# Results, 1988 June VHF QSO Party 

# Plaques initiated for top ten single ops, multiops, and top five QRP portable entries. 

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Maybe the wild 6-meter openings in the June 1987 contest spoiled us. Or perhaps it was the good E opening into Europe all the way to Nebraska, the day before the contest, that raised our expectations. N4KCM aptly described 6-meters as a "tease with several short but good openings." WA5S liked the "good conditions on 6 to California at the beginning of the contest." While KS9J observed: "Six-meter openings were weird this year. Most stations were not extremely loud, but workable." In short, it was good, but not great, with West Coast stations seemingly having the best of it.

In reviewing 6-meter activity, a tip of the hat to all contesters on 50 MHz . The contest announcement plea for sanity in protecting the DX window from 50.100 and 50.120 MHz (centered on the DX calling frequency of 50.110 MHz ) was met with almost universal acceptance. Almost everyone recognized that exercising common courtesy helped everyone, including yourself. Band plans evolve through common use, and this one is still in the metamorphosis stage. But things are a lot better than they were a year ago, eh? With 50.125 MHz seemingly acquiring all the trappings of a domestic calling frequency, domestic contest activity $u p$ from that frequency is fast becoming in vogue. Of course, DXcontest or not-is fair game on 110, plus and minus. K2SMN rogered with: "Six meters was well behaved, but where were those Gs from the previous weekend?" WB8PAT added: " 50.110 was so quiet! I didn't hear any locals or DX there." While ZF2BL was thankful: 'The DX window from 50.110 to 50.125 really helped."

With changing operating habits on 50 MHz , some Sunday morning devotees of random scatter have become bewildered, to wit: Where do I look for random scatter contacts? Well, guys and gals, it's looking more and more like 50.125 is the hot seat (formerly claimed by 110) and it's up in $21 / 2 \mathrm{kHz}$ increments from there. Let's keep those 15 -second "go ahead, go aheads" a comin'.

Somewhat unfortunately, as goes 6
meters, so goes the June contest. There was simply nothing spectacular about conditions on 2 meters and above, as indicated by reports from all parts of the country. That's one of the interesting facets of VHF contesting. It is oh so different from June to September.

And now for something completely

| Single Operator QSO Leaders by Band |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 50 MHz |  | 432 MHz |  |
| KN5S | 503 | K1FO | 169 |
| ${ }_{\text {K5CM }}$ (NSG, op) | 495 | K2GAL | 101 87 |
| NELL | 462 | K12Z | 86 |
| K1LU0 | 458 | W3zz | 78 |
| WD4MGB | 400 | K4QIF | 78 |
| K®TLM | 388 | K1JX | 72 |
| K1FJM/4 | 385 | K1PXE | 70 |
| KAQJGH | 357 | WAPFGK | 69 |
| W2CRS | 354 | (K2LNS,Op) |  |
| K5UR | 350 | WB8k | 69 |
| W3EP/9 | 320 | KDEGE | 68 |
| WA2FGK (K2LNS,Op) | 317 | K2JWE | 66 65 |
| K1TOL | 308 | Kb3OM | 65 |
| NJOX | 294 | K5UR | 63 |
| W91P | 293 | K2OS | 63 |
| 144 MHz |  | 902 MHz |  |
| K3NXH | 280 | K2SMN | 20 |
| K2SMN | 278 | KD5RO | 19 |
| KA1KRJ | 262 | VE3ASO | 13 |
| KB1RP | 259 | AA2Z | 11 |
| WABB | 242 | N2WK | 11 |
| AA2Z | 228 | WA2FGK | 10 |
| K1JX | 224 | (K2LNS, op) |  |
| K2GAL | 217 | W6CPL | 10 |
| W1ak | 212 | N2BFJ | 9 |
| WA2FGK (K2LNS,op) | 200 | WA1JOF | 9 |
| K3TC ${ }^{\text {(2) }}$ | 200 | WB1FKF | 8 |
| K5UR | 198 | K9MK/5 | 7 |
| K1RZ | 194 | W31P | 6 |
| WA4VwV | 188 | WA1MBA | 6 |
|  | 182 | 1296 MHz |  |
| 220 MHz |  | K2SMN |  |
|  |  | WA2FGK | ${ }_{31}^{46}$ |
| KDGQE | 76 | (K2LNS, op) |  |
| N8DGN | 67 | K2GAL | 31 |
| ${ }_{\text {AALI }}$ | ${ }_{63}^{63}$ | WA10UB | ${ }^{37}$ |
| WARFGK | 59 | W6CPL | 25 |
| (K2LNS,0p) |  | KD5RO | 22 |
| K2SMN | 54 | AA2Z | 22 |
| W3zz | 54 | WD5AGO | 22 |
| WA1HYN | 53 | W1JR | 21 |
|  | 50 | K1RZ | 21 |
| KB1I | 49 | K2UOP/4 | 21 |
| N1DPM | 48 | N1DPM | 21 |
| N2WK | 48 | W3IP | 20 |
| W1JR | 45 | K4Q1F | 20 |
| W1GXT | 43 |  |  |
| K1LPS KB30M | 43 43 |  |  |

different-grid expeditions: "I worked six bands from eight grids, a total of 600 miles, and was exhausted."-K6LMN. "Working from a rare grid square on 6 meters sure was a blast. We tried to get to the top of Abejo Mountain, elevation 11,680 feet, but ran into snow at 10,300 feet." -WA6IJZ/7. Snow, in June?
Scorewise, in the single-operator category, K2LNS had the WA2FGK station humming to edge our last year's winner

