

NATA to 60 Meters plus New Award!

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North American Traffic and Awards is opening operations on the 60m amateur band! Beginning May 1, NATA will host a once weekly net on the 60 meter band. The net will operate on Thursday evenings and start immediately following the conclusion of the 40m SSB Net.

In order to ensure compliance with NTIA/FCC mandates, contacts will be coordinated in the online chat as much as possible. Special rules will apply to participation on the 60 meter net are:

1. Participants will be limited to exchanging callsign, signal reports and QTH.
2. Net Control will coordinate contact requests which are submitted through the NATA Chat. The check-in list will continue to be maintained using nLog however NCS will purposely limited on-air chatter other than procedural things such as the net preamble, ID's, etc.
3. To arrange a contact, enter your list of requested contacts on the chat. NCS will record those in the comments column of nLog. Please stick to your requested contacts list until you have completed it then you may submit an additional request for coordinated contacts.

Effective May 1, 2012, NATA will begin issuing a special Worked All States awards for contacts made on 60m. Contacts used for the award application may come from any contacts made on any authorized channel on the band. At least 1/3 of your contacts must come from NATA nets, otherwise any contact can be used on this award. Endorsements include Mixed Modes and individual modes (CW, PSK-31, or SSB) as well as "All NATA Contacts." All contacts must have been made on or after January 1, 2009. Submit a logsheet document showing all claimed contacts through the online awards submission system.

73 de Jim, KU0G