

2025 CCARC Radio Challenge

Rules:

The Challenge is open to all CCARC members. The Challenge is target to a variety of operating activities and contesting.

Contest QSOs: The rules of each participating contest apply. Submit your log per the rules of that contest, and the submit entry form to the CCARC (as described below). In addition to the individual contest rules, the rules of the CCARC Radio Challenge apply.

Contest Scoring: The scoring will be based on the total number of contacts, not the individual points for the participating contests. This means 1 CW contact is worth 1 point, an RTTY contact is worth 1 point and a SSB (or FM for VHF/UHF) phone contact is worth 1 point.

Weak Signal, QSO's: Weak signal individual contacts or contests QSO's can be submitted for the special award noted below. Provide a QSO total for all QSOs submitted. Modes that qualify as a weak signal mode includes: JT4, JT9, JT65, QRA64, FT8, FT4 & MSK144. **Note:** CW, RTTY & PSK at any power level will not be considered as a weak signal mode.

Parks on the Air (POTA): POTA individual contacts or POTA QSOs involving a contest can be submitted for a special award noted below. There are 2 categories. One for POTA park activators and the other for POTA hunters. Any mode qualifies. You can calculate your total for 2025 by logging in to the POTA website and going to pota.app/#/stats. Download the CSV file and filter the view to see your 2025 entries.

Non-Contest CW QSOs: CW individual contacts for the year that were logged for an event or activity that were not part of a contest. Examples include: Special Event QSOs, SOTA QSOs and POTA QSOs.

Special Event Participation: Count the total number of Special Events you participated in 2025. Participation includes either calling CQ for a special event or responding to a CQ for a special event. This is not a QSO total. Only count the number events.

Power: Legal limit per contest rules and FCC regulations.

Challenge Period: January 2025 through Dec 2025

Submission: For each participating contest, weak signal mode, SOTA and POTA contacts award category, enter your QSO totals on the entry form. Track and list the number of Special events in the submittal form. (Refer to the included example.) Email all entry forms to CCARC-Challenge@w7aia.org by Dec. 31st of 2025. Entries submitted on Jan 1 of 2026 or afterwards, will not be considered for the 2025 challenge.

Awards:

Highest Number of QSO's, single operator, any mode for contest entries – The W7AIA Contesting Trophy

Highest Number of QSO's single operator, any mode, Low Power (100 watts or less), no tower or steerable antenna for contest entries – The Silver Fox Trophy

Highest Number of QSO's, single operator, Weak Signal digital mode.

Highest Number of QSO's, single operator, POTA Activator.

Highest Number of QSO's, single operator, POTA Hunter.

Highest Number of non-contest CW QSOs.

Highest Number of Special Events participated in.

Participating Contests:

There are 27 contests that qualify for the challenge. 25 contests are listed in the table and select any 2 other contests as wild cards of your choice during the challenge period. There is a combination of contests for CW, RTTY, SSB phone and FM Phone along with contests that are DX, ARRL sections and that are local to our region. Refer to the contest sponsor web page or the [WA7BNM Contest Calendar](#) for the contest dates.

2025 CCARC Radio Challenge Participating Contests*	
January	North American QSO Party, CW North American QSO Party, SSB ARRL January VHF
February	10-10 Int. Winter Contest SSB CQ WW RTTY WPX ARRL International DX Contest, CW North American QSO Party, RTTY
March	ARRL International DX, SSB CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB
April	10-10 International Spring Digital Contest
May	7QP CQ WW WPX Contest, CW
June	ARRL VHF
July	IARU HF World Championship,
August	10-10 International Summer Contest, SSB North American QSO Party, CW North American QSO Party, SSB
September	ARRL VHF Washington State Salmon Run CQ WW DX, RTTY

October	CQ WW DX, SSB
November	ARRL Sweepstakes, CW ARRL Sweepstakes, SSB CW WW DX, CW
December	ARRL 10 Meter Contest
*Wild Card Contest. Select any 2 contests from Jan 1 to Dec 31.	