2012 ARRL November CW Sweepstakes Results

This year your broom had to sweep up four new sections.

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The year 2012 was supposed to be the end of the world for a number of reasons, not the least of which was a misunderstanding of the Mayan calendar. 2012 was supposed to be cataclysmic for Sweepstakes, as well. The section Ontario ceased to exist, replaced by four new sections, Ontario North, Ontario South, Ontario East and Greater Toronto Area. A sweep would require 83 sections. Anarchy would surely result!

It didn't. Stations posting a sweep came in at a healthy 258. Ontario North (ONN) became the new rarest multiplier, but interestingly, many stations who missed a sweep did so by more than just ONN, and some who missed a sweep did so despite snagging ONN. The section was reported in 790 QSOs among logs submitted, but close on its heels was, perhaps oddly, Northern New York (NNY), in 803 QSOs. Even perennial sweep-busters Manitoba (1,190 QSOs), North Dakota (967) and Northern Territories (811) showed more QSOs than ONN.

Single Operator, High Power (SOHP)

Steve, N2IC, continues his mastery of this contest, edging out Gator, N5RZ, for the top spot with 1,424 QSOs and a sweep for a score of 236,384. Steve reports that 15 was his money band in daylight and 40 was hot after dark: "Thanks to CCO (Contesting Club Ontario) for encouraging activity from the new Ontario sections." Gator, N5RZ, beat Number 3 W7RN (N6TV, op) by only eight QSOs.

Single Operator, Low Power (SOLP)

The seesaw continues between Randy, KØEU, and Matt, K7BG. It swung back Randy's way



Randy, KØEU, has had great success over the past 10 years from his impressive Colorado SO2R (Single Operator, Two Radio) station. [Randy Martin, KØEU, photo]



this year (194,220 points), as he beat Matt (186,252) by 48 QSOs and Felipe, NP4Z, (182,932) by 68 QSOs. But it appears Puerto Rico is back. "NP4Z would have won the thing if he hadn't been pulled away from the chair by family matters," Randy wrote in an e-mail.

Felipe, NP4Z, is thrilled with his finish. "Low Power is almost impossible to win from here and that's why I like the LP class. Even if you make it to Top 5 you feel like a winner!" he wrote.

Multioperator, High Power (MOHP)

When you have a good thing going, why mess with success? So it is with the crew at W6YI (W6YI, N6AN, N6KI, N6MJ, K6AM, ops), who took the Multioperator title once again, beating Number 2 WØDLE (WØDLE, WØUA, and WBØGAZ, ops) by 89 QSOs, or 222,108 points to 207,334. The U.S. Virgin Islands section was well represented, with KP2M (K1ZE, N3XF, W1EQ, ops) in third spot, just 11 QSOs behind WØDLE.

Multioperator, Low Power (MOLP)

It turns out Ward, NØAX, is proficient with more than just a soldering iron and hands-on radio experiments: he and Sterling, NØSSC, teamed up as WØEEE to win MOLP, beating out a small but capable field, including Number 2 W1HQ, piloted by ARRL staffers Sean, KX9X, and Mike, K11U. [*It is rumored that a dinner wager was at stake* — *Ed.*] NX6T (N6KI, WB6NBU, K4RB, N7VM, ops), took third, giving the left coast something to cheer about.

QRP (SOQRP)

You have to sweep to win, right? Not exactly. You just need to make enough QSOs — more than anyone who does sweep. And that's the story atop QRP, where Dean, NW2K, missed a sweep by one but did lead his nearest rival by six QSOs and one section, and beat sweep artists Steve, KØOU, NN7SS (K6UFO, op) and Gary, N7IR, by at least 38 QSOs.

School Club (S)

Congratulations to Bob, WØBH, who again has KØHC on top of School Club with a respectable 1,051 QSOs and a sweep for 174,466 points. It seems Sweepstakes wouldn't be the same without his big Kansas signal.

