

## Results,

 1st ARRL 10-Meter ContestWA6FIT, Orange

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THE FIRST ANNUAL 10-Meter contest was a smashing success by all indicators. This baby of the varied ARRL contest family opened its mouth at the moment of birth and let out a triumphant cry audible throughout the world. Even the short incubating period (necessitated by the desire to get something going quickly) seemed to have no ill effects on the eventual eventful outcome - 720 logs from 65 (out of a possible 71 ) sections and 29 foreign countries on all 6 continents. That stellar showing is, to a major extent, due to those who made a handful of contacts, because of various limitations, but still turned in their logs to bolster the totals. These are the unsung heros of this contest - not only did they increase the scores of some of the stations going out "for blood" but
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they also swelled the ranks of the "listed" to make this contest the biggest in log returns for a first-time event. In fact, in this premiere go-round the 10 -Meter contest placed $4 \mathrm{th}, \log$ wise, in the League contest structure - right behind SS, DX Test and FD. The amazement was rampant in these parts as $\log$ returns pushed past 500 . . . 600 and then . . . 700 (gasp!) and it had us frantically searching for dictionaries and thesauruses (or is it thesauri?) in hopes of finding words which could adaquately explain the phenomenon.

The amazing part of the $10-$ Meter contest was that it was successful in spite of, not because of, the conditions. Anyone who as much as listened during the contest period knows conditions were "el-stinko" on December 15-16. However, perseverance and taking advantage of the various propagation modes 10 offers paid off with some nice QSO totals by a large number of participants. This contest shows what can be done on 10 during an average winter weekend when people get on and try. Ed Tilton, W1HDQ, author of the informative "Tips on Ten" article in March 1973 QST has this to say about the propagation shown on 10 during the contest: "If you took out the brief and scattered F-layer openings to the West Coast, inboard states and foreign countries, this contest was almost a carbon copy of 6-meter operation in the VHF Sweepstakes. There was ionospheric scatter in the morning hours ( 500 to 1200 miles), tropospheric scatter all the time, although better in the morning hours, and the typical VHF coverage of 150 miles, for the better stations, around the clock. It was the first time that I've heard these modes used to anything like their potential on 10. People work this kind of thing every weekend on 6 and they really pour it on on contest weekends. I'm sure that a lot a people learned something of the true potential of the 10 -Meter band that they

Roger, WB8NDC, used his TS-511 and a quad antenna to snag 106 QSOs and 17 multipliers good enough for 5th spot in Michigan.

would never have realized otherwise - which is certainly a laudable reason for sponsoring a 10 -Meter contest. I just hope they don't forget what they learned until another contest."

Aye, there's the rub. We too easily forget what 10 can offer outside of a contest. The 10-10 Club (now over 8000 strong) has done much to increase the use and awareness of 10 for anything from local ragchews to DX QSOs. As they have shown, all it takes is people, gentlemen. This weekend why not drop in on 10 and call a couple of CQs? Don't tune the band and go away convinced that 10 has had it - call a CQ - after all, it takes a receiver and a transmitter to make a QSO.

The big challenge ahead for the 10 -Meter contest is keeping the interest (and, in turn, the log returns) up. Things are going to get worse (prop-agation-wise) before they get better. Just remember, the QSOs are there, especially during the contest. All you need to do is make your presence known. If we can keep up the enthusiasm (and log submissions), this contest will become a viable part of the ARRL contest structure. Then, in 1977 or so, when conditions have improved, it can take on the appearance of a major operating activity.

The comment that seemed to permeate the soapbox was that the 10 -Meter contest was "different" than other contests. In this one you could take time off to chat with others without having to worry about missing QSOs. The atmosphere was more relaxed, less demanding than other contests and all this made it seem more "fun."

WB9IFG and observant friend. David found it hard to "contest" when he was having so many local OSOs that consisted of more than 599 WIS.


A number of persons remarked that the contest should be moved to sometime in the summer months to get into a time of the year when better conditions can be hoped for. Upon reviewing the contest calendar the only time that appears open is the beginning of August. What are your thoughts? Should the contest be moved to August or should it be left on the second weekend of December? The 1974 10-Meter contest will be held in December but your response to this question will help determine where the 1975 contest will be placed.

