Major VHF/UHF Contests

- **ARRL VHF Sweepstakes**
  - **Mid January, Full Weekend**

- **ARRL International DX Contest Phone**
  - **Early April, Spring Sprint–144 MHz**
  - **Early April, Spring Sprint–222 MHz**
  - **Early April, Spring Sprint–432 MHz**
  - **Early May, Spring Sprint–50 MHz**

- **ARRL VHF QSO Party**
  - **Mid June, Full Weekend**

- **SMIRK 6 meter QSO Party**
  - **Mid/Late June, Full Weekend**

- **ARRL Field Day**
  - **Mid July**

- **CQ World Wide VHF Contest**
  - **Mid July, Full Weekend**

- **ARRL UHF Contest**
  - **Mid September, Full Weekend**

- **ARRL September VHF QSO Party**
  - **Mid September, Full Weekend**

- **IARU HF World Championships**
  - **Early August, Full Weekend**

- **ARRL VHF QSO Party**
  - **Mid June, Full Weekend**

- **CQ National Fox Hunting Weekend**
  - **Mid June, Full Weekend**

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ICOM Grid Square Tips:

1. Say your grid square location when operating on VHF & UHF bands.
2. Many portable GPS receivers can read out Maidenhead* grid squares automatically.
3. Say your grid square letters phonetically. Example: for grid 13 in region DM say “delta, mike, one, three” on air.
4. Give your general location along with your grid square.
5. Have fun on VHF & UHF!

*An instrument of the Maidenhead Locator System (named after the town outside London where it was first conceived by a meeting of European VHF managers in 1980), a grid square measures 1° latitude by 2° longitude and covers approximately 70 x 100 miles in the continental US. A grid square is indicated by two letters (the field) and two numbers (the square).*

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