Results, 1995 ARRL UHF Contest

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hat happened? Where was everybody? When it came to the June VHF QSO party, you turned out in droves—entries there were up by 6.8%. By the time August rolled around, though, folks just disappeared. Virtually everyone we heard from wondered what had happened to all the activity.

Of course, we weren't blessed by the great tropo openings of a year ago, and no doubt that had something to do with it. Last August we had what turned out to be fantastic propagation. We weren't so lucky this time. Hurricane Erin, along with a couple of other strong weather fronts, conspired against us, and made those long-haul contacts a lot tougher to come by. Add a couple of thunderstorms, and some folks probably threw up their hands in disgust. After all, few people go mountaintopping during thunderstorms for very long!

However, the UHF Contest wasn't all bad news. Microwave activity, although a little anemic, still remained healthy, with 525 QSOs made on 2304 and above. As more of you get those transverters on the air, those numbers will no doubt start to climb back up. Remember, the UHF Contest is the perfect time to try out some new gear, or put your latest station improvement to the test. People you may find difficult to contact during noncontest periods usually come out of the woodwork for special operating activities like these. If you get on, we bet you'll be pretty popular—there are a lot of hams out there during a contest as hungry as ravenous wolves for a contact with you!

Remember, sometimes it takes more effort than just turning on the rig and hunting around for a contact. Don't be shy! If the band seems quiet, give a call or two! You never know what could happen. Sometimes, you'll find someone who was just listening the same way you were. Some folks come to the conclusion that "Since I can't hear anybody on, the band must be dead," when all it needs is a call or two to bring it to life! Don't be one of those folks who turns on their rig, tunes around once, and then calls it quits. Be persistent!

Don't be fooled, either, by folks who'll say you can't participate without a lot of expensive gear for weak signal work. All you really need is a hand-held! Why not just have fun with the gear you have for right now? If you can't afford weak signal gear, you should still be able to work some new calls on FM simplex.

After all, the difference between winning and losing is more desire and determination than anything else. As Thomas Edison once

said, "Success is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration." Using that formula. this year's sweat leader would have to be Dave, KD5RO—he blew away everyone in the single operator class, and set a new record to boot! Fantastic! It's even more amazing when you hear his side of the story—he feels he could have done a lot better. He related, "My 10-GHz weak-signal gear broke just before the contest for the second year in a row. Conditions were totally flat. If it wasn't for all the local rover activity, I would have had virtually no score." In fact, 70% of all his QSOs were with rovers—just think what might have been!

The rover category made its UHF Contest debut—we received 14 rover entries. George, KB3PW, proved that the more you drive, the better your score, as his nine-grid trip netted him first place honors, with 22k points. Needless to say, this is the all-time record. He reports, "From Saturday afternoon until late evening, we had flat conditions with heavy rain, high winds, and fog. Conditions improved on Sunday to flat. I had my longest DX on 10 GHz SSB at 2 AM with N2WK. The usually strong W1 and W8 signals were noticeably absent."

In the Multioperator category, the W2SZ group retained a solid hold on the brass ring, even though their score was not quite half of last year's. Their advantage on the higher bands, especially 5.7 and up, is going to be a tough mark for anyone to top.

The participation pins are still popular! Over half of you who entered this year has one of those handsome pins coming soon. This pin program sure had done wonders to increase interest and involvement in this fun operating activity.

So if you missed out this time, don't pass by the next one! Maybe, with a little luck, we'll get some decent propagation again, and the contest will be another barnburner. Until then, there's no time like the present to start beating the bushes in your area to get folks on the air come August 3 and 4!

SOAPBOX

There wasn't much action, but it was a great way to meet people (KD6WVK). Where were all the folks



Beau, N1MJD (I), visits with a vacationing BBC correspondent, while operating with N1GPY and N1JEZ on Pack Monodnack, New Hampshire.

I worked on 432 in the June contest? (N1HO). This was our first UHF contest. The high point was a close call with the rear of a moose and the front of our van in the fog on our way up Mt Kearsarge (N1GPY). Murphy must have gotten hungry lugging all that unseasonable cool air into the Northeast, because he decided to snack on my mastmounted preamp (NB2V). I was only on for a few hours, but I enjoyed it a lot. I hope to be on 1296 next year! (N2HLT). The conditions were not bad, but they weren't super, either. I didn't work many 8s this time, although there seems to be more activity (N2WK). This was my first time in the UHF Contest (K4KAZ). It was great to work Florida on 222! (AA4ZZ). Conditions were very poor, the remnants of Hurricane Erin and other weather fronts caused the atmosphere to be very unsettled. This limited tropo contacts. I made fewer contacts this year than last year, but I still had fun and the new antennas worked well (AA4H). Activity was very low down this way, and there's no explanation for it (N4OYS). Conditions were good, but activity was very poor! (K4QIY). Where were the usual players? I heard mostly noise this year! (K5RHR). It was my first contest, and I wanted that pin! (KC5KSH). It was better than last year, I got more people to participate (KC5DRI). This contest is motivation to improve and expand my station, and look forward to more contests! (KC5LOB). It was easy to work the LA area from the mountaintop, but activity was low. I couldn't get my 1296 gear working in time for the contest (AJ6T). My hilltop operation was great for three hours, but there was no shade! (WN6W). There weren't any local guys on-my closest action was 150 miles away. I guess it's up to me to beat the bushes and whip up some action (N7YAG). Propagation wasn't great, but increased microwave activity and rovers saved the day (WW8M). Where was

Top Five														
Single Op	erator	Multioper	ator	Rover										
KD5RO	226,113	W2SZ	486,000	KB3PW	22.254									
W8WW	114,597	N2WK	163,020	VE3OIK	3.936									
WB5IGF	104,598	AA4ZZ	15,000	KD7TS	2,934									
AA2UK	69,498	WØUC/9	13,734	N2OJY	2,469									
KH6CP/1	59,400	N8HNS	12,420	AA7VT	1,797									

all the FM simplex activity? Has everyone forgotten about 222 and 440 FM simplex? (N8HNS). Conditions were good, but the thunderstorms made for a lot of down time (K2UOP). My rover car was tied up in the body shop, so I took the chance to try out my home station. It worked quite well, considering the antennas were up only 35 feet (WB9SNR). Not only

did I have a great time, but I picked up some new grids (N9LAG). There was almost no activity out there (NØLL). The local activity sure is up from years gone by! (WBØGGM). I enjoyed the activity, but conditions were poor (KAØRYT). This was a tough contest. The low activity and electrical storms made contacts on any band a real challenge. I worked

at least one new grid square on each band I was on, except 2304 (VE3BFM). I was surprised to work 12 grids on 222 using my 2-meter beam (VA3ST). As conditions were poor, CW made the difference (VE3URS). This was a fun contest to rover in. Adding a microwave band can have a major impact on your score (AA7VT).

Scores

Each line score lists call sign, score, stations worked, multipliers, and band (C = 222 MHz, D = 432 MHz, P = 902 MHz, E = 1296 MHz, F = 2304 MHz, I = 10 GHz, J = 24 GHz, K = 47 GHz, L = 75 GHz, M = 119 GHz, N = 142 GHz, O = 241 GHz, P = 300+ GHz), hours, and ARRL/RAC Section. Call signs of Division leaders and band indicators are listed in **boldface** type. Asterisk indicates a new division record.

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