# ARRL 2016 International DX Phone Contest Results By Drew Vonada-Smith, K3PA, drew@whisperingwinds.org 



The tower at VP2MMF. Chuck, K1XX, has a clever arrangement to service the Yagi from the roof, giving him more free time at the beach! (Chuck Carroll, K1XX, photo)

Pete, ON4TO, ran 10 miles on Saturday and QSOs on Sunday. Bill, N8NJA, almost made DXCC in a weekend, while John, N6HI, got on the air with five watts and 20 feet of end-fed wire slung out his window. What do these three hams have in common? They all got on for the 2016 ARRL International DX Phone Contest March 5 and 6 despite experiencing many of the excuses so many hams use to stay off the air.

I was once told by a wise ham that there are operators, and there are observers. Observers seem to have a multitude of reasons why they cannot operate, while operators seem to overcome barriers to get on the air.

Are you an operator or an observer? With apologies to David Letterman, it's time for tonight's Top Ten Reasons Hams Don't Contest.

## \# 10. I'm too busy to operate the full contest

That's true for many of us. Peter, ON4TO, notes he was busy running the Ostend-Bridges 10 -mile run on the Saturday of the contest. Now that's a run! Just operate when you can, you don't need to be on for the entire contest. Or, pick a category, such as a single band that isn't active at all hours. There's a category just for you, so pick one and have some fun.

## \# 9. I only operate my favorite mode or band

There is a contest for any band or mode you might enjoy, from 160 meters to Hellschreiber. Just take a peek at the ARRL Contest Calendar and choose one!

## \# 8. My station is not competitive

Do you avoid that pickup basketball game with friends, just because you might not win? No, because it's all about the sport and the fun. Not to mention all the DX you can work in one weekend. Bill, N8NJA, said "Just about made DXCC!". There is a category in which almost anyone can be competitive, so whether you are single band, QRP, or multi-operator, you can compete with others in similar circumstances. Try it!

## \# 7. I'm too old

Not for this sport. As one example of hundreds, Joe, W7QN has been licensed since 1939 and is active in almost every major contest using his vertical antenna atop an apartment building. Joe makes hundreds of CW and phone QSOs and is having a great time. Why not join him?

## \# 6. I'm too young

Never! There are many talented young contesters. Check out the YOTA Youth Contesting Program in

Europe. Or YACHT, the Young Amateurs Communications Ham Team. We need you for the future of ham radio, and there are many older hams anxious to help. It's a better time than ever for young hams to have access to high-performance stations most of us can only dream of building. If you need a mentor and can't find one, please email your author.

## \# 5. The bands are too crowded

Do you prefer to eat at an empty buffet, or one loaded with all types of goodies? A busy band means opportunity. You will have lots of chances to work many stations, including ones you might not often find. And they are looking for YOU. Belly up to the bands and sample a few delicacies!

## \# 4. Sunspots are down

That's why we have more than one ham band! Even in low sunspot times, there are some interesting openings on 10 and 15 meters. Twenty meters is a solid producer for the entire sunspot cycle. And don't forget 40, 80, and 160 meters; those lower bands are as good as or better than they were during the peak, and now you will have time to take advantage of them. Conditions do not really get worse during low sunspot times, they merely change.

## \# 3. My antennas are restricted

Sadly, an all too common issue. But you don't need a perfect antenna to make contacts. Let's take a look at a few soapbox notes.

N6HI - 5 W to a 20 ft . end-fed wire tied to a rock thrown into a tree out my window. (61 QSOs)

K3RWN - Operated portable from my RV on a $33^{\prime}$ wire vertical. Loads of fun! (56 QSOs)

NE8O/4 - Used a dipole in attic of house. 39 countries on 20, 51 on 15, 2 on 10. ( 233 QSOs)

Most areas are required to permit flagpoles, which make great verticals. Mobile antennas fit anywhere. Wires can be nearly invisible. Attics can host very good antennas; check out articles by attic-master AC $\varnothing$ C. Be creative and try something; I think that you will be pleasantly surprised.


You don't need big towers! This quickly raised tribander by John, KCØDEB placed second in the Midwest for the Single Operator Unlimited Low Power category. (John van Eijndt, KCØDEB, photo)

## \# 2. I don't have a station at present

Well this one is insurmountable, isn't it? Not at all! Lots of multi-operator contest efforts would be happy to have another contributor. Ask around. Maybe the owner of that great station in your club hates to see it go unused. Ask him if he'd like to see it in the contest. And we now have the most modern solution of all, remote station operation. This is no longer just for experimenters; there are many stations now available for remote operation that are great performers and can be used by anyone with a computer and internet connection. To illustrate how far this technology has come, Alex, KU1CW, recently operated contest station W4AAW remotely, as a Single Operator Two Radio entry!

## \# 1. I don't have any contest experience

We all operated a first contest. Even Frank, W3LPL, was once a beginner. We all need your QSOs, so new and slower operators are very much welcomed. Brad, KK6ZLE, Dave, KEØHKV, Chad, KEØGLZ, Dave, KEØOG, and others all commented that this was their first
contest. Ed, KD2KJY noted that he had only received his license a few days before the contest!

Find another contester at your local club and chat. Or locate your local contest club and attend a meeting. Or, perhaps you might visit Contest University at Dayton one year. And of course, please feel free to email your author for contacts or mentorship ideas. But perhaps best method is to just turn on the radio and make some contacts!


