

Results, 1990 ARRL International DX Contest

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The 1990 ARRL International DX Contest was a hodgepodge of mixed propagation conditions. Spirits were high as contestants around the world anxiously awaited the green flag at 0000Z February 17 for CW and March 3 for phone. After last year's superb conditions, everyone was ready for a record-breaking 48-hour CW run to start things off, but Murphy reared his head. A geomagnetic storm on Friday raised the K index to 6, which made for poor propagation in the beginning of the CW contest. As the storm subsided, however, propagation returned to near-normal levels, especially on the second day. During the first hour of the CW contest, there were probably more frantic contestants listening to the WWV bulletins—hoping things would improve—than there were logging QSOs on the high bands. This was a time for heading to the low bands. ZS6BCR claims, "There was an amazing amount of activity on 80 meters the first day! There were some of the biggest pileups I've ever had." If it had been a mere 24-hour contest, it would have been a disaster. W3VT exclaimed, "Thank goodness for the second day!" K3NCO wondered, "Who let the air out of the ionosphere?"

During the phone weekend, conditions were dramatically better. K2MFY notes, "The conditions on 10 meters were fantastic, much better than on the CW weekend!" WA0QOA discovered that "the phone contest was

great!" The high bands stayed wide open for most of the contest. WD9FTZ found that "10 and 15 meters were hot throughout the contest, with 10 meters staying open well past 0300Z both days!" The low bands didn't seem too shabby either. WQ2M claims, "There was more activity than usual this year on 40 meters. I had good run rates most hours when the band was open."

Computer-assisted contesting and computer disk-file entries are the wave of the future and are here now! KR2Q proclaims, "God bless K1EA!" W3FTG swears, "Contesting software for logging and duping is the only way to go, what a breeze!" K7RI says, "Having good computer software sure makes it a lot more fun and less fatiguing. Now when the contest is over, it's over!"

The winners and the "big-gun stations" are not the only faction of the contest. Many people in the contest feel their stations are not good enough to compete for the top honors or their time to operate is limited because of work, family and other obligations. These stations make up the majority of the participants. Without being able to work these stations, the winners would have lower scores. Our hats are off to you folks—thanks for making the contest so big and so much fun; it couldn't be done without you.

In almost every contest, personal goals and records are set without any of the glory from plaques, certificates or being listed in the top ten boxes. K4BNC explains, "Few people enter the contest expecting to win. We enter for our own fun. Usually, I try to see how many different countries I can work without calling CQ, but this time I decided to add an extra challenge: Can a single operator with an average station work DXCC in one weekend? With only 1½ hours to go, I put number 99 into my log." CN8FC broke his personal record by working six different Montana and North Dakota stations. JM1LRQ boasts, "I worked all states and made 1000 QSOs on 10 meters for the first time." HI8LUZ says, "Thanks to the contest, I was able to complete my Worked All

States on 10 and 15 meters." NL7GP claims, "This year's contest was a new personal best for me."

If you're using IBM-compatible software, such as CT and others for contest logging, send your entries to ARRL HQ on disk. You don't even have to send in a printout of the file for backup; just the disk file and a summary sheet. Don't forget to include soapbox comments and some good photos, too. Disk entries are easier for you and they save the ARRL Contest Branch many man-hours of log-processing time. If you have a high-scoring entry and use a computer, you will be asked to submit a disk-file entry. If you're not sure whether your software meets the ARRL Suggested File Format, get in touch with the Contest Branch at League HQ and we will be glad to answer any question that you may have.

3345 logs were received for the 1990 contest. Of these, just over 200 were computer-disk log entries. Special thanks to the Frankford Radio Club for submitting all its entries on disk this year and accounting for the majority of the disk entries received. Logs received from DX stations totaled 708 CW and 744 phone; 733 CW and 954 phone logs were received from W and VE participants. Special thanks to the 206 ops who submitted checklogs.

W/VE Highlights

John, K1AR, scored 3.2 million points to win the first-place CW plaque. Dan, K1TO, scored 2.5 meg to edge out W1KM, with 2.4 meg, for the second-place spot.

K1RU amassed 3.4 million points from CT to secure first-place phone. N6BV/1 was close behind with 3.3 meg for a strong second-place finish, slipping by K3OO in third with 3.2 meg.

W1PH won a double-header, taking the W/VE Low-Power plaque on both modes. Kurt racked up 1.1 meg on each mode to secure the top spots. On CW, WD4AHZ finished second with 729k points and NT5G was third with 716k. On phone, K8NZ



Jim, hard at work at VP5M, amassed over 1.6M points in the CW contest.



