

School Club Roundup 2004

The 2004 School Club Roundup was a great success in spite of declining HF propagation conditions. Total entries increased slightly from 54 to 55 although total QSOs were down from nearly 7800 to less than 6500. Total hours increased from 659 to 707 and reported operators from 566 to 721. Entries came from 26 states and 2 DXCC countries, up from 20 and 1 in 2003.

W3NCS returned and regained the lead Elementary School score with more than four times their N. Clarion School 2003 score. W4KBR made an excellent showing in second place. KB3BRT slipped to third although they doubled the number of operators and increased the number of school contacts.

K5OMS, Olle Middle School Radio Club moved up from 10 of 11 to 1 of 12 by improving their score by 37 times. K7BZN slipped to 3rd, while AD8B moved up to 2nd. Total QSOs were down from 2003 but school contacts were nearly constant among the leaders.

The top High School score and number of entries slipped slightly from last year. KC7KFF, Carl Hayden HS, a frequent overall leader was in 3rd place even though they reported a relatively new and inexperienced group of student operators. W6PRB, Paso Robles HS ARC, returned even stronger than 2003. Once again they worked all 50 states and increased from 50 to 56 school QSOs. A first place finish with 340,173 showed great consistency. (Paso Robles was the site of a significant earthquake in the fall of 2003). K3NHC, North Hills HS, also improved their score from 2003, but did not catch the leader. KC0CXB, Palisade HS, nearly doubled their score, but remained in 3rd place.

The big news in the College/University category was not that W7ASU, Arizona State University, repeated with the top score or that K7UAZ, University of Arizona placed second. It was that the number of entries nearly doubled from 6 to 11. The highest participation in this category of the SCR. Even the DX entries doubled with ON4HTI from Ostend Polytechnic University returning with an increased score and a first time entry from VE7UBC, University of British Columbia ARS.

Among the non-school clubs, K3FBI continued as an active participant, which is often mentioned as a highlight contact by other operators.



Figure 1—ON4HTI from Ostend Polytechnic University in Belgium returned with a higher score than last year.

COURTESY KAREN MCDUGAL, KC4AVF



Figure 2—Three Electronics Technology students at the Tennessee Technology Center: Charles Cryer is logging, Brian Weaver, AG4UX, is operating, and Jay Inman, KI4BCI, is logging manually.

COURTESY RICH HIBBARD, KR2H



Figure 3—An enthusiastic group of fourth and fifth graders at the Intervale School, Parsippany, New Jersey, updated this hallway bulletin board daily as they made contacts with other schools around the country.

SOAPBOX

Many thanks, as always, for the hours you folks put in so that this school club event can promote Amateur Radio among our students! This School Club Roundup event is a highlight of our year for the students in the club.—*Ken Kane, KG8DN, Gilmour Academy, ND8GA*

Whether shooting for the competitive edge or casually getting young people on the air for a short rag chew, the School Club Round Up is an awesome tool to motivate youth about Amateur Radio! Our fifth year in the SCR was another hit among our high school kids here at Paso Robles High School. We ended up with 17 student operators and several more just stopping in to see our progress throughout the week. The highlight for us this year occurred about mid week when I received an email from a Paso Robles elementary school teacher, who happens to be a ham, wanting to get her third grade class on the air with some of my students! Mary, W6ROX, did an excellent job acting as an ambassador for ham radio with her third graders. We passed the microphone around, answering all sorts of radio related questions asked by her students. It was great to watch the high school students interact on the air with those kids. It looks like we might just have another school on board for next year's SCR! I think one of the most positive attributes of this event is how it makes radio become contagious. Thanks to all the hams who make it a point to contact the many schools throughout the week. We look forward to seeing you all again next year.—*Rob Thoresen, AG6RT, Paso Robles High School ARC, W6PRB*

As always, thanks again for a great contest. My fourth and fifth graders had a great time meeting new friends. We updated a hallway bulletin board every day, and the whole school checked our progress during the week. Almost every one of our 31 fourth and fifth graders made at least one contact, and I was impressed with the way the students encouraged each other and celebrated each other's successes. Thanks to all the other schools and individuals, who were very helpful, and continue to insure the future of our great hobby. Let me know if I can ever be of assistance.—*Rich Hibbard, KR2H, 4th grade teacher/Club Advisor; Intervale School ARC, KB2VBU*

Once again the ham community proved to be very supportive of the students as they nervously called CQs or gave names, QTHs, and signal reports. It's always fun to have 6 year olds talking to 76 year olds. We say a big THANK YOU to all the Amateur Radio operators who seek out the schools during the SCR and offer words of encouragement to this great hobby at our school during the second week in February.—*Bruce D. Weaver, K3LTM, fifth grade teacher, advisor, CVVSARC KB3BRT*

