

2009 ARRL November Phone Sweepstakes Results

Record participation = record fun!

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Just when you thought that interest in Sweepstakes couldn't possibly beat the record set just last year, 2009's 76th edition proved everyone wrong. The number of submitted entries increased by 9.5% over 2008 to a total of 2048 logs. Add to that the number of stations who were active, but did not submit a log and you get 5266 participants! All of this activity filled the New Records table with 32 new section and 14 new division records, turned up many Clean Sweeps and resulted in some very highly contested races. Every year, the bar gets set higher.

Solar Cycle 24 finally injected some welcome life into the higher bands with QSO totals on 15 meters rivaling those of 20 meters. There was even some surprising propagation to Alaska on 10 meters and short-skip conditions on 15 meters. Figure 1 shows how many QSOs were made on each band during every hour of the contest. For many participants, 40 meters was a pleasure, thanks to the absence of shortwave broadcast stations below 7200 kHz. On 75 meters, having 400 kHz of breathing room allowed for nighttime usage by contesters and non-contesters alike.

The Elusive Clean Sweep

Not everyone can set a new personal, section or division record. But Sweepstakes does provide a challenging and meaningful goal for all — the “clean sweep” (working at least one station in each of the 80 ARRL sections). Despite the challenges, 282 earned a clean sweep this year, an increase of 24 over 2008, and 134 participants came so close, missing only one section. Who was the first to earn a



clean sweep this year? That honor goes to N6XI, only 6 hours and 13 minutes into the contest. Rick's last section? Los Angeles!

Not surprisingly, 32 missed Newfoundland-Labrador, despite activity from VO1KVT, VO1HP, VO1HE and VO1TA. Yukon and the Northwest Territories are always difficult and this year was no exception, even with significant efforts from VY1EI, VE8EV, VY1RST, VY1JON and VE8GER. Puerto Rico tripped up a few folks, although it was well-represented by KM3T/KP4, WP3R, NP4Z and KP4BD. Many thanks to those ops for making their rare sections available. In the next tier of uncommon sections, the Virgin Islands, Mississippi and North Dakota were in demand. In a reversal

from last year, the Los Angeles section and South Carolina were easily worked.

Close Races

This year, the most exciting close race was for number one in the Multiop category in the Maryland-DC section. There was a four-way horse race between W3IDT, N3OC, WR3Z and K3MIM. W3IDT finished only four QSOs ahead of N3OC, 25 QSOs ahead of WR3Z and 50 QSOs ahead of K3MIM. In Virginia's Unlimited category race, John, W4NF, finished with a seven QSO lead over Bob, W4MYA.

Minnesota is always a hotbed of competition. In the QRP category NØUR finished with a 10 QSO lead over NDØC and in the Multiop category the KTØR team bested the KØFVF team by 25 QSOs.

High Power Category

In the High Power category, 2009 was a rematch between three of the top four finishers from 2008. Taking full advantage of his Hawaii location and years of top-flight SS experience, Bill, KH7XS, conclusively took the #1 spot with a margin of 149 contacts and a new division record. Congratulations Bill!

The next two spots were a battle between Dan, W7WA, and Bruce, AA5B, operating from N2IC. It was neck-and-neck for the first 6 hours, with the lead changing three times. (The online version of this article includes a chart comparing the two stations.) The late night hours were great for Bruce, racking up hour-after-hour of 100+ QSOs on 40 meters. At the same time Dan struggled on 40 and 80 meters for any kind of rate. When Bruce took his first time off at 0911Z,

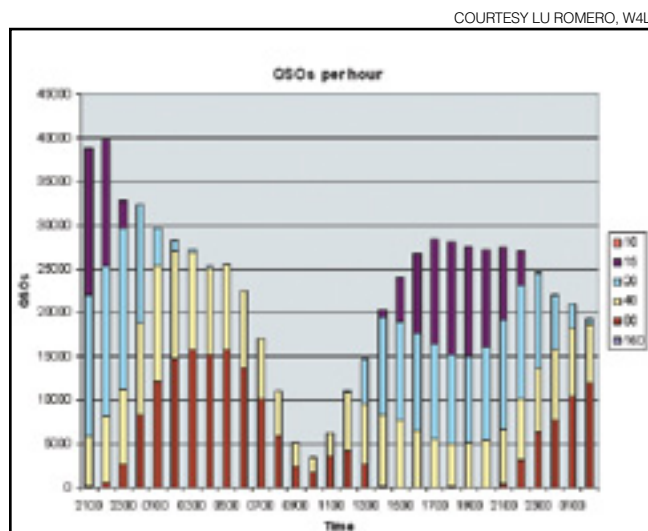


Figure 1 — This chart shows how many QSOs were made on each band during every hour (UTC) of the contest. It's easy to see the effects of propagation on activity.



