



# ARRL January VHF Contest 2019 Preliminary Results

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Despite bad weather over the northern tier of states and the lack of significant enhanced propagation, activity in the 2019 contest was the highest in this century with 918 entrants. The increase in activity came largely from digital, mostly FT8, contacts on 6M. Six-meter QSOs accounted for about half of the contest QSOs, with the digital modes accounting for about two-thirds of the 6M contacts. Although it is always nice to see increased activity, the increase came largely at the expense of QSOs at 2M and above, which closely resembles the situation in the June contest, with the digital modes playing the role of sporadic-E.

## The Winners

Category	Station	Score
Single Operator, High Power	K1RZ	118,300
Single Operator, Low Power	K2DRH	81,137
Single Operator, Portable	WA7JTM	6,608
Single Operator, 3 Band	KO9A	19,488
Single Operator, FM Only	N2HJD	3,708
Classic Rover	KF2MR/R	148,785
Limited Rover	WW7D/R	43,065
Unlimited Rover	K2LDT/R	69,745
Limited Multioperator	N2NT	111,105
Unlimited Multioperator	N3NGE	213,498

## The Records

Ten new records were set at the Division or Continental level this year.

Station	Category	Score	Section	Division
WW7D/R	Limited Rover	43,065	WWA	Northwestern
ACØRA/R	Unlimited Rover	39,058	IA	Midwest
W1QK	Single Op 3 Band	4,356	CT	New England
N7QOZ	Single Op 3 Band	3,408	WWA	Northwestern
KK4MA	Single Op 3 Band	3,402	SC	Roanoke
AD5A	Single Op 3 Band	18,984	STX	West Gulf
K4NRT	Single Op FM Only	24	TN	Delta
K7IMA	SOFM	891	OR	Northwestern
<b>DX records (Continental)</b>				
XE1H	SOHP	7,616	XE	NA
XE2JS	SO3B	2,176	XE	NA

## Affiliated Club Competition

Club	Score	Entries
<b>Unlimited</b>		
Mt Airy VHF Radio Club	1,083,551	70
<b>Medium</b>		
Rochester VHF Group	497,654	45
<b>Local</b>		
Eastern Connecticut ARA	21,231	9

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 July 2019 issue of QST.



KF2MR did his part to help the Rochester VHF Group celebrate its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, roving in sub-zero temperatures with 14 inches of snow on the ground (photo courtesy KF2MR)