DUBUS 2m CW EME Activity Events and 2006 Activity Contest

1. Overview

The DUBUS 2m CW EME Activity Contest is intended to encourage worldwide CW EME activity in the 2m band. It lasts the whole calendar year, and consists of 8 DUBUS 2m CW EME Activity Events that take place in 8 weekends across the whole year (outside of the established CW EME contest months).

Each DUBUS 2m CW EME Activity event is divided into two published time-slots of typically 3-4 hours. Each event is scored individually. Availability of moon window for participating stations from different parts of the world is considered. Your total score for the night is the number of QSOs (with a bonus score for QSOs with the three 'rare' continents) multiplied by the total number of callsign prefixes worked.

You can choose to participate in any of the DUBUS 2m CW EME Activity Events, and send in your logs by e-mail for the 2006 Activity Contest. After the last Activity Event of calendar year 2006, the administrator will compute the sum of your 6 best scores to get the total results for the year's Activity Contest.

2. Contest Dates

<u>Each monthly DUBUS 2m CW EME Activity Event, with the starting event being the</u> one being held on December 2005.

Duration: 1 calendar year, consisting of 8 Dubus 2m cw eme activity events that are held on 8 pre-announced weekends and time slots, which can be found at: http://web.telia.com/~u37031777/ & http://www.sm2cew.com/dubus-aw.html

Those Activity Events do not interfere with any of the established CW EME contests..

3. Sections and Awards

A: Total antenna gain up to 15dbd

B: Total antenna gain above 15 and until 18.5dbd

C: Total antenna gain above 18.5 and until 22dbd

D: Total antenna gain above 22 and up to 25.5dbd

E: Total antenna gain above 25.5 dbd

Linearly polarized and xpol stations are included the same section.

- Each section winner will receive a free one-year subscription to DUBUS magazine.
- The first 3 stations in each section will also receive a certificate to commemorate their achievement.
- The station with the highest total score from the continents of Oceania, Latin America, Africa, will receive a free one-year subscription to DUBUS magazine.

• Each station participating from Oceania, Latin America, and Africa will receive a certificate to commemorate their achievement, as long as they send in a log for six Dubus 2m cw eme Activity Events.

4. Rules

- 4.1 For the purpose of the Activity Contest, only one scoring QSO with the same station can be logged in each Activity Event.
- 4.2 During the two pre-announced time slots of the Activity Events, 2m CW EME is the ONLY communication allowed between a participant and the other stations worked. If you are taking part in the Activity Contest, you agree not to use any other communication medium to make skeds, announce your CQ frequency, give the QSO partner any QSO progress info, confirm whether the QSO was valid or not, or announce QSO accomplishments: if you wish to do any of these things, they must only be done outside of the time slots of the Activity Events. This will be monitored, and anyone breaking this rule can not be eligible for the Activity Contest.
- 4.3 If you wish to use some other communication medium such as the Internet or packet radio to announce own frequencies or times for your CQ, or arrange other activities during the Activity Event, you must stop doing this **before** the beginning of each activity time slot. Skeds are not encouraged because a large fraction of sked contacts weakens the fun of "random" activity feeling of this contesting event, **but there is no points penalty for skeds**, provided that they are arranged **before the start of the activity period** (rule 4.2).

5. QSO Points

- Each QSO completed by stations in the European Continent (including associated islands), using CW EME on 144MHz, counts for 1 point.
- Each QSO completed by stations in the Continents of North America, Asia (including associated islands), using CW EME on 144MHz, counts for 1.5 point.
- Each QSO completed by stations in the Continents of Oceania, Latin America, Africa (including associated islands), using CW EME on 144MHz, counts for 2 points.

Bonus: each **random** (non-sked) contact with the continents of Oceania, Africa or South America counts for 5 points.

6. Multipliers

Each different call prefix is a multiplier (e.g. SV1, SV2, SM1, SM2, DL1, DK1, W2, W3, KM5, K5, W5, WA6, K6, PA1, PE1, etc. See the example of CQ WPX contest rules for further details on prefix multipliers.)

7. Total Scores

The score of a station for one Activity Event is: (Total of QSO Points) * (Total of Multipliers)

The DUBUS 2m CW EME Activity Contest is a whole-year fun contest. The administrator will sum up the scores from your best 6 Activity Events to calculate your overall results.

8. Log format

Each line of the Log must include details of: Date, Time, Station worked, Report Sent, Report Received, QSO Points, Multiplier (1 or 0). Finally the Log must include the Total Score for this Activity Event.

An example of the Log format that should be followed can be found at http://www.sm2cew.com/dubus-aw.html

Each sked QSO must be marked with an asterisk beside the callsign.

9. Sending your entry

You can choose to participate in any or all of the DUBUS 2m CW EME Activity Events in the calendar year. #

Logs for Dubus 2m cw eme activity award must be sent via e-mail to the award administrator at http://www.sm2cew.com/dubus-aw.html within 10 days after the conclusion of each activity event.

a. Log must contain a <u>subject</u> line consisting of <u>call sign</u> followed by the <u>month</u> and the word log as follows: "SV1BTR Jan. log".

b. The Log itself, must be in the body of the message, of each e-mail.

In case a participant finds a mistake has been made and that one or more qso's are not valid, a correction should be sent by the participant himself to the administrator with a subject line as follows: "SV1BTR Jan. correction".

All e-mail log entries will be acknowledged by being uploaded after each Activity Event at http://www.sm2cew.com/dubus-aw.html

After the last Activity Event of the calendar year 2006 the administrator will compute the sum of the six best results for each participant to determine the total result of the 2006 EME Activity Contest. The total scores form the basis for the prizes in each class.

For any questions contact: Jimmy SV1BTR at jimmyv@hol.gr

NOTE: For the 2006 Dubus 2m cw eme Activity Contest only, since starting Dubus 2m cw eme activity event started in December 2005 and commencement of yearly period will be December 2006, past LOGS for December 05, January 06, February 06 events can be sent at http://www.sm2cew.com/dubus-aw.html, by February 15th, 2006.

<u>Clarification</u>: Even though the 2006 DUBUS 2m CW EME contest started in the month of February, it still contains 8 Activity Events for the above mentioned period (best 6 scores to count for the Contest). However, it is important to note that the 2007 Activity Contest will commence in January 2007 and conclude in December 2007 with 8 Activity Events (best 6 scores to count). The latter will be true for future years also.

Good luck in the DUBUS 2m CW EME Activity Events and the 2006 Activity Contest!

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