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GOTA Operation Schedule

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Good people,

This year we are blessed with a number of folks that have upgraded in the past year. This has allowed us to change our GOTA strategy somewhat. Our understanding of rule 4.1.1.2 is that an upgrade in the class of your license makes you a new licensee for this event. The basis for this was the old novice and technician class licenses, which had no phone privileges in HF. So upgrading to General or higher finally enabled one to operate a phone station – hence you were a new operator for GOTA.

Rule 4.1.1.5 allows the GOTA station to have up to a maximum of 500 total contacts (after duplicates are removed). So our target is to get to 500 QSOs for our maximum possible contribution to the event. With bonus points, this could lead to a total of 2000 points

GOTA scoring is somewhat complicated. If Joe Operator were to make a single contact, it would count as a single point. However, if Joe completes 20 contacts, then under rule 7.3.13.1, an additional 20 bonus points are granted. Joe could actually complete 100 contacts, and in doing so generate 100 bonus points. In addition, these bonus points are DOUBLED under rule 7.3.13.2. So each 100 QSOs made by the same GOTA operator counts as 400 points!

So the goal of each GOTA operator should be to obtain 100 QSOs for the maximum number of points. Going over to dozen QSOs wouldn't be a bad idea as it would allow us some wiggle room in terms of duplicate contacts.

This is the preliminary GOTA Schedule. It is POSSIBLE that we might hit the 500 QSO limit before daybreak on Sunday. The final operator of the Day, Rob White, will become a GOTA Coach instead, as he will be bringing some boy scouts with him. The GOTA station will remain open for the entire event to allow members of the public to operate.

Time EDT	Operator	Coach
Sat		
1400-1800	Julian Plowright	Rich Travis
1800-2200	Jim Sammons	Bob Beatty
2200-2400	Son #1	Willy Maclean
Sun		
0000-0200	Son #1	Willy Maclean
0200-0600	Son #2	Willy Maclean
0600-1000	Steve Meade	Bob Beatty
1000-1400	Rob White	Bob Beatty

Field Day operation is a bit more hectic than our Lighthouse event (I think all of you might have been there), but there are only TWO pieces of information: The Call Sign and the Exchange.

The Exchange itself is made up of two things, the operating category of the field day station (which is a count

of transmitters and operating class -- a single letter from 'A' to 'F'), and the ARRL/RAC section. In our case we will be sending "Two Alpha Rhode Island" as our exchange. Our Call Sign will be W1SYE (Whisky One Serra Yankee Echo).

Logging is simple too. You enter the time/date and operator name at the top of each log sheet. You indicate what band you are on (80/40/20/15/10), then just enter the call and exchange for each contact. The GOTA Operator (or a non-coach assistant) has to do all the logging (the Coach can't do logging).

If you have any questions, or need to change your spot, please let me know. Also, four hour shifts can be long-draining. There is nothing that said the operators can't swap off (example Julian and Jim) more frequently. We just need to keep track of this to make sure that each of you complete at least 100 QSOs.

73, Bob, WB4SON
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