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multicolumn{4}{|l|}{Multioperator QSO Leaders by Band} <br>
\hline \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{50 MHz} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{432 MHz} <br>
\hline WBodRL \& 688 \& 4U1UN \& 198 <br>
\hline W1TKZ \& 577 \& N6CA \& 187 <br>
\hline WOKEA \& 536 \& K3YTL \& 167 <br>
\hline AA9D \& 529 \& WC2F \& 146 <br>
\hline W2SZ11 \& 499 \& N8DKL \& 138 <br>
\hline N4EJW \& 474 \& W3CCX \& 137 <br>
\hline WA7JTM \& 446 \& K1TR \& 115 <br>
\hline N6CA \& 446 \& ${ }^{\text {AAPD }}$ (1TK \& 102 <br>
\hline KC2PX/4 \& 431 \& W1TKZ \& 101 <br>
\hline N1TR \& 423 \& WB8BKC \& 94 <br>
\hline 4U1UN \& 406 \& K5JL \& 94 <br>
\hline WOUC/9 \& ${ }_{3}^{394}$ \& WBegrit \& 91 <br>
\hline K3YTL \& 381 \& N2GHR \& 91 <br>
\hline \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{144 MHz} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{902 MHz} <br>
\hline W2SZ11 \& 673 \& K3YTL \& <br>
\hline K3YTL \& 554 \& W3CCX \& 26 <br>
\hline K1TR \& 499 \& VE3LNX
$4 U 1 U N$ \& 21 <br>
\hline N6CA \& 450 \& W2SZ11 \& 21 <br>
\hline N8DKL \& 448 \& K1TR \& 21 <br>
\hline WC2F \& 400 \& W1TKZ \& 18 <br>
\hline W3CCx \& 394 \& N6CA \& 14 <br>
\hline 4U1UN \& 392 \& WBgDRL \& 13 <br>
\hline N8FMD \& ${ }^{368}$ \& W2DRZ \& 12 <br>
\hline N2WM \& ${ }^{353}$ \& KC2PX/4 \& 11 <br>
\hline KC2PX14 \& 331

284 \& W2CEIPSI \& 11
10 <br>
\hline W2DRZ \& 283 \& AA9D \& <br>
\hline VE3LNX \& 282 \& WB8BKC \& <br>
\hline \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{\multirow[b]{2}{*}{220 MHz}} \& \& <br>
\hline \& \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{1296 MHz} <br>
\hline N6CA \& 395 \& \& <br>
\hline ${ }_{\text {W2STL }}$ \& 1146 \& K3YTL \& 59 <br>
\hline ${ }_{\text {K13TR }}$ \& 134 \& W3CCX \& 57 <br>
\hline W3CCx \& 126 \& WBgDRL \& 53 <br>
\hline UU1UN \& 102 \& 4U1UN \& 47 <br>
\hline N8DKL \& 78 \& W2SZ11 \& 46 <br>
\hline W1TKZ \& 77 \& K1TR \& 41 <br>
\hline WC2F \& 71 \& KC2PX/4 \& 35 <br>
\hline N2CEI \& 70 \& WC2F \& 34 <br>
\hline KC2PX/4 \& 67 \& W1TKZ \& 31 <br>
\hline N2WM \& 56 \& N2GHR \& 29 <br>
\hline K3LNZ/8 \& 55 \& AA9D \& 28 <br>
\hline AA9D \& $\stackrel{55}{44}$ \& K1 W8BEK \& 27 <br>
\hline K2BWR \& 44 \& K5JL \& 26 <br>
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Rich, WB2OTK, putting the finishing touches on the UHF array at KC2PX/4.

Division Leaders
Single Operator

| Call | Score | Division | Call | Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| WA2FGK (K2LNS,op) | 249,320 | Atlantic | K3YTL | 672,540 |
| VE3ASO* | 132,870 | Canada | VE3LNX | 222,387 |
| WB9MSV | 91,580 | Central | AA9D | 446,028 |
| K1LL® | 71,906 | Dakota | K0ALL | 41,844 |
| K5UR | 235,521 | Delta | WB4LHD/5 | 35,346 |
| KC3CL | 64,090 | Great Lakes | WB8BKC | 269,466 |
| N2BFJ | 61,446 | Hudson | N2WM | 225,630 |
| K0TLM | 129,285 | Midwest | WBøDRL | 588,072 |
| AA2Z | 167,232 | New England | W2SZ1 | 859,382 |
| K7TM | 37,884 | Northwestern | KC7IJ | 32,103 |
| KD6QE* | 68,016 | Pacific | WA6PWW | 62,622 |
| KN5S | 104,520 | Rocky Mountain | WOKEA | 154,800 |
| K2UOP/4 | 110,047 | Roanoke | N8DKL | 522,351 |
| WD4MGB | 70,924 | Southeastern | N4EJW | 101,010 |
| W6CPL | 89,112 | Southwestern | N6CA | 631,296 |
| K5CM | 214,225 | West Gulf | K5JL | 377,010 |

