

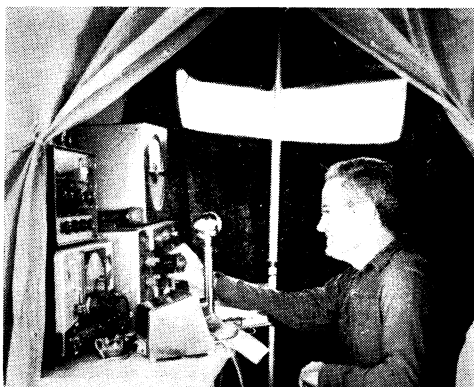
# September V.H.F. Party Summary

## Rough Weather Knocks Down Activity and Scores

**T**HE weatherman refused to cooperate with v.h.f. enthusiasts over the week end of September 16 and 17. The first sting of fall was in the air over much of the country, and even the stay-at-homes found the going in the September V.H.F. Party none too good. Cold windy weather doesn't provide much in the way of tropospheric bending, the great score-builder of many fall v.h.f. contests. Result: there are few new records to be found in the tabulation below.

Temperatures in Northeastern high spots dropped near freezing during Saturday night, and some Western mountaintoppers found it even worse. W7QPB/7, atop 10,800-foot Slide Mountain, near Reno, Nevada, had been in operation less than 4 hours when they were hit by one of the worst fall snowstorms on record. They departed in a hurry, and it was two weeks before they could get back up, with the aid of a 4-wheel drive vehicle, and rescue their gear. W6GGV/6 stuck it out on Goat Mountain, a 6121-foot elevation 100 miles north of San Francisco, but the temperature was on the wrong side of 40 most of the time, and rain and sleet were whipped across the mountaintop by 40 to 50 m.p.h. winds. With such conditions it is not surprising that scores and number of entries are off some from recent contest highs.

Still the scores and enthusiasm were of an order that would have been good for plenty of headlines a few years ago, and much credit for this must go to the hardy crews of the many portable stations. Of the 360 stations reporting, 68 were portables. W2PEZ/2, the station of the 6220 V.H.F. Club, operating from a mountain location near West Milford, N.J., worked 345

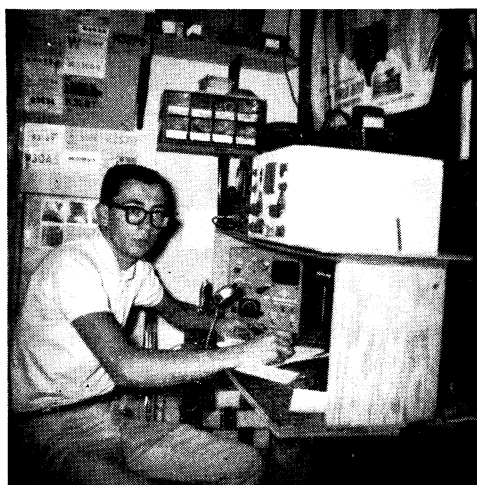


WA2EBP, seen here operating the 2-meter setup of W2LWI/2, looks happy—and well he may be, for the Dutchess County V.h.f. Society placed No. 2 in the country, with 461 contacts and a multiplier of 51, for 25,398 points.

stations in 24 ARRL Sections on 50 Mc., 241 in 15 on 144, 28 in 8 on 220, 10 in 3 on 420, and 1 on 1215 Mc.; 625 contacts and 33,915 points, both highs for the country. Second spot was made by W2LWI/2, of the Dutchess County V.H.F. Society, with 461 contacts and 25,398 points. Their section multiplier of 51 enabled them to top K10OR/1, the station of the King Philip Amateur Radio Society, who held forth on Mt. Greylock, the highest spot in Massachusetts. They worked 577 stations for 22,581 points.

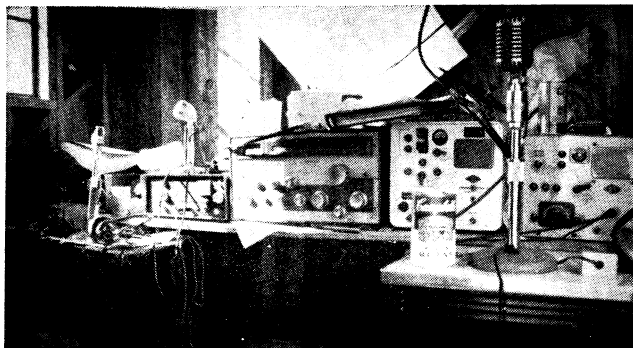
In the single-operator category, WA2BAH/2, E. N. Y. award winner, operating from a fine location near Schenectady, N. Y., worked 50, 144 and 220 Mc. for 250 contacts and a multiplier of 39, for 10,179 points, the highest score by one operator. K3IPM, Philadelphia, E. Pa. winner, made the most contacts, 308, but with a multiplier of 27 ended up with 8316 points. K8TOL, Cleveland, Ohio, also exceeded WA2BAH/2 in number of contacts, with 290, but his section total of 15 put him several layers down, with 4350 points. This won the Ohio Section award by a good margin, however, and it is by ARRL Sections that honors and certificates are won in our v.h.f. contests.

