

Maritime Radio Day 2010 - None Contest Version
April 10th 1200 UTC – April 11th 1200 UTC

„ N o m e n e s t O m e n “

The MRD – NC is of type none competition and the organizers will keep it this way. Unfortunately there was perhaps a little confusion upon listing qso totals. We have forgotten to publish exactly rules how to handle all possibilities. Instead we had in mind, that every qso between 'stations' only count ones regardless on which bands/operators. Most problems come up with „coast- & special stations“ on a multiops basis. Ops of these stations named their ship calls they worked on, but in case of an operator of a coaststation this was wrong. In this case they have to name the coast/special stations call only. Naming a ship call leads to misunderstanding! All multioperator stations only count once per MRD.

Upon previous statements we now publish the statistics of the MRD-NC in reverse alphabetically order, regardless of the number of qso. It is just to give all participants an idea how many contacts have taken place. All statements made above are only valid for MRD- None Contest.

Please remember always: MRD-NC is of type ' none contest ', no first – no last – only participants ! Look and see how many contacts were possible.

This document contains this text, statistics of participants and comments on MRD-NC. There have been more stations on air then the number of previous registered ones. Previous registration is not mandatory but it is nice to know. On further MRD-NC only registered stations will receive the MRD NC "Certificate of Participation"!

For MRD contest type please contact Olivier's web page

„ <http://www.radiomaritimeday.org/> „

and follow the instructions made there !!!!! MRD-NC team could give you no assistance or comments at all! Just help yourself! Perhaps it is a good idea to write in french to them!

Maritime Radio Day 2011:

MRD NC is scheduled for Thursday 14th April 1501 GMT until Friday 15th April 1500 GMT!

MRD Contest according to radiomaritimeday Saturday 9th April until Sunday 10th April

For MRD-NC 2010 team

Rolf / dl9cm & Juergen / dl8hci

Given on 25th April 2010

Birthday of Guglielmo Marconi

Updated 7th May 2010

Nr.	callsign	category A coast radio stations	category B ship stations	category C special stations	amateurs	total	name of OP
	ZS1TTZ	1	-	-	-	1	Adrian
	YL2CQ	22	51	3	-	76	Ervin
	VK4BUI	3	13	1	3	20	Les
	VE7YL	1	5	-	-	6	Elizabeth
	VA3ICC	5	12	-	-	17	Ian
	UU5JK	11	7	-	1	19	Boris
	UA1OIW	5	17	3	1	26	Anatoly
	SM6NM	13	51	3	9	76	Lars
	SK6SAG	8	33	-	7	48	Sten
	S52CC	11	22	2	4	39	Vinko
	S51AE	15	32	2	2	51	Ciril
	RW3AI	6	17	-	1	24	Valery
	PI4HAL	15	20	1	14	50	Okko
	PA6PCH	17	65	5	22	109	Dick
	PA3CWG	12	25	1	-	38	Ronald
	PA3AAF	5	2	1	-	8	Carel
	PA2PCH	22	57	2	13	94	Ad
	OL35OLP	38	123	7	101	269	Jarda
	N6SL	2	4	-	-	6	Ben
	N1EA	-	17	2	-	19	David
	LA9IO	10	22	3	1	36	Birger
	LA6DW	9	24	2	-	35	Gerner
	LA3FL	15	15	5	2	37	Per
	LA3DX	11	17	-	1	29	Frode
	LA2EG	4	10	2	-	16	Hans
	KC4ABC	2	4	-	-	6	John
	K1TL	2	2	-	-	4	Tom
	IR0IAR	15	53	10	39	117	Fabio, Lino
	IQ6SB/IQP	11	37	-	13	61	Domenico
	IK7TVE	10	10	2	-	22	Pasquale
	IK6IJF	22	58	5	5	90	Alfredo
	II1GG	15	65	7	46	133	Joe
	II1CS	4	43	3	40	90	JuI, Sauro
	I8CEE	13	32	1	4	50	Salvatore
	HB9ASZ	11	36	3	5	55	Bernhard
	GM3ZDH	2	9	-	-	11	Bob
	GKZ (SWL)	11	22	3	5	41	David
	F6GIN	6	31	-	1	38	Andre
	EI5DS	12	41	3	-	57	Edward
	EA8VI	8	20	1	7	36	Juan
	DO1SFK	5	10	-	-	15	Hans
	DN1FHS	4	4	-	-	8	Heinrich
	DL9CM	15	49	3	1	68	Rolf
	DL8HCI	7	27	2	2	38	Juergen
	DL6M LA	23	78	5	6	112	Karl
	DL6M KA	10	33	-	2	45	Bernd
	DL5LBC	5	11	-	1	17	Claudia
	DL5KUT	17	66	-	15	98	Holger
	DL5KUD	13	48	7	10	78	Jochen
	DL3HRH	15	59	2	8	84	Jürgen
	DL3AKM	6	9	1	1	17	Friedrich
	DL1NL	12	19	-	2	33	Fred
	DL1KHU	8	20	-	6	34	Uli
	DL0M CM	26	57	-	16	99	Jörg, Jürgen
	DL0DAN	17	47	-	7	71	Bernd
	DL0CUX	6	48	-	1	55	Uwe
	DJ5QF	9	21	-	3	33	Peter
	DJ5NL	2	8	-	1	11	Ludwig
	DJ5AA	36	67	1	12	116	Joachim
	DJ3BT	9	35	1	-	45	Gerhard
	DH5MM	4	1	-	-	5	Thomas
	DH4PB	9	34	2	9	54	Sylvester
	DF7TT	17	31	1	5	54	Jürgen
	DK8BO	8	20	-	6	34	Manfred

