

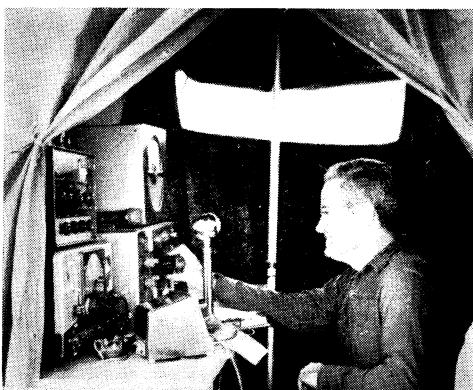
September V.H.F. Party Summary

Rough Weather Knocks Down Activity and Scores

THE 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

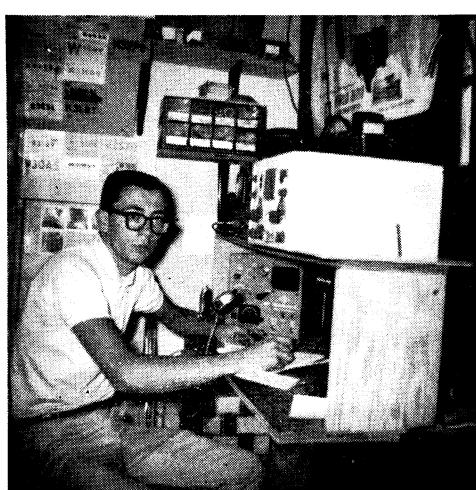


WA2EBP, seen here operating the 2-meter setup of W2LWI/2, looks happy—and well he may be, for the Dutchess County V.h.f. Society placed No. 2 in the country, with 461 contacts and a multiplier of 51, for 25,398 points.

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 K1OOR/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.

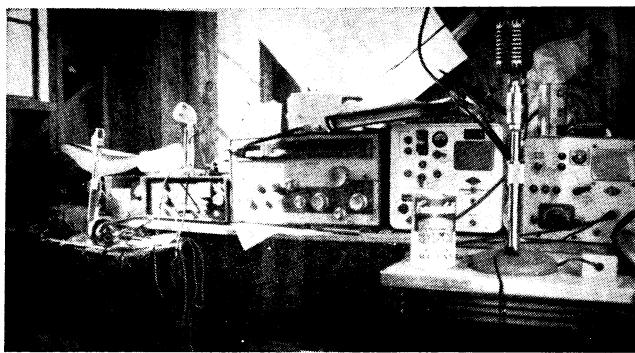
In the single-operator category, WA2BAH/2, E. N.Y. award winner, operating from a fine location near Schenectady, N.Y., worked 50, 144 and 220 Mc. for 250 contacts and a multiplier of 39, for 10,179 points, the highest score by one operator. K3IPM, Philadelphia, E. Pa. winner, made the most contacts, 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 WØEAO/Ø, the Kansas City V.H.F. Club, caught 27 sections. This E_s 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 also was 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; K1OOR/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, WN8AAC, 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

	S. New Jersey
<i>Eastern Pennsylvania</i>	
K3IPLM 8316-308-27-AB	W2REB 2728-124-22-AB
K3IUV 6110-218-24-AB	W2ZUL 1768-104-17-AB
K3HNP 5120-256-20-A	W2BLV 640-32-16-BD
W3SAO 2318-122-19-AB	W2ESX 540-45-12-B
K3JRA 1328-102-18-AB	WV2UOJ 27- 9- 3-B
W3ETFB 1308-102-12-AB	
W3AUV 1218-45-21-BCD	
W3JXT 1008-56-18-AB	
W3NOK 935-85-11-B	
W3BKJ/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 ¹ (7 oprs.)	
18,124-375-46-ABCE	
W3PMG/3 (7 oprs.)	
12,760-292-40-ABCD	
W3YRT/3 (5 oprs.)	
8928-228-36-ABC	
W3QQB/3 (4 oprs.)	
7752-223-34-ABC	
W3OI/3 (6 oprs.)	
7192-237-29-ABCD	
K3EIH (4 oprs.)	
2,928-280-18-AB	
W3JMP (W3JMP, K3JPL)	
3717-177-21-AB	
K3OKW (7 oprs.)	
2205-105-21-AB	
K3KYK/3 (11 oprs.)	
1968-164-12-AB	
	<i>Md.-Del.-D.C.</i>
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 399-57- 7-B	
K3JYF 276-46- 6-B	
KN3OSZ 190-38- 5-B	
K3JYX 168-28- 4-AB	
K2UOF/3 136-34- 4-A	
K3EJF 136-34- 4-A	
K8GTJ/3 132-44- 3-B	
K3CRD 96-24- 4-B	
W3CPM 90-30- 3-B	
W3MSR 88-22- 4-B	
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	
W3JZY/3 ¹ (K3AKK, W3s PZK SFY) 11,254-331-34-AB	
W3GCO (W3GCO, K3JZS) 2193-129-17-AB	
K3MOY (K3s KST MOY NMK) 536-67- 8-A	

