

2005 ARRL November Sweepstakes CW Results

Transcending merely winning...



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Everyone knows the cliché “It’s not whether you win or lose, it’s how you play the game.” Yes, that applies to the Sweepstakes, although in the Sweepstakes you could add, “It’s not even how you play the game, but that you play the game.”

Don, W8EGI, age 91, first licensed in 1931, knows about playing the Sweepstakes game. Don writes, “I believe I may have participated in every CW SS including the first in 1932.” Don made 15 QSOs in that

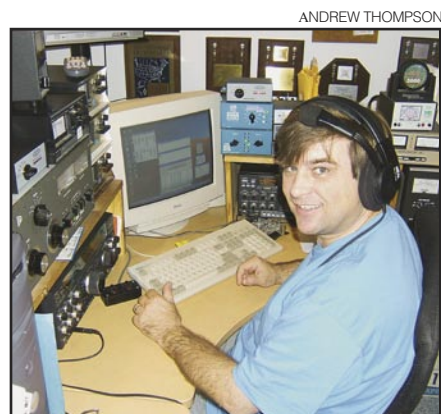
one, guessing that he ran about 18 W of input power. As Don says, “Output power of course was unknown — maybe hadn’t been invented yet.” Don doesn’t use a computer, but copies code directly to the old fashioned SS logging forms using his “mill,” a mechanical typewriter. Don put 200 QSOs in the log in 2005. Close behind Don in both age (89,) check (32,) and SS experience (a 1st place in NTX in 1935) is Jim, W3CP. Jim put 376 QSOs in his log this time. At the other end of the age and experience spectrum is Paul, KC2NMZ. Recently having upgraded to an Extra class license at age 15, this was Paul’s first CW SS. His dad, W2VQ, tells him that if he continues to get all A’s and B’s in school, his antennas will get higher. Talk about incentive licensing.

Young, old, experienced, full-time, first-time, part-time — the best part of Sweepstakes is that playing the game means different things to different people. It can be as difficult and challenging, or as laid back and easy, as you wish. There were 1204 logs received in the 2005 running of the November CW Sweepstakes. Some wanted to make the Top 10 box, some wanted the sweep (W8CAR made his 2nd sweep in 40 years, K7MM made his 2nd QRP sweep in a row, the only QRP sweep this year) some wanted to beat last year’s score, some wanted to get the 100 QSO participation pin, some operated out of habit (K5ZD submitted his 29th consecutive 1000+ QSO log and made the Top 10, once again) some wanted to increase their CW proficiency, some just wanted to try out that new rig or antenna.

Rich, KE3Q, operating at WP3R, put 1421 different calls in his log, so including multi-ops, there were well over 1500 participants. There were three logs with only 4 QSOs. Mary, KV2M, submitted one of those logs. She wrote: “The November SS-CW is to me the most difficult contest with all that info in the exchange, but I just love a good challenge. During November SS 2005, I only had less than an hour in which to play but, as they say in the bartending business I had to give it two shots and a belt.” Mary went on

to write, “The tail is part of the turkey also.” Kevin, N5KEV, got on just to have fun and hand out NM QSOs. John, NE0P, had the record for spending the least amount of time in the contest at 12 minutes. Despite family obligations, John explains “I still try to get on a little for the CW sweepstakes every year since that was the first contest I got into as a novice in 1981.”

The most poignant participation must have been by Jack, K4SAC. As Jack wrote “My effort in this contest is a memorial to my great friend, NW4T (SK) Gerald Crow, who fell from his tower to his death Saturday morning as he was preparing his antennas for the Sweepstakes contest. Obviously, I wasn’t much in the spirit to operate, but was asked to make a few QSOs in memory of Gerald.”



Randy, K5ZD, mugging for the camera before the heat of battle. Randy finished in 8th place in the Single Op High Power category.



Youngster Paul, KC2NMZ, Check of '04, tackling Sweepstakes from the NNJ section.

