



Wireless Institute of Australia

ROSS HULL MEMORIAL VHF-UHF CONTEST 2018

Retiring contest manager: John Martin VK3KM

The next Ross Hull Contest will run through the month of January. It works this way. Be on the alert for DX opportunities during the month of January. Keep a log and send it in at the end of the month. Note that you do not need to be working at it for the full month: your log is based on the best seven days or the best two days. Remember that you can count Summer Field Day contacts (one contact per station per band per day) in your Ross Hull Contest log. Logs are due in by February 12.

Last year I advised that I would retire as contest manager, but here I am back again for a "final final". The reason is that my successor as contest manager has not been appointed yet. This is my fault for not getting out there twisting arms during the past year. But it is definitely time for me to move on, and the WIA now has a new system for volunteers wishing to make their services available to help their fellow amateurs. So, volunteers: step right up. The contest has been running since 1950, so let's not miss the opportunity to keep it going into the future.

The Contest

The WIA maintains a perpetual trophy in honour of the late Ross A. Hull and his pioneering achievements in VHF and UHF operation. The contest is open to all amateurs. Certificates are awarded to all entrants, including certificates for the top scoring amateurs in each licence class.

Duration

0000 UTC January 1 to 2400 UTC January 31.

In Eastern Summer Time, that is 11 a.m. on January 1 to 11 a.m. on February 1.

Sections

- A: Best 7 days, analog modes.
- B: Best 7 days, digital modes.
- C: Best 2 days, analog modes.
- D: Best 2 days, digital modes.

Digital modes are defined as those in which the decoding of the received signal is done by a computer. Entrants may submit logs for more than one section.

General Rules

One callsign and one operator per station. Stations may operate from any location. You may claim one contact per station per band per UTC day. Repeater, satellite, EME and crossband contacts are not permitted. Split frequency operation is allowed, for example on 50/52 MHz. Calling frequencies should be kept as clear as possible so as not to interfere with other stations making or listening for calls. If contact is established on a recognised DX calling frequency (i.e. 50.110, 144.100 etc), stations should QSY up to .150 or higher to make the contest exchange. All rulings of the contest manager will be accepted as final.

Contest Exchange

For Section A or C, Entrants must exchange RS (or RST) reports plus a serial number. Serial numbers need not be consecutive. *NOTE: For propagation modes such as meteor scatter or short-lived sporadic E openings, it is sufficient to exchange callsigns plus two further digits that cannot be predicted by the other station.*

For Section B or D, exchange callsigns plus two further digits that cannot be predicted by the other station.

While not an essential part of the contest exchange, Maidenhead locators may also be exchanged as an aid to distance calculations.

Logs

Logs must contain the following for each contact:

- Date and UTC time.
- Frequency and callsign of station worked.
- Reports and serial numbers sent and received.
- Approximate location or grid locator of station worked.

Separate scoring columns for each band would be helpful.

Scoring

Scoring will be based on the best 7 UTC days nominated by the entrant.

For each contact, score 1 point per 100 km or part thereof (i.e. up to 99 km: 1 point, 100 – 199 km: 2 points, etc.)

Multiply the total by the band multiplier as follows:

6 m	2 m	70 cm	23 cm	Higher bands
x 2	x 3	x 5	x 8	x 10

Then total the scores for all bands.

Cover Sheet

Logs must be supplied with a cover sheet containing:

- Operator's callsign, name and address.
- Station location (if different from the postal address).
- Section(s) entered.
- A scoring table set out as the example below.
- A signed declaration that the station has been operated in accordance with the rules and spirit of the contest, and that the contest manager's ruling will be accepted as final.

Please use the following format for your scoring table. If you wish you can cross-check by adding the daily totals across the table, but please make sure that you include the separate band totals.

Date	6 m	2 m	70 cm	23 cm	etc					
	----	----	----	----	----					
Day 1	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx					
Day 2	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx	xxx					
	----	----	----	----	----					
2 Day Subtotals	xxx	+	xxx	+	xxx	+	xxx	+	xxx	= xxxx (2 DAY SUBTOTAL)
Day 3	xxx		xxx		xxx		xxx		xxx	
Day 4	xxx		xxx		xxx		xxx		xxx	
etc.										
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7 Day Totals	xxx	+	xxx	+	xxx	+	xxx	+	xxx	= xxxx (7 DAY TOTAL)

A cover sheet and scoring table is included in the postings on the WIA web site. Copies can also be obtained from the e-mail address given below.

Penalties

Minor errors may be corrected and the score adjusted. Repeated use of recognised DX calling frequencies (especially when the reports indicate strong signals) may lead to disqualification. Inclusion of any false log entries will lead to disqualification.

