# Results, 1994 ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes 

# It was a hot contest for a cold weekend!-Steven, WA1EYF 

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The popularity of the January VHF Sweepstakes is growing! There are many newcomers to Amateur Radio finding out about contesting, and that's exciting for everyone. The number of entries has risen $20 \%$ since the codeless Technician license was introduced in February 1991. This phenomenon has helped bring scores up dramatically, with two new overall records and 31 new Divisional records broken this year alone.

A big change in this contest has been the dramatic increase in the use of FM. Operators who tuned into the FM frequencies found a lot of people to work. This is also a great way to meet local hams and introduce them to what you're doing. As Leonard, WA6KLK, puts it, "This was the first time we used FM to make contacts in the contest. Boy, it sure helps, especially when working the locals, and it was a lot of fun." Don't overlook this mode when planning your strat-


Dan, WB2WHD, takes a break with his mascot in the refreshing $-70^{\circ}$ wind chill after working on his $1296-\mathrm{MHz}$ antennas 70 feet up.
egy! There are a lot of hams in your area whose only experience with VHF operating has been with their FM hand-held transceivers. Most of these people aren't likely to try weak-signal operating without incentives. Besides, as a lot of people will tell you, it's fun!

The record-breaking winter that hit the East Coast raised havoc with the best-laid plans of many hams. It was an incentive to stay inside and operate, instead of venturing outdoors. Others found frozen rotators, iceloaded beams and miscellaneous equipment failures the order of the day. Some people are overcome by the weather and others overcome the weather! Rich, K 3 MQH , and crew set a new record in the Limited

Multioperator category. He notes, "At our site we had four feet of snow, frostbite and multiple weather-related antenna failures, but we still had a good time."

Another hardy group were the amateurs who took to the road as rovers. ARRL HQ heard lots of praise, telling how rover activity helped many people post good scores. As Floyd, WQ5S, comments, "I know I won't be the only one to say thanks to the rovers. The contest would have been boring without them!" In areas where the ham population is smaller, roving can help pick up your score. Denise, AJØE (with help from Tom, KøTLM), overcame a broken radiator cap at the start of the contest, and activated 12 grids. Al, WB5LUA, and Bryan, N5QGH,

Top 10 Scores

| Single | Operator | Single Operator, QRP Portable |  | Limited Multioperator |  | Multioperator |  | Rover |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Call Sign | Score | Call Sign | Score | Call Sign | Score | Call Sign | Score | Call Sign | Score |
| WA2TEO | 244,120 | NM1K | 25,758 | K3MQH | 213,142 | N2WK | 451,577 | NOHJZ | 278,698 |
| KA1ZE | 222,720 | WA4ALJ | 6,510 | W3ZZ | 176,256 | W1NY | 292,572 | WA2MOP | 167,076 |
| WA8WZG | 210,015 | NOOY | 6,477 | N2CEI | 155,067 | WØRSJ | 131,852 | WB9AJZ | 112,068 |
| K1RZ | 196,350 | KB6MEG | 5,772 | N2DSY | 103,269 | AA5C | 127,820 | AJ®E | 108,578 |
| WA3NUF | 163,170 | AA7QZ | 4,650 | WB2ELB | 66,364 | W3IP | 89,208 | KE9QT | 105,336 |
| WZ1V | 160,016 | WX3P | 1,947 | W1QK | 65,254 | WQ5S | 72,288 | WB5LUA | 96,844 |
| WøUC | 124,950 | K2DB | 784 | N8TLZ | 59,432 | N3EXA | 56,848 | N5QGH | 92,110 |
| N9MKC | 106,080 | KA2CKI | 672 | NøSGL | 52,496 | WBØGGM | 54,808 | NOLRJ | 53,352 |
| K1TR | 104,790 | KI7NC | 504 | KU8Y | 41,814 | WB2PSI | 54,485 | NC7K | 52,700 |
| N1DPM | 104,325 | N2DGI | 204 | KB2AYU | 34,968 | N3ITT | 52,768 | KA1TBS | 48,472 |



We thought they only did this at the airports! Jack, N3DQZ, deices his antennas before the start of the contest.