I participated in the MRD this weekend. Managed to make 87 qso s mainly on 40 and 80m. Those bands were fairly good. 20m was very bad. Had about 5 qso on 20m with Italy and Spain. No DX. Again it was fun wotking with "old" colleagues. Ad Wouterson ex PCH / PA2PCH

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Many Thanks Rolf

QSX many call signs not on the list, so guess the event has been popular. Will type up my log and send later

David + (ex GKZ and SWL)

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Dr OM's,

If next MRD will be in a weekend I fully agree with abandoning the Silence Periods. 3 minutes is more than enough time for a contester to jump in the gap and claim it as his freq.. H.G. (Dick) Klijn /PA3DEU (contact for PA6PCH)

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Hallo Rolf, der MRD ist vorüber und mir bleibt nur die Freude, mich bei allen Organisatoren dieses Events zu bedanken. Es hat riesigen Spaß gemacht, sich mal wieder wie ein Gleicher unter Gleichen zu fühlen. Obwohl ich quasi nur auf 40 m qrl war, habe ich 20 qso gemacht, darunter pch, sag, dhs, dan, die ich wahrscheinlich sonst nie so ohne weiteres an die Angel bekommen hätte. Also nochmals großes Lob allen Organisatoren!

Friedrich, der Babbeljahn, DL3AKM

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Well, so mrd is over for this year.

Why dos nobody care? Regarding the small frequencies we have, so body cers. And why must all kind of test operate on mrd"frq"? If I have understood it right, there is allso a test mrd, if so, make it at a nother time. If sombody does anything "wrong" among old r/o's hell is loose, but if anybody makes a bad day for us nobody cares. There will be no kind of reply or disqualifikasjon. If there shall be more than one test at the time, sombody must speak for a kind of border, so we can have this 24 houres of enjoyment. If all ham are informed about us, I am afraid for the mrd if nobody strong and talented speak for us. So if this develpment continues, there will be no mrd in some years, ro or no ro.

73's de

Frode, LA3DX

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Agree with Dick!Those SP's during the MRD have no use at all for our event, on the contrary...
73, Hans Remeeus (PA1HR)

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It's not a Globespan, looks like an Oceanspan to me..

73 Hans PA3ERE

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Dear Rolf.

I have studied the MRD results, but I need your assistance to understand some of the information. With reference to MRD info letter No 2 dated April 9th it says in the e-mail text that stations listed in bold represent COAST STATIONS, there I count 11 stations. However, in the attached document witch also reads info letter no 2, I count 16 COAST STATIONS ?

Well, OK that may be a printing error, but how come that some stations have worked considerably more than the 16 coast stations listed, one station have worked even 29 coast stations ???

Another matter, in the list of results, I miss information that this is the results from the N/C version, not the contest version. Perhaps you should have indicated that this is the results for stations/operators who do NOT participate in MRD as contestants? I also read that DL0EL/DF1FHS won the N/C version as he was No 1 ?

How can someone win a NON CONTEST??