All the proceeding would be for naught if it were not for the added pleasure (the finishing touch, you might say) of a few wondrous words from our very own divine dispenser of devilish dictums, V. Y. Senny Tree, who said: "In an army, individual foot soldiers are lost in the shuffle. Such is the fate of the contest participant. However, without the soldier there would be no army and without the contester there would be no contest. Take heart in the fact that the battle is fought by the foot soldier who, most times, receives naught, but through whose sacrifices and efforts the war is won. For these, no task is too great and no praise is too sufficient. The ultimate test of the success of his part in the campaign lies in the heart of the man for each shall contend according to his abilities and each shall reap according to his toil."

## SOAPBOX

The amount of 10 -meter activity was amazing and I think this one should be an annual affair. (W6EJJ). The 10 -meter contest was great and I expect to do it again next year but I was a little lonely. Only four Generals condescended to come down to the Novice band but I got 'em all. (WN $\emptyset \mathrm{LFN}$ ). In my opinion this contest was better than Field Day. - (WB2DMI). Conditions were



| DIVISION LEADERS |  |  |
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| K3EST | Atlantic | K3IVO |
| W9YT | Central | W9BGX |
| WA@YKN | Dakota |  |
| WB5CMI | Delta |  |
| K8IDE | Great Lakes | WB8FUO |
| W1BGD/2 | Hudson | WA2BOX |
| WBDEZQ | Midwest | WBØCEH |
| WA1MAO | New Engl. | WA1LKU |
| K7GWE | Northwestern |  |
| K6SSJ | Pacific | WB6WSL |
| W4WSF | Roanoke | WB4TBO |
| WØMS | Rocky Mt. | . . . . . |
| W4OZF | Southeastern | W4AQL |
| W6RR | Southwestern | K6ELX |
| WJ5SKY | West Gulf | WB5FKC |
| VE3BMV | Canadian | VE3GAI |

poor Saturday and fair Sunday. Saturday's opening to the East Coast was so short that it was over before I even got started. - (W7IUO). I think you have succeeded in stirring up ten quite well and giving everyone a good excuse not to watch football for one whole weekend. - (WA8WD Z/6). Sure hurts one's score not to have cw capabilities. - (WB 5ESW). Great contest. Worked 5 new states on 10 for my 5BWAS. - (K8CVJ). It was amazing to me how many of the gang CQed themselves all the way through a twenty second or so opening. Some of those bursts of band-opening were really short. - (K9JCR). The best part of the contest was meeting many of the local hams I had never met and talking to some which I hadn't worked in years. - (W3FCI). Propagation conditions were very very poor, but do not let anyone talk you out of making this a permanent feature of the contest calendar. - (G3DME). Just like a regular contest the bands were rotten. - (WN1RHS). Band conditions were poor, really, but activity was large. Am amazed with the QSO total I had on what otherwise would've been considered a "dead" band. During the sunspot maximum this contest will be pure bedlam. - (W5RTQ). I really believe it was an excellent idea and should be continued without fail. I really can't find fault with any of the format. - (W6RR). Contest was great fun but Sunday's activity was precluded by my 4 -year-old's demand that we build a snow fort. - (W3ZSR). A truly new and refreshing idea in contesting. Congratulations. Haven't had so much fun since my first VHF contest 8 years ago. - (WB2CST). While

