2012 ARRL UHF Contest Results

The Quest to rise above 250 log submissions continues!

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The chart showing "QSOs by Band" from 2007 through 2012 tells the story — while still not over the 200-log threshold of 2009 and 2010, the 171 logs received for 2012 did rise from last year's disappointing count of 142. Most of the increase was in Single Operator, Low Power logs with 94 (compared to 71 in 2011). With the rise in logs submitted, the total number of QSOs reported in this year's logs grew as well, with just over 8800 QSOs reported.

Where the Action Was

Among stations submitting logs, a total of 113 grid locators were represented and contacts were reported with 168 different grid squares in 2012. The three most reported grid locators were FM19 (549), FN20 (500) and FN42 (432).

Fixed stations were active from 81 of the 113 grids with 56 uniquely represented by fixed stations. FN42 was the most popular locator for fixed stations with 10 logs received listing 475 QSOs. FN20 and EM86 were next with eight logs each but FN20 stations reported 367 QSOs compared to 166 QSOs from EM86.

The 115 grids activated by Rovers included 32 that were visited only by Rovers — an average of five grids were activated by each Rover. Four Rovers that visited DM13 reported the highest QSO total for a given locator with 173. FN00 was a close second for Rover QSOs with 172 reported by three Rovers that activated the grid. DM04 and CM97 were both visited by five Rovers, with 153 and 112 QSOs reported, respectively.

When Did Contacts Happen?

As usually happens, the busiest hour was the first, in which just shy of 1400 QSOs were logged, a little over 15% of the total QSOs reported in the contest. The chart of "QSOs by Hour" shows that strong activity continued in the following three hours, netting over one third of the total QSOs in the first four hours of the contest. Sunday morning started off slowly with under 200 QSOs between 1000 and 1159 UTC but activity grew and remained steady at over 400 QSOs per hour from 1200 UTC until the end of the contest time.
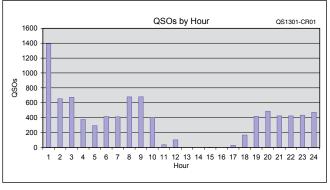
Top Scorers by Category

In Single Op, High Power, **Phil, K3TUF** claimed the top spot for 2012 from his Eastern Pennsylvania station. Second place in the "B" category went to Maryland-DC's **Dave, K1RZ**. Another Maryland-DC station, **Owen, K3CB**, claimed the third spot in SOHP.

What can be said about a score of 111,111? It seems unlikely that **Paul, W3PAW** was trying to achieve that specific score but that placed his effort from Western Pennsylvania atop the Single Op, Low Power category. Following Paul in SOLP were **Roger, W3SZ** from Eastern Pennsylvania and

Top Ten By Category

Single Operator, Low Power

Call	Score
W3PAW	111,111
W3SZ	55,890
K1KG	43,260
AF1T	40,887
N6MU	36,036
K2DRH	34,068
K2KIB	32,670
WB2SIH	26,847
W2BZY	24,111
WB2JAY	22,200

Single Operator, High Power

Call	Score
K3TUF	167,076
K1RZ	120,840
K3CB	56,619
KØVX	55,296
WB2RVX	47,610
N2GHR	45,576
WØZQ	26,469
VE3ZV	20,496
K8TQK	16,929
N7EPD	13,932

Multioperator

Call	Score
WØUC	31,293
K2LIM	19,581
KBØHH	9,801
N2BJ	6,048
NE1B	3,654
KO9A	2,709
AG4V	2,016
NC6EO	198
W4HXP	36
WA4ZKO	12

Rover

Call	Score
N6NB/R	329,508
W6XD/R	319,200
W6TAI/R	301,620
N6EY/R	253,914
N2CEI/R	56,916
W3HMS	28,755
KCØP/R	22,155
NN3Q/R	16,770
WA2IID/R	13,386
W1AUV/R	12,426

Limited Rover

Call	Score
K9JK/R	5,451
WW7D/R	5,136
WAØVPJ/R	3,366
AB2YI/R	510
N6ZE/R	12

Unlimited Rover

Call	Score
N3IQ/R	252,879
WA3PTV/R	72,912

These towers full of antennas kept Gary Gerber, KBØHH and his ops on the bands and loud, too! Gary and his "Bunkhouse crew" earned third place in the Multioperator category from his EMØ6 QTH. [Photo courtesy Gary Gerber, KBØHH]

QSOs by hour (2012)

QSOs by band 2007-2012

Warner, **K1KG** from Eastern Massachusetts.