*denotes new division record

## Plaque Winners

Single Operator

| Position | Winner | Score | Donor |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1st | WA2FGK | 249,320 | John Kanode, N4MM |
|  | (K2LNS,op) |  |  |
| 2nd | K5UR | 235,521 | Bald Knob VHF Contest Group |
| 3rd | K2SMN | 226,335 | MO-KAN Council of ARCs |
| 4th | K5CM | 214,225 | Terry Netzley, W8NJR |
|  | (N5CG,op) |  |  |
| 5th | AA2Z | 167,232 | Delaware Valley VHF Society |
| 6th | KB3QM | 166,089 | Ken Kreis, WD9ACA |
| 7th | W3ZZ | 161,452 | 2-Meter EME Bulletin |
| 8th | K1RZ | 156,585 | "Q"'Products |
| 9th | N2WK | 135,072 | Central States VHF Society |
| 10th | VE3ASO | 132,870 | Telex Communications Inc (Hy-Gain) |
| Multioperator |  |  |  |
| Position | Winner | Score | Donor |
| 1st | W2SZ/1 | 859,382 | Randy Stegemeyer, W7HR |
| 2nd | K3YTL | 672,540 | PHD ARA |
| 3rd | N6CA | 631,296 | In Memory of Dudley Watts, |
|  |  |  | N4KEU-WB4FDT |
| 4th | WB0DRL | 588,072 | Frank Potts, NC1I |
| 5th | N8DKL | 522,351 | Mt Airy VHF Radio Club |
| 6th | W1TKZ | 481,086 | 'Q'PProducts |
| 7th | W3CCX | 477,620 | Mark Wilson, AA2Z |
| 8th | AA9D | 446,028 | Cushcraft |
| 9th | K1TR | 402,210 | Central States VHF Society |
| 10th | 4U1UN | 382,998 | W1XX (+ K1GX,KB9NM) Contest Team |

QRP Portable-Single-Operator

| Position | Winner | Score | Donor |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | :--- |
| 1st | K1JX | 137,509 | K2OVS and K2RIW |
| 2nd | NOQY/5 | 67,125 | Peter Putman, KT2B |
| 3rd | K3ONW | 61,984 | Contest Committee-LIMARC |
| 4th | WB0ZKG | 27,819 | West Coast VHFer |
| 5th | W7JXU | 23,940 | Sunrise Radio Club-W2SV |

K5UR, 249k to 235k. Also topping the prestigious 200k mark were K2SMN and K5CM with N5CG operating. The top ten finishers, representing five different call districts, qualify for handsome new plaques sponsored by generous individual donors this year. See boxes.
In the multioperator category, the W2SZ/1 boys did it again with their wellorganized machine, beating back the K3YTL gang for the top spot. Score: W2SZ/1 859k, K3TYL 672k, both very nice efforts. California was not to be taken for granted however, as the N6CA bunch on Mt Pinos was not far behind with 631k; oh, for just a bit more 6-meter enhancement! Making the top ten was a struggle, but for those who persevered, the end result is a handsome new plaque. Note that the top ten finishers represent entries from six different call areas and one foreign
country. Who says that VHF is confined to the Northeast?

QRP portable is a more mixed geographic bag, with the top ten made up of entries from no less than seven different call areas. The top five earn plaques, but as competition in this category heats up, shouldn't we consider expanding this to ten for next year? K1JX earns top honors this time again, with 137 k points. Clarke utilizes equipment suited to portable operating and erects his modest antennas on the edge of an 800 -foot precipice that overlooks the Connecticut River Valley. He's a pretty fair operator too! Kudos to NOØY/5 and K3ONW who finished second and third with over 60 k points. We'd like some further suggestions on how this category should be structured. Should the power be increased to 25 watts? Permit second operator assistance? We need some
guidance, particularly from those experienced in QRP portable operating on how to best set up this category to maximize these efforts. Please write.

Your Contest Desk is now pleased to unveil all the plaque winners, QSO and multiplier boxes, and most important, all the individual scores. Without each and every entrant, there would be no contest. We also thank everyone for their patience in awaiting this report. With QST copy schedules moved up and other contest reports demanding equal attention, we can no longer prepare this report and verify the logs to the degree required in time for an earlier issue. Your understanding of this has been gracious.

Stand by for the September QSO Party report in next month's issue-another dandy-and then it's make-plans-time for the January VHF Sweepstakes,

Single Operator Multiplier Leaders by Band

| 50 MHz |  | 432 MHz |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { K5CM } \\ & \text { (N5CG,op) } \end{aligned}$ | 198 | K1FO K4QIF | 49 |
| KN5S ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 188 | K5UR | 39 |
| NOLL | 167 | K2SMN | 34 |
| K1LL] | 157 | WA3FYJ | 34 |
| W2CRS | 155 | WA2FGK | 33 |
| K5UR | 154 | (K2LNS,op) |  |
| N5HHS | 153 | K1JX | 33 |
| KOTLM | 146 | K1RZ | 33 |
| KAQUGH | 143 | K2GAL | 33 |
| W9IP | 142 | W3Z7 | 32 |
| N6CW | 142 | WA3DJG | 31 |
| W8CM | 132 | WB8K | 31 |
| WA2FGK | 131 | K2OS | 31 |
| (K2LNS, op) |  | KB3QM | 30 |
| WA4GPM | 131 | WB9MSV | 30 |
| WD4MGB | 128 | WORAP | 30 |
| 144 MHz |  | 902 MHz |  |
| K5UR | 60 | K2SMN | 16 |
| WA8B | 53 | KD5RO | 16 |
| WA3FYJ | 49 | VE3ASO | 11 |
| K3NXH | 48 | N2WK | 8 |
| VE3PCW | 48 | W6CPL | 8 |
| WA4VWV | 47 | WA2FGK | 7 |
| W9JGV | 45 | (K2LNS, Op) |  |
| WA2FGK (K2LNS,Op) | 44 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N2BFJ } \\ & \text { AA2Z } \end{aligned}$ | 7 |
| K1RZ | 44 | WA3DJG | 5 |
| K2SMN | 44 | KB8ZW | 5 |
| WB9MSV | 44 | W3IP | 5 |
| VE3FGU | 43 | WA1JOF | 5 |
| N5WS | 42 | WA1MBA | 5 |
| VE3ASO | 41 | WB9MSV | 4 |
| K2GAL | 41 | W1JR | 4 |
| KM8U | 41 | WB1FKF | 4 |
| AA8Q | 41 | W1GRW | 4 |
| 220 MHz |  | WB2JLR | 4 |
|  |  | 1296 MHz |  |
| WA2FGK (K2LNS, op) | 32 | K2SMN | 22 |
| N8DGN | 32 | WA2FGK | 19 |
| W3ZZ | 30 | (K2LNS,op) |  |
| K5UR | 27 | WD5AGO | 18 |
| KB3QM | 27 | KD5RO | 17 |
| K2SMN | 26 | K5UR | 17 |
| N2WK | 26 | K2JWE | 17 |
| K1JX | 26 | K2GAL | 16 |
| WA3DJG | 25 | K1RZ | 15 |
| WA3FYJ | 25 | W3ZZ | 15 |
| K30NW | 22 | N2WK | 13 |
| K4LHB | 22 | K2UOP/4 | 13 |
| AA2Z | 21 | WA10UB | 13 |
| W31P | 21 | K4QIF | 12 |
| K2UOP/4 | 21 | KB3QM | 12 |
| K1PXE | 21 | K0SMI | 12 |
|  |  | KøRZ | 12 |

