

Rules for NTMS/RMG 900 MHz and UP QSO PARTY

1. Objectives:

- Provide a coordinated microwave operating activity between RMG and NTMS
- Increase activity on 902 MHz and above
- Provide an opportunity for microwave enthusiasts to test their equipment before the summer contest season
- Stations outside of Texas may only work stations within Texas for contact points.

2. Date and Contest Period:

- April 2, 2005
Beginning at 1300 UTC (7:00 AM CST) Saturday April 2, 2005
Ending at 0300 UTC Sunday April 3, 2005 (9:00 PM CST / Saturday Evening)

3. Entry Categories:

- Fixed Station
- Rover Station

4. Exchange:

- Six character Maidenhead Locator of the sub-grid in which the stations are located. (see April 1994 *QST*, p 86 or www.arrl.org/locate/gridinfo.html)

5. Miscellaneous:

- Rovers are encouraged to operate in locations where it may be possible to work both NTMS and RMG member stations.
- Minimum contact distance = 1 km.
- A Rover must move to a different sub-grid before repeating a QSO with the same station.
- Rovers are encouraged to car pool or caravan to sites.
- All stations are encouraged to invite members without stations (Shotgun Riders/Navigator) to assist in operation both Central site and Rovers operations.

IMPORTANT RULE CHANGE

Guest operators MAY use their own calls from both fixed and rover stations to make contacts in this event. The goal is to encourage participation by prospective microwave band enthusiasts.

6. Scoring:

Total score is calculated by the total number of contacts multiplied by the total distance in kilometers

- Distance points: The distance in km between stations for each successfully completed QSO. Distance is measured from the center of the subgrid.
- QSO points: Count 1 points for each contact worked multiplied by the distance in km of the station worked.
- Use of GPS receivers encouraged for distance measurements but distance can be measured using a map and ruler.

7. Schedules:

- Use of 144.260 MHz is suggested for scheduling and coordination during the contest.
- Non amateur communications are allowed to schedule contacts both before and during the contest.

8. Reporting:

- Summary sheets be turned in to NM5M (nm5m@aol.com) by May 30, 2005.
- Paper or electronic submissions accepted. Format of report should follow the attached summary sheet form. All participants assisting with a station should be listed on the form.

PLEASE NOTE LOG SUBMISSION IS NOT REQUIRED ONLY SUMMARY SHEETS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED.

Summary sheets may be mailed to:

Eric Silverthorn/NM5M
6404 Castlemere Drive
Plano, Texas 75093

9. Certificates:

- Top 10 scores in both the Rover and Fixed categories will receive certificates.
- Scores by bands of each call sign submitting logs to be published in the June issue of *FeedPoint*.

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CALLSIGN _____

GUEST OP CALLSIGN(S) _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

Score Calculation:

BAND	NUMBER OF CONTACTS	DISTANCE (km)
902		
1296		
2304		
3456		
5760		
10 GHz		
24 GHz		
47 GHz		

CONTACT **DISTANCE** **SCORE**
TOTAL _____ x **TOTAL** _____ = _____

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