

CTU Presents

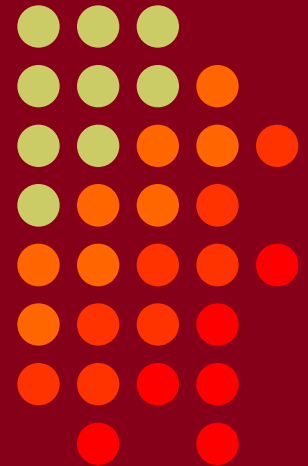
How Contesting Contributes
To Ham Radio

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Contest University Update



- **10th year for Dayton CTU**
- **Icom has supported CTU - ALL TEN YEARS!**
- **Over 4700 students have now attended CTU**
- **CTU Live Stream thanks Icom**
- **Strategic Partnership with the NCDXF**
- **Support the vendors that support CTU**
- **YouTube and slide decks available on web**
- **Icom Show us your Shack promotion**

Getting the most out of CTU 2016



There is a note pad in your bag – how many ideas have you written down today? You have access to some of the finest testers – ask questions!

- **You meet lots of people during contests – try calling “CQ” here at CTU – you just might make a new friend. Hit F1!**
- **Everyone has a contesting story – tell yours and listen to others. Commit to giving a new program at your local club in the next 12 months.**



K3LR 2016 Notebook

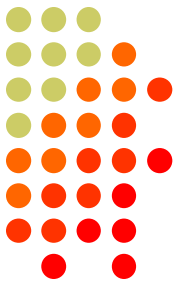
- Make sure you use the best coax connectors possible. There are no short cuts.
- Always weatherproof your outdoor connections. Moisture will cause failures.
- Check, Double Check, Re-Check
- Develop a pre contest “Proof Of Performance” plan – KEEP A NOTEBOOK!
- How many wall warts are causing RFI?
- Let me introduce you to Mr. Ferrite

What are you doing to improve Contesting?



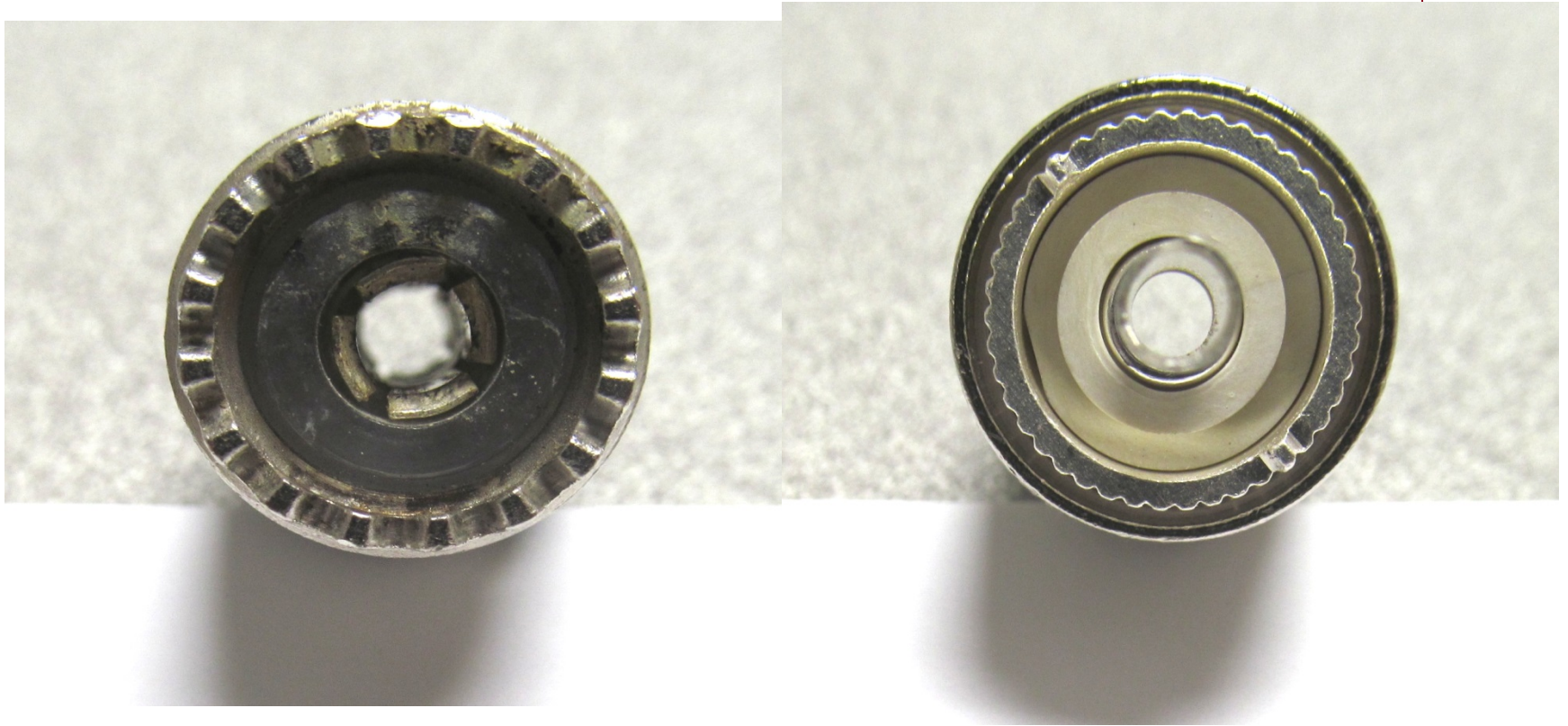
- **Congratulate the CTU “SCHOLARS”!**
- **Take an interest in helping new hams to become involved in contests.**
- **Maintain the radio contesting good name – do the right thing – be a model operator. Lots of SWLs.**
- **Find a way to “give back” to our hobby.**
- **Set goals for your contest self improvement. Set something achievable for you and then go hard after your goal.**
- **Remember as a CTU Graduate you are mentor!**

**It's 0000 Zulu – Are you worried
about your connectors? Did
W8WWV scare you yet?**





Keep the water out!



The best UHF Male connector The Amphenol 83-1-SP



Channel Lock CNL-426

“Tighten Up”





IN MEMORY OF RICHARD A. STRAND KL7RA



Having Fun with Contesting



- **Be the best example of a model contest operator**
- **Share your contesting passion with others – help THEM put up or fix an antenna. Please be SAFE!**
- **Get on the air and operate. Teach others how to operate in a contest.**
- **Have an open heart to all who are willing to learn – encourage and send congratulations emails.**
- **Be active in your local club – not just Field Day. Join, pay dues and contribute your time and experience!**

The REAL reason we do this...



Best Friends!