



The Mahoning Valley 2 Meter Contest
Sponsored by the MVARA

The first Mahoning Valley 2 Meter Contest is dedicated to the memory of pioneer Valley ham Lou Malice WA8PKN whose dedication to amateur radio touched the lives of all of us. Even if you never had the pleasure of knowing Lou you are still part of his legacy. Chances are good that the hams who inspired and encouraged you to become part of amateur radio were, themselves, inspired, encouraged, and trained by Lou.

Time and Date: 1:00 to 4:00 PM May 30, 2020

Object: Work as many different stations in as many different grid squares as possible

Awards: Certificates will be awarded to the highest scoring QRP Power Fixed and High Power Fixed stations.

Rules:

1) Mode and Frequencies: All contacts must be made on SIMPLEX using FM voice mode and confined to the frequency ranges 146.400 to 146.505, 146.535 to 146.595 and 147.400 to 147.585 defined by the ARRL bandplan as simplex frequencies. In Ohio FM simplex is often channelized in 15 Khz steps to avoid adjacent channel interference. Please use the frequencies on the 2 Meter FM Simplex Frequencies page at the end of this document. Do not use the FM calling frequency of 146.520. NO CONTACTS MAY BE MADE THROUGH REPEATERS.

2) Exchange: Each station will give their call and the six character maidenhead grid square they are operating from as shown on the attached maps. If your grid square is not on the maps you can find it by putting your call sign into www.qrz.com and clicking the detail tab or use the grid locator at www.qrz.com/gridmapper.

3) QSO: To be valid a contact (QSO) must contain a unique call sign and grid square combination.

4) Station Categories: Fixed stations and 2 power levels. There is no Rover category due to coronavirus concerns.

Fixed Stations: This is a station that operates the entire contest from the same grid square for the entire contest. Fixed stations can work any Fixed station. Fixed stations must be clearly mark in the log the grid they are in and the grid they receive for each qso.

High Power: Stations running greater than 5 watts of power.

QRP Power: Stations Running 5 watts of power or less.

5) Use of spotting networks is allowed and encouraged but direct solicitation of contacts via phone call, texting, social media, or other online messaging is prohibited.

6) Multipliers: There will be a score multiplier of the number of unique grids you worked.

7) Scoring: The score will consist of total QSOs times unique grid squares.

8) Map Interpretation: Fixed station operators who may be located too near to a map grid division line to determine their grid may pick the one they believe to be correct as long as that same grid square is used for all contacts. Rover stations need to ensure they are well within a grid square.

9) Honor System: We're trusting you to fill out your entry with care and double check your log for accuracy. This is after all a FUN contest. Entries found not to abide by the rules as stated above and on the entry sheet will be carefully checked and tabulated. The decision of the judges is final.

10) Deadlines: All entrees must be received or postmarked by June 25, 2020.

The winners will be announced at the August 13, 2020 meeting of the MVARA.

Log Sheet instructions:

Time - enter the local time for each qso

Call - enter your call

Grid Sent- enter the grid you are transmitting from

Call Received - enter the call of the station you worked

Grid Received - enter the grid of the station you worked

You may print and use the attached log sheet.

You can also enter the contest and your log online at:

http://www.b4h.net/cabforms/mahoning2m_cab3.php

At the end of the online procedure an email will be sent to us with your log.

2020 Mahoning Valley 2 Meter Contest Entry Form

Call _____

Name _____

Address _____

City,State,Zip _____

Email _____

Station Category Circle __ Fixed or Rover _____

Power Used _____

Total Qsos _____

Total Grids _____

Score _____ Qsos * _____ Grids = _____

Paper entry forms and logs can be mailed to: MVARA
P.O. Box 14141
125 West McKinley Way
Youngstown, Oh 44514

