

Complete Rules:

The "CQ/60" Operating Activity and the "CQ Gang Award"



January 1 – March 1, 2005

CQ magazine will celebrate its 60th anniversary with next month's issue, and you're invited to join our on-air party! We'll be celebrating with a special "CQ/60" operating activity and "CQ Gang" award program announced last month (see November issue, p. 99). Here are the complete rules:

The CQ Gang Award

Eligibility

1. Any radio amateur or shortwave listener anywhere in the world may participate in this award program.

2. The following amateurs are authorized to sign "/60" after their callsigns as part of this program, between January 1, 2005 and March 1, 2005:

(a) Current and former staff members, columnists and writers for *CQ Amateur Radio* magazine or its sister publications, *CQ VHF* and *Popular Communications*, along with titles formerly published by CQ Communications Inc., including *Communications Quarterly* and *CQ Contest*.

(b) Current and former CQ Award Managers, Contest Directors, award and contest committee members, and CQ award checkpoint stations.

(c) Authors of CQ books; production staff and participants in CQ videos.

(d) Any other current or former employees of CQ Communications Inc.

(e) Current subscribers to *CQ Amateur Radio*, *CQ VHF* and/or *Popular Communications* magazines.

Award Rules

1. All contacts/receptions must be made between 0000 UTC January 1, 2005 and 2359 UTC March 1, 2005.

2. Contact (or monitor) stations signing "/60" after their callsigns in accordance with these rules. "/60" stations may contact any stations, including other "/60" stations.

3. A minimum of 60 award points must be earned to qualify, with endorsements available for each additional 60 award points, up to a maximum of 600 points. (Please submit a single application for the basic award and any endorsements. Separate endorsement applications will not be accepted.)

4. Award points are determined as follows:

(a) All stations: Each contact with a "/60" station is worth one contact point. Each separate title (see box) is worth one multiplier, except that the titles listed in (c) below are worth two multipliers. Each multiplier counts only once. Score is determined by multiplying the number of contacts by the number of multipliers. (e.g., 10 contacts with /60 stations with 6 different titles = 60 award points; 10 contacts with /60 stations with 6 different titles, including one bonus station = $10 \times 7 = 70$ award points.)

(b) "/60" stations: As above, plus one (1) point per valid con-

tact with a "non-/60" station. There is no additional multiplier value for "non-/60" stations. (e.g., 10 contacts with /60 stations with 6 different titles + 30 contacts with "non /60" stations = 40 contact points \times 6 multipliers = 240 award points.)

(c) Bonus points: The following titles carry double multiplier value:

Publisher (PUB)

Editor (ED)

Managing Editor (MED)

CQ club station WW2CQ (CQ) (see "WW2CQ Special Operation" for additional information)

5. Exchange

(a) "/60" stations: Transmit your callsign, name, QTH, signal report, and position held (see box). If status is "former," please indicate; this does not affect multiplier value. (e.g., Phone: "W2VU/60, name is Rich, QTH is New Jersey, you are 59 and position is 'Editor,' Echo Delta." CW: "de W2VU/60, Rich in NJ, UR 599, ED")

(b) All other stations: Transmit your callsign, name, QTH (US state, VE province or DX country) and signal report. (e.g., "W2VU, name is Rich, QTH is New Jersey, and you are 59." CW: "de W2VU, Rich in NJ, UR 599...")

(c) All stations: Additional exchanges of personal information (a real "QSO") are encouraged when conditions permit.

6. Each "/60" station may be contacted once per band and mode for award credit (see "WW2CQ Special Operation" for exception regarding club station WW2CQ), but each multiplier counts only once. The use of repeaters, satellites and digital store-and-forward systems **is** permitted, as are contacts made via Internet repeater-linking systems, provided both stations are using radios transmitting in the amateur bands. (Internet-to-internet and radio-to-internet QSOs are not valid; wireless LANs are not considered radios unless part of an all-RF wireless network.)

7. QSL cards are *not* required. Applications must be accompanied by log extracts indicating date, time, band and mode for each contact, plus the required exchange information (see rule 5 above).

8. Log submissions

(a) Computerized logs in **Cabrillo format** (most current logging programs will generate a Cabrillo format log file for you) may be submitted by e-mail to: cqmag60@cqww.com. *Do not send logs for any regularly scheduled CQ contest—such as the CQ WW 160 Meter Contest—to this address.*

Be sure to fill in the Cabrillo header information (e.g., name, address, call, etc.) before submitting your log. *Please note: This is the first time we'll be using the CQ contest log "robot" for non-contest log submissions. We hope everything will run smoothly but keep copies of everything and please bear with us in the event of any unanticipated bugs in processing.*

(b) Non-Cabrillo logs may be e-mailed to CQ Awards Editor Ted Melinosky, K1BV, at k1bv@cq-amateur-radio.com. Be

Who's Who at CQ

Following is an alphabetical list of the various titles held by "CQ Gang" members you might meet on the air, along with the abbreviations (in parentheses) required for multiplier credit. "CQ Gang" members with more than one title should choose only one to use for award contacts. Titles carrying **double multiplier value** are in **bold**.

Advertising Manager (ADM)

Author [books] (AUT)

Award Checkpoint (CHK)

Award Committee (AC)

Award Manager (AM)

Columnist/Contributing Editor (COL)

Contest Committee (CC)

Contest Director (CD)

CQ Club Station WW2CQ (CQ) (see "WW2CQ Special Operation")

Editor (ED)

Managing Editor (MED)

Photographer (PIX)

Publisher (PUB)

Subscriber (SUB)

Video Production Staff or Participant (VID)

Writer [Magazines] (WR)

Other CQ staff/associates not listed above (CQS)

sure to include your name, call, address, etc. in covering e-mail message.

(c) Paper logs should be mailed to K1BV at 12 Wells Woods Road, Columbia, CT 06237. Forms for paper logs may be downloaded from the CQ website <www.cq-amateur-radio.com> or requested by mail from CQ magazine, 25 Newbridge Rd., Hicksville, NY 11801. Include an SASE.

9. Completed applications must be submitted by March 31, 2005. A single submission for all qualifying contacts is required. Separate applications for endorsements will not be accepted.

10. Awards: A certificate will be issued to each participant who has achieved at least 60 award points. Endorsement stickers will be issued *with the certificate* for each additional 60 award points, up to a maximum of 600, included on the original application.

11. There is no fee for this award.

WW2CQ Special Operation

As announced last month, various members of the CQ "family" will be activating the CQ club station, WW2CQ, from different parts of the country during the activity period from January 1 to March 1, 2005. They will sign WW2CQ/61 from the first call area through WW2CQ/60 in the zero call area. Each contact with WW2CQ in a different call area will count as a separate contact for the CQ Gang Award (bonus points, too), so you may contact WW2CQ up to ten times (once in each call area) for award credit. If you contact WW2CQ in *all ten US call areas*, submit a separate log extract (paper log or e-mail listing only, showing date, time and frequency of each contact, to K1BV's e-mail or snail address) for a special additional certificate.