A short sporadic-E skip opening Sunday afternoon helped the cause along, and enabled the best equipped and more alert 6-meter men to run up some nice multipliers. W5UQR, New Orleans, La., worked 110 stations in 24 sections on 6, and W0EAO/0, the Kansas City V.H.F. Club, caught 27 sections. This E<sub>s</sub> works as a great geographical equalizer, helping operators in areas where the local activity may be limited to run up good scores by making the most of whatever skip comes along. Intensive effort on 50 Mc. exclusively resulted in awards being won in 17 ARRL Sections. K3HNP, 256-20-5120, was the leading 50-Mc.-only operator, though he was third in total score



Stanley Smith, K3IPM, Philadelphia, worked 308 stations on 50 and 144 Mc., to post the country's second-highest single-operator score in the September V.H.F. Party, and win the E. Pa. Section Award.

This is just part of the gear used by the highest-scoring station in the West. Operating from 9000-foot Mt. Baldy, K6DBZ/6 used all bands from 50 to 3300 Mc. to work 361 stations for 5488 points. This is the second time that K6DBZ has shown the way in Southern California.



in his section, E. Pa. WA2CNJ took the NYC-LI Section certificate using 50 Mc. only. His setup is a bit unusual; the equipment is nothing extra (Gonset II, 5-element beam) but the antenna is atop a high apartment building at 11 Riverside Drive, New York City. A stone's throw from the Empire State building TV antennas, he probably doesn't worry too much about Channel 2 TVI, and that beam more than 600 feet above sea level didn't hurt him any.

Some very nice scores were made on 144 Mc. too. It is of interest to see that WA2CNJ on 50 Mc. and W2GOO, nearby E. NY, on 144 Mc. had almost identical scores. WA2CNJ: 212-16 3392; W2GOO: 205-16-3280. The latter made hay by frequent use of c.w. in chasing elusive sections on 144.

Participation set a farthest-north record this time, with KL7FLC at Ice Station Arlis II, north of Point Barrow, Alaska, coming through with 3 contacts: KL7AUV, VE8BY and VE6IP. VE8-BY, Yellowknife, NWT, worked 5 stations in 4 sections: KL7FLC, VE6s IP and DB, W7EGN, and VE8PZ.

A surprising number of contestants managed more than 300 contacts, despite the poor conditions. These included W3WJC/3 375, W3JZY/3 331, W2JT/2 448, W1GB/1 338, W1BJ/1 373, K4VWH 325, K6DBZ/6 361, K2BJP/2 303, and the leaders already mentioned.

The bands above 1000 Mc. are coming to be more of a factor in the records of high-scoring stations all the time. Not all of this is the result of the APX-6 influence, either. Of the stations reporting, 14 used 1215 Mc. or higher bands. W3WJC/3 had gear for 3300 and 10,000 Mc. W1BJ/1 had a crystal-controlled 2C39 on 1296 Mc. W3CGV was also crystal-controlled on 1296. W6NLZ used 50, 144, 220, 420, 1215 and 2400 Mc. K6DBZ/6, the West's top-scoring station, used all these, and 3300 Mc.

#### Some random observations

Several 2-meter operators mention the needless voice QRM at the low edge of the band, making effective c.w. work all but impossible. Some choice section multipliers were lost this way.

W2GOO: "One v.f.o. sounded so bad that after its user called CQ on c.w. several other W2s were heard calling 'CQ aurora!'"

Never say die; K10OR/1, driving to the last minute of the contest, picked up a new section multiplier, W8SFG, Ohio, on 2 meters 5 minutes before the end.

W8NOH: "Seems like someone always opens up the 6-meter band just for the contest — but sometimes you have to be keeping a close watch to reap any benefit!"

Youngest contestant? Could be 12-year-old Kenneth Howse, W8AAC, who did right well on 145 Mc. in Detroit.

### SCORES

In the following tabulation, scores are listed by ARRL Divisions and Sections. Unless otherwise noted, the top scorer in each section receives a certificate award. Columns indicate the final score, the number of contacts, the section multiplier, and the bands used. A represents 50 Mc.; B, 144 Mc.; C, 220 Mc.; D, 420 Mc.; and E, 1215 Mc. or higher. Multiple-operator stations are shown at the end of each section tabulation.

