggested at a meeting by John Cornwell, NC8V (SK-2009), and we have a Memorial NC8V Trophy that goes to the highest score by a member of the club. The contest is meant to be first of all FUN! Operation time is at your leisure and when you have time.

If you are new to contesting, this is a great one to get involved in. If the 10 meter band is open, you can work stations all over the world with just a few watts!

The ARRL 10 Meter Contest Particulars

Date: December 14-15, 2013. It starts 0000 UTC Saturday and runs through 2359 UTC Sunday. Due to the yearly time change, the local time will be 7:00 PM Friday evening until 6:59 PM Sunday.

Modes: Phone and/or CW (So you can operate phone only, Morse Code only, or both.)

Exchange: USA stations send a signal report and state, like "59 in Ohio." The DX station will send back a signal report and sequential serial number starting with 001, like "59 contact number 15."

Logs: Any computer logging program that supports the popular ARRL 10 meter Contest can be used. Cabrillo format is preferred. Hand-written paper logs are acceptable submissions. Our club is recognized as 'ACARA,' which should be on your log.

Example QSO between NS8O and a DX (Non-USA) station in England:

"CQ CQ 10 METER DX CONTEST, THIS IS GA1A"

NS8O says "Gulf Alpha One Alpha this is November Sierra Eight Oscar, Over."

GA1A says " N S 8 O, you are 59 and number 167, Over"

NS8O says, "Roger. You are 59 in Ohio. OK?"

GA1A says, "Roger mate and good luck in the contest!"

If you need help in getting started with contesting, there are experienced members in our club that would be glad to get a call and help you out. I can't speak for others but you can call me if you need help getting set up for the contest or maybe you need help learning how to operate in a contest. Call me, Greg, NS8O at 740-243-3300

I won't be trying to win the trophy since I built it. But I will add my score to the club score!

More information can be found at websites: <http://www.arrl.org/10-meter> and

<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Contest%20Rules%20PDFs/2012/2012-10M-Rules.pdf>