



In conjunction with the Peel Amateur Radio Group and the Bunbury Radio Club



CQ QRS Slow CW Net

International Morse Code Day Slow CW Corroboree 2023

Introduction

The International Morse Code Day Slow CW Corroboree is being run two days after the International Morse Code Day Trivia Quiz. The events are intended to commemorate Samuel Morse's Birthday and International Morse Code Day which was on Thursday April 27th each year.

The event has been organised by the CQ QRS Slow CW Net, in conjunction with the Peel Amateur Radio Group and the Bunbury Radio Club.

Objectives

The aim of this friendly Corroboree is to encourage amateurs and short wave listeners to find and dust off their Morse keys, to learn how easy friendly slow CW exchanges can be, and mostly... to have fun, irrespective of how good or rusty your Morse code is. The event is open to all radio amateurs and short wave listeners.

This time, the Corroboree will be just for fun and to practice exchanging RSTs; logs will not be submitted, however there is a challenge; see *The Challenge* below.

Date and Time

The Corroboree will run for two hours on Saturday April 29th, 2023:

- 1100z – 1300z
- 1900 – 2100 WA time
- 2100 – 2300 Eastern Australian time
- 2030 – 2230 Central Australian time

The Corroboree will have two one-hour blocks for the purpose of duplicate contacts.

Bands and Modes

To simplify the Corroboree for operators, only the normal CQ QRS portion of 80m will be used - Corroboree participants should use CW on any frequency in accordance with their license between 3540kHz and 3570kHz inclusive.

Categories

For bragging purposes, each State and Country's entrants will be counted separately in the wash-up.

Corroboree Guidelines

1. The event is open to all amateur radio operators and Short Wave Listeners.
2. Work as many stations on 80m using slow CW in accordance with your Australian Communications and Media Authority Apparatus License (or equivalent) and these guidelines.
3. There is no requirement for log submission; just work as many people as you can in each of the two one-hour blocks.
4. Operation via remote HF stations and using remote Software Defined Radio receivers are both permitted.
5. Short Wave Listeners:
 - a. SWLs are encouraged to participate in this friendly Corroboree, and licensed amateur operators may opt for this category – eg if they can't find their Morse keys.
 - b. SWLs should aim to read the details of complete QSOs between Corroboree stations, including both call signs and both exchanged numbers.

Exchange of Information

Participants may call CQ QRS, CQ CONTEST or CQ TEST to identify themselves as participants.

Stations should send and receive three figure RST signal reports for a valid contact.

Exchanges may be abbreviated; examples of simple exchanges are available in the CW Operating Hints and VK6GAL Notes on the PARG [Corroboree](#) webpage.

Repeat Contacts

Stations may be contacted once in each one-hour block (Block 1 – 1100z to 1200z, Block 2 1200z – 1300z). This means that repeat contacts can be less than 60 minutes apart.

The Challenge

Now just for fun and for bragging rights, here's the twist! Not only are we trying to encourage as many people to contact as many others as possible, there's a little challenge to make it interesting:

Use the call letters of each station contacted to tick-off **one letter at a time** in the phrase:

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And every time you contact a station with **no** call letters in that original phrase, you can use your own call letters. If you've already ticked off any letters from that callsign, you can't apply your own letters – it's only if the station has no letters in the original phrase. SWLs can apply the letters 'SWL' for the same purpose for each callsign with no original letters logged.

The phrase challenge will extend over the whole two hour block – don't re-start the challenge in the second hour – continue with the same ticked off letters. And there's no need to worry about the Challenge until after the event is finished..... just work as many stations as you can (twice over

the two hours if possible), then sort out the Challenge afterwards (and I'm very happy to help with this bit if you like).

So after the event for example; if John VK3BSE contacted me at home VK2KI, he would tick off one letter I (there's no V or K in the original phrase). Then if he contacts Andrew VK1DA and Claude VK1TE, and John VK5ET, he will tick off one letter D, one letter A, two letter Ts and two letter Es; his phrase would then look like this:

I N T E R N A T I O N A L M O R S E C O D E D A Y Q U I Z

If in the second hour he then contacts VK6WWW; there were no Ws in the original phrase, so John can then use the S and the E from his call; he can repeat this for every station with no original phrase letters in their calls. So John's phrase will then look like this:

I N T E R N A T I O N A L M O R S E C O D E D A Y Q U I Z

If he then contacts John VK5ET in the second hour, he cannot tick off any more letters (E and T have gone already) and he cannot apply his own call letters again to claim another letter E, because John had letters (both E and T in this case) in the original phrase.

So with these contacts, John would have scored 9 letters for VK3.

Scoring

This event is for fun and practice – and logs will not be checked. Instead, please email me your ticked-off phrase with a list of stations worked (or heard for SWLs) and any comments.

Note, if you can't be bothered fathoming your way through the Challenge – just exchange RSTs and write down who you work in each one hour block. Then after the event, give me a call or just email me the list of stations contacted in Blocks 1 and 2, and I'll work it out with you.

Debrief

Please join us for a quick SSB chat on 3565kHz LSB at the end of the event at 1300z; good opportunity to meet your fellow CW operator, have a laugh about your experiences and recommend changes to encourage more participants in future. The callback will be conducted by Richard VK6PZT in WA, and at the same time, I will also check using VK2KI for any Eastern States stations who are still awake and who can't hear the VK6 signals. For SWLs, amateurs who just listened in, or those unable to contact the host, please SMS to me on 0418161773.

Corroboree Results

A summary of what fun we all had, and the callsigns of the Corroboree Braves from each call area will follow to members of the Slow CW Contests Email Distribution Group and any to other emails received. And for Bragging Rights..... just participating is something to brag about!

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