Major VHF/UHF Contests
Early March, Full Weekend
ARRL VHF Sweepstakes
Early April, Full Weekend CO Spring
VHF Activity Weekend (FM)
Early April, Spring Sprint–144 MHz
Early April, Spring Sprint–222 MHz
Early April, Spring Sprint–432 MHz
Early April, Full Weekend CO Spring
VHF Activity Weekend (SSB/CW)
Early May, Spring Sprint—902/1296/2304 MHz
Early May, Weekend Spring Sprint—50 MHz
Early May, Full Weekend
ARRL June VHF C50 Party
Early August, Full Weekend
ARRL UHF Contest
Early September, Full Weekend
ARRL September VHF QSO Party

ICOM Grid Square Tips:
1. Say your grid square location when operating on VHF & UHF bands.
2. Many portable GPS receivers can read out Maidenhead* grid squares automatically.
3. Say your grid square letters phonetically. Example: for grid 13 in region DM say “delta, mike, one, three” on air.
4. Give your general location along with your grid square.
5. Have fun on VHF & UHF!

*The Maidenhead grid square system identifies “fields” of 20 degrees of longitude by 20 degrees of latitude. Each field is identified by 2 alphabetic characters, such as “FN”. Each field is then broken down into 100 squares, each square being 2 degrees of longitude by 1 degree of latitude in size and identified by number, from 00 to 99.

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