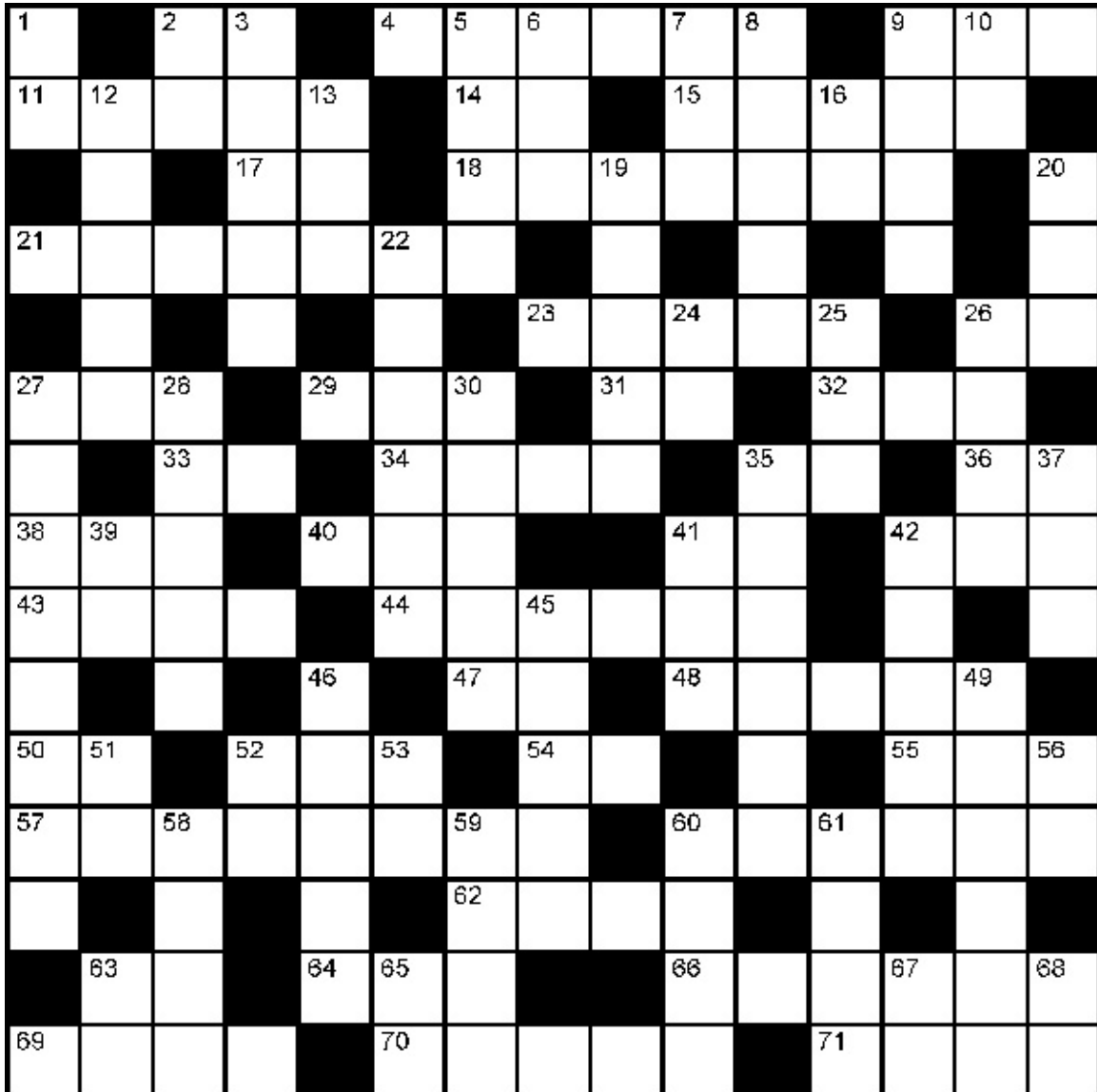


Amateur Radio Crossword Puzzler

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What's Your Call?

During a big contest or DXpedition, the bands are full of signals giving the most important part of any transmission. The call sign! Nothing is more important to a ham than his or her identity, so closely bound up with the call sign. I have friends whose call signs are etched in my mind, but whose last names are a true challenge to remember. You too, huh? It really must be true that we receive our calls in exchange for our last names! At any rate, here's a call sign puzzle to do when the pileups ebb.



Across

2. Add to your call in flight
4. Make up most of a call
9. Administers US calls
11. Power amplifier
14. Suffix of the top DeSoto Cup operator
15. Stuffed in cracks to prevent leakage
17. Opposite of HI
18. Type of event for which 1x1 calls are used
21. Only some of a call
23. What a lot of shacks look like
26. Everybody else stand by (prosign)
27. 10 decibels
29. Relay
31. Inductor resistance (symbol)
32. Administrator of international call sign system
33. Home state of the new Sweepstakes Manager
34. Island DX award
35. Military base store
36. Our favorite type of signal
38. Mobile antenna mount type
40. Both a fuse and a volume controls system
41. Prefix meaning "two"
42. Affirmative
43. Work twice
44. Usually separates prefix and suffix
47. Continent for 9Y and PJ9 (abbr)
48. Amateur sub-service with separate call signs
50. Denotes upgrade to General
52. Sounds like sending with a left foot
54. The old abbreviation meaning Tech Plus
55. Our favorite star
57. What you say to denote operation away from home
60. Refuse or turn away
62. The real name of killer whales
63. Denotes upgrade to Extra
64. Lots of action
66. First part of a call sign
69. Inject energy into
70. Method of seating a BNC connector
71. Following in time

Down

1. Range below MF
2. The coldest continent (abbr)
3. The knights use the prefix 1A
5. Electronic QSL service
6. Temporary (abbr)
7. Place where emergency response is coordinated (abbr)
8. Lift
9. Always give your call sign in this way
10. 10 mm
12. Modes for transmitting pictures
13. Letter stating your intentions (abbr)
16. Microwaves between 18 and 40 GHz
19. Top license class
20. Highest HF band
22. Be given a call sign
24. Can give 00 as age in All Asia contest
25. Maximum characters in US call sign
26. Adds K to standard Hawaiian prefix
27. These show where stations are operating
28. Elements of quads
30. Companion to hocus
35. Makes up a call sign
37. Method of sending RTTY signals
39. Greek letter denoting permeability
41. Error rate in digital communications (abbr)
42. Fox Tango manufacturer
45. Person who creates
46. Denotes portable operation on CW
49. Ending portion of a call
51. Begin
52. Quiet (abbr)
53. Excellent! (abbr)
56. Uses the VO1 prefix
58. The only ham call that was all letters
59. ARRL's electronic QSL service
60. Attention paid to unworked DX station
61. Was in the past
63. Precious yellow metal (chemical symbol)
65. Posting not on the original subject (abbr)
67. Magnetic metal (chemical symbol)
68. Crosstalk (abbr)

SOLUTION

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