Ralph, K9ZO (left) and Brian, K9QQ are sharing 15 meters on their new SDR transceivers at K9CT. Using a run station and a search-and-pounce station effectively on the same band requires a lot of attention to station-building details. (Ward Silver, $N \varnothing A X$, photo)


Not every contester can rock those pink headphones! Jo Ann, ND3JJ operates at NE3F. (Blair Bates, K3YD, photo)

Top Ten - U.S. and Canada

| Single Operator, High Power |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| VY2ZM | $6,252,480$ |
| N1UR | $5,448,768$ |
| VY2TT (K6LA, op) | $5,146,986$ |
| CJ3T (VE3AT, op) | $4,885,650$ |
| W9RE | $4,439,544$ |
| KQ2M | $4,082,166$ |
| AA1K | $3,337,560$ |
| NR5M | $3,138,144$ |
| K3ZO | $2,942,640$ |
| K4AB | $2,432,673$ |


| Single Operator, Low Power |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| W1UE | $2,482,284$ |
| N5AW | $1,808,856$ |
| N1PGA | $1,518,765$ |
| W7RM (K2PO, op) | $1,412,775$ |
| K6XX | $1,376,097$ |
| NA8V | $1,274,016$ |
| K1KNQ | $1,109,544$ |
| WB2WPM | 966,966 |
| VA3SWG | 904,752 |
| VE7UF (VE7JH, op) | 809,778 |
| Single Operator, QRP |  |
| N1TM | 427,332 |
| VE3UTT | 253,752 |
| W6QU (W8QZA, op) | 182,532 |
| AB3WS | 146,718 |
| NDøC | 134,976 |
| KA8SMA | 110,568 |
| K3TW | 86,112 |
| VE3FCT | 83,850 |
| K2YGM | 69,336 |
| K2GMY | 64,746 |

Single Operator Unlimited, High Power

| VE3EJ | $7,096,032$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| K3WW | $5,106,444$ |
| NC1I (K9PW, op) | $4,974,930$ |
| K1RX | $4,562,028$ |
| AA3B | $4,179,792$ |
| W3UA | $3,924,858$ |
| AA9A (N9UA, op) | $3,764,487$ |
| N3RS | $3,191,166$ |
| K5ZD | $3,067,968$ |
| VE9CB | $2,916,267$ |
| Single Operator Unlimited, Low Power |  |
| VA3DF | $2,280,066$ |
| N2SQW | $1,408,590$ |
| N2WKS | $1,327,374$ |
| KS1J | $1,244,196$ |
| WW3S | $1,181,373$ |
| W3KB | $1,087,824$ |
| N4RA | $1,067,616$ |



| WE3C | $12,871,422$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| WK1Q | $8,719,368$ |
| K1KI | $7,410,609$ |
| W4RM | $6,669,984$ |
| WØAIH | $4,831,500$ |
| W4AAW | $3,421,056$ |
| K1KP | $3,055,620$ |
| NE3F | $2,798,211$ |

## Top Ten - DX

Single Operator, High Power

| KP3Z (N6MJ, op) | $8,099,388$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| HK1NA (N6KT, op) | $7,709,778$ |
| KP2M (N2TK, op) | $5,942,970$ |
| CR6K (CT1ILT, op) | $5,547,738$ |
| YN5Z (K7ZO, op) | $5,049,432$ |
| KH7M (NA2U, op) | $4,804,344$ |
| LX7I (LX2A, op) | $4,513,665$ |
| NP2P (N2TTA, op) | $3,932,040$ |
| TO5A (F5VHJ, op) | $3,693,558$ |
| UA2F (UA2FB, op) | $3,099,870$ |

Single Operator, Low Power

| VP2MMF (K1XX, op) | $5,275,725$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| NP2X (K9VV, op) | $5,157,432$ |
| HI3TEJ | $4,926,180$ |
| VP9/W6PH | $3,373,299$ |
| EC2DX | $1,781,136$ |
| P43E | $1,559,460$ |
| S5ØA | $1,525,578$ |
| KH6CJJ | $1,011,609$ |
| EIØDX (G4XUM, op) | $1,007,199$ |
| EI1A (ON4EI, op) | 893,325 |
| Single Operator, QRP |  |
| VP5H (WøGJ, op) | $1,447,740$ |
| F5BEG | 125,685 |
| DL8LR | 121,728 |
| SP9LJD | 120,156 |
| IO9P (IT9SPB, op) | 90,954 |
| OE6MBG | 61,425 |
| CT1BXT | 52,065 |
| JH1OGC | 27,072 |
| SP4LVK | 21,783 |
| JR4DAH | 21,708 |

Single Operator Unlimited, High Power

| P4ØM (VE3LA, op) | $6,568,200$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| V26M (N3AD, op) | $6,049,908$ |
| CS2C | $4,952,214$ |
| IR4M (IK4MGP, op) | $3,843,906$ |
| S57AL | $2,887,164$ |
| EI6JK | $2,544,522$ |
| ES5Q (ES5RY, op) | $2,361,840$ |
| S54ZZ | $2,014,920$ |
| IZ8EPX | $2,013,912$ |
| WP4SK | $1,953,000$ |

IR6T (IK6JNH, op)
Single Operator, 15 Meters
FY5KE (F1HAR, op)
KH6LC (NH6V, op)
MIØSMK
9A3TR
KP4RV
G9W (M $\emptyset D X R, ~ o p) ~$
OK1CID
OHØI (OH9MM, op)
EI1Y (EI5JQ, op)
ZF2AH