Sri Rolf. This one was too tough for me. (hi)

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Hans Chr./LA2EG

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Lieber Rolf,

die letzte Teilnehmerliste stimmte mich so hoffnungsvoll auf schöne Beteiligung und action. Bin sehr enttäuscht was sich da abspielt. Zum Teil schlechte Betriebstechnik, als ob dort Anfänger sind, einfach senden ohne rein zu hören, usw. FFL und FFB machen langatmige Unterhaltung von ca. 20 Minuten, man

ruft sich die Seele aus dem Hals und keiner antwortet, obwohl tfc zu hören ist. Nicht über das Band suchen. Ich habe jetzt abgeschaltet. Die ersten Male MRD waren interessanter. Sollte es jetzt verflachen ? Schade. Hoffentlich macht Deine Auswertung nachher mehr Freude. ufb weekend 73 Heinz df4bv

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QRM on 3.5MHz, especially 7MHz was really extreme due to other contests. 14MHz and up were pretty dead at my Copen. QTH, at least the periods I tried them. I enjoyed the contest - many were confounded at ex WSL coming from a European based op! Actually that was my next-to-last station, but for reasons of discretion, I did not use my very last station in the contest.

Hank/Henry M. R/O, OU5T

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All,

Sorry I was unable to participate. I am still at sea and don't get home until next week. I hope conditions were OK and that many good QSOs were made. 73 John / 9 V 1 V V

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Note:

1) I like the idea from LA3FL/Per of using weekdays for the MRD in future. We are all retired.

2) I think we should keep the "SP". It makes us special and is a funny thing. Never mind the 3 minutes

delay. It is not that hurry and you can lit a cigarette, as we did at sea or go to the WC or something during that time. The special "SP" for MGY could be cancelled.

3) I REALLY like the MRD this time. I met many "friends" from the old times and had a good time.

4) I am not very fond of the four-part Germany/France/The Netherlands/Italy organisation. I found at least three different fq's information and the F-boys used ""RMD" instead of "MRD". PA6PCH called "CQ MRD/RMD DE PA6PCH". That should not be necessary. "MRD" is the name. I like You to take charge, Rolf. You know it best.

5) Why is it so few British stations in MRD? It is a pity. Get G3PLE/David Barlow involved.

6) Thank for your effort, Rolf, for making this MRD possible!!

Your friend

Lars Källand/SM6NM (SAG / SAQ / SK6FL / SK6SL / SK6SUB / SK6HUG / SK6RM and more

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Guten Tag, Rolf! In MRD hat 26 QSO auf dem Umfang 14 MHz geleitet. Den sehr schlechten Durchgang der Radiowellen . Auch ist viel es in dieser Zeit Wettbewerbe (JADXC,DIG,EU, GC). Gross QRM. Ob ich Ihnen den Bericht von der Teilnahme in MRD abschicken soll? Wenn ja, so bitte das Muster herschicken Sie. 73! Anatoly UA1OIW

qso # 14 10.04.2010 14 MHz 15.28 UT DL9CM qsa/qrk5 qsa/qrk5 Rolf DEER --
Anatoly Popov UA1OIW

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From: Per A. Mikalsen

Alta, North Norway, April 11, 2010

Hello again Urbano, Rolf and other friends

The MRD is over for this year. In spite of putting in very many hours, I only managed 37 MRD QSOs, some of them were long time professional friends at various coastal stations that I worked during my 33 years on the high seas. Also very nice to meet the other ex "sparks".

Since the many contests filled the bands with QRM for the MRD event this year, I have the following suggestion for next years's MRD:

As most of the MRD participants now are folks who have now retired, they can be QRV any day of the week, not necessary only on weekends. Therefore I suggest that this event is moved to mid week. We should then avoid the congested bands filled with QRM in the weekend, while almost empty other days of the week. It may perhaps badly affect a few, but not many. Give it a thought and hopefully this idea may contribute to more fun working MRD.

After 33 years as a "Sparks" around the world, whereof 26 years on cruise ships as CRO with very heavy traffic, several traffic lists simultaneously, radiopress, stock reports, etc., my ears have been filled with QRM for years trying to filter out the signals I wanted to copy. I am sure some of you still remember the "Woody Woodpecker" signals that sometimes almost made air drums on "sparks" blow out, while copying faint signals in the background. Those days are since long gone by. Nice and clear signals are very much appreciated and can be achieved by moving MRD to a mid week event

Comments appreciated.

73 de LA3FL
Per ex LECK

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Hi,

I really enjoyed again MRD 2010, even if I didn't have much time to spend (only some 50 Q's). I think Per's idea to shift the MRD from the weekend is worth for a study. If we maintain the weekend then we should may be abandon the SP for the following reason: if you're in a Q and SP starts, you certainly gonna loose the frequency in the DIG/JA contests pile-ups, this happened to me several times, which is rather annoying. Of course the SP belongs to our nostalgia, but under these circumstances it's barely feasible.

Very best of 73

Bernie HB9ASZ (last ship ZLCM, RFV Braveheart)

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From: urbano.cavina@tin.it

Hi Per and Sparkers,
great Ocenspan and Atalanta... nostalgia
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Urbano ex IBRE

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Hi Alfredo and crew,
nice to have had a QSO with you, Alfredo!
Here is my comment:

I have been looking forward for the MRD contest.