Single Operator, QRP		Single Operator, Unlimited	
K5NZ	102,226	K7RL	333,760
KC5R	100,160	K3MM	312,160
NX9T	92,640	W7RN	
N0UR	76,692	(WX5S, op)	281,760
ND0C	75,050	WB1GQR	
NN7SS		(W1SJ, op)	273,280
(K6UFO, op)	73,440	N4ZZ	272,640
N0KE	68,960	N6DE	
VA3DF	59,130	(@K6IDX)	265,440
KI0OV	53,700	K1KD	257,540
K4XU	51,350	W4NF	255,486
		N2BJ	255,200
		W4MYA	253,920
Single Operator, Low Power		Multi-operator	
N4PN	222,400	W6YI	404,960
K1BX	199,360	WP3R	
N0KK		(KE3Q, op)	352,024
(@N0AT)	191,840	K5NA	312,920
NA4K	186,880	N5DO	293,280
K0RH	183,280	W0NO	284,480
K7ZSD	177,592	N0NI	279,520
VE5ZX	177,120	K2NNY	277,920
N8AA	174,880	WA7U	277,920
K1HTV	159,840	KA1ARB	273,920
W7ZRC	155,840	W5RU	262,880
Single Operator, High Power		School Club	
KH7XS	379,840	K0HC	250,240
W7WA	356,000	N0UNL	
N2IC		(WD0BGZ, op)	184,954
(AA5B, op)	354,080	W8EDU	
KD0S		(KB3HTS, op)	110,560
(WD0T, op)	338,752	W6RFU	80,850
NR5M	334,170	K2CC	71,680
K5TR	323,900	W4UAL	66,560
WB9Z	322,080	W5YM	51,982
N0QO	315,520	K0VYV	48,180
N8II	312,320	W1YK	47,424
NN3W		KD5VVI	
(@N4RV)	303,040	(N5AIU, op)	47,158



Lu, W4LT, winning West Central Florida with help from a junior-op.

he had built up a 153 QSO lead over Dan.

Dan had a few tricks up his sleeve, though. Just like he did last year, Dan took nearly all of his required time off in one chunk. When Dan came back on at 1432Z, Bruce had built up a monstrous 275 QSO lead on Dan. Then things got interesting. Bruce still had 3 hours of off time to use and the daylight hours were not kind to him. Bruce split his operating between 15 and 20 meters, while Dan operated almost exclusively on 20 meters. Dan's hourly rates were consistently better than Bruce's. This combination allowed Dan to steadily eat away at Bruce's lead. By 0141Z, the contest

was over for Bruce — he had used his full 24 hours and his lead had shrunk to 55 QSOs. Like the Energizer bunny, Dan just kept pushing on until 0259Z, taking the #2 spot by a 12 QSO margin.

The next two spots in the Top Ten were also a close race, with Todd, WD0T, operating at KD0S edging out George, NR5M, by 29 QSOs. Todd also set a new division record. These close races seem to go in pairs with George, K5TR, taking the #6 spot over Jerry, WB9Z, by only 11 QSOs. A great job was turned in from the Midwest by Jerry and a new division record to boot. The #8 spot went to newcomer Ken, N0QO, from Colorado. The rest of the Top Ten was filled out by great scores from the East Coast — Jeff, N8II, from West Virginia and Rich, NN3W, from Virginia. Jeff's score also set a new division record.

Low Power Category

The Low Power category continues to be the most popular category for SS participants with 995 submitted logs, almost as many as all other categories combined. Those making the Low Power Top Ten came from all parts of continental North America.