## QSO Leaders By Band

 Single Operator| 50 MHz |  | 144 MHz |  | 222 MHz |  | 432 MHz |  | 902 MHz |  | 1296 MHz |  | 2304 MHz |  | 3456 MHz |  |
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| WA2TEO | 239 | VE3RKK | 432 | KA1ZE | 93 | KA1ZE | 167 | WA3AXV | 44 | WA4VHF | 57 | WA3AXV | 26 | WA3AXV | 13 |
| NY1E | 234 | K1EIC | 428 | WA3AXV | 93 | WA3AXV | 155 | WB2YEH | 39 | WA3AXV | 54 | N2SB | 18 | WB2YEH | 10 |
| WZ1V | 201 | KA1ZE | 425 | WA2TEO | 87 | WA2TEO | 149 | WA2TEO | 35 | WA2TEO | 52 | WA3NUF | 18 | WA3NUF | 10 |
| N9MKC | 182 | WA2TEO | 377 | K1TR | 85 | K1FO | 133 | WB3JYO | 35 | KA1ZE | 48 | WA2LTM | 16 | N2SB | 9 |
| W3EP/1 | 166 | WB2QOQ | 375 | WA3NUF | 80 | K1RZ | 129 | WA2ONK | 35 | WA2LTM | 47 | WB3JYO | 16 | N1DPM | 7 |
| W1WHL | 156 | WS1C | 356 | WB2YEH | 76 | WB3kRW | 119 | KA1ZE | 34 | K1RZ | 47 | W3KKN | 16 | WB3DNI | 7 |
| K1TR | 154 | K1RZ | 356 | WB3KRW | 75 | K1TR | 117 | WA3NUF | 33 | W1RIL | 46 | WB2YEH | 15 | N3AOG | 6 |
| WA1YHO | 152 | N2NEP | 331 | N3FUJ | 72 | WZ1V | 111 | WB3DNI | 33 | WA8WZG | 43 | WB3DNI | 14 | KA1ZE | 5 |
| K1RZ | 150 | WA8MZQ | 322 | WABWZG | 72 | WA8MZQ | 108 | KB3IB | 31 | N1DPM | 42 | WA3JUF | 14 | W1RIL | 5 |
| wøuc | 149 | N9MKC | 310 | N1DPM | 69 | WA8WZG | 106 | N1DPM | 29 | N21QU | 41 | AK30 | 13 | WA2BAH | 5 |
| KA1ZE | 143 | WZ1V | 295 | WB3JYO | 68 | WA3NUF | 104 | N2SB | 29 | WA3NUF | 41 | WA8WZG | 13 | KA2MCU | 5 |
| W2HRW | 142 | N3FUJ | 287 | K1RZ | 65 | WA2ONK | 99 | K1RZ | 27 | WB2YEH | 39 | WAøbWE | 13 | WA2LTM | 5 |
| N3DQZ | 142 | KD1DU | 280 | N2SB | 63 | N3FUJ | 99 | WZ1V | 26 | N2SB | 39 | WA2OMY | 12 | KB3XG | 5 |
| WZ8D | 136 | N2IQU | 267 | WZ1V | 61 | WB2YEH | 93 | AK30 | 26 | WZ1V | 38 | N3AOG | 12 | WA1MBA |  |
| K1EM | 129 | W8ULC | 266 | K3IUV | 61 | WA2TIF | 90 | N3AOG | 26 | WB3JYO | 37 | KøFQA | 12 | KB2HQ | 4 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | WAøBWE | 90 |  |  | WA2ONK | 37 |  |  | WB3JYO | 4 |
| Multiope | rato |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | WA2OMY |  |
| 50 MHz |  | 144 MHz |  | 222 MHz |  | 432 MHz |  | 902 MHz |  | 1296 MHz |  | 2304 MHz |  | 3456 MHz |  |
| W1NY | 256 | K3MQH -L | 628 | N2CEI -L | 119 | W1NY | 231 | N2WK | 46 | W1NY | 56 | N2WK | 25 | N2WK | 15 |
| N2CEI -L | 249 | N2DSY -L | 597 | W1NY | 115 | K3MQH -L | 222 | W1NY | 33 | N2WK | 41 | AA5C | 20 | AA5C | 12 |
| K3MQH -L | 235 | W3ZZ-L | 523 | N2WK | 110 | N2WK | 179 | WøRSJ | 21 | WøRSJ | 35 | W1NY | 11 | WQ5S |  |
| W3ZZ -L | 217 | N2CEI-L | 476 | K3MQH-L | 97 | W3ZZ-L | 170 | AA5C | 21 | KB2AYU -L | 34 | WøRSJ | 11 | W1NY |  |
| N2WK | 190 | N2WK | 421 | N2EZS -L | 74 | N2DSY -L | 144 | W05S | 20 | W31P | 31 | WQ5S | 10 | WøRSJ | 2 |
| WB2IEY | 182 | W1NY | 374 | N2DSY -L | 72 | N2CEI-L | 129 | N3EXA | 16 | AA5C | 29 | WB2PSI | 7 | WB2IEY |  |
| WøRSJ | 174 | W1QK -L | 370 | W3zz-L | 72 | N2EZS -L | 127 | W3IP | 13 | WQ5S | 28 | W3IP | 1 |  |  |
| N2DSY -L | 158 | WøRSJ | 302 | WB2ELB -L | 70 | N3ITT | 114 | K3EOD | 12 | N3ADC -L | 26 |  |  |  |  |
| W1QK -L | 152 | W3IP | 289 | N3EXA | 69 | WB2ELB -L | 103 | WB2PSI | 10 | N3ITT | 23 |  |  |  |  |
| W3HZU -L | 134 | WB2ELB-L | 262 | WøRSJ | 66 | W1QK-L | 93 | N31TT | 9 | WBøGGM | 22 |  |  |  |  |
| KU8Y-L | 134 | N1KKM -L | 258 | W1QK-L | 59 | WB2IEY | 92 | WB3LNZ | 6 | N3EXA | 21 |  |  |  |  |
| KA2PFL -L | 118 | KB2AYU -L | 248 | K3EOD | 52 | KB2AYU -L | 90 | NR1L-L |  | WB2PSI | 16 |  |  |  |  |
| WA7KYM -L | 111 | N3ITT | 241 | W3IP | 49 | N3EXA | 90 | WB2IEY | 1 | NOSGL -L | 16 |  |  |  |  |
| KA1EKR -L | 100 | WB4NFS -L | 241 | W6TRW | 49 | N3ADC -L | 89 |  |  | K3EOD | 14 |  |  |  |  |
| WB2ELB -L | 98 | N3ADC -L | 227 | N3ITT | 45 | W3IP | 83 |  |  | W6TRW | 13 |  |  |  |  |
| -L denotes Limited Multioperator |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Multiplier Leaders by Band Single Operator

