

The 2007 ARRL September VHF QSO Party Results

They call it “sporadic-E” for a reason...

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VHF/UHF means different things to different people. Some amateurs have only used the VHF/UHF bands for local communications, handheld transceivers and repeaters, missing out on a lot of fun and exciting DX possibilities. By using a small beam installed for horizontal polarization instead of vertical and trying SSB or CW instead of FM, they could be working stations several states away! VHF/UHF contesters have long figured this out, of course, and enjoy themselves to their heart's content — assuming, of course, there is propagation.

Beyond the Radio Horizon

VHFers all know how unpredictable propagation can be. Paul, AA4ZZ, summed it up best: “It’s not often that the big story for June is tropo and September is 6 meter sporadic E (Es), but that is the story for the 2007 VHF contests.” How right he is!

An E-cloud settled in over Arkansas for a few hours on Saturday and allowed some much-needed 6 meter propagation. Those in the Northeast and South benefited from the unexpected 6 meter opening, while the rest of the country had to find QSOs by lots of CQing and sheer determination. There was also a touch of tropospheric enhancement to be found on the East Coast on Sunday morning, which led to some modest gains on 2 meters and up.

Keys to Success

Perhaps the biggest factor that leads to success in a VHF contest comes down to “chair time.” Sitting at the rig actively looking for or soliciting QSOs is going to lead to a bigger score. It’s really that simple. With marginal conditions, more chair time gives you better chances of catching the small openings that invariably occur during a contest weekend and that increases your QSO and grid square totals.

Another strategy I’ve heard mentioned over and over is to work a station on as many bands as possible when you have the chance. If

there’s no great opening, take advantage of having a station available to you and work them on as many bands as you possibly can. Adding FM capabilities can also bring in some extra QSOs, especially if you live in a high-density population area.

And lastly, pay attention to the rovers and where they are going to be. Rovers, by definition, activate more than one grid square, often activating any given square for a very short period of time. Since you can work rovers each time they appear in a different grid, it’s worth the effort to keep tabs on their schedule. Rovers make VHF contests much more exciting, especially during periods of marginal propagation.

Stories from the Trenches

The collective experience from a contest’s participants can be a place to learn a lot of valuable tips to improve your performance in the next event. We had a lot of great stories submitted to us from newcomers and seasoned veterans alike. Steve, K4GUN, had his first contest rover experience in the September VHF QSO Party. “This is when I discovered just how bad a vertical antenna is for SSB in the VHF/UHF bands. People had tried to tell me, but being as inexperienced (and perhaps stubborn) as I am, I didn’t quite understand the depths of this issue. I figured I have a pretty good vertical so how bad could it be? The answer: pretty bad.” Look for Steve as a rover in future VHF contests, with better gear.

Another Rover, Glen, KC0IYT, emphasizes fun during his operations. “I had a lot of fun and I think it was mostly because I was out roving purely for the fun of it and not caring what my score would be. I know operators who won’t even turn their radios on if they’re not sure that they can WIN some category of the contest.”

Dan, W1QK, offers this insightful piece of information: “One of the reasons why we contest is to continuously assess what works and why, as well as determine how to make the deployment, operation and equipment better for the next competition.” One of the operators at W1QK was Harlan, KB1ILY, participating in his first event. “My first major contest was a hoot! The propagation seemed average, as I understood, but usually there were stations that responded to my CQ calls. The friends, food and radio fun-factor were astounding. Will I contest again? You betcha!”

The Contest — By The Numbers

Participation was up slightly this year, with 557 logs received compared to 2006’s 532, and 2005’s 628 logs. Although conditions were generally down this year, we saw a few divisional records broken, including some