#### ATLANTIC DIVISION

##### Eastern Pennsylvania

K3IPM 8316-308-27-AB  
K3IPV 6110-218-26-ABCD  
K3HNP 5120-266-20-A  
W3SAO 2318-122-19-AB  
K3JRO 1326-102-13-AB  
W3ETB 1260-105-12-A  
W3ARW 1218-45-21-BCD  
W3JXT 1008-66-18-AB  
W3YOK 935-85-11-B  
W3BKF/3 657-73-9-A  
K3ISH 630-35-18-A  
W3MMV 432-42-9-BDE  
W3BJG 360-38-9-ABC  
K3HNG 96-24-4-A  
W3WJC/3<sup>1</sup> (7 ops.)  
18,124-375-46-ABCE  
W3PMG/3 (7 ops.)  
12,760-292-40-ABCD  
W3YRT/3 (5 ops.)  
8928-228-36-ABC  
W3QQB/3 (4 ops.)  
7752-223-34-ABC  
W3OL/3 (6 ops.)  
7192-237-29-ABCD  
K3EIH (9 ops.)  
5040-280-18-AB  
W3JMP (W3JMP, K3JPL)  
3717-177-21-AB  
K3OKW (7 ops.)  
2205-105-21-AB  
K3KYK/3 (11 ops.)  
1968-164-12-AB

##### Md-Del-D.C.

K3HFV 3969-144-27-ABC  
W3CGV 3186-102-27-ABCDE  
K3LNZ 2646-147-18-AB  
W3NG 2610-141-18-ABC  
K3AZH 1680-105-16-AB  
K3CPA 408-51-8-AB  
W3TFA 402-67-6-AB  
W3HB 396-57-7-B  
K3LJU 276-46-6-A  
KN3OSZ 190-38-5-B  
K3OWX 168-28-6-AB  
K2UOP/3 136-34-4-AB  
K3EJE 136-34-4-AB  
K3CTL/3 132-44-3-B  
K3CRD 96-24-4-B  
W3CPM 90-30-3-AB  
W3MSR 88-22-4-AB  
KN3NTA 78-39-2-B  
K3GMB 69-23-3-A  
K3OBU 45-15-3-B  
K3NOG 42-21-2-A  
K3EJF 36-12-3-AB  
W3AHQ 20-5-2-C  
K3LLR/3 18-9-2-A  
W3ZY/3<sup>1</sup> (K3AKK, W3s PZK  
SFY 11,254-331-34-AB)  
W3GCO (W3GCO, K3JZS)  
2193-129-17-AB  
K3MOY (K3s KST MOY  
NMK) 538-67-8-A

##### S. New Jersey

W2REB 2728-124-22-AB  
W2ZUL 1768-104-17-AB  
W2BLV 640-32-16-BD  
W2ESX 540-45-12-B  
WV2UOJ 27-9-3-B

##### Western New York

K2ERQ<sup>2</sup> 2352-112-21-AB  
K2YCO 1918-137-14-AB  
WA2VCM  
K2GUG 1212-101-12-AB  
K2GUG 1224-9-12-ABC  
WA2KYV 990-90-11-AB  
K2ZRX 960-80-12-A  
K2PBU 780-60-13-AB  
WA2KND 483-69-7-A  
K2DBB 328-41-8-A  
W2RO 292-87-4-B  
W2RTG 252-42-6-B  
WA2OPK 160-40-4-A  
WA2ILF 150-50-3-A  
W2UCZ 150-25-6-A  
W2SXTX 102-51-2-B  
WA2GCF 102-51-2-B  
K2KWK 48-48-4-A  
K2GF 18-18-1-A  
WA2MQP 14-14-1-B  
K2RRM/2<sup>1</sup> (8 ops.)  
3178-282-29-AB  
K2PQZ/2 (10 ops.)  
5936-211-28-ABC  
W2UPT/2 (6 ops.)  
5670-199-27-ABC  
WA2FQV/2 (WA2FQV, W2-  
BKH, K2DP)  
3197-136-23-ABC  
K2ZBU (K2s QKU ZBU,  
W2EJZ) 915-61-15-AB  
K2DNN/2 (K2s DNN HNL)  
165-33-5-A

##### Western Pennsylvania

W3RW 2992-132-22-ABCD  
K3CHC 1802-106-17-AB  
W3CSA 160-32-5-AB  
W3FUH 85-17-5-B  
KN3PGN 84-28-3-B  
K3ILD 21-7-3-B  
W3UHN (12 ops.) 1-A  
W3UCA/3<sup>1</sup> (7 ops.)  
4984-173-28-ABC  
K3BBO/3 (K3s BBO PHI)  
3410-153-22-ABC  
K3LLI/3 (K3s IUZ LLI, K4-  
KWV) 3048-127-24-AB  
K3HKK/3<sup>1</sup> (12 ops.)  
2550-150-17-AB  
W3KWH (8 ops.)  
1484-100-14-ABC

#### CENTRAL DIVISION

##### Illinois

K9DWR 1534-115-13-ABC  
W9DJ 736-92-8-AB