I had to teach people for the SRC certificate during Saturday and Sunday. But as soon as they left my house Saturday at 6 pm I turned on my transmitter - but there where too much stations at the same time at the same frequencies on contests! What a pity! I stayed in my radiostation until midnight but I received only 17 QSOs.

So, I agree totally with Per A Mikalsen/LA3FL who made the suggestion to plan this event not on a weekend but in the middle of the week, or - on a weekend without other contests.

Vy 73 fm Fockbek nr Rendsburg nr Kiel and thanks for the organization

Claudia Wendisch / DL5LBC

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Sorry, JA Contest spoiled MRDay!

I could't contact even with my friends in DL, although did some interesting QSO"s. Really it is very nice idea of Per to meet all R/O any day of a week!

Best wishes to you! 73! Boris UU5JK

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Hi Sparks,

it was a great pleasure to meet colleagues and old stations again. Unfortunately only from Europe. Because on weekends are many contests and we mostly are retired, I suggest to make MRD always at 14. /15.4 (disaster of the Titanic) In this year it was the birthday of "Jack" Phillips.
vy 73 Sylvester DH4PB+

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Per,

Same here. Too many contests tonight and only worked one MRD stn. Hopefully later tonight 7Mc and will try tmw 20m. Cleaning out basement today due to water on floor from last weeks "big rainstorm".

73 de K1TL/tom ex WPA...

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CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO ALL WHO PUT THEIR EFFORT IN ORGANIZING THIS EXTRAORDINARY EVENT. IT WAS A JOY MEETING OLD FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES AGAIN.

Vince, S52CC

AS VA3ICC/CFH I was only able to stay on for three hours Saturday morning due to other commitments. 14.052 Mc/s seemed to come alive quite well after around 0900 local for Eastern Canada. However, I thank the following stations for making it worthwhile :

DJ5AA;OH2VZ;PA6PCHDick; PA1SL;DL7PV;IQ6SB/IQP;F5VBU/GND;DL6ATM;OL35OLP;OS7QR;N6SL;DL6MLA; IK6IJF;F5NEV;PA3CBS;PA6PCH-Jan;VE7YL.

I agree on moving it to mid-week for next year.

Ian C Coombe

VA3ICC

www.mnnostalgia.com

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To You and to the persons You find fit.

At the start of next years MRD, and if possible all after, I would like to propose a little change. MRD starts officially at 12.00 UTC, but we do NOT start before 12.01UTC. That will give us one minute with memorialtime for those r/o's who no longer are able to participate with us,

Silent Key.

Yours sincerely

Frode Svård

LA3DX

..... that a great and wonderful idea Frode, 73, Rolf

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Dear Rolf:

Fisrt of all THANK YOU VERY MUCH for keeping alived our nice old profession. I really spent a nice time with de MRD. It is a pity that condx were no so good and the QRM from athers Contest full the 14 MHz band.The rest of the bands at lest, in my QTH were with NIL QSA. For the next MDR, will it possible to use more channels or more days? Find included the log with my 36 QSO,s... not so many but I hope next MRD will be more.

Tks agn forn nice time.

Juan, EA8VI

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Hallo Rolf,

erst einmal herzlichen Dank den fleißigen Organisatoren ! Es war diesmal wegen diverser Contest-pile-ups ein anspruchsvoller MRD. Trotzdem hat es riesigen Spaß gemacht. Mir sind 112 QSOs gelungen, der neue Elecraft K3 mußte richtig schwer arbeiten, um alles richtig rauszufiltern.... Dank der besseren Condx konnte ich auf 20 m sogar VK4BUI/MNMK arbeiten. Auf 15 und 10 m habe ich nichts gehört. Bleib gesund und munter ! Bis zum nächsten MRD in 2011 !

73 es CWFE de Karl, DL6MLA

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Hi guys !

I was pleased to took part in MRD as **IRØIAR** for second time in my life. Special thanks to **Lino IZØDDD** and **Elio IZØINZ**: thank you for inviting me to this event. IRØIAR confirms QSOs via bureau with a special QSL card sponsored by **I.N.O.R.C., Italian Naval "Old Rhythmers" Club**. See QRZ.com.

Thank you !!

