

Some Guiding Principles and Recommended Actions for Promoting EME

We, the undersigned, make the following statement in an effort to promote increased recognition that there are many ways to enjoy the wonderful hobby of Amateur Radio.

We believe that many diverse paths lead to great satisfaction and high levels of achievement in amateur Earth-Moon-Earth or “moonbounce” communication.

We believe that the EME community, an inherently cooperative common interest group, must do its utmost to ensure that the satisfaction and achievements of some will not limit or reduce the potential for enjoyment by others.

We believe that long established guidelines specifying minimum requirements for valid VHF/UHF contacts apply equally well to all propagation modes and to all coding and modulation techniques, despite the different methodologies that may be employed.

We believe that criticisms of one mode of communication by proponents or practitioners of another are detrimental to our hobby. We deplore and disassociate ourselves from any such actions that extend beyond technical and quantitative evaluations or comparisons.

We propose the following recommended actions as being positive for our hobby, and we undertake to carry them out and support them actively:

1. We will recommend to the American Radio Relay League that the ARRL International EME Contest should henceforth present its results so as to display numbers of contacts by each transmission mode, for example “CW” or “Digital”, for all entries; and moreover that the contest rules pertaining to permissible types of “assistance” (if any are retained) should be revised and clarified.
2. We will further recommend that the American Radio Relay League and other organizations offering awards or recognitions of achievement for amateur EME communication should consider adding mode-specific “CW” and “Digital” subcategories for their awards.

To further the aims of our principal recommendations, some of us will solicit input from the EME Community with the goal of distilling it into more detailed recommendations consistent with those presented above. The results will be presented openly, together with advisory notes, as representing to the best of our ability the views of a unified EME community.

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The following operators have also declared their support:

9H1BN	DL8YHR	GM4ISM	K5JL	OH2BC	PE1LWT	VE3BQN	W7EME
9H1GB	DL9KR	GM4JJJ	K5PJR	OH6EH	PY2BL	VE4MA	W7GJ
9H1PA	DM2BHG	GW3XYW	K5UGM	OH6ZZ	RA3AQ	VE6TA	W7QX
9H1TX	EA2LU	GW4DGU	K6JEY	OH7PI	RU1AA	VE7BBG	W8PAT
AA1YN	EA3AXV	GW8IZR	K6MYC	OK1DFC	RW1AW	VE7BQH	W8WN
AE6EQ	EA3DXU	HB9DRI	K6PF	OK1TEH	RW3BP	VE7DAY	W9FX
AF6O	EA6VQ	HB9JAW	K6QXY	OK1YK	S52LM	VK2FLR	W9IIX
CT1DMK	F1DUZ	HB9Q	K7MAC	ON4IQ	SM0IKR	VK2KU	W9IP
CT1HZE	F1EHN	I1NDP	K7XQ	ON4KNG	SM2CEW	VK2SN	W9RVG
DD7PC	F2TU	I2PHD	KA0Y	ON4MU	SM2EKM	VK3AXH	WA3BZT
DF2ZC	F5FLN	I3DLI	KC3RE	ON4QQ	SM2ILF	VK3CY	WA4NJP
DF3RU	F5HRY	I5WBE	KD3UY	ON7EH	SM3AKW	VK3UM	WA6KBL
DF6NA	F6BKI	IK0BZY	KD5FZX	ON7UN	SM3LBN	VK4AFL	WA6PY
DF9CY	F6DRO	IK1FJI	KE2N	OZ1EME	SM3MXR	VK4CDI	WA8CXI
DG1KJG	F6FGZ	IK1UWL	KK7A	OZ1HNE	SM5BSZ	VK4EME	WA8RJF
DH3YAK	F6HVK	IK2DDR	KL6M	OZ1IPU	SM5CFS	VK7MO	WB2BYP
DJ6MB	F6KHM	IK3MAC	KL7FH	OZ1LPR	SM5CUI	W0HP	WB4JEM
DJ9YW	F8DO	IK7EZN	KL7UW	OZ1PIF	SM5IOT	W1FKF	WD5AGO
DK2PH	F9HS	IV3DXW	KM5PO	OZ4MM	SM5LE	W2CNS	YO2AMU
DK3WG	FR5DN	JH2COZ	KT4JA	OZ5IQ	SM6CKU	W2DRZ	YO2IS
DK5EW	G0HYP	JH5FOQ	LA8LF	PA0JMV	SM7GEP	W2PMK	YO2LEA
DK5YA	G0RUZ	JR3REX	LU6KK	PA0V	SM7WSJ	W2WD	YO3DMU
DL1EJA	G1OGY	K0AWU	LZ1DP	PA0ZN	SP2OFW	W3SZ	YO3FFF
DL1YMK	G3ZIG	K0RZ	LZ2US	PA2CHR	SP5CJT	W4AD	YO5BIN
DL2FCN	G4CCH	K0YW	M0EME	PA2DW	SP6GWB	W4SW	YO9FRJ
DL4DTU	G4DHF	K1CA	N1KI	PA3BIY	SP7DCS	W4TJ	YU1CF
DL4EBY	G4HGI	K1RQG	N2UO	PA3BUT	SP9TTG	W4WSR	YU7XL
DL4KG	G4HUP	K1SG	N5BLZ	PA3CMC	SV1AWE	W5AK	ZL3NW
DL4MEA	G4IGO	K2DH	N5KI	PA3CSG	SV8CS	W5UN	ZL3TY
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DL5MCG	G4YTL	K2TXB	N9AB	PA4FP	UA4AQL	W6AT	
DL6LAU	G8VR	K2UYH	N9LR	PA5DD	UR5LX	W6TE	
DL7APV	GD0TEP	K3JYD	NE7O	PA5KM	UX3LV	W6WE	
DL7UDA	GM0ONN	K3MF	OA4CRK	PC7M	VA3TO	W7ALW	
DL8EBW	GM3SEK	K4EME	OE3FVU	PE1L	VE3AX	W7AMI	