

# 1997 ARRL June VHF QSO Party Results



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Would you believe this is June  
in sunny southern California  
at N6NB's mountain cabin?

**N**ice weather and good propagation are a VHF contester's dream come true. During this year's June VHF QSO Party we at least had the good weather, and a few short band openings thrown in to boot. You would think that everyone would be tickled pink—not so. If the openings had lasted a little longer, folks would have been smiling, but judging by the

comments we received, participants were a little disappointed after last year's exceptional band openings. We, as testers, want it all!

But we did enjoy some decent propagation. Six meters was pretty hot with some nice E-skip openings both days. When the band opened, some folks were working stations 2000 miles or so away. Doug, VE5UF, worked over 500 stations on 6 meters alone—that's almost as many as the multiop winner W2SZ's 674 6-meter QSOs.

Two meters and 70 cm experienced some delightful band enhancements as well. Several operators reported short openings with contacts out to 500 or 600 miles. Even so, it was the short-haul contacts that provided most QSOs.

We had plenty of participation. There were 837 entries processed by the Contest Branch this year, and you can count on a few more that didn't send their logs to Headquarters. Always submit your entries, to show support for the contest, if nothing else.

Tom, WA8WZG, put in a tremendous effort again from his Ohio location. He surely took advantage of the many participants and used his microwave capability to secure a first-place single operator win. Tom also completed a few contacts using moonbounce, picking up at least seven additional multipliers. Great going, Tom! Connecticut's WA2TEO, wasn't far behind in second place with 350,000 points, and Southeast Region champ, Joel, W5ZN, was third with 288,000.

Zack, W1VT, again took to the hills of southern Vermont trying to set a new QRP Portable score record. Zack didn't set the record he was after, but came away with the first-place QRP Portable plaque. Burt, W8TL/3, operating in the Maryland/DC section, was second with 58,000 points, and Bob, W2XL, from Eastern New York, was third with 33,000.

Perennial winners W2SZ/1 did it again! Operating from their favorite spot, Mt. Greylock, the highest peak in Massachusetts, they took the first-place multioperator plaque

scoring 1.1 million points. The crew at K3MQH gave it a good try finishing in second place with 936,000 points. Central Region leader, AA9D, was third with 790,000 points.

Operating in West Virginia, K8GP easily took top honors in the limited multioperator category scoring 547,000 points. W0UC, from Wisconsin, finished in second place with 245,000 points, and W8ULC, operating in



KE6GFI, doing just what you are supposed to do during the contest—having fun. She was operating from the ORG section using only a 5-W FM hand-held.



WV0H operating in South Dakota, or just hanging around? No, this is not what you're supposed to do with the antennas.

