

# 2015 ARRL June VHF Contest Results

**Propagation took a summer vacation.**

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The 6 meter sporadic E ( $E_s$ ) season this year has been disappointing at best, and the contest weekend was no exception. While some areas of the country got a few hours' worth of, at best, mediocre  $E_s$ , the rest of the country was literally left out in the rain. Thunderstorms hundreds of miles long trudged through all weekend, killing any hope of enhanced conditions on any other bands. Of course, 6 meters opened up with widespread European and domestic  $E_s$  the day *after* the contest!

Even the Texans were feeling the pain on 6 meters this time, despite having some of the best  $E_s$  conditions of the contest again. Conditions on the other bands were average at best, and poor most of the time. Top Ten scores were mostly comparable to 2013 lows and considerably down from last year. The bright spot for most folks seemed to be the new rules changes being tested for the first time, which allowed QSO scheduling to be set up in real time and kept things interesting during the many slow hours.

The West Coast did report a few short 6 meter openings on both days. And while the East Coast got some propagation to the Caribbean and EU, it only opened well domestically for them for about 2 hours late on Sunday. There was a late flurry on Sunday in Missouri to the FN grids that caused Jon, KCØDEB, to comment, "That is what I call a run for the finish line," but it never migrated much further north. Some Texans and a few stations in Arizona and New Mexico got the best shake out of a bad deal with multiple small openings in different areas as well as double hop to the FN grids on Sunday, but not everyone was in the spotlight. We heard some of them here in the Midwest for brief periods both days, but it was very weak and short-



**Figure 1** — This doesn't look like the "lower" four bands, but George, K5TR, can be seen hard at work getting his VHF/UHF array ready for the contest. From bottom to top (not including George) are seven elements on 50 MHz, 17 elements on 144 MHz, 16 elements on 222 MHz, and a pair of 28-element beams on 432 MHz. [George, K5TR, photo]

lived. However, ionosscatter was just about normal on Sunday morning and a lot easier to line up on with web spots and chats.

Troposcatter enhancements of the higher bands were slim to none this year. The number of stations working more than 100 QSOs on 2 meters dropped back down to 28 this year from 35, but is consistent with 27 in 2013 and 29 in 2012. Even with essentially flat propagation, Single Operator High Power (SOHP) (B) Stan, KA1ZE, with his new 4 × 12 2 meter array was able to go to right to the top of the pack with an outstanding 368 QSO/78 grid 2 meter-only effort. Four stations in the June VHF contest had 100 or more QSOs on 222, all of them multiops, with W2SZ (M) topping

the list at 129. Six stations had 432 QSO totals over 100, five multiops once again with W2SZ on top at 186. No real enhancement was reported by anyone on 432 and up.

Reflecting the generally poor conditions, once again few existing division or overall scoring records were broken. Of course, record scores for the newer SO3B (Single Op, 3 bands), SOFM (Single Op, FM only) categories, and the new Canadian RAC sections continue to be in flux. The previous contest score records are available for review on the ARRL website at [www.arri.org/contest-records](http://www.arri.org/contest-records) and will be updated with any new records set in 2015.

## The DX Situation

DX logs were up this year, with the help of three DXpeditions and a few South American logs. The XE contingent continued with five logs and Jorge, XE2X, leading the way for his countrymen — XE3N, XE2CQ, XE2OK, and XE2O. The Limited Multiop (LM) at C6ATA broke the existing C6 record with a whopping 931 QSOs on 6 meters and 15 on 2

meters, mostly on EME. Pedro, NP4A, also put a new multiplier in a lot of logs with a huge 689-QSO 6 meter effort for a Top Ten finish, shattering the 1986 SOHP (Single Op, High Power) WP4G record from Puerto Rico. Kyle, VP9/WA4PGM, also made a lot of people happy with 432 QSOs on 6 meters, with 100 W and a five-element Yagi at 20 feet. Three stations submitted logs from Cuba — Raul, CO8ZZ; Ed, CO8LY, and Juan, CO2WZ — all on 6 meters. Logs from Alaska doubled to four — Kevin, KL7KY; Ed, KL7UW; Dale, KL7XJ, and Ron, KL7YK. AH6RH/R and K6GSS/KH6 (SO3B) both submitted logs from Hawaii. VP2MTT, PV8AZ, FS/K9EL, and YL2GD rounded out the rest.

