

## AMATEUR RADIO

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### AM QSO Party and Rollins Memorial DX Contest Rules

Greetings to all. It is hard to remember to put one's mind into the issue date not the date when we write our columns. I have been dusting off the 80 Meter TPTG and the 40 Meter Colpitts for the BK wondering what will go wrong with them when they see voltage again after their summer rest. Then on the same day, it is time to get everything together for the Winter issue of the *Journal* that you will see in January! It seems like the Convention was only a few weeks ago, maybe because I am still unpacking.

We do have news for you. The AM QSO Party will be in February and the Rollins DX event will follow in March. Details on these events are included with this issue. For those of you who are wondering about your scores in the Bruce Kelley and Linc Cundall events, we will now post the results on the website ([www.antiquewireless.org](http://www.antiquewireless.org)) as soon as the logs are collected and compiled, which is about a month after the event takes place. Please send in your logs even if you only work a few stations, it is a big help to us to know who the active participants are, and you never know, you might have done much better than you thought.

Thanks to those who suggested that we put the schedule of our nets on the website. It is now posted there for all to see. For those who have not joined us on the nets, try it because it is a great way to stay in touch and it is also a handy way to get answers and opinions on technical subjects.

73, and see you on the air!

Tim

#### 2014 AWA AM QSO Party

Where did 2013 go? It is already time to tune up and check out those rigs for the AWA AM QSO Party. We have

chosen February 8th, 2014, to once again heat up the aether in an attempt to make ourselves heard over the other contesters that weekend. The rules remain the same as previous years, and, as usual, extra points will be granted for our two flagship stations (W2AN and W1HRX). The flagship stations will not be on the air for the entire event.

**Frequencies:** The frequencies given here are only for meeting others, QSY a bit to keep the ball rolling. If you are rock bound, don't give up, we will find you. Let's show the amateur community that AM is alive and well. This is the best chance of the year to hear a wide variety of vintage gear, and to talk to some of the friendliest people on the air.

**Dates and Times:** Sat. Feb. 08 @ 2300 GMT to Sun. Feb. 09 @ 2300 GMT

**Objective:** To promote and encourage the use of AM as a mode of operation in ham radio, and, above all, to have fun.

**Frequencies:** 1.850 to 1.950; 3.835 to 3.890; 7.280 to 7.295; 14.275 to 14.295

**Exchange:** Name, state (or province, or country). That keeps the log simple, but don't be afraid to talk about your station, or to ask about another station. This contest is about fun, above all. Nobody cares about your QSO rate!

**Scoring and Classes:** For stations running 100 watts or less carrier OUTPUT, each contact counts as 2 points. Stations running more than 100 watts count as 1 point. All 20 meter contacts count 5 points regardless of power output. You may contact each station only once per band. See extra points for the Flagship stations below.

**Flagship Stations:** There will be two authorized flagship stations participating in the AM QSO Party. These stations will *not* be included in the final points standings.

Their scores will be listed separately in the results. W2AN is the AWA Museum station and this call will be used by various volunteer stations in the contest this year. The other call sign W1HRX will be operating courtesy of the James Millen society. The first contact with one of the flagship stations counts 10 points, all subsequent contacts are 1 point.

**Logs:** There will be a summary log sheet posted on the AWA web site. It is not necessary to send your entire log, only the summary sheet is necessary. Even if you only make a few contacts, please send in a log sheet so you can be counted as a participant. For those without web access, send a #10 SASE to the address below and we will mail you a copy. Email and paper logs must be postmarked no later than March 28th and sent to one of the following addresses: [lbisha@rochester.rr.com](mailto:lbisha@rochester.rr.com) or Lynn Bisha, 83 Parkwood Lane, Penfield NY 14526.

**Results:** Results will be published in the *AWA Journal* as well as Electric Radio and also online at [Amfone.net](http://Amfone.net). Plaques will be awarded at the AWA Convention in August.

#### 2014 Rollins Memorial DX Contest Rules

**Dates and Times:** Wednesday, March 6 @ 2300 GMT to Thursday, March 7 @ 2300 GMT and Sat. March 9 @ 2300 GMT to Sun. March 10 @ 2300 GMT.

**Objective:** Contact the greatest number of amateurs. When calling, use AWA AWA DE W1UJR as an example. Once contact is made, exchange RST, name and year of equipment such as TX 35 for a 1935 transmitter and RX 38 for a 1938 receiver. Send MOD for 1960 or later gear.

**Rules:** A station will be scored only once on each band. Open to all licensed amateur stations. High scorer will be asked to submit photo of station, however photos from all are appreciated.

**Frequencies:** 7100-7125 kHz and 14050-14065 kHz, ± QRM.

**Scoring:** (Note that there is no more East/West premium, all contacts are worth 1 point each.)

**Equipment multipliers:** Mod TX and RX: 1 point; OT TX or RX: 2 points; OT

TX and RX: 3 points.

**Power multipliers (input to final):** 0-24.9 watts: 3 points; 25-100 watts: 2 points; 100+ watts: 1 point. (Please use the correct power level.)

**Determining total points per QSO:** QSO points = your equipment multiplier × your power multiplier = total points for the contact.

Scoring examples: N9CQX contacts WU2D

Both have OT TX and RX for a 3-point multiplier.

Both are operating at 10 watts for a 3-point multiplier.

Score = 3 × 3 = 9 points for each operator.

K6TQ contacts K1FI

K6TQ using an OT TX and RX with 20 watts.

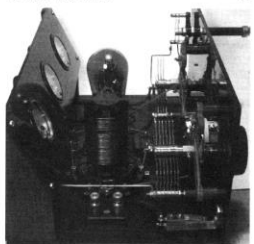
K1FI using an OT TX and MOD RX with 50 watts.

Score = 3 × 3 = 9 points.

K1FI's points: 2 × 2 = 4 points.

**Awards:** Plaques will be given out at the AWA Conference in August.

**Logs:** Log sheets are available on the website, or will be mailed to those that request one by U.S. mail. Please send completed logs and *computed score* to Jerry Reine, W1ZB, 5 Tobey Lane, Andover, MA 01810 or to [W1ZB@ARRL.NET](mailto:W1ZB@ARRL.NET) by March 31st, 2013.



The beautiful Hartley recently built by Lou Vermond, VE3AWA and used in the Bruce Kelley Memorial CW QSO Party.