294,066 599,664 530,151 423,522 349,164 341,640 334,341 324,900 323,178 302,400 286,578

## Single Operator, 10 Meters

| PX5E (PP5JR, op) | 645,480 |
| :--- | :--- |
| PX2B (PY2LED, op) | 562,320 |
| LU5FC | 481,839 |
| NP2J | 462,780 |
| CV7S (CX7SS, op) | 421,260 |
| KP2XX | 415,860 |
| XE1B | 395,772 |
| PY2NDX | 338,601 |
| AH6RE | 298,932 |
| YV6CR | 251,442 |

Multioperator, Single Transmitter, High Power

| TI5W | $9,201,888$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| 6Y1LZ | $8,463,840$ |
| PJ2T | $8,195,916$ |
| 6Y6Y | $7,318,629$ |
| PZ5W | $6,318,243$ |
| TM6M | $5,960,319$ |
| EI7M | $5,532,588$ |
| KH6J | $4,850,625$ |
| TO66R | $4,449,912$ |
| DR1D | $4,049,730$ |

Multioperator, Single Transmitter, Low Power

| YV1KK | $4,937,400$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| IB9O | 480,996 |
| EI1E | 466,992 |
| OL1C | 393,786 |
| M5BFL | 371,604 |
| 3G1B | 263,712 |
| ZY5A | 158,415 |
| LU3VE | 29,565 |
| UR4RWW | 25,326 |
| SJ3A | 23,598 |
| Multioperator, Two Transmitter |  |
| P4ØL | $13,937,499$ |
| PJ4G | $13,271,709$ |
| 5D3A | $9,716,394$ |
| ED7P | $5,577,582$ |
| HI3K | $5,182,125$ |
| PS2T | $4,685,730$ |
| M6T | $3,772,668$ |
| SN8B | $3,396,096$ |
| CE3CT | $3,321,528$ |

## Multioperator, Multitransmitter

| CR2X | $13,759,620$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| C6ANA | $9,187,338$ |
| 9A1A | $7,032,021$ |
| TI5M | $7,027,884$ |
| II9P | $6,926,841$ |
| 9A1P | $5,398,551$ |
| C6ANM | $5,105,124$ |
| HCØE | $3,695,988$ |
| EI9E | $3,210,636$ |
| JA3YBK | $1,854,711$ |

## Conditional Surrender

You can't talk about a DX Contest and not discuss band conditions. Was 2016 the time to give up on 10 meters? It depends. In US/VE, Single Band Ten Meter scores were down to about a third of 2015. But there were still big scores to be had, and in high band strongholds such as Brazil and Argentina, 10M scores were not down much at all. Conclusion? Keep the faith for 10, but plan to upgrade your 40 and 80 meter antennas.

Despite the decline, participation was strong, with 3,883 logs received, about even with last year's figure of 3,910 . Total number of QSOs reported were slightly down, 1.72 million, from 1.88 million last year.

## Clash of the Titans

Who were the big winners on the behemoth end of the scale? These hams operate the stations dreams are made of.

In the fiercely competitive Multioperator, MultiTransmitter category, Tim's K3LR effort managed to repeat its SSB win of the last several years with 18.2 M , after being upstaged by Frank's W3LPL surge on the CW weekend. W3LPL placed second with 15.0 M , while John's WE3C thrust was not far behind with 12.9 M . Epic battles will continue here!

Among DX, the CR2X Multi-Multi team led with 13.8 M . In second place was an impressive 9.2 M showing by C6ANA.

In the Multioperator, Two Transmitter category, Craig, K9CT, led stateside with 6.9M, with Richard, K1CC, and Will, K6ND, very close behind. Offshore, P4ØL turned in 13.9 M for the win, with a larger score than the MultiMulti category! 5D3A earned silver with 9.7M.

What about the single operator efforts? Jeff, VY2ZM, took Single Operator, High Power category with 6.3M, followed by Ed, N1UR, and Ken, VY2TT (K6LA, op). DX was led by KP3Z (Dan, N6MJ, op) with 8.1 M , followed closely by HK1NA (Richard, N6KT, op). In the High Power Unlimited category, John, VE3EJ, earned a clean win at 7.1M, with Chas, K3WW, and NC1I (Pete, K9PW, op) closely grouped for second and third. P4ØM (Ken, VE3LA, op) led from South America with 6.6M, followed closely by veteran V26M (Alan, N3AD, op).

## Matchup among Mortals

What about contesting for the other $99 \%$ of us? Some of the lower power stations are a bit more modest, but staffed with real contesting talent, the scores can be formidable.

In US/VE, the Single Operator, Low Power category was won by Dennis, W1UE, with 2.5 million points. Marvin, N5AW, and John, N1PGA, placed second and third. For the Single Operator, Unlimited, Low Power category, Doug, VA3DF, produced a solid win, with Ken, N2SQW, and Zev, N2WKS, closely spaced for second and third.

Among DX, North America dominated, with VP2MMF (Chuck, K1XX, op) winning the Single Operator Low Power category, and WP2AA (John, KK9A, op) taking the Unlimited gold.