Veteran contester Paul Newberry, N4PN, easily won the Low Power category with 1390 QSOs from Georgia. Paul moved up from a 4th place finish in 2008. Congratulations Paul! Art, K1BX, moved up from 3rd to 2nd place in 2009 from his New Hampshire location. Kirk, N0KK, proved that being in Minnesota was no disadvantage this year, taking the #3 spot. Steve, NA4K, took 4th place, also advancing relative to his 2008 placing. In the "most improved" category was Jim, K0RH, from Kansas, taking the #5 slot this year. Brad, K7ZSD, had a tough time this year from Oregon, but still took 6th place. Syl, VE5ZX, made everyone happy with the Saskatchewan multiplier, placing #7. John, N8AA, moved up one position to #8 this year. Rich, K1HTV, placed #9 and Rod, W7ZRC, finished out the Top Ten.

QRP Category

Even with good antennas, operating the Phone Sweepstakes with QRP is a test of skill and determination. This year, 82 entries were received in this challenging category and we have a new winner! Mike, K5NZ, put his skill and station to the test, making 647 QSOs and missing only Delaware (!) for the clean sweep.

The next two places are familiar calls to the Q category. After three consecutive wins, Al, KC5R, was dethroned, but put in a fine 2nd place showing only 21 QSOs behind K5NZ and with a clean sweep. In 3rd place, Jeff Keller, NX9T, did a great job with 579 QSOs, a clean sweep and a new division record. The

Affiliated Club Competition

Unlimited Category	Score	Entries
Potomac Valley Radio Club	24,356,974	302
Northern California Contest Club	22,712,498	332
Society of Midwest Contesters	10,906,648	189
Minnesota Wireless Assn	8,196,786	130
Yankee Clipper Contest Club	8,017,768	107
Mad River Radio Club	5,042,494	63
Alabama Contest Group	4,229,956	51
Tennessee Contest Group	4,121,478	62
Florida Contest Group	3,407,356	52

Medium Category	Score	Entries
Southern California Contest Club	3,949,274	50
Frankford Radio Club	3,819,782	49
Central Texas DX and Contest Club	3,475,648	25
South East Contest Club	3,296,454	44
Arizona Outlaws Contest Club	3,110,762	50
Grand Mesa Contesters of Colorado	2,570,978	24
Contest Club Ontario	2,414,168	46
Western Washington DX Club	2,106,510	25
North Texas Contest Club	1,783,016	17
Willamette Valley DX Club	1,215,680	24
Louisiana Contest Club	1,212,400	13
Rochester (NY) DX Assn	1,164,872	20
Hudson Valley Contesters and DXers	1,066,360	19
Saskatchewan Contest Club	854,038	9
CTRI Contest Group	840,178	14
Utah DX Assn	831,662	9
BC DX Club	763,436	10
Maritime Contest Club	760,188	14
Northern Rockies DX Association	701,660	6
Kentucky Contest Group	673,238	15
Order of Boiled Owls of New York	590,334	12
Contest Group Du Quebec	575,704	12
Allegheny Valley Radio Association	552,812	12
North Coast Contesters	482,554	5
Motor City Radio Club	402,818	17
Carolina DX Assn	352,218	10
Missouri DX and Contest Club	312,370	5
East Coast Canada Contest Club	225,074	5
Oklahoma DX Assn	176,806	6
Mississippi Valley DX/Contest Club	106,592	5
Eastern Iowa DX Assn	100,944	4

Local Category	Score	Entries
Spokane DX Association	462,188	7
Alberta Clippers	446,456	3
Kansas City DX Club	417,386	5
New Mexico Big River Contesters	308,596	3
Sussex County ARC	304,664	9
Western New York DX Assn	303,718	7
Delaware ARA (Ohio)	292,622	5
Redmond Top Key Contest Club	282,424	4
Lincoln ARC	271,362	6
Portage County Amateur Radio	227,438	7
Falmouth ARA	222,966	3
West Park Radiops	220,782	8
Bergen ARA	191,568	7
Low Country Contest Club	190,520	4
Skyview Radio Society	180,068	4
Radio Club of Tacoma	175,350	3
Central Arizona DX Assn	172,848	3
West Allis RAC	161,646	4
Sterling Park ARC	123,510	8
Panhandle ARC	111,976	5
Pocatello ARC	108,008	4
Northern Arizona DX Assn	107,414	5
Wireless Association of South Hills	104,344	3
Meriden ARC	100,202	3
Texas DX Society	95,188	4
Central Michigan ARC	90,508	7
OH-KY-IN ARS	86,908	3
South Texas DX and Contest Club	76,674	3
Western Lake County Amateur	75,920	6
Fort Wayne Radio Club	73,896	3
Hazel Park ARC	72,952	5
Saginaw Valley ARA	61,796	4
Fox River Radio League	50,644	3
Albamarle ARC	45,092	7
Southern Berkshire ARC	35,658	3
Arrow Communications Assn	22,410	3