N9GTC didn't win School Club. Indeed, the station's 177 QSOs and 59 sections were but a fraction of the 500,739 QSOs reported. But in a category small enough you'd have to add two

Top Ten by Category

Single Opera High Power	tor,	Single Operator, Unlimited, Low Power				
N2IC	236,384	KE7X	171,644			
N5RZ	225,096	N7XU	,			
W7RN	223,030	(K4XU, op)	168,158			
	000 760	KK7S	163,344			
(N6TV, op)	223,768	K8BL	159,526			
NØNI						
(AG9A, op)	219,618	W2CS	153,550			
K5GN	212,480	K3AU	4 47 574			
W6NL		(K2YWE, op)	147,574			
(N5KO, op)	210,986	N5DO	145,250			
WDØT	210,820	VE3KI	141,598			
K5TR		K7XC	141,532			
(N2NC, op)	210,488	W9CA				
K6LA	207,998	(N9CO, op)	141,204			
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K7BG	186,252	K1LZ	202,188			
NP4Z	182,932	KH7X				
K4RO	180,276		194,054			
NØAT		W5RU	191,564			
(NØKK, op)	177,620	W4RM	173,636			
N4OGW	177,454	KØS	172,806			
VA7RR	175,972	W6TK	168,158			
N9CK	173,470	KØHB	157,036			
K7GK	169,818					
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NØUR	109,350	N6WIN	144,320			
N7IV	107,568		142,096			
KØOU	106,738	N4UW	127,654			
NN7SS		K4FT	98,496			
(K6UFO, op)	104,580	VE4DR	74,240			
N7IR	102,588	WA6KYR	54,112			
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N4BP	193,888	(WW9R, op)	20,886			
KB7Q	193,556	W8SH	9,752			
NY3A	192,726	W1AF				
VO1XX	, -	(W1PL, op)	9,682			
(K5KG, op)	184,758	W2DSC				
N4ZZ	183,098	(WB2NVR,	6,364			
N4GG	182,102	. ,				
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New England Single Operator High Power CW Single Operator Low Power CW Single Operator CRP CW Single Operator Unlimited High Power CW Single Operator Unlimited Low Power CW Multioperator High Power CW Multioperator Low Power CW School Club CW	K5ZD K1XM W1QK W1UJ AE1T K1LZ W1HQ W1AF (W1PL, op)	Mark Olsen, KF1V Michael McKaughan, K1DM Mark Olsen, KF1V Mark Olsen, KF1V Icom America Mark Olsen, KF1V Icom America Icom America
Northwestern Single Operator High Power CW Single Operator Low Power CW Single Operator QRP CW	N9RV K7BG NN7SS	Icom America Phil Yasson, AB7RW
Single Operator Unlimited High Power CW Single Operator Unlimited Low Power CW	(K6UFO, op) K7RL KE7X	Icom America
Multioperator High Power CW Multioperator Low Power CW School Club CW	(@ KØPP) KL2R No Entrant No Entrant	Icom America Icom America Icom America Icom America
Pacific Single Operator High Power CW	W7RN	The Carroll Dean Jensen
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Roanoke Single Operator High Power CW Single Operator Low Power CW Single Operator QRP CW Single Operator Unlimited High Power CW	N4AF N4UA W7IY W4MR	Potomac Valley Radio Club Icom America Icom America
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Rocky Mountain Single Operator High Power CW	N2IC	Grand Mesa Contesters of
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Southeastern Single Operator High Power CW Single Operator Low Power CW Single Operator QRP CW Single Operator Unlimited High Power CW Single Operator Unlimited Low Power CW Multioperator High Power CW Multioperator Low Power CW School Club CW	AD4Z NP4Z K3TW N4BP KY4F KP2M K4FO W4UAL	Tom Alderman, W4BQF David Brandenburg, K5RQ Straight Key Contest Club Charlie Wooten, NF4A Icom America Icom America Icom America David Brandenburg, K5RQ
Southwestern Single Operator High Power CW Single Operator Low Power CW Single Operator QRP CW Single Operator Unlimited High Power CW Single Operator Unlimited Low Power CW Multioperator High Power CW Multioperator Low Power CW School Club CW	K6LA AA6PW N7IR K6LL KE7DX W6YI NX6T NX6T	Icom America Larry Serra, N6NC N6HE and W6DLD Icom America Icom America Icom America Icom America
West Gulf Single Operator High Power CW Single Operator Low Power CW Single Operator QRP CW	N5RZ N5WR WA8ZBT	David Brandenburg, K5RQ David Brandenburg, K5RQ In Memory of Mick Lange,
Single Operator Unlimited High Power CW Single Operator Unlimited Low Power CW Multioperator High Power CW Multioperator Low Power CW School Club CW	K5RT N5DO No Entrant WDØGTY N5XU (AA5BT, op)	WB5RSS Icom America Icom America Icom America Icom America David Brandenburg, K5RQ
Canada Single Operator High Power CW Single Operator Low Power CW Single Operator QRP CW	VE7CC VA7RR VA3DF	Icom America Icom America QRP Amateur Radio Club International
Single Operator Unlimited High Power CW	VO1XX (K5KG, op)	Icom America
Single Operator Unlimited Low Power CW Multioperator High Power CW Multioperator Low Power CW School Club CW	VE3KI VY1EI VE4DR No Entrant	Icom America Straight Key Contest Club Icom America Icom America

