

Getting ready for the CQ WW VHF!

Frequencies:

50.000 - 50.090	Beacons
50.085 - 50.100	CW
50.100 - 50.125	PROTECTED DX WINDOW. Transcontinental and DX QSO's Only
50.125 - 5.250	SSB/CW. Working crossmode is acceptable and even expected!

Antennas: *the following antennas are hyperlinked!*

Dipoles and [Wire Gain Antennas by W3RW](#)

[End Fedz by Par Electronics](#)

[WA5VJB Cheap Yagis](#)

[X-Beams](#)

[Quagi's](#)

Contests:

ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes, June QSO Party and **September QSO Party**

CQ WW VHF July 18th, 2009 BE THERE! (<http://www.cqww-vhf.com>)

6M Spring Sprints (<http://www.sysadnet.com/vhfsprintrules.htm>)

SMIRK Contest (<http://www.smirk.org>)

Reports:

Grid Square: Find yours at <http://amsat.org>

Most contests are grid square only, no 599 or 59.

Propagation:

- Leave a radio on, volume up, squelched, tuned to 50.125 MHz. When the band opens you'll hear strange voices from your shack. You may want to mention this to your XYL *before* the band opens.
- E-Skip may open in many directions at once. Single hop works midwest, TX or FL and double hop works CA, WA, OR, EU.
- Surf to the [50MHz Propagation Logger](#) and watch for reporting station near our grid.