## Region Box

Northeast Region (New England, Hudson and Atlantic Divisions; Maritime and Quebec Sections)			Southeast Region (Delta, Roanoke and Southeastern Divisions)			Central Region (Central and Great Lakes Divisions; Ontario Section)			Midwest Region (Dakota, Midwest, Rocky Mountain and West Gulf Divisions; Manitoba and Saskatchewan Sections)			West Coast Region (Pacific, Northwestern and Southwestern Divisions; Alberta, British Columbia and NWT/Yukon Sections)		
WA2TEO	350,058	S	W5ZN	288,320	S	WA8WZG	395,031	S	N5HHS	86,880	S	N6NB	65,331	S
K1RZ	243,698	S	K2UOP/8	117,025	S	KE8FD	160,160	S	VE5UF	65,274	S	W6SOMF	37,674	S
N2CEI	225,862	S	N8UM	103,713	S	K8TQK	107,100	S	N0LL	64,255	S	N6HKF	31,372	S
W3OR	171,193	S	N4KW	58,295	S	K2YAZ	101,752	S	WQ0P	56,940	S	KG6EG	30,780	S
KD1DU	135,564	S	NS4W	41,114	S	W9IIX	87,450	S	WA0BWE	54,404	S	W7EW	30,081	S
W1VT	107,136	Q	KE4VCS	574	Q	N8XA	11,390	Q	N0IVN	13,462	Q	KK6KE	22,134	Q
W8TL/3	58,788	Q			N9TZL	7,656	Q	WA5DJJ	1,914	Q	W6ZQ	13,288	Q	
W2XL	33,201	Q			N8LGP	1,474	Q	K6LS	280	Q	N6JO	12,430	Q	
K1VZI	2,058	Q			KA8NRC	756	Q	W0QNX	252	Q	KD6RMS	4,092	Q	
KB2ZNV	1,764	Q			WD9IAB	405	Q				KE6GFF	4,004	Q	
W2SZ/1	1,164,030	M	W4IY	565,740	M	AA9D	790,641	M	W0ZQ	223,491	M	W6AMT	154,310	M
K3MQH	936,018	M			WW8M	150,400	M	KB5IUA	82,992	M	K7VHF	90,156	M	
W3CCX	721,413	M					N5WS	66,129	M	WA5YWC	74,354	M		
K3YTL	601,529	M					KK5IH	36,025	M	K6ARP	61,952	M		
K2TXB	319,784	M					VE5NN	25,398	M	N7LQ	50,274	M		
K1TR	206,302	L	K8GP	547,143	L	W0UC	245,180	L	W5KFT	92,224	L	WB2ODH/6	201,790	L
N2HLT	175,216	L	W4NH6	2,040	L	W8ULC	216,726	L	W1XE	76,038	L	WA6TBO	93,240	L
W1SJ	127,616	L	N4ZWQ	23,474	L	N9LAG	163,850	L	W7XU	72,581	L	W3SE	76,167	L
W1QK	113,740	L	W4BFB	21,004	L	KU8Y	156,604	L	N0AC	44,800	L	VE6JW	35,046	L
AB2I	74,025	L	KD4ZMR	17,250	L	K8EB	102,834	L	VE4ZK	42,090	L	WB6AAG	34,532	L
W2FU	127,410	R	AB4CR	214,000	R	N9MWB	92,452	R	N0BEL	22,568	R	K7XC	65,664	R
W3EKT	70,720	R	K4EFD	90,830	R	WB9SNR	75,285	R	WB5VYE	20,970	R	N6NZ	42,230	R
N1MJD	60,588	R	KA8IFC	64,375	R	W9FR	20,825	R	KK5RH	19,240	R	KM6RH	27,189	R
N3LJK	37,730	R	WB2QLP	44,323	R	W9FX	20,825	R	W5DF	13,250	R	K6ALE	25,074	R
KA2CKI	35,441	R	KC4ZRH	18,673	R	N9GH	14,091	R	WR0I	13,207	R	AF6O	24,366	R

Key: L = Limited multioperator; M = Multioperator; Q = QRP portable; R = Rover; S = Single operator

## Plaque Winners

### Single Operator

1st	WA8WZG	395,031	Mt. Greylock Expeditionary Force, W2SZ/1
2nd	WA2TEO	350,058	Bald Knob VHF Contest Group, AA9D
3rd	W5ZN	288,320	Ed Parsons, K1TR
4th	K1RZ	243,698	Wellesley ARS, Mt. Equinox Contest Crew
5th	N2CEI	225,862	KS VHF/UHF OPs Annual on the Hill Get Together
6th	W3OR	171,193	South Mountain Contest Team, K3MQH
7th	KE8FD	160,160	John Butrovich, W5UWB, in Memory of John Chambers, W6NLZ
8th	KD1DU	135,564	
9th	K1RO	127,127	
10th	K2UOP/8	117,025	

### QRP Portable

1st	W1VT	107,136	K2OVS & K2RIW
2nd	W8TL/3	58,788	West Coast VHFer
3rd	W2XL	33,201	
4th	KK6KE	22,134	
5th	N0IVN	13,462	

