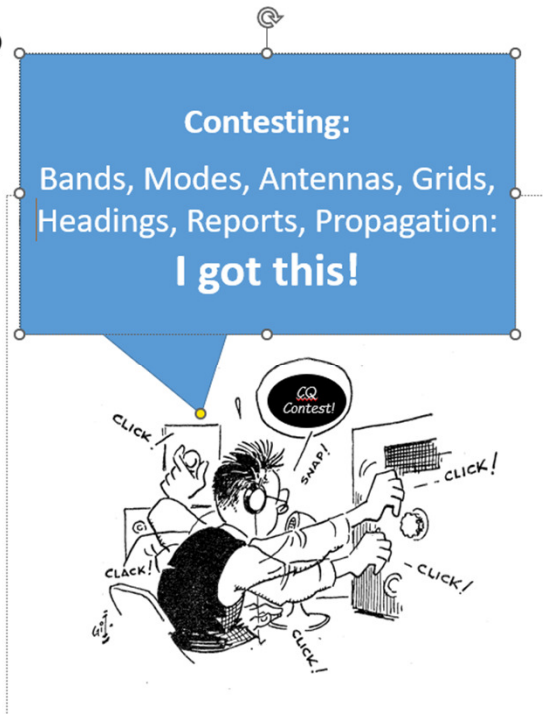


ARRL Contest/Operating Events Update

47th Eastern VHF/UHF Conference

What's the benefit of Contesting?

- ◆ Promote on-the-air activity
- ◆ Push the boundaries of propagation
- ◆ Challenge ourselves to build and improve
- ◆ Provide and encourage competition
- ◆ Strengthen our readiness for public service
- ◆ Use our valuable allocations
- ◆ Enhance international goodwill
- ◆ Have fun on the air!



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World's Largest Radiosport Program

15 Primary Contests

* Plaques Awarded

+ Affiliated Club Competition

1. January – RTTY Roundup * +
2. January – VHF Contest +
3. February – International DX Contest, CW * +
4. March – International DX Contest, Phone * +
5. June – ARRL International Digital Contest +
6. June – VHF Contest * +
7. July – IARU HF World Championship
8. August – 222 MHz and Up Distance Contest +
9. August/September – 10 GHz & Up Contest
10. September – VHF Contest +
11. Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec – EME Contest
12. November – Sweepstakes, CW * +
13. November – Sweepstakes, Phone * +
14. December – 160 Meter Contest +
15. December – 10 Meter Contest +

9 other operating events

1. January – Straight Key Night
2. January – Kids Day
3. February – School Club Roundup
4. April – Rookie Roundup – Phone
5. June – Kids Day
6. **June – Field Day (not a contest)**
7. August – Rookie Roundup – RTTY
8. October – School Club Roundup
9. December – Rookie Roundup–CW

❖ *Plaques are available to be sponsored for the June VHF and other contests (see events at left with an asterisk). Cost is \$95 each. Contact the ARRL Contest Manager at contests@arrl.org if interested.*

What's NEW in ARRL On-Air Operating Events?

- **Limited Antenna Overlay added to ARRL HF Contests** – Available to Single Operator and Single Operator Unlimited (assisted) entrants. Operation is limited to the use of single-element antennas such as a single vertical, end-fed wire, or a single dipole antenna no more than 50 feet above ground at its highest point.
- **Youth Overlay in All Contests** – The contest log uploader asks entrants who are 25 or younger to supply their age. In contests where youth competition is evident, Youth participants will be mentioned in the full results article.
- **Overlays added to Certificates** – The Limited Antenna, All Enclosed Antenna (ARRL Digital Contest only), and Youth overlays are now noted on the downloadable certificates at contests.arrl.org.
- **10 GHz and Up Contest Rules Changes** – A change in the start and end times of the event to UTC from local time. The contest period will change to 0900 UTC Saturday through 0759 UTC Monday of each of the 2 weekends. Participants may operate a maximum of 42 hours each weekend. More review is ongoing by the ARRL Contest Advisory Committee (VHF Subcommittee) with considerations toward benefitting the event.
- **Proposed 2025 EME Contest Dates released** – Discussion on Contest Exchange and Multipliers is ongoing by the ARRL Contest Advisory Committee (VHF Subcommittee).

Who's behind the curtain?