#4 and #5 slots were a tight finish between two Minnesota entries — Jim, N0UR, and Randy, ND0C.

Mark, K6UFO, operating from NN7SS took the #6 slot and Phil, N0KE, placed 7th. Both of these fine ops earned Clean Sweeps. Doug, VA3DF, overcame a difficult start and placed 8th overall. The 9th and 10th places were awarded to Dan, KI0OV, and Dick, K4XU.

Unlimited Category

The Unlimited category continues to be extremely popular, with 398 entries this year. Congratulations to Mitch, K7RL, who again ran away from the pack, with 2086 QSOs. This is beginning to look like a dynasty for Mitch with his fourth consecutive win! Like many stations in the Pacific Northwest, Mitch was hampered by static from heavy rains and high winds.

Operating from the "right" coast of North

America, Tyler, K3MM, had a personal best score, taking 2nd place and setting a new division record. Tyler credits the excellent conditions on 20 meters for his success. Back to the "left" coast, Matt, WX5S, operating W7RN in Nevada, moved into 3rd place this year.

Making sure that Vermont was easy, Mitch Stern, WB1GQR, took the #4 slot, only four QSOs ahead of Don, N4ZZ. Don's 1704 QSOs set a new division record. Dean, N6DE,

piloted the K6IDX station to 6th place. From Minnesota, Grant, K1KD, took 7th place, setting a new division record. Jack, W4NF, placed 8th. Operating from Illinois, Barry, N2BJ, set a new division record while taking 9th place. The Top Ten was rounded out by perennial stalwart Bob, W4MYA.

Multioperator Category

The Multioperator category continues to be extremely popular, with 195 entries

Sponsored Plaque Winners

We are pleased to announce that the Overall and Division Leaders in each category receive a sponsored Sweepstakes plaque. ARRL is grateful to ICOM America and numerous clubs and individuals for sponsoring Sweepstakes awards.



