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Christmas Hope QSO Party for SWL

With many of us forced to spend time at home as a result of the Corona epidemic, it doesn't hurt to have some extra distraction. This prompted the [RSGB](#) to write a short 90-minute contest, the "Hope QSO Parties", every weekday for several weeks. This is done alternately in the CW, SSB, RTTY and FT4 modes. The participants are licensed radio amateurs, but apparently amateurs are not thought of. The SWL section of the VERON has therefore thought that it should jump into that gap and link a contest for the SWL's to the "Hope QSO Parties". Below is briefly explained what is expected of the participating SWL. Don't stay lonely at home, get involved and show that the SWL's are active!

The Christmas Hope QSO Party for SWL is simple in design. What you have to do is: turn on your receiver at the times mentioned in the schedule below and log the connections heard in the QSO Party: callsigns and exchanged data. Each QSO logged by you earns one point, regardless of the mode in which the QSO party is currently taking place. Your score is then simply all points added together. You send the log to NL290@veron.nl within one week after each contest.

Your log must contain the following data: band (3.5, 7, 14, 21, 28), date, time (UTC), call sign of the heard station, data exchanged by the heard station (usually RS (T) plus number), and the call sign of the counterstation in the QSO. Preferably you submit the log in Cabrillo format (cbr), but any other format in neat tables is also allowed, e.g. txt, xls, doc, rtf, etc. And of course your own data: Name, SWL-ID, postal address and e-mail address. You can log with the well-known SWL_DQR_log program or use N1MMlogger with the SWL.udc available on their website. Both programs provide a good usable file in Cabrillo.

The Christmas Hope QSO Parties are scheduled on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the period December 21, 2020 to January 14, 2021.

Each participant in the SWL Hope QSO Party will receive a certificate of participation after all series, stating the total score achieved.





The schedule of the Christmas Hope QSO Parties:

Day	Time (UTC)	Week 1 21/12	Week 2 28/12	Week 3 4/1	Week 4 11/1
Monday	09:30 - 11:00	SSB	CW	RTTY	FT4
Tuesday	11:00 - 12:30	FT4	RTTY	SSB	CW
Wednesday	12:30 - 14:00	CW	SSB	FT4	RTTY
Thursday	14:00 - 15:30	RTTY	FT4	CW	SSB

The proposed frequencies are:

Band	SSB (MHz)	CW (MHz)	FT4 dial frequency (MHz)	RTTY (MHz)
80	3.600 - 3.675 & 3.700 - 3.725	3.520 - 3.550	3.576 & 3.579	3.590 - 3.600
40	7.080 - 7.130	7.020 - 7.050	7.0475	7.043 - 7.053
20	14.150 - 14.300	14.020 - 14.050	14.080	14.083 - 14.093
15	21.200 - 21.350	21.020 - 21.050	21.140	21.080 - 21.090
10	28.400 - 28.550	28.020 - 28.050	28.180	28.080 - 28.090

Have fun SWL-ing in these confusing times!

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