January 14-16, 1989. As established for certain last year, that's the weekend before the Super Bowl. See you all then-W1XX.

## SOAPBOX

My first VHF contest in many years. It was nice to have 6 meters open up on Saturday. See you again in September (W1NU). I had fun operating from a mountaintop this time. It was quite a relief from lugging along a heavy kW amp and power supply. The transverter (Microwave Modules) worked great! (W1QK). Did "E" skip in this contest? (WA1NLD). This was my first VHF contest. I had a lot of fun. I feel that I did well, using only 10 watts to a 9 -element yagi at 30 feet. I'm looking forward to September and an improved antenna system (WB3IJO). Where are all these stations the rest of the year, 2-meter SSB always seems dead! (KE1A). Heard a lot, yet worked few! I don't know if I like working QRP. Thank you, to my fiancee, Maria, for putting up with the contest during our vacation (N1FOZ). Conditions seemed to be flat, but I was glad to make my first $3456-\mathrm{MHz}$ contacts (WB1FKF). My first week on VHF; it was fun, but not inspirational (K1CLN). The 1 -call area did a commendable job avoiding the 6 -meter "DX window" (WA1CRE). 50 MHz worked well, but we had lots of trouble with 5-8 to 5-9 line noise in our most active directions. There were many overdriven amplifiers during $E_{s}$ openings. The strength of the opening is directly related to the mic gain and
voice level applied. Best OSO-4U1UN on 2304 MHz ! (K1WHS). I made my first 2304-MHz contact from my home station, after trying for almost two years (NIIW). We apologize to all our friends for the failure of our 902 - and $1296-\mathrm{MHz}$ gear. We are working on repairs. The feedline and relay switches are giving us trouble. We would like relay switches are giving us trouble. We would like beyond 432 MHz (K1DS). It was super weather for mountaintopping. There was a small opening on 6 meters on Saturday evening. No enhancement, however, on any of the other bands in this location. CU in the next one (K1LPS). We were blessed with good weather and a high score again this June, but we'd sure like some of those 6 -meter enhancements to move up the bands! (W1TKZ). This was my first solo effort (N2HIG). Contacts were slow for June, I hope other stations weren't able to catch up on lost sleep (WA2MJP). There was no propagation. The only saving grace was 6 meters, which I got on the air, for the first time (K2KM). Conditions on 2 meters were very bad, with severe overload from 4U1UN. Six meters was fun, however, especially when I worked Colorado with my QRP rig (WA2SLY). I wish band conditions were as good as the weather (WB2ZSY). A contest is when you operate and log with one hand, and burp your newborn with the other, while your wife goes shopping (WA2YEI). Nice contest, good openings, great beer and excellent weather conditions. Did I win anything? (WA2CWA). Low power, no preamp, and lossy coax all add up to a low score. Not to mention that the little one thought my log sheet was a coloring book (WD2AHD). This was our first time on 1296 MHz . We used a home-brew transceiver and antenna. I was very pleased with their performance and can hardly wait till September (N2WM). Where was all the DX? (W9IP). This was the first time in years that I ran a single op from my home QTH (W2CNS). Murphy took out the rotor $3 / 4$ through the test. Luckily, I fixed it before the contest ended (KA3KHZ). Running line of sight from a multiop station makes it impossible to get near a calling frequency. It sure was great to have 50 MHz open, but a shame to let 6 other bands sit idle. Highlight for me was hearing KC2PX/4 on 2304 MHz . Lowlight was to find out that they had no receiver (K2LNS). What great fun it was working


Multiop station, W0RPK operated from Mt Ayr in lowa.