Western New York

K2ERQ ² 2352-112-21-AB	
K2YCO 1918-137-14-AB	
WA2VCM	
	1212-101-12-AB
K2GUG 1128-91-12-ABC	
WA2KVN 990-90-11-AB	
K2ZRX 980-80-12-AB	
K2FBY 780-60-13-AB	
K2VND 480-69- 7-A	
K2IDB 292- 73- 8-A	
W2ROA 202- 73- 4-B	
W2RTG 252- 42- 6-B	
WA2OPK 160- 40- 4-A	
WA2ILF 150- 50- 3-A	
W2UCZ 150- 25- 6-A	
WV2STX 102- 51- 2-B	
WA2GCF 93- 31- 3-A	
K2KWK 48- 48- 1-A	
K2GF 18- 18- 1-A	
WA2MQP 14- 14- 1-B	
K2RRM/2 ¹ (8 oprs.)	
8178-282-29-AB	
K2PQZ/2 (10 oprs.)	
5936-211-28-ABC	
W2UPT/2 (6 oprs.)	
5670-199-27-ABC	
WA2FQV/2 (WA2FQV, W2-BKH, K2VZ)	
3197-136-23-ABC	
K2ZBU (K2s QKU ZBU, W2EJZ)	
915- 61-15-AB	
K2DNN/2 (K2s DNN HNL)	
165- 33- 5-A	

Western Pennsylvania

W3BWWU 2992-182-22-ABCD	
W3CHC 1802-165-17-AB	
W3CW 180- 32- 5-AB	
W3FUH 182- 37- 5-B	
KN3PGN 84- 28- 3-B	
K3ILD 21- 27- 7-B	
W3UHN 10- 10- 1-A	
W3UCA/3 ¹ (7 oprs.)	
4984-173-28-ABC	
K3BBQ/3 (K3s BBO PHI)	
3410-153-22-ABC	
K3LLI/3 (K3s IUZ LLI, K4-KWW)	
3048-127-24-AB	
K3HKK/3 (12 oprs.)	
2550-150-17-AB	
W3KWH (8 oprs.)	
1484-100-14-ABC	