Top 10		
Single Operator, QRP	K5ZD	198,240
K4RO 112,022	N5OT	197,920
K7RE 101,436	N2NT (N2NC, op)	196,868
K7MM 101,120		
KGSU 96,712	Single Operator, Unlimited	
W6JTI 95,634	K6LL	200,960
K0AV 91,200	N6RO	192,160
N7IR 89,680	K6TA (N6BV, op)	188,640
N0UR 88,948	K6YT (W0YK, op)	181,440
K7IR (KH7YD, op)	K3MM	177,760
K0TV (W1MJ, op)	N4GG	170,560
81,150	VE6EX	170,080
Single Operator, Low Power	N6XI	168,902
W5WMMU (N6TR, op)	K9NW	167,480
202,080	K7OX	167,040
K7BG 180,278		
N4OGW 177,440	Multi-Operator	
K0EU 176,802	W6YI	221,120
W5KFT (K5PI, op)	K0RF	219,620
172,378	K5NA	197,920
N4GI 162,240	N6VR	196,320
N0AT (N0KK, op)	N0NR	186,720
162,080	K0BJ	170,640
K4XU 161,920	K5CM	170,080
K5WA 160,160	WP2Z	168,480
K0OB 159,896	K4TD	166,560
	W1AW	161,616
Single Operator, High Power		
WP3R 227,360	School Clubs	
N2IC 218,400	KB0VVT	177,760
WX0B (K5GA, op)	K0HC	156,736
216,800	WV7T	16,240
N0NI (AG9A, op)	K1PSC	13,624
214,560	N7BYU	4,602
W6NL (N6TV, op)	W9PU	2,552
210,560	W4ATC	84
W9RE 203,360		
K5GO (N5DX, op)		
199,238		

Plaque Winners

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Overall

Single Operator High Power	WP3R (KE3Q, op)	Trey Garlough, N5KO
Single Operator Low Power	W5WMU (N6TR, op)	Kirk Pengelly, N0KK
Single Operator QRP	K4RO	ICOM
Single Operator Unlimited	K6LL	Hal Kennedy, N4GG
Multioperator	W6YI	ICOM
School Club	KB0VVT	ICOM

Atlantic

Single Operator High Power	KD4D	North Coast Contesters
Single Operator Low Power	WY3A	Potomac Valley Radio Club
Single Operator QRP	W2RU	ICOM
Single Operator Unlimited	K3MM	ICOM
Multioperator	K3DI	North Coast Contesters

Central

Single Operator High Power	W9RE	ICOM
Single Operator Low Power	N9CK	ICOM
Single Operator QRP	WO9S	ICOM
Single Operator Unlimited	K9NW	ICOM
Multioperator	K9MOT	Don Haney, W9WW
School Club	W9PU	ICOM

Dakota

Single Operator High Power	W0SD (W0DB, op)	Minnesota Wireless Association
Single Operator Low Power	N0AT (N0KK, op)	Minnesota Wireless Association
Single Operator QRP	K7RE	Tod Olson, K0TO
Single Operator Unlimited	KT0R	Minnesota Wireless Association
Multioperator	K0JA	Minnesota Wireless Association

Delta

Single Operator High Power	K5GO (N5DX, op)	ICOM
Single Operator Low Power	W5WMU (N6TR, op)	ICOM
Single Operator QRP	K4RO	ICOM
Single Operator Unlimited	N4DW	ICOM
Multioperator	K5FMC	ICOM

Great Lakes

Single Operator High Power	K8AZ (K8MR, op)	North Coast Contesters
Single Operator Low Power	W8CAR	Mad River Radio Club
Single Operator QRP	W8TM	Mad River Radio Club
Single Operator Unlimited	N8BJQ	ICOM
Multioperator	K8JM	ICOM

Hudson

Single Operator High Power	N2NT (N2NC, op)	ICOM
Single Operator Low Power	K2UF	Les Kalmus, W2LK
Single Operator QRP	AA2U	ICOM
Single Operator Unlimited	K2ONP	ICOM
Multioperator	AB2DE	Stuart Silverstein, K3UEI, Memorial

Midwest

Single Operator High Power	N0NI (AG9A, op)	ICOM
Single Operator Low Power	K0DI	ICOM
Single Operator QRP	WB0B	ICOM
Single Operator Unlimited	W0TT	ICOM
Multioperator	K0BJ	Lincoln Amateur Radio Club
School Club	KB0VVT	ICOM