Regional Winners

Boxes list call sign, score and class (Q = QRP, A = Low Power, B = High Power, U = Single Operator Unlimited, High Power; UL = Single Operator Unlimited, Low Power; M = Multioperator, High Power; ML = Multioperator, Low Power; S = School Club)

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and Quebec	,		N4AF	197,374	В	W9RE	201,856	В	Divisions; M			Divisions; A		itish
AA3B	190,402	В	AD4Z	194,386	В	K9CT	184,094	В	Saskatchewa		- /	Columbia an Sections)		
K2TJ	187,580	В	N800	179,944	В	AC8E	.=	_	N2IC	236,384	В	,		
KD4D	183,098	В	K4BAI	178,284	B	(K8MR, op)	173,304	В	N5RZ	225,096	В	W7RN	000 700	-
K5ZD K4O	170,150	В	KØEJ	149,566	В	KE9I K1LT	158,364 155,874	B B	NØNI (AG9A, op)	219,618	В	(N6TV, op) W6NL	223,768	В
(K1RX, op)	169.154	В	NP4Z	182,932	А	KILI	155,674	D	(AG9A, op) K5GN	219,618	В	(N5KO, op)	210,986	В
((((), (), ()))	103,134	D	K4RO	180,276	Â	N9CK	173,470	А	WDØT	212,480	В	K6LA	207,998	B
NO3M	155.210	А	N4OGW	177,454	Â	W1NN	168.656	Â	WDDT	210,020	D	WEYX	201,000	D
W2ID	153,384	A	N4PN	154,712	A	AJ9C	158,530	A	KØEU	194,220	А	(N7MH, op)	201,524	В
W2LK	149,234	А	N400	147,076	A	K9KM	138,942	А	NØAT			K6XX	200,860	B
W2EG	146,780	Α				WT9U	125,952	A	(NØKK, op)	177,620	A			
K3AJ	136,120	A	W7IY	94,770	Q	K9UIY	125,952	A	NAØN	169,248	A	K7BG	186,252	А
		-	K4QPL	89,424	Q			_	N5WR	166,332	A	VA7RR	175,972	A
NW2K	111,684	Q	K3TW	86,240	Q	K9ZO	100,860	Q	KØAD	156,620	A	K7GK	169,818	A
WB2ABD	88,724	Q	N5EE	85,162	Q Q	N9NE	92,960	Q		100.050	~	VE6EX	161,186	A
W1QK K2ZR	71,442 64.452	Q Q	WF7T W4MR	71,832	Q	VA3DF VA3SB	92,904 82,984	Q Q	NØUR N7IV	109,350 107.568	Q	W7YAQ	152,720	A
AA1CA	60,214	ğ	(AA4NC, op)	195,216	U	KT8K	82,782	ğ	KØOU	107,508	ã	NN7SS		
ARIOR	00,214	Q	N4BP	193.888	Ŭ	INTOIN .	02,702	Q	KØPC	99,996	ã	(K6UFO, op)	104,580	Q
NY3A	192,726	U	N4ZZ	183.098	ŭ	NE9U	168.490	U	WA8ZBT	65,450	õ	N7IR	102,588	ã
VO1XX	,		N4GG	182,102	Ũ	N4QS	165,336	Ũ		,		W6JTI	100,440	Q
(K5KG, op)	184,758	U	K4TD	182,102	Ŭ	K3WA	162,680	U	AA5B	176,956	U	N6KV	75,036	Q
WR3Z	176,790	U				N8BJQ	156,040	U	KØHC			W7QDM	62,370	Q
WX3B	173,304	U	N3JT	127,156	UL	K9NR	137,282	U	(WØBH, op)	174,466	U			
N2MM	167,162	U	N4DW	118,080	UL		150 500		WØZA	164,672	U	K6LL	208,496	U
W2CS	153,550	UL	KY4F	97,110	UL UL	K8BL VE3KI	159,526 141,598	UL UL	K1KD	160,556	U U	K7RL	200,030	U U
K3AU	153,550	UL	N4KH W4MPS	94,288 86,560	UL	W9CA	141,596	UL	NØXR	155,472	U	KY7M KB7Q	194,884 193,556	U
(K2YWE, op)	147 574	UL	VV+IVII O	00,500	UL	(N9CO, op)	141.204	UL	N5DO	145.250	UL	KO7ĂĂ	179,280	Ŭ
AB3CX	126,492	ŬĒ	KP2M	205.508	М	K4FXN	125,496	ŬĒ	KØMPH	139.938	ŬĹ			Ũ
N3SD	111,618	ŬL	W5RU	191,564	M	KB9OWD	120,184	ÜL	KTØA	125,132	ŨĒ	KE7X	171,644	UL
K3MD	108,232	UL	W4RM	173,636	М				KTØR			N7XU		
			N4GI	151,060	М	W8EDU	151,392	М	(KØOB, op)	119,852	UL	(K4XU, op)	168,158	UL
K1LZ	202,188	М	N4FX	121,524	M	NT8V	91,798	М	WØPI	107,236	UL	KK7S	163,344	UL
KA2D W3LJ	122,674 56.880	M M	N4UW	107.054	ML	KA3MTT W8SH	15,680 9,752	M M	WØDLE	007.004	М	K7XC W7RM	141,532	UL
VVSLJ	50,000	IVI	W4UAL	127,654 48,924	ML	W03H	9,752	IVI	KØS	207,334 172.806	M	(N6TR, op)	140,934	UL
W1HQ	153,052	ML	K3MZ	26,700	ML	K4FT	98,496	ML	KØHB	157,036	M	(NOTH, OP)	140,304	UL
WO1N	34,304	ML	K4FO	8.232	ML	N9MT	4,472	ML	NØMA	89.216	M	W6YI	222.108	М
K2CDJ	30,668	ML		0,202			.,		KØJA	49,896	M	KH7X	194.054	M
AB2DE	1,972	ML	W4UAL	48,924	S	N9GTC				- ,		W6TK	168,158	М
						(WW9R, op)	20,886	S	WØEEE	159,028	ML	VY1EI	153,340	М
W3YI						W8SH	9,752	S	VE4DR	74,240	ML	K6MMM	144,342	М
(AB3LS, op)	38,776	S							WØGTY	52,812	ML	NU/OT		
W1AF	0.000	<u> </u>							KØUK	44,822	ML	NX6T	144,320	ML
(W1PL, op) W2DSC	9,682	S							KEØL	25,200	ML	N6WIN WA6KYR	142,096 54,112	ML ML
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									(AA5BT, op)	42,312	S			