Division/Plaque Category	Winner	Plaque Sponsor	Division/Plaque Category	Winner	Plaque Sponsor
Overall			New England		
Single Operator High Power Phone	KH7XS	ICOM America	Single Operator High Power Phone	W1XX	ICOM America
Single Operator Low Power Phone	N4PN	ARRL Contest Branch - Ken Adams, K5KA Memorial QRP Amateur Radio Club International	Single Operator Low Power Phone	K1BX	CTRI Contest Group
Single Operator QRP Phone	K5NZ	ICOM America	Single Operator QRP Phone	KA1LMR	QRP Club of New England
Single Operator Unlimited Phone	K7RL	ICOM America	Single Operator Unlimited Phone	WB1GQR (W1SJ, op)	ICOM America
Multioperator Phone	W6YI	ICOM America	Multioperator Phone	W2PV	ICOM America
School Club Phone	K0HC	ICOM America	School Club Phone	W1YK	ICOM America
Atlantic			Northwestern		
Single Operator High Power Phone	N3RR	North Coast Contesters	Single Operator High Power Phone	W7WA	ICOM America
Single Operator Low Power Phone	W3GH	Potomac Valley Radio Club	Single Operator Low Power Phone	K7ZSD	ICOM America
Single Operator QRP Phone	KF2U	ICOM America	Single Operator QRP Phone	NN7SS	ICOM America
Single Operator Unlimited Phone	K3MM	ICOM America	Single Operator Unlimited Phone	K7RL	ICOM America
Multioperator Phone	K2NNY	Mark Sickmeyer, KB3GJ Memorial	Multioperator Phone	WA7U	ICOM America
School Club Phone	K2CC	ICOM America	School Club Phone	W7UQ	ICOM America
Central			Pacific		
Single Operator High Power Phone	WB9Z	Society Of Midwest Contesters	Single Operator High Power Phone	KH7XS	ICOM America
Single Operator Low Power Phone	KB0OWD	Society Of Midwest Contesters	Single Operator Low Power Phone	N6NF	ICOM America
Single Operator QRP Phone	N9NE	Sean Kutzko, KX9X	Single Operator QRP Phone	K6MI	ICOM America
Single Operator Unlimited Phone	N2BJ	ICOM America	Single Operator Unlimited Phone	W7RN	ICOM America
Multioperator Phone	N9SJ	ICOM America	Multioperator Phone	(WX5S, op)	ICOM America
School Club Phone	N9UC (W09S, op)	ICOM America	School Club Phone	K6LRG	ICOM America
Dakota			Roanoke		
Single Operator High Power Phone	KD0S (WD0T, op)	Minnesota Wireless Association	Single Operator High Power Phone	N8II	Potomac Valley Radio Club
Single Operator Low Power Phone	N0KK (@N0AT)	Minnesota Wireless Association	Single Operator Low Power Phone	K1HTV	Raleigh Amateur Radio Society — W4DW
Single Operator QRP Phone	N0UR	Tod Olson, K0TO	Single Operator QRP Phone	NX9T	ICOM America
Single Operator Unlimited Phone	K1KD	Minnesota Wireless Association	Single Operator Unlimited Phone	W4NF	ICOM America
Multioperator Phone	KT0R	In Memory of Jim Dokmo, K0FV — Minnesota Wireless Assn	Multioperator Phone	KA1ARB	ICOM America
School Club Phone	K0VVY	Minnesota Wireless Association	School Club Phone	W4UVA	ICOM America
Delta			Rocky Mountain		
Single Operator High Power Phone	N8OO	ICOM America	Single Operator High Power Phone	N2IC (AA5B, op)	Grand Mesa Contesters of Colorado
Single Operator Low Power Phone	NA4K	ICOM America	Single Operator Low Power Phone	W0ETT	ICOM America
Single Operator QRP Phone	KC5R	ICOM America	Single Operator QRP Phone	N0KE	Colorado QRP Club
Single Operator Unlimited Phone	N4ZZ	ICOM America	Single Operator Unlimited Phone	AD1C	ICOM America
Multioperator Phone	W5RU	ICOM America	Multioperator Phone	WY7SS	ICOM America
School Club Phone	W5YM	ICOM America	School Club Phone	No Entrant	
Great Lakes			Southeastern		
Single Operator High Power Phone	K8AO	North Coast Contesters	Single Operator High Power Phone	K4SSU (NA4BW, op)	ICOM America
Single Operator Low Power Phone	N8AA	Mad River Radio Club	Single Operator Low Power Phone	N4PN	ICOM America
Single Operator QRP Phone	K8IR	Mad River Radio Club	Single Operator QRP Phone	AA4W	ICOM America
Single Operator Unlimited Phone	W8MJ	ICOM America	Single Operator Unlimited Phone	K1ZZI	ICOM America
Multioperator Phone	N8HR	ICOM America	Multioperator Phone	WP3R	ICOM America
School Club Phone	W8EDU (KB3HTS, op)	ICOM America	School Club Phone	W4UAL	ICOM America
Hudson			Southwestern		
Single Operator High Power Phone	N2NC	ICOM America	Single Operator High Power Phone	K6NA (N6ED, op)	ICOM America
Single Operator Low Power Phone	KS2G	ICOM America	Single Operator Low Power Phone	WA0KDS	ICOM America
Single Operator QRP Phone	AA2VK	ICOM America	Single Operator QRP Phone	N7IR	N6HE and W6DLD
Single Operator Unlimited Phone	W2GDJ	ICOM America	Single Operator Unlimited Phone	K6LL	ICOM America
Multioperator Phone	N02X	ICOM America	Multioperator Phone	W6YI	Inland Empire ARC
School Club Phone	No Entrant		School Club Phone	W6RFU	ICOM America
Midwest			West Gulf		
Single Operator High Power Phone	WW2Y	ICOM America	Single Operator High Power Phone	NR5M	Ken Adams, K5KA
Single Operator Low Power Phone	K0RH	Society Of Midwest Contesters	Single Operator Low Power Phone	WD5K	Ralph Gator Bowen, N5RZ
Single Operator QRP Phone	K10OV	ICOM America	Single Operator QRP Phone	K5NZ	ICOM America
Single Operator Unlimited Phone	K0OU	ICOM America	Single Operator Unlimited Phone	KJ5T	ICOM America
Multioperator Phone	W0NO	ICOM America	Multioperator Phone	K5NA	ICOM America
School Club Phone	K0HC	ICOM America	School Club Phone	KD5VVI (N5AIU, op)	ICOM America
Canada			Canada		
Single Operator High Power Phone	VE4EAR	ICOM America	Single Operator High Power Phone	VE4EAR	ICOM America
Single Operator Low Power Phone	VE5ZX	ICOM America	Single Operator Low Power Phone	VE5ZX	ICOM America
Single Operator QRP Phone	VA3DF	Frank Merceret, NA4CW	Single Operator QRP Phone	VA3DF	ICOM America
Single Operator Unlimited Phone	VE6EX	ICOM America	Single Operator Unlimited Phone	VE6EX	ICOM America
Multioperator Phone	VE6AO	ICOM America	Multioperator Phone	VE6AO	ICOM America
School Club Phone	No Entrant		School Club Phone	No Entrant	