Number 4 in the country and tops in Southern Texas is WA5LES, operator of WJ5SKY. That confusion creating callsign was a special one issued to celebrate the Skylab space mission. The QTH was at the Johnson Spacecraft Center near Houston.
conditions were not good, they were interesting. From here they obviously favored Florida and Georgia. At night there was TE to Es into Florida, Georgia and SC. Beam heading on this opening was 10 degrees East of North. At other times, when KZ5s were working Ws like mad, beam headings for Florida stations were 40 degrees West of North. W9DOB was worked with beam on South Africa on backscatter; with the beam on USA he could not be heard. - (LU5HFI). Enjoyed the contest despite a broken mic cord, stuck rotator and finally a call from irate neighbor with Indians in a stereo. - (WA3TZT). Enjoyed the contest. Conditions were stinko here. Heard a bunch of W1-4 stations but the sigs were S1 and lasted 3-5 seconds each. - (WดPAN). I hope band conditions for this year's contest will not discourage participation in 1974. Ten is amazing when it opens. - (WBøIWL). My little brother and sister decided to put up the Christmas tree and the electric train over the weekend. The blinking lights and the train were the loudest signals on the band. - (WA3TMR). Someone ought to outlaw $10-$ meter noise on contest weekends. - (K2KGB). The cw/fone mix gave many rusty keys an airing. - (G3IAS). This contest had lots of plusses - 1) Good night's sleep, 2) three square meals (not always when you want them), 3) chance to meet locals you never knew before. - (K8HBN). Had QRM from only two 'roger four"' stations. - (WN7UQV). Congratulations on a great, fun idea as evidenced by all the activity. - (K6SVL). In the middle of the contest the rotator froze up and I had to go fix it. I guess that's half the fun. - (WB9LDD).


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Scores are listed by section within call-area and by country within continent. The highest single operator in each section or country receives a certificate. The highest multiple operator station in each section or country and the highest Novice in each section will receive a certificate if there are 3 or more entries listed in that classification or if, in the opinion of the Awards Committee, the entrant displays exceptional effort. Read the listings (from left to right) call, score, QSOs, multiplier, hours of operation.


| Tennessee |  |
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| K4ZLE | 1830-60-15- |
| WB4NDX | 1248- 48-13- |
| WN4FGA | 8- 2- 2-4 |
| Virginia |  |
| W4WSF | 41,280-429-48-25 |
| K4VX | 34,900-349-50- |
| W4UPJ | 34,496-391-44-22 |
| W4KFC | 32,752-353-46- |
| W4IWZ | 29,216-324-44-26 |
| K4LSD | 15,022-200-37-21 |
| K4LDR | 14,906-251-29- |
| K4GMH | 8600-213-20- |
| K4UEO | 6930-158-21-10 |
| WB4SLS | 6854-149-23-20 |
| WB4 YPT | 4422-198-11-28 |
| WB4HQE | 4350-144-15-6 |
| W4KMS | 1952-60-16-8 |
| WB4TEL | 1566-87-9-4 |
| W4YZC | 1188-64-9-4 |
| K4EBY | 672-80-4-16 |
| W4GF | 644- 44-7- |
| WN4EJJ | 420- 36-5-11 |
| K4JM | 400- 23-8-4 |
| W4NO | 392- 28-7- |
| K4PCL | 264-22-6- |
| WN4EXP | 126-18-3-6 |
| W4RL | 108-27-2-2 |
| K3CLX/4 | 56-14- 2- |
| WB4PMG | 32- 8- 2-1 |
| WN4DHY | 12- 4-1-10 |
| WA4BIX | 4. 2-1-7 |
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| WA5DJJ/4 | W4 YHK) |
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| Arkansas |  |
| WB5ANK | 4424-76-28-16 |
| Louisiana |  |
| WB5CMI | 5664-118-24-15 |
| W5WMU/5 | 5346-99-27-7 |
| WB5HGH | 5014-107-23-8 |
| W5HGT ( | 2UFG, opr.) |
|  | 2604-62-21- |
| WA5QBX | 1440-40-18-1 |
| WB5GFB | 624- 24-13-8 |
| WA@FEQ/5 | 5 180-16-5- |
| W5 YMX | 140-10-7- |
| Mississippi |  |
| W5NCB | 720-40-9-4 |
| New Mexico |  |
| W1 FCC/5 | 6156-113-27-20 |
| WA6BDY/5 | 5 1320- 55-12- |
| W5RE | 12-3-2-1 |
| Northern Texas |  |
| W5LUJ | 16,082-186-43- |
| W5SZV | 5940- 99-30-15 |
| WB9IMC/5 | 1872-77-12- |
| K5CSM | 1430-55-13-15 |
| W5QGZ | 1184-73-8-2 |
| Oklahoma |  |
| K2GKK/5 | 5336- 92-29- |
| WA5VAP | 90-9-5-4 |
| K5DEC | 8- 2- 2-1 |
| Southern Texas |  |
| WJ5SKY (WA5LES, opr.) |  |
|  | 60,720-504-60- |
| W5RTQ | 58,032-464-62-20 |
| WA5ZNY | 34,216-327-52-20 |
| WB5ESW | 25,480-260-49-20 |
| WB5FVT | 9024-141-32-13 |
| WA5TPO | 5886-109-27- |
| W5RO | 2640-66-20-7 |
| K5EWJ | 2580-83-15-10 |
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| K5PFL | 684- 38- 9-1 |
| WN5JID | 660- 23-10- |
| WA5ZBN | 580- 24-10-2 |
| K5RVF | 558- 31- 9-3 |
| WA5FOE | 260- 26-5-7 |
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| East Bay |  |
| WA6ZPL | 8448-132-32-17 |
| WA6JVZ | 2016-70-14-9 |
| W6RQZ | 1716-66-13-6 |
| W6MSB | 864-36-12-3 |
| WN6WVH | 80- 9- 4-5 |
| Los Angeles |  |
| W6RR | 49,808-560-43-16 |
| K6SVL | 49,680-552-45-16 |
| W6KNC | 30,384-4 15-36-12 |
| W60AL | 12,460-178-35- |
| WA6KKS | 10,150-175-29. |
| W6EJJ | 8512-148-28-8 |
| WA6RQP | 6554-112-29-20 |
| WA6IYK | 6450-127-25-9 |
| W6LUL | 5192-114-22-8 |
| WB6QVD | 4720-118-20- |
| K6YB | 3300-74-22-7 |
| WA60WM | 3192-83-19-2 |
| W6RTT | 2552-111-11-8 |
| K6NA | 2156-77-14-3 |
| W6SGJ | 2052-52-18-5 |
| WA6HXF | 1416-59-12-12 |
| K60VN | 1368-38-18- |
| WA6VUD | 946-43-11- |
| WA6ZKI | 720-33-10-6 |
| WA6PXY | 54- 9-3-1 |
| K6ELX (+WA6FFZ) |  |
| 15,176-262-28-17 |  |
| W6VPZ (K6 | 6KH W6s CFM LYY |
| NYB WA6BIL) |  |


