IN MOST CONTESTS THE BIG GUN STATIONS RUNNING A LOT OF POWER INTO GAIN ANTENNAS HAVE A BIG ADVANTAGE THEY ARE LOUDER THAN THOSE RUNNING LOW POWER INTO NON GAIN ANTENNAS RON ONLY RAN 100 WATTS INTO A DIPOLE AND WAS OFTEN UPSET WHEN HE GOT BEAT OUT BY A BIG GUN CONTESTER HE TRIED TIMING HIS CALLS DIFFERENTLY AND CALLING JUST SLIGHTLY OFF THE RUNNING STATIONS FREQ. HE FOUND THAT HIS SCORES INCREASED AND HE COULD BEAT OUT A BIG GUN NOW AND THEN