

MVARC Contest Calendar

VHF Contests:

- All bands above and including 6M. All modes. Same as the January contest we just had. A dual-band handheld and a mobile antenna are all you need!
- June 11-13
- August 6-7
- September 10-12

Timeline:

- April 17th, Rookie Roundup – PHONE
- June 11-13, VHF
- June 25-26, Field Day
- August 6-7, VHF
- September 10-12, VHF
- November 5-7, November Sweepstakes – CW
- November 19-20, November Sweepstakes – PHONE
- December 18th. Rookie Roundup – CW

HF Contests:

- Rookie Roundup - Phone:
 - Two different contests: April 17th is Phone, December 18th is CW
 - Both new AND experienced hams use SSB on HF. Operators licensed in the last two years get points for contacting other new operators AND experienced hams.
 - The experienced hams help by handing out contacts on-air, as well as mentoring alongside the rookies at the radio.
 - Expressly designed to be low pressure, friendly, and FUN!
- November Sweepstakes:
 - Two different contests in November: CW on 5-7, Phone on 19-20.
 - Another easy HF contest where operators contact as many US and Canadian stations as they can.
 - Doesn't require a "big gun" station – contest is US and Canada only. 100W and a dipole would work perfectly!

Field Day:

- June 25-26
- Amateur radio's biggest and best event. DON'T MISS THIS ONE!
- MVARC building on last year's efforts:
 - New Plan: The Contest Group will have an event day plan so everyone knows where to go, what to bring, what not to bring, etc.
 - New Location: going to set up in a spot that better meets our needs.
 - Easier setup: will be staging everything ahead of time and having fewer vehicles on site in order to make setup and tear down easy.
 - More activities: Phone, SSB, digital, good food, rover stations, outreach . . . we are going to have it all!
 - Open to all club members: Even if you're not able to help with setup COME OUT ANYWAY! This event is for everyone.

With any of these contests, don't feel like you have to be an experienced operator, technical wizard, or a contesting pro in order to participate. The guy RUNNING the contest group has been licensed less than a year!

All you need is a little curiosity, a taste for adventure, and a desire to have fun. With the MVARC group, "FUN" is what we are after.