



# ARRL January VHF Contest 2020 Preliminary Results

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Despite icy and snowy weather across the upper Midwest and Northeast, 942 logs were submitted for the January contest, including four check logs. This is up from the 918 submitted in 2019, and the largest number of logs submitted for the January VHF Contest in this century. Despite the poor weather, there were 90 rover entries in all the Rover categories, the most since 2004's 93.

Widespread adoption of the WSJT modes FT8 and FT4 appears to be responsible for at least part of the increase. The increase in rover activity is welcome, particularly given the poor weather.

In the milder climes, there was a lot of activity in the Single Operator Portable category. This was driven in large part by synergistic SOTA activity. Their use of low power handie-talkies has really demonstrated how effective even FM can be from a mountaintop with access to large populations of VHF/UHF operators.

So, it appears that the January Contest is healthy and growing. It is an exciting time to be a VHF contester!

## The Winners

Category Winners	
Single-op, High Power (SOHP)	
K1TEO	254,196
Single-op, Low Power (SOLP)	
W6TV (W6YEP, op)	73,710
Single-op, 3 Bands (SO3B)	
KO9A	14,628
Single-op, Portable (SOP)	
K7ATN	6,358
Single-op, FM Only (SOFM)	
KG6IYN	11,060
Classic Rover (R)	
N6NB/R	290,640
Limited Rover (RL)	
KA5D/R	28,480
Unlimited Rover (RU)	
K6MI/R	149,684
Limited Multioperator (LM)	
N2NT	114,452
Unlimited Multioperator (UM)	
N3NGE	269,560



The Alaska VHF-Up Group activated KL7VHF, their new club callsign, for the January contest. They activated four grids in their rover effort. They are pictured in grid BP51, where the temperature was recorded at -10 degrees at the start of the contest. [Brandon Clark, KL7BSC, photo]

## 2020 Records

There was one overall record set in the January 2020 VHF contest. KG6IYN set a new record of 11,060 points for Single-Operator FM Only from the San Diego Section.

## Affiliated Club Competition

Club	Score	Entries
<b>Unlimited</b>		
Mt. Airy VHF Radio Club	1,287,631	69
<b>Medium</b>		
Southern California Contest Club	387,843	18
<b>Local</b>		
Orleans County Amateur Radio Club	110,684	8

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 2020 issue of QST.