

# The Debut of the Collegiate QSO Party

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Building on the success of last year's presence, the Collegiate Amateur Radio Initiative (CARI) again maintained a booth and hosted a forum at Hamvention® in May 2018.

Throughout the weekend, the initiative volunteers — comprised of current students, alumni, faculty, and staff — had the opportunity to engage the Amateur Radio community and explain what collegiate clubs around the country are doing.

Although collegiate Amateur Radio is nothing new, the initiative's goal is to provide common resources to college hams to start, manage, and promote clubs and activities. The forum, which is run as a group discussion rather



All amateurs are invited to join the fun, September 15 – 16, 2018.

## Collegiate QSO Party Rules

### Objective

To provide an Amateur Radio operating event focused on collegiate Amateur Radio with the goal of promoting student activity, alumni engagement, and community awareness.

### Open to Everyone

This event is open to all radio amateurs. Points can be earned by individuals, clubs, and collegiate stations. The Collegiate QSO Party encourages alumni to connect with their alma maters and for students to network with other schools. New hams are welcome and collegiate stations are encouraged to be accommodating to new radio amateurs.

### What is a “Collegiate Station?”

For this event, a collegiate station is defined as students, faculty, staff, or alumni operating under the call sign assigned to the club registered at the college, university, or other post-secondary academic institute. Collegiate clubs may operate on campus in the club station, or be set up in a public area (with permission), or off campus. Alumni/faculty/staff without an active student club who wish to “activate” their school may do so with the

permission of the trustee of the collegiate club call sign and compete in this category.

Current students at schools without a participating Amateur Radio club may compete under their own call signs. Club-station points will apply.

### Operating Dates and Time

The event will take place from **Saturday, September 15, 2018 at 0000 UTC to Sunday, September 16, 2018 at 2359 UTC.**

### Number of Transmitters and Remote Operation

Each station is limited to one transmitter at a time. Additional (unlimited) receivers may be used to aid in spotting other stations. Relay stations and repeaters are not allowed for this event. *Only simplex contacts between two stations may count. The only exceptions are satellite bonus contacts.*

Remote operation is not permitted, except for collegiate stations operating remotely to their shacks to facilitate public demonstrations in accordance with the bonus-point definitions below.

### Operating Bands

Points may be scored on any Amateur Radio band, except 12, 17, 30, and 60 meters. Points are scored for each band worked.

### QSO Exchange

When a contact is made, each operator must exchange the following information:

- Call sign
- College/university name or abbreviation, and mascot
- Operating Class (“None” or club name if in the individual category)

### Point Breakdown

Points are earned for each contact. Multipliers are applied to QSOs and then summed with all other QSOs. Bonus points are added to the total log score. Example: A CW QSO with a faculty member of your school is worth 25 points and a phone QSO with another college club is worth 10 points, for a total log score of 35 points.

### QSO Point Values

- Phone: 1
- CW/digital (PSK, FT8, JT65, etc.): 2

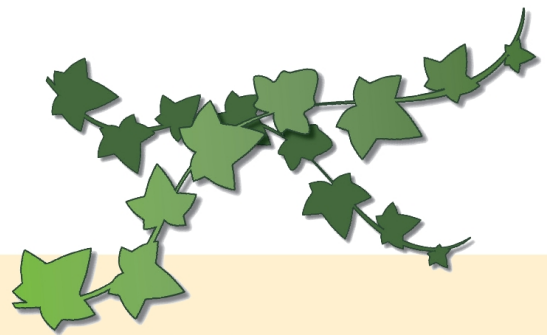
than a presentation, sparked some great ideas on promoting collegiate activity. Some of the topics tackled include recruitment, fundraising, administrative difficulties, and on-air club operations. On-air activities in particular struck a chord with the group.

Borrowing from other events, such as ARRL Field Day, the Collegiate QSO Party will reward social media activity leading up to and during the event. Clubs will be encouraged to operate in public spaces on campus and showcase the range of radio activities.

Visit the official event page at [www.gatorradio.org/collegiate.html](http://www.gatorradio.org/collegiate.html). You can also follow the progress on the Collegiate Amateur Radio Initiative Facebook group, or go to [www.arrl.org/WeWantU](http://www.arrl.org/WeWantU). All hams are invited to party with the college clubs in September!



Students, faculty, and other interested hams discussed a range of topics related to collegiate clubs at the 2018 Hamvention Collegiate Amateur Radio Forum. From funding, to social media, to alumni networks, to the first ever Collegiate QSO Party, countless ideas were exchanged on how to support college clubs. [Sam Rose, KC2LRC, photo]



### Multipliers

- Alumni (college club working alumni or alumni working alumni from same school): x3
- College club: x5
- QSO with a college you attended: x25
- Satellite QSO (limit 2 for the event): x50
- QRP (each contact where at least one station is QRP): x2

### Bonus Points

- **Media for school clubs:** Maximum 600 points for active use of social and traditional media leading up to, and during, the event (livestreaming of the event, public Facebook or Twitter posts, an article in school or alumni newspapers, etc.)
  - 100 points per post, maximum of 200 points per day.
  - A screenshot of each post is required for point verification.
- **Public operating for school clubs:** 250 points per hour (maximum of 1,000 points) for operating a self-contained portable station in a public space on campus.
  - Must have a sign and engage members of the community.

- Simply sitting on a bench with a handheld transceiver does not count.
- Remote station operation *does* count.
- A photo must be included for verification.

- **School administrator bonus for school clubs:** 300 points for each unique administrator (Department Chairperson, Dean, President, Board Member, or Provost) who makes a contact while operating from the school station.
  - Maximum 1 bonus per administrator.
  - Must provide a list with the names, positions, and signatures of the administrators who operated.

### Operating Classes

Stations may enter in one of the following eight (8) classes. Low power is considered to be 150 W or less. If a station fits into more than one class (example: alumni and employee), the operator may choose which class he or she would like to use for this event.

- Collegiate Low Power (CLP).
- Collegiate High Power (CHP).

- Collegiate Employee Low Power (ELP) — Includes *faculty and staff* at a college or university.
- Collegiate Employee High Power (EHP) — Includes *faculty and staff* at a college or university.
- Collegiate Club Alumni Low Power (ALP) — Individual operators who were part of a club while in college/university.
- Collegiate Club Alumni High Power (AHP) — Individual operators who were part of a club while in college/university.
- Individual Low Power (ILP) — Individual operators who are not associated with a college/university. (This class includes non-collegiate clubs.)
- Individual Low Power (IHP) — Individual operators who are not associated with a college/university. (This class includes non-collegiate clubs.)

### Log Submissions

Logs must be emailed by October 15 at 2359 UTC to: [andy@gatorradio.org](mailto:andy@gatorradio.org).

Logs will be submitted using Cabrillo format. See the CARI Facebook group for more information as it becomes available, or email [andy@gatorradio.org](mailto:andy@gatorradio.org).