For each contest, outside authors create the *QST* and online results. You have seen their names in *QST*, and you have worked them on the bands. But here's their names by event (Author/Editor):

- January - RTTY Roundup – Jeff Stai, WK6I
- January VHF Contest – James Duffy, KK6MC / Doug Grant, K1DG
- February/October – School Club Roundup – Lew Malchick, N2RQ
- February - International DX Contest, CW = Mark Beckwith, N5OT; Phone = Chris Tate, N6WM (Kelly Taylor, VE4XT)
- April/August/December – Rookie Roundup (online scoring by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM)
- June - ARRL Digital Contest – open
- June VHF Contest – Jim Wilson, K5ND
- July - IARU HF Championship – Bob Raymond, WA1Z (Doug Grant, K1DG)
- August - 222 MHz and Up Distance Contest – open
- August/September - 10 GHz & Up Contest – Rus Healy, K2UA
- September VHF Contest – open
- September/October/November - EME Contest – Skip Paulsen, W1PV
- November - Sweepstakes – CW = Kelly Taylor, VE4XT; Phone = Scott Davis, K5TA
- December - 160 Meter Contest – Mark Beckwith, N5OT (Doug Grant, K1DG)
- December - 10 Meter Contest – Andrew Goss, AA5JF

When you see the above contributors at conferences, hamfests, DX or HF conventions, please consider thanking them extraordinary work they do behind the scenes to provide these great write-ups in *QST* and on the ARRL web!

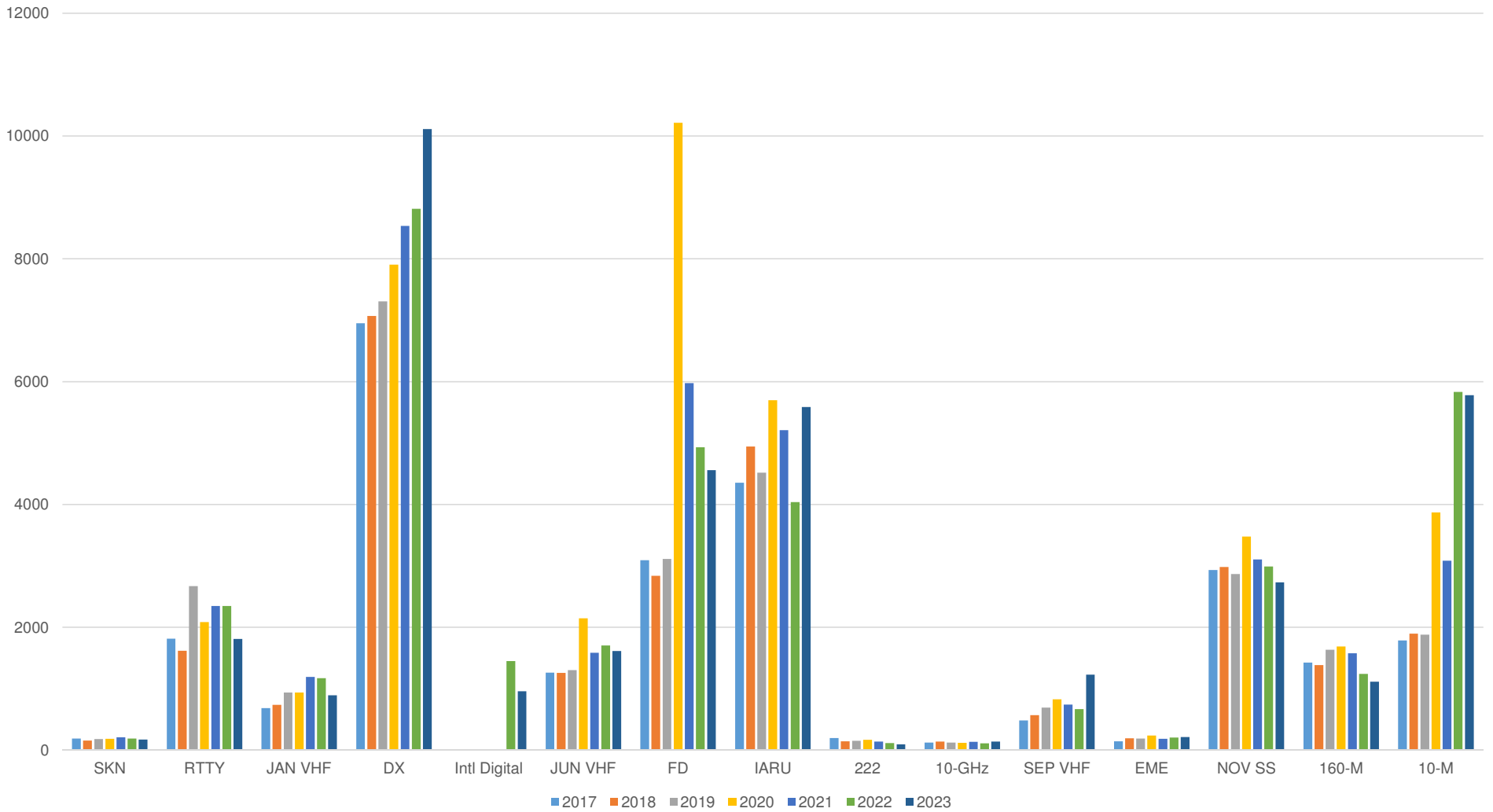
More unsung heros:

