

# CTU Presents

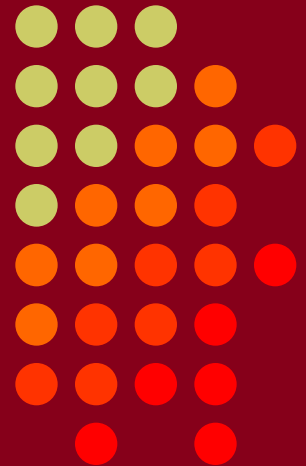
Radio Contesting's Future  
How Can You Help?

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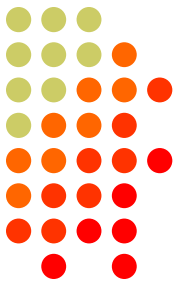
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# Contest University Update



- **9<sup>th</sup> year for Dayton CTU**
- **Over 4000 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**
- **Look for more exciting CTU's in the future**

# Getting the most out of CTU 2015



**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.**
- **Everyone has a contesting story – tell yours and listen to others.**
- **Commit to giving a program at your local club in the next 12 months.**



# K3LR 2015 Notebook

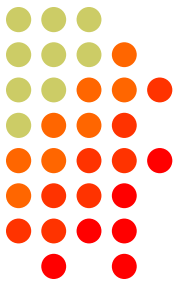
- Make sure you use the best coax connectors possible.
- Always weatherproof your outdoor connections. Moisture will cause failures.
- Check, Double Check, Re-Check
- Develop a pre contest “Proof Of Performance” plan – KEEP NOTES!
- How many wall warts are causing RFI?

# What are you doing to improve Contesting?



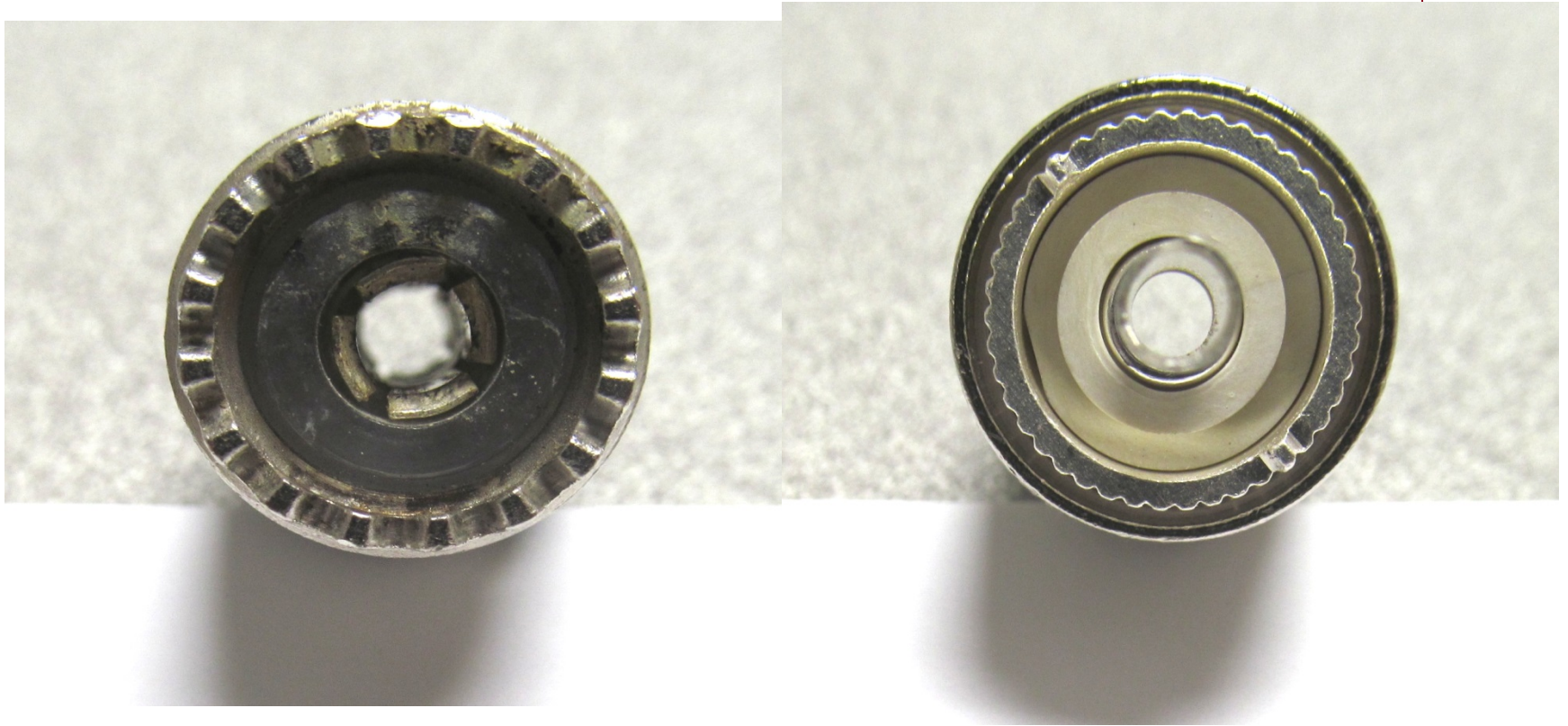
- **Be voracious about reading contesting news.**
- **Take an interest in helping new hams to become involved in contests.**
- **Maintain the radio contesting good name – do the right thing – be a model operator.**
- **Find a way to “give back” to our hobby.**
- **Set goals for your contest self improvement.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

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





# Keep the water out!





# See Article in November 2012 QST





# 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 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!**