

Results, 1982 IARU Radiosport Championship

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"Thank goodness for 20 meters" is what many of the 1363 official entrants from around the world were thinking as the 1982 IARU Radiosport Championship drew to a close last July. Solar flares laid waste to 10 and 15 meters — at least for the first half of the contest — and high noise levels made 160 and 80 difficult. These conditions made stars out of 40 and 20, relatively speaking. Because not everyone has enough antenna to compete on 40 meters, 20 was the place to be. As the contest progressed, the two higher bands livened up some, while the low bands quieted down, making the contest more reminiscent of Radiosports past. K5GA managed to work several Europeans on 80, while stations as far west as Texas were treated to a short direct opening to Europe on 10, instead of the marginal skew-path openings that are the norm in the summer.

Generally speaking, the poor propagation shows in the scores, which are down from last year. KN6M was the only W/VE single op to break 1 million points, and no new W/VE or world records came to pass. The number of entries is also down from last year's 1483.

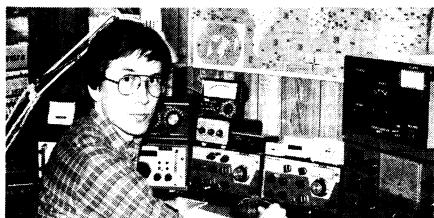
The cw mode is exceptionally popular for this contest, as witnessed by the intense competition and high scores in the cw-only category. In fact, the number of entries breaks down as follows: Mixed Mode — 229; Cw-Only — 492; Phone-Only — 307; Multi-operator — 159; Checklogs — 176.

Europeans in general, and Soviets in particular, go wild during this contest. Check out the number of logs from zones 28 and 29, as well as the other zones in that part of the world. As one local commented, "I've never worked so many UB5s in my life!" Hats off to all of the stations worldwide who helped to make the contest successful.

Certificates are scheduled for a February 15 mailing. The next edition of Radiosport is July 9-10, 1983. CU then?

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Pete, SM2CEW, says that with the aurora and the super summer weather it was kind of hard to concentrate on the contest, but he hung on for over 200 QSOs just the same.



Bill, K1WJ, one of seven operators of VE1SPI on St. Paul Island in zone 9.



Pat, LU3YL, is very active in contesting portable W4 from Virginia.



John, KK9A, turned in the number 7 W/VE phone-only score from his comfortable station in Illinois.



Number three W/VE codeman Tree, N6TR, from Simi Valley, California.

Top World Scores

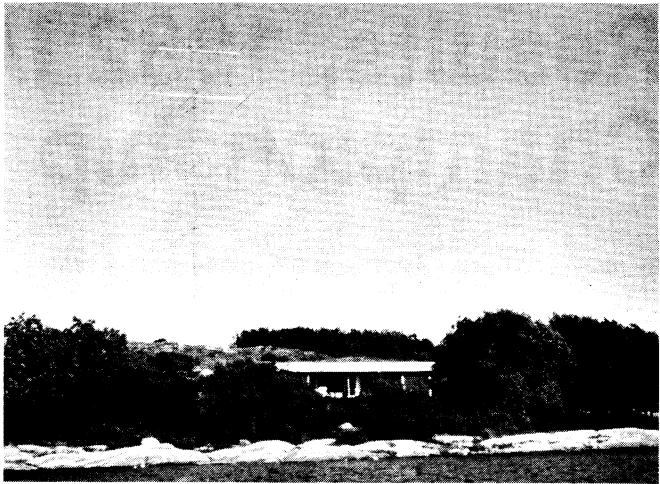
Mixed	Phone
UB5AAF	LZ1KDP
Y220M/A	(LZ2CJ)
UQ2GDQ	KN6M
UF6CR	(WA6VEF)
K5KG	OE6MBG
WA6DBC	UB5FDF
OH0BH	KZ5M
(OH2BH)	TYA11
W3XU	UA6ALL
OK2BLG	Y33XB
YU2OG	LZ2AB
	K6HNZ

CW	Multiop
LU8DQ	R6L
UA1DZ	UK2PCR
K5GA (K5GN)	UK6AMM
N5JJ	HK3A
N5RM/NH0	UK2BAS
N6TR	UK5MAF
K5TA	N5AU
UV9AX	HG5A
OH2BH	N4WW
ON4FD	UK9AAN

Top W/VE Scores

Mixed	Phone
K5KG	KN6M
WA6DBC	(WA6VEF)
W3XU	KZ5M
K8NZ (KQ8M)	OE6MBG
WB8JBM	UB5FDF
(N8DCJ)	K6HNZ
N5DDO	WB5VZL
WB6FCR	TYA11
W9PL/5	HK3A
AC8Y	2,795,156
K1AR	2,358,156

