

UBA QRP FOXHUNT 2011

(second edition)

To promote QRP activity, there will be a weekly one-hour UBA QRP FOXHUNT each Monday throughout the whole year 2011.

The UBA Foxhunt is an informal event. The rule is that there are very few rules. The event should be considered a friendly meeting amongst QRP CW enthusiasts.

"Foxes" must run QRP power and call "CQ UBA FOX de (call sign)". "Chasers" must search and work as many foxes as possible within a specified frequency range, preferably running low power.

Foxes cannot "shoot" (work) foxes. Their online log entries must mention QSO with chasers only.

Please refer to www.on5ex.be/foxhunt for all foxhunt schedules (date, time, frequency, fox call sign, mode).

The UBA Foxhunt is quite different from a regular 599-style contest. Chasers are required to exchange a real report, name and QTH, transmit power, rig and antennae description. Foxes are expected to work as many chasers as possible, without falling into a rush job.

Please keep in mind not every operator is a "Speedy Gonzales" operator. A lot of operators appreciate a relaxed CW style. Foxes (QRP only) must send at least report and name, adding information depending on the band situation and number of chasers calling. Additional remarks, greetings etc. are highly appreciated to make this a friendly event. On the other hand, with other chasers waiting to work the fox, ragchewing is to be avoided.

Frequencies, modes

80m CW	3560-3580 kHz
80m PSK31	3580-3600 kHz

Foxhunt dates and times

Winter edition	January-February, each Monday 19:30-20:30 UTC
Spring edition	April-May, each Monday 19:30-20:30 UTC
Summer edition	July-August, each Monday 19:30-20:30 UTC
Autumn edition	October-November, each Monday 19:30-20:30 UTC

(please translate UTC to your local time, taking daylight summer/winter time changes into account)

No foxhunt without foxes. We invite all QRP stations (ON and EU) to apply as fox station on one or more Monday nights of each bimonthly foxhunt season, by filling in the form at www.on5ex.be/foxhunt for each foxhunt season edition. A confirmation will be sent in return, together with details how to log onto the foxhunt server and enter your logs. At the end of each foxhunt, foxes will enter their QSO into the online log, enabling chasers to view their 'hits' the same night.

Several Monday foxhunt sessions will be devoted to a particular theme, such as:

- Straight Key Party
- QRPP party
- Homebrew Party
- Enigma Party
- 1929 Special Party
- Army Party

Such events will be announced at least one week ahead via the foxhunt alert pages on the website. Note that themes (using a handkey, homebrew rig, etc) are not binding, nor do they affect in any way scoring. They are merely meant to add to the fun of the weekly foxhunts. In fact, the mangement team would like to receive suggestions for additional themes.

In between the bimonthly foxhunt seasons (March, June, September, December), QRP stations are invited to come greet & meet each other each, same time, same place. Obviously, fox-to-fox QSO are allowed this time. Registered foxes may continue to enter their logs online, though they will not be taken into account for the ' foxhunt honour roll'.

Finally, there are no prizes to win in the UBA QRP Foxhunt. However, at the end of each season, a 'honour roll' of chasers with the largest number of hits will be published.

You are also invited to send pictures related to your foxhunt activities to the "FOB", the Fox Office Bureau at [on6wj\(at\)skynet\(dot\)be](mailto:on6wj@skynet.be).

Good luck to all participants and, most of all, have fun!

73,

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