Multioperator Multiplier Leaders by Band

'coast to coast'" on only 10 watts (N3EXA). After four years of taking W3CCX on the road, we returned to our own backyard only to discover that Murphy had followed us home. By the end of the contest, every station had a warmed-up soldering iron and a couple of burned out preamps, etc, strewn about the bench (W3CCX). Conditions on 2 meters were not too good, but 6 meters was cranking. I would like to know how Roger, K2SMN, hears all those little 2-meter signals (KA3PLC). We lost $1 / 4-\mathrm{kW}$ amp 30 seconds into the contest. We ended up running the rest of the time with 25 watts (KA3NAM). Only one tenth last year's score due to the band conditions (WW4T). Enjoyable! We're looking forward to September. Should Murphy be listed as an operator in a multiop effort? (W4CMA). I rebuilt a tower and rotor for the contest, only to have terrible band conditions (KB4XK). Band conditions were horrible! (W5HUQ). Nothing great, but it was a lot of fun (WA4JNE). There was very poor tropo all weekend due to a storm front across the state (K1FJM). Thanks for trying to keep 50.110 open for DX. I hope to have more time for next year's contest (N4TL). Conditions appeared to be average to below average in key directions like the NE (WD4GXN). This was my first try at mountaintopping (KB3HH). My vintage Clegg Venus Six Meter Transceiver failed one hour into the contest... just as the band was opening! (WA4MMP). Setting up for a QRP portable operation was a lot harder than I anticipated. I didn't get the 144-220-432 yagis up until 15 minutes before the start of the contest (NO6Y/5). It's not easy operating under K5UR's shadow, Rick is just 15 miles away! (WB5IGF). Six-meter conditions were fair, but 144/432 were dead (K5YY). Every one should operate a contest QRP. Hearing many stations that couldn't hear me was extremely frustrating. Putting a rare grid (EM33) on was
enjoyable though (K4RWP). Let's call them "squares." It makes more sense, and "SQ ?" is easy on CW (KN5S). Forty-one new grids on CW! (K5MAT). With the sunspots increasing, 6 meters is more time consuming than ever, but worth it (K9MK). First VHF contest for the North Texas High Frequency Club. It was a great time (NQ5X). This was my first time operating this contest. It was nice to get a VUCC on 6 meters (WB5AZI). Because the band was open, the yard work wasn't finished (KA6SNY). I operated from Palos Verdes in the car with an "armstrong" rotor on my antenna. The biggest thrill was working NS6X in the Bay area and receiving a 59 signal report (K6JEY). I could hear stations from California to Kansas, but they couldn't hear my kW. Spread out and maybe you too will work KH6 (K6GSS/KH6). Very good backscatter this year; however, tropo was very poor (WB6AAG). I enjoyed this contest very much. I haven't had this much fun on 2 meters since my last VHF QSO Party in June of 1956. In those days a 90 -mile contact was considered very good for 2 meters (WA6HRK). I had a lot of fun and worked some new grid squares for VUCC! (N7CFC). Tropo conditions were bad! We had a great time even with the strong winds (NW7O). While searching for the right mountaintop, I slid off a mud road and bashed in the side of my new truck! Naturally, the best tropo opening to California started a few minutes after the contest had ended. Thanks to my fiancée,


Dave, AA6RX, operated the 6-meter station at N6CA, the West Coast multiop leader.

Pam, for fending off the tourists and chipmunks (WA7TDZ). After weeks of rain, the sky opened just in time for a great contest weekend (KA7ZOI). Meteor sked helped my grid total tremendously, but I still can't beat the guys in the big cities! Still, this
year was a personal best for me (WA7VHW). I sure was glad that I caught the Saturday night 6-meter opening (K8MD). Propagation on the bands above 2 meters was very poor from Michigan this year (WB8BKC). Good propagation right up until the contest time, then it went to the pits (KC3CL). This was my first year in contesting. Things were rather slow, but worth the effort and time (N8JPR). Where were conditions above 50 MHz ? (WB9MSV). Twometer conditions were flat and activity was sparse (W9JGV). Conditions on 6 meters were fair, but conditions on 2 meters and above were stinko (AA9D). Where was everyone? The band seemed to be open pretty well, but no people (WB9SBD) I didn't hear much on (NØHAX). We can compete with the rest of the country on 6 meters, but not the other bands. We wish you had a multiop singleband category (WØKEA). Where did everyone go on the second day? (KD@BT). My first contest in over a year. I really enjoyed the fun, too bad my neighbor didn't! (VE3FGN). Biggest surprise was being called by ZF2BL on CW (VE5UF). The band wasn't open much, but I think things will improve by September (KG6DX). These were the worst conditions ever! I wish the contest was moved to the middle of July (KP4EKG). We were really surprised to arrive in Cayman Brac without our mast. Luckily, it came in on the next flight. It was a good DXpedition along with a fine 6 -meter opening on Sunday morning (ZF2BL).

## Scores

Call, score, QSOs, multipliers, bands worked $(A=50 \mathrm{MHz} ; \mathrm{B}=144 \mathrm{MHz} ; \mathrm{C}=220 \mathrm{MHz} ; \mathrm{D}=432 \mathrm{MHz} ; \mathrm{E}=1296 \mathrm{MHz} ; \mathrm{F}=2.3 \mathrm{GHz} ; \mathrm{G}$ $=3.4 \mathrm{GHz} ; \mathrm{H}=5.7 \mathrm{GHz} ; \mathrm{I}=10 \mathrm{GHz} ; \mathrm{J}=24 \mathrm{GHz} ; \mathrm{K}=48 \mathrm{GHz} ; \mathrm{L}=$ Light). An asterisk before the call sign denotes a QRP-portable station; an ( $\mathbf{N}$ ) after the call indicates a Novice.