CW	Multiop
K5GA (K5GN)	R6L
N5JJ	UK2PCR
N6TR	UK6AMM
K5TA	HK3A
K6LL	OE6MBG
K1XA	UB5FDF
A19J	KZ5M
W3GM	TYA11
WA6JAH	UA6ALL
K4BAI	Y33XB



Leena, OH2BE (left) and Martti, OH2BH, at the OH0BH station in the '82 Radiosport. Martti did a single-operator number in this year's contest while Leena enjoyed the scenery at the "new" OH0 station location.



Charlie, N0TT7, did his Radiosport operating Field Day-style from the mountains of Carbon County in Wyoming. He was up about 9000 feet, and the nighttime temperatures went below freezing.

SOAPBOX

I was very disappointed with my catch of zones. Nearly all of my QSOs were with Europe or Asiatic Russia, with a few Ws, VNs and JAs thrown in. Not a squeak out of Africa (9V1TL). A lightning strike that damaged about half of my gear several days before the contest damped my enthusiasm this year. One of the items hit was my remote coax switch. With it out of commission, I had to run to the base of the tower every time I wanted to change bands (KF0H). Conditions were so bad that I had trouble hearing the "woodpecker" (W6KRO). This was my first "DX" contest... My biggest thrill was getting through to St. Paul Island using only my vertical antenna and a barefoot rig (KA6RGC). Due to lousy conditions, this contest was a bizarre cross between the ARRL DX Contest and the November Sweepstakes. Let's hear it for three pointers! (W8FN). This was my first cw contest, and trying to set a goal was difficult. I tried for 250 QSOs, but things seemed slow when the radio

broke down with only 125 QSOs in my log. It took me four hours to make the repairs (a Zener diode). I borrowed a keyer; then things really picked up. I made it. (VE2FWE). My biggest disappointment were the stations who gave me 599s when I know that I was no better than a 449 — I was running 1-W output (ADIC). My first Radiosport contest and the first contest that I've worked when 10 meters was out. Both 10 and 15 were dreadful. 20 meters was in fine fettle throughout, but I could only manage to drive a wedge in the big U.S. signals once to get a half decent pileup going. (H4SH).

FEEDBACK

Please refer to February 1982 *QST*, page 78, for the following correction to the results of the 1981 Radiosport contest: WD9BDP, not WD8BDP, is the call sign of the top cw-only entrant in the Indiana section.

SCORES

Scores are listed by ITU zone, then by country within that zone. The line score (example — KL7Y 42,942-227-51-A) indicates the call sign used, the total score, the number of valid contacts, the number of ITU zone multipliers and the entry class. The entry class letters indicate: A — single operator, mixed mode; B — single operator, cw only; C — single operator, phone only; D — multipoperator, single transmitter.