## Division Winners

## Single Operator, High Power

Atlantic
Central
Dakota
Delta
Great Lakes
Hudson
Midwest
New England
Northwestern
Pacific
Roanoke
Rocky Mountain
Southeastern
Southwestern
West Gulf
Canada
Single Operator, Low Power

## Atlantic <br> Central <br> Dakota

Delta
Great Lakes
Hudson
Midwest
New England
Northwestern
Pacific
Roanoke
Rocky Mounta
Southeastern
Southwestern
West Gulf
Canada
Single Operator, QRP
Atlantic
Central
Dakota
Delta
Great Lakes
Hudson
New England
Northwestern
Pacific
Roanoke
Southeastern
Southwestern
West Gulf
Canada

| AB3WS | 146,718 |
| :--- | ---: |
| KB9NKM | 36,057 |
| NDØC | 134,976 |
| WB4GHZ | 10,710 |
| KA8SMA | 110,568 |
| K2YGM | 69,336 |
| N1TM | 427,332 |
| KK7VL | 432 |
| K2GMY | 64,746 |
| K4WY | 60,606 |
| K3TW | 86,112 |
| W6QU (W8QZA, op) | 182,532 |
| KG5GMN | 3,192 |
| VE3UTT | 253,752 |

Single Operator Unlimited, High Power

| Atlantic | K3WW | $5,106,444$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Central | AA9A (N9UA, op) | $3,764,487$ |
| Dakota | KøKX | $1,886,340$ |
| Delta | NA4K | 902,700 |
| Great Lakes | W8MJ | $2,640,000$ |
| Hudson | W2IRT | $2,212,197$ |
| Midwest | KøVXU | 846,450 |
| New England | NC1I (K9PW, op) | $4,974,930$ |
| Northwestern | KA6BIM | $2,183,808$ |
| Pacific | K7XC | 730,917 |
| Roanoke | K7BV | $1,985,454$ |
| Rocky Mountain | NØKE | $1,143,408$ |
| Southeastern | KT4Q | $1,954,782$ |
| Southwestern | KY7M | $1,825,320$ |
| West Gulf | K5ZO | $1,543,650$ |
| Canada | VE3EJ | $7,096,032$ |



| Pacific | W6WB | $4,312,011$ |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Southeastern | N4SVC | $1,838,403$ |
| Southwestern | NX6T | $1,749,384$ |
| West Gulf | KN5TX | $2,030,580$ |
| Canada | VE6FI | 964,665 |
| Multioperator, Multitransmitter |  |  |
| Atlantic | K3LR | $18,199,188$ |
| Central | WØAIH | $4,831,500$ |
| Delta | W5TCR | 2,268 |
| Great Lakes | KB8O | $1,623,780$ |
| New England | WK1Q | $8,719,368$ |
| Roanoke | W4RM | $6,669,984$ |
| Southwestern | N9NA | 73,062 |

## Let's Go Clubbing

In the Affiliated Club Competition, Unlimited Category, Frankford Radio Club could not repeat their upset victory of last year and slipped to second place with just less than 250 million points. Yankee Clipper Contest Club took the gavel with 274M. Bringing up third place was Potomac Valley Radio Club with 167M.

The North Coast Contesters dominated the Medium club category with 70M. The Northeast Wisconsin DX Association did the same for Local clubs, with 8.9M.

## Affiliated Club Competition

| Club | Score | Entries |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Unlimited |  |  |
| Yankee Clipper Contest Club | 274,162,590 | 247 |
| Frankford Radio Club | 249,781,071 | 182 |
| Potomac Valley Radio Club | 167,112,891 | 179 |
| Florida Contest Group | 60,990,525 | 91 |
| Society of Midwest Contesters | 52,851,153 | 146 |
| Minnesota Wireless Assn | 52,584,165 | 100 |
| Contest Club Ontario | 51,088,656 | 55 |
| Northern California Contest Club | 31,864,626 | 70 |
| Arizona Outlaws Contest Club | 28,109,301 | 70 |
| Southern California Contest Club | 25,359,303 | 61 |
| Medium |  |  |
| North Coast Contesters | 70,028,448 | 27 |
| DFW Contest Group | 28,738,929 | 31 |
| Carolina DX Association | 26,497,110 | 49 |
| Central Texas DX and Contest Club | 23,542,155 | 29 |
| Mad River Radio Club | 18,916,917 | 30 |
| Hudson Valley Contesters and DXers | 17,265,213 | 33 |
| Tennessee Contest Group | 16,628,661 | 37 |
| Willamette Valley DX Club | 12,935,433 | 39 |
| South East Contest Club | 12,890,844 | 30 |
| Georgia Contest Group | 12,774,801 | 20 |
| Alabama Contest Group | 9,474,438 | 25 |
| Order of Boiled Owls of New York | 9,103,149 | 16 |
| Kentucky Contest Group | 9,017,736 | 19 |
| Kansas City Contest Club | 7,882,392 | 17 |
| Louisiana Contest Club | 7,876,791 | 6 |
| Mother Lode DX/Contest Club | 7,364,715 | 26 |
| Contest Group du Quebec | 6,903,543 | 10 |
| Grand Mesa Contesters of Colorado | 6,314,121 | 19 |
| Maritime Contest Club | 6,057,540 | 13 |
| Northeast Maryland Amateur Radio |  |  |
| Contest Society | 5,996,874 | 15 |
| Orca DX and Contest Club | 5,689,239 | 17 |
| Iowa DX and Contest Club | 5,613,459 | 3 |
| Swamp Fox Contest Group | 5,527,374 | 11 |
| Niagara Frontier Radiosport | 5,153,892 | 12 |
| North Texas Contest Club | 5,097,264 | 11 |
| Big Sky Contesters | 4,528,872 | 8 |
| Western Washington DX Club | 4,346,019 | 26 |
| Rochester (NY) DX Assn | 4,117,893 | 22 |
| Radiosport Manitoba | 3,767,583 | 5 |
| CTRI Contest Group | 3,734,751 | 8 |
| North Carolina DX and Contest Club | 2,558,637 | 11 |
| Bristol (TN) ARC | 2,054,754 | 12 |
| Mississippi Valley DX/Contest Club | 1,862,097 | 9 |
| Saskatchewan Contest Club | 1,297,023 | 6 |
| Meriden ARC | 1,003,566 | 12 |
| Utah DX Association | 954,396 | 15 |
| East Coast Canada Contest Club | 864,699 | 3 |
| South Jersey Radio Assn | 749,178 | 4 |
| Western New York DX Assn | 672,600 | 3 |
| Texas DX Society | 607,395 | 7 |
| Local |  |  |
| Northeast Wisconsin DX Assn | 8,907,393 | 9 |
| Central Virginia Contest Club | 4,837,839 | 6 |
| Bay Area DXers | 3,739,458 | 9 |
| Hilltop Transmitting Assn | 3,257,187 | 8 |
| Delara Contest Team | 2,740,524 | 7 |
| Spokane DX Association | 1,549,266 | 9 |
| 599 DX Association | 1,385,808 | 9 |
| Bergen ARA | 1,344,639 | 10 |
| Portage County Amateur Radio Service | 1,279,767 | 6 |
| Sussex County ARC | 1,182,414 | 3 |
| Fort Wayne Radio Club | 1,025,628 | 4 |


