



ARRL November CW Sweepstakes 2018 Preliminary Results

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If there was one overriding theme to the 2018 running of ARRL November CW Sweepstakes, it was “copy what is sent.”

NP3X was in the US Virgin Islands, NP2X was in Puerto Rico, and KH7X was in Arizona. While nobody batted an eye as K7SV sent Virginia or K5ZD sent Western Massachusetts, online forums were abuzz commenting on these other call-area switcheroos. Other stations changed their check to 49, in memory of Paul, WØAIH. No rules and no laws were broken, but some prefilled log data was horribly confused.

It is *always* the receiving stations’ responsibility to confirm what was heard, and not the sending stations’ responsibility to conform to what is in the prefilled log file.



Rich, VE3KI, operating as VE4AEO, set a new Manitoba record in Single Operator, High Power using the station of Cary, VE4EA. (Photo from Rich Ferch, VE3KI)

Log data shows 14 QSOs were recorded on 10 meters. Logic suggests each is also recorded somewhere else in the log data, meaning there were as few as seven QSOs on the magic band in 2018. It was that kind of year as we continue to probe the depths of the sunspot minimums, yet activity was strong, even if concentrated on 20 meters and down. Yet there were some remarkable results despite the paucity of solar activity.

No overall records fell in 2018, but some remarkable division records were set, including Todd, VE5MX, setting the Canadian Single Operator, Low Power record; Mike, N7MH@W6YX with the Single Operator, Low Power record in Pacific; KØWA with the Multiop, High Power record in the Midwest; and NØAT with the Multiop, Low Power record in Dakota.

A noteworthy section record was set by Rich, VE3KI, from his home in the Ottawa, Ontario region. But the record that fell wasn’t Ontario East, it was Manitoba’s. Rich, using the callsign VE4AEO, operated the Winnipeg station of Cary, VE4EA, remotely. It was trial by fire for Cary’s new JK Antennas 6BA-JK 40-10 meter Yagi. His 997 QSOs and 79 sections were good for 157,526 points.

The Winners

Category Winners

Single-Op, High Power (SOHP)	N2IC	224,266
Single-Op, Low Power (SOLP)	K4RO	171,558
Single-Op, QRP (SOQRP)	N5EE	100,320
Single-Op Unlimited, High Power (SOUHP)	KØEU	210,654
Single-Op Unlimited, Low Power (SOULP)	KB7Q	167,670
Multiop, High Power (MSHP)	KØWA	203,360
Multiop, Low Power (MSLP)	NØAT	155,800
School Club (S)	KØHC	151,372

Division Records

Canada SOUHP:	VE5MX	202,354
Pacific SOLP:	W6YX (N7MH op)	165,004
Midwest MSHP:	KØWA	203,360
Dakota MSLP:	NØAT	155,800

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 May 2019 issue of QST.