

This is a Decision Briefing

- I will develop a proposal in the following slides.
- I will ask for a motion to accept this proposal at the end of the presentation.
- This proposal can generate many more questions and comments than could be addressed in time allotted.
- Please minimize questions and comments.
 - If motion passes, there will be time for the details.

LET'S DO SOMETHING **BIG**

ARRL VHS CONTEST

JUNE 13 TO 15

STARTS

1800 Saturday, Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), June 13

1:00 PM, Saturday, Huntsville, AL time

ENDS

0259 Monday, Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), June 15

9:59 PM, Sunday, Huntsville, AL time

**A Contact Sport
That Maintains Social Distancing!!!**

I request HARC to sponsor an effort
to **Recruit and Mentor**
200+ Huntsville area hams
to participate in the
June ARRL VHS Contest.

It will be a lot of **FUN!**

It will be an exceedingly **unique** experience.

As for as I know, NO ONE has ever done anything like this. The number is outrageous!

This is something that might fit in a Book of World Records.

However:

This effort will require a LOT of work.

It will take a lot of coordination.

It will take commitment.

--I do not see any need for any funding.

I request that we as a club contact each HARC member and ask them to HELP us achieve our goal of 200+ HAMS operating in the VHF contest.

HARC is an INCLUSIVE club:

I request that we reach out to all ham clubs and organizations in the area to ask them to join us in putting 200+ HAMS on the air in the VHF contest.

I have talked with officers of the North Alabama DX Club, Alabama Contest Group and others.

They are all very supportive of this effort.

What is the ARRL June 2020 VHF Contest

About-

For amateurs in the US and Canada (and their possessions) to work as many amateur stations in as many different 2 degrees x 1 degree Maidenhead grid squares as possible using authorized frequencies above 50 MHz.

All legal modes are permitted (while CW and SSB/Phone are most common, MSK144, **FT8** and FM-Only are gaining popularity - other popular modes include PSK31, FSK441 and JT65).

Dates-

The second full weekend in June. Begins 1800 UTC Saturday, runs through 0259 UTC Monday (**June 13-15, 2020**).

Bands-

All authorized frequencies above 50 MHz (6 Meters, **2 Meters**, **70 cm** and up).

Visit ARRL page for details: <http://www.arrl.org/june-vhf> .

Participants will follow all rules of the contest. NO Special rules associated with our effort.

Why this contest?

License

Technician Class Licensees

have full privileges on these Bands!

Radio

Just about EVERYONE has a 2 meter radio, most have 70cm (440 MHz) and many 6 meters.

Antenna

Antennas systems are small and are easy to obtain for these frequencies.

Easy Contest to Work

All you have to log is the call sign and the Grid Square.

Promotes Mobile and Portable operations

How do we recruit 200+ Hams?

First of all:

We want to personally contact every HARC member and personally invite them to join us in this endeavor.

We need YOU to:

Volunteer

Recruit a Recruiter

Mentor a Mentor

(We will be here to help you.)

Invite all ham clubs in the area to join us in this effort.

Invite all other Hams to join us.

(Know a ham?—Recruit a Ham!) ₇

Why the number 200+ Hams?

200 is a big number, but it is an achievable number.

HARC has over 300 members. Hopefully, we can get 50% to 60% on the air in this contest.

We often reach out to new hams to encourage and mentor them in the hobby.

This activity will do that.

BUT, I want to reach out to EVERY Ham.

We will include all local clubs and

Make an effort to include hams who are not in a club.

Maybe 200 is too small???

Why the number 200+ Hams?

200 is a huge number of (QSOs, contacts, **POINTS**) in a geographical location, especially in a VHF contest.

200 Q's may SPOT the city and the surrounding area.

This level of participation could make every VHF beam in the country point to the Huntsville area.

This will generate a lot of external activity.

We still have 200+ Hams locally that we can work!!!

ALL BEAMS POINT TO HUNTSVILLE

What is expected from the Operator?

We have a commitment to the VHF contest and to those who contact us, too.

LOG our contacts - **SUBMIT** our logs

Each operator is expected to:

1. Work at least 2 hours in the contest , MORE is better.
Make lots and lots of contacts, QSOs.
Log all QSOs.
2. Submit your log to ARRL and 3830 site.
3. HAVE SOME FUN! This is a hobby. **IT'S FUN!!**

Each operator will use their own equipment:

1. All transceivers are acceptable.
2. All operators will comply with social distancing.

How do we connect and work as a Coordinated Team?

HARC will establish a web page for this effort.

There will be a “200+ Hams” button on the main HARC page which directs to a page for this effort.

1. There will be a volunteer sheet asking for data.

(This is where one signs up to work.)

2. A “posting” area where we can display all information pertaining to the effort

3. A volunteer list that shows who has volunteered

4. We will display whatever else we need here.

LET'S HAVE FUN!!!

I make the following Motion:

A. HARC sponsors an effort to Recruit and Mentor 200+ Huntsville area hams to participate in the June ARRL VHS Contest.

B. HARC, as a club, contact each HARC member and ask them to HELP us achieve our goal of 200+ HAMS operating in the VHF contest.

C. HARC reach out to all ham clubs and organizations in the area to ask them to join us in putting 200+ HAMS on the air in the VHF contest.

Request approval:

Turn program back to Billy