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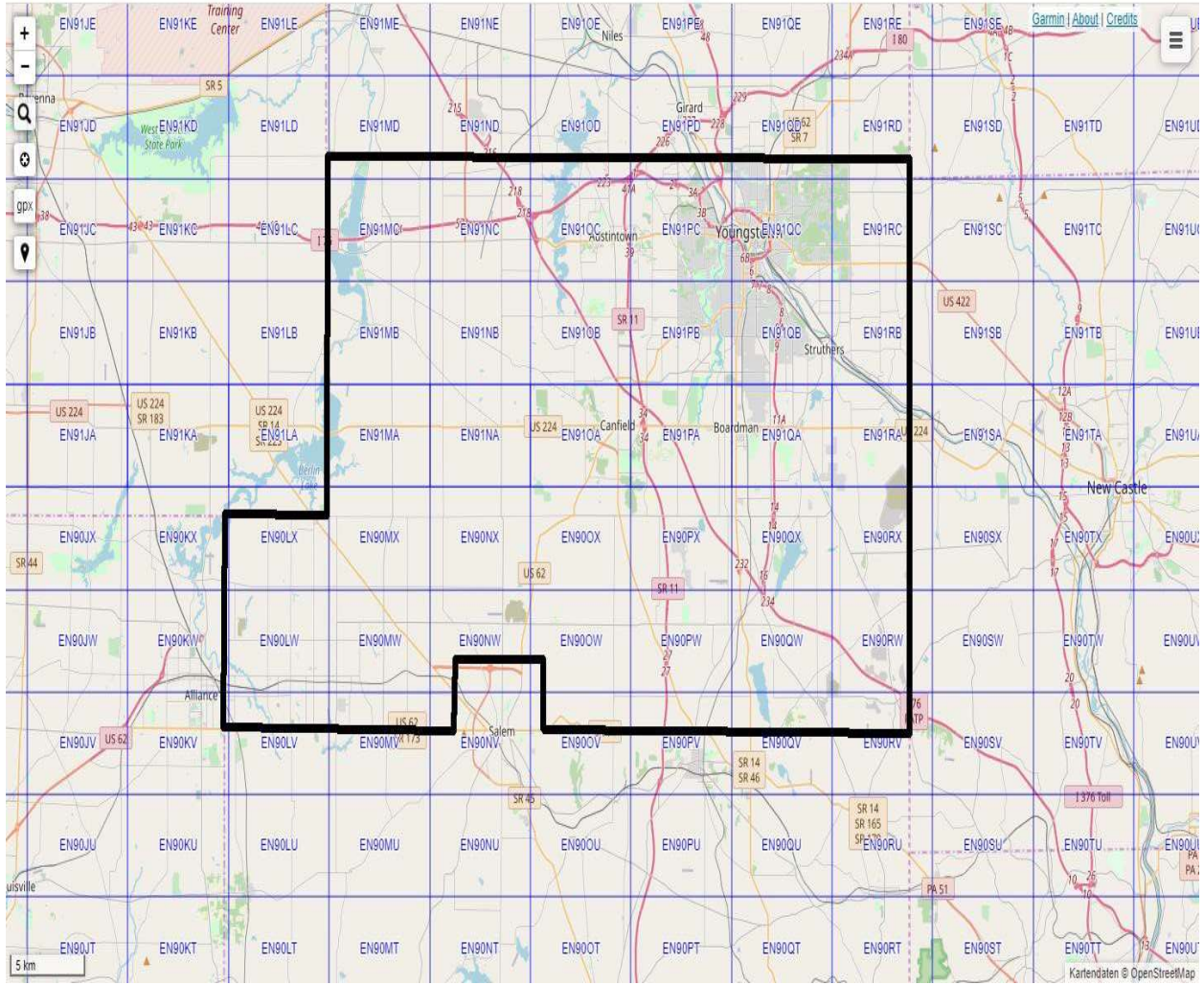
We welcome your comments and ant suggestions you may have on how to improve future contests. Please email them to mvaracentennial@gmail.com

We would love to have any image, audio, or video files of the contest that we could put on the web to promote future contests. Please email them to mvaracentennial@gmail.com

2 meter FM simplex frequencies

2 m Simplex 146.400 Mhz
2 m Simplex 146.415 Mhz
2 m Simplex 146.430 Mhz
2 m Simplex 146.445 Mhz
2 m Simplex 146.460 Mhz
2 m Simplex 146.475 Mhz
2 m Simplex 146.490 Mhz
2 m Simplex 146.505 Mhz
2 m FM Call 146.520 Mhz Please do not use the FM calling frequency
2 m Simplex 146.535 Mhz
2 m Simplex 146.550 Mhz
2 m Simplex 146.565 Mhz
2 m Simplex 146.580 Mhz
2 m Simplex 146.595 Mhz
2 m Simplex 147.405 Mhz
2 m Simplex 147.420 Mhz
2 m Simplex 147.435 Mhz
2 m Simplex 147.450 Mhz
2 m Simplex 147.465 Mhz
2 m Simplex 147.480 Mhz
2 m Simplex 147.495 Mhz
2 m Simplex 147.510Mhz
2 m Simplex 147.525 Mhz
2 m Simplex 147.540 Mhz
2 m Simplex 147.555 Mhz
2 m Simplex 147.570 Mhz
2 m Simplex 147.585 Mhz

Mahoning County



Trumbull County