operated on 10 bands from 7 grids, helping scores in the North Texas area considerably. For the story of the top rover, Rich, NØHJZ, check the sidebar, "Confessions of a Prairie Rover." Thanks to all who ventured out into the elements in the name of VHF contesting and a good time.

In the northern latitudes, most contestants hope for aurora to enhance propagation. Unfortunately, there was none this Sweepstakes. For the first time in recent memory, we were blessed with good E-skip openings this year, with the best opening on

Sunday night. If you took a pizza break at any of these times, you're probably sorry now! Alan, N4VC, remarks, "I found the E skip to be the best ever in a January contest!" Whether you caught the openings or not is probably a determining factor in your multiplier count.

Where was the band open? When was the band open? There was an opening on 6 meters Saturday night from the Midwest into Colorado and Wyoming, and NøSGL worked several West Coast stations. Sunday afternoon was good to people in the
central and midwestern US, with contacts made from as far west as New Mexico to as far east as Ohio. The band was open briefly, at about 1345 Z Sunday, from New England to Alabama and Wisconsin. Some hams reported working tropo on the higher bands during the day Sunday, notably in Kansas and Iowa. The real fireworks started at about 2300 Z Sunday night, however, with a big opening from the Midwest to the East Coast for about an hour. That was another example of why the contest isn't over until it's over!

The Affiliated Club Competition remains popular in this contest, with 35 clubs participating. In the unlimited category, the Mt Airy VHF RC (better known to mere mortals as the Pack Rats) put forth a strong effort to win the gavel this year, after missing it last year. Could this be a return to its former dominance in club competition? Our congratulations to newcomers the North East Weak Signal Group, which won the Medium Category with a score just below that of the Pack Rats, and to the Bergen ARA, winners in the Local Category. We commend the outstanding job the Rochester, Minnesota, ARC, did in turning out for this year's contest. It takes a lot of work and enthusiasm to get members to operate in the contest and turn in logs. Having enough entries to qualify for the Unlimited Category is even more impressive.

This year marks the first listing of regional leaders for each class in this contest. As we've stated before, this is in response to those of you who wished to see more local recognition for your efforts. This certainly gives a better picture of what the competition is like outside the "corridor" on the East Coast. We're also now listing the scores by Division, so that you'll have a better idea of how you fared among stations in your area. Band winners, however, are still tallied by Sections.

We'd like to thank Contest Assistant Anne Jaworski for her help in preparing these results. The rules and dates for the 1995 January VHF Sweepstakes will be in December 1994 QST; start planning now!

