

Contest Corral – March 2012

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Refer to the contest websites for full rules, scoring information, operating periods or time limits, and log submission information.

	Start Date-Time	Finish Date-Time	Bands HF/VHF+	Contest Title	Mode	Exchange	Sponsor's Website
2	0200Z	2 0300Z	1.8-14 / -	SNS and NS Weekly Sprints	CW	Serial, name, and S/P/C	www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html
3	0000Z	4 2400Z	1.8-28 / -	ARRL Int'l Phone DX Contest	Ph	RS and state, province, or power	www.arrl.org/contests
3	0000Z	4 2400Z	- / 432, 3.4G	Worldwide EME Contest	Ph CW	TMO/RS(T) and "R"	www.dubus.org
3	2000Z	3 See web	1.8-28 / -	Open Ukraine RTTY Championship	Dig	Regional abbreviation and serial	uarl.com.ua/openrtty
5	1600Z	5 See web	3.5 / 50	OK1WC Memorial Contest	Ph CW	RS(T) and serial	www.hamradio.cz/ok1wc
6	0200Z	6 0400Z	3.5-28 / -	ARS Spartan Sprint	CW	RST, S/P/C, and power	www.arsqrp.blogspot.com
6	1900Z	6 2100Z	3.5 / -	YL CW Party	CW	RST, serial, if YL "YL," name	www.agcw.de
7	2300Z	8 See web	7,14 / -	John Rollins Memorial DX Contest	CW	RST, name, and S/P/C	www.antiquewireless.org
10	1000Z	11 1000Z	3.5-28 / -	RSGB Commonwealth Contest	CW	RST and serial (Commonwealth only)	www.rsgbcc.org
10	1400Z	10 2000Z	3.5-28 / -	AGCW QRP Contest	CW	RST, serial, class, AGCW number or NM	www.agcw.de
10	1500Z	10 1800Z	3.5-28 / -	QRP ARCI HF Grid Square Sprint	CW	RST, 4-digit grid square, QRP ARCI number	www.qrparci.org/contests
10	1600Z	11 1600Z	3.5-28 / -	EA PSK63 Contest	Dig	RST + serial or EA province	www.ure.es
10	1900Z	11 1900Z	1.8-28 / 50-440	Idaho QSO Party	Ph CW Dig	RS(T) and Idaho county, or S/P/C	www.nx7tt.com
11	0000Z	11 0400Z	3.5-14 / -	North American RTTY Sprint	Dig	Both call signs, serial, name, and S/P/C	www.ncjweb.com
11	1800Z	12 0100Z	3.5-28 / 50+	Wisconsin QSO Party	Ph CW Dig	WI county or S/P/C	www.warac.org
14	1100Z	15 See web	1.8-28 / -	CWops Monthly Mini-CWT Test	CW	Name and member number or S/P/C	www.cwops.org/onair.html
17	12 PM	17 2 PM	1.8-28 / -	Feld-Hell St Patrick's Day Sprint	Dig	RST, S/P/C, Feld-Hell member nr	www.feldhellclub.org
17	0001Z	17 2359Z	28 / -	10-10 Mobile QSO Party	Ph CW Dig	Call, name, county & S/P/C, 10-10 number	www.ten-ten.org
17	0200Z	19 0200Z	3.5-28 / -	BARTG HF RTTY Contest	Dig	3-digit serial and 4-digit time	www.bartg.org.uk
17	1200Z	18 1159Z	3.5-28 / -	CQIR - Ireland Calling	Ph CW	Serial and county code	www.irts.ie
17	1200Z	18 1200Z	1.8-28 / -	Russian DX Contest	Ph CW	RS(T), serial or oblast abbr	www.rdx.org
17	1300Z	18 See web	3.5-28 / 50	Oklahoma QSO Party	Ph CW Dig	RS(T) and OK county or S/P/"DX"	www.k5cm.com/okqp.htm
17	1400Z	18 See web	1.8-28 / 50-440	Virginia QSO Party	Ph CW Dig	Serial and VA county/city or S/P/C	www.qsl.net/sterling
17	1800Z	18 1800Z	1.8-28 / 50,144	North Dakota QSO Party	Ph CW	RST and ND county or S/P/C	www.w0nd.com
20	1700Z	21 See web	3.5-28 / -	CLARA and Family HF Contest	Ph CW	RS(T), name, QTH, and CLARA	www.clarant.ca
22	0030Z	22 0230Z	3.5-14 / -	NAQCC Monthly QRP Sprint	CW	RST, S/P/C, and NAQCC mbr nr or power	naqcc.info
24	0000Z	25 2400Z	1.8-28 / -	CQ WPX SSB Contest	Ph	RS and serial	www.cqwp.com
31	0000Z	1 2400Z	- / 144, 10G+	Worldwide EME Contest	Ph CW	TMO/RS(T) and "R"	www.dubus.org

All dates refer to UTC and may be different from calendar date in North America. Times given as AM or PM are local times and dates. No contest activity occurs on the 60, 30, 17 and 12 meter bands. Serial = Sequential number of the contact. S/P/C = State, Province, DXCC Entity. XE = Mexican state. Publication deadline for Contest Corral listings is the first day of the second month prior to the cover date (February 1 for April QST). Listings in blue indicate contests sponsored by ARRL or NCJ.

Sean's Picks

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All dates/times are in UTC.

- **State QSO Parties this month:** Idaho, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Virginia, Wisconsin.
- **QRP contests this month:** ARS Spartan Sprint (March 6), AGCW QRP Contest (March 10), QRP-ARCI HF Grid Square Sprint (March 10), Flying Pigs Run for the Bacon (March 19), NAQCC monthly QRP Sprint (March 22).
- **ARRL International DX Contest, Phone (March 3-4):** The phone version of the longest-running DX Contest. Stations in the US/Canada work DX, DX works US/Canada only. With the great propagation available now, DXCC in a weekend, even for a fairly modest station, is achievable with some effort. Can you work 100 countries in a weekend? Yes, you can!

- **North American RTTY Sprint (March 10):** Four hours of fast, frenetic FSK! This event is gaining momentum fast...a great way to spend an evening and get your RTTY contest fix while leaving lots of time on the weekend for other things. Don't miss it!
- **Russian DX Contest (March 17-18):** 24 hours of DXing with both phone and CW. How many Russian oblasts (states or regions) can you work? Find out!
- **BARTG HF RTTY Contest (March 17-18):** One of the great digital-mode contests. Exchange is a 3-digit serial number and the time of QSO (in UTC, of course!). Everybody works everybody.
- **CQ WPX Contest, SSB (March 24-25):** Prefixes are the name of the game for this 48 hour worldwide event, making a KB6 just as important as an XX9. Work as many different prefixes as you possibly can!