

W3K Operator Que Sheet

1. Please post to our website, pennwireless.org, the date, time, band and mode you are willing to work.
2. You may sign up for any open slot during the time span of the event. We probably will be short on coverage during daylight hours and after midnight so if you're available then, please consider it.
3. The concept of the event is for our members to operate from their home QTH or another location. Any band and any mode can be used. For those brave souls who'd like to try VHF and above, please avoid the local repeaters in favor of FM simplex or SSB modes. There are no power limitations, full legal limit is okay. But as in any other contact situation, use the minimal power required to make your contacts.
4. The attached qso guide sheet may help you in establishing your technique for generating contacts.
5. You may log contacts on the W3K page on qrz.com if you have been added to the user list. If you desire to be added to the W3K page user list, please contact Jim, KE3LA. You must log each of your contacts either on the W3K page, your own logging program or on paper. Any logging program used must be capable of exporting an .adif file. The minimum information that must be logged is as follow:
 - a. Responding operator's call
 - b. Contact frequency/band
 - c. Contact mode
 - d. Contact date
 - e. Contact time (UTC)
6. If you have trouble establishing contacts, consider self-spotting on one of the spotting networks (DXWATCH.com etc.). This will announce your presence on the air waves.

7. If you find yourself overwhelmed in pile-ups (too many answering stations to handle), you can try the following techniques:

- a. Try to copy the first or last call to answer. These may stand out from the pile up.
- b. If you are truly swamped with reply calls, consider calling CQ to call areas, starting with 0 and progressing through 9.

Ex:

“CQ 1 calls only CQ 1 calls only de W3K for 1 calls only”

If you are being overwhelmed with DX contacts, you can use the following example:

“CQ stateside only CQ stateside only de W3K Calling stateside only”

8. This isn't really a contest and should be approached as a fun event. I hope everyone gives it a try, together let's put Penn Wireless on the amateur radio map.

Jim – KE3LA