## SOAPBOX

I got so interested and busy during the contest that I forgot to put wood in the stove. It was nice to be back in the groove after five years and I found the operating courtesy during the contest excellent! (K8ZES). Neither freezing cold, ice, snow, wind, nor old age will stop our trying to do well in the VHF SS (W2PAU). The conditions weren't great, but I had a lot of fun (WA2AEY). It appeared that there was reduced activity and fewer grids available this year on the four bands I worked, not just for me, but for many amateurs in the area. It's hard to assign a cause, although it would appear that the severe weather in the region kept some stations off the air because of damaged or iced-up antennas (WA3AQA). It's too bad the ice was a bigger factor than the atmospheric conditions! (KU3A). This was

## Affiliated Club Competition

Unlimited Category

Mt Airy VHF Radio Club Rochester (MN) ARC

427,654 53 WA3NUF 20,273 55 NØCKK

## Medium Category

North East Weak Signal Group 1,395,826 32 WA2TEO Northern Lights Radio Society 970,56932 WØUC Northern Texas Microwave Society 458,117 9 K9MK Potomac Valley Radio Club 423,3209 W6AXX Potomac Valley Radio Rochester DX
Yankee Clippe
ankee Clipper Contest Club Schenectady ARA
Delaware Valley VHF Society
North Coast Contesters
South Jersey Radio Assn
Murgas ARC
Xerox ARC
Six Meter Club of Chicago Keystone VHF Club (York, PA) Brockport AR Klub
Mad River Radio Club
Quaboag Valley ARC
Badger Contesters
Mount Tom ARA
Troy ARA
Ventura County ARC
Mobile Sixers RC
Michigan City ARC
Goddard ARC
Eastern New Mexico ARC

## Local Category

## Bergen ARA

Central Jersey VHF Society Talladega ARC North Shenandoah DX Assn Conejo Valley ARC Rochester Repeater Radio Assn West Park Radio Ops

| 458,117 | 9 | K9MK |
| ---: | ---: | :--- |
| 423,320 | 9 | W6AXX |
| 156,462 | 14 | W2HPF |
| 131,463 | 34 | WA2BAH |
| 130,190 | 6 | K1TR |
| 104,842 | 44 | KB2HQ |
| 104,505 | 6 | N3FUJ |
| 95,100 | 3 | NW3C |
| 87,388 | 21 | K2YY |
| 76,702 | 4 | WA3YON |
| 67,714 | 27 | N2KXS |
| 38,572 | 28 | WA9FIH |
| 34,374 | 3 | KA3CCA |
| 30,871 | 18 | WB2VPH |
| 29,423 | 3 | K8MFO |
| 27,020 | 11 | K1ISW |
| 18,796 | 11 | K9VGE |
| 14,847 | 5 | N1JOH |
| 10,341 | 14 | WM2Y |
| 6,459 | 5 | N6QOA |
| 2,427 | 9 | WA3JMM |
| 2,197 | 3 | W9ESU |
| 1,687 | 5 | N2US |
| 1,244 | 4 | KD4JDT |