stations to even have a Top 10, that's hardly the point.

N9GTC is the club station located at Gateway Technical College in Sturtevant, Wisconsin. Pat, WW9R, is one of the instructors at the Johnson Integrated Engineering and Manufacturing Technology Center. When he asked the student club members what they wanted to focus on, they said they wanted to learn Morse code. So, he made them a deal: learn enough Morse and they would play in Sweepstakes CW. "It was an amazing thing to see," he wrote. "With every contact, their excitement grew. It caused me to relive those first contacts as a Novice so many years ago."

The students were thrilled. "Memories were made that will never be forgotten," he wrote. Students rotated in the chair each hour, making an average of 10 QSOs per hour. "But that didn't matter: They were grinning from ear to ear."

Single Operator Unlimited, High Power (SOUHP)

Dave, K6LL, continues to make the most of his Arizona QTH and his operating prowess. His

Sweepstakes by the Numbers Facts and Figures

Number of logs1,2Number of QSOs claimed500,7					
Clean Sweeps					
Number of Clean Sweeps Number of stations missing a Clean Sweep					
by one section	118				
Most QSOs without a Clean Sweep 1,120 Rarest section ONN (790 QSOs reported) Most-worked section VA (22,650 QSOs reported)					

1,256 QSOs and a sweep (208,496 points) combined for a nearly 8,000-point victory over Mitch, K7RL.

Will, AA4NC (at W4MR), took third place.

Single Operator Unlimited, Low Power (SOULP)

Congratulations to Fred, KE7X (at KØPP), who is now the Unlimited, Low Power record holder with 1,035 QSOs and a sweep for 171,644 points.

Accidentally unlimited, Dick, K4XU, operating

as N7XU, was hot on Fred's heels at 1,013 QSOs and a sweep.

Chad, KK7S, earned the bronze medal from his QTH in WWA. Nice to see him active and doing well after a 25-year absence from the airwaves.

Disqualification: K1FWE was disqualified for operating beyond the privilege of his license class.

Get Ready

Mark your calendars! The 2013 CW Sweepstakes runs Nov. 2-4. This will be the 80th running of the oldest domestic radio contest, so stay tuned for special ways to celebrate!

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