

# Ogden ARC Radio-Active Simplex Challenges 2022

How about make a resolution to become more Radio-Active? Try these new incentives along with new goals that can help us all strive to become more active in ham radio.

## 1. UHF/VHF Simplex Challenge

The main goal with simplex challenges is to make contacts on simplex... yes, it's that simple. Primarily making contacts and keeping a log of stations worked is the first step. Using any of the following simplex frequencies, contact as many other stations as possible. In-house awards will be available to any club member meeting a goal of making 10 simplex contacts and logging the following details **stations worked (callsign/name), date/time and frequency.** Other optional log details such as signal reports given/received, station equipment used (both stations), power, and approx. location of both stations are optional log entries. See sample QSO log below.

2M:

146.520 MHz (primary)

146.540 MHz

146.560 MHz

70cm:

446.000 MHz (primary)

446.500 MHz

447.800 MHz

No tones or DCS codes are required. Voice simplex challenge can be with any station

## 2. Who needs P.O.T.A or S.O.T.A.? (UHF/VHF Simplex only)

Know about "Parks On The Air" (P.O.T.A)? With that, state parks are "activated". There is the person at the park (Activator) and the person they make contact with (Hunter). With this, either being a hunter or activator will work, in house awards will be available for each. Each park within the Greater Ogden area will be in play. In order to "activate" the park, you must get at least 10 simplex contacts. Don't worry though, there is not a time limit on these. If it takes many weeks to collect 10, that will work. Feel free to submit your log whenever you have completed a step. The same goes for a hunter, contact 10 different parks and submit your log. Make sure to list what award you're going for (10 contacts for park X or Contacted 10 parks). With the "Summits On The Air" (S.O.T.A) concept, any peak along the Wasatch Front overlooking the Greater Ogden area is fair play. In order to receive an award for a peak, you must contact only 5 stations via simplex.

## 3. Community Outreach (any mode)

I'm sure everyone here has noticed my truck; a lot of people do. Quite often I have people walk up wondering what I need all that "stuff" on my roof. Why is that antenna so long? For this challenge, we are going to tell our story. Hang out at the park with your radio, maybe a sign explaining what you are

doing. The goal here is to be an ambassador to the world of Amateur Radio. Even better if you can convince someone unlicensed to have a chat (UHF/VHF-Simplex, HF-Any mode). Logging consists of the same info as above to include the unlicensed person's name. In the case they do not get on the radio, a short summary of your interaction will suffice. Make sure to include if they are looking to get licensed.

## **Awards Honor List**

The OARC Simplex Challenge Awards Honor Lists will be posted on the OARC club website as well as recognized in Watts News, the club newsletter. In order to qualify for any in-house Honors List, you must be a paid member of Ogden Amateur Radio Club. When a log is submitted for award consideration, the subject line must include the award you are submitting a log for. All award inquiries should be sent to [codyhearell@gmail.com](mailto:codyhearell@gmail.com)

Award Honors List offerings available are as follows:

**(1) Make 10 simplex contacts, 20 contacts, and so on.** Just submit previous award with new log.

**(2a) Park specific awards** – (Simplex only) Name of park with a minimum of 10 contacts made from the confines of that park logged and submitted. Total number of contacts at the time of submission will be noted on award.

**(2b) Peak specific awards** – (Simplex only) Name of peak with a minimum of 5 contacts made from the summit logged and submitted. Total number of contacts at the time of submission will be noted on award.

**(2c) "Hunter Awards"** – (Simplex only) Name of park and callsign contacted with a minimum of 10 parks within the Greater Ogden Area. For peak station contacts, minimum is Willard, Ben Lomond, Mt. Ogden.

**(3) Community Outreach Award** (any mode) Logging consists of the same info as above to include the unlicensed person's name. In the case they do not get on the radio, a short summary of your interaction will suffice.

**Additional award honors are still under consideration. All updates will be posted in this section on the Ogden ARC website.**

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