ZONE 1	ZONE 5	San Diego	KC4WQ/7	87,360- 540- 56- C	N5BGX 7015- 103- 23- C
Alaska	Greenland	WA6DBC 674,460-1921-108- A N6ND 329,071- 847-109- B AA6EE 41,209- 258- 49- B	Montana KS7T	1,372,410-2722-153- D	W5XZ (+K5s EOA, FUV, K85AS)
KL7Y 42,942- 227- 51- A KL7CQ (+AL7DN, KL7s HFQ, LO, OR, SK, OX5RD (KC9JT, opr.) SL, VB, VC, DV, VN, VT, NL7P, WB7SF0, WL7D)	OX30A 21,425- 202- 25- B 4620- 74- 15- C			WSEA (AE5V, KA5s CAK, OGK, KC5CZ, KU5H, oprs.)	596,376-1944- 99- D
140,454- 698- 51- D					596,376-1944- 99- D
ZONE 2	ZONE 6	WB6SRM 84,724- 489- 59- A WB6SC (K6LRRN, opr.) 5185- 105- 17- B	WA7UEC WB7VHH	182,685-1029- 57- B 6624- 124- 18- C	Mississippi N5XA 100,254- 624- 49- B
Alberta	W6	NA6V 2322- 38- 18- B N6QC 35,288- 261- 44- C	Oregon K7CJM	123,366- 716- 58- B	678,156-1597-124- B
VE6CNV 27,840- 254- 32- B	WB6FCR 345,600-1068- 96- A KS6Q 1846- 50- 13- A	WB6BIP (+WA6DJ1) 315,594-1033- 89- D	WA7OEM WB7VHH	40,640- 334- 40- B	W9PL/5 287,568-1234- 72- A
British Columbia	East Bay	KN6M (WA6VEF opr.) 1,175,871-2637-137- C	W6SX 9984- 116- 26- A WA6HKP/6 310,296-1118- 84- C WD6FLB 93,822- 504- 57- C	K7GTD N7SM N7BHC	K5TA 48,675- 26- 3- B
VE7AAQ 215,831- 763- 77- B VE7IQ 18,259- 193- 31- B			K7CJO	1470- 29- 14- B	W5EVF 192- 26- 3- B
					WB5VZL 567,620-1870-101- C
ZONE 3	ZONE 7	WA6BRC 62,90- 137- 17- C	Utah N7SM N7BHC	8138- 107- 26- A 38,719- 467- 31- C 15,040- 178- 32- C	N5AU (+K5ZD, KMX5, KV5B) 1,848,000-3274-168- D
Manitoba	Los Angeles	AI6Z 76,296- 350- 66- A N2YQ 221,937- 740- 87- B N6DHV 85,668- 474- 59- A	Washington K17I K7GTD AG7M WA6NHB	41,895- 346- 49- B 20,500- 260- 25- B 545,400-1644-108- C 78,976- 464- 64- C	K5QY (+AF5K, KM5K, KY5N) 711,848-2195-101- D
VE4RF 7696- 94- 26- B	WB6C 3482- 508- 106- B W6CM 78,264- 563- 72- C WB4KS/6 28,659- 226- 41- C	N6HK 7224- 91- 24- A N6TR 720,440-1663-124- B W2KVA/6 97,625- 501- 55- B K6GKU 6112- 12- 16- B	K17J K7GTD AG7M WA6NHB	41,895- 346- 49- B 20,500- 260- 25- B 545,400-1644-108- C 78,976- 464- 64- C	Oklahoma W5AS 50,140- 346- 46- B WB5VWO 25,184- 307- 32- C
Saskatchewan		WB4AK 16,682- 129- 38- C	Santa Clara Valley N6NF 62,008- 500- 46- A N6JWW 43,902- 255- 54- A	Wyoming N6YK/M 16,560- 195- 30- A N6MC 42,200- 272- 50- B N6QW 21,014- 353- 19- B	K5KG 700,077-1987-111- A
VE5BBQ 16,989- 265- 21- B VE5DX (+VE3MHI, VE5s RG, XK) 879,407-2769-101- D	WB4EUE (AA6RX, WA60DU, oprs.) 684,213-1613-131- D	K6HNZ 655,524-1530-131- C K6HDK 3824- 81- 16- C	N6YK/M 16,560- 195- 30- A N6MC 42,200- 272- 50- B K6HNZ 655,524-1530-131- C K6HDK 3824- 81- 16- C	K5DDO 413,364-1688- 84- A	
				N5BA 116,608- 600- 64- A	
ZONE 4	Orange	N6PE 129,024- 488- 84- A KE6VY 24,900- 292- 30- A	Zone 7 W6XX (N100, W4LLTJ, N3ER, W5KD, N6s FUM, OP, WB6ML, W7SW, WB88IUQ, oprs.) W5	K5KZM 3045- 77- 15- C	KX5L 88,881- 588- 53- A
Quebec		WA6JAH 376,180- 938-106- B W6TMD 154,628- 508- 86- B AA6DP 69,460- 522- 46- B AC6H 24,330- 298- 30- B	294,504-178- 84- D KE6PQ (+ Net) 27,555- 252- 33- D	W5BEP 4738- 64- 23- A	
VE2FWE 20,176- 257- 26- B VE2HQ (+VE2s EZU, FOU, FU) 1,163,180-2726-115- D				K5GA (K5GN, opr.) 931,956-1763-148- B	
Ontario	Sacramento Valley	N6WR 57,276- 348- 43- A K6SG 86,310- 388- 63- A K6FO 85,727- 425- 59- B KV6H 46,293- 334- 39- C N6WR 33,478- 305- 38- C	W7 K6LL 531,382-1692- 94- B	N5IJ 733,752-1688-129- B	
				N5AW 302,200- 888-100- B	
				K5GEX 79,850- 547- 50- B	
				AC5K 29,403- 365- 27- B	
				W5NR 16,236- 112- 33- B	
				K2ZM 850,756-2610-106- C	
				K5DX 511,110-1819- 90- C	
				K5BZU 198,487- 829- 73- C	
				KC5CP 100,878- 498- 69- C	
				WA5IYX 39,420- 320- 45- C	

