

2018 Eastern VHF/UHF Conference – 2018 ARRL International Grid Chase OVERVIEW



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- **The 2018 International Grid Chase:** Runs from January 1 @ 0000 UTC to December 31 @ 2359 UTC.
- **Objective and Scoring:** On a Monthly basis, on amateur frequencies from HF to Microwaves, to contact amateur stations in as many different 2 degrees by 1 degree maidenhead 4-digit grid squares as possible. On a monthly basis, participants earn 1 point for each new grid square worked for each band-mode combination. After the 12 month event has concluded, monthly totals will tallied for a year-end score.
- **Reporting:** Everything flows through your uploads to Logbook of the World (LoTW).
- **Monthly Tallies:** On the 10th day (2359 UTC) of the following month a tally will be made for the prior month.

How it works:

- **Make contacts on any or all US Amateur Bands (2200 meters to Light {excluding 60 meters}).**
- **Work stations on Phone, CW or Digital.**
- **Any valid QSO exchange is permitted (you do not need to exchange grid squares).**
- **Grid Square location is determined by the LoTW Station Location you select when uploading your QSOs. If you operate from multiple grids (perhaps as a Rover), for each grid you activate you will need to create a new LoTW TQSL Station Location (specifying that grid square), AND you must be sure to upload to LoTW all QSOs from that grid square using that specific TQSL station location at upload.**
- **Each month in 2018 you can repeat these contacts (each month is a separate event period).**

- **Tracking your activity:** Follow how you and other participants are doing monthly on the ARRL's Leaderboard at <https://igc.arrl.org/leader-board.php>

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2018 ARRL International Grid Chase Leader Board

Point totals for the International Grid Chase event are shown below. Totals are for confirmed contacts only. These leader boards are updated several times a day and are not based on real time data.
The cutoff for uploading logs to LoTW is 2359 UTC on the 10th of the next month. For example, January logs are cutoff as of February 10th.

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Filter Leader Board Results:

☐ All
☐ Band / Mode (Leave Band/Mode selected and choose month)
☐ Month
☒ Call Sign
☐ DXCC
☐ WAZ
☐ State

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Hover over the spyglass icon for an explanation - click to sort by column - click again to reverse sort order.

Overall Rank	Month Rank	Call Sign	Month Grid Score	Month Unique Grids	Month QSL Count	Total Grid Score	Total QSL's
1647	Jan: 647	W1AW	Jan: 473	Jan: 265	664	773	992
1647	Feb: 5291	W1AW	Feb: 108	Feb: 90	116	773	992
1647	Mar: 2514	W1AW	Mar: null	Mar: 153	null	773	992

Combined Band/Mode Details by Month for Phone and Digital

Call Sign	Band/Mode Rank Month	Band/Mode Score Month	Band	Mode	Month
W1AW	190	9	10M	Digital	Jan
W1AW	203	7	12M	Digital	Jan
W1AW	268	49	15M	Digital	Jan
W1AW	1663	8	160M	Digital	Jan
W1AW	4580	4	17M	Digital	Jan
W1AW	9052	2	20M	Digital	Jan
W1AW	958	53	30M	Digital	Jan

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LoTW User Name:
LoTW Password:

Home Leader Board Grids Confirmed Grid Counts Help **Call Sign Filter Improved! New Grids Confirmed Page!**

2018 ARRL International Grid Chase Grids Confirmed

Search for the list of unique grids that have been worked by a given call sign below. Grids are from confirmed contacts only. This list is updated several times a day and is not based on real time data.

The "Map View" link will open this handy Google Maps tool from F6FVY centered on the chosen grid - see <http://qthlocator.free.fr/index.php>

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Enter a call sign:

Call Sign Band / Mode Show All Month

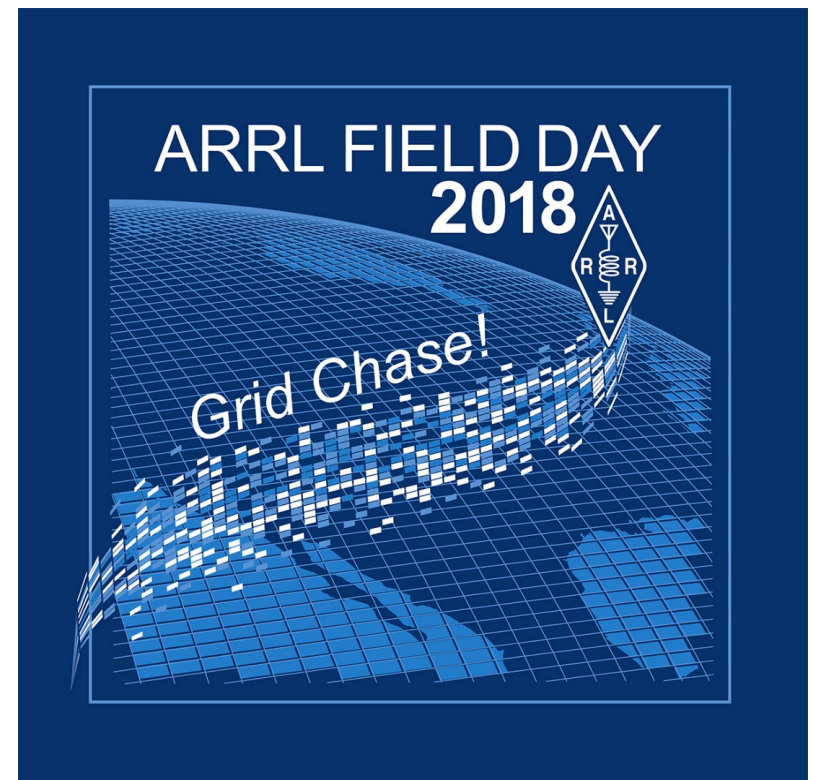
Grid Square	Link to Map	Band
EM85	Map View	10M
EM95	Map View	10M
EN34	Map View	10M
EN50	Map View	10M
FM05	Map View	10M
FM29	Map View	10M
FN20	Map View	10M
FN21	Map View	10M
FN30	Map View	10M
FN31	Map View	10M
FN42	Map View	10M

Monthly and Year-End Tallies and more...

- Monthly tallies will show rank. You can select various criteria to show your accomplishments.
- The tallies only show confirmed LoTW matches made within a given month, reported by the 10th of the following month. Confirmation requires things like: Must be an LoTW participant; must make timely reporting (before 10th day deadline); must include the correct grid square – TQSL station location – when uploading QSOs to LoTW.
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- What if monthly deadlines are missed? At year end, sometime about the end of January 2019, ARRL will run one last sweep of 2018 QSO uploads and will generate a Year-End tally. This will collect up any post-monthly-deadline grids into a final year-end tally. QST will put out a year-end summary article sometime in Spring 2019.
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- Recognitions: Aside from the online Leaderboard, ARRL will be making available an online certificate generation tool (the tool and certificate design are in development now). This tool will offer you the ability to select varying criteria that can be displayed on a certificate that you can download. You can generate as many certificates as you like, whenever you like, with whatever criteria you like.

Here and there...

- The Grid Chase is a natural extension of what we do as VHF'ers.
- Plan a Grid-Pedition for 2018.
- - Take the Grid Chase with you in your Field Day plans (say operating Field Day from a less active grid).
- Other ideas?



ARRL's 2018 International Grid Chase:

Talk it up and join in the fun!

For more information, see the ARRL web:

<http://www.arrl.org/international-grid-chase-2018>

Thanks for participating!