

**Report to the ARRL Board of Directors
VUAC Committee Activity
January 14, 2008**

**Respectively Submitted by:
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A Summary of Committee Activity Since July 2007

Since the last report of activity in July, the Committee has completed another major piece of work.

Re-write of the Rover Rules during ARRL VHF/UHF contests.

During the spring and summer the VUAC Committee surveyed the VHF/UHF contest community over the various Internet reflectors and by holding “in-person” forums at the Southeast VHF Convention and the Central States VHF Society convention in San Antonio. This issue was passionately debated in numerous forums and within the Committee itself. As a result of over six months of input and debate, we believe a good product was achieved. No one will ever agree with everything, but we voted with a “70% comfortable, 100% committed” concept during the vote of the Committee.

As a result the Committee submitted a proposal to the PSC committee in late fall for a major re-working of the VHF/UHF contest rover rules. This has been a very emotional, spirited issue since the last rover rules re-write almost ten years ago.

As a result, the PSC Committee considered and adopted most of the Committee’s proposals and we will see the impact of those changes the third weekend of January during the January VHF/UHF Sweepstakes contest.

Other current discussions:

The intent of the Committee is to create contest environments, which will invite additional participation in ARRL VHF/UHF contests.

The Committee has had discussions on automatic log checking regarding VHF/UHF contests. There are many “unique” contacts because of the nature of VHF/UHF contesting styles.

The Committee is open for the Board’s input as to potential work in the months to come. The participation has been superb on the part of every member resulting in a high quality work product. Every Divisional Director should congratulate their appointee on a job well done.

Jay Bellows, K0QB, has done a superb job of acting as liaison to the Committee and should be commended. We look forward to serving the Board in future VHF/UHF Contest issues, discussions and decisions.

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