The record-setting Multi-Single team at ZF2KE raises the antenna. (l-r) Ray, K9RS; Frank, K9HMB; and John, K9DX.

Top W/VE Single-Band Scores—CW

| 160 | 80 | 40 | 20 | 15 | 10 |
|----------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| W1NG 6,120 | W1FV 126,603 | WO0G 229,890 | K4VX (W9WI,op) | 335,400 | WN4KKN/5 300,768 |
| K4TEA 5,250 | K2EK 123,360 | W6XK 172,368 | W5FO 155,388 | W5VX 228,252 | K1ZM 204,444 |
| K2RIH 3,483 | W0ZV 48,675 | AA4S 159,732 | N2DTW 140,220 | W7WA 226,260 | K5RX 162,378 |
| VE3DO 2,688 | KB0G 35,526 | KV0Q 148,248 | WF5E 132,432 | N8CXK (K8JM,op) 203,949 | KM1C 133,110 |
| W2FCR 2,208 | KC7EM 33,276 | K3WUW 136,320 | KM5G 117,552 | KJ9D (KK9V,op) 151,389 | N4ZZ 131,097 |
| N6SS 1,674 | WB9Z 32,712 | KS1L 124,488 | N3RR 98,118 | N4IR 143,520 | W2SC 128,160 |
| W2BN 1,638 | N2NU 25,536 | K1WGM 122,304 | WA2ASQ 71,994 | K4TKM/6 129,120 | WB4TDH 112,992 |
| W0CD 1,254 | N2AU 24,360 | WA4JTI 83,916 | K6XO 63,063 | W6BSY 114,579 | W5VGX 103,284 |
| KC6JH 630 | K0LUZ 19,950 | K5IU 37,944 | KA7T 56,595 | WB5UDX 92,568 | W5YZ 102,255 |
| N6LL (WA6CDR,op) 594 | K0II 15,450 | KJ0B 35,280 | AA4NJ 53,184 | NI5M 70,863 | K9BGL 94,350 |
| | | | | | NC1E 76,518 |

Top W/VE Single-Band Scores—Phone

| 160 | 80 | 40 | 20 | 15 | 10 |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| K1ZM 5,508 | KA1XN 41,724 | K4XS 129,774 | W0ZV 544,236 | W7WA 745,173 | K3ZJ 726,516 |
| K5UR 4,002 | WB8JBM (NZ4K, op) | 35,916 | KM2P 85,779 | KB1WH 604,992 | N8CXX 631,158 |
| W2FCR 1,071 | K4HJJ 29,547 | WQ2M 81,786 | AB1A 289,800 | WO0G 552,636 | N2IC/0 617,040 |
| K5WXZ 855 | K3WUW 15,408 | K4SW 64,449 | W8TWA 221,862 | KJ9D (KK9V,op) 353,199 | W5VMU (KE5FI,op) 581,910 |
| N2WK | 13,113 | N8RA 46,920 | W5FO 117,459 | W7FP 235,431 | NK1F 573,356 |
| W3EWL | 11,610 | W9CH 30,720 | K9CAN 99,465 | WB5UDX 234,990 | KW8N (KU8E,op) 563,250 |
| W2FR | 6,438 | KB1HC 28,365 | K1JB 92,565 | NX9T 182,103 | KE3Q 506,496 |
| KM1R | 5,916 | K2I 28,086 | WF5E 85,320 | WJ2D 163,053 | KQ9L 445,395 |
| WA4SVO | 5,247 | K7UR 23,493 | KK9L 73,458 | WB2YQH 154,350 | K1NG (KB1EM,op) 419,628 |
| K6VI | 4,536 | NA2R 21,000 | K6XO 59,535 | N2DTW 130,566 | W9XT 392,223 |