| Mall City Contest Group |
| :--- |
| Skyview Radio Society |
| Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation |
| Salt City DX Assn |
| Northern Arizona DX Assn |
| Tri-County ARA |
| Dupage ARC |
| Oakland County Amateur Radio Society |
| Metro DX Club |
| Sterling Park ARC |
| Peterborough Amateur Radio Club |
| NorDX Club |
| Boeing Employees ARS - St. Louis |
| Murgas ARC |
| Milford (OH) ARC |
| Pottstown Area ARC |
| Fulton County ARC |
| Southwest Ohio DX Assn |
| Delaware-Lehigh ARC |
| New Providence ARC |
| Calgary ARA |
| West Park Radiops |
| San Diego DX Club |
| Great South Bay ARC |
| Southern California DX Club |
| Granite State ARA |
| Gwinnett ARS |
| Mt Vernon (OH) ARC Contesters |
| Alexandria Radio Club |
| Lone Star DX Assn |
| Pueblo West Amateur Radio Club |
| Nanaimo Amateur Radio Association |
| Sierra Nevada ARS |
| Clark County Amateur Radio Club |


| 850,260 | 5 |
| ---: | :--- |
| 848,655 | 8 |
| 764,631 | 7 |
| 734,136 | 4 |
| 685,320 | 6 |
| 647,907 | 4 |
| 558,930 | 3 |
| 545,871 | 3 |
| 527,880 | 7 |
| 514,977 | 7 |
| 482,004 | 8 |
| 420,258 | 7 |
| 383,235 | 3 |
| 358,524 | 3 |
| 317,064 | 5 |
| 251,592 | 3 |
| 229,503 | 3 |
| 227,610 | 4 |
| 226,989 | 3 |
| 226,860 | 5 |
| 186,714 | 3 |
| 168,087 | 6 |
| 168,084 | 3 |
| 152,613 | 4 |
| 127,836 | 3 |
| 95,586 | 4 |
| 94,833 | 3 |
| 86,490 | 4 |
| 78,699 | 3 |
| 62,874 | 3 |
| 59,328 | 4 |
| 57,891 | 4 |
| 42,126 | 3 |
| 7,524 | 3 |

## Ripe for Records

Nearly as many records fell in 2016 as last year. Twentytwo new records were set, with 11 by W/VE and 11 by DX stations. Let's look at a few of the biggest changes.

In the big Multi-Operator, Multi-Transmitter category, Team CR2X scored 13.8M to nearly double the European record held by 9A1A since 2002. That's almost 13,000 QSOs. Simply amazing.

D4C (Massimo, IZ4DPV, op) brought in 774k to smash the 464k record of EF8R (Juan, EA8CAC/EA8RM, op) set in 2011 for Single Op 20 Meters from Africa. Not to be outdone, Juan went back to EF8R and set a new Single Op Unlimited Low Power record for Africa, scoring 1.72 M to overthrow the 236 k figure set by Heijo, EA8OM, in 2011. Nicely done!

Closer to home, John, VE3EJ, set a new Single Operator, Unlimited, High Power figure of 7.1 M , besting the 5.2 M figure set by Ken, VY2TT, in 2014. Take a bow, John!

All of the ARRL contest records are available online at arrl.org/contest-records. More than 400,000 scores are included in the K5TR Contest database, too.
(kkn.net/~k5tr/scoredb) Records are made to be broken, so start smashing!


## Was that Quebec Three Afghanistan Bananastand?

Copying the call and exchange correctly is important; make the extra effort and ask for a fill when you need it. Penalties are assessed for errors, so boost your score by getting the call sign right! The Top Five Accuracy Leaders in major categories are listed in the following table.