Single Operator, Low Power		Limited Multioperator	
K2DRH	261,120	W3SO	277,440
K1TR	182,332	W4IY	256,896
W3SZ	181,450	AA4ZZ	218,772
WB1GQR	132,526	K8EP	209,944
(W1SJ, op)		W1QK	112,359
KB8U	95,760	N8ZM	79,975
KC9BQA	79,734	K2BAR	62,208
AF1T	78,870	KB1DFB	60,102
WB2SIH	70,680	KV1J	41,676
N9DG	65,526	W3HZH	39,585
W3XO	52,624		
Single Operator, High Power		Multioperator	
K1TEO	502,502	K8GP	1,372,000
K1RZ	303,462	W2SZ	1,174,600
WA2FGK	271,760	K1WHS	1,125,375
(K2LNS, op)		N3NGE	516,051
KA1ZE	224,775	K5QE	472,256
K3TUF	177,704	K3YTL	393,466
K8TOK	169,071	N2NK	257,442
K4QI	126,028	W4NH	188,284
W9GA	110,695	W2EA	167,890
K5LLL	97,704	K3EOD	129,808
KE2N	94,041		
QRP Portable		Rover	
KA1LMR	55,500	N6NB (+N6MU)	636,939
W1JHR	10,816	K6MI (+W6TE)	617,013
N8XA	6,728	KK6KK	578,025
WB2AMU	6,650	(+KG6TOA)	
WA6OSX	4,371	W9FZ	76,962
VA2WDQ/P	1,664	K3LFO	70,560
VE7IHL	1,625	(+ W3DIO)	
KG6HSQ	351	VE3OIL	67,743
N3AWS	140	(+ VE3NPB)	
KC2JRQ	42	K9ILT (+ K0PG)	58,900
		W1AUV	55,521
		KC3WD	52,668
		WA3PTV	52,113

that have stood for quite a long time.

Individual and Team Results — National

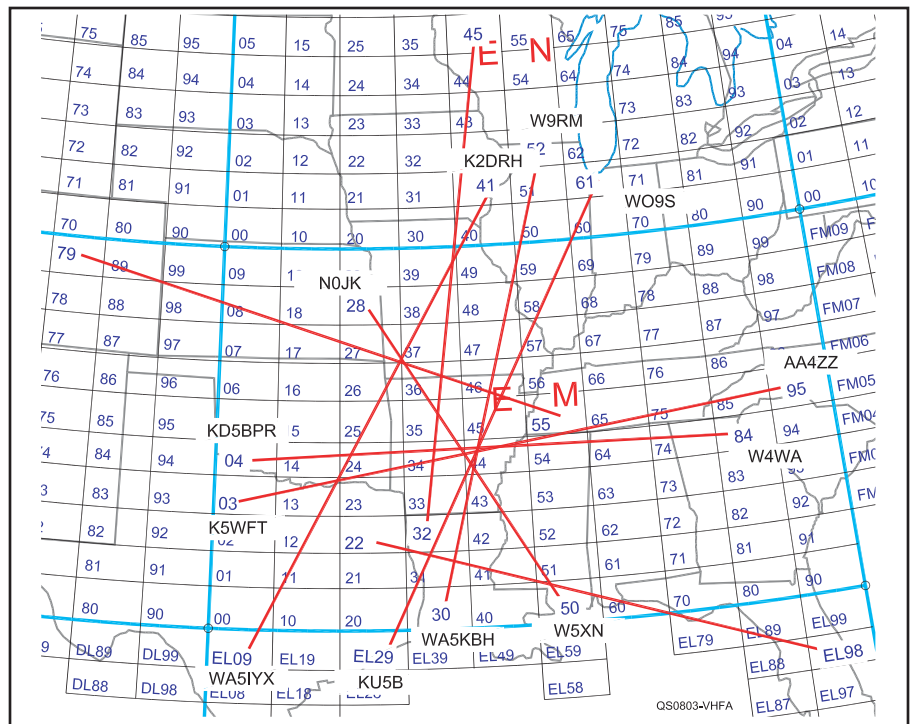
Single Operator

Bob, K2DRH, pulled off a repeat of 2006 and won the SOLP category yet again this year, improving his 2006 score by almost 50k points and setting a new central division record. The Saturday 6 meter opening, enhancement on Sunday morning and lots of tower and antenna work a week before the event led Bob to his best September VHF score ever. He was 80k ahead of second place K1TR, who received a visit from Murphy atop his Wachusett Mountain QTH in FN42, frying his IF and T/R switch for his 903-3456 MHz transverter box. Roger, W3SZ, set a new Atlantic Division record with his third place score, with only 882 points less than K1TR. K1TR had 239 QSOs more than W3SZ, but Roger had 32 more multipliers. W1SJ piloted WB1GQR to a respectable fourth place finish, while Russ, KB8U, came in fifth overall with 95k while struggling with a malfunctioning rotor, rounding out the top five. Honorable mention goes to Todd, N4QWZ, for breaking the Delta Division record in the SOLP category.