106,014 3 N2FWI 96,740 K KA2WKA 8,8464 AD4DA 3,821 4 N4MM $3,659 \quad 5 \mathrm{~K} 1 \mathrm{FJM} / 6$ $\begin{array}{rrr}2,140 & 3 & \text { N2MXG } \\ 855 & 5 & \text { WB8JBR }\end{array}$
my first contest since 1976. I found the contest active and I was surprised at the activity on 432 MHz ! (WA4ALJ). This was the best VHF Sweepstakes for me, thanks to rovers! (K5MAT). It was a nice contest. The 6 -meter $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{s}}$ was a big surprise and all the rovers kept things cooking! (AA9AO). I didn't have much time to operate this year (N4VC). I started with a vertical, but switched to my 40-meter beam when it proved to work better. It's amazing what you can work if you try (K5ZD). Tropo conditions were poor, even for January, but the $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{s}}$ on 6 meters livened things up a bit. It was good to hear a lot of old friends and even better to meet a lot of new ones. I hope that trend continues! (KA2DRH). I found 6 meters as bad as I've ever heard it and I've been working it since 1964 ! (AD4DG). Despite the iced-up antennas on Sunday, this was by far the best January VHF SS I can remember (K8MD). I had a great time! I found a lot of rover activity. The weather was in the 60 s and couldn't have been better for running up and down the towers (KDØDW). This was my first time participating in a VHF contest and I enjoyed it (VE6DLS). It was another fine contest. I got to renew old local acquaintances. Here in the Denver
area, we were fortunate to have nice, unseasonably warm weather. Those who operated from their homes had the misfortune of having to be indoors! (W60AL). It was a "hot" contest for a "cold" weekend! (WAIEYF). My thanks to the rover stations that helped create a lot more activity, especially because band conditions were so poor (WD5EWD). Saturday was a lot of fun! Sunday was a disaster! (W1FEZ). This has been one of the best January SS in quite a while! The turnout was good (KBØEEB). Two hours before the start of the contest, we found antifreeze flowing out of the engine of the van. Luckily, a new radiator cap fixed the leak and the van was ready to roll for the contest. The weather in Kansas was wonderful. It was nice to have a 6-meter opening to 8-land from central Kansas! (AJØE). Ice storms prevented me from putting up two antennas. Next year I won't procrastinate! (K3MFI). Good old 6 meters was again the band to be on! Signals were good both days with openings to the west on the first day and to the east on Sunday (KB9FZQ). This was the worst propagation in years because of the effect of two cold fronts colliding above us. We slept two days on the ground without a tent! Someone offered one, but canceled the offer when we were just about to start the DXpedition (COØFRC). This time, I only tore the muffler off my car once during the contest! The weather conditions for roving were excellent (NK5F). It was a tough contest and I had to fight for every contact (N1DGF). This was my first contest. Although my score isn' impressive, I accomplished my goal, which was to have fun! (AA3GM). I heard little activity, but the contest was fun. I guess the ice and snow kept the mountaintoppers from their usual perches! (N4BG). noted improved activity this year, but line noise was a problem for me (W9JGV). The activity level in the upper Midwest was good. We had nice tropo conditions from Iowa to the southwest Saturday and Sunday evenings (WRØG). Why not try FM simplex? You'd be amazed at what you'll hear, espe cially when I'm mountaintopping looking for you! (KB7GYS). This was my first contest. I almost fell asleep at the station I was so tired, but I'm looking forward to June (KD4HJM). I raised the antennas to 40 feet and heard WA7KYM in DN71 for the first time ever! The activity in this contest gets better every year (K5RHR). I found conditions at the star to be poor, but they changed to good on Sunday. I made my first contact on 902 MHz . This band has promise! (W1AIM). I heard a number of operators complaining that their antennas and rotators were still frozen solid from the recent ice storms. I found it interesting to see the activity pick up during the second football playoff game (KA2IVS). Nothing could keep us from participating in the January VHF SS, even temperatures below zero and 39 inches of snow! I highly recommend the January VHF SS for new hams. It's a great place to get your "contesting" feet wet and it's a perfect remedy for the mid-wintertime blues (WB3IOU). I think the rain hindered the operating time, as there seemed to be very little participation (N6MI). We had a nice one-hour opening on 6 meters! (KB6IGC). Propagation was average to below average, but there was much more activity than last year. I was operating


John, NOOY, went up on the roof to operate QRP portable with this 6 -foot dish.


NCJ "VHF Contesting!" Editor Larry, NøLL, seems happy after setting a new Division record in the ARRL Midwest Division.
from the backyard and it got cold sitting out there for hours (WD9IAB). Weather conditions were great, the temperature was $31^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$, even though we were snowed in with 18 inches of snow! (KC4JGS). Surprise! 2-meter FM contesting is finally catching on, thanks to the article in the January QST on FM VHF contesting (N7GJD). Three hours into the contest my rotator failed, leaving the beams pointing southeast. I was still able to work the $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{s}}$ off the back and side of the antenna. It was great to hear $E_{s}$ in January! (N9BJG). Making 33 contacts with EN48 is better than I ever did before in one sitting! (VE3JAR). Activity in the upper-Midwest area was tremendous, with a constant pileup from all my stops. I managed to activate 11 grids and had a blast! (NØHJR). I had a lot of fun on 2 meters. Thanks again for a great time (AJØK). Activity seemed good, but with noisy conditions, I was forced to a premature withdrawal from this contest (VE3KDH). My score isn't great, but I had fun and I'm looking forward to June when conditions are better and the weather is more conducive to going up on a mountaintop! (VE6KC). This is my first adventure as a rover. Our set-up and tear-down times were less than 20 minutes, except for the time we got the RV stuck in the sand in DM24! We wondered why there was such low activity, but then we remembered that the earthquake was just five days earlier (W6TKV). Despite mediocre conditions, I was glad to see good activity levels (WA1LBK). I found activity on 432 MHz the best in years! (NI6L). I had a great time and a spectacular view. I operated at the base of the worldfamous Superstition Mountains, home of the Lost Dutchman's Gold Mine. I didn't find the gold, but enjoyed it all the same (KI7LP). This was the first time in 18 years that I experienced sporadic E on 6 meters in the January SS. Two rovers really helped the score. I worked them 68 times! (NØLL) Saturday morning we dug the antennas out of the snow, they were frozen to the ground! We threw them on the tower and made five times more contacts than expected (K1LL). After 530 miles through seven grids, I'm not sure we could have covered more grids unless we gave up on microwave contacts or sleep! (WB5LUA). The mast was frozen for the entire contest with the antennas pointing east (WA1MBA). There doesn't seem to be much activity in this area, but it's getting better each contest! (KG5MZ). It seemed like everyone came out of the woodwork for the last three hours! (NØMMU). I needed my four-wheel drive to make it up to Overlook Mountain because of an ice storm! Coming down the mountain was, at best, a controlled slide (WA1MKE). Who says there's no activity on FM? (N1KNW). The opening to the northwest was great! I worked seven or eight new grids in the Great Lakes area. My equipment held up under the ice load and
performed flawlessly. I'd like to thank the stations that made this first full effort a success (N2TNN). 6 meters and NFL championship games just don' mix! (WB4NFS). This was my first contest. I cross country skied five miles to Butte Lookout, at 4600 feet elevation, which I had rented from the US Forest Service. Because of many problems, I didn't get on the air until six hours into the contest. I was pleased to discover the distances I could work (N7WNC). Running 3 W powered by C batterie didn't blow anyone's doors off, but I was pleased to get 25 QSOs here in Kansas (KI7NG/Ø). I'd like to thank the rovers out there. They did a great job (KD4OIG). There were short-duration openings to

