

HF HAPPENINGS

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THE 2003 SARL HF CW CONTEST

The 2003 SARL HF CW Contest was held on Sunday 31 August 2003 and much less activity than during the Phone contest. The general feeling is that 4 hours is too long for this contest and that we must revert to the 3 hours for the CW Contest.

The contest committee received 15 logs and all single operator stations. There was activity from the ZS1, ZS2, ZS4, ZS5 and ZS6 call areas. The following stations appeared in many of the logs: Ian V51C, Nico V51NH, Brian Z21GC, James 9J2CA and 9J2JW. The committee do miss a few log sheets from the regulars - Vidi ZS1EL being one of them, Barney ZS4U picked up computer problems and lost most of his log.

Is there something special about the Free State? Must be! The top honours for the CW Contest go to Bernie ZS4TX of the Bloemfontein RAC with 200 points. In the second place is Allan ZS1AAX from the Cape Town Amateur Radio Centre and Hans ZS6KR and Ed ZS6UT of the Pretoria Amateur Radio Club share the third spot with 162 points each.

The Best Score on a single band is shared by Bernie ZS4TX and Donovan ZS2DL who made 78 points each on the 40-metre band. The nearest to them is Hans ZS6KR who made 70 points on 40 metres. On 20 metres Bernie ZS4TX made 52 points with Allan ZS1AAX on 78 points. On 80-meters it was Bernie ZS4TX with 44 points and Bud ZS1B with 38 points.

The club/branch competition

The Pretoria ARC heads the list with 468 points, in second place the Cape Town ARC with 458 points and the Bloemfontein RAC with 252 points in the third place. The Midlands ARC obtained 114 points and the Centurion ARC 80 points.

How did it go in the call areas?

Four logs were received from the Western Cape with Allan ZS1AAX in the first place. The Eastern Cape provided one and Donovan ZS2DL is the man. The Free State had two logs with Bernie ZS4TX top of the list. Two logs came from Kwazulu-Natal and Mickey ZS5QB was top of the class. Six logs came from Gauteng and Hans ZS6KR and Ed ZS6UT share the top spot. Five of the six logs come from the Pretoria ARC.

First Year CW - Jan ZS4JAN notched up 52 points in the contest. He wrote the RAE in May 2003 and did his more test in the same period.

Comments

"I feel 4 hours is too long, go back to 3 hours. Not a good response." ZS6UT. "Enjoyable, but not a big turn-out." ZS1AAX. "Started late" ZS5QR. "Hopeloos te veel tyd en te min deelnemers..." ZS4TX. "CW not really my MODE but still had a great time." ZS5QB

Overall Results

a. Single Operator

Position	Call Sign	Name	Club	Points
1	ZS4TX	Bernie	Bloemfontein RAC	200
2	ZS1AAX	Alan	Cape Town ARC	170
3	ZS6KR	Hans	Pretoria ARC	162
3	ZS6UT	Ed	Pretoria ARC	162
5	ZS1AN	Andrew	Cape Town ARC	144
5	ZS1B	Bud	Cape Town ARC	144
5	ZS6CS	Henk	Pretoria ARC	144
8	ZS6EGB	Emil	Pretoria ARC	124
9	ZS5QB	Mickey	Midlands ARC	110
10	ZS6APS	Jimmy	Centurion ARC	80
11	ZS2DL	Donovan		78
12	ZS4JAN	Jan	Bloemfontein RAC	52
13	ZS1AJS	Joop	Cape Town ARC	46
14	ZS6ZB	Gert	Pretoria ARC	26
15	ZS5QR	Charles	Midlands ARC	4

b. Best Single Band Score: 40 Metres

1	ZS2DL	Donovan		78
	ZS4TX	Bernie	Bloemfontein RAC	78

d. Club Competition

Club	Score
Pretoria ARC	468
Cape Town ARC	458
Bloemfontein RAC	252
Midlands ARC	114
Centurion ARC	80

e. By Call Area

ZS1				
Call Sign	Name	Club	Points	
ZS1AAX	Alan	Cape Town ARC	170	
ZS1AN	Andrew	Cape Town ARC	144	
ZS1B	Bud	Cape Town ARC	144	
ZS1AJS	Joop	Cape Town ARC	46	
		ZS2		
ZS2DL	Donovan		78	
		ZS4		
ZS4TX	Bernie	Bloemfontein RAC	200	
ZS4JAN	Jan	Bloemfontein RAC	52	
		ZS5		
ZS5QB	Mickey	Midlands ARC	110	
ZS5QR	Charles	Midlands ARC	4	
		ZS6		
ZS6KR	Hans	Pretoria ARC	162	
ZS6UT	Ed	Pretoria ARC	162	
ZS6CS	Henk	Pretoria ARC	144	
ZS6EGB	Emil	Pretoria ARC	124	
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