



# Week 2 - Session 3

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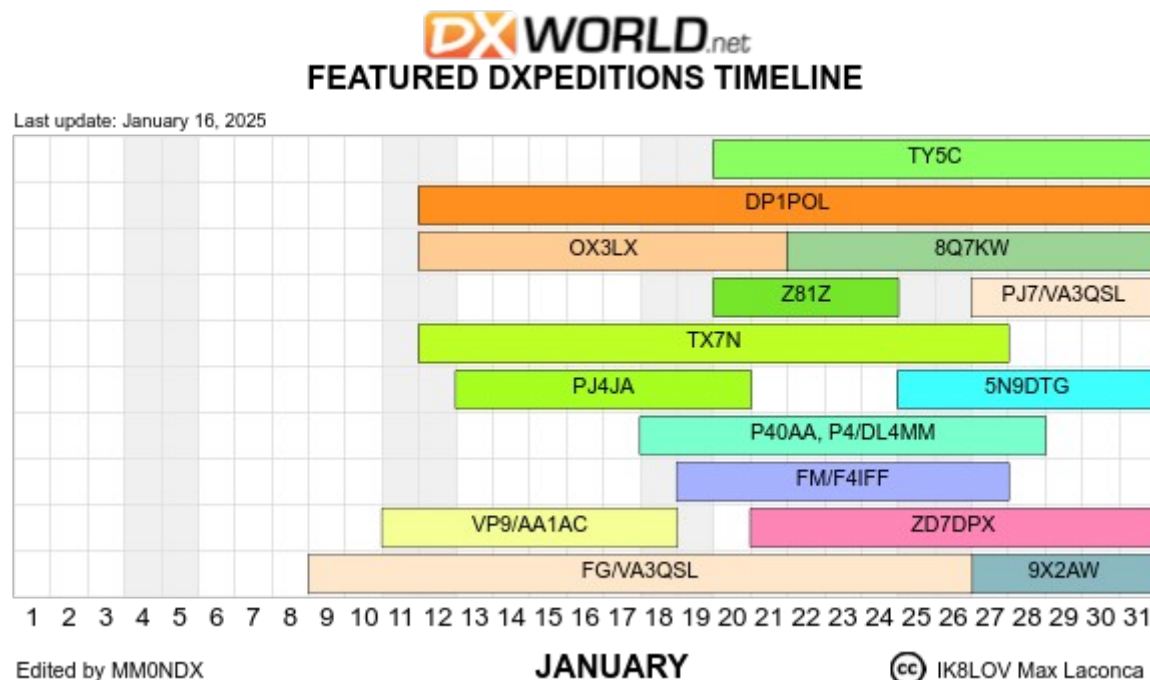
- Go over h/w and on air activities
- We're in the middle of the winter contest season:

- CQ 160m CW
- Winter Field Day
- [www.contestcalendar.com](http://www.contestcalendar.com)

- DX:

- TX7N, others
- [www.dx-world.net](http://www.dx-world.net)

- More Contesting + MST





# SST vs NAQP

- Extra greetings and “chatter” are perfectly acceptable (and encouraged) in the SST (and MST)
- Exchange for both is NAME and STATE/PROVINCE but for the NAQP, keep messages concise:

CQ NA KF0PQR

KS4BG JEFF CO

TU KF0PQR

KS4BG

TU EDGAR TN

or

ED TN

- In a “real” contest (and even the CWT), avoid extra “fluff” in exchanges:
  - “Serious” competitors often use X, R or DIT-DIT instead of TU
  - No “flow control,” e.g. K, BK, TNX FER TN, ...
    - These actually disrupt the rhythm of the runner
  - Send exchange elements only once unless you think your signal is weak
    - Use STEVE STEVE TN TN instead of STEVE TN STEVE TN
  - If you’re running and think another caller is waiting, don’t send your call sign after the TU/R/EE
  - Short and sweet



# Some More Terminology

- **SO1R/SO1V** – Single Operator, One Radio/One VFO
  - Most of us mere mortals
- **SO2V** – Single Operator, Two VFO's
  - One transmitter and two receivers (one in each ear)
- **SO2R** – Single Operator, Two (or more) Radios
  - Generally running on one radio and searching for multipliers on the other
- **2BSIQ** – Two-band Simultaneous Interleaved QSOs
  - Running on two bands, alternating CQ calls
- **Multi-Operator**
  - Larger contest stations with two or more ops



# Some Contest DOs ...

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- Start off S&Ping until you build up skills and confidence
  - This is all many ops ever do
- If you are running, ask for a repeat if you have any doubt about what you copied
  - You only get one chance at the caller
- If you are S&Ping, you can either ask for a repeat or just listen to his next QSO
  - Be careful about serial numbers!
  - When you are starting out, listen before and after so not to slow down runner
- When you ask for a repeat, try to be specific which element that you missed
  - NAME?, NR?, QTH?
- If the runner misses your call, send it again then give your exchange
  - Courtesy demands that we look out for each other
- Be courteous but concise
- QRS if caller is slower or conditions are difficult (e.g. flutter or multipath)
- After the contest, record your claimed score at **3830scores.com** and submit your log to contest sponsor



# ... and DON'Ts

- **Don't** send unnecessary information
  - Runner's Call
    - He knows what it is and its your problem if you are S&Ping and get it wrong!
  - DE before your call or NR before your Serial Number
    - Wastes time, throws off timing and can be confusing
  - Signal report if it is not part of the contest exchange
  - Anything other than 5NN (or ENN) if a signal report is required
  - “Flow control” prosigns, e.g. K, BK, ...
  - Long greetings/chatter:
    - SST and MST are exceptions as friendly greetings are encouraged
    - I do like to send a quick comment to people I know
    - Some contests are very slow, e.g. VHF+, so chatter is acceptable
- Bottom line is we want to **keep things moving!!!**



# MST Weekly Practice Contest

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- ICWC Medium Speed Test
- Monday 1300z and 1900z, Tuesday 0300z
- Relaxed Pace - Speed limit is 25 wpm
- Exchange: NAME and SERIAL NR

CQ MST KZ5H

WA2USA TU SETH 28

TU DENNIS 73 KZ5H

N7AUE TU SETH 29

TU MULEY 73 KZ5H

WA2USA

TU DENNIS 17

N7AUE

TU SETH MULEY 24



You don't need to wait for another CQ

- **Don't** use "cut" numbers
- **QRS** for slower ops
- Another great place to build up confidence and skill