

Introducing the 2009 Fall VHF/UHF Sprints:

The Southeastern VHF Society is again sponsoring the Fall VHF/UHF Sprints. All amateurs are encouraged to participate, even if only in a small way. They are meant to get everyone on the air. The rules encourage rover, microwave operation and the casual operator new to VHF/UHF.



The contest is intended for single operator, single transmitter entries. However, if one wishes to introduce a newcomer to weak signal vhf/uhf operations, the sponsors of the contest reserve the right to allow such entries, if identified as such. In no case will there be more than 1 radio operator at one time. A second person can not serve as a “spotter” while the first operates. Operating categories are still Single Op and Rover.

Sprints are held on different days for each band except for the Microwaves (902 and up) that are held together. The operating time for each Sprint is short (like a sprint :-)) and meant to compress the activity into a shorter time span.

At present we do not have any plaque sponsors. If you would like to sponsor a plaque for one of the Sprints please contact the Fall Sprints Chairman Bruce Randall WD4JQV.

While the rules for the Fall Sprints are set for 2009, we are always open to suggestions on how to improve them for the future. If you have an idea on how to make the Fall Sprints better for next year (different dates, times, rule change, etc.) please drop the Fall Sprints Chairman a note and help out.

Please notice that, except for rovers, the scoring is more like the ARRL June VHF contest now. This will allow computer programs to both generate the logs and check the logs. Rover scoring is intended to encourage activation of many grids!

Down East Microwave (downeastmicrowave.com) is again supporting the Fall Sprints by sponsoring two participation award drawings. The drawings will be made at the SVHFS Conference from the stations that turn in logs showing contacts in the 222 MHz Sprint and/or the Microwave Sprint. One drawing for each. The two drawing winners will receive \$100 gift certificates for DEMI products. You do not have to be present to win. The awards are being sponsored to encourage amateurs to get active on 222 MHz and the Microwave bands. Our thanks to Steve and Sandra for their continued support!!

For details and up-to-date information about the Fall Sprints and the annual technical conference the Southeastern VHF Society sponsors, please visit our website at www.svhfs.org

73, have fun, and good luck!

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2009 Fall Sprint Chairman

2009 Fall VHF/UHF Sprint Rules:

1. Object: To work as many amateur stations in as many 2 X 1 degree grid squares as possible, using authorized amateur frequencies on the 50, 144, 222, 432 MHz and Microwave (902 MHz and above) bands during the contest periods.

2. Contest Period:

2.1 The **144 MHz** Sprint will be from 7 PM to 11 PM local time on Monday September 21, 2009.
LOG is due by October 21, 2009.

2.2 The **222 MHz** Sprint will be from 7 PM to 11 PM local time on Tuesday September 29, 2009.
LOG is due by October 29, 2009.

2.3 The **432 MHz** Sprint will be from 7 PM to 11 PM local time on Wednesday October 7, 2009.
LOG is due by November 7, 2009.

2.4 The **Microwave** (902 MHz and above) Sprint will be from 6 AM to 12 PM local time on Saturday October 17, 2009. The Microwave Sprint is one Sprint and certificates will be awarded for highest total score. See section 4. below for scoring.
LOG is due by November 17, 2009.

2.5 The **50 MHz** Sprint starts 2300 UTC Saturday, October 24, 2009 and ends 0300 UTC Sunday, October 25, 2009.
LOG is due by November 25, 2009.

3. Exchange: Call signs and Grid-square locator. Signal report optional.

4. Scoring:

4.1 QSO Points:

- 4.1.1. Count 1 point for each complete 50- or 144-MHz QSO.
- 4.1.2. Count 2 points for each 222- or 432-MHz QSO.
- 4.1.3. Count 3 points for each 902- or 1296-MHz QSO.
- 4.1.4. Count 4 points for each 2.3-GHz (or higher) QSO.

4.2 Multiplier: The total number of grid squares worked. Each 2 X 1 degree grid square worked counts as one multiplier.

4.3 Final Score (Except Microwave): Multiply QSO points by multipliers. Each sprint is scored separately. **ARRL June 2009 VHF contest scoring software will produce the correct score.**

4.4 Rovers Score: Each grid activated is scored separately as if the station was a normal single operator in that grid. Please separate logs for each grid activated. The final score is the sum of the scores for the individual grids activated. **ARRL scoring software will NOT work.**

4.5 Microwave Final Score: Count 3 QSO point for each complete 902 or 1296 MHz QSO. Count 4 QSO points for each 2.3 GHz (or higher) QSO. Add up the QSO points for all bands and then multiply this total by the total number of multipliers. A grid worked on more than one band counts

as a new multiplier on each band. For example: EM94 worked on 902, 1296 and 2304 MHz is 3 multipliers. **ARRL June 2009 VHF contest scoring software will produce the correct score.**

5. Reporting: Logs must be submitted no later than 30 days after the closing date of the each event. Only submitted logs are eligible for awards. Logs must be in ARRL format (log sheets and summary sheet as used for ARRL VHF contests) to be accepted, and must show current address to be eligible for awards. Electronic submissions in ARRL acceptable electronic format may be mailed on diskette or e-mailed with log file as an ATTACHMENT only (Not in the body of e-mail). Subject line of e-mail must contain "2009 Fall Sprint". In e-mail addresses below (at) is really an @ sign.

5.1 144 MHz Sprint logs to:

Ott Fiebel W4WSR, PO Box 957, Hayesville, NC 28904 ottf(at)wbia.net

5.2 222 MHz Sprint logs to:

Bob Lear W4ZST, PO Box 1269, Dahlonega, GA 30533 w4zst(at)windstream.net

5.3 432 MHz Spring logs to:

Jim Worsham W4KXY, 1915 Oak Wind Lane, Buford, GA 30519-6766 w4kxy(at)arrl.net

5.4 Microwave Sprint logs to:

Bruce Randall WD4JQV, 928 Falls Rd, Rock Hill, SC 29730 wd4jqv(at)arrl.net

5.5 50 MHz Sprint logs to:

Ray Rector WA4NJP, 3493 Holly Springs Rd, Gillsville, GA 30534 wa4njp(at)bellsouth.net

6. Certificates for top three Single Op finishers in each sprint and top three Rovers in each sprint if sufficient Rover competition is shown. Certificates to be awarded at the Southeastern VHF Society banquet.

7. Use of telephone, packet or internet methods to **schedule** contacts during the contest is acceptable. The telephone, packet or internet channel will not be used while the contact is in progress. No "OK I am hearing you now." over the alternate channel. The alternate channel will not be available in any way to the operator during the contact. The complete exchange of call signs and grids must be accomplished on the relevant amateur radio band.

The Fall Sprints are sponsored by the Southeastern VHF Society. Please visit www.svhfs.org for any updates.