> Confessions of a Prairie Rover By Rich Westerberg, NøHJZ I spent the weeks before the contest getting ready for my trip. What else could I do? The temperature outside was $-30^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ ! The weather warmed up to $32^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ for the contest, which was ideal.

> I set up in EN15 to start the contest and found great signals into the Minneapolis area on all bands up through 2304 MHz ! My antennas were mounted on a rack made of $2 \times 2 \mathrm{~s}$ on the roof of my car. I rotated antennas by turning my car. I could do some additional peaking with the rotator for 6 meters, 1296 MHz and 2304 MHz.

> The activity in the upper Midwest was tremendous, with constant pileups from all my stops. I activated 11 grids and had a blast! The biggest thrills were working WAØBWE and KøFQA from 10 grids on 2304 MHz and working WD9EGE, more than 300 miles away, on 1296 MHz ! The only disappointment was not being able to make many QSOs with other rovers over long distances. My final tally was 590 QSOs, 238 grids and 631 miles. I can't wait for the ARRL Spring Sprints and the June VHF QSO Party!
the south, southwest and west on Saturday evening, most of which I missed! But I was lucky enough to catch a good opening from Ohio to W1- and VE1land during the early evening on Sunday. It was interesting (N8LOT). This event showed a whole new world to one of our ops who had only experienced 2 meters with a hand-held FM rig until this point (N8KOL). Murphy struck in a big way! It was difficult to rotate the antennas because of a bent mast caused by high gusts of wind the night before the contest. Then the computer monitor started smoking! These things can slow down a guy's QSO rate (K2UOP/8). The 6-meter rig decided to smoke jus as the contest started. Subsequent investigation revealed a short in the driver-biasing circuit. With no drive, results were poor (VE3OIL). Nice to hear so many people giving it a try with FM (WS1O) I enjoy roving and the challenges it presents (NQ2O). I'm not allowed to have antennas in my neighborhood, so I got by with a 6 -meter $X$-beam, and small quads on 144 and 432 MHz sitting on my second-floor deck, driven by a barefoot transceiver (N3JPU). Once I started, I was hooked! 2 meters was average to slightly above. The two short $\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{s}}$ openings on 6 meters livened things up. I had to contend with intermittent power-line noise throughout the contest (WA9PWP). It was a great contest with good activity, but the QRN on 6 meters was terrible! (AA8Q). After record cold, the record thaw kept line noise up over S9 on Sunday, and football made the band seem even worse! (N8OQZ). Local activ ity and weather were both good (KE9QT). Having everyone over to the house to operate under the club call sign was a job in itself, but everyone had a grea time. It was encouraging to see a significant increase in activity on the 222 - and $440-\mathrm{MHz}$ bands The codeless license has helped (WA3RKB). Braving the remnants of a snow and ice storm, and record cold temperatures, we returned to Duck, North Carolina, to put FM26 on the air. Except for brief sporadic E on 6 meters, propagation was a big disappointment (W4PRO). It was too bad there were no 6-meter openings! Still, I did have a lot of fun as usual (WA6RAY). I've been away from Amateur Radio for years, too many, and just got back into it this past summer. I had forgotten how much enjoyment and pleasure can be had from so many different facets of this hobby! (KF9RW). I almost made my goal of 100 QSOs, which is unreal for a January contest in the sparsely populated area of west Texas (WS5R). We made this contest short and swee because it was freezing, even at our clubhouse. This January stuff is a test of winter endurance! (K1DS) 6 meters opened up briefly twice, and if you didn' go searching, you didn't get a piece of the action (N2MSS). Lots of activity made up for flat conditions. FM contacts helped with my QSO total. It was a lot of fun and I can't wait for June! (N2NSY).

