

We didn't start the fire
It was always burning
Since the world's been turning
We didn't start the fire
No we didn't light it
But we tried to fight it

Billy Joel - 1989

The Fire – We didn't light it but we tried to fight it!

- **We didn't start it**
 - Spark, AM, CW, RTTY, DX Cluster, DV, ON4KSTChat, JT, FT – WTHN?
- **The great technology boom, and why hams refuse to accept it!**
 - Maybe the world is FLAT!
 - Each time a “new” mode appears the great FIRE debate rages
- **Why do we complain about radio advancements?**
 - We all love the new SDR technology!

The Fire – Will always be burning!

In the world of VHF contesting

- **In the next 5 years**

- Mandatory real time on-line logs
- Multi-computer category – 1 op with five computers making contacts?

- **The next 10 years**

- Unmanned cars with remote or unattended rover stations!
- Fly an unmanned aerial vehicle (drone) to an adjacent grid with onboard transverters!

- **The next 20 years?**

- The fire's still burning!!