For the high-power crowd, Jeff, K1TEO, pulled off his second win in a row as he topped the SOHP category by almost 66% from second place K1RZ, despite encountering more problems than he's experienced in some time. Persistence paid off and Jeff

was able to coast to victory even though his score was down almost 70k from 2006. Dave was hardly a slouch, scoring over 300k in his second-place effort. Herb, K2LNS drove WA2FGK to third place overall, with KA1ZE and K3TUF completing the top five.

For those who enjoy some fresh air — and a significant challenge — the QRP Portable category offers both a chance to get outdoors and a chance to do a lot with a little — or bang their head against a brick wall. Only 13 amateurs braved the category this Sep-



With a sporadic-E cloud settling over Arkansas, contesters were able to enjoy a surprise 6 meter opening Saturday afternoon throughout the Northeast and the South. Many QSOs were made off this cloud.

Regional Leaders

Northeast Region (New England, Hudson and Atlantic Divisions; Maritime and Quebec Sections)

K1TR	182,332	A
W3SZ	181,450	A
WB1GQR (W1SJ, op)	132,526	A
AF1T	78,870	A
WB2SIH	70,680	A
K1TEO	502,502	B
K1RZ	303,462	B
WA2FGK (K2LNS, op)	271,760	B
KA1ZE	224,775	B
K3TUF	177,704	B
KA1LMR	55,500	Q
W1JHR	10,816	Q
VA2WDQ/P	1,664	Q
KC2JRW	42	Q
W3SO	277,440	L
W1QK	112,359	L
K2BAR	62,208	L
KB1DFB	60,102	L
KV1J	41,676	L
W2SZ	1,174,600	M
K1WHS	1,125,375	M
N3NGE	516,051	M
K3YTL	393,466	M
N2NK	257,442	M
K3LFO (+ W3DIO)	70,560	R
W1AUV	55,521	R
WA3PTV	52,113	R
W1RT (+ ON4IY)	42,277	R
K1DS	41,791	R

Southeast Region (Delta, Roanoke and Southeastern Divisions)

K4LY	51,923	A
W4SHG	48,138	A
N4QWZ	39,250	A
K4FJW	12,600	A
K2DEL	11,285	A
K4QI	126,028	B
KE2N	94,041	B
W4WA	83,424	B
W4ZRZ	56,304	B
KN4SM	33,812	B
N3AWS	140	Q
AB4EJ	12	Q
W4IY	256,896	L
AA4ZZ	218,772	L
K8EP	209,944	L
WD4OAR	34,632	L
NG4T	1,474	L
K8GP	1,372,000	M
W4NH	188,284	M
AG4V	26,214	M
NE5BO	21,504	M
W4OZK	6,731	M
KC3WD	52,668	R
N2CLB	3,424	R
K4EPC	2,639	R
AI4GR (+ K14GQZ)	1,323	R
AD4IE	1,272	R

Central Region (Central and Great Lakes Divisions; Ontario Section)

K2DRH	261,120	A
KB8U	95,760	A
KC9BQA	79,734	A
N9DG	65,526	A
WZ8T	43,200	A
K8TQK	169,071	B
W9GA	110,695	B
K9EA	82,110	B
K8MD	76,302	B
K9CT	75,187	B
N8XA	6,728	Q
N8ZM	79,975	L
N9TF	15,872	L
W9RM	15,300	L
KC8QAE	14,091	L
WA3ZKR	11,280	L
N9UHF	61,248	M
N2BJ	41,529	M
W8PGW	20,746	M
W9FZ	76,962	R
VE3OIL (+ VE3NPB)	67,743	R
K9ILT (+ K0PG)	58,900	R
N9TTX	46,110	R
VE3SMA	43,450	R