| WA6JVD | $8120-140-29-$ |
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| W6KYA | $6156-112-27-$ |
| W6LOI | $3388-77-22-$ |
| W6NJU | $420-30-7-1$ |
| WA6YZD | $264-33-4-7$ |
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| Arizona |  |
| W7YU | $18,504-257-36-$ |
| K7PXI | $15,960-228-35-$ |
| W7ZMD | $6400-128-25-$ |
| K9DKW/7 | $5658-123-23-8$ |
| WA7WMG | $3002-79-19-$ |
| K7BLU | $2646-63-21-9$ |
| W7LED | $1734-51-17-9$ |
| WN7UVX | $820-29-10-$ |
| K7NEQ | $216-12-9-$ |
|  | Idaho |
| K7NHV | $8100-150-27-$ |
| W7IUO | $2496-78-16-6$ |
| W7VSS | $2376-66-18-$ |
| W7HZL | $450-25-9-6$ |
|  | Montana |
| WN7VGT | $1272-38-12-5$ |
| W7LR | $680-34-10-2$ |
|  | Nevada |
| W7TVF | $7000-140-25-$ |
| WA7CYC | $5588-127-22-6$ |
| W7WE | $4350-87-25-$ |
| K7ICW | $2808-78-18-3$ |
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|  | 1904-58-14-4 |
| Orange |  |
| WA6FIT | 26,144-340-38-14 |
| WN6ARK | 3492-82-18- |
| WB6UNX | 3162-90-17-8 |
| WA8WDZ/6 | 3160-79-20-12 |
| WN6YPQ | 1376-37-16-5 |
| K6URA | 576-28-9-3 |
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