

CQ-WPX RTTY Plaque Program FAQ's - prepared by ND8L (V1.1)

Q: Who manages the RTTY plaque program?

A: Ray, ND8L. Mike, K4GMH ably ran the program for over ten years before passing the baton to Ray in 2013. Thanks, Mike! We are now *completely* self supporting, so we're watching our pennies very carefully. Our primary strategy is that we not devolve from a non-profit group to a non-break-even group. I don't remember much from accounting class...but I seem to recall that is a BAD THING!

Q: How do I sponsor a plaque?

A: For the 2013 contests, those folks who sponsored a category for 2013 have right of first refusal...but payment must be received by 15-July-2014. After that date, jump ball...the first payment received by ND8L gets the category. Please e-mail Ray (Ray.Fallen@gmail.com) as soon as possible to reserve your category.

We will not order a plaque until payment is received in full.

Q: Can I sponsor more than one plaque?

A: Yes...it will make you feel really good and will impress your friends.

Q: Can I sponsor a plaque for my radio club or in memory of a Silent Key or my cat?

A: Yes.

Q: How much do the plaques cost?

A: For the 2014 CQ-WPX RTTY Contest, the charges are \$65.00 for plaques to be shipped within North America and \$75.00 for plaques to be shipped overseas. Costs may change for future contests, but we will do our best to keep any increases to a minimum. Not to toot our own horn, but it is a very nice plaque. Look at the image on page 3. The WPX Plaque is the same format.

At these price points, all plaques will be shipped by US Mail. **If the plaque sponsor OR the recipient is concerned about loss or theft, we will ship UPS or FedEx, but must ask for additional funds, paid in advance, to cover increased shipping costs. We cannot be responsible for plaques damaged, lost or stolen in shipping.**

Q: How do I pay for the plaques?

A: Please mail a check made payable in U.S. funds to Ray Fallen and mail to ND8L's CBA. Please note your call letters and category(ies) on the check. This is the preferred form of payment for U.S. hams. You may also use PayPal (nd8l@arrl.net), but please add the PayPal fees to your payment.

Q: When is my payment due?

A: We must order plaques by 01-August-2014...so please pay by then. We will try to accommodate orders with payment received after that...but if your request results in a separate production run by the plaque vendor, your cost may increase significantly. Prior to placing the final order, I will send an e-mail to all sponsors

(including a photo with the actual plaque layout) requesting confirmation of the information on the plaque. **PLEASE** respond promptly to this e-mail. We will not be held responsible for errors if you do not respond.

Once again...plaques will not be ordered until payment is received in full.

Q: I hate writing checks or I'm staying off the grid...can I use Pay Pal?

A: Yes! We will accept payments to our Pay Pal account: ND8L@ARRL.NET. Please indicate in remarks your call letters and the category you wish to sponsor.

If you want to pay by debit or credit card, you must increase the amount of your payment to cover all Pay Pal fees. **If you pay by debit or credit card and do not include all Pay Pal fees with your payment , your payment will be rejected.**

If you pay from your bank account or your Pay Pal account...I am told that Pay Pal fees do not apply to that transaction.

Q: How do I sponsor a category that is not listed?

A: If you don't see one that interests you, go ahead and roll your own. For example, Jose, LU1FM sponsors Single Op All Band Southern Zone (CE-CX-LU).

If W0YK can figure out the winner and Ed's real good at that...you can sponsor the plaque.

Q: I won the Single OP Assisted Low Power Category for Lower Elbownia (or...whatever) and nobody sponsors a plaque for that category. Can I buy one?

A: Sure! Contact ND8L. You can even buy one for prior year's contests.

Q: I'd like to buy additional plaques for my Multi-Single, Multi-Two, Multi-Op team since the tightwad sponsor only paid for one. (Just kidding.)

A: Absolutely! Contact ND8L.

Q: When will I receive my plaque?

A: We will make every effort to ship plaques will be mailed by 1-August-2014.

Again, unless previous shipping arrangements have been made and paid for, we will ship plaques (USA and international) by US Mail. We will not ship until we receiving a valid shipping address from the winner by e-mail.

Q: I have a question, complaint, comment or suggestion about the program!

A: Or maybe all four? Please contact ND8L by e-mail (Ray.Fallen@gmail.com) or visit: <http://www.cqwwrtty.com/plaques.htm>

8 x 10"