Thanks so much for doing the School Club Roundup. The kids loved it.—*Vic, KC0ENB*

The contest was wonderful. We got a number of students and staff excited about ham radio and the contacts our students made during the contest were memorable. Thank you for organizing and managing this contest. It has really been helpful for what we are trying to do here in Roanoke to promote ham radio. I appreciate your efforts. I look forward to participating next year! —*Dr Richard A. Turner, KZAVT, principal and trustee, William Byrd HS ARC, WB4HS*

We at Olle had a great time several students helped out. Thanks to all who gave us a contact it was great. Our 15 meter part of the Force 12

2004 School Club Roundup Scores

Call Sign	Score	Rank	QSOs	States	Can Prov	Countries	Clubs	Schools	Hours	Operators	Club Name	School
Elementary Schools												
W3NCS	53332	1	250	41	4	22	1	26	22	3	N Clarion School ARC	N Clarion Co ES
W4KBR	23976	2	148	37	4	6	0	23	15	14	St Aloysius RC	
KB3BRT	15908	3	97	24	4	15	3	23	23	52	Cowanessque Valley School ARC	Westfield Area Elem
KC0LZD	12008	4	79	26	2	2	1	24	9	21	Morgan County R-2 School Ham Club	
KD7CJV	9752	5	71	27	1	1	1	15	15	10	Mr Spooner's 5th grade	Mill Park Elementary
KB2VBU	6664	6	68	24	0	5	2	13	12	32	Intervale School ARC	
KB2RMS	2847	7	39	18	1	2	1	10	15	11	Chapin School Radio Group	
W4TIM	1491	8	21	12	0	0	2	11	10	1	AB Combs Elementary ARC	
KB3CGA	1479	9	17	12	0	0	0	15	8	6		Family Learning Academy
Junior High/Middle Schools												
K5OMS	48705	1	191	40	3	10	6	38	9	3	Olle Radio Club	Olle Middle School
AD8B	35112	2	152	42	3	4	6	34	22	40	Zion ARC	Zion Lutheran School
K7BZN	27880	3	164	40	4	7	2	23	14	6	Sacajawea Middle School HRC	
KB0SAL	14577	4	129	25	3	10	0	15	24	8	Waco Jr-Sr HS Amateur Radio Club	
KC5KBO	12110	5	70	29	2	1	3	27	17	14		Webster Intermediate School
N1IFP	4982	6	47	18	1	2	0	17	5	27		Messalonskee Middle School
AB0OA	3780	7	54	21	1	1	1	9	10	20		Winfield MS
W7ERY	3710	8	53	22	1	0	1	9	20	50		Maple Grove MS
KC2KJN	1875	9	25	14	1	5	0	11	6	6	Gowanda GSD ARC	Gowanda MS
K7SMX	560	10	28	8	0	0	1	2	9	14	Lake Chelan RC	Chelan Valley Independent School
KA1PTW	280	11	14	9	0	2	2	1	4	13	Rochester Middle School	
K2BAR	120	12	12	3	0	7	0	0	3	13	Lincoln Middle School	
High Schools												
W6PRB	340173	1	765	50	7	28	11	56	24	18	Paso Robles High School ARC	Paso Robles HS
K3NHC	112710	2	388	43	7	12	6	43	24	1	North Hills HS AR & Electronics Club (AREC)	
KC7KFF	70356	3	246	38	3	5	5	46	14	7	Carl Hayden Community HS ARC	
KC0CXB	60990	4	214	39	4	2	5	46	24	25	Palisade High School ARC	Palisade HS
WB4XS	34882	5	214	42	3	9	2	21	12	10	William Byrd High School ARC	William Byrd HS
ND8GA	22962	6	127	35	5	14	2	24	15	5	Gilmour Academy ARC	
W2CXN	18666	7	122	30	0	10	4	21	9	12	Brooklyn Technical High School ARC & Soc	
KC0ENB	14726	8	74	23	1	3	1	34	17	5	Russell HS Radio Club	
K1BBS	14384	9	124	21	1	13	3	15	14	34	Burr and Burton ARC, Burr And Burton Academy	
N4LZJ	13580	10	77	24	1	3	1	22	23	9	Colonial Forge HS Ham Radio Club	
KB3BKW	10620	11	90	30	2	7	2	15	8	7	Belle Vernon HS ARC	
W4S	7938	12	60	25	0	7	2	18	18	7	Commonwealth Governor's School	Spotsylvania Career & Technical Center
KL7WHS/AL9A	7878	13	101	30	4	4	5	6	9	6	Warrior AR Club	Wasilla HS
K7EFA	1776	14	24	14	0	0	0	12	6	170	Yellowstone Radio Club	Billings Christian School
W8SWD	1482	15	19	14	1	1	1	12	10	4	Milford High School Communications Club	
KC2AXX	1005	16	15	12	0	3	1	10	9	12	AMAR, SCT BOCES Tec Program	
Colleges/Universities												
W7ASU	177775	1	501	48	5	13	7	49	21	3	Amateur Radio Society at Arizona State University	
K7UAZ	143225	2	423	45	5	5	6	54	24	4	UA Amateur Radio Club	University of Arizona
K4TTC	42700	3	175	40	2	5	1	39	13	12	Amateur Radio Club	
W9NIU	33264	4	144	40	1	7	4	35	22	4	NIU College of Engineering RC	Northern Illinois U
W6YRA	31668	5	203	45	2	0	2	21	6	4	UCLA ARC	UCLA
K3DUQ	21594	6	114	21	1	1	5	30	13	1	Duquesne University ARC	Duquesne University
W9YT	9555	7	65	24	1	2	0	24	24	2	Badger Amateur Radio Society	U of Wisconsin Madison
KC5ZHF	5368	8	61	27	1	1	2	11	4	1	Patriot Amateur Radio Club	University of Texas at Tyler
W8EDU	793	9	13	11	0	0	0	10	4	1	Case Western Reserve University	
W2AEE	774	10	18	11	0	0	1	6	6	1	CUARC	Columbia University
W6YX	45	11	4	3	0	1	0	1	2	2	Stanford University ARC	
DX Colleges/Universities												
ON4HTI	17664	1	170	5	0	40	21	1	22	5	STARCOM, Ostend Polytechnic University (KHBO)	
VE7UBC	2816	2	32	19	0	0	2	13	6	1	University of British Columbia ARS	
Clubs (Non-School)												
K3FBI	32980	1	170	35	3	16	0	28	8	2	Federal Bureau of Investigation ARA	
W0GQ	4686	2	33	19	1	2	0	24	5	1	Cedar Valley ARC	
Individuals												
KB3AGZ	3753	1	27	18	0	0	3	23	11	1		
KA2NRR	1005	2	15	9	0	1	1	11	5	1		
W08L	828	3	12	11	0	1	1	11	12	1		

