

CTU Presents

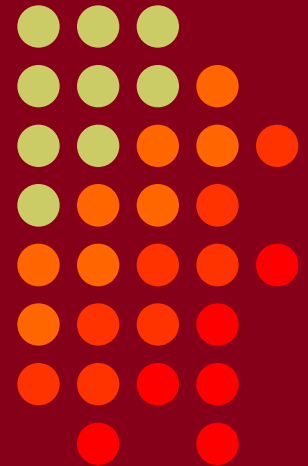
Radio Contesting's Future

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Contest University Update



- **8th year for Dayton CTU**
- **Over 3500 students have now attended CTU**
- **CTU Live Stream thanks Icom**
- **Strategic Partnership with the NCDXF**
- **CTU at the ARRL Centennial this July**
- **Support the vendors that support CTU**
- **Look for more exciting CTU developments**

Getting the most out of CTU 2014



**Ask lots of questions this weekend and keep notes
– if you are not asking questions you are falling behind!**

- **Meet someone totally new and ask them why they came to CTU and what interests they have**
- **Share some of your “secrets” with others here at CTU**
- **Commit to giving a CTU related talk or write a contesting article - in the next 12 months.**



K3LR 2014 Notebook

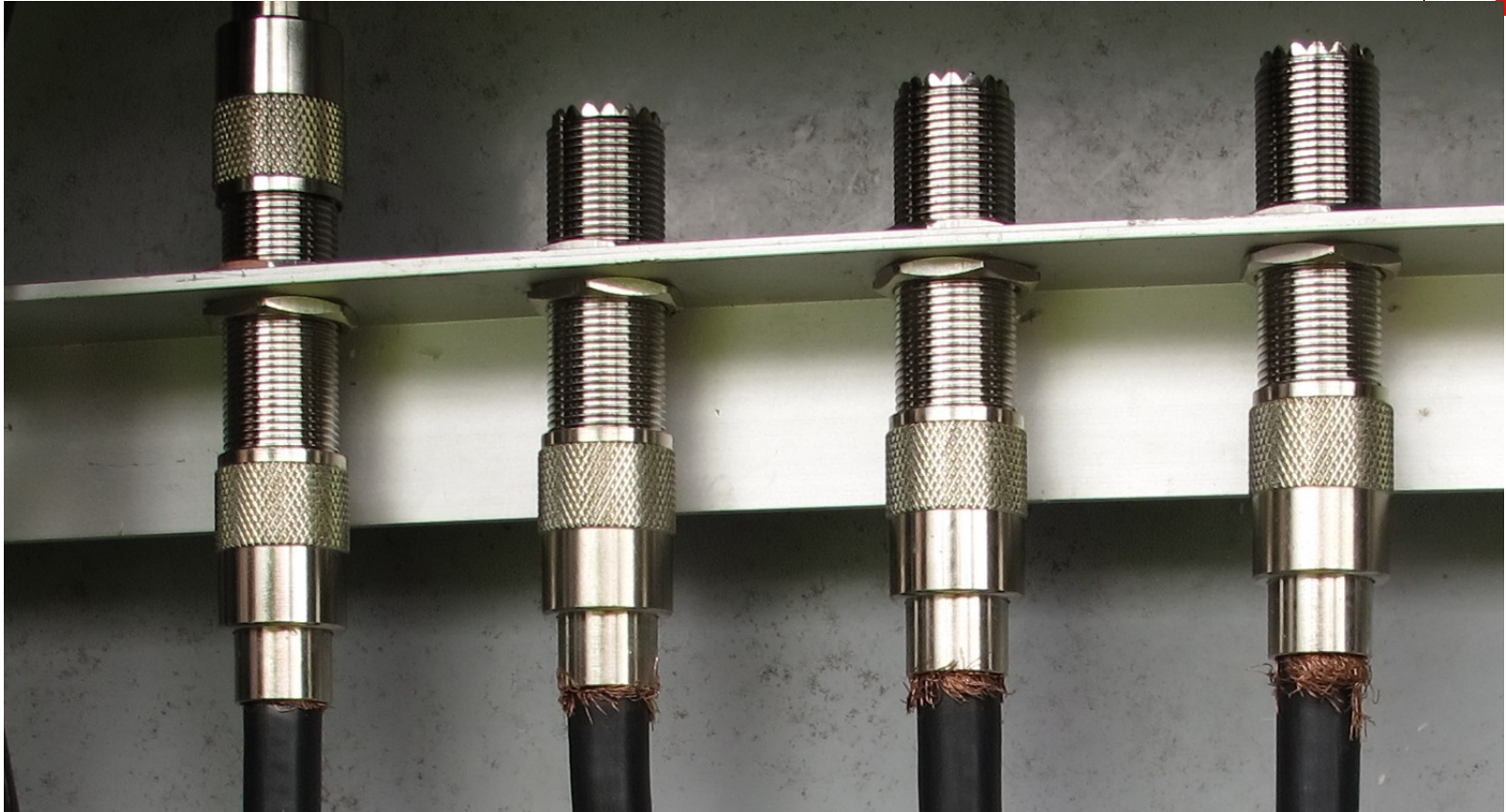
- Make sure you use the best coax connectors possible.
- Always weatherproof your outdoor connections
- Check, Double Check, Re-Check
- Develop a pre contest “Proof Of Performance” plan – KEEP NOTES!
- The DX Engineering RG-5000 Receiver Guard is a good idea.

What will Contesting be in 10 years?



- **Be voracious about reading contesting news.**
- **Take an interest in helping new hams to become involved in contests.**
- **Maintain the contesting good name – do the right thing – be a model operator.**
- **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.**

It's 2359 Zulu – Are you worried about your connectors?



Use the best connectors possible
– here is a premade cable



See Article in November 2012 QST



Your Commitment to Contesting



- **I hope you add to, change or improve your own antenna system this year! Try something different. BE CAREFUL!**
- **Share your contesting passion with others – help THEM put up or fix an antenna.**
- **Get on the air and operate. Teach others 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 experience!**