You've also heard these folks in the contests, and have seen their names in print as well, but honorable mention is deserved to these extraordinary contest branch contributors and volunteers:

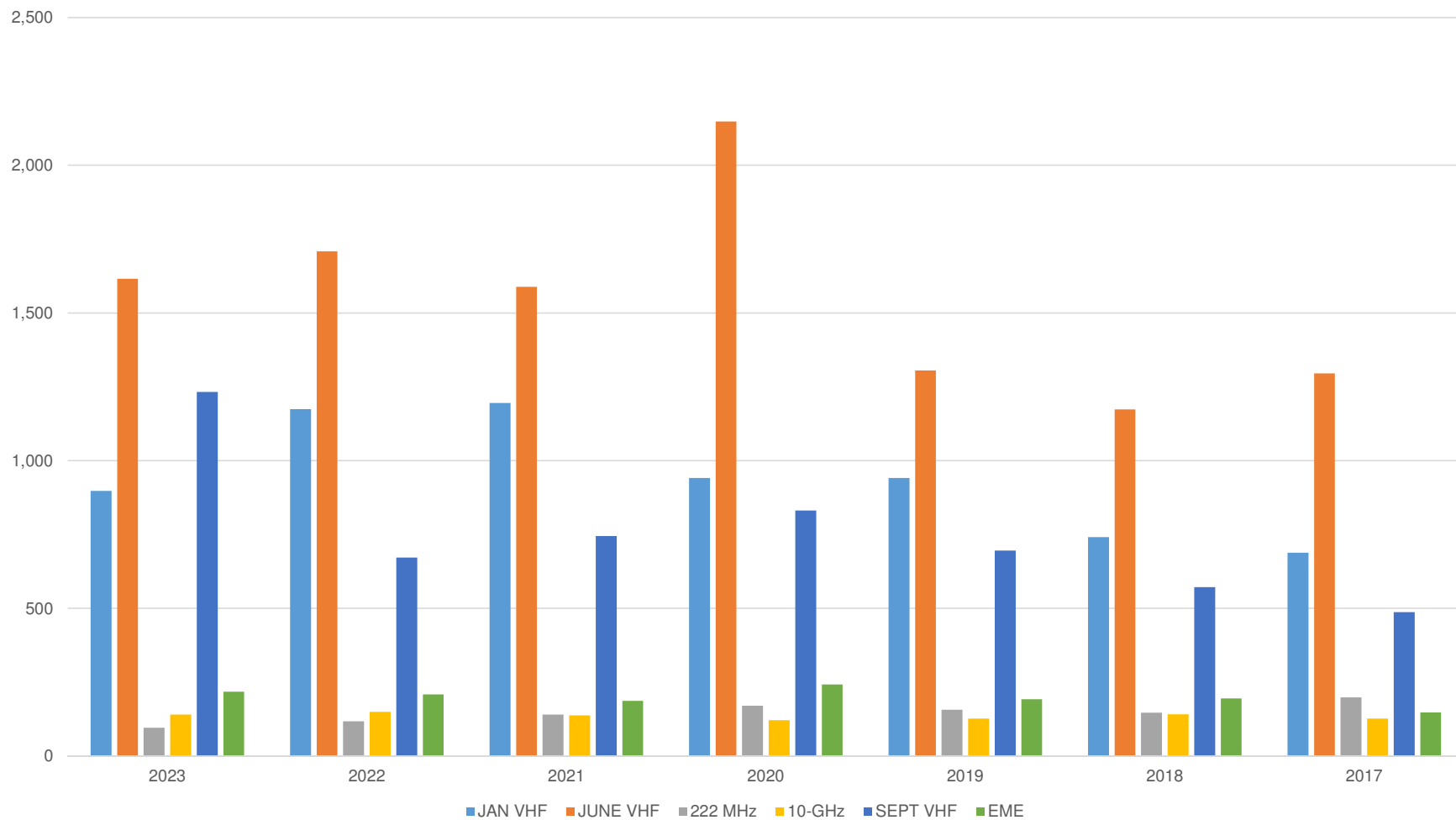
- Ward Silver, NØAX – while he has in recent years begin a graceful retirement from his generous efforts helping the ARRL Contest Program (in addition to writing a bounty of material for *QST* and other ARRL Publications), what you may not know is that for many years Ward has helped Contest Branch Managers orchestrate the complex ebb and flow of contest data, log checking, and results authoring and editing. Many thanks, Ward!
- Trey Garlough, N5KO and Bruce Horn, WA7BNM – Trey is the man behind the scenes for database and contest tables operations, while Bruce has created the many web apps for uploading ARRL (and CQ and other event) logs. Including: Contests, Field Day, HPM/150, 3830-Scores, etc. Bruce also hosts the ARRL event web pages for Frequency Measuring Tests and Rookie Roundup.
- We'll withhold the names, but we deeply appreciate the volunteer efforts of our volunteer log checkers, and volunteer paper-log entry folks.