## Top Ten

Single Operator, Low Power (SOLP)		Limited Multioperator (L)	
K2DRH	225,984	K5QE	273,000
WB1GQR (W1SJ, op)	155,844	K8GP	267,852
AF1T	140,454	K2LIM	231,420
N4QWZ	90,882	AA4ZZ	216,999
K1KG	87,870	W3SO	202,335
KX4R	56,115	N2NT	150,917
WB2JAY	50,600	W4IY	144,358
N0LL	45,760	C6ATA	144,356
VP9/WA4PGM	44,928	K8EP	113,900
WJ0F	43,820	N8ZM	91,300

Single Operator, High Power (SOHP)		Unlimited Multioperator (M)	
K1TEO	414,400	W2SZ	883,575
K1RZ	254,016	W3CCX	526,864
W9RM	148,685	K5TR	268,500
K5AM	148,645	W6TE	160,556
W5PR	134,185	W2LV	140,304
W0UC	128,234	W7FSL	135,044
W5ZN	114,918	KB0ZO	98,102
KU8Y	101,493	N0SZ	70,525
NP4A	93,704	W1XM	60,368
K9CT	76,736	VE3WCC	56,610

Single Operator Portable (SOP)		Classic Rover (R)	
KB5WIA	13,932	VE3OIL/R	95,583
KG6IYN	7,137	W93PTV/R	46,036
N4OGW	7,056	W9SNR/R	43,415
W1QK	4,816	VE3WJ/R	40,940
KJ5RM	4,307	NN3Q/R	40,656
N8XA	3,337	KK6MC/R	39,480
NV4B/5	3,330	WA3RGG/R	35,295
WB2AMU	2,508	K2TER/R	34,848
K1ZK	2,356	W0ZQ/R	34,612
W6KKO	1,775	KF8QL/R	34,170

Single Operator, 3 Bands (SO3B)		Limited Rover (RL)	
AB5EB	63,896	AC0RA/R	96,180
N7IR	31,920	WW7D/R	38,133
W8SPM	30,550	K2QO/R	32,340
K0NR	23,900	K2JB/R	20,010
KO9A	23,392	K2EZ/R	19,734
N7EME	16,878	KM3T/R	17,794
KC7QY	12,510	KD5EUO/R	14,300
N1ZN	11,529	N6GP/R	12,749
AA5AM	11,180	W9DHI/R	8,840
WD0BGZ	11,147	K9JK/R	8,160

Single Operator, FM Only (SOFM)		Unlimited Rover (RU)	
KK4OSG	3,725	K6EU/R	14,136
W2EV	3,612	W3HMS/R	13,188
K16JJW	1,425	W7QQ/R	11,712
K2SI	1,065	KE6QR/R	10,619
KA6AMB	640	KJ1K/R	10,542
W3SKX	630	K0BBC/R	9,240
N9VM (N1VM, op)	451	K7ATN/R	1,872
KE6PLA	261	VE7AFZ/R	1,197
WB5HVH	252	AB4CR/R	740
NA6AA	246	W0ATV/R	636

## First Test for the Updated Rules

When I was at the Dayton Hamvention this year, I asked every VHF+ contester I knew what they thought of the new rules, and everyone had a different take on how to make them work. Almost everyone expressed approval of the hard work done by the VHF/UHF Ad Hoc Committee in convincing the Programs and Services Committee that VHF is indeed different. It's much more difficult to determine where the band may be enhanced (often for very short times) or who may be actually listening. Propagation on VHF is not at all the same as HF, and just because your neighbor 30 miles away hears DX, that doesn't mean you will — in fact, you probably won't!