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New Section and Division Records

Call	Score	Category	Section	Division	Division Record
WB9Z	322080	B	IL	Central	Yes
KH7XS	379840	B	PAC	Pacific	Yes
W1XX	283040	B	RI	New England	
KD0S	338752	B	SD	Dakota	Yes
NN3W	303360	B	VA	Roanoke	
NC11	276026	B	WMA	New England	
N8II	312640	B	WV	Roanoke	Yes
NX9T	92640	Q	NC	Roanoke	Yes
VA3DF	59130	Q	ON	Canada	
K5NZ	102226	Q	STX	West Gulf	
VE6EX	215840	U	AB	Canada	
N6ML	251040	U	EB	Pacific	
K3MD	172378	U	EPA	Atlantic	
WE8P	96408	U	IA	Midwest	
N2BJ	255200	U	IL	Central	Yes
KD4SN	103332	U	KY	Great Lakes	
K3MM	312160	U	MDC	Atlantic	Yes
K1KD	257856	U	MN	Dakota	Yes
N9NC	173440	U	NH	New England	
N6HC	202714	U	ORG	Southwestern	

Call	Score	Category	Section	Division	Division Record
KH6LC	158652	U	PAC	Pacific	
N6DE	265440	U	SV	Pacific	
N4ZZ	272640	U	TN	Delta	Yes
K5RQ	201120	U	WCF	Southeastern	
W5JJ	202398	M	AR	Delta	
K6LRG	203840	M	EB	Pacific	
N0NI	279840	M	IA	Midwest	
KA1ARB	273920	M	NC	Roanoke	Yes
K2NNY	277920	M	NNY	Atlantic	
WP3R	352024	M	PR	Southeastern	Yes
W6YI	404960	M	SDG	Southwestern	Yes
N5DO	293280	M	WTX	West Gulf	
WY7SS	232260	M	WY	Rocky Mountain	
W4UAL	66560	S	AL	Southeastern	
K0KC	250560	S	KS	Midwest	Yes
K0UNL	184954	S	NE	Midwest	
K2CC	71680	S	NNY	Atlantic	
W8EDU	110560	S	OH	Great Lakes	Yes
K0VVY	48180	S	SD	Dakota	

in 2009. It's a great chance to operate with friends! The W6YI team of W6YI, K6AM, N6MJ and N6KI, did it again. Not only did their 2531 QSOs win the category and set a new division record, but also set a new all-time record for the category. These guys have clearly figured out the system!

Moving into a new category, KE3Q was joined by WP3R, launching the WP3R station into 2nd place and a new division record. K5NA's team of K5NA, K5DU, KU5B and N5ZC placed 3rd this year. The West Texas team at N5DO (N5DO and KE5OG) turned in their best performance ever, moving up to 4th place. Another repeat performer was the Kansas team of W0NO, operated by K0WA, AB0TX and W0NO taking the #5 slot. They reported excellent conditions on 40 meters.