Please thank these folks (when you see them in person, have email exchanges with them, or hear them on the air) for the tireless efforts of these contributors to our contest community!

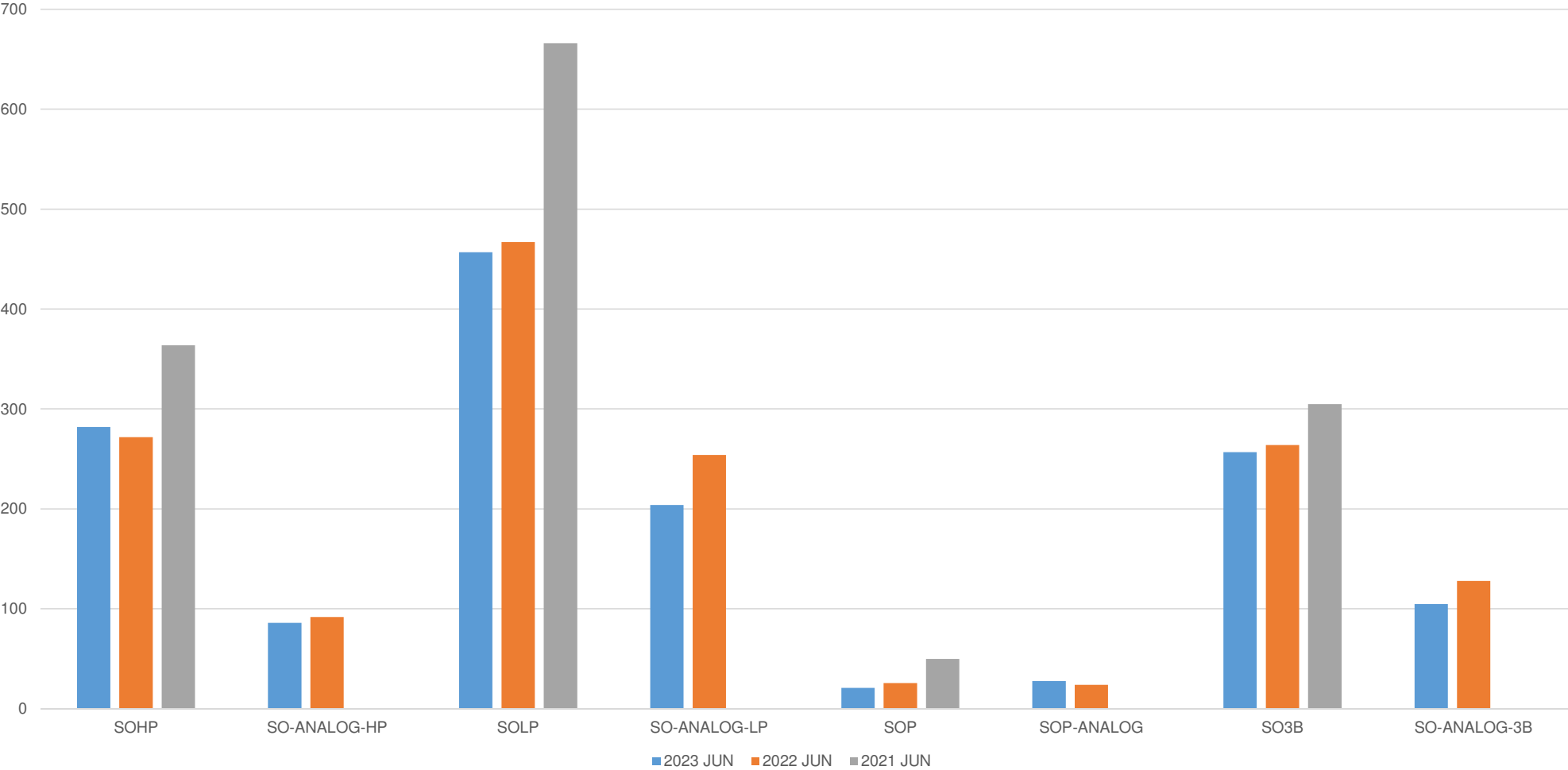
All Events - Contest Logs Received by ARRL 2017-2023