Midwest Region (Dakota, Midwest, Rocky Mountain and West Gulf Divisions; Manitoba and Saskatchewan Sections)

W3XO	52,624	A
WBSZDP	38,720	A
N0KP	38,710	A
N0LL	28,060	A
W6ZI	28,024	A
K5LLL	97,704	B
K9MK	74,817	B
W0ZQ	65,369	B
W5PR	24,700	B
KC0TPP	18,601	B
K0NR	20	Q
N0JK	9	Q
AB5GU	21,208	L
KA5WZY	10,564	L
NG5A	8,305	L
N0UNL	5,782	L
KE5BAV	3,888	L
K5QE	472,256	M
KB0HH	92,901	M
W0EEA	42,510	M
W0FRC	1,302	M
KC0IYT	19,872	R
WA0VPJ	15,370	R
KR0VER	10,750	R
KA0KCI	9,306	R
N5AIU (+ AE5BN)	8,460	R

West Coast Region (Pacific, Northwestern and Southwestern Divisions; Alberta, British Columbia and NWT Sections)

N7CFO	20,898	A
W6YX (K16CCH, op)	12,532	A
K6XN	11,634	A
K17JA	7,612	A
W6OMF	6,750	A
KC6ZWT	29,212	B
W6VNO	17,980	B
K7ND	14,042	B
K7AED	3,956	B
W7MY	3,610	B
WA6OSX	4,371	Q
VE7IHL	1,625	Q
KG6HSQ	351	Q
WB0IWG	1	Q
VA7ISL	23,374	L
AD6IJ	15,105	L
K0DI	21,321	M
KF6KDA	12,672	M
K7RST	4,784	M
KF6LT	2,340	M
N6SPE	1,003	M
N6NB (+N6MU)	636,939	R
K6MI (+W6TE)	617,013	R
KK6KK (+K6GTOA)	578,025	R
K3UHF	30,753	R
N7UHF	30,753	R

Club Competition

Local Club Category

Club Name	Score	# of Logs
Murgas ARC	668036	4
North Texas Microwave Society	595863	5
Chippewa Valley VHF Contesters	79772	6
Raritan Bay Radio Amateurs	14241	8
CTRI Contest Group	9800	3
10-70 Repeater Ass'n	9506	3

Medium Club Category

Club Name	Score	# of Logs
Potomac Valley Radio Club	2095553	21
Northeast Weak Signal Group	2068735	21
PACRATS	641932	11
Badger Contesters	558231	25
Society of Midwest Contesters	432704	18
Yankee Clipper Contest Club	302672	12
Carolina DX Assn	271967	3
Contest Club Ontario	208241	17
Northern Lights Radio Society	197723	14
Pacific Northwest VHF Society	109429	12
Northern California Contest Club	52342	6
Florida Weak Signal Society	49394	6
Grand Mesa Contesters of Colorado	47584	5
Frankford Radio Club	28054	3
Mad River Radio Club	24816	3
Dauberville DX Assn	19354	7

tember and the general lack of propagation shows in the scores. Chris, KAILMR, took first place for the fourth straight September contest, somehow scoring five times more points than second place George, W1JHR. Coming in third was Phil, N8XA, while Ken, WB2AMU, enjoyed some good enhancement on Sunday to earn fourth place. Tom, WA6OSX, led the West Coast QRP contingent with fifth place overall.

Multioperator

2007 saw a lot of familiar faces in the Limited Multiop Top Ten. Seven of last year's Top Ten are back again this year. The team from FN00, W3SO, managed to add 12k more to their score this year and take the top spot. Using older equipment and a station that has been pieced together little by little over the years, the Wopsononock Mountaintop Operators were able to overcome computer crashes and rig failures and edge out second place W4IY, who returned to the Limited Multi category after trying their hand at the Unlimited Multioperator category last year. Only 19k separated the two teams. While W4IY fared better on 6 meters in QSOs and multipliers, it was W3SO's better performance on 432 MHz that seemed to make the difference. Paul, AA4ZZ, and his troupe broke 200k and earned third place, up a slot from last year's effort. They were able to enjoy the 6 meter opening on Saturday, working a handful of stations at a time before the band would fold again. By the time the opening was done, AA4ZZ had managed to work 25 grids in Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and New Mexico. Now *that* is persistence. The K8EP crew improved their 2006 score by 25k points, but that was only good for fourth place this year. W1QK made the biggest improvement from 2006,

from ninth to fifth.