## Accuracy Leaders

| W-VE |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Single-Op |  |  |  |  |
| Call | Category | QSOs | Error \% | Index |
| VY2ZM | SOHP | 4206 | 1.2 | 13.504 |
| CJ3T (VE3AT, op) | SOHP | 3645 | 0.8 | 13.482 |
| VY2TT (K6LA, op) | SOHP | 3971 | 1.5 | 13.449 |
| N1UR | SOHP | 3887 | 1.6 | 13.430 |
| W9RE | SOHP | 3298 | 1 | 13.418 |
| Single-Op Unlimited |  |  |  |  |
| Call | Category | QSOs | Error \% | Index |
| VE3EJ | SAH | 4162 | 1 | 13.519 |
| NC1I (K9PW, op) | SAH | 3330 | 0.9 | 13.432 |
| AA3B | SAH | 2826 | 0.6 | 13.391 |
| K3WW | SAH | 3325 | 1.7 | 13.352 |
| AA9A (N9UA, op) | SAH | 2700 | 0.8 | 13.351 |
| Multiop |  |  |  |  |
| Call | Category QSOs | Error \% | Index |  |
| K3LR | MM | 8940 | 1.1 | 13.841 |
| W3LPL | MM | 7576 | 1 | 13.779 |
| WE3C | MM | 6839 | 1.3 | 13.705 |
| WK1Q | MM | 5174 | 1.5 | 13.564 |
| K1KI | MM | 4355 | 1.3 | 13.509 |
| DX |  |  |  |  |
| Single-Op |  |  |  |  |
| Call | Category | QSOs | Error \% | Index |
| HK1NA (N6KT, op) | SOHP | 8051 | 0.6 | 13.846 |
| KP3Z (N6MJ, op) | SOHP | 8006 | 0.6 | 13.843 |
| KP2M (N2TK, op) | SOHP | 6246 | 0.6 | 13.736 |
| YN5Z | SOHP | 5803 | 0.3 | 13.734 |
| VP2MMF (K1XX, op) | SOLP | 5451 | 0.8 | 13.656 |
| Single-Op Unlimited |  |  |  |  |
| Call | Category | QSOs | Error \% | Index |
| P4ØM (VE3LA, op) | SAH | 6741 | 1 | 13.729 |
| V26M (N3AD, op) | SAH | 6245 | 1.1 | 13.686 |
| CS2C | SAH | 5221 | 0.6 | 13.658 |
| IR4M (IK4MGP, op) | SAH | 4627 | 0.5 | 13.615 |
| WP2AA (KK9A, op) | SAL | 4670 | 0.8 | 13.589 |
| Multiop |  |  |  |  |
| Call | Category | QSOs | Error \% | Index |
| P4ØL | M2X | 13209 | 0.4 | 14.081 |
| PJ4G | M2X | 12821 | 0.6 | 14.048 |
| CR2X | MM | 12745 | 0.6 | 14.045 |
| 5D3A | M2X | 9791 | 1 | 13.891 |
| C6ANA | MM | 8923 | 0.9 | 13.861 |

Let us also celebrate the remarkable achievement of those on the Top Ten Golden Log list; the largest ten error-free logs.

| Top 10 | Golden Logs |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- |
| Call | QSOs | Category |
| DJ1AA | 555 | SOUHP |
| K7VIT | 383 | SOUHP |
| TK5MH | 354 | SOUHP |
| K7WP | 350 | SOUHP |
| S54O | 333 | SOUHP |
| W1MD | 323 | SOULP |
| S56A | 298 | SOUHP |
| DK4WA | 283 | SOHP |
| WA2FZB | 274 | SOLP |
| KI7Y | 225 | SOUHP |

## The Real Top Ten

With the many new and interesting categories added to the ARRL DX Contest over the years, there were more worthy winners than these pages can acknowledge. Don't forget to review the Top Ten table and marvel at these impressive scores. And of course, the other extensive tables and score listings as well.

Most importantly, be sure to put March 4-5, 2017 in your calendar and join the fun next year.

## Regional Leaders

SOQRP/LP/HP = Single-Op All-Band; SO-xx = Single-Op Single-Band; SOUQRP/LP/HP = Single-Op Unlimited; MSL/MSH = Multioperator, Single Transmitter LP/HP; M2/M = Multioperator, Two/Multi-Transmitter

