

2007 ARRL 160 Meter Contest Announcement

2200Z November 30 (Friday evening) –
1600Z Dec 2 (Sunday afternoon)

How to participate: An all-CW contest, W/VE stations work any station on 160 meters with activity concentrated below 1875 kHz. DX stations may only work W/VE stations. There are both Single Operator and Multioperator classes. Single-op stations can enter as QRP, Low Power or High Power. If you make use of any packet spotting assistance, you are a Multioperator station.

What to send: W/VE stations, including KL7 and US Pacific or Caribbean islands, give a signal report and their ARRL/RAC section. DX stations give only a signal report. If you are maritime or aeronautical mobile, give your ITU region.

Special interest: Entries are almost always received from all 50 states, which makes it possible to work a 160 meter WAS with some effort and luck. In addition, an average of 20-30 DXCC entities are active, providing a great start to chasing DX on the band.

Quirks: The frequencies 1830 to 1835 kHz (the "DX window") should be used only for long-distance intercontinental QSOs such as W/VE to Europe or South America. JA stations can only operate from 1810 to



For Gene Gabry, N9TF, of Mundelein, Illinois the 160 Meter Contest is "the most enjoyable contest of the year."

1825 kHz and 1907.5 to 1.912.5 kHz.

Rule changes this year: None.

Best reason to participate: "Top Band" is one of the biggest challenges around, but it also provides some of the most satisfying contacts. In the period of declining sunspots, conditions and propagation on 160 meters will continue to improve, making for interesting openings and opportunities.

Relative challenge: Hearing and being heard is a real test for many participants. Good anten-

nas are a strong plus for contacts on 160 meters, but with all the activity, even a small antenna will give surprising results.

Scoring: Contacts with W/VE QSOs count 2 points. W/VE stations count 5 points for each DX QSO. Each ARRL/RAC Section worked is a multiplier. In addition, W/VE stations each DXCC entity worked as an additional multiplier.

How to report your score: You must send in your entry by January 2, 2008. E-mail Cabrillo format logs to 160meters@arrl.org or send paper logs to 160 Meter Contest, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111. You may also submit your score via the Web applet at www.b4h.net/cabrills.

Complete rules: The complete rules may be found at www.arrl.org/contests/forms where you will also find links to the *General Rules for all ARRL Contests*, *General Rules for ARRL Contests on bands below 30 MHz (HF)* and other forms and operating aids, log sheets for submitting your entry. If you don't have Web access, you can obtain the complete rules and forms by sending a self-addressed envelope with 2 units of postage to 160 Meter Contest Rules, ARRL, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111.

For more information: E-mail contests@arrl.org or phone 860-594-0232.