

THE WPX PROGRAM NEEDS YOUR HELP. As you are aware, CQ Magazine stopped publishing after September 2023 for financial reasons. Sadly, this extraordinary publication that has brought technical articles, news and support of the worldwide amateur radio community since 1945 may have come to an end.

The CQ World Wide WPX Contest now is administered by the World Wide Radio Operators Foundation (WWROF) but the WPX Program is in limbo. The WPX Honor Roll no longer can be listed in CQ Magazine. The WPX Program Manager (N8BJQ) appears to be seeking to end his administration of the WPX Program after many years of time-consuming and thoughtful efforts.

I have been active in the WPX Program for over 50 years, similar to many other stations. My correspondence with over 75 Honor Roll stations shows a strong interest in maintaining the program after their years of time and funds spent working and confirming new prefixes. The rule for deleting unused prefixes after ten years became overwhelming to apply to each station on an annual basis as many of those prefixes became active again. My survey in 2023 of the top Honor Roll stations showed 100% support for deleting this rule.

In order to maintain the continuity of the WPX Program, I have created a short-term solution until such a time that a new organization and WPX Program Manager takes over. The Honor Roll Listing has been set up on the W1CU QRZ.com page for all modes. To simplify the Program, stations need to only send me their all-time **confirmed** totals in each mode, without any deletions. The totals are updated on a real-time basis. I am not able to offer any certificates or plaques.

I have attempted to send emails to every station listed on the Honor Roll in September 2023 and more than 75 have responded with their prefix totals. My only source of email addresses is QRZ.com. Some email addresses no longer are active and some of my emails may have gone to spam folders. I would appreciate your assistance by including this information in your organization's publication and with any other publicity that you can provide. This would alert existing Honor Roll members to the site where they can continue to view all of the Honor Roll information. Further, it would encourage others to join and support the continuation of the WPX Program. Thank you in advance for your help.

Best 73,
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