

June V.H.F. QSO Party Results

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Contest: Earnest struggle for superiority, victory, defense, etc. — Webster's.

The struggle for superiority is evident in a contest. But what is this superiority? Can a fine operator with poor equipment achieve superior results. Sure, if the competition is inferior or non-existent. The reverse is also true. The elements of a good competition are evident wherever you look in an ARRL V.H.F. QSO Party. In hotly contested big sections it's a really rough race because of the competition; in the scarcely populated remote sections it's tough because of propagation difficulties. The thrill of it all is to match your station and your operating abilities against others in your geographic area and then separate the men from the boys.

THE time was the weekend of June 12–13, 1965. The place was "The World Above 50 Mc." and conditions were . . . well, except for some sketchy sporadic-E, they were terrible. What was achieved during this period, is nevertheless, impressive. Without really good openings, hundreds of hams throughout the United States and Canada reported results ranging from a few to hundreds of exchanges on many bands. Those reporting numbered 451 in 61 sections of the ARRL field organization. Whether east or west, the big efforts show the results of intensive planning, organization and very often intense club interest. The really big scores come from versatile operation. Even a few contacts on a new band meant a larger overall multiplier and added appreciably to the score. The chart accompanying this report shows this very eloquently.

Although the chart herein does not permit the break-down of results above 420 Mc., numerous entries did make contacts there, as indicated in the section tabulation.

A surprisingly large number of section leaders from various parts of the country have earned section awards for single-band operation. For example, W3HC, W6ZRR and VE2ZX led their respective sections operating solely on two meters. Section toppers, with solo performances on six only, include: W1HIL W4CAH WA4JZT WA4LTS WA4VLD/6 WA4YFL/4 W5UQR WA7AKI K7QFW/7 K9YGR WA0-CQG K0UDZ VE4HI and VE6OH. All section leaders are reminded that certificate awards are scheduled for September 15 mailing.

How many bands are you planning to operate in the September ARRL V.H.F. QSO Party?

Soapbox

"Two-meter activity was good with close to 100 contacts in all 9 sections of the state. The new Orange Section added zest in that the southern area of California isn't always contacted. Never before in 5 years of contesting from this area have we seen such activity from Southern California." — K6TJL/6. . . . "Equipment problems:

Someone turned off the two-meter preamp, and it wasn't noticed for 10 hours; a 4CX25OB and socket burned up (sob); the Gonset II driver for 432 quit two minutes before a sked." — WA2JOQ. . . . "Conditions were about the poorest I've seen in the last 3 VHF affairs, even the common W2s were a rarity." — VE3DSE. . . . "Two opened up for a few hours Saturday night, excellent signals from Southern Virginia, Western N. Y. and Western Penna., but didn't even hear N. C., Ohio or VE3." — K3ONW/3. . . . "The best part of this contest was the food, band conditions were miserable." — VE3SAU. . . . "Never take an air-vane governed generator to high altitudes. All regulation ceases." — K6OKC/6. . . . "Most satisfying contact was a new record for me on 432 Mc. to K6OKC/6, Mt. Pinos, Southern California (300 miles). This was not prearranged." — WB2GDO. . . . "The only time we were really worried was when we were stopped by the police on Saturday morning and asked for a wide load permit for transporting the six-meter beam!" — WB2FXB. . . . "The first effort of our Bergen Amateur Radio Association and we couldn't blame a thing on Murphy; just us and the wind." — WB2ERM/2. . . . "Noticed more c.w. activity than ever before." — W5PZ. . . . "In general, conditions appeared poorer than a year ago, no band openings of any sort." — VE2ZX. . . . "One WØ answered me saying 'guess you have some sort of a contest going on up there so I won't keep you.'" — VE6OH. . . . "Conditions on 6 were typical of the June parties with sporadic openings." — K7BJV. . . . "Best 220 Mc. activity ever, even QRM!" — W2SEU. . . . "A good workout for Field Day for us what with mosquitoes, poison oak and run-down batteries." — WB6KSI/6. . . . "Contrary to much advice, my stacked halos get out really well on two." — VE3DAW.



A little of what goes into a successful group effort is demonstrated by the crew of WA2PZE/2, the Long Island V.H.F. Society putting in a good show on four bands for over 15,600 points.

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