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| Connecticut |  |  |
| AA2Z | 167,232- | 629-201-ABCD9EF |
| *K1JX | 137,509- | 556-199-ABCD |
| K1EM | 58,338- | 413-126-ABCD |
| WA1UQC | 47,725- | 335-115-ABCDE |
| K1PXE | 38,781- | 269 93-ABCDE |
| NE1A | 27,918- | 297- 94-AB |
| WA1VRH | 26,563- | 263-101-AB |
| KB1I | 22,554- | 261-63-BCD |
| K1FO | 16,562- | 169-49-D |
| KB1RP | 10,101- | 259-39-B |
| W1WHL | 8,256- | 129-64-A |
| W1GRW | 8,096- | 113-46-ABCD9E |
| *N1ABY/1 | 6,655- | 121- 55-A |
| W1NU | 5,808- | 110-48-ABDE |
| *W1QK | 5,724 | 212- 27-B |
| KH6CP/1 | 4,797- | 91- 39-ABCD9E |
| WA1GTP | 4,095- | 91- 45-AB |
| WB1CWZ | 1,258- | 37-17-C |
| WA1NLD | 1,050- | 75-14-B |
| *KA1CV | 1,040- | 80-13-B |
| W1AW (NTEZ, op) |  |  |
|  | 936- | 43- 18-ABDE |
| K100G | 812- | 58-14-B |
| K1WVX | 540. | 45-12-B |
| WB3LJO | 468 - | 36-13-B |
| KA1LYF | 420 | 35-12-B |
| KE1A | 256 | 32-8-B |
| N1FOZ (FN31) | 207. | 20-9-BD |
| AB1U | 80 | 10-8-B |
| KA1RYO | 65 | 13- 5-AB |
| WA1KGR (KA1s MDA,PET,N1s EFQ,EJG,ND1K, NE1T,ops) 29,403-312-81-ABCD |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| Eastern Maseachusetts |  |  |
| W1JR | 61,992- | 321-126-ABCD9EF |
| WA1JOF | 33,201- | 228- 93-ABCD9EF |
| K1SRZ | 26,292- | 258- 84-ABCD |
| WB1FKF | 21,390- | 167- 69-ABCD9EFG |
| N1CPK | 7,560- | 135- 56-A |
| K1TQ | 6,572- | 100-53-ABCD |
| K1VZI | 6,012- | 105- 36-ABCDE |
| AD1C | 5,883- | 102- 37-ABCDE |
| KA1DHO | 3,036- | 66. 46-AB |
| K1CLN | 2,604 | 75- 28-ABD |
| W1GXT | 1,204 | 43-14-C |
| W1JOT | 814 | 49- 11-BCDE |
| WA1CRE | 493. | $29.17-A$ |
| W1ZNY | 473 | 43-11-B |
| *N1EWB | 451- | 30-11-BCD |
| *N1FOZ (FN51) | 1) $240-$ | $24-10-A B$ |
| WA1AYS (+AJ1E,K11O) |  |  |
| 60,706-384-127-ABCDE |  |  |
| Malne |  |  |
| K1TOL | 35,728- | 308-116-A |


| WA1TRE | 26,361- | 261-101-A |
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| WB1APD/1 | 2,665- | 65- 41-AB |
| N1BUG | 2,201- | 70-31-ABC |
| W1PLX |  | 55-16-B |
| K1WHS (+K1MNS,KK1W,KY1K, |  |  |
| WA1s NIE,TFH,W3HQT,K@ZK) |  |  |
| 187,506-729-198-ABCD9EFG |  |  |
| New Hampehire |  |  |
| WA10UB | 54,250- | 374-125-ABE |
| AC1J | 34,200- | 270- 95-ABCDE |
| NITW | 19,516- | 174-82-ABCD9EF |
| W1GUA | 2,014 | 53-38-AB |
| W1JSM | 1,273- | 65-19-BD |
| N1DNC | 140- | 18-7-BD |
| *KA1LMR | 18. | 5-3-BC |
| Phode leland |  |  |
| WA1HYN 15,174-169-54BCD K1DS (+KA1KWE,KM1X,NO1U,WA1VPC) 65,490-445-119-ABCD9티 |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| Vermont |  |  |
| K1LPS | 34,452- | 235-108-ABCD |
| *N1EWB | 1,080- | 47-20-BCD |
| W1AIM | 828 - | 28-23-ABCD |
| W1TKZ (KA1s IU,LDV,000,KB1s EB,W1,N1s |  |  |
| CPE,FQX,ND12,TEO,TF,ops) |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| 481,086-1305-302-ABCD9EFI |  |  |
| Western Massachusetts |  |  |
| N1DPM | 70,056 | 365-139-ABCDE |
| KgES (KA1ODA,0p) |  |  |
|  | 40,755- | 368-95-ABCD |
| K11SW | 12,801- | 176- 51-ABCDE |
| NA1W | 7,918- | 132- 37-BCDE |
| KA1KRJ | 6,550- | 262- 25-B |
| W1KK | 6,435- | 109-45-ABCD |
| WA1MBA | 4,200- | 67-35-BD9EF |
| KA1BVM | 1,965- | 131-15-B |
| WA3EEC | 1,612- | 61- 26-ABC |
| W1NMQ | $640-$ | 37-16-ABC |
| K1JG | 99 | 11-9-B |
| *N1EWB | 40. | 5- 5-BCD |
| W2SZ1 (AG1M,K1DH,KA1DZV,NC1J,WA1s UGE,ZMS,K2TR,KA2s FWN,LIV,N2s GXH,HPA, HUC,WA2s AAU,GFP,SPL,WB2s JSJ,KMY, WABUSA, ops) |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  | 859,382-1 | 1701-334-ABCD9EFGHW |
| K1TR (+K1BG,N1AFQ,NR1E,W1MJ,WA1s PBU, QWF,VFJ,K3WM) |  |  |
|  | 402,210-1230-246-ABCD9EFGHI |  |
| 2 |  |  |
| Eastorn Now York |  |  |
| N2BJ | 29,328- | 241- 94-ABCD9E |
| WARBAH | 25,048- | 224-101-ABCD |
| *N2HIG | 5,289 | 114-43-ABD |
| KA2JUV | 4,032- | 128-32-B |
| WA2MJP | 3,200- | 128-25-B |
| KD21X | 2,016- | 91-19-BD |
| KG2H | 690 | 46-15-B |



Paul, N2GHR, operated 2 meters from the NLI Section.


