

VHF/UHF Advisory Committee Semi-Annual Report

**A Report to the ARRL Board of Directors
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VUAC Activity

Since our last report in January, the committee has completed a major piece of work. After seeking broad consensus from the EME community, internal vigorous debate lasting over two months and a high level engagement of the committee the VUAC submitted to the P & SC our recommendations for changes in the ARRL EME Contest this fall.

The P & SC acted upon the recommendations in a quick, timely manner and the rules are in place to provide a contest environment that will accommodate emerging digital technologies as well as current modes of EME communication. The goal has been to “do not harm” and provide new opportunities to encourage more activity in the annual EME contest.

Last month the June VHF contest occurred and many of our members were heavily involved. I will be leading a renewed focus on the work before us in the days and weeks to come.

Our current discussion is the creation of options regarding the existing ‘rover’ rules in the VHF/UHF contests. The basic question is how do we promote and increase ‘rover’ activity? The ‘rover’ activity provides excitement and involvement in ARRL VHF/UHF contests.

The committee is open for your input and will continue to examine the landscape of VHF/Contesting with the purpose of creating contest environments that hams will want to participate in.

I would like to thank our liaison Director Jay Bellows, K0QB, for his oversight and excellent coordination with the P & SC. Our thanks to you, as the Board, for your providing this opportunity to move forward on key contesting issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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