| Northeast Region <br> (New England, Hudson and Atlantic Divisions; Maritime and Quebec Sections) |  |  | Southeast Region (Delta, Roanoke and Southeastern Divisions) |  |  | Central Region <br> (Central and Great Lakes Divisions; Ontario Section) |  |  | Midwest Region <br> (Dakota, Midwest, Rocky Moutain and West Gulf Divisions; Manitoba and Saskatchewan Sections) |  |  | West Coast Region <br> (Northwestern, Pacific and Southwestern Divisions; Alberta, British Columbia, Northwest Territories and Yukon Sections) |  |  |
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| WA2TEO | 244,120 | S | K2UOP/8 | 51,230 | S | WA8WZG | 210,015 | S | WAØBWE | 101,394 | S | KC6WLC | 17,524 | S |
| KA1ZE | 222,720 | S | N4HB | 47,022 | S | WØUC | 124,950 | S | KBøZQ | 66,355 | S | W6GGV | 14,036 | S |
| K1RZ | 196,350 | S | KC4YO | 39,809 | S | N9MKC | 106,080 | S | NØLL | 61,776 | S | K7ND | 13,250 | S |
| WA3NUF | 163,170 | S | K90YD/4 | 35,376 | S | KE8FD | 97,240 | S | WAØNTT | 61,674 | S | WA6RAY | 12,285 | S |
| WZ1V | 160,016 | S | KA2DRH | 31,428 | S | W8ULC | 82,795 | S | KøFQA | 42,656 | S | KE7SW | 11,382 | S |
| NM1K | 25,758 | Q | WA4ALJ | 6,510 |  | N8AXA | 110 | Q | NOOY | 6,477 | Q | KB6MEG | 5,772 | Q |
| WX3P | 1,947 | Q | KD4VGD | 3 | Q | N8ZAT |  | Q | NOWCB | 108 | Q | AA7QZ | 4,650 | Q |
| K2DB | 784 | Q |  |  |  |  |  |  | NOVUR | 105 | Q | KI7NC | 504 | Q |
| KA2CKI | 672 | Q |  |  |  |  |  |  | NØVUQ | 100 | Q | N7WNC | 184 | Q |
| N2DGI | 204 | Q |  |  |  |  |  |  | NØMGY | 45 | Q | N6TCZ | 16 | Q |
| N2WK | 451,577 | M | W4PRO | 16,320 | M | AA9AO | 20,336 | M | AA5C | 127,820 | M | W6TRW | 14,610 | M |
| W1NY | 292,572 | M | W2XL | 5,719 | M | VE3NPB | 1,577 | M | WQ5S | 72,288 | M | KC6TJV | 2,280 | M |
| WORSJ | 131,852 | M |  |  |  |  |  |  | WB0GGM | 54,808 | M |  |  |  |
| W3IP | 89,208 | M |  |  |  |  |  |  | WDØGNK | 6,864 | M |  |  |  |
| N3EXA | 56,848 | M |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| K3MQH | 213,142 | L | N8TLZ | 59,432 | L | KU8Y | 41,814 | L | NOSGL | 52,496 | L | WA7IQH | 795 | L |
| W3ZZ | 176,256 | L | WB4NFS | 26,112 | L | N2BJ | 21,533 | L | WA7KYM | 18,105 | L | KB7CRT | 744 | L |
| N2CEI | 155,067 | L | AC4OP | 10,740 | L | WB9CEP | 15,600 | L | KøDAS | 13,230 | L | KE6BGH | 220 | L |
| N2DSY | 103,269 | L | WA8DQR | 6,528 | L | WD9EXD | 14,229 | L | KB5KYJ | 9,955 | L | W6AB | 160 | L |
| WB2ELB | 66,364 | L | WB4VFT | 3,325 | L | N8KOL | 13,050 | L | AJØK | 6,579 | L |  |  |  |
| WA2MOP | 167,076 | R | AC4HG | 21,186 | R | KE9QT | 105,336 | R | NØHJZ | 278,698 | R | WB9AJZ | 112,068 | R |
| KA1TBS | 48,472 | R | KC4YCK | 2,349 | R | K9JK | 10,048 | R | AJØE | 108,578 | R | NC7K | 52,700 | R |
| N2ULL | 29,392 | R | AD4DY | 2,112 | R | WB9GKA | 2,232 | R | WB5LUA | 96,844 | R | KD7TS | 42,100 | R |
| (WD4RD |  |  |  |  |  | N9DEX | 980 |  | N5QGH | 92,110 |  | K6LMN | 20,252 | R |
| N1NOE | 17,097 | R |  |  |  | WA9LZM | 56 | R | NØSUO | 17,319 | R | NGØX | 8,208 | R |