Jeff, K3DUA, operated the 6-meter station at multiop station, K3LNZ/8.

| WC2F (+ KY2T,N2 |  | KA2s VAD,WKA,WMQ, | K3ZO <br> *K30NW | $\begin{aligned} & 64,386- \\ & 61,984 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 438-147-A B \\ & 337-149-A B C D \end{aligned}$ |
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|  | 280,840- | 895-236-ABCD9E | K3AKR | 27,000- | 220-108-ABCD |
| K2BWR ( | ZRJ) |  | W3IFM | 17,088- | 178-96-A |
|  | 77,158- | 314-173-ABCDE | K3NXH | 13,440- | 280-48-B |
| WB2RFV | A2ING) |  | W3GN | 10,140- | 161-60-ABD |
|  | 7,560- | 135-56-ABCD | K3TC | 6,400- | 200-32-B |
|  |  |  | KA3OHL | 3,172- | 122-26-B |
| Western | York |  | KA3NTX | 2,825- | 113-25-B |
| N2WK | 135,072- | 432-224-ABCD9EF | WA3GYW | 2,574 | 66- 39-AB |
| WHP | 119,880- | 461-222-ABCDE | KA3QAC | 2,184 | 84 26-B |
| W2CNS | 99,699- | 402-199-ABCDE | N3AFM | 1,734 | 51- 34-A |
| KD5RO | 83,620- | 279-185-ABCD9EF | W6AXX | 1,617- | 77-21-B |
| KU2A | 16,324 | 148- 77-ABCD9E | N3FHD | 986- | 58-17-B |
| N2CZL | 14,028- | 158-94-ABD | W3MSN | 782- | 42. 17-ABD |
| K2OS | 12,395- | 116- 67-ADE | KA3CXG | 408. | $34.12-B$ |
| K2MQY | 9,750- | 130-75-A | WA3NAN (K1HTV,KA1GD,KA3HDO,KM3T, |  |  |
| KD2YB | 8,883- | 120-63-ABC |  |  |  |
| WB2JLR | 5,616- | 96- 52-ABCD9E |  |  |  |
| W2WGL | 2,632- | 94-28-B |  | 183,008- | 609-224-ABCDE |
| N2DM | 696 | 29-24-A | K3IVO (NG1W,N2GTE,KA3s BHP,SCY,WA3TID, |  |  |
| N2NW | 459 | 27. 17-B | WB3EVD,KA4RHS,WB6VGI,AD9J,ops) |  |  |
| W2AWF | 405- | 27-15-B |  | 47,280- | 341-120-ABD |
| W2DRZ ( | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2s CCO,FL } \\ & 245,145- \end{aligned}$ | O,W2UCZ,N13X,NK9K) 724-277-ABCD9EF | Weatem Pennsylvania |  |  |
| WB2PSI | EQ,N2s AJX | X,AJY,W2AV,WA2s ZKD, | WA3FYJ | 112,710- | 422-221-ABCD |
| ZQN,WB | P,Q@,OP |  | WA3DJG | 72,900- | 326-162-ABCD9E |
|  | 94,122- | 452-189-AB9EFIL | *K8ATQ/3 | 11,704 | 139-77-ABCD |
| KA2RDO | 2ONP) |  | W3HDH | 9,828- | 126- 78-A |
|  | 37,935- | 281-135-AB | WB3AIT | 3,024 | 72- 42-A |
| W2RCX (K | OZ,NA2O, | ,WB3JSU,ops) | N3FYD | 2,816 | 88- 32-B |
|  | 21,792- | 165-96-ABCD9E | W3KJM | 2,420- | 55- 44-A |
| WB2LRU | 2JPM) |  | *AF1T/3 | 1,995- | 52-35-AB91 |
|  | 18,768- | 204-92-A | W3KWH (K HH,SVJ,W | ,KD3GM,N TTS,WB3E | N3EQP,NG3H,W3s ANX, ML,ops) |
| 3 |  |  |  | 199,087- | 643-239-ABCD9EHI |
| Delaware |  |  | 4 |  |  |
| KB3GM | 166,089- | 573-231-ABCDE | Alabame |  |  |
| KA3KHZ | 4,650- | 150-31-B |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | WB4AXQ | 45,216- | 314-144-AB |
| Eastorn P | ytvania |  | WB4GFO | 35,784 | 258-126-ABC |
| WA2FGK | NS, op) |  | W4CYC | 8,970- | 130-69-A |
|  | 249,320- | 692-271-ABCD9EF | KB4UPI | 4,802. | 98- 49-A |
| N3EXA | $9,593-$ | 168- 53-ABCD | AA4LB | 1,590- | 53-30-AB |
| KB3NQ | 7,781- | 216-31-BCD | N4AHJ | 475- | 25-19-A |
| N3FUJ | 6,840- | 202-30-BC | WA4VUG | 120 | 12. 10-B |
| K3ARR | 1,665- | 45- 37-A |  |  |  |
| KB3XG | 1,560- | 45- 26-ABCD | Georgla |  |  |
| KD3AO | 686 - | 49-14-B | N4JK | 37,250- | 267-125-ABCD |
| WA3JUF | MMU,op) |  | WW4T | 12,222. | 157-63-ABC |
|  |  | 3-3-9EF | NA41 | 7,504 | 108-67-ABC |
| K3YTL ( ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | KE,NA2T,K | K3MKZ,KB3QI,N3FJA, | KA4KKF | 6,888- | 100-56-ABCD |
| W3DZH, | s JWP , NVS | S,YON,WB3s CAI,FAA, | WD4MBK | 1,476 | 41-18-D |
| FYT,IWZ |  |  | W4LNG | 748 - | $34.22-A B$ |
|  | 672,540-1 | 1385-330-ABCD9EFGHW | W4CMA (K4s AEK,WJB,WA4s LRA, TDY, |  |  |
| W3CCX ( | YHO,N2SB, | ,WB2YEH,WC2K, | WD4CCO, | 43,136- | 294-128-ABDE |
| KMMP,K | SSD, QYH | , N3s BBI,CX,W3GXB, | Kentucky |  |  |
| KRW, ops | $477,620-1$ | 1130-286-ABCD9EFGHW | AA4FQ | 30,208- | 218-128-ABD |
| KA3PLC ( | 3ZLK,KA3s | NJA,PKN,KQ3V, | N4KCM | 16,830- | 151-102-ABD |
| N3EUK, | LFY,WB3F |  | KC4EG | 13,944 | 140-84-ABCD |
|  | 62,220- | 510-122-AB | W4PDZ | 510 | 30-17-B |
| N3ADC ( + | OL) |  | N4EQT (+ KA8SSB,N8EZY, W8ULC,WG8B) |  |  |
|  | 34,874 330-94-ABDE N,JUZ,WA3CUQ,ops) |  | 104,520-472-195-ABCDE |  |  |
| W3LP (W3s GFN,JUZ,WA3CUQ,ops) |  |  | North Carolina |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| NI 3 H ( +K | J,NYX,W3s | IVG,TI) | KB4XK | 34,055- | 202-139-ABCD |
|  | 16,200- | 200- 81-AB | N2G.JP | 11,760- | $124.80-A B C D$ |
| K3UZY (+ | AHF) |  | KB4TXZ | 7,874 | 127- 62-A |
|  | 6,248- | 142-44-B | KS4S | 6,572- | 106- 62-A |
| KA3NAM | (B4KPD) |  | WA5DJJ | 3,220- | 91-28-BD |
|  | 2,112- | 88-24-B | WA4CAK | 2,040- | 51- 40-A |
| Maryland |  |  | N4DT (+KJ4BF,KK4NO,N4OOT,WB4s NMA, |  |  |
| W3zZ | 161,452. | 554-223-ABCDE | 182,160-608-240-ABCD9EFI <br> N4YN (+ KB4RGB,KK4PW,N4s AA,PFZ,WA4LLR, |  |  |
| K1RZ | 156,585- | 587-219-ABDE |  |  |  |
| W3P | 71,100 | 337-150-ABCD9E | WC4Z) | 60,676- | 344-154-ABCD |



