

The PARG CW Event - VK6GAL

At regular intervals, VK2KI and helpers are setting up this CW event which strains the CW slow-speed practitioners after weeks of practice. This is a fun contest that really isn't a contest. I am posting this page because I see that I "won" the last event. I've been in each one of these and plan to be on each one in the future. However, from now on, I will be sending in my score with one contact. I'm in this to assist you, not to win the event. I'm not a fair competitor. I've been a CW operator and contester for coming up on 70 years. Not fair.

Here's what I will be doing at under 10 wpm (the column on the left) so you can know ahead of time if you hear me. In a high-speed contest, the signal report is always 5NN = 599. You will always know that I am going to send 5NN and the next number in sequence. No surprises. You will know exactly what to expect. If your code speed is 6-8 wpm, but you know what is going to be sent, you can easily copy me.

I'm posting this so you will know exactly what is happening as you hear it. This is the way it is done in a real contest. I am ready for your response of either column of your choosing.

In A High-Speed Contest  
(Illustrating my "8th" QSO)

What you can send if you want

Me: CQ PARG CQ PARG DE VK6GAL VK6GAL K  
(If no one comes back in 5 seconds I send it again)

You: VK6FN  
(You only need to send it once unless you goof.  
I already know my call letters and if you're close  
to my frequency, I know it's me you're calling)

VK6GAL DE VK6FN VK6FN K

Me: VK6FN 5NN TT8  
(My 8th contact - N is a 9 - T is a Ø)

You: 5NN TT1  
(I know if you only send this much, you copied  
what I sent and don't need to tell me you got it.  
My example here is that I am your first contact.)

VK6GAL DE VK6FN RR UR RPT IS  
579 001 BK TO U VK6GAL DE VK6FN K

Me: TU  
(If I don't send more than that, it means I got it  
and I'm ready for the next contact to call me  
immediately. if no one calls me after 3 seconds,  
I start at the top again, unless you send me  
something)

You: (nothing)

TNX QSO 73 VK6GAL DE VK6FN K  
(I really don't need to hear from you  
again)

Me: 73 EE (73 dit dit - but I'm only acknowledging  
your PARG response to me since it's not needed  
in a contest)

In the PARG "contest," I'm ready for whatever you send, even if it's much more than I need. As I said, I'm here for your practice and I'm not trying (like I hope you are) to maximize the score. If it seems like I'm not being very friendly, it's because in contesting, the minimum exchange is the desired procedure.

If you send back to me: 5NN TT1 (or whatever the number is) without any more information, I'm going to make a side note and get back to you later with a congratulations!

Be understanding with your fellow PARG members. They may not be doing the "contest" like me. They may want to chat a bit, and that's OK.

In SSB contests, you will sometimes hear the calling station sign off each contact by saying, "Good luck in the contest." That is totally unnecessary and a time-waster. How many more contacts could be made within the 24 hour contest period in the time it took to say that phrase 800 or 1000 times?

Good luck in the contest! :-)

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