

*Would the Board support more articles about HF and VHF contesting and contest stations and techniques in RadCom?*

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**Answered by Steve Thomas, M1ACB**

*RadCom* is a hugely important part of our business and it is a highly respected publication around the world for its varied and interesting contents. The amount of contesting content is always a hot topic though. We get a roughly equal number of letters asking for more or less content about that subject, so it is always a tricky area. The balance of articles in the magazine is at the discretion of the *RadCom* Editor, and they receive a tremendous amount of feedback from Members, as we all do, and is very aware of the need to maintain the balance and give the Members the content that they are interested in. You are very welcome to send your suggestions to the editorial team. We had a number of questions about specific *RadCom* articles and I will be responding to those by email.

*[The last two years have been difficult for those who enjoy contests. Many have been cancelled or curtailed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We have had fewer contest reports than usual in RadCom during this time. We would welcome articles on contesting techniques or antenna improvements, which could be of interest to more than the contesting community. Even those who find contesting the most interesting part of the hobby are aware that not everyone has the same views. Amateur radio covers such a wide range of specialist interests that there is some aspect of the hobby that appeals to each person – including satellites, DXing, microwave bands and datamodes, to name just a few. Contesting can encompass several specialist areas of the hobby and ideas on ways to introduce the many new amateurs to this part of the hobby are welcome. Elaine Richards, G4LFM, RadCom Editor]*



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