N5FFP)
Okdahoma
K5CM (N5CG,op)


377,010-855-355-ABCD9EFI

| South Texas |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| N5HHS | 96,408- | 427-208-ABD |
| W5SXD | 43,920- | 269-144-ABDE |
| W5UWB | 36,575- | 260-133-ABCD |
| WB5OBS | 27,740- | 219-95-ABCDE |
| W50Z | 22,785- | 217-105-AB |
| WASIYX | 12,555- | 155- 81-A |
| N5LKC | 3,196- | 94-34-B |
| WA5S (+ KC5FP) |  |  |
|  | 10,270- | 126-79-ABCD |
| N5MDH (+KB5FIO) |  |  |
|  | 2,100- | 75-28-B |
| Weat Toxas |  |  |
| Wecm | 61,370- | 349-170-ABD |
| W5AL | 37,674 | 256-138-ABD |
| WB5AZ | 30,607- | 237-127-ABD |
| KFEM (DM95) | 416 | 16-13-ABCD9E |
| KFEM (DM96) | 72. | 6 - 6-ABCD9E |
| 6 |  |  |
| East Bay |  |  |
| KD60E | 68,016- | 480-109-ABCD |
| N6AMG | 25,392- | 187- 92-ABCD9E |
| N6EIO | 8,442- | 134-63-AB |
| WB6LRV | 5,453. | 232-19-BD |
| Los Angeles |  |  |
| W6CPL | 89,112- | 423-141-ABCD9EF |
| *WB2ODH/6 | 14,480- | 181-80-A |
| KA6SNY | 858 | 39-22-AB |
| *K6LMN (DM94) | ) 854 | 35- 14-ABCD9E |
| *K6LMN (DM14) | ) 405- | 22- 9-BCD9E |
| *K6JEY | 399 | 57. 7-B |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { W6PFE } \\ & \text { N6MI (+ N6OPR,WA6HXD,WB6YVP) } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  | 44,928- | 353-108-ABCD |
| Orange |  |  |
| WB6FCS | 29,412- | 218-114-ABCD |
| K6CH | 25,280 | 244 80-ABDE |
| N6NDI | 16,074 | 157-94-ABCD |
| K6iby | 11,340- | 128-70-ABCD |
| WB9AJZ/6 (DM13) |  |  |
|  | 6,148- | 169-29-BD |
| N6NVF | 3,977- | 97- 41-AB |
| WAGSNN | 2,142- | 93-17-BD |
| W6XD | 1,920- | 60-32-AB |
| K6PFW | 924 | 33- 28-A |
| KB6NJV | 690 | 69-10-B |
| W2AH/8 | 690. | 69-10-B |
| KiUJ | 440 | $44.10-B$ |
| *K6LMN (DM93) | 352- | 19-11-ABCD9E |
| *K6LMN (DM13) | 210. | 13-7-BCD9E |
| W8SX | 15- | 5- 3-B |
| Pactilic |  |  |
| KH6HI | 160 | 16. 10-A |
| K6GSS/KH6 | 12. | 4 3-A |
| Senta Barbera |  |  |
| WB6AAG | 18,000- | 173-100-ABD |
| WDGBCN | 5,720- | 89-55-ABD |
| N6MA | 2,992- | 60-44-ABD |
| *W8HDO | 696 | 29-12-D |
| N6CA (+ AA6RX,AE6E,AN6F,K6AWO,KB6LSE, N6s CIZ,DBS,DLU,KN,LL,RRY,VI,Wes OSM, OXX,YLZ,WA6TMJ,WB6s EBB,KWU,RAY,RJH, TCR,NEKV) |  |  |
|  | 631,296-1 | 1557-274-ABCD9EFI |
| KH6N (+K6VMN,N6s ENU,HBI) |  |  |
|  | 92,246- | 514-154-ABCD |
| NS6X (+ WA6FPX) |  |  |
|  | 12,008- | 142-78-ABCDI |




