

Ed Muns, W0YK

Ed, W0YK, entered CW and SSB DX contests initially in the early 1970s to work new band/mode-countries for DXCC. His interest rapidly evolved from DXing to contesting with his early learning at the K0RF multi-multi. Today, CW and RTTY contesting dominate Ed's operating time. His local contest club, the Northern California Contest Club (NCCC), mounted an effort for the club competition gavel first offered in the 2004 ARRL RTTY Round-Up where Ed reluctantly (kicking and screaming) learned how to set up RTTY and ultimately won the Pacific Division SOHP plaque. He ironically enjoyed that induction into RTTY so much that he now includes all the major RTTY contests in his contesting schedule. With his P49X call sign, Ed holds the world SOHP record in ARRL RTTY Roundup, having broken the record eight times, and the world SOHP record in CQ WPX RTTY, having broken that record seven times and set a world SOHP record in the 2010 CQ WW RTTY. Ed is the contest manager for the NCJ NA RTTY Sprint and the contest director for the two WWROF RTTY contests: CQ WW RTTY and CQ WPX RTTY. He is the log checker for the ARRL RTTY Roundup and the International Digital Contest. He and Don, AA5AU, sponsor the International FT Challenge which they initiated as the Ten-Meter RTTY Contest in December 2011 with nearly 700 logs submitted. In 2018, it became the FT8 Roundup with over 1200 logs using ARRL RTTY Roundup rules. Then, in 2024, the contest evolved to the International FT Challenge which uses the standard daily exchange so that everyone can work everyone. He was inducted into the CQ Contest Hall of Fame in May 2014. This is his nineteenth year at CTU delivering the two Digital Contesting presentations and Q&A.