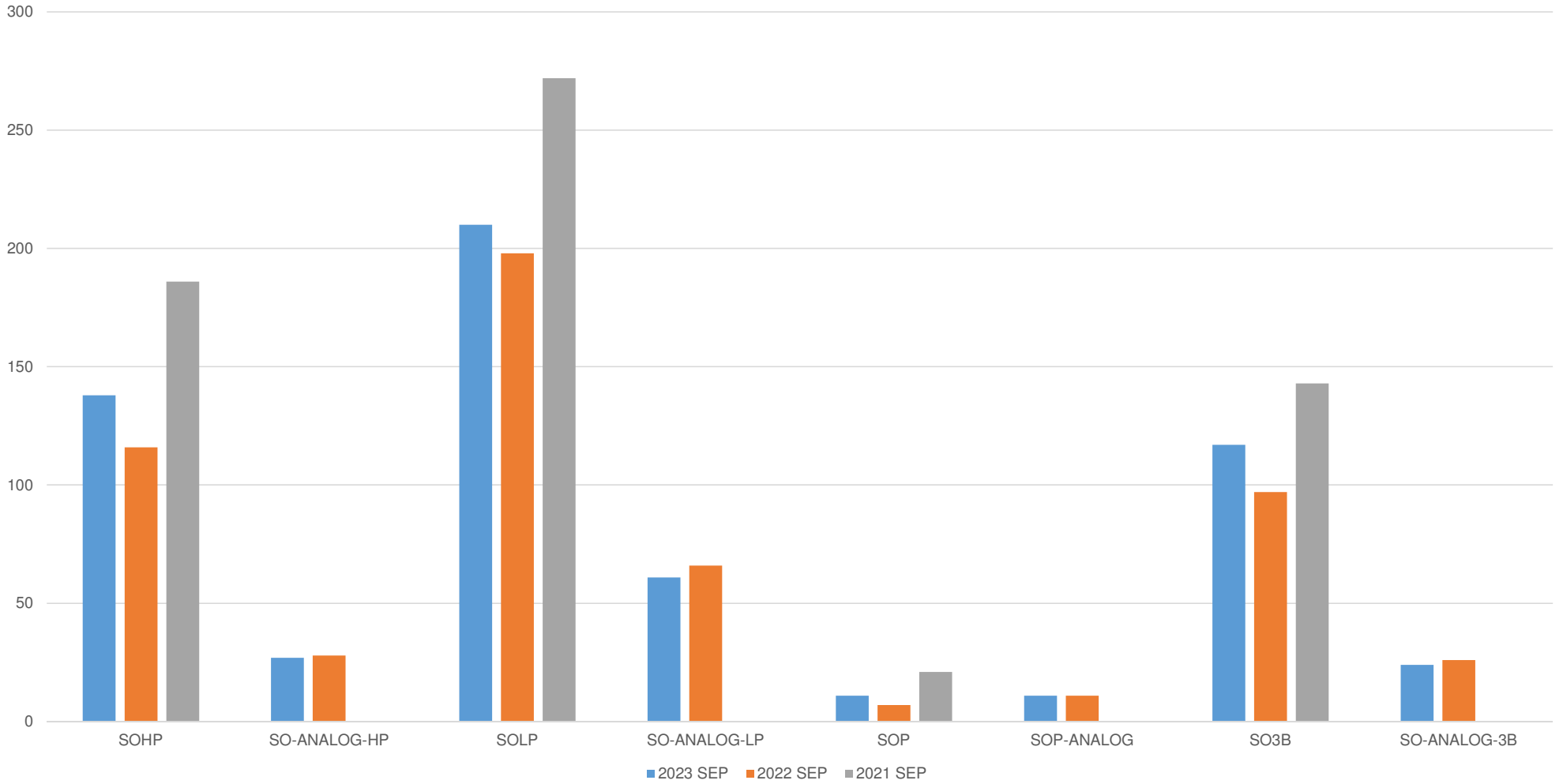
VHF + Contest Activity (Logs) Reported to ARRL 2017-2023



June VHF Contest- All Mode vs Analog Only Entries



September VHF Contest- All Mode vs Analog Only Entries



Three Keys to Contest Success

1. Get on the air!
2. Have fun!
3. Send in your event logs!

Keep your logs coming after each event...



Go with the flow... Thank you for participating!