

VU Contest Group

“Bringing more VU hams into contesting”

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Topics of Discussion

- Ham Radio in India
- International Co-operation - IARU
- Contesting in India
 - ◆ Domestic
 - ◆ International
- VU Contest Group (VUCG)
- DX-ing
- TU EE



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Ham Radio in India

- Over 20,000 hams licensed - hardly 500 active!!!
- Has actively supported natural disasters
- However, licensing still a challenge
- Average time to receive license:
 - ◆ In early 80's – 3 to 5 years wait
 - ◆ In 2007+ - 1 to 2 years wait!!!
- Ministry slowly computerizing - ham radio does not pay for it
 - ◆ Cost of Advanced License < US \$ 3 for 5 years !!! (60 Cents per year)
 - ◆ So why would the ministry care? ☺
- Amateur Radio Society of India (ARSI) – IARU recognized national body. (<http://www.arsi.info/>)
- National Institute of Amateur Radio (NIAR) a closed group – wants to be that. (<http://www.niar.org/>)



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International Co-operation

- Active member of IARU Region 3
- Successfully held the 13th Region 3 Conference Bangalore India, 2006
- VU2GMN Gopal is a Director of R3
- Also President of Amateur Radio Society of India
 - ◆ Working with Ministry – just got 30m band and 7100-7200 released for VU
 - ◆ Fighting for 6m band – tough one...
- VU2UR Arasu was the IARU R3 Monitoring Station & ARSI Contest Manager for many years
 - ◆ Now retired in late 2009
- VU2PTT Prasad takes over as National Contest Manager
- VU2PAI Pai – well known Dxer & Contester now runs VU National QSL Bureau
- IARU Contest 2009 – AT1HQ first multi-location operation from VU2



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Contesting in India

- Never win a big one from India? But 10 stations in CQWW CW 2009 – surprising ☺
- VU active since the early days
 - ◆ CQWW CW 1949 – VU2JP
- 1st Multi-Multi op in CQWW CW 1970
 - ◆ VU2IRA (Jinny, ex-9N1IRA & team)
 - ◆ 2128 QSOs – 2.2 Million Points
- CQWW SSB 2009 – VU2PAI
 - ◆ SOAB - 2950 QSOs – 3.9 Million Points
- Many good operations in between
 - ◆ VU2ZAP, VU2WAP, VU2DVP, VU2CBE, VU2REC
- Known World Win – VU2PTT Prasad – Maybe LUCK?
 - ◆ CQWW SSB 1991 – SO 20m LP - #1 World
 - ◆ CQWW CW 1991 – SO 20m LP - #2 World
- VUCG researching VU performance in past contests – will launch on new VUCG website soon
- 2 domestic contests – max participants 30 to 40 !!!



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- Evolving now, pushed by VU2UR, VU2PTT for 2 yrs
- Strong support from VU2PAI, VU2LBW, VU2NKS, VU2BGS, VU3DMP, VU2MTT and others
- Mission – *“Get more VU hams into contesting”*
- Target – At least 10 stations regularly in contests
- Non-political informal grouping – only contesting
- Mentor and encourage non-contesters
- Mobilize a club station for other local hams to taste contesting
- Introduce DXers to contesting & computer logging
 - ◆ Latest “victim” – VU2RMS Ramesh – long time DXer
 - ◆ 454 Qs in his first contest CQWW CW 2009
- Many of the group are from Bangalore & Mangalore cities in South India
- Minimum requirements to be set for group membership



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About Stations

- **VU2NKS** – location 17 floors high (170')
 - ◆ K3, SteppIR 3 el - RTTY specialist
- **VU2PAI** – location 11 floors high (110')
 - ◆ IC-756 PRO 2, TS-2000, TS-850, Yaesu Quadra Amp, SteppIR 3-el
- **VU2LBW** – location 6 floors high (60')
 - ◆ IC-756 PRO 3, Create beam
- **VU2PTT** – location 2 floors high (50')
 - ◆ IC-746 PRO, IC-735, SB-200 amp
 - ◆ C3/s, starting SO2R fun soon
- **VU2UR** – location 2 floors high (40')
 - ◆ TS-140S, only wires, mostly QRP



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DX-ing from VU2 / 4 / 7

- Expeditions never look for VU2
 - ◆ Too few stations to service
 - ◆ Thus we suffer when chasing DXCC HR
 - ◆ Except K5D, who called “CQ VU2” ☺
- Expeditions from VU2 more popular
 - ◆ VU4 & VU7
 - ◆ Several IOTA operations
- However licensing is difficult
 - ◆ Multiple ministries involved
 - ◆ Home, Defense, Communications
 - ◆ Requires political and bureaucratic contacts
 - ◆ Much better than in the past
- Look out for more VU4 & VU7 operations
 - ◆ VUCG would love to have contest operations



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Thank You - dit dit

- Please send in your thoughts on how you can help VUCG achieve its goals
- Ideas are most welcome.
- We are planning more national level contests
- Some day in the future an Indian international contest
- Email: vu2ptt@gmail.com



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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ARSICOM/>



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YL15CCF QRV ; room #319

SM00GQ	14014.0	YL15CCF	ses	1154	24	Jan	Latvia
G3ZGC-@	7013.9	YL15CCF	VIA YL2GN	1002	24	Jan	Latvia
YL2CQ-@	7014.0	YL15CCF		0957	24	Jan	Latvia
OH8UL	7014.1	YL15CCF	CCF meeting in Riga via YL2GN	0945	24	Jan	Latvia
IZ5FSA-@	7013.8	YL15CCF	via YL2GN	0941	24	Jan	Latvia
IK6MNB	7013.7	YL15CCF		0933	24	Jan	Latvia
9A4MF	7008.7	YL15CCF	CQ CQ GOOD OP	0920	24	Jan	Latvia
IK2NCJ-@	14027.4	YL15CCF		0857	24	Jan	Latvia
OH2BGD	3514.0	YL15CCF	cq	2112	23	Jan	Latvia
SM1TDE	3524.0	YL15CCF	Loud	1451	23	Jan	Latvia
YL2PP	3523.9	YL15CCF	CQ ...	1444	23	Jan	Latvia
UU2JQ	3524.1	YL15CCF	via YL2GN	1431	23	Jan	Latvia
OH1LQ-@	3523.0	YL15CCF	calling cq but deaf	1415	23	Jan	Latvia
OH3TM	3522.8	YL15CCF		1408	23	Jan	Latvia
UU2JQ	14017.0	YL15CCF	via YL2GN	1352	23	Jan	Latvia
OH4LA	3699.0	YL15CCF	Jaska /OH1TX, Riga	1216	23	Jan	Latvia
YL/OH1RX-@	14030.0	YL15CCF	CCF Annual event in Riga	1124	23	Jan	Latvia
RX9TL	7007.3	YL15CCF		2242	22	Jan	Latvia



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