Fabio, IKØIXI

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A note from Lino - IZØDDD

Due to a strong back pain, I could not be active on 10th and 11st. I could not even be seated. After a year of waiting for the activation of IRØIAR, bad luck would have it, could only participate for half an hour. I hope to go better next year. Fabio IKØIXI was magnificent operator devoting much of his time to MRD 2010 edition. Happy 73 to all Ciao dear Rolf =

Lino - IZØDDD

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Hi Rolf,

I am an eager contester and ex R/O, too.

The idea of MRD is great to put together old pros and hams alike.

However, there are certain issues that I would like to bring to you consideration.

1. Mandatory pre-registration.

This might be a useful thing to bring up the list of active ex-ROs, but it is certainly not part of the contesting. The capability to copy and run QSOs should be based on unpredictability and not on polling the list and details in there.

2. Silence Period.

Sad to say but very few honours the SPs. I monitored this year contest and participated MRD 2007
http://www.mjus.fi/npa/ham_radio/mrd_2007/ .

Even the coast stations did not bother to watch the clock.

Either you abolish the SP altogether OR stipulate penalty (-10 QSO points or something). The current SP rule is a joke, sorry to say.

3. Get all hams to the contest.

There should be an incentive for hams to run the MRD even if they are not ex-R/Os.

E.g. everybody can work everybody

a) Ham RO category

- worked MRD RO station = 5 points
- worked any other ham radio station in own IARU Region = 1 point
- worked DX ham radio station = 3 points

b) Amateur radion category

- worked MRD RO Station = 5 points (this will enrouge hams to work MRD stations)
 - worked a ham radio station in = 1 point
- worked DX ham radio station = 3 points

Score = QSO points x no. of MRD stations (multipliers)

E.g. 300 QSO points x 5 MRD stations = 1500 points total

4. Have one contest organizing committee.

The email debate during the last three years has not all the time been very constructive.

One can find one contest CW concept so that the log software would comply without any modifications.

So, some thoughts for you to consider. I think the current format will not last long and when guys start to go 6 feet under, the heritage will die. That would be a pity.

Best 73s OM and CUL in contests!

de Jouko OH1RX (OH0J, OH8MJ, VR2MJ) ex: OHC, OFJ, OHG, OIID, OIGP, OHMN etc.

Jouko : Read the mrd pages on internet and the rmd pages of olivier. You will find there are 2 kinds of MRD, the contest and the none contest version. MRD stands for none contest, RMD from Olivier stands for contest. There are links in MRD pages to both systems. MRD none contest is for old sparks, tired of filling out pages on end and exchangeing 599 & numbers. MRD none contest is just for fun. At end sent your total qso and receive the MRD non contest version 'Certificate of Participation' for printout at your home PC or copy shop
MRD NC is pure none contest , no contest, no contest

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Dear Sparks of MRD 2010 **None Contest Version!** - **Comment by Juergen / dl8hci** -

I joined this years MRD None Contest at least for 14 hours and made 38 qso only. I heard another perhaps 20 stations very weak and unreachable for my qrp rig of 8 watts and simple inverted V. Rolf and I did a lot of work to run the MRD none contest version. For clarifying circumstances:

1) MRD - RMD confusion : Well it is quite clear between english and french! It is always different, french people have on every item an other nameing convention like:

NATO = OTAN, ITU = UTI, MRD = RMD etc etc and many, many more, so it is no wonder our french friends name the Maritime Radio Day = Radio Maritime Day (RMD)

Well if you know it, it is no wonder any more! Well a significat difference is there: RMD will be of contest type and rules read at radiomarine day etc.

2) More stations then registered

Indeed, there have been some more stations than registered in MRD or the RMD version!

I appreciate it very much. To register was not a must, but a can, and 'someone can' (Obama)!

There is a kind of competion between the original MRD/RMD originally created by Oliver Marsan. In the MRD none contest version, there have been nearly no french registrations except one i remember. So you could expect more stations even french one of type tm2ffl etc, well I heard them on sunday, but to weak to work for me.

MRD NC is pure for fun, no stress, just contact, record on the log and at end report the totals -

3) Next MRD

I read all the comments and would follow the suggestions for further MRD. It is a very good idea, first spoken out by Per to change date of MRD. The idea to let it be at

14/15 April is a much more good idea. If we agree over some countries we should make it. I will check a endless calendar to see which days it will be in the future. Perhaps make it from 1501 GMT to 1500 following day. So even none retired people can take part after 17 local (Europe)!

4) Observe SP

If we make MRD on none weekend days there will be a good chance to have the bands for ourselves. So there is no reason not to observe SP.

As qrp'er i would apreciate it that in this time qrp station should only be privilaged to transmit calls so the qro can scan for those 'tiny stations' and call them afterwards ! hi

I am looking forward for MRD 2011 - Juergen / dl8hci ++