EME enthusiasts can now announce their CQ frequency and get more folks to listen for them. Rovers can now announce over the web when they arrive in a new grid, where they are listening, and where they are actually pointing. Folks can line right up with each other to attempt longer distance QSOs (random antenna aiming would not allow them to even hear distant stations unless they coincidentally happened to be pointing back at exactly the same time). You can track rovers with a cell phone call or text, and ask them to point your way (similar to what the portable microwave folks have been doing for years). The possibilities are endless.

First impressions from my location show that the ON4KST Chats and Ping Jockey pages were particularly useful, as were W0UC's web-based *Google Documents* spreadsheets of upper-Midwest stations on the air for any given contest. The data include rover plans that include detailed itineraries and cell phone numbers to contact them. APRS rover tracking proved to be more confusing than helpful to me, but the real-time APRS VHF propagation map at [aprs.mountainlake.k12.mn.us](http://aprs.mountainlake.k12.mn.us) was a useful tool. Traditional DX clusters didn't seem to be as useful except maybe on 6 meters, but were often more frustrating and maybe a little disheartening by showing E<sub>s</sub> propagation that I didn't have! Looking at all the stuff already available was actually a lot of work! Again, these are just my first impressions. Your mileage may vary!

## Single Operators

The backbone of VHF contesting is the Single Operators, who build stations that range from a single band with a modest antenna to a multiband station with stacked arrays. Modest stations even with only one or two bands allow everyone to enjoy the contest with a lot more stations to work.

Modest stations with 100 – 200 W amplifiers have always comprised the bulk of contest activity since well before the Low Power category was established, so it's no surprise that once again the Single Op, Low Power (SOLP) category proved to be the most popular.

There are more ways than one to field a good SOLP station, and several folks over the years have taken it portable to a hill or mountaintop and done very well. For most VHF+ hams, it's the best way for them to be competitive and maybe earn a place in the Top Ten. The overall Single Op, Low Power W3ZZ First Log Award — Memorial has been sponsored by Tim, K3LR, and Dave, W9PA, again for the fourth year and goes to Mike Crownover Sr, AD5A, of Boerne, Texas. Congratulations and welcome to the ranks of VHF+ contesting!

## Affiliated Club Competition

Club Name	Logs	Score
<b>Unlimited</b>		
No entry		
<b>Medium</b>		
Potomac Valley Radio Club	34	948,372
North East Weak Signal Group	19	845,139
Mt Airy VHF Radio Club	20	716,753
Society of Midwest Contesters	49	393,333
Central Texas DX and Contest Club	5	390,437
Northern Lights Radio Society	16	330,290
Pacific Northwest VHF Society	31	314,130
Contest Club Ontario	20	311,824
Arizona Outlaws Contest Club	24	268,273
Carolina DX Association	6	235,170
Grand Mesa Contesters of Colorado	8	209,662
Southern California Contest Club	22	199,603
Yankee Clipper Contest Club	16	187,156
Frankford Radio Club	8	162,300
Northern California Contest Club	22	140,797
Badger Contesters	8	127,128
Tennessee Contest Group	7	97,697
CTRI Contest Group	5	93,722
Rochester VHF Group	12	87,801
Florida Contest Group	18	63,992
Michigan VHF-UHF Society	6	54,882
Alabama Contest Group	9	51,279
DFW Contest Group	8	46,090
Georgia Contest Group	4	44,596
Florida Weak Signal Society	6	39,477
Bergen ARA	4	24,390
North Coast Contesters	3	22,581
Minnesota Wireless Assn	13	17,606
South East Contest Club	4	16,102
Bristol (TN) ARC	3	14,734
Hudson Valley Contesters and DXers	4	11,215
Mad River Radio Club	6	8,918
Western Washington DX Club	4	7,449
Kansas City Contest Club	3	6,800
Contest Group Du Quebec	3	3,303
West Park Radios	4	2,944
Louisiana Contest Club	3	1,742
Alaska VHF-UP Group	3	1,260

