

## On the Cover

**Ashraf Chaabane, KF5EYY/  
Op. 3V8SS  
A Rising Star of Contesting  
from Tunisia**



We hope that Ashraf will get his own Tunisian call sign soon. So far in Tunisia, only clubs have been allowed to have amateur radio stations. Ashraf has been one of the authorized operators at the Scouts of Sousse club station with the call 3V8SS. He has been bitten by the contest bug, a passion brought by visitors from Europe. Several Tunisian clubs have been supported by visiting amateur radio operators from other countries.

Tunisia is a very popular tourist destination with good Mediterranean climate, long sandy beaches and a liberal attitude. Ashraf is learning quickly and makes progress in every mode of contesting. He started off, of course, with telephony but a few years ago he was prompted by a returning visitor to learn Morse code. In recent years he has discovered radioteletype and other digital modes. He has already won a few trophies and contest awards, one of which he is showing in the photo on the cover.

Ashraf speaks fluent English and French. His website at [www.qsl.net/3v4-002/](http://www.qsl.net/3v4-002/) is interesting, well-illustrated and up-to-date. He currently lives and works in the capital city of Tunis and for every contest has to drive nearly 100 miles to Sousse, where the 3V8SS station is located. Some two years ago, while visiting Texas because of his work, Ashraf visited local contesters and passed the FCC General Class license exam. He now holds the callsign KF5EYY. He is one of the founders of the national amateur radio organization of Tunisia, which expects that the regulations concerning our hobby will soon be adjusted to allow both individual nationals and visitors use the spectrum in the same way as in Europe.

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special interest clubs in England, which may be earned by contacting stations in the county of Hampshire in England.

The award is sponsored by the Royal Navy Amateur Radio Society (RNARS). Besides this award, you may want to check the society's website for a variety of navy-oriented awards.

The award is available for contacting/hearing any amateur stations in the county of Hampshire (note that Isle of Wight is a separate county and cannot be used) on or after 1 October 1960. Each Hampshire station counts one point and each RNARS special event station operated within the county counts two points.

The award is issued in three classes:

	UK	EU	DX
Class 1	50 pts	20 pts	15 pts
Class 2	30 pts	15 pts	10 pts
Class 3	20 pts	10 pts	5 pts

Send GCR list and fee of UK £2, EU £2.50/\$US4, or 5 IRC; and all others £3.50, \$US7, or 10 IRCs. If sending IRCs, only the current version IRC is acceptable for RNARS Awards (old-style ones will be returned). The society has over 1000 members worldwide. Apply to: RNARS Award Manager, Ian M. Pitkin, G4KJD, Clover Cottage, Kenny, Ashill, NR Ilminster TA19 9NH, England. Internet: <http://www.rnars.org.uk>.

## Finland's OHCA: The OH County Award

Sponsored by the Finnish Amateur Radio League (SRAL), work OH counties after 1 February 1974. For the



*The award is sponsored by the Royal Navy Amateur Radio Society and is available for contacting/hearing any amateur stations in the county of Hampshire. (See text.)*

OHCA CW Award the contacts must have been made after 1 January 1983.

Work stations (SWL OK) situated in Finland with the OH, OHØ, and OJØ prefixes. All bands OK. CW, phone, or/and digital modes accepted. No use of repeaters allowed. Contacts worked with different callsigns and from different QTHs are accepted, if applicant is the same. Specify in the application if you want specific band or mode endorsements.

You must possess the cards. GCR list is accepted. Fee is 5 Euros, \$US8, or 10 IRCs. Apply to: SRAL/Award Manager, P.O. Box 44, FIN 00441 Helsinki, Finland. Go to <http://sral.fi/en/award.html> for rules of all of the awards offered by SRAL.

This award is available in three classes:

Class 1 : Work all OH counties (currently 336).

Class 2: Work 150 OH counties.

Class 3: Work 100 OH Counties.



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