The Unlimited Multioperator category is the proverbial "Battle of the Titans," with the Grid Pirates, K8GP, and the Mt Greylock Expeditionary Force, W2SZ, setting new standards for multioperator contesting year after year. This past June, the big news was The Grid Pirates victory over the Mt Greylock team. History has a tendency to repeat itself, and for the second time this year, K8GP took first place in the Unlimited Multioperator category, beating W2SZ by just under 200k. While W2SZ certainly has an advantage of more people to work on 902 MHz and up, The Grid Pirates were dominant on 50 MHz-432 MHz, making over 100 more QSOs and doubling the number of grids on 6 meters that their second place competition. K1WHS earned 100k more than last year's effort, which translated into third place this season. Rounding out the top five are N3NGE and K5QE, who broke their own West Gulf Division record from 2004 with 472,256 points this year.

Rovers

The big news this year was the shattering of the previous top rover score not once, not twice, but *three* times in the same contest. Three different rovers headed up the California coast in tandem and all scored over 500,000 points. The winner this year was N6NB with a new record score of 636,939 points. K6MI was second with 617k and KK6KK came in third with 578k. Bruce, W9FZ, opted for a route in completely unfamiliar territory, venturing south of his home turf and amassing just under 77k to earn fourth place. Dave, K3LFO (+W3DIO) enjoyed great success around Virginia and Maryland to earn fifth place, scoring just over 70k.

Club Competition

The September VHF QSO Party is one of many ARRL sponsored events that allows ARRL and RAC affiliated clubs to combine the scores of their members and compete with other clubs. The 2007 September VHF contest featured six competing in the Local Club category and 16 in the Medium Club category. In the Local Club category, The group from the Pennsylvania mountain territory, the Murgas Amateur Radio Club, used their skills honed from the Pennsylvania QSO Party and beat out a great effort from the North Texas Microwave Society (NTMS) to take top honors with 668,036 total points. Murgas scored 72k more than their brethren down South even though they submitted only four logs, compared to the NTMS's five entries. The Chippewa Valley VHF Contesters managed third place with six logs.

In the Medium Club category, heavy hitters Potomac Valley Radio Club went up against New England's premier VHF/UHF

QSO Leaders By Band

Single Operator Low Power

50 MHz		432 MHz	
K1TR	216	K1TR	112
WB1GQR	213	K2DRH	107
(W1SJ, op)		WB1GQR	103
W3XO	209	(W1SJ, op)	
K2DRH	203	W3SZ	77
W4TAA	122	WB2SIH	73
K4LY	120	N9DG	73

144 MHz		902 MHz	
WB1GQR	239	K2DRH	29
(W1SJ, op)		W3SZ	28
K1TR	237	WB2SIH	24
K2DRH	181	KC9BQA	19
N8RA	154	AF1T	19
K5MA	137		

222 MHz		1296 MHz	
K1TR	84	K2DRH	37
WB1GQR	80	WB1GQR	36
(W1SJ, op)		(W1SJ, op)	
K2DRH	68	W3SZ	30
W3SZ	67	KC9BQA	28
N9DG	58	WB2SIH	26
WB2SIH	58		

QSO Leaders By Band

Single Operator High Power

50 MHz		144 MHz	
K1TOL	303	K1TEO	328
W5PR	260	KA1ZE	225
K1TEO	182	K1RZ	209
K5LLL	177	WA2FGK	193
K1RZ	175	(K2LNS, op)	
		KE2N	164

club, the North East Weak Signal group. Both clubs submitted 21 logs, with NEWS utilizing five rovers to the PVRC's 1. Both clubs racked up over 2 million points in their combined members' score! When the dust had settled, the difference was a mere 26,818 points! Despite their best efforts, the North East Weak Signal group fell short this year and the PVRC won the Medium Club category. The Mount Airy Pack Rats came in third on their way to 642k, while Wisconsin's Badger Contesters submitted an impressive 25 logs — the highest number of any club — on their way to fourth place.