In the Multioperator category, **Paul, WØUC** teamed up with K9MU and battled the bands from Paul's Wisconsin station to claim the top spot. The **K2LIM** "LIM Amateur Radio

Group" was at their favorite Western New York location and claimed the second spot (as they had in 2011). **Gary, KBØHH** (along with KAØKCI and KD5EKX) operated from Gary's Oklahoma bunkhouse station and finished in third place.
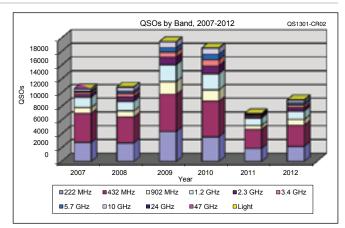
The Rovers from Southern California returned to activity in 2012 with **Wayne, N6NB** claiming the national top score in the category (and top score overall for this year). Wayne was closely followed by **Art, W6XD**, **Carrie, W6TAI** and **Jason, N6EY** (+W6TE). Outside of Southern California, the top scoring Rover was **Steve, N2CEI** from Florida, with over 200 QSOs from traveling through eight grids with eight bands. **Brian, N3IQ** in the Unlimited Rover category had the highest QSO total of all entrants (375) from the nine-band station he piloted. One other entrant joined Brian in Unlimited Rover, **Joe, WA3PTV** who travelled through four grids with his eight-band station.

In Limited Rover, your author, **John, K9JK** reclaimed the top spot for 2012, visiting four grids in Illinois with three bands. Second and third places in Limited Rover were the same as in 2011 except that they traded spots; **Darryl, WW7D** and **John, WAØVPJ** (+AIØZ) earned second and third respectively.

Regional Highlights
The Northeast continues as the log count

leader among the regions with 53 logs total; 22 from the Atlantic Division, 20 from the New England Division and 11 from the Hudson Division. The Northeast was also the place to be for top scores among Single Op fixed stations.

After the lowest count of logs (20) among the regions in 2011, "the South rose again" with 33 logs from the Southeast region; with 14 from the Southeastern Division, 10 from the Delta Division and nine from the Roanoke Division. Like "the South(east)," the Central Region also rose again with 29 logs (eight more than 2011); 14 from Central Division, 12 from Great Lakes Division and three from Ontario.

The West Coast Region was the source of 29 logs this year (down from 33 in 2011). The Northwestern and Pacific Divisions each contributed 11 logs plus there were six logs from the Southwestern Division and one from British Columbia. Midwest Region participants submitted 27 logs in 2012, comprised of 11 from the Dakota Division, seven from the Midwest Division, six from the West Gulf Division and three from the Rocky Mountain Division.

What About the Clubs?
Of this year's 171 logs, 101 of them listed an Affiliated Club name in their Cabrillo log file. With six logs submitted, the Southern California Contest Club won the Medium Club gavel. Seven members of the Bristol (Tennessee) Amateur Radio Club submitted their logs to claim the Local Club gavel. See the table for complete Club Competition results.

Rising!
The ARRL UHF Contest will definitely rise again in 2013, starting at 1800 UTC on August 3, 2013. Rising above 250 log submissions won't be easy but I still believe we CAN do it. Closing once again with Bill Seabreeze's famous (infamous?) directive to *"listen for the weak ones!"* and taking a bit of liberty with the statement I attribute to Lloyd NE8I, let's MAKE the activity *rise*!

Division Leaders by Category

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Affiliated Club Competition

Medium Club

	Score	# of Logs
Southern California Contest Club	1,240,806	6
Mt Airy VHF Radio Club	338,262	9
Potomac Valley Radio Club	289,893	5
North East Weak Signal Group	114,504	11
Northern Lights Radio Society	100,761	11
Florida Weak Signal Society	55,296	9
Society of Midwest Contesters	48,249	5
Pacific Northwest VHF Society	35,925	8
Contest Club Ontario	30,981	3
Badger Contesters	27,060	8
Yankee Clipper Contest Club	10,146	4

Local Club

Bristol (TN) Amateur Radio Club	10,137	7