## Local

Radio Amateurs of Northern Vermont	3	156,105
Clovis Amateur Radio Pioneers	3	38,102
Granite State ARA	4	36,526
Lodi ARC	5	31,190
Portage County Amateur Radio Service	4	24,599
Meriden ARC	3	14,008
Contoocook Valley Radio Club	4	11,997
Rochester ARA	5	5,321
Ventura County Amateur Radio Society	5	4,709
Raritan Bay Radio Amateurs	9	2,556
Inland Empire ARC	3	18

## Contesting at Camp Pouch (by Andy, KC2GOW, and Gary, KB2BSL)

The Camp Pouch Amateur Radio Association — brainchild of Andy Genau, KC2GOW, and Gary Lindtner, KB2BSL — has become one of the primary activities at the William H. Pouch Boy Scout Camp in Staten Island, New York. Camp Pouch is a 100+ acre facility owned and operated by the Boy Scouts of America. The Amateur Radio program has been built from the ground up by hams for the scouts and promotes the hobby as well as helps to educate the Scouts in electronics, RF propagation, radio merit badge counseling, Amateur Radio licensing, kit building, and on-air activities. Scouts from all age groups are involved with the station, and it has drawn a tremendous interest in the past 3 years of formal operation. The support from the rangers as well as other camp staff has been essential to the success and growth of Amateur Radio in the New York City Scouting community.