Across the Continent — Regional Notes

Northeast Region

The battle for top honors in the Single Op Low Power category continued to be fought out by familiar calls. Ed, K1TR, fought off high-band equipment failures to win the region, just edging out W3SZ, who managed to set an Atlantic Division record. Jeff, K1TEO, made the most of high-band enhancement to claim Single Op High Power and first place nationwide, beating Dave, K1RZ, by almost 200k. KAILMR won the QRP category nationally and beating second place W1JHR by 500%. W3SO bested W1QK for the top Limited Multiop score, while K1WHS put in a *very* impressive score from their Maine hilltop QTH in the Multioperator category, second only to perennial region winner W2SZ. K3LFO (+W3DIO) cruised in

Multiplier Totals By Band

Single Operator Low Power		432 MHz	Single Operator High Power		432 MHz	Single Operator Portable		902 MHz	222 MHz		
50 MHz			50 MHz			50 MHz					
W3XO	90	K2DRH	W5PR	95	K1ZE	N8XA	27	KA1LMR	6	K8GP	50
K2DRH	69	N9DG	K5LLL	84	K8TQK	KA1LMR	22	W1JHR	2	N3NGE	40
K5IX	62	K8ZES	K1TR	27	K1TEO	N8XA	2	N8XA	2	W2SZ	39
W4TAA	58	K4LY	K4LY	27	K4QI	WB2AMU	16	WA6OSX	1	AA4ZZ -L	37
K4LY	52	W3SZ	W3SZ	27	K3TUF	W1JHR	14			K1WHS	36
		K88U	K88U	27		VA2WDQ/P	9	1296 MHz		432 MHz	
144 MHz			144 MHz		902 MHz	144 MHz		KA1LMR	6	K8GP	51
K2DRH	53	K2DRH	KA1ZE	57	K1TEO	KA1LMR	25	W1JHR	3	W3SO -L	49
K4EQH	44	W3SZ	K1TEO	56	K1RZ	WB2AMU	18	N8XA	2	W2SZ	44
N9DG	38	K88U	K8TQK	56	K8TQK	VA2WDQ/P	17	WA6OSX	1	K1WHS	42
KB8U	37	WB2SIH	K4QI	48	K1RZ	W1JHR	17			K3YTL	41
W6ZI	36	KC9BQA	W2KV	42	WA2FGK	N8XA	12	Multioperator		902 MHz	
K8ZES	35	WA3EQQ	K9EA	42	(K2LNS, op)			50 MHz		W2SZ	35
			WA2FGK	42	1296 MHz	222 MHz		K5QE	118	K8GP	29
222 MHz		1296 MHz	(K2LNS, op)		K1TEO	KA1LMR	16	W4NH	92	K1WHS	27
K2DRH	33	K2DRH			KA1ZE	W1JHR	13	K1WHS	84	K5QE	19
N9DG	30	W3SZ	222 MHz		WA2FGK	N8XA	9	AA4ZZ -L	75	N2NK	18
KB8U	28	WB2SIH	K8TQK	44	(K2LNS, op)	VE7IHL	3			N3NGE	18
K1TR	27	WA3EQQ	KA1ZE	38	K4QI	KA1LMR	17	144 MHz		1296 MHz	
W3SZ	25	WB1GQR	K1TEO	37	K8TQK	WB2AMU	14	K8GP	80	W2SZ	38
KC9BQA	25	(W1SJ, op)	KA1ZE	38	K1RZ	W1JHR	13	K5QE	63	K1WHS	28
K5MA	25		K1TEO	37		N8XA	6	N3NGE	59	N2NK	20
			K4QI	35		VE7IHL	6	W3SO -L	59	K8GP	25
			K3TUF	34		WA6OSX	6			N2NK	20
										K5QE	20

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style to the top rover score in the Northeast.

