

Peel Amateur Radio Group



Slow CW Corroboree

Introduction

The PARG Slow CW Corroboree is intended to encourage radio amateurs to give CW a try.

Objectives

The aim of this friendly Corroboree is to encourage amateurs to find and dust off their Morse keys, to learn how easy friendly CW exchanges can be, and mostly... to have fun.

Date and Time

The Corroboree will run for three hours on Saturday December 4th:

- 0700 – 1000 WA time
- 1000 – 1300 Eastern Summer time
- 2300z Dec 3rd – 0200z Dec 4th.

The Corroboree will be run in six half-hour blocks for the purpose of duplicate contacts.

Bands and Modes

To simplify the Corroboree, only a portion of 80m will be used; Corroboree participants may use CW on any frequency in accordance with their license between 3520kHz and 3570kHz inclusive.

Categories

1. CW Operator.
2. Short Wave Listeners.

Corroboree Guidelines

1. Work as many stations on 80m using slow CW in accordance with your Australian Communications and Media Authority Apparatus License and these guidelines.
2. Points and multipliers apply to:
 - a. each contact worked
 - b. each PARG contact worked
 - c. operators with a Foundation license
 - d. portable stations
3. Operation via remote HF stations and using remote Software Defined Radio receivers are permitted.
4. Short Wave Listeners:
 - a. SWLs may participate in this friendly Corroboree, and licensed amateur operators may enter this category – eg if they can't find their Morse keys.
 - b. SWL Logs should record details of complete QSOs between Corroboree stations, including the time, both call signs and both exchanged numbers.

Exchange of Information

Participants may call CQ PARG to identify themselves as participants.

Stations will send and receive six figure signal reports and serials. The following information is required for a valid contact:

1. Exchange of signal reports in RST format.
2. Exchange of serial numbers. The serial numbers will start with 001 and will increment by 1 for every subsequent contact (through the whole three hours).

Exchanges may be abbreviated; examples of simple exchanges are available in the [PARG CW Operating Hints](#) on the PARG SCW-Dec21 webpage.

Repeat Contacts

Stations may be contacted once in each half hour block (eg block 1 – 2300z to 2330z, Block 2 2330z – 2400z). This means that repeat contact can be less than 30 minutes apart.

Scoring

Description	Standard or Advanced Call Points	Foundation Call Points	SWL Points
Complete valid QSO – fixed station to fixed station	Each Standard or Advanced station earns 1 point	Each Foundation call earns 2 points	1
Complete valid QSO with a PARG station – fixed station to fixed station	Each Standard or Advanced station earns 2 point	Each Foundation call earns 3 points	2
Complete valid QSO – fixed station to portable station	Each Standard or Advanced fixed station earns 2 points	Each Foundation fixed station earns 3 points	2
	Each Standard or Advanced portable station earns 3 points	Each Foundation portable station earns 4 points	
Complete valid QSO to a PARG station – fixed station to portable station	Each Standard or Advanced fixed station earns 3 points	Each Foundation fixed station earns 4 points	3
	Each Standard or Advanced portable station earns 4 points	Each Foundation portable station earns 5 points	
Complete valid QSO – portable station to portable station	Each Standard or Advanced portable station earns 4 points	Each Foundation portable station earns 5 points	4
Complete valid QSO to a PARG station – portable station to portable station	Each Standard or Advanced portable station earns 5 points	Each Foundation portable station earns 6 points	5

Debrief

Please join us for a chat on 3600kHz SSB at the end of the event; good opportunity to clarify the rules and to recommend changes to encourage more participants in future. The callback will be conducted if possible by Mark Bosma using VK2KI (or alternatively, by the Pow-Wow winner Andrew VK1DA) for Eastern States stations and by Gary VK6GAL via the VK6SR Remote HF station for VK6s.

Logs

Logs are submitted by email to the PARG Secretary (address below) with a Cc to Mark VK2KI / VK6QI, preferably using the Excel template from the PARG website within 14 days of the event. Participants can be provided with the templates on request to the Secretary. If you are unable to email your log, please contact the organiser to arrange an alternative.

Record the time of the QSO in 24 hour Zulu format (4 digits, WA time minus 8 hours), frequency, report and serial number sent, report and serial number received.

The final score is the sum of valid contact points; the spreadsheet template will do this automatically for you. If you use another logger, you will need to do the calculations.

For more detailed logging and scoring instructions see the Instructions page on the spreadsheet. If you have any further questions regarding the scoring, please contact the organiser for help.

Each log must be accompanied by a Summary Sheet showing operator's name, email address, call sign, category, claimed score and a declaration that the rules and spirit of the Corroboree were observed. If the logging spreadsheet is used, the blank cells of the Summary Sheet (at the bottom of the log) are to be completed to show that information; the logger generates the majority of this information automatically. By submitting your log, you are making the declaration that the rules and spirit of the Corroboree were observed.

Corroboree Results

Entrants will be notified of the results which will be published on the PARG website.

Corroboree Brave

The highest scorer will have bragging rights until the next Corroboree.

Notes

- Portable stations are not to use mains power or their home antennas.
- Wearing headphones helps with CW... and your family will appreciate it.
- For this event, we've decided to operate above the CW-only segment of the band – to avoid confusing/annoying DX operators, and to help members with narrow-band antennas centred on 3600.

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