CENTRAL DIVISION

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

K9YXX	702- 78- 9-AB	WA2DTY	280- 35- 8-AB	W1BFR/1 (multioperator)	WN4ALX
K9BBN	525- 75- 7-AB	WA2RCI/2	185- 37- 5-AB	3358-146-23-AB	88- 44- 2-B
K9RVC	320- 80- 4-B	WA2GGH	170- 34- 5-A	KISGZ/1 (K1s DEU SGZ	84GVQ
K9IBG	316- 79- 4-B	WA2OTN	87- 29- 3-B	RKW)	39- 13- 3-A
K9N9AAC	60- 60- 4-B	WA2EUS	80- 16- 5-B	K3DLB/1 (K1GSK, K3DLB)	K4VWH
K9LOL	165- 33- 5-AB	WA2CHP/1 (4 oprs.)	5250-250-21-AB	32- 8- 4-B	(6 ours.)
K9SHH	155- 31- 5-A	WA2KHW	1828 (Wa2 DLW	<i>New Hampshire</i>	13, 104-325-39-ABC
K9DDE	99- 33- 3-B	KHW)	2296-164-14-AB	W1FZ/1	K4LJH/4 (K4s AJA LJH,
W9KLD	80- 20- 4-B	WA2TIJ	4 (opr.)	W4DOE)	W4DOE)
KN9FBL	75- 25- 3-B		816- 68- 12-AB		2280-120-19-AB
K9VBV	(K9NAEN, K9VBV)				<i>West Virgtnia</i>
	282- 47- 6-AB			K5BLR	175- 25- 7-A
<i>Indiana</i>					
K9QCB	2472-206-12-AB	W2GKR	2448-153-16-AB	ROCKY MOUNTAIN DIVISION	
K9YCA/9	9 913- 83-11-A	W2DZA	1962- 87-18-AB(CDE	<i>Colorado</i>	
K9M7Z	720- 88- 8-ABC	WA2JAM	1469-113-13-B	W0ISL	192- 48- 4-AB
W9MHP	648- 78- 8-ABC	WA2DHS	1452-132-11-B	K0TSD	114- 38- 3-AB
W9HPO	476- 68- 7-A	WA2HFO	1313-101-13-AB	W0DKA	111- 37- 3-AB
W9YDP	2- 2- 1-A	WA2JVO	718-103- 6-A	W0DK/Ø	4 (opr.)
W9CSF/9	(13 ours.)	WA2BDP	264- 33- 8-A	84- 42- 2-A	
	3281-190-17-ABC(E	W92UUG	250- 50- 5-B	<i>New Mexico</i>	
K9YIA	4 (opr.)	W2NTY	116- 14- 4-CDE	K5UYF	1- 1- 1-A
	2160-180-12-AB	W92SXP	81- 27- 3-B		
K9SLQ	(K9s MRI SLQ, W9-	WA2CFC	27- 9- 3-B	SOUTHEASTERN DIV.	
AYW	1390-130-10-AB	WA2UZH/2	3- 3- 1-B	<i>Alabama</i>	
<i>Wisconsin</i>		W2PEZ/21	(10 oprs.)	W4TLV	65- 12- 5-BC
K9WUI	1820-140-13-AB		39, 915-625-51-AB(CDE	W4LIP	1302- 93-14-AB
W9TQJ	248- 31- 9-AB	W2J/2	17, 460-448-36-AB(CD	W4RMU	476- 34-14-AB
W9JOT	198- 48- 7-AB	K2BJP/2	1 (14 oprs.)	<i>Eastern Florida</i>	
W9Y7T	2- 2- 1-A	W2ANVY/2	8268-303-26-ABCD	K4HYL	1870- 85-22-A
K9PJ8/9	(K9s EYL PJB)	W9YMG	4 (opr.)	W4SXI	539- 49-11-AB
	34- 17- 2-B	W9YMG	6118-263-23-ABC	W4CSS	253- 23-11-AB
DAKOTA DIVISION		K2BBR	5751-213-27-AB	K4AZT/4	92- 23- 4-AB
<i>South Dakota</i>		K2LNS	(multioperator)	W4RKH	18- 18- 1-B
K9DEL	40- 8- 5-A	W2ALZ	2676-269-14-B	<i>Georgia</i>	
W9ENC	36- 9- 4-AB	K2BEV/2	24-26-134-19-AB	K4KLD	352- 43- 8-ABC
W9FJZ	3- 3- 1-A		4 (opr.)	K4SIF	85- 17- 5-B
DELTA DIVISION			826-118- 7-B	K4FLR	5- 1- 1-A
<i>Louisiana</i>				K4VHC/4	(5 oprs.)
W5UQR	2800-112-25-AB	MIDWEST DIVISION		414- 69- 6-AB	
<i>Mississippi</i>		<i>Iowa</i>			
W5RCI	84- 9- 7-BC	K9HBP	528- 48-11-A		
<i>Tennessee</i>		K9ETX	330- 33-10-A	<i>Montana</i>	
K4VZL	816- 68-12-A	<i>Kansas</i>		W7EGN/7	20- 5- 4-A
K4RIN	14- 7- 2-A	K9GIC	915- 61-15-AB	<i>Oregon</i>	
K4RUF	(K4s CVA RUF)	<i>Missouri</i>		W7HBBH	95- 18- 5-ABD
	868-124-17-A	K9RMQ	498- 83- 6-AB	WTADR	42- 21- 2-A
GREAT LAKES DIV.		K9SBJ/Ø	469- 67- 7-A	W7ICS/7	(W7s ICS VTW,
<i>Kentucky</i>		W9EAO/W	(7 oprs.)	K7ELM/7	220- 55- 4-AB
K4RZK	873- 97- 9-AB	W9RVA	(K9s KWJ, KWL,	<i>Washington</i>	
<i>Michigan</i>		W9RVA	70- 5-AB	K7BRQ	600- 100- 6-AB
W8NOH	4032-160-24-ABD	K9ZFK	(K9s ZF1 MUP)	K7JZF	324- 81- 4-AB