## Regional Leaders

Northeast Region (New England, Hudson, and Atlantic Divisions; Maritime and Quebec Sections)			Southeast Region (Delta, Roanoke, and Southeastern Divisions)			Central Region (Central and Great Lakes Divisions; Ontario East, Ontario North, Ontario South, and Greater Toronto Area Sections)			Midwest Region (Dakota, Midwest, Rocky Mountain, and West Gulf Divisions; Manitoba and Saskatchewan)			West Coast Region (Pacific, Northwestern, and Southwestern Divisions; Alberta, British Columbia, and NWT)		
WB1GQR (W1SJ, op)	155,844	A	N4QWZ	90,882	A	N0LL	45,760	A	WJ0F	43,820	A	K2GMY	40,255	A
AF1T	140,454	A	KX4R	56,115	A	AD5A	41,629	A	NQ7R	31,868	A	W6JK	24,650	A
K1KG	87,870	A	N4TWX	21,565	A	AI5I	40,964	A	W6JK	24,650	A	K7YDL	22,995	A
WB2JAY	50,600	A	N3LL	16,456	A	N8BI	23,328	A	W3XO/5	31,020	A	W9RM	148,685	B
WA2VNV	40,097	A	K4FJW	14,168	A	W9GA	42,037	A	KB0HH	21,040	A	K5AM	148,645	B
K1TEO	414,400	B	W5ZN	114,918	B	WZ8T	22,680	A	W5PR	134,185	B	W6FM	31,302	B
K1RZ	254,016	B	NP4A	93,704	B	VA3ZV	21,372	A	W0GHZ	71,377	B	WA6OSX	27,508	B
K1TR	75,330	B	W3IP	76,140	B	W0UC	128,234	B	WB2FKO	43,026	B	KY7M	26,215	B
N3HBX	75,208	B	W5MRB	48,018	B	KU8Y	101,493	B	KJ5RM	4,307	Q	KB5WIA	13,932	Q
W1AN	61,774	B	K4PI	38,416	B	K9CT	76,736	B	AB5EB	63,896	3B	KG6IYN	7,137	Q
W1QK	4,816	Q	N4OGW	7,056	Q	K8TQK	56,848	B	K0NR	23,900	3B	W6KKO	1,775	Q
WB2AMU	2,508	Q	NV4B/5	3,330	Q	VE3ZV	53,040	B	AC7QY	12,510	3B	N6ZE	1,148	Q
K1KZ	2,356	Q	KC8KSK	220	Q	N8XA	3,337	Q	AA5AM	11,180	3B	KD7WPJ	290	Q
KA1SYG	1,026	Q	W3MEO	98	Q	AA9IL	4	Q	WD0BGZ	11,147	3B	N7IR	31,920	3B
N7UN/3	1,014	Q	K3TW	1	Q	AE8M	2	Q	WB5HVV	252	FM	N7EME	16,878	3B
N1ZN	11,529	3B	W8SPM	30,550	3B	KO9A	23,392	3B	K5QE	273,000	L	AL1VE	8,550	3B
VE1SKY	7,452	3B	WA4LDU	7,236	3B	WN8R	10,205	3B	N0EO	12,960	L	N6LB	6,683	3B
W1DYJ	7,228	3B	KM4ID	4,930	3B	K8AB	1,276	3B	W0SHL	9,590	L	N9NA	5,616	3B
N2JJ	5,883	3B	N4AU	391	3B	WB9TFH	1,232	3B	W0W	6,237	L	K16JW	1,425	FM
W2XL	5,014	3B	W4MDF	315	3B	KB8UJZ	1,196	3B	K5LRW	1,950	L	KA6AMB	640	FM
W2EV	3,612	FM	KK4OSG	3,725	FM	W8DIY	161	FM	K5TR	268,500	M	W3SKX	630	FM
K2SI	1,065	FM	N1LF	4	FM	KD8VSQ	20	FM	N0SZ	70,525	M	N9VM		
KB1YSK	215	FM	K8GP	267,852	L	N8ZM	91,300	L	KC5MVZ	8,494	M	(N1VM, op)	451	FM
W2GMT	60	FM	AA4ZZ	216,999	L	W9JN	12,616	L	W0LFA	2,408	M	KE6PLA	261	FM
W1FP	8	FM	W4YI	144,358	L	KC8AAV	11,218	L	KN5S	550	M	WA7JTM	65,689	L
K2LIM	231,420	L	K8EP	113,900	L	K9LAS	3,150	L	W0S	550	M	K7TM	17,927	L
W3SO	202,335	L	W4NH	50,096	L	N9TF	2,225	L	KK6MC/R	39,480	R	WO1S	3,190	L
N2NT	150,917	L	K5KDX	13,770	M	VE3WCC	56,610	M	W0ZQ/R	34,612	R	N16E	2,448	L
WA2CP	22,848	L	W4UAL	6,902	M	N2BJ	21,980	M	N5RZ/R	19,152	R	W6TE	160,556	M
K2BAR	18,300	L	WN2E	6,240	M	N9UHF	17,136	M	KC0P/R	8,448	R	W7FSL	135,044	M
W2SZ	883,575	M	K4E	2,760	M	VE3RB	6,028	M	N0HZO/R	8,184	R	KB0ZO	98,102	M
W3CCX	526,864	M	AD4ES	2,278	M	K8JH/8	1,632	M	KD5EUV/R	14,300	RL	K6ARP	36,156	M
W2LV	140,304	M	AG4V/R	28,032	R	VE3OIL/R	95,583	R	W3DHJ/R	8,840	RL	WB6W	13,635	M
W1XM	60,368	M	K4QF/R	1,938	R	W9SNR/R	43,415	R	AB0YM/R	4,719	RL	K7BWH/R	23,534	R
KV1J	55,000	M	AD4IE/R	1,025	R	VE3WJ/R	40,940	R	KD5IKG/R	2,592	RL	WA7BBJ/R	15,428	R
WA3PTV/R	46,036	R	N4TZH/R	78	R	KF8QL/R	34,170	R	WA0CNS/R	1,254	RL	N6ORB/R	13,446	R
NN3Q/R	40,656	R	K2JB/R	20,010	RL	VE3FHM/R	4,214	R	W7QQ/R	11,712	RU	N6VI/R	11,886	R
WA3RGQ/R	35,295	R	WA4JA/R	816	RL	AC0RA/R	96,180	RL	K0BBC/R	9,240	RU	KD7DCR/R	7,808	R
K2TER/R	34,848	R			K9JK/R	8,160	RL	W0ATV/R	636	RU	N6GP/R	12,749	RL	
KF2MR/R	33,456	R			K9PW/R	6,480	RL			W4OEP/R	7,008	RL		
K2QQ/R	32,340	RL			WB8BZK/R	6,048	RL			AF6RR/R	3,007	RL		
K2EZ/R	19,734	RL			K8DOG/R	3,510	RL			K6LMN/R	2,436	RL		
KM3T/R	17,794	RL								K6EU/R	14,136	RU		
K0BAK/R	6,550	RL								KE6QR/R	10,619	RU		
KC2PJH/R	3,090	RL								K7ATN/R	1,872	RU		
W3HMS/R	13,188	RU								VE7AFZ/R	1,197	RU		
KJ1K/R	10,542	RU												
AB4CR/R	740	RU												
KD2IRH/R	208	RU												