The next three scores were very closely separated. The N0NI team of N0NI, N0AC and N0XR placed 6th. Only 10 QSOs behind was the Montana team at WA7U, operated by WA7U, KB7Q and N7BJS. Just two QSOs down from WA7U was the Northern New York team at the K2NNY station, operated by K2DB, W1TY, K2CS, N2TWI, N2ZN and AF2K. Thanks for making this rare multiplier easy!

A new division record was set by the two man team of KA1ARB and WB1ADR, operating from KA1ARB in North Carolina, taking 9th place. Finishing the Top Ten was the Louisiana team at W5RU operated by KN5O, K1DW, W5RY and W5KB.

School Club Category

It's great to see increasing activity from school clubs. Twenty-six schools competed in the School Club Category in 2009. The Hesston College Amateur Radio Club, K0HC, again won the School Club category, with 1566 QSOs, new division and School Club category records — a great job by W0BH, N0LRA, K0WHY and a not-yet-licensed club member.

Operating only on 40 meters, the University of Nebraska club, N0UNL, operated by Alan, WD0BGZ, placed 2nd. In her first solo contest effort, Yvette, KB3HTS, piloted the Case Western Reserve club station to 3rd place and a new division record! Congratulations!

In their first entry in the School Club category, the University of California, Santa Barbara, W6RFU, operated by AC6T, KG6K, KI6WEL and KI6BMA, had a very respectable 4th place finish. The Clarkson University Amateur Radio Club, K2CC, made 448 QSOs and a clean sweep taking the #5 slot. KC2LRC, KC2SGA, KC2URR, WP4NYQ, KC2WBS, N4TW, KC2WBU and KB1OTE did a great job.

Other schools making the Top Ten were the University of Alabama, W4UAL; the University of Arkansas, W5YM; the South Dakota School of Mines, K0VVY; the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, W1YK, and Nacogdoches School Amateur Radio Club, KD5VVI.

Club Competition

Many thanks to the clubs who beat the drums to get their members on the air for Sweepstakes. It's not an exaggeration to say that there would be hundreds fewer stations active in SS without the promotion by clubs. Fall is a crowded time of year in contesting and it takes lots of commitment by club organizers and, of course, club members to put in the hours in the two modes of SS. This year, 2035 participants submitted their CW and Phone SS scores towards club aggregate scores.

As they have done for many years, the Potomac Valley Radio Club and the Northern California Contest Club battled for the top spot in the Unlimited Club category. This year, the mid-Atlantic-based PVRC was victorious with 302 entries and over 24.4 million points! Only 7% behind was the NCCC, with 332 entries and 22.7 million

points. The Society of Midwest Contesters again took 3rd place, with 189 entries and 10.9 million points.

The Medium Club Category was quite competitive in 2009. The Southern California Contest Club took 1st place with 50 entries and nearly 4 million points. With one less entry, the Frankford Radio Club was only 129,492 points behind. It doesn't get much closer than this in the club category! Only 344,134 points behind these titans was the 25 entry showing of the Central Texas Contest and DX Club. Imagine what they could have done with 10 more entries? The 4th place Southeast Contest Club was 179,194 points down with their 44 entries. Kudos to the newly-formed Arizona Outlaws Contest Club, taking 5th place with 50 entries and a showing of 185,692 points back.

There was a new winner in the Local Club category this year. Congratulations to the Spokane DX Association! Only slightly down in 2nd and 3rd places were the Alberta Clippers and the Kansas City DX Club.

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Many thanks to "Tree" Tyree, N6TR, for his hard work checking the logs. In addition, AA5B, K1UQT, K5OT, K9JK, K9PG, KA1RWY, KX9X, N5OT, N6TV and NN1N painstakingly typed in 120 handwritten logs, with 17,693 QSOs so they could be properly adjudicated. It is with great sadness to report that Ken Adams, K5KA, the ARRL Sweepstakes Manager, has become a Silent Key. Ken was a class act and worked very hard, both in public and behind-the-scenes, to promote and improve Sweepstakes.

Want More Stuff to Sweep?

The online version of this article at www.arri.org/contests includes photos, more graphics and tables on accurate operating and clean sweep winners.

JUNE 2010 W1AW QUALIFYING RUNS

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