K8QMX/8	2067-159-13-AB		126- 63- 2-A	K7GKK	248- 62- 4-AB
K8BGZ	1605-107-15-AB	<i>Nebraska</i>		W7YJE	99- 33- 3-A
K8IXU	552- 69- 8-A	K9RMQ	583- 33-11-AB	K7QZL	23- 23- 1-A
K8NKR	426- 71- 6-B	W9EAO	533- 11-AB	W7ZSL	8- 8- 1-A
K8ZGW	240- 60- 4-B	W9EAO	11- 11-AB	PACIFIC DIVISION	
K8GKX	117- 39- 3-A	W9EAO	11- 11-AB	<i>Nevada</i>	
K8WCS	75- 25- 3-AB	K9RMQ	583- 33-11-AB	K7QPB/7	(3 oprs.)
K8VRH	34- 17- 2-B	W9EAO	11- 11-AB	470- 42-10-ABC	
W8N8AC	32- 32- 1-B	W9EAO	11- 11-AB	<i>Santa Barbara</i>	
K8SMC/1	(K8s JNE SMC)	W9EAO	11- 11-AB	W7QDJ/6	770- 55-14-AB
	1660-166-10-A	W9EAO	11- 11-AB	WEST GULF DIV.	
K8WPI	(K8s CRH, K8WPV)	W9EAO	11- 11-AB	<i>Northern Texas</i>	
	532- 76- 7-AB	W9EAO	11- 11-AB	K5SMU	2430-162-15-A
K8LXH	(K8s IXH SCD)	W9EAO	11- 11-AB	W5AQ5	520- 52-10-AB
	198- 66- 3-A	W9EAO	11- 11-AB	K5ARU	268- 67- 4-A
<i>Ohio</i>		W9EAO	11- 11-AB	K5KVE	189- 63- 3-A
K8TOL	4350-290-15-AB	W9EAO	11- 11-AB	K5MD	188- 47- 4-A
K8NNU	3224-248-13-A	W9EAO	11- 11-AB	K5WZZ	160- 32- 5-A
K8SSK	1458-162- 9-A	W9EAO	11- 11-AB	K5KX	152- 38- 4-A
K8KXS	1280-128-10-AB	W9EAO	11- 11-AB	K5TXA	126- 18- 7-AB
W8LXF	513- 57- 9-A	W9EAO	11- 11-AB	W5AEC	34- 17- 2-A
K8WYU	312- 52- 6-AB	W9EAO	11- 11-AB	K5ZPC	16- 8- 2-A
K8PBE	282- 47- 6-A	W9EAO	11- 11-AB	W5HPT	3- 3- 1-B
K8SATQ	248- 62- 4-AB	W9EAO	11- 11-AB	<i>Oklahoma</i>	
K8SRXD	32- 16- 2-B	W9EAO	11- 11-AB	K5ZTH	1620- 90-18-A
K8MMM ¹	(K8s MM YVA)	W9EAO	11- 11-AB	W5DFM	1552- 97-16-A
	6012-334-18-A	W9EAO	11- 11-AB	W5VJC	180- 36- 5-AB
K8BLS/11	(opr.)	W9EAO	11- 11-AB	W5LOW	140- 20- 7-AB
	4740-315-15-ABC	W9EAO	11- 11-AB	K5LRU/5	(W5s JZX WAX)
W8TXU	(multioperator)	W9EAO	11- 11-AB	60- 30- 2-AB	
	452-113- 4-AB	ROANOKE DIVISION			
HUDSON DIVISION		<i>North Carolina</i>		<i>Southern Texas</i>	
<i>Eastern New York</i>		K4MHS	948- 79-12-AB	K5RCO	(K8s RCO VQV)
WA2BAH/2	10,179-250-39-ABC	K4SWN	840- 84-10-AB	280- 28-10-A	
W2GOO	3280-205-16-B	W4BUZ	308- 77- 4-B	CANADIAN DIV.	
K2GXJ/2	2242-113-19-ABC	W4ULX/4	296- 74- 4-AB	<i>Quebec</i>	
WA2ALJ	1933-110-18-ABD	K4BEI/4	220- 44- 5-A	VE2AXO	10- 5- 2-B
WA2HAQ	238- 34- 7-AB	W4VH	216- 27- 8-B	<i>Ontario</i>	
W2UKA	126- 21- 6-AB	W4ACY	201- 67- 3-AB	VE3DIR	2775-107-25-ABC
W2LWI	2(12 oprs.)	K4YYJ	132- 44- 3-B	VE3AIB	1554-111-14-AB
	25,398-481-51-ABCD	K4GPF	108- 54- 2-B	VE3BGB	364- 9- 4-B
K2KCE/2	(14 oprs.)	W4NCK	98- 49- 2-B	VE3BRI	90- 30- 3-B
	4137- 197-21-AB	W4NAIY	15- 15- 1-B	VE3CIR/3	363- 34- 2-B
<i>N.Y.C. - L.I.</i>		<i>South Carolina</i>		VE3CNAH	60- 30- 2-B
<i>Western Massachusetts</i>		W4DEN	848- 53-16-AB	VE3CNR	52- 29- 6-B
K1JIX	6580-184-35-ABCD	W4IVW	256- 31- 8-ABC	VE3IR/3	6- 6- 1-B
W1HQD/2	1992- 62-16-AB	W4VWR	240- 30- 8-A	<i>Alberta</i>	
K1JQT	510- 85- 6-A	W4TLC	232- 27- 8-ABC	VE6IP	16- 4- 4-A
W2XKG	872-109- 8-B	K4JQY	224- 28- 8-A	<i>Yukon - N.W.T.</i>	
WA2PMW	560- 80- 7-A	<i>Virginia</i>		VE8YV	20- 20- 4-A
K2DDK	396- 44- 9-B				

¹ Multiple operator Award Winner; ² WA2OIR, opr.;
³ W9SZR, opr.; ⁴ W1WPR, opr.; ⁵ Hq., Staff, not eligible for
award; ⁶ K1ADB, opr.; ⁷ W2BVU, opr.