Scores
Scores are listed by Divisions. Within each Division, single-operator scores are listed first, followed by QRP Portable, Multioperator and Limited Multioperator scores. From left to right, each line lists: call sign, score, QSOs, multipliers, class ( $\mathrm{S}=$ Single Operator; $M=$ Multioperator; $L=$ Limited Multioperator; $\mathrm{Q}=$ QRP Portabie; $R=$ Rover), Section (or, if a rover, the number of grids activated) and band ( $A=50 \mathrm{MHz} B=144 \mathrm{MHz}, C=222 \mathrm{MHz}, D=432 \mathrm{MHz}, 9=902 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\mathrm{E}=1296 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{F}=2.3 \mathrm{GHz}, \mathrm{G}=3.4 \mathrm{GHz}, \mathrm{H}=5.7 \mathrm{GHz}, \mathrm{I}=10 \mathrm{GHz}, \mathrm{J}=24 \mathrm{GHz}, \mathrm{K}=47 \mathrm{GHz}, \mathrm{L}=$ Light). Among single-operator stations, the single-band Section winners are noted with band letter(s) in bold print indicating the band won. Bold also denotes a new Division record.



N2WK (+KA2RDO,KB2SE,KD2KQ,KE2WK,
NJ2L,WA2TMC,KD5RO)
451,577 1055 217 M WNY ABCD9EFGHIJ
WØRSJ (+W1PV,WB2ONA,WA3YUE,WU3M) WØRSJ (+W1PV, WB2ONA,WA3YUE,WU3M)
$131,852688119 \mathrm{M}$ EPA ABCD9EFGIJL W3IP (+K3YDX,KD3YU,N3CBJ,WA3TID,WG3R, WB6VGI)

| 89,208 |
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| 548 | $54,485 \quad 38785 \mathrm{M}$ WNY

N3ITT (+K3FMQ,N3S OZO,PER,WQ3X) $52,768 \quad 521 \quad 68 \mathrm{M}$ EPA ABCD9E K3EOD (+WA3IAC)
WB3LNZ $\underset{1}{(+ \text { KB3HE) }} 17.865$
K3MOH (K3s IXD,LYW,KF3P,N3s SYB,GKP, ND3A, W3EKT,ops)
$\left.\begin{array}{r}213,142 \\ 1182 \\ 142 \\ \text { W }\end{array}\right)$ EPA ABCD
$(+K H 2 F, K 3 R A, N 3 H I H, W A 6 G V C, W D 8 I S K)$ WB2ELB $\begin{aligned} & 176,256 \\ & 982 \\ & 144 \\ & \text { L MDC ABCD }\end{aligned}$

- 66,364

KB2AYU (+WA2TOP)
$34,968 \quad 372$
W3HZU (AA3s BJ, HB,K3s GDI,UB,KA3LJL,
KC3PS,KE3CW,N3, JDQ,KDS,LSN,LZSS,NBT,
QL,RBP,RBT,RMI,WA3USG,WB3CQN,WS3G,ops)
33,232 401 67 L EPA ABDE N2EZS (+KB2UW,WR2T)
N2HLT (+KB2DMK)
N3ADC (+KA2RRK,AA3AI,KA3ZXA,N3s LBT,NFB,KøLSE)
$\begin{array}{cccc}27,777 & 424 & 47 & \text { L EPA ABDE } \\ \text { KE2PM (+KB2JAG, } & \text { N2s PBU,PBX,QYN, QYP, VBN,WKT }\end{array}$ $23,94332169 \mathrm{~L}$ WNY ABCD KA2PFL (+KD21,N2s FUU,NFH)
W2OW (AA2EQ,N2s NFS,SOY,QEW,NK2H,
WA2VCS,WE2K,WB3IOU,OPS)
NV3Z (+N3AUQ,NA3T) 58 L WNY AB

| $\begin{array}{r}9,922 \\ \text { N3QYA } \\ (+ \text { W3MR) } \\ 3,666\end{array}$ | 210 | 41 | L | MDC | BD |
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$\begin{array}{rrrrr}\text { N2SFY (+N3MQP) } \\ 2,478 & 141 & 14 & \text { L } & \text { EPA }\end{array}$
WB3JSU (+NA2O)
WA3SFJ (KK3D,N3S NRC,OBQ,PDF,PME,WO3F,OPs)
WA3NAN (KB3AZF,N3s KWU, QIQ,Ops)
N3IXR (+N3BGV)


BCD