Entries

Paper logs may be posted to the Manager, Ross Hull Contest, PO Box 2042, Bayswater Vic 3153. Electronic logs can be e-mailed to rosshull@wia.org.au. Acceptable log formats include: ASCII text, RTF, DOC, DOCX, XLS, MDB, PDF, or any Open Document format.

Logs must be received by **February 12, 2018**. Early logs would be appreciated.

Note on Calculating Distances

Absolute accuracy is not required. You just need to know whether each station is above or below the nearest multiple of 100 km, so you can use a compass to draw 100 km circles around your location on a map. Alternatively, you can use contest logging software that can calculate distances. If so, you will need to exchange 6 digit Maidenhead locators to get an accurate distance measurement. You can also calculate distances from six-digit Maidenhead locators using a computer program that is available on the Ross Hull Contest page of the WIA web site.

Contest web page: <http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/rosshull/>

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Section entered:

	A	Best 7 days, analog modes
	B	Best 7 days, digital modes
	C	Best 2 days, analog modes
	D	Best 2 days, digital modes

If entering both the analog and digital sections, please make out separate scoring sheets for each.

Declaration:

The station was operated in accordance with the rules of the contest and in the spirit of fair and friendly competition. I agree to accept the Contest Manager's decision as final.

Signature: _____

Contest date	
Callsign	
Name	
Station location	
Postal address for notification of results	
Postcode	

SCORING TABLE

Best Days	Date	50 MHz	144 MHz	432 MHz	1296 MHz	2.4 GHz	3.4 GHz	5.7 GHz	10 GHz	24 GHz	47 GHz	Higher bands	Day Totals
1													
2													
Band totals - best 2 days													
3													
4													
5													
6													
7													
Band totals - best 7 days													

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Total points claimed

COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS:



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ROSS HULL MEMORIAL VHF-UHF CONTEST 2018: RESULTS

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This year the winner of the analog section is again Ted Thrift, VK2ARA, and the digital winner is again Rex Moncur VK7MO. Congratulations to them and to all other entrants. The contest still seems to be a largely VK2 affair, so I am hoping that next year will see an upsurge of activity to give these VK2s more competition!

Call	Name	50 MHz	144 MHz	432 MHz	1296 MHz	2.4 GHz	3.4 GHz	5.7 GHz	10 GHz	24 GHz	47 GHz	TOTAL
Section A: Analog modes, best 7 days												
VK2ARA	Ted Thrift	1124	1038	360	136	60	-	-	-	-	-	2718
VK2AH	Brian Farrar	1240	702	365	112	-	-	-	-	-	-	2419
VK2YW	John Eyles	430	480	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	910
VK2XIC	Rob Heyer	136	366	150	112	60	-	-	-	-	-	824
VK3AV	Bernard Petherbridge	326	102	95	112	30	20	-	-	-	-	685
VK2BLS	Darrell Harman	128	84	140	168	150	-	-	-	-	-	670
VK2AZ	Hilary Bridel	458	141	30	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	653
VK6ADI	Barrie Burns	494	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	524
VK2FLJD	Jason Dickens	-	237	260	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	497
VK4LHD	Robert Garland	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
Section C: Analog modes, best 2 days												
VK2ARA	Ted Thrift	392	513	150	48	60	-	-	-	-	-	1123
VK2AH	Brian Farrar	366	441	150	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	997
VK3AV	Bernard Petherbridge	326	102	95	112	30	20	-	-	-	-	685
VK2YW	John Eyles	144	411	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	555
VK2AZ	Hilary Bridel	316	18	20	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	370
VK6ADI	Barrie Burns	362	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	362
VK2XIC	Rob Heyer	8	243	40	24	20	-	-	-	-	-	335
VK2FLJD	Jason Dickens	-	147	140	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	287
VK2BLS	Darrell Harman	96	24	40	48	40	-	-	-	-	-	248
VK4LHD	Robert Garland	-	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
Section B: Digital modes, best 7 days												
VK7MO	Rex Moncur	4050	261	-	64	-	-	-	10	-	-	4385
VK2AZ	Hilary Bridel	2016	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2016
VK4SN	Alan Shannon	516	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	516
VK4TS	Trent Sampson	292	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	292
VK4LHD	Robert Garland	90	84	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	174
Section D: Digital modes, best 2 days												
VK7MO	Rex Moncur	1460	111	-	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	1619
VK2AZ	Hilary Bridel	954	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	954
VK4TS	Trent Sampson	292	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	292
VK4LHD	Robert Garland	60	51	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	111

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