### Rover

1st	AB4CR	214,000	W2SZ/1, In Memory of Dick Goodman, WB1HHH
2nd	W2FU	127,410	Wayne King, N2WK
3rd	N9MWB	92,452	Northern Lights Radio Society & W0UC
4th	K4EFD	90,830	K5AM
5th	WB9SNR	75,285	

### Multioperator

1st	W2SZ/1	1,164,030	Randy Stegemeyer, W7HR
2nd	K3MQH	936,018	N2LIV, N2GHR, N2BFJ Contest Team
3rd	AA9D	790,641	Mt. Airy VHF Club
4th	W3CCX	721,413	Rochester VHF Group
5th	K3YTL	601,529	Flagpole Knob Contest Group, W4IY
6th	W4IY	565,740	Schenectady ARA, K2AE
7th	K2TXB	319,784	In Memory of Sid Krauss, WA2VKN
8th	N2YB	297,909	
9th	KB1BWB	252,938	
10th	W0ZQ	223,491	

### Limited Multioperator

1st	K8GP	547,143	W3EP/K9AKS/W9IP
2nd	W0UC	245,180	North East Weak Signal Group
3rd	W8ULC	216,726	WA2TEO, W2GKR, W2GKO, KA1FVG
4th	K1TR	206,302	
5th	WB2ODH/6	201,790	

### DX Single Operator

1st	YC2OK	14,040	Bill Tynan, W3XO
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### DX Multioperator

1st	CO0FRC	3,270	Robert J Carpenter, W3OTC
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Ohio, finished third with 216,000.

Jack, AB4CR (+N4GN), activating 14 grids, lead the way among the Rovers scoring 214,000 points. W2FU was second with 127,000 points, and N9MWB was third with 92,000.

Check all the boxes for more information. There are plenty of data that might help you in preparing for next year's contest. Don't wait till the last minute to get everything ready. Start planning and testing now. See you June 13-15 for the 1998 ARRL June VHF QSO Party.

## SOAPBOX

I found lots of CW on 2 meters, but what happened to 6 CW? (K1VW). Had a great time on VHF Contest operating 6 meters and 2 meters. Best QSO was with VE5UF in DO61 (AD1B). What a pleasant surprise on Saturday night to work WA6KLLK in DN12 on 50 MHz (KQ1V). This year's contest was a real treat! Mother Nature supplied great band conditions, as well as sunny weather. I worked many new grids. That just goes to show you how popular 6 meters is becoming (N2TMT). Only had a couple of hours to devote to this contest. Where



K6KWQ, WB2ODH, N6RMJ, stringing coax on the 220 array. This LAX based group finished 5th place among 100 limited multiop entries.

was the 6 meter opening? (WA4GPM). Not much free time this year. I heard some band openings but they seemed shortlived. I always enjoy working the June VHF QSO Party (KD4ZO). There were very poor conditions from our location. Maybe September will be better (W4CMA). We had two surprises in this contest, 432 was almost dead, and 6 meters was a blast. I enjoyed it very much (KC4JGS). This was the first time for me working this contest. I'm not sure if I had a good or bad score. I am always looking to improve my station. I don't know what to do next. Erect bigger antenna or just higher ones (KE4HGD). Where was 6 meters? There was good local participation, but I only caught two short periods of skip. Still had a great time and am looking forward to the next contest (AD4F). It was great to hear more activity on the higher bands. I even netted a couple of new grids on 6 meters (KH2CY). Had a couple of 6 meter openings, one to Canada and the other to Texas, but nothing like last year (AD4TJ). It was rare for a June VHF QSO Party to have more QSOs and Grids on 2 meters than on 6 meters (W8CM). My amplifier blew up at 1700Z on Sunday, but with the sorry band conditions it didn't really matter (KB5ZFO). Three cheers for the rovers that kept the activity up during flat band conditions (KB5IUA). I coerced my wife's daughter Stephanie, KF6BAN, to operate my station. She was very apprehensive, but made seven contacts on 222 MHz, and was disappointed it ended so soon. Now, she can't wait for the next contest (KQ6DI).





