

PCARS FYAO 2012 Operating Contest

Again this year, the operating format for FYAO will be a “contest” for all participants that set up a station and operate from FYAO. The winner will receive a certificate, and his name and call will be added to the FYAO plaque displayed in the club station. So far, the only call-sign on the plaque belongs to “Klondike” Mike – KC8UNR.

Contest rules are as follows:

- 1) maximum power
5 watts CW / Digital
10 watts pep SSB
- 2) Each operating station is an entry into the PCARS contest and will use their callsign /FYAO & submit a logsheet as part of the FYAO Special Event operation.
- 3) Each operating station will operate within the privileges of the control operator at that station.
- 4) Each CW / Digital QSO = 2 points
Each SSB QSO = 3 points
- 5) Each station set up outside of the main shelter house will receive 100 Bonus Points. (you are allowed to bring/erect your own shelter as long as all park rules are obeyed)
- 6) 100 Bonus points will be awarded for bringing a hot dish to the event to share, and, 50 Bonus points will be awarded for bringing a cold dish to the event to share (cookies, pies, snacks, etc....)
- 7) Each station will have a guest register – each registered guest adds 2 points to the score before multipliers.
- 8) Each state or country contacted will be a multiplier – add up all multipliers, times the number of QSO points + Bonus points to compute final score. You must verify the state or country the other station is operating from.
- 9) All logs will be turned in before leaving the event. The contest will run from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM EST. (Yes, that's two hours shorter this year)
- 10) The winner's plaque will be awarded at the March meeting following the event.

So there you have it! Set up a station, bring lots of food; invite your ham friends from all over NE Ohio to come visit us. It's going to be a great day, and as tradition dictates, there will be a debriefing to follow the event, location to be determined on the day of the event. Hope to see you there and on the air! Good Luck in the contest, 73,

Tom – WB8LCD, 2012 FYAO coordinator