



The Don Edwards Memorial Slow Morse Contest



Intent: The intention of the Don Edwards Memorial Slow Morse Contest is to remember Don Edwards VK2NV (SK), a long time member of the St. George Amateur Radio Society and keen Morse operator. A further intention of the contest is to encourage amateurs who rarely or never use Morse code to give it a try.

When: The contest will be held in May, on the weekend following Mother's Day, which is close to Don's birthday. The contest is held in two parts:

Saturday evening between 6pm and 9pm Eastern Standard Time (0800 - 1100 Hrs UTC) on 80 metres;

Sunday afternoon between 1pm and 4pm Eastern Standard Time (0300 - 0600 Hrs UTC) on 40 metres.

Who: The contest is open to all VK and ZL amateurs. The contest is open only to single, non assisted stations. Multi-operator stations are not permitted. Operators must use their normal callsign such as VK#ABC - 2, 3 or 4 letter callsigns. **The use of 2x1 contest call signs is NOT permitted.**

Where: On the 80 metre (explicitly excluding the 'SSB DX Window' between 3776 and 3800 kHz) and 40 metre bands as detailed above. Frequencies and power levels in accordance with the current license conditions and associated operator qualifications.

Modes (The important bit): The mode for use is ICW (mostly commonly called CW and marked as such on most radios). The Morse is to be sent by hand and received by ear. NO keyboards, memory keyers or computer readers are to be used. Hand sent Morse code can be from a straight key, a mechanical bug or an electronic keyer - BUT NO MEMORY OR CANNED MESSAGES.

Speed: To encourage amateurs who do little or no Morse, speed will be limited to 10 words per minute. Experienced operators are encouraged to go slower if the other station has difficulty keeping up. Less than 5 words per minute is acceptable – or even slower!

Scoring: Each contact will be counted as 1 point.

Bonus points: Contestants who obtained their amateur qualifications without passing a Morse Code test (at any speed) can self declare and add 2 bonus points. Contestants who also self declare that "they had fun" during the contest can add 1 extra bonus point.

Operation: Operation is permitted from home, portable or mobile. Operators are encouraged to regularly change frequency within the license condition limits as permitted by their qualification.

Exchange: The exchange between stations needs only to be a 2 digit 'serial' number (e.g. 01, 02, 03... to 99) and your name (and associated callsigns of course!). No need for 599 or 5NN.

Logs: Logs entries must show; Date, Time, Frequency, your serial number (2 digits), other station's serial number (2 digits), other station's name.

Contacts with other stations not participating in the contest can be recorded as NIC (Not In Contest) rather than a serial number.

Log submissions must also show Scores per band, Bonus points and total score claimed.

Logs submitted must be readable (in the sole opinion of the Contest Manager) by the Contest Manager.



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Logs must be submitted by 2359 AEST on the Sunday two weeks after the conclusion of the contest.

Logs must be submitted by email to contest@sgars.org

With your log, please include your full name, call sign, email address **and** postal address. Entrants are also encouraged to submit a photograph of their station set-up including their key, paddle or keyer.

Certificates: Certificates will be issued to winners and place getters as well as participation certificates to all operators who submit a log (in accordance with these rules).