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New England

Single Operator High Power	K5ZD	ICOM
Single Operator Low Power	K1AK	ICOM
	(W2ID, op @K1TTT)	
Single Operator QRP	K0TV (W1MJ, op)	QRP Club of New England
Single Operator Unlimited	K1JB	ICOM
Multioperator	W1AW	ICOM
School Club	K1PSC	ICOM

Northwestern

Single Operator High Power	K7GK	ICOM
Single Operator Low Power	K7BG	ICOM
Single Operator QRP	K7MM	ICOM
Single Operator Unlimited	K7OX	ICOM
Multioperator	N7WA	ICOM

Pacific

Single Operator High Power	W6NL (N6TV, op)	ICOM
Single Operator Low Power	K6BW (N2NL, op)	Robert A. Wilson, N6TV
Single Operator QRP	W6JTI	ICOM
Single Operator Unlimited	N6RO	ICOM
Multioperator	N6EE	ICOM

Roanoke

Single Operator High Power	N4AF	Potomac Valley Radio Club
Single Operator Low Power	W4OC	Raleigh Amateur Radio Society-W4DW
Single Operator QRP	WA4PGM	Bill Harding, K4AHK
Single Operator Unlimited	W4MYA	ICOM
Multioperator	W4RM	ICOM
School Club	W4ATC	ICOM

Rocky Mountain

Single Operator High Power	N2IC	ICOM
Single Operator Low Power	K0EU	ICOM
Single Operator QRP	K0AV	ICOM
Single Operator Unlimited	W7UT	ICOM
Multioperator	K0RF	ICOM
School Club	WV7T	ICOM

Southeastern

Single Operator High Power	WP3R (KE3Q, op)	ICOM
Single Operator Low Power	N4G1	ICOM
Single Operator QRP	W5JBV	ICOM
Single Operator Unlimited	N4GG	ICOM
Multioperator	WP2Z	ICOM

Southwestern

Single Operator High Power	K6LA	ICOM
Single Operator Low Power	AA6PW	Larry Serra, N6NC
Single Operator QRP	N7IR	Ray and Donna Day, N6HE and N6HTH
Single Operator Unlimited	K6LL	ICOM
Multioperator	W6YI	ICOM

West Gulf

Single Operator High Power	WX0B (K5GA, op)	Ken Adams, K5KA
Single Operator Low Power	W5KFT (K5PI, op)	ICOM
Single Operator QRP	KG5U	ICOM
Single Operator Unlimited	N1XS	ICOM
Multioperator	K5NA	ICOM

Canada

Single Operator High Power	VO1AU	ICOM
Single Operator Low Power	VE7CC	Don Haney, W9WW
Single Operator QRP	VA3NR	ICOM
Single Operator Unlimited	VE6EX	ICOM

In the “it’s how you play the game” category, the winner would be the operator submitting the largest “golden log,” one with no errors. Paul, W8TM (518 QSOs), and Hans, WA1LWS (453 QSOs), were tops in that department.

QRP Results

The goal of this game is, in the end, to have fun. Of course, it is more fun to win. In the QRP category, Kirk, K4RO, had the most fun, winning the category for the 2nd year in a row. Kirk was challenged by his buddies to prove his 2004 win was no fluke, and he did. Brian, K7RE, despite missing ND, edged out QRP sweeper Dan, K7MM, for 2nd place. Ironically, Brian thought about making the trip to ND for the contest.

Dale, KG5U, finished 4th and might have moved up in the standings had he been able to find his climbing belt so as to fix an intermittent in his antenna that showed up a couple of hours before the start. Frank, W6JTI, finished 5th overall. In his first SS in many years Alan, K0AV, wound up 6th. Gary, N7IR, took 7th place in the standings. Rounding out the Top 10 were N0UR, K7IR operated by KH7YD, and K0TV operated by W1MJ.

Low Power Results

Perennial high power contender Tree, N6TR, found himself dealing with Murphy at W5WMU. His last minute decision to forego using an amplifier led to an easy victory in the low power category. In fact, his low power

score would have put him in 7th place in the high power group, an amazing achievement in this contest. Murphy also messed with the #2 overall finisher, Matt, K7BG. Matt had to take an off time early to fix his 80 meter sloper and then watched as one of his radios went up in smoke. Tor, N4OGW, won the bronze medal by a narrow margin over Randy, K0EU. Murphy, seemingly ever present to sweepstakes competitors, paid Randy a visit, perhaps costing him that #3 spot. George, K5PI, operated W5KFT to 5th place.