Categories: LP — Single Operator, Low Power; HP — Single Operator, High Power; QRP — Single Operator, Portable; 3B — Single Operator, Three Band; FM — Single Operator, FM Only; UM — Unlimited Multioperator; LM — Limited Multioperator; R — (Classic) Rover; RL — Limited Rover; RU — Unlimited Rover

The station is regularly on the air on every band between 160 meters and 70 centimeters, operating on all modes, and is well-equipped for simultaneous multiple operator use. Aside from the day-to-day on-air experience, the radio contesting scene has been a hit with the regular visitors of the station, leading to WA2CP being found in every major contest. Last year a VHF weak signal station was added to the shack, and the mystery of VHF propagation drew plenty of attention from our operators. The station is primarily active on the bottom four bands for the VHF+ contests on SSB/CW, and even took 1st place for the Hudson Division for the Unlimited Multiop category in January 2015.

The VHF weak signal aspect has been so successful that they hope to be able to add more

power and additional bands in the coming years. The June conditions were not as great, but still managed to obtain a respectable score considering the station's location in the region and the limited output power. The guys were running the VHF+ station all weekend and had a blast working everybody! The plan is to be active once again this coming September, as school and work schedules allow.

### Rovers

Rovers are the glue that hold things together and keep the contest interesting. Classic Rovers (R) often carry as many bands as the multiops to multiple locations and hand out grid multipliers like candy. The steady numbers of Classic Rovers are a hopeful sign that the turmoil from the rover rule changes some years ago may be over and more will continue

to join their ranks to take the place of those who have left. The new rule changes make it even easier to find them now.

In the Limited Rover (RL) category, Wyatt, AC0RA/R, is still going strong with a little help from Brian, KD0LRG, and they took the top spot again this year. In fact, AC0RA/R had the best score of all three rover categories combined! While they didn't set any records this year, it wasn't for lack of trying. Their aggressive 10-grid schedule through the Central Division netted them 96K and put lot of new multipliers in a lot of logs. In 2nd place, Darryl, WW7D/R, ran 10 grids in the Northwestern division with 38K and posted a great description with pictures of his rove at [ww7d.wordpress.com/2015/06/24/ww7dr-roves-the-2015-arrrl-june-vhf-contest](http://ww7d.wordpress.com/2015/06/24/ww7dr-roves-the-2015-arrrl-june-vhf-contest).



**Figure 2** — Pictured left to right are Steve, NV2L (Eagle Scout); Andy, KC2GOW (station manager), and Chris, K2USH (Eagle Scout), with WA2CP's two towers in the background. [Andy, KC2GOW, photo]

a nine-grid rove on the other side of the border to leap to the top with double the score of his nearest competitor. Russ also shared nine laser QSOs with companion rover VE3WJ/R. Joe, WA3PTV/R, did a four-grid romp through the Atlantic Division with 10 bands to capture 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 46K. Jim, W9SNR/R, stayed close to home to do five grids on 10 bands in the Chicago area and did a great job taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place with 43K. Murray, VE3WJ/R, also used 10 bands (no Qs on 3456) in nine grids to amass 41K. Russ, NN3Q, fielded another 10-band rove with his companion Al, K3WGR, to do a six-grid trek through the Atlantic Division and take 5<sup>th</sup> with just over 40K.