Top DX Single-Band Scores—CW

| 160 | 80 | 40 | 20 | 15 | 10 | | |
|---------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| YV1OB 59,535 | OK3CBU 63,855 | K8GVB/C6A 189,000 | I4A8A (IK8DOI,op) | 174,735 | G3FXB 184,338 | | |
| VP2EXX 28,842 | SP3HLM 59,995 | Y42MK 160,875 | OH3TR (OH6LI,op) | 152,772 | PY2RN 170,115 | | |
| CT1AOZ 27,750 | 4N1A (YU1EA,op) | 54,288 | DL1HBT 149,640 | DL3HAAH 144,045 | LO5E (LU5EIC,op) 190,245 | | |
| F6CNI 13,224 | I2UWY | 52,890 | JA1YFG 149,292 | LZ5WV (LZ1BP,op) | KH2D 146,772 | | |
| OK5TOP 9,900 | JA3YKC | 36,972 | K9CQR 105,264 | KL7Y 135,744 | JH0KHR 109,069 | | |
| I3VHO 6,552 | F6EPO | 27,405 | OK3KAG (OK3WDX,op) | 83,202 | 4N3E (YT3NA,op) | 93,722 | |
| Y33UL 1,404 | YT2D | 20,088 | 4M7A (YV7QP,op) | 81,249 | DL0IU (DL4AAE,op) | 97,020 | |
| OK1JDX 1,053 | OK2FD | 19,320 | YU3RO | 78,819 | JF1PUW 111,132 | 4N1W (YU1SV,op) | 93,639 |
| OK2BOU 858 | SM6CPY | 16,800 | YT2IO | 75,504 | JA7FTR 98,748 | DL0IU 129,528 | JM1LRQ 90,636 |
| OL8CVU 459 | Y43GO | 12,717 | DF2WV | 70,932 | UA0QBR 88,740 | HA0LM 107,415 | IO4IKW 87,906 |
| | | | 4K2BDU | | EA2IA 104,004 | G3SXW 78,678 | |

Top DX Single-Band Scores—Phone

| 160 | 80 | 40 | 20 | 15 | 10 | |
|---------------|----------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| YV1DRK 12,852 | T32AF 141,075 | 4M5T (YV5JBI,op) | 101,736 | G3FXB 376,014 | PJ9M (OH6RM,op) 497,292 | |
| CT1AOZ 8,004 | CU2AF 69,690 | TG9AJR 81,855 | YU1KQ 367,137 | NP4CC 459,708 | ZX5C (PY5CC,op) 641,250 | |
| GM4OBK 3,120 | YU1EXY 62,235 | JA2BAV 62,550 | ZW5B (PY5EG,op) | CT1BOP 438,828 | L2E (LU8DPY,op) 577,440 | |
| LZ1KQZ 756 | HK1LDG 46,494 | I5OYY 52,416 | Y2IE 339,300 | LZ5W 367,629 | GW4BLE 459,819 | |
| Y33UL 576 | 4N1A 23,532 | LZ1KXA (LZ3ZZ,op) | 48,336 | YT3T 333,558 | ES2RR 315,636 | YU3FW 450,576 |
| | WL7BIL 10,695 | PA3EPN 45,072 | KP4FP 319,770 | ZY3A (YU3WE,op) | CQ5T (CT1DTH,op) 300,060 | 446,823 |
| | CT1DGK 8,925 | ES2RJ 41,310 | CE6EZ 281,532 | 8P6SH 272,136 | GW0ARK 445,968 | |
| | JA3YKC 4,692 | EA1AK 23,166 | I4FYF 265,734 | LY2BTA 247,950 | IU4K 435,366 | |
| | N7DF/KH2 4,335 | YU7AV 17,226 | OH3TR 263,436 | JA1YXP (JO1ZOJ,op) | EL2CX (K3RV,op) 226,746 | 395,181 |
| | YU3CI 2,295 | RC2AZ 13,182 | YZ7V (YU7ECD,op) | 4K2OT 220,077 | WL7E 390,735 | |

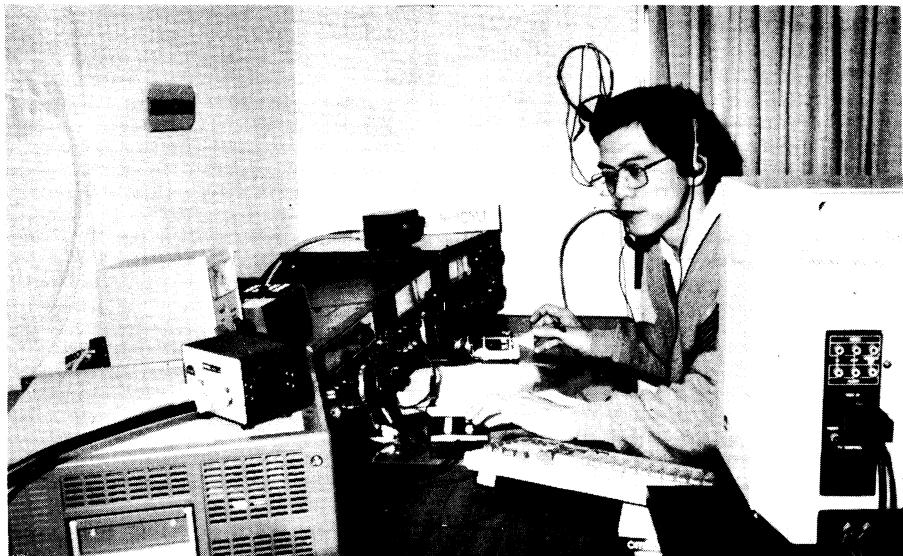
great going, guys! In second-place CW was K1ST with 5.7 meg and on phone was N2RM with 9.1 meg.

DX Highlights

The competition for the DX plaques was close, as usual, with DXpeditioners trying to justify their trips. TG0AA (OH2BH, op) with 5.6 meg points, skirted past HK0/N3JT with 5.2 meg for the single-operator win on CW. During the phone weekend, P40V easily won the single-op plaque, scoring 8 million points. FG5R was in second place with 6.4 meg.

N6OP's CW DXpedition to the US Virgin Islands paid off. Bill set a new all-time 10-meter single-band CW record at 380,475, beating HC2G's 1989 record of 306,600 points—great work!

The crew at ZF2KE finished in first place, DX multioperator, single transmitter CW category, scoring 5,980,590 points, beating their 1988 all-time record of 5,851,110 points. VP2E also set a new all-time record for multi-single phone at 9,764,490 points, beating the 1981 record of 9,685,170 points. The multi-two transmitter plaques went to JA1YDU on



Yoshiharu, JA9CWJ, running W/VEs on CW to the tune of 735 QSOs and 282k points.

DX Continental Leaders—CW

| Single Operator | Africa | Asia | Europe | North America | Oceania | South America |
|------------------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| All-Band | ZD8Z (N6TJ,op) | JA7FWR | F2CW | HK0/N3JT | AH3C | OA4ZV |
| 160 | — | — | CT1AOZ | VP2EXX | — | YV1OB |
| 80 | ZS6BCR | JA3YKC | OK3CBU | — | N7DF/NH2 | — |
| 40 | — | JE7JDL | Y42MK | K0GVB/C6A | — | 4M7A (YV7QP,op) |
| 20 | — | JA1YFG | IA8A (IK8DOI,op) | KL7Y | — | — |
| 15 | — | JA9NFO | G3FXB | NL7GP | KH6WT | PY2RN |
| 10 | 9J2AL | JH0KHR | G4BUO | N6OP/NP2 | KH2D | LO5E (LU5EIC,op) |
| Assisted | — | JA7YAB | — | — | — | — |
| Multipoperator | | | | | | |
| Single Transmitter | — | JA7YAA | F5IN | J34A | V73AQ | PJ2J |
| Two Transmitter | — | JA1YXP | LZ5M | — | — | — |
| Unlimited | — | JE2YRD | — | JP1DMX/HI8 | — | — |

DX Continental Leaders—Phone

| Single Operator | Africa | Asia | Europe | North America | Oceania | South America |
|------------------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| All-Band | 5H3TW | JA8RWU | DL6FBL | FG5R | AH3C | HK3JJH |
| 160 | — | — | CT1AOZ | JP1DMX/HI8 | — | YV1DRK |
| 80 | — | JA3YKC | CU2AF | WL7BIL | T32AF | HK1LDG |
| 40 | — | JA2BAY | I5OYY | TG9AJR | — | 4M5T (YV5JBI,op) |
| 20 | — | UW9LA | G3FBX | KP4FP | — | ZW5B (PY5EG,op) |
| 15 | — | JA1YXP | CT1BOP | NP4CC | YC2IAB | HC1HC |
| 10 | EL2CX (K3RV,op) | JA8JHA | GW4BLE | WL7E | KH6DLW | PJ9M (OH6RM,op) |
| Assisted | — | — | SP2UUU | — | — | — |
| Multipoperator | | | | | | |
| Single Transmitter | — | JE2YRD | F6CTT | ZF2JR | FO0XXL | PJ0B |
| Two Transmitter | EA9IE | JA8YBY | 4U1TU | — | — | — |
| Unlimited | — | JA1YDU | I3MAU | — | — | ZZ4Y |

Affiliated Club Program

Unlimited Category

| | Score | Entries | CW Winner | Phone Winner |
|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Frankford Radio Club | 156,060,143 | 141 | N2LT | K3OO |
| Yankee Clipper Contest Club | 104,309,259 | 94 | K1AR | K1RU |
| Potomac Valley Radio Club | 45,115,665 | 53 | K3ZO | K3ZO |
| Northern California DX Club | 26,809,479 | 81 | N6TV | K6HNZ |

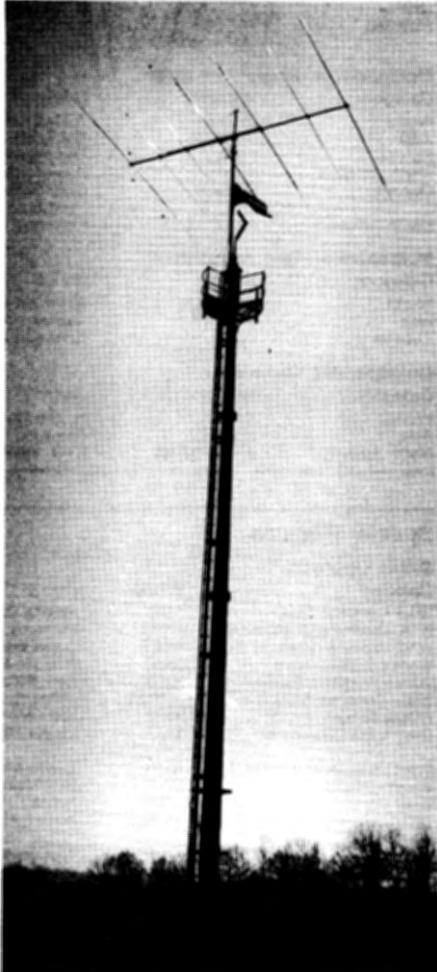
Medium Category

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|----------------------------------|------------|----|------------------|------------------|
| Society of Midwest Contesters | 18,043,200 | 32 | W9OP | WB9Z |
| North Coast Contesters | 12,578,871 | 16 | K8AZ (K8NZ,op) | WB3KXX |
| North Texas Contest Club | 12,497,661 | 18 | N5RZ | N5AU (WB5VZL,op) |
| Minnesota Wireless Assn | 9,100,011 | 10 | N0AT | N8AT |
| Rochester (NY) DX Assn | 8,180,781 | 24 | KM2P (N1ATN,op) | W2HPF |
| Mad River Radio Club | 6,854,523 | 15 | W8UA | N8CXX |
| Western Washington DX Club | 6,607,698 | 28 | N7TT | N7TT |
| San Diego DX Club | 6,326,199 | 14 | K6NA | K6XT (KI6ZH,op) |
| Willamette Valley DX Club | 4,757,664 | 6 | A17B | WR7E |
| Northern California Contest Club | 4,342,188 | 8 | AD6E | — |
| Dixie DXers Contest Club | 3,179,685 | 7 | N8LM | AA4GA |
| Southern California Contest Club | 2,960,922 | 7 | N6LL (WA6CDR,op) | N6AA |
| Albany ARA | 2,461,233 | 20 | K2ONP | NW2J |
| Redwood Empire DX Assn | 2,166,183 | 13 | W6FSJ | W6PM |
| Southern California DX Club | 2,064,861 | 11 | W6UX | KK6BB |
| South Jersey Radio Assn | 1,660,635 | 24 | K2JLA | W2PAU |
| Murphy's Marauders | 1,532,973 | 11 | K1IN | KG1D |
| Grand Mesa Contesters | 1,473,675 | 8 | KJ0G | N9ZA |
| Western New York DX Assn | 1,473,645 | 8 | WB2ABD | KD2YP |
| Western Illinois ARC | 1,321,218 | 13 | K10W | N9JF |
| Long Island DX Assn | 906,783 | 9 | K2MFY | K2MFY |
| Kansas City DX Club | 769,080 | 5 | KM0L | WJ0I |
| Southeastern DX Club | 739,857 | 7 | W4DXI | AB4RU |
| Central California DX Club | 695,847 | 10 | W6MUS | K6DT |
| Metro DX Club | 683,973 | 13 | WD9GGY | K9MDO |
| Eastern Iowa DX Assn | 590,862 | 9 | K6EY | W9PPF |
| West Park Radiops | 387,783 | 9 | W8BE | W8BE |

Local Category

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|------------------------------------|------------|---|--------|------------------|
| Overlook Mountain ARC | 15,585,609 | 8 | W2XL | N2AAK |
| Hoosier Contest Club | 4,564,218 | 7 | N9NS | W9RE |
| Carolina DX Assn | 3,058,341 | 8 | AA4S | K4YYL |
| Central Arizona DX Assn | 2,677,767 | 6 | K7GM | K7WK |
| Northern Ohio DX Assn | 2,183,973 | 4 | — | K8DJC |
| Dauberville DX Assn | 2,162,565 | 9 | WA3LFY | NM3E |
| Boiled Owls of New York | 1,727,580 | 5 | K2SX/1 | K2SX/1 |
| Mile-Hi DX Assn | 1,671,843 | 5 | W0UO | W9UO |
| Utah Contest Club | 1,232,538 | 4 | WE7B | WE7B |
| Alamo DX Amigos | 815,220 | 9 | K5DB | N5HB |
| Columbus (OH) ARA | 706,734 | 3 | K9ALP | W8NPF |
| No Dot DXers | 677,391 | 3 | K9QVB | K9QVB |
| Ogdensburg ARC | 218,856 | 3 | — | WN2R |
| River City Contesters | 158,247 | 4 | K6SG | K6SG |
| Douglas Co ARC | 145,776 | 3 | W4JFL | — |
| Sturdy Memorial Hospital ARC | 89,559 | 6 | K1ZZJ | K1ZZJ |
| Naked Chicken Contest Club | 85,419 | 6 | NF1J | NF1J |
| Radio Amateur Transmitting Society | 35,103 | 4 | — | W4AY (WA4ZZU,op) |

records (WB4KOT). I was surprised and delighted with the effectiveness of my 60-100 watts on all bands after years of high-power contest operation. The conditions were good for this 70-year-old ham (N4UH). I had a lot of fun! I worked the contest with a barefoot TS-930S into a ground-mounted vertical. I was sick with the flu Sunday and didn't get to finish as I had hoped! (KC4DO). I enjoyed operating single-band for a change. My wife saved the day by letting me use her computer for logging purposes (NX9T). This was my first contest since getting my Novice license. I enjoyed it and am looking forward to more (KC4NKR). In spite of external happenings, I was surprised by my score (W9LSD). I had a fantastic run of JAs for about an hour on 40 Sunday morning (K4XS). This was my first-ever contest. It was fun, even though I discovered that the dipoles were tangled at 235Z! K1EA deserves a special plaque from all contestants for his FB software (KM4YY). It was a great contest —there were a lot of openings. I'm sorry I had to quit so early the second day, but I did manage to work quite a few new countries (N4PUV). My heart just wasn't in it this year (W5FO). Someday I'll find out what a real effort might generate, with a lot of time devoted to that weekend (KA5PVH). I worked more Europeans than JAs! (K6SVL). It was good fun, considering the time I actually spent operating (K16CK). Having good software sure makes it a lot more fun and less fatiguing. Now when the contest is over, it's over! (K7RL). It was a nice contest and lots of fun (WO7Y). I was impressed with professional operation by some of the DX stations. Without it, I'd never have made it through the pileups for ops like T77C (WB7VKD). Thanks for



Here's a view of part of the antenna farm at HB9ADD. Eric operated his station QRP, finishing third-place World CW and first-place World phone.

Overall Division Leaders

| CW | Division | Phone |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------------|
| K3ZO | Atlantic | K3OO |
| K9MA | Central | W9RE |
| N0AT | Dakota | N0AT |
| W4XJ | Delta | W5WMU (KE5FI, op) |
| K8AZ (K8NZ, op) | Great Lakes | NA8V |
| N2LT | Hudson | W2RQ |
| W0EJ | Midwest | W0EJ |
| K1AR | New England | K1RU |
| W7EJ | Northwestern | N7TT |
| N6TV | Pacific | K6HNZ |
| K0RF (W0UA, op) | Rocky Mountain | K0RF (W0UA, op) |
| K4PQL | Roanoke | KX3Q |
| W24F | Southeastern | W24F |
| K6NA | Southwestern | K6XT (K16ZH, op) |
| N5RZ | West Gulf | N5AU (WB5VZL, op) |
| VE3KP | Canada | VO1MP |

Low-Power Division Leaders (< 150 W)

| CW | Division | Phone |
|--------|----------------|----------------------|
| K3OX | Atlantic | NM3E |
| K9QVB | Central | W0BZ |
| KE8UI | Dakota | AC0W |
| NT5G | Delta | W4AY (WA4ZZU, op) |
| K9ALP | Great Lakes | K8NZ |
| K2MFY | Hudson | K3PNW |
| ND0F | Midwest | WB0YJT |
| W1PH | New England | W1PH |
| W7YAO | Northwestern | K7RI |
| W6JTI | Pacific | WA7CWM |
| W0IZV | Rocky Mountain | KD0NB |
| NU7F/4 | Roanoke | N4UH |
| WD4AHZ | Southeastern | KMSP/4 |
| W6UQF | Southwestern | N6ADK |
| KF5AA | West Gulf | N5AW |
| VE6BF | Canada | VE7HBQ |

QRP Division Leaders (< 5 W)

| CW | Division | Phone |
|--------|----------------|--------|
| K3NCO | Atlantic | W2TZ |
| WB9HRO | Central | K9PNG |
| W0NGB | Dakota | KE9KB |
| NU4B | Delta | AASGY |
| W8VSK | Great Lakes | W8EAQ |
| KR2Q | Hudson | — |
| — | Midwest | NO0Y |
| N1AFC | New England | KN1M |
| N0AX | Northwestern | K7GEX |
| WB6IIM | Pacific | N6RUX |
| W0UO | Rocky Mountain | W0UO |
| — | Roanoke | WD4OHD |
| KA4YAE | Southeastern | N4KG |
| N7IR | Southwestern | — |
| AK5E | West Gulf | KA5PVB |
| — | Canada | VE6MAA |

another great DX contest this year! (WE7B). Conditions were good the first night, but line noise on the Beverage hurt the second night (NZ4K). This was my first try at single-band operation and I had a ball on 10 meters! (N8AGU). EA3EA said he was running 100 milliwatts; ten minutes later HA8OO confirmed 10 kilowatts. These were the low and high powers received in the contest (K3ZJ). It's always a joy to participate with and meet the sharpest operators in the world (W9GXR). The HW-101 and trap vertical I've been using for the past 10 years are still running well for casual contesting (KA0P). I had a ball in this year's contest with my low-power station (VE3NYT). Conditions on the first day were great (VE6SH). This one was just for fun (VE6CWW). It was a treat to get into a lot of the big-gun pileups (VE6MAA). Thanks to K1EA and AK1A for making DX contesting more fun than ever! (KR0Y). Murphy made it into my shack this year, as I found after the contest that both of my antennas were shunted to ground (KG5VK). My rotator stuck due south Saturday afternoon. I learned that Europe works poorly off the back of the beam (WW6I). The 10-meter propagation was great (AI7B). 100 watts in an SSB contest is work! (NC7K). I worked A41JR on 20 when he called a "normal" CQ. After the nice chat, I felt bad when I left him with a massive pileup (K1SSN). The contest was fantastic! Special thanks to AH3C.

(N3BNA). This was my first major contest from my new QTH. The JAs sure are loud! (WB2ULI).

DX phone

My operation was from the VOA Botswana Relay Station using an idle commercial rhombic antenna aimed at the US, which proved to be quite a thrill! (A22AA). I missed many multipliers on the low bands due to poor conditions (5H3TW). I only operated for 15 hours—the bands sure were crowded! Conditions were good (JF2GYH). This was my first contest (JE8PHS). The conditions on 10 were not so good (JA3GLU). I thank the 45 stations that heard me (JJ1RBF). I am happy to have worked over 500 stations (JE7DOT). Someone said "My wife has gone away" (JP1SRG). Thanks for the nice contest (UW0CV). This year's contest held quite a few surprises. Normally the 10-meter band is only open for short periods, but during this contest we had long openings (VU2GDG). It was a pleasure working US hams on a rare opening for low-power stations like mine (VU2UR). There wasn't much activity on the lower frequencies (CU2AF). My thanks to everyone and congratulations to CT2A (CT1BOP). It's always a real pleasure to be in the contest. I heard a lot of stations on 160, but didn't meet with any success (DL8PC). Outstanding conditions on 10 meters made this a highlight in my contest life (DL7ON). It's difficult to open a window among the kilowatts of Europe with only 100 watts, but it was a wonderful contest (EA1AK). Signals were beautiful from the West Coast on Friday (EA3GBU). The going was hard, but exciting. (E18AU). I enjoyed meeting a lot of friends and working all states in a full weekend on 20 and 10 meters (F2CW). 80-mi/hr gusts followed by blizzards made a six-hour scenic drive into a 10-hour nail-biter. Try saying this 3000 times—Hotel Bravo Zero Portable Whiskey Bravo Eight Hotel Yankee Lima. (HB0/WB8HYL). The activity was just tremendous and the propagation did help a lot to make this contest an enjoyable one. I was so busy writing the QSOs at one point that my hand hurt (HA0DR). Signal levels were quite low, but so was the QRN, making virtually everyone easy copy (GM4OBK). Conditions were poor for the Midwest and West Coast (I5OYY). I worked all states but one in the first hours (IO8RS). I worked W6 and VE7 just before I fell out of my chair in the shack (LA5JX). This may not be a winning log, but it was nice to be in there anyway (LA9DFA). This was my first phone test! It was big fun until 0800Z Sunday, when I ran out of voice (OH3TR). It seemed that 15

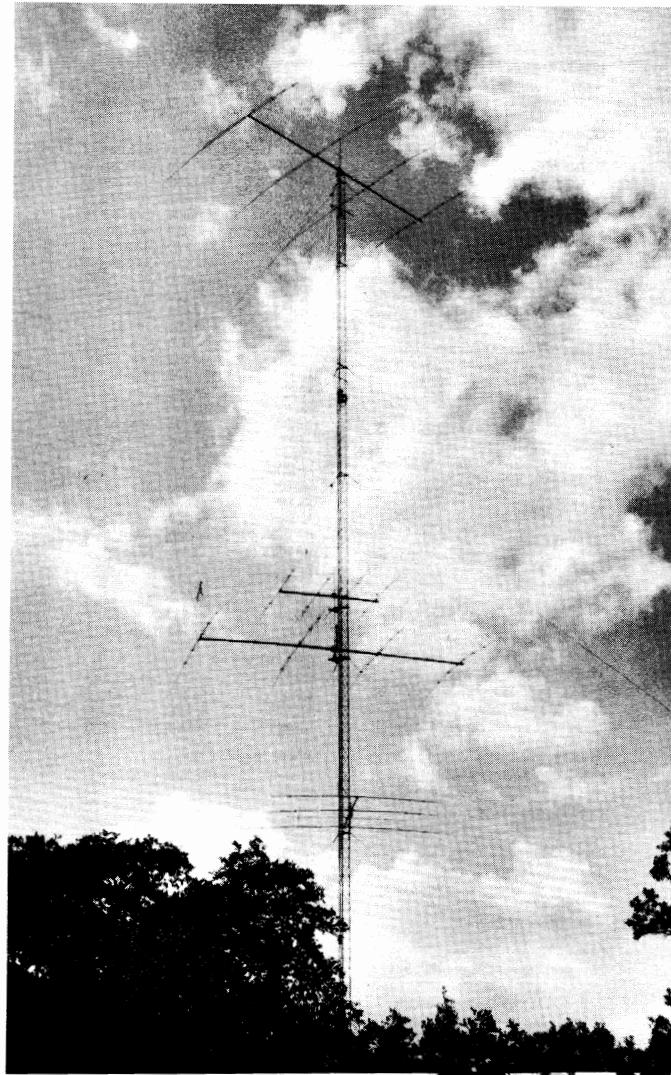
suffered from the super conditions (OH6NIO). I didn't anticipate working the full contest, but I worked six new states! (OZ7AX). I still enjoy participating in this contest and it is a great pleasure to be greeted with "Nice to meet you again" by old friends (OZ8T). It was nice to work so many stations with a simple rig (PA2JCG). Thanks to all those stations who copied my QRP signals (PA3ELD). We just took part in the contest to try out the new 40-meter Yagi and were kept busy for six hours (PA3EPN). We'll see you again next year (SP4GFG). I worked Washington, Idaho and Minnesota with only five watts! (SV1NA). The conditions were poor here (UA6LTI). The door between North America and Europe opened at 2317 UTC. What a great pileup! (ES2RJ). This was my record for 20 meters (YU1KQ). This year's propagation on 20 meters was tremendous. The band was open both nights and extremely open both mornings. There was even long path during the afternoons (YT3T). Band conditions were great! I worked 44 states with only 25 watts and a quarter-wave vertical (HP1COO). Conditions were so good this year, I wish I could have worked DX! It's been a long time since I worked W1 and W2 at 0400Z on 10 meters (WL7E). This was the first year I ran all-band and it was a challenge. 40 and 15 were crowded, but it was a treat to work so many stations on 160 with only 100 watts (TI2DU). It was great fun being pursued for a change (V2/G6QQ). My experience over the past several contests is that working Washington, DC, is about as common as working Yemen. I guess a couple of XEs will have to come up and activate it (XE2GAT). This year's noise level was S7, sometimes higher (XE2HWH). Where were all the stations on 15? (8P6SH). The comments I received ranged from "You QRP guys really make my ears tired" to "What power are you *really* running?" (NH6T). This was my first contest on 160 (YV1DRK). The propagation the first day was very poor, but got better by the afternoon of the second day (YV6BXN).



Takeo, JR1GSE, poses by his station.



Two-time plaque winner Elvin, JA3CZY, made over 900 contacts on 15-meter phone.



Here's the record-breaking 40-meter antenna system used by Bill, K4XS—two four-element beams stacked at 85 and 176 feet.



Dieter, TL8WD, works another one of his 2007 contacts from the Central African Republic.



Jim, N3JT, enjoyed a DXpedition to San Andres that netted him second-place World CW.



Hector, XE1BEF, outscored all the Mexican 10-meter ops with 62k points on phone.



In French Guiana, the husband and wife team of Jay, FY/N4QDX, and Beth, FY/KD3FK, scored more than 616k points, finishing as the top Multi-Single entry from South America.