C3SS does not work so had to use the B&W folded dipole for 15 meters. The QRM on 20 was bad but we got through okay anyway. Never worked anyone on 40 or 10 this year. Of course could have worked some of the same stations on 15 as well as 20 but only can work stations once no matter what bands. Had lots of fun. Hope to do better next year. CU in the pileups. —*Frosty K5LBU, Olle Middle School K5OMS*

We really enjoyed chewing the rag with fellow hams. In addition, to our regular contacts, we also made an aeronautical mobile and a maritime mobile contact. Our first-time operators found it challenging to think of things to talk about, but they had a great time. We're looking forward to the 2005 SCR! —*Tom, KA3WSQ sponsor, KB3BKW*

Even though I had to set up and take down my antenna each day, I wouldn't miss the SCR. Twenty-six sixth graders made contacts during the week. It was their first experience on Amateur Radio. They can't wait to operate again. Thanks to everyone! —*Phil, N1IFP,*

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The Wasilla High School Warrior Amateur Radio Club, KL7WHS, whose station equipment was obtained through a grant from the ARRL's Big Project, was QRV each day of the SCR contest period from 1900-2300 UTC. The WARC, which has seven newly licensed Technicians, operated as KL7WHS/AL9A throughout the contest period.

Despite the trying conditions we managed to log 101 QSOs on voice, 85 on 15 m, 2 on 20 m and 14 on 2 m for a total of 8282 points.

SCR E-Mail Reflector

The 2004 School Club Roundup will be February 14-18. Meanwhile, you can join our reflector at **SCR-L@yahoogroups.com** by sending a message to **SCR-L-subscribe@yahoogroups.com**, or on-line at **groups.yahoo.com/groups/SCR-L**.

We also bagged a few DX contacts including Belize, Hawaii, Japan, Solomon Is and Papua New Guinea. Everyone seemed to have an enjoyable time (of course, getting out of class may have had something to do with that!) and they were impressed with the capabilities of Amateur Radio.

All in all it was a fun time for everyone and should be something to look forward to again next year.—*73 de Len, KL7LB, and Gary, AL9A*

After 8 years of saying that I was going to do this, I finally did. And it was fun! My entire class of 13 Special Ed students from Rochester (New Hampshire) Middle School was able to participate.—*Bill Nelson, KA1PTW*

This was our first year participating in this contest, and the students had a blast.—*Karen McDougal, KC4AVF, secretary TTC-ARCH*

We ran over lunch hour each afternoon of the week. It was fun talking to some of the children operating stations. Thanks for making it all work! —*Alan, K18JV/W8EDU* 