

2009 HUNTING LIONS IN THE AIR CONTEST

1. ANNOUNCEMENT

The 38th Annual Hunting Lions in the Air contest will take place on the weekend of January 10 and 11th, 2009.

2. OBJECTIVE

"To create and foster a spirit of International understanding and cooperation" among Radio Amateurs (Hams) and Lions through worldwide radio communication and internet. The contest is to commemorate the birthday of the founder of Lionism, Melvin Jones, born at Ft. Thomas, Arizona USA on January 13, 1879.

3. CONTEST PERIOD

The contest period will be 48 hours and will run from midnight UTC Friday/Saturday to midnight UTC Sunday/Monday. UTC = Universal Time Co-Ordinate (Zulu Time)

4. CLASSES AND CATEGORIES

The contest is open to all appropriately licensed Amateur (Ham) Radio Licensees, Short Wave Listeners (SWLs) and Internet Users as follows:

Class 1 Contestants are Amateur (Ham) Radio Licensees who are also current members of Lions Club (Leo and Lioness Club included) - Individuals

Class 2 contestants are (Ham) radio amateurs operating on behalf of a Lions, Lioness or Leo Club and who are not members of Lions, Leo or Lioness Clubs

Class 3 contestants are not Amateur (Ham) Radio or SWL Licensees but are current members of Lions / Leo / Lioness Club who are taking part on internet using different chat utilities as described separately.

The following categories will be permitted in each class:

A Single Operator, All Bands, Single Transmitter,

B Multi Operator, All Bands, Single Transmitter,

C Licensed Short Wave Listener (SWL)

D Internet user

5. BANDS, MODES AND CONTACTS

BANDS: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meters as permitted by respective country of the contestant.

MODE: SSB, CW, ECHOLINK AND OTHER DIGITAL MODES

Please note that this is a single competition and that there will not be separate places for the other modes.

CONTACTS: No duplicate contacts with same station and Lions Club are allowed, irrespective of bands, modes, class or category of station.

6. CALL

The SSB call should be "CQ Hunting Lions on the Air" or "CQ Hunting Lions" and the CW/Digital/Internet call be "CQ LIONS."

7. EXCHANGE

Transmit RS (T) plus a serial number. Amateur (Ham) Radio licensees operating on behalf of a Lions, Leo or Lioness Club must transmit the operator's name, Lions Club Name, Number and Li-

ons District Number and Web/Email Address if any, where as the Internet user except for RST all other details as above should be logged

8. QSO POINTS

One (1) point - each QSO with Lions Club Member or Lions Club in Category 1

Five (5) extra points - each new country where contact is made (excluding the country of the contestant)

Twenty-five (25) extra points - for contacts made with VU2LCI (Not for Indian Stations to remove the ease of QSO Points)

SWLs will score one point for each Lions Club Station heard exchanging reports and additional 5 points for an exchange between 2 stations of different unique countries. (Example If SWL is from India and he logs South Africa and India, South Africa and Sri Lanka, South Africa with New Zealand Additional 5 points is for only 3 countries and not 4)

9. Additional Bonus Points for Many Lion Hams of same club. If Amateur (Ham) Radio Club Station owned by Lions Club with its own call sign additional 10 points for every Lion Ham valid member of the same Lions Club.

10. FINAL SCORE

To obtain the final score, multiply the "QSO points" by "the number of different Clubs worked."

11. LOGS

The following details are to be logged:

Date, Time (UTC), RST Sent and Received, the Amateur Station worked and Band. Additionally, if contact is made with a Lion, Leo or Lioness Club (Class 1) , the Operator's name, Club name, Number, and Lions District number, Email/Web address (if any) of the station contacted must be included on the station log sheet. SWL logs should, in addition to the above, include the call signs of both stations heard and the sent and received exchanges of each station. This information should be recorded once only for each QSO heard Including the Lions Club details as above Date, Time (UTC), RST Sent and Received, the Amateur Station worked and Band. Additionally, if contact is made with a Lion, Leo or Lioness Club (Class), the Operator's name, Club name, Number, and Lions District number, Email/Web address (if any) of the Lions Club on the other side of the contact.

Contest Logs can be sent by email to lions@vsnl.net or by Floppy 3.5, Compact Disk to the Contest Manager. Files may be in Excel, or in ASCII format with one QSO on every new line. Fields separated by commas or delimiters, the information shall be set out and tabulated in the same format as the official Log (see appendices). Each QSO must be terminated by a carriage return. Only MS-DOS compatible disks will be accepted. However, Three (3) International Reply Coupon IRCs have to be sent for the logs to be compiled before results are announced and for receiving participation certificates.

NB! A written summary sheet must accompany the disk showing all required scoring information as well as your name, postal address, FAX number and/or email where you can be reached. As email is rapidly becoming the most convenient mode of communication, this mode is preferred, however do not forget to send 3 IRCs before last date.

12. DISQUALIFICATION

Logs that do not comply with the foregoing requirements will not be considered and will be rejected. Radio amateurs are expected to operate within the rules of their respective licenses and unsportsmanlike activity is to be discouraged. Actions and decisions of the Contest Committee are official and final.

13. DEADLINE

All logs must be mailed to reach the co-coordinator and envelopes must be date stamped no later than 28 February along with 3 New Format International Reply Coupon (IRC) The HLITA Contest Committee Lions Club of Bangalore North (Dist 324-D6 Club # 026596) C/O Lion Ajoy - VU2JHM, # 9/1, Kshitija, Opp Geetanjali, 5-Cross, Malleswaram, BANGALORE-560003, INDIA. Telephone +91-80-23442600 email lionajoy@gmail.com, lions@vsnl.net

The Contest Committee will communicate the results to the co-coordinating Lions club and a final report will be submitted to the District Governor 324D6 and 324D1 offices before June 30 same year. Winners will be advised by mail and a listing will be posted on the Internet with copies to various contest managers/sites

14. AWARDS

The first Ten places in category A, B, C and D will receive Award Certificates and mementos for first Three (depending on sponsor). Participation Certificate to all participants who have submitted contest log with minimum 20 QSO and who have sent 3 New format International Reply Coupons IRCs with the contest log sheet.

15. PUBLICITY

The Lions International Amateur (Ham) Radio Club - VU2LCI which is permanent project of Lions Club of Bangalore North will make best effort to promote and publicize the contest internationally via the Lion Net, the web pages, through amateur radio Club Station, magazines and amateur radio nets. Request for volunteer assistance in publicising this event amongst Hams and Lions is solicited. Questions regarding the interpretation of these rules will be judged and resolved by the Contest Committee.

16. INFORMATION

Operators interested in additional information regarding this contest should write to the Contest Committee at the above address giving their full postal address with One IRC for airmail reply or no IRC required for reply via email to: lionajoy@yahoo.com vu2jhm@hotmail.com lions@vsnl.net

17. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIONS USING INTERNET CHAT

Lions all over the world meet at LOL - Lions on Line Chat which is on every Sundays between 13:30 to 14:30 hrs UTC. The same channel can be used for exchange of reports on Weekend of January 12th and 13th plus there are open channels on IRC, Yahoo, Orkut, Skype, MSN messenger which can be used. The Location of the Chat Room can be accessed using XiRCON connect to: ielf.fr.librenet.net:6667 Channel: #lionsonline. The Amateur (Ham) Radio operators can use the Echolink both voice and text for QSO.

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HLITA 2008 Participation Certificates ready for Dispatch 10-Dec-2008.