

Ten-Ten International Net, Inc.

Contest Committee Annual Report, May 2006

The committee suffered a significant loss this year with the passing of KB0ON: while we might often have been at odds with Don's opinions, he kept us all on our toes, and was a passionate advocate of proper operating procedures. He will be missed.

The committee has debated a few issues over the past year, but given the poor propagation conditions, no real sense of urgency was felt.

1. **Mobile Contest.** Several active contesters from the northern U.S. and Canada have requested that the mobile contest be re-scheduled to later in the year. The current timing often yields quite inclement weather for many members who wish to operate in the contest, and a later date would allow for increased participation by folk in the northern states and Canada.
2. **CW contest.** Several members have expressed concern over the "lumping together" of CW and digital modes in the CW contests. Committee members have mixed views on this, but a fairly widely-held view is that the contest should continue to include both modes, but that they be scored in different categories: perhaps CW, digital, and mixed. It has also been suggested that a differential scoring system might be used, e.g. 2 points for a CW contact, 1 for digital etc.
3. **New YL/OM contest.** The committee was pleased to receive a suggestion from WA4EEZ pertaining to the introduction of a new contest, involving YL-OM teams. We will be considering this over the next year, and will circulate a draft proposal for comments.
4. **New committee member.** The committee recommends that the board approve Leslie (#15675), WA4EEZ, as a member of the contest committee. Leslie has considerable experience in various aspects of 10-10, and has been an enthusiastic contester for over 40 years. Her input would be useful and welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
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