

Contesting

Agenda

- An INTERACTIVE Presentation on Contesting
 - Planning Net Control – but . . .
 - Last Presentation Before Field Day

- Apologies
 - Venue
 - Expertise

Radiosport



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Typical Purpose / Goals of a QSO in Contesting

- Very brief exchange of specific information
- Maximum contacts in a certain time limit
- Distance of contacts
- Covering all Grid Squares
- Limited power

Call, Contest Exchange, QTH, Copy?

- 2018 Field Day – W6PAR, 30, SV, QSL

Signal Report

- RST Signal Reporting
 - Readability 1 to 5, 5 is Perfectly Readable
 - Strength 1 to 9, 9 is Extremely Strong
 - Tone – CW Only – 1 to 9, 9 Pure Tone
- Circuit Merit Signal Reporting
 - CM5 – Loud and Clear
 -
 - CM1- Unreadable

Time



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Accuracy



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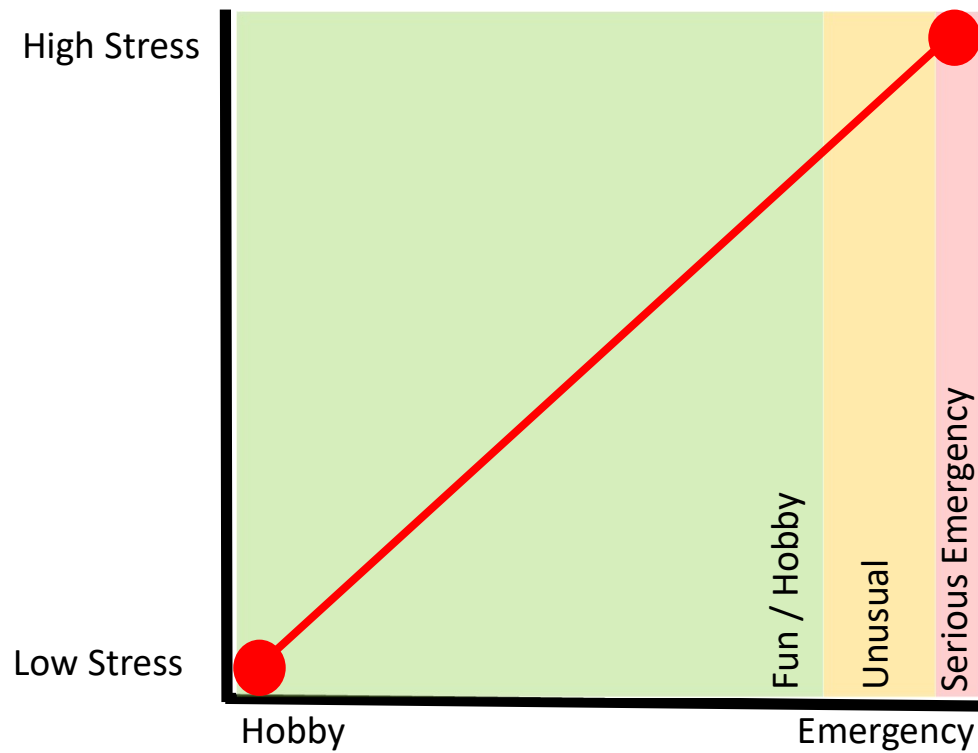
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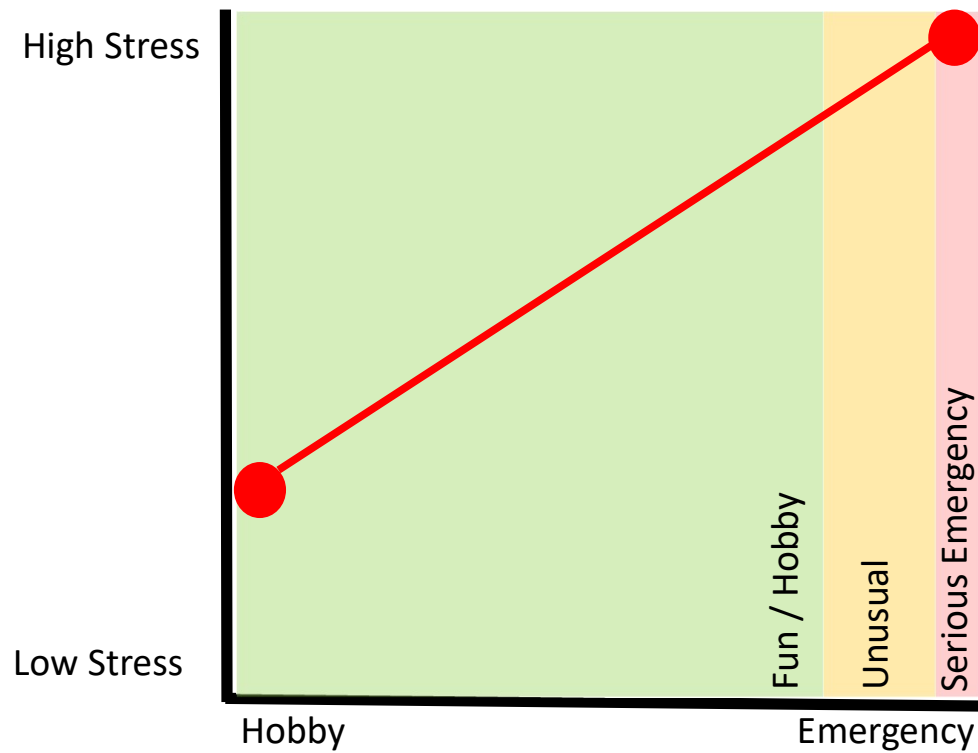
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- Practice message handling skills
- Earn points – bragging rights
- May use unique equipment and techniques
- Other?



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Contesting Tips – Couple of Methods

- CWTechnicians too
- Phone (Voice)
 - Run – Call CQ, CQ, CQ and wait
 - Search and Pounce
- Digital
 - Formal Message
 - Specific Protocol – FT-8



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Contesting Tips – Logging and Record Keeping

- Know the rules – Including Multipliers & Duplicates
- Manual vs Automatic Logging
- Station Personnel – Operator and Logger
- Equipment – Headphones and Mic Splitter
- Cadence
- Other?



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