

# QSO-ho-ho

**Who's in?** Anyone in OARC

**When is it?** 09 December - 05 January

**What is it?** Festive fun to keep Yule radio-active

**QSO-ho-ho** is a challenge to keep your antenna warm and fire your imagination through the Festive Season.

Making QSOs\* in December & January, keep in contact (and make new ones), experiment & explore.

There will be awards, and there may be prizes ...

## **How to do it:**

- Conduct QSO(s)
- Log activities in the OARC QSO logging form
- Share your experiences on Discord #qso-ho-ho

## **Where to do it:**

On any band, mode and location (as long as it's legal), including creative interpretations of the idea of a QSO.

The point is to be active in radio and as a community, and have fun.

## QSO-ho-ho award themes

Quordle	Cumulative Morse QSO count
Lone Ranger	Single longest distance terrestrial QSO
O-ranger	Longest cumulative distance of QSOs within OARC
Free Ranger	Longest cumulative distance of QSOs under /P
Qucumber	Cooldest QSO
Ice Qube	Coldest QSO
Pele	Longest day-day continuous keepy-uppy QSO streak
Q Branch	Most inventive QSO
Quantum	Longest microwave QSO
O-Yes	Highest count of unique OARC-OARC QSOs
Dr Evil	Best lair photo sent via SSTV as part of a QSO
Dr Eiffel	Best photo from building/structure sent via SSTV
Queen-B/Kingpin	Instigator of biggest single instance pileup QSO count
Bingo Star	Most distinct mode/band combos used QSOs
Bingo Modal	Most distinct modes used in QSOs
Bingo Bandy	Most distinct bands used in QSOs
Q-bits	Cumulative digital mode QSO count
OARC in space	Cumulative via artificial / natural satellite QSO count
SWOTA	<a href="#">Slow Ways</a> On The Air QSO count - /P with purpose

Awards will be made under *The Highlander Rule*:

There can be only one.

You won't be awarded more than one theme (though you may get an honourable mention for effort).

### **\*Footnote**

A qualifying QSO is meant in the broadest sense - a 2 way contact, which in some way incorporates RF into the process.

This is to encourage experimentation, adaptation to circumstances, ingenuity and fun.

The contact in each direction need not be using the same mode, band or medium.