Southeast Region

Doug, K4LY (ex-WØAH) took the region for the second straight year in the Single Op Low Power category, despite his score being down 18k from last year. Russ, K4QI, improved last year's score by nearly 40k to claim the Single Op High Power regional title. Jim, N3AWS, took the top spot in the QRP Portable category with only 13 QSOs and a score of 140. The teams from W4IY and AA4ZZ slugged it out in the Limited Multioperator category again this year, with W4IY taking top regional honors in addition to second place nationally. The Grid Pirates, K8GP, worked the lower bands to perfection and took first place in the Multioperator category in both the Southeast division as well as nationally. Matt, KC3WD, scored 7k fewer points than in 2006, but was the Southeast's best rover in September 2007.

Central Region

Bob, K2DRH, continues his dominance from Illinois as the top Single Op Low Power entry both in the region and overall, while Glenn, K8TQK, repeated his Single Op High Power regional victory, scoring just under 8k less than last year. The lone QRP Portable entrant in the region was Phil, N8XA, who managed 83 QSOs on six bands and improved dramatically on his 2006 score. The Limited Multioperator effort by Tom, N8ZM, and company was head and shoulders above second place N9TF. The Multioperator category pitted two Society of Midwest Contesters contingents against each other; Barry, N2BJ (with packet) versus several operators as part of the N9UHF effort in EN52. The Stoned Monkey team topped Barry by 20k

points for the regional Multioperator title. W9FZ prevailed over VE3OIL (+ VE3NBP) by just over 9k for the top rover operation in the Central region.

Midwest Region

Bill, W3XO, in south Texas was able to take advantage of the 6 meter opening on Saturday afternoon, snagging over 200 QSOs in five hours to earn the Single Op Low Power honors. Ron, K5LLL, combined the 6 meter opening with effective rover management to win the Single Op High Power honors, smashing the West Gulf Division record held by K5IUA since 1999. In what may be the most concentrated contest effort in history, Bob, KØNR, needed only five minutes' worth of operating time to capture the QRP Portable category in the entire Midwest region! Marty, AB5GU, needed just 230 QSOs and 21k to take the region in the Limited Multioperator category, and in the Multioperator class, the K5QE crew was able to muscle their way to a new West Gulf division record in the Multioperator category for the *fourth* consecutive year. The regional rover title was contested between the efforts of KCØIYT and WAØVPJ, two members of the Northern Lights Radio Society. KCØIYT was the winner, thanks to his use of the microwave bands. While John had more overall QSOs (208 vs 192) and more overall multipliers (53 vs 46), especially on 6 and 2 meters, it was Glen's QSOs on 903 MHz plus 2304 MHz and up that took him over the top.

West Coast Region

If there's no propagation to speak of, VHF contesting out west can be especially trying. That doesn't deter the Pacific Northwest

VHF Society folks, including Lynn, N7CFO, from getting in there anyway! Lynn walked away with the region's best score in the SOLP category. Norm, KC6ZWT, increased his 2006 score by 33% taking the Single Op High Power category and a regional victory. With the difference in propagation between the left and right coasts, QRP scores were decidedly lower out west. Tom, WA6OSX, fared the best, with 98 QSOs and 31 Multipliers from 50 MHz through 1296 MHz to earn first place in the region from the field. With only two entries in the Limited Multioperator category from the Western sections, VA7ISL had no trouble taking AD6IJ for top regional honors. KØDI was able to use the southern California population density to take the Multioperator title for the West Coast Region. So who were the rovers? K6MI, N6NB and KK6KK followed their noses up the California coast in tandem to a West Coast and national rover record score. Wayne, N6NB, was the leader of the pack with 637k points.

Conclusion

More activity with some odd propagation made the 2007 ARRL September VHF QSO Party an enjoyable event. With some newcomers participating in their first VHF contest and many amateurs purchasing rigs that have VHF bands built in, now is a great time to get involved with VHF/UHF contesting and get on a band or mode you've never tried before. With the ARRL sponsoring three VHF/UHF contests a year plus an event dedicated to UHF only, you have plenty of opportunities to get in on the VHF/UHF fun. Join us! You'll be glad you did. The 2008 September VHF QSO Party will be September 13-15. I look forward to working you!