

From the Editor

Stability in motion, or dynamic stability, is the ability of a system or body to maintain its equilibrium, trajectory, or functional state despite being subject to disturbances.

When I first got into contesting, my wife (who was my girlfriend at the time) asked me, “Doesn’t it get boring sending the same letters and numbers to the same people over and over?” I then eloquently explained how 11-year solar cycles, seasonal/daily propagation differences, solar eruptions, different challenges in various contests, technological advancements, etc., meant every contest was a new experience. Of course, Carole’s only response was, “Okay, then stop hassling me about talking on the phone to my girlfriends every day.” I wisely refrained from pointing out that none of my argument applied to talking on a (then) landline phone over wire.

All that is a lead-in to detailing more changes coming to *NCJ*:

After over 14 years of producing contest profiles, personal reasons have required John Miller, K6MM, to step down as “*NCJ Profiles*” editor. *NCJ* has a long history of publishing a wide range of contest profiles, but John has been by far the most prolific and proficient “Profiles” editor, composing 68 interesting articles over more than 14 years. John will be missed, and we’re looking for ops who are interested in carrying on the profile tradition. Contact me via the email address above if you’re interested.

North American QSO Party (NAQP) SSB Contest Manager and ARRL Dakota Division Director Bill Lippert, ACØW, has decided to pass on the Contest Manager role after roughly 14 years. Dan Craig, N6MJ, has agreed to carry on after Bill. You can usually find Dan’s call sign in parentheses at the top of contest results from sta-

tions like ZF1A, EF8R, CQ9A, TI7W, etc. You also might remember the 2013 video of Dan operating SO2R from N6WIN, all while texting on his cell phone. I guess technically that is SO3R — Dan obviously has plenty of CPU capacity to apply to the Contest Manager role.

My thanks and appreciation to John and Bill for making my job easier over the past few years, and best wishes for the future.

One last area of change involves one of the oldest contests, the ARRL November Sweepstakes. The ARRL Contest Advisory Committee (CAC) has actively solicited contest community input on how to increase participation in the Sweepstakes. Make sure you let them know how you feel! You can find CAC member names and contact info at https://www.arrl.org/files/file/CAC%20List/CAC_Member_List.pdf.



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