Just over 300 points separated the 6th through 8th place finishers. Blake, N4GI, virtually spurned all bands except 20 and 40 meters. Kirk, N0KK, operated N0AT to 7th place. Dick, K4XU, finished 8th despite Murphy retiring two radios on him. K5WA

Regional Leaders

Tables list call sign, score and class (Q = QRP, A = Low Power, B = High Power, M = Multioperator)

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 Sections)					
K5ZD	198,240	B	WP3R	227,360	B	W9RE	203,360	B	N2IC	218,400	B	W6NL (N6TV, op)	210,560	B			
N2NT (N2NC, op)	196,868	B	K5GO (N5DX, op)	199,238	B	K9DX	168,270	B	WX0B (K5GA, op)	216,800	B	K6LA	195,520	B	K6LA	195,520	B
KD4D	179,840	B	N4AF	183,040	B	N0IJ	167,360	B	N0NI (AG9A, op)	214,560	B	K7GK	189,440	B	K7MI	182,720	B
W2RQ	177,280	B	WJ9B	164,320	B	KE9I	161,760	B	N5OT	197,920	B	K7MI	182,720	B	N4SL	161,634	B
K3CR (LZ4AX, op)	177,120	B	K4BAI	158,474	B	K9BGL	154,240	B	W0SD (W0DB, op)	185,440	B	K7BG	180,278	A	K4XU	161,920	A
K1AK (W2ID, op @K1TTT)	137,760	A	W5WU (N6TR, op)	202,080	A	N9CK	149,920	A	K0EU	176,802	A	K7BG	180,278	A	K6BW (N2NL, op)	159,360	A
N4OGW	137,760	A	N4GI	162,240	A	W8CAR	137,760	A	W5KFT (K5PI, op)	172,378	A	K7MM	101,120	Q	K6BW (N2NL, op)	159,360	A
K1BX	122,892	A	N4PN	158,720	A	AJ9C	131,360	A	N0AT (N0KK, op)	162,080	A	K7MM	101,120	Q	K5WA	146,400	A
KM1X	118,184	A	N2PB (N4BP, op)	151,206	A	N9CO	124,944	A	K5WA	160,160	A	K7MM	101,120	Q	AA6PW	146,080	A
K8PO	115,440	A			K8BL	122,924	A	K0OB	159,896	A	K7MM	101,120	Q				
WY3A	114,114	A															
K0TV (W1MJ, op)	81,150	Q	K4RO	112,022	Q	W8TM	77,700	Q	K7RE	101,436	Q	K7MM	101,120	Q			
W2RU	65,664	Q	K4LTA	76,960	Q	WO9S	75,614	Q	KG5U	96,712	Q	W6JTI	95,634	Q			
K3IU	59,100	Q	WA4PGM	76,960	Q	N8NM	71,550	Q	K0AV	91,200	Q	N7IR	89,680	Q			
N3LL	57,086	Q	KC5R	70,650	Q	N8IE	64,950	Q	N0UR	88,948	Q	K7IR (KH7YD, op)	87,318	Q			
K3TW	54,150	Q	W5JBV	61,466	Q	N8BB	63,072	Q	W5KDJ	61,758	Q	N6KV	64,680	Q			
K3MM	177,760	U	N4GG	170,560	U	K9NW	167,480	U	W7UT	159,520	U	K6LL	200,960	U			
W8FJ	124,800	U	W4MYA	119,496	U	N8BJQ	127,190	U	KT0R	138,882	U	N6RO	192,160	U			
K2PLF	124,640	U	N6ZO	118,026	U	KX9X (@ K9SD)	94,880	U	W0ZA	134,560	U	K6TA (N6BV, op)	188,640	U			
K3WW	120,800	U	W4NF	102,560	U	K9NR	93,536	U	N1XS	128,480	U	K6YT (W0YK, op)	181,440	U			
K2FU	110,284	U	K3KO	96,960	U	K9YC	92,568	U	W5GN	119,680	U	VE6EX	170,080	U			
W1AW	161,616	M	WP2Z	168,480	M	K9MOT	140,160	M	K0RF	219,620	M	W6YI	221,120	M			
K3DI	115,656	M	K4TD	166,560	M	K8JM	137,460	M	K5NA	197,920	M	N6VR	196,320	M			
W2CDO	93,024	M	W4RM	158,720	M	W8EDU	133,120	M	N0NR	186,720	M	N6EE	152,480	M			
NM1Z	87,096	M	K5FMC	125,892	M	K9SD	67,150	M	K0BJ	170,640	M	N7WA	129,822	M			
WX3B	85,988	M	W3GQ	87,216	M	W9CA	40,950	M	K5CM	170,080	M	N6RC	128,928	M			

and K0OB rounded out the low power Top 10 box.

High Power Results

For the 7th year in a row, Rich, KE3Q, at WP3R, took 1st place in the prestigious single operator high power category. Just going to Puerto Rico doesn't make it a slam dunk to win SS, but it sure seems that way with Rich piloting the WA3FET station there. The real battle was for the next few spots in the Top 10 box. Steve, N2IC, finished in 2nd place. While Steve says he gets off to a better start from his new NM QTH than the old CO one, challenging for the medal positions still boils down to eking out QSOs on Sunday. Ralph, K5GA, operating at WX0B took 3rd place. Ralph also had to deal with Murphy. In his case, it was the 40 meter Yagi swinging freely and winding up in the opposite direction of that desired.

Mark, AG9A operating at N0NI, wound up in the 4th position overall. Tops from the West Coast, finishing 5th for his first time in the Top 10 box was Bob, N6TV, operating from W6NL. Mike, W9RE, was 6th overall. In his initial outing in the high power category, Kevin, N5DX, operated K5GO, his dad's station, to a 7th place spot in the Top 10 box. One of only two East Coast stations to make it in the Top 10 box was Randy, K5ZD. Mark, N5OT, worked his new OK antenna farm into 9th place. Rounding out the Top 10 was John, N2NC, who celebrated 25 years in contesting by piloting N2NT.

Unlimited Results

Dave, K6LL, fought off the QRN, got beat out in some packet pileups as his S&P



Vlad, N3CZ (foreground) and Dave, K4SV, piloted the Maxim Memorial Station W1AW to another Top 10 finish in the Multi-operator category.

antenna is a low A3S, but nevertheless glided to an easy 4th consecutive victory in the increasingly popular Unlimited Category. Ken, N6RO, was 2nd, making one more QSO than last year. Dean, N6BV, took K6TA to a 3rd place finish. Dean warns of large numbers of busted calls in packet spots in the "single-operator distracted" class.

In 4th place was Ed, W0YK operating at K6YT. The top East Coast station, in 5th place, was Ty, K3MM. Hal, N4GG, took his new GA QTH to 6th place. The only Canadian station to make any of the Top 10 boxes was Dan, VE6EX. Eighth place belongs to Rick, N6XI, with Mike, K9NW, and Gary, K7OX, rounding out the Top 10 table.

Multioperator Results

There inevitably comes a time Sunday afternoon when the doldrums set in. A sure-fire relief from the Sunday Doldrums comes

in the form of participating in a multiop. Not only do you get some relief for your butt, but also you get the relief of laughs from in-between-QSO kidding around. At W6YI, John, K6AM; Dan, N6MJ; Dennis, N6KI, and Jim, W6YI, had the most fun in this category, just beating out the K0RF team of Chuck and George, W0UA.

In 3rd place was the husband and wife team of Richard, K5NA, and Susan, K5DU. Fourth place belongs to the N6VR group while 5th place went to the ops at N0NR using the KV0Q station. In a tight race K0BJ at W0NO beat out the K5CM group for 6th place, but the K5CM ops claimed to have eaten better food. In 8th place found the ops at WP2Z, who had the best view, as the scenery from Windwood truly needs to be seen to be believed. Rounding out the Top 10 was K4TD and the ARRL HQ station, W1AW.

School Club

In the school club category, representing the Raytown South High School, KB0VVT beat the competition, from K0HC.

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