

**Contest Advisory Committee  
Semi-Annual Report**

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## Overview

In the last six months, the CAC has not reached consensus on any rule change. We have had numerous online discussions without clear direction. In addition, the CAC VHF Subcommittee has also met on Zoom and considered several ideas.

Most of our discussions take place online in our discussion group. Our CAC members report our activities to their respective board members. Our liaison to the PSC is Bill, AC0W and he is kept updated, monitors our discussions and updates CAC on PSC actions.

### Tasks:

We have completed tasks asked of us to consider. No other tasks have gone beyond discussion.

CAC has been observing the discussions on the internet discussion groups for issues related to prior actions such as change in circle, limited antennas, etc. The general conclusion is that these changes have been favorable.

### CAC Membership:

The last few months have seen some membership changes to the CAC. Long time member, Chas, K3WW has retired and appointed to his place is Jon, AA1K. Jim, N3BB has resigned but a replacement has not been named.

- Atlantic – Jon, AA1K, : [jz73@verizon.net](mailto:jz73@verizon.net)
- Central – Craig Thompson, K9CT; [Craig@k9ct.us](mailto:Craig@k9ct.us) (Chairman)
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## **VHF CAC Subcommittee**

Committee members:

Jon Platt W0ZQ (Subcommittee Chair)

Craig Thompson K9CT

Jeff Ach W2FU

Rus Healy K2UA

Steve Kostro N2CEI

Bob Striegl K2DRH

John Kalenowsky K9JK

Jim Duffey KK6MC

Eric Olson, N7EPD

### **Other considerations**

#### **CAC:**

Numerous discussions about

1. Adding DX to DX contacts to the ARRL 160m contest
2. Expediency of contest results and publication in QST
3. Differences between the 10 and 160 contests
4. Why are the multipliers different between the contests? States/territories
5. Operating time in RTTY RU

#### **VHF Subcommittee/CAC:**

Online discussions and a Zoom meeting considered

1. 222 MHz activity
2. EME contest exchange
3. Weather considerations for Rovers
4. Changing contest dates

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the ARRL Contest Advisory Committee

Craig Thompson, CAC Chairman