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VHF DX Weekend 8th / 9th February

On February 8th and 9th the VHF DX Weekend contest will be on. We encourage you to get out and operate from either home station or find a high hill to work from.

For all contests, the operating periods are 5 pm to 11 pm on the Saturday, and 7 am to 1 pm on the Sunday, NZ local time.

Several stations will be on from high positions throughout the country. Mainly operation is on SSB but some also listen on FM for those who may not have multimode rigs. Antenna polarisation is normally horizontal but that doesn't mean you can't try with a vertical, you will still get someone.

Mainly we operate on 6 metres upward to the microwave bands.

Frequencies often used are:

6 m 50.150 MHz – Upper Sideband - do not call CQ contest on 50.110 as this is the DX calling frequency and considered bad form to contest on 50.110.

2 m 144.200 MHz – Upper sideband – maybe for FM users 146.525, 146.575 or other well known simplexes.

70 cm 432.200 MHz – Upper sideband.

23 cm 1296.100 MHz – Often use this on Upper sideband. Using .100 keeps IF frequencies on transverters away from upsetting the 2 m station.

Other microwave frequencies agreed on another liaison channel but typically also on .100.

All contest logs should be sent, via email to arrive within two weeks: VHFcontest@nzart.org.nz

Come on up on the VHF bands and enjoy the fun! Maybe activate your local clubrooms?

Please see <http://www.nzart.org.nz/activities/contest-rules/rules-vhf-and-above/>

73's from the contest committee

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