There were 11 entries this year in the Unlimited Rover category (RU). While these stations can carry as many bands as they wish and can work as many other rovers as many times as they want, few entrants now in this category seem to fully embrace the intent of this category that allows multiple operators, pack roving, and grid circling to rack up massive scores while still being fair to the classic Rovers. For the past 2 years, scores in this category have not challenged those of the Top Ten classic Rovers. Tom, K6EU/R, in the Pacific Division, switched places with W3HMS/R in the Atlantic division to take 1<sup>st</sup> this year on a four-grid 14K jaunt, again using the bottom four bands. John, W3HMS/R, managed a 13K nine-band rove, also in four grids. Bill, W7QQ/R, in the Rocky Mountain Division, fielded seven bands in nine grids for a 3<sup>rd</sup> place, 12K finish. In a close finish on opposite coasts, KE6QR/R (five bands, four grids) and KJ1K/R (10 bands, five grids) round out the Top Five.

### Epilogue

Now that the sunspot cycle is plunging rapidly and the weather is changing, we can only hope that things will start looking up for 6 meter E<sub>s</sub> and VHF/UHF/SHF tropo. The new rules are here to stay, and there have been many more positive than negative comments in the Soapbox and on the reflectors. It's good to know that lots of stations still get on to make QSOs in the June contest, despite the run of bad luck we have been experiencing for the past few years. Come back next year on the 11th and 12th for the 2016 June VHF Contest to find out what happens next.

### Full Results Online

The full results can be found at [www.arrrl.org/contest-results-articles](http://www.arrrl.org/contest-results-articles). More pictures, more scores, more fun!

### Sponsored Plaque Winners

Plaque Category	Winner	Plaque Sponsor
Overall Single Operator Low Power	K2DRH	Society of Midwest Contesters
Overall Single Operator, 3-Band	AB5EB	Northern Lights Radio Society
Overall Multioperator	W2SZ	AA4ZZ Team & CDXA, Ken Boyd K4DXA Memorial
Overall Limited Multioperator	K5QE	Gene Zimmerman, W3ZZ Memorial — ARRL Contest Branch
Overall Rover	VE3OIL/R	* 73 Tim KE3HT/SK, Microwave DX Addict *
Overall Limited Rover	AC0RA/R	Carolina DX Association, In Memory of W4VHF/R
Atlantic Division Rover	WA3PTV/R	Potomac Valley Radio Club
Dakota Division Single Operator Low Power	WB0HHM	Northern Lights Radio Society
Hudson Division Single Operator Low Power	WB2JAY	NY2NY — In Memory of W2GFF & W2HBA
Northwestern Division Single Operator High Power	K7CW	Boring, OR Amateur Radio Club
Northwestern Division Multioperator	WN7Y	Randy Stegemeyer, W7HR
Roanoke Division Rover	AD4IE/R	Potomac Valley Radio Club
Southwestern Division Single Operator Low Power	WJ0F	Bud Semon, N7CW
Canada Single Operator Low Power	VA3ZV	Northern Lights Radio Society
Northwestern Single Operator, 3-Band	AL1VE	Pacific Northwest VHF Society

Mark, K2QO/R, and his partner Paul, W2TAU, took 3<sup>rd</sup> with 32K from an eight-grid, 600-mile rove through the Atlantic Division in WNY and were encouraged by having quite a few new Rochester VHF Group rovers to work.

Newcomers to VHF+ roving, Jimmy, K2JB/R, and his co-pilot Howard, W4PH, mounted a six-grid assault on the Roanoke Division that netted them 4<sup>th</sup> place and 20K. Andrea,

K2EZ/R, on her second time out (she roved for the first time in January from the Central Division) did a 10-grid rove to garner almost 20K and another place in the Top Five. Andrea has a great description of her January rove and her rover on her [QRZ.com](http://QRZ.com) web page.

In the Classic Rover category (R), perennial Top Five rover Russ, VE3OIL/R, had his day in the sun and won 1<sup>st</sup> place this time out with 96K. Russ used 10 bands (no Qs on 3456) in