

LAARK: Repeater \ FM Monthly Contest Rules

Objective:

The objective of the FM Contest is to promote local conversational traffic primarily on the LAARK repeater as well as other local repeaters and SIMPLEX. Additionally, we want to encourage local hams to monitor repeaters and the 146.520 calling frequency as much as possible to return traffic to other hams.

The points will be weighted towards the LAARK repeater but it is encouraged that other repeaters and SIMPLEX be used.

Conversations about things that are interesting are encouraged and being friendly and welcoming to all is required.

Rules:

Open to any ham who wants to participate and submit their points. Membership is not required.

Contact a callsign up to twice per day per repeater or band (AM and PM).

Having a conversation and welcoming in another ham counts as another contact.

Allowed bands are 2m, 70cm, 220, 6m, and 10m but only FM is allowed.

Reaching out on other repeaters is encouraged and allstar and echolink are fine as long as at least one side of the conversation is coming from a local repeater.

Local is defined as any repeater within 50 miles of the metroplex.

Contest runs through 12 am 1st of the month to 12 pm the last day of the month. There will be a new winner each month with cumulative scores totalling to an annual contest winner. The first annual contest will start January 2023 and end December 2023 at midnight. Contest starts as soon as people start making contacts.

Points will be awarded as follows:

Contact on the LAARK 147.380 repeater: 2 points

Contact on any other repeater in the DFW area: 1 point

Contact on FM SIMPLEX per band: 2 points

Bonus Points:

New Ham First Contact: 10 points added

Conversation Longer than five minutes: 5 points added (leave space for others to jump in, if you are having a conversation and then that conversation continues with another ham who you have welcomed in then you will get the five points, encouraging more conversations with others is a great way to generate points)

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If you have any questions/comments/suggestions, please reach out to Randall (KG5VQZ) at kg5vqz@gmail.com