



Week 3 - Session 6

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- Go over h/w and on air activities
- This weekend:
 - State QSO Parties:
 - VT - He sends 5NN + COUNTY - You send 5NN + STATE
 - MN - He sends NAME + COUNTY - You send NAME + STATE
 - BC - He sends 5NN + DISTRICT - You send 5NN + STATE
 - NA Sprint CW
- Tonight – Short “Ragchews”



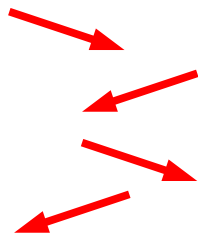
“Hit and Run” QSOs

- By convention, a valid QSO must exchange some type of information in addition to call signs
- The minimal amount of “information” is a signal report (however meaningless it might be)
- Example – A “rare” DX station running a pile-up:
 - His goal is to work as many stations as possible
 - Your goal is to bag that ATNO

CQ 3B7M UP

KF0PQR 5NN

R 3B7M UP



KF0PQR

TU 5NN or 5NN 73 or 5NN CO



- Contest exchanges (and FT4/8) obviously fall into the “Hit and Run” category



Short QSOs

- Special Event, POTA, SOTA, etc. ops also are generally trying to work as many stations as possible so they might only send a 5NN signal report or 5NN + STATE
- Some ops will exchange more meaningful information quickly (e.g. Actual RST+STATE+Op NAME+Park ID)
- Example – A not-so-rare DX station who's not in a hurry:

CQ DX CQ DX SV2HUD SV2HUD

WA2USA GM 559 OP VAS VAS BK

QSL DENNIS TNX ES 73 CU K

WA2USA WA2USA

GM VAS UR 569 569 IN IN OP DENNIS DENNIS BK

TU VAS 73 GL K

Can usually get away with sending only your call

- He may or may not want to engage further depending on conditions (QSB, QRN, etc.) or demand



Rag Chew QSOs

- There's no precise definition for a "rag chew" QSO but they generally begin with "the big three"
 - Signal Report (RST)
 - Location (QTH)
 - Name (OP)

Typical 3x3 CQ

CQ CQ CQ DE AA2IL AA2IL AA2IL K

AA2IL DE KB1FGC KB1FGC KN

Send his call so he knows you want a contact AND your call 2 or 3 times

**KB1FGC DE AA2IL = GE OM ES TNX FER CALL = UR 57N 57N IN RAMONA, CA
RAMONA, CA, ABT 30 MILES NE OF SAN DIEGO = NAME HR IS JOE JOE = HOW
CPY? <AR> KB1FGC DE AA2IL <KN>**

**AA2IL DE KB1FGC RR FB JOE TNX FER RPRT, SOLID COPY = UR RST 55N
55N = OP RICH RICH ES QTH PROSPECT, CT PROSPECT, CT = SO HW? BK**



Rag Chew QSOs (cont.)

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- At this point, we can continue the QSO or politely end it:

KB1FGC DE AA2IL = RR SOLID CPY RICH ES GUD TO MEET U = XYL IS RINGING DINNER
BELL SO MUST SAY 73 FOR NW = HPE CU AGN SN = 73 <SK> KB1FGC DE AA2IL <KN>

AA2IL DE KB1FGC = FB JOE TNX FER QUICK CHAT ES WILL LOOK FER U AGN 73 73 <SK>
AA2IL DE KB1FGC K EE

EE

- There is a lot more detail than in a “Hit an Run” QSO
- A lot of jargon and abbreviations are used to shorten the messages
- I like to use the “break” or “double dash” (=,<BT>) to separate various thoughts and also to bide a little time while I’m thinking of the next thing to say
- I also like to use accepted pro-signs to help with flow of transmissions



Common Abbreviations

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ABT	About	FT	Feet	PWR	Power	WX	Weather
AGN	Again	GA	Good afternoon	R	Roger, Decimal point	XCVR	Transceiver
ANT	Antenna	GB	God bless	RIG	Radio equipment	YL	Young lady
B4	Before	GBA	God bless America	RPT	Report	YR	Year
BK	Back to you	GD	Good day	RPRT	Report	YRS	Years
BTU	Back to you	GE	Good evening	RCVR	Receiver	XYL	Wife (Ex-young-lady)
BURO	QSL Bureau	GL	Good luck	RX	Receiver	73	Best regards
C	Yes ("Si")	GM	Good morning	SIGS	Signals	88	Hugs and Kisses
CONDX	Conditions	GN	Good night	SRI	Sorry		
CPY	Copy	GUD	Good	TKS	Thanks	<AR>	End of Message
CU	See you	HI	Laugh	TNX	Thanks	<AS>	Stand by
CUL	See you later	HPE	I hope/I hope to	TU	Thank you	<BT>	Break
CQ	Calling anyone ("Seek You")	HR	Here	TX	Transmitter	K	Go (anyone)
DE	From ("de")	HW	How	U	You	<KN>	Go only
DR	Dear	LID	Bad operator	UR	Your/You're/You are	<SK>	End of contact
DX	Long-distance	NIL	Nothing	URS	Yours		
EL	Element	NR	Near	VERT	Vertical	BN	BEEN
ES	And	OM	Old Man	VY	Very	MT	MEET
FB	Fine business	OP	Operator	W	Watt(s)	And so on	And so on and so on
FER	For	PSE	Please	WID	With		