| West Coast Region |  |  | Midwest Region |  |  | Central Region |  |  | Southeast Region |  |  | Northeast Region |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pacific, Northwestern, and Southwestern ARRL Divisions; Alberta; British Columbia, and NT RAC Sections |  |  | Dakota, Midwest, Rocky Mountain and West Gulf ARRL Divisions; Manitoba and Saskatchewan RAC Sections |  |  | Central and Great Lakes ARRL Divisions; Greater Toronto Area, Ontario East, Ontario North, and Ontario South RAC Section |  |  | Delta, Roanoke, and Southeastern ARRL Divisions |  |  | New England, Hudson and Atlantic ARRL Divisions; Maritime and Quebec RAC Sections |  |  |
| Call | Score | Cat | Call | Score | Cat | Call | Score | Cat | Call | Score | Cat | Call | Score | Cat |
| W7YAQ | 917,448 | SOHP | NR5M | 3,138,144 | SOHP | $\begin{aligned} & \text { CJ3T (VE3AT, } \\ & \text { op) } \end{aligned}$ | 4,885,650 | SOHP | K4AB | 2,432,673 | SOHP | VY2ZM | 6,252,480 | SOHP |
| NR6Q | 772,128 | SOHP | KøTT | 2,030,589 | SOHP | W9RE | 4,439,544 | SOHP | K3ZJ | 1,926,474 | SOHP | N1UR | 5,448,768 | SOHP |
| N6AA | 606,498 | SOHP | K3PA | 1,741,698 | SOHP | K8AO | 1,166,277 | SOHP | KM4D | 1,340,625 | SOHP | VY2TT (K6LA, op) | 5,146,986 | SOHP |
| VA7ST | 594,000 | SOHP | KM5VI | 1,477,080 | SOHP | K8GL | 867,399 | SOHP | K4BAI | 1,189,440 | SOHP | KQ2M | 4,082,166 | SOHP |
| W6AEA | 512,616 | SOHP | WD5K | 1,348,740 | SOHP | VE3KZ | 644,304 | SOHP | KZ2I | 1,088,760 | SOHP | AA1K | 3,337,560 | SOHP |
| W7RM (K2PO, op) | 1,412,775 | SOLP | N5AW | 1,808,856 | SOLP | NA8V | 1,274,016 | SOLP | K1KNQ | 1,109,544 | SOLP | W1UE | 2,482,284 | SOLP |
| K6XX | 1,376,097 | SOLP | N7JMO (N7MZW, op) | 307,380 | SOLP | VA3SWG | 904,752 | SOLP | N3ZV | 443,808 | SOLP | N1PGA | 1,518,765 | SOLP |
| VE7UF (VE7JH, op) | 809,778 | SOLP | N1CC | 297,198 | SOLP | KD9MS | 793,455 | SOLP | N9DFD | 352,800 | SOLP | WB2WPM | 966,966 | SOLP |
| N7IR | 678,468 | SOLP | VE5SF | 289,395 | SOLP | VE3VN | 683,100 | SOLP | KK4RV | 339,378 | SOLP | W2TF | 555,660 | SOLP |
| WN6K | 665,796 | SOLP | KF5VDX | 235,074 | SOLP | K8PGJ | 502,740 | SOLP | KD9LA | 317,775 | SOLP | W2ID | 523,107 | SOLP |
| W6QU (W8QZA, op) | 182,532 | SOQRP | NDøC | 134,976 | SOQRP | VE3UTT | 253,752 | SOQRP | K3TW | 86,112 | SOQRP | N1TM | 427,332 | SOQRP |
| K2GMY | 64,746 | SOQRP | NNØQ | 31,122 | SOQRP | KA8SMA | 110,568 | SOQRP | K4WY | 60,606 | SOQRP | AB3WS | 146,718 | SOQRP |
| KFØX | 14,700 | SOQRP | WBめIWG | 23,100 | SOQRP | VE3FCT | 83,850 | SOQRP | N4ZAK | 37,380 | SOQRP | K2YGM | 69,336 | SOQRP |
| N6HI | 7,788 | SOQRP | KG5GMN | 3,192 | SOQRP | KB9NKM | 36,057 | SOQRP | KB4QQJ | 24,900 | SOQRP | N3UR | 38,130 | SOQRP |
| KK7VL | 432 | SOQRP | NQ50 | 810 | SOQRP | VE3LQ | 31,920 | SOQRP | WB4GHZ | 10,710 | SOQRP | N1JEO | 28,203 | SOQRP |
| KA6BIM | 2,183,808 | SOUHP | VE4VT (VE4EAR, op) | 2,274,300 | SOUHP | VE3EJ | 7,096,032 | SOUHP | K7BV | 1,985,454 | SOUHP | K3WW | 5,106,444 | SOUHP |
| KY7M | 1,825,320 | SOUHP | КøКX | 1,886,340 | SOUHP | AA9A (N9UA, op) | 3,764,487 | SOUHP | KT4Q | 1,954,782 | SOUHP | NC1I <br> (K9PW, op) | 4,974,930 | SOUHP |
| W7VO | 1,136,694 | SOUHP | K5ZO | 1,543,650 | SOUHP | W8MJ | 2,640,000 | SOUHP | K5EK | 1,828,044 | SOUHP | K1RX | 4,562,028 | SOUHP |
| VE7NY | 1,121,112 | SOUHP | NØKE | 1,143,408 | SOUHP | VE3RA | 1,788,468 | SOUHP | N4HU | 1,633,284 | SOUHP | AA3B | 4,179,792 | SOUHP |
| W6TK | 1,040,814 | SOUHP | WøJM | 1,088,802 | SOUHP | K91MM | 1,582,272 | SOUHP | W3GQ | 1,539,681 | SOUHP | W3UA | 3,924,858 | SOUHP |


| K6GHA | 515,043 | SOULP | AAØAI | 692,382 | SOULP | VA3DF | 2,280,066 | SOULP | N4RA | 1,067,616 | SOULP | N2SQW | 1,408,590 | SOULP |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| KK6NON | 457,659 | SOULP | N5JR | 657,150 | SOULP | VE3HG | 566,250 | SOULP | W4ZAO | 991,116 | SOULP | N2WKS | 1,327,374 | SOULP |
| VA7BEC | 360,468 | SOULP | KCøDEB | 539,478 | SOULP | K8LY | 496,584 | SOULP | K4DMR | 819,930 | SOULP | KS1J | 1,244,196 | SOULP |
| K7ANT | 314,160 | SOULP | KIØJ | 472,392 | SOULP | VE3JAQ | 414,732 | SOULP | AA4R | 715,200 | SOULP | WW3S | 1,181,373 | SOULP |
| K6WSC | 300,228 | SOULP | AD1C | 272,025 | SOULP | N8VV | 394,356 | SOULP | N3UA | 520,614 | SOULP | W3KB | 1,087,824 | SOULP |
| WB6CZG | 4,860 | SOUQRP | K8MCN | 12 | SO-160 | K8ZT | 2,025 | SOUQRP | N4HH | 33,264 | SOUQRP | W2MF | 25,230 | SO-160 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | NA1DX | 6,237 | SO-160 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { N7GP } \\ & \text { (N5IA, } \\ & \text { op) } \end{aligned}$ | 2,448 | SO-160 | N2IC | 296,646 | SO-40 | AA9BD | 2,346 | SO-160 | WB4WXE | 5,145 | SO-160 | KM1R | 3,906 | SO-160 |
| K7CW | 210 | SO-160 | WD $\emptyset$ BGZ | 15,834 | SO-40 | VE3EDY | 2,070 | SO-160 | AG4W | 3,828 | SO-160 | W2VO | 2,652 | SO-160 |
|  |  |  | KB $\emptyset \mathrm{YH}$ | 7,080 | SO-40 |  |  |  | K4NV | 3 | SO-160 |  |  |  |
| N6RO | 11,466 | SO-80 |  |  |  | ND8DX | 36,000 | SO-80 |  |  |  | W3BGN | 76,860 | SO-80 |
| KZ1W | 918 | SO-80 | KF5ZNQ | 30,690 | SO-20 | W8JGU | 12,600 | SO-80 | W4DD | 16,524 | SO-80 | AA1BU | 67,776 | SO-80 |
|  |  |  | WD5BHS | 7,380 | SO-20 | WI9H | 5,643 | SO-80 | KCøMCK | 14,535 | SO-80 | W3LL | 67,521 | SO-80 |
| W7WA | 315,210 | SO-40 | WFøT | 1,197 | SO-20 |  |  |  | WB6RAB | 9,720 | SO-80 | W1XX | 64,872 | SO-80 |
| W6YX (N7MH, op) | 160,866 | SO-40 | KK9TT | 816 | SO-20 | K9IDQ | 19,620 | SO-40 | WA4TII | 7,020 | SO-80 | KX2S | 14,250 | SO-80 |
| W6RW | 56,160 | SO-40 | W9BNO | 3 | SO-20 | W9QL | 16,218 | SO-40 | N5RN | 4,182 | SO-80 |  |  |  |
| WA2BFW | 26,880 | SO-40 |  |  |  | AD8C | 16,200 | SO-40 |  |  |  | KI1G | 355,635 | SO-40 |
| WA7AR | 14,841 | SO-40 | K5RX | 447,876 | SO-15 | VA3QWW | 12,789 | SO-40 | W6KW | 42,840 | SO-40 | K4US <br> (KK4ODQ, op) | 38,988 | SO-40 |
|  |  |  | W5RAW | 1,716 | SO-15 | K8YN | 7,104 | SO-40 | K9OM | 31,284 | SO-40 | KE3X | 35,442 | SO-40 |
| VE8EV | 406,026 | SO-20 | NZ5M | 1,008 | SO-15 |  |  |  | KD4RH | 29,760 | SO-40 | V01AX | 29,865 | SO-40 |
| W7PU | 29,346 | SO-20 | KАØР | 429 | SO-15 | W8GOC | 38,430 | SO-20 | W8FR | 17,901 | SO-40 | WB8BPU | 19,152 | SO-40 |
| W7XZ | 26,271 | SO-20 |  |  |  | KC8QDQ | 37,350 | SO-20 | KZ1A | 9,660 | SO-40 |  |  |  |
| VE7FCO | 18,306 | SO-20 | W5PR | 244,314 | SO-10 | W9WJ | 22,143 | SO-20 |  |  |  | K2R (KD2RD, op) | 663,288 | SO-20 |
| KE7GKI | 4,032 | SO-20 | N4IJ | 40,320 | SO-10 | KC8NLP | 5,724 | SO-20 | WA4JUK | 70,992 | SO-20 | WR2G | 153,699 | SO-20 |
|  |  |  | AK5DX | 33,807 | SO-10 | KC8EVS | 120 | SO-20 | K3TXW | 17,850 | SO-20 | AB1WR | 116,145 | SO-20 |
| N7DD | 585,000 | SO-15 | K5KJ | 12,285 | SO-10 |  |  |  | AG4YL | 14,352 | SO-20 | W1AVK | 98,010 | SO-20 |
| K2RD | 216,315 | SO-15 | KEØGLZ | 2,046 | SO-10 | VE3DZ | 475,440 | SO-15 | KF4RPJ | 13,350 | SO-20 | NW3H | 73,863 | SO-20 |
| K7XE | 56,772 | SO-15 |  |  |  | K9BGL | 461,328 | SO-15 | N4ADK | 11,070 | SO-20 |  |  |  |
| KD7DCR | 51,714 | SO-15 | K5TR | 4,270,332 | MSHP | WK9U | 176,043 | SO-15 |  |  |  | W2AW | 173,145 | SO-15 |
| N7RVD | 48,546 | SO-15 | NØMA | 1,261,113 | MSHP | W9ILY | 123,120 | SO-15 | W4KZ (W4IX, op) | 579,600 | SO-15 | N1DC | 69,762 | SO-15 |
|  |  |  | WY7YL | 31,680 | MSHP | W9OP | 98,532 | SO-15 | KM4HI | 160,908 | SO-15 | N2YBB | 49,062 | SO-15 |
| K9WZB | 23,142 | SO-10 | AAØA | 28,290 | MSHP |  |  |  | N1LN | 95,118 | SO-15 | VE2QQ | 26,100 | SO-15 |
| KF7KTC | 4,785 | SO-10 |  |  |  | WD9EXD | 35,046 | SO-10 | