



ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest 2018 Preliminary Results

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Participation Up for 2018

Activity for the 2018 contest was up significantly from 2017. Sixteen more operators turned in logs this year and are appreciated by the stations that worked the contest.

All but one of the top six winners were from the Great Lakes and northern Great Plains areas, with AA6IW squeezing in second in the 10 GHz & Up category from California.

Top Ten Scores - 10 GHz only

Call	Score
KB8U	70,704
W9FZ	60,079
KA9VVQ	59,534
KCØP	57,401
KØCQ	52,967
NØUK	48,492
K9JK	46,740
KØHAC	44,199
N6RMJ	38,634
K1RZ	38,117

Top Ten Scores - 10 GHz & Up

Call	Score
K3SIW	70,614
AA6IW	65,795
WB8TGY	65,735
K6ML	65,572
WA2VOI	59,051
W6QIW	58,125
K9PW	57,246
WØZQ	55,969
WBØLJC	54,009
W7QQ	43,408



Dave, K2DH, south of Lake Erie, summed up his experience as “BEST. 10GHz+ CONTEST. EVER.” (Photo by Dave Hallidy, K2DH)

There was operation in all US call areas and Canada. While most of the action was on 10 GHz, QSOs were also made on 24, 47, 75 and 300 GHz.

Best Terrestrial DX

Call	Band (GHz)	Dist (km)
AA1I/K1OR/K1RZ/N1DPM/W2RMA	10	735
VE3KRP	24	365
VE3FN	47	111
VE3KRP/VE4MA	75	1
AF1T/W1MKY	300	8

You didn't have to be on a top ten list to have impressive results. Lots of operators were on the air or assembling new things including meter-sized antennas, airplane scatter, roving with digital modes, transverters coming out on higher bands. and novel ways to home brew mixers for the millimeter wave bands.

On the 10 GHz band, eight stations worked forty-seven or more different other stations. That's a lot of action for a lot of microwavers!

Top Unique Call Leaders - 10 GHz

Call	Unique Calls
K1IIG	61
WB6TFC	55
KA2LIM	52
N6VI	51
N5BF	49
K6WCI	49
K1RZ	48
N6RMJ	47



Most of us drive to our operating sites but that isn't always the case. Brian, KF6C, sent in this picture showing him hiking up to the hilltop backpacking his equipment and his dish. (Photo by Brian Comer, KF6C.)

This is the preliminary report so you still have time to put your adventures into the ARRL Soapbox (www.arrl.org/soapbox) or send them by email to the author.

All scores presented in this preliminary report are provisional, pending final review. Watch for the full contest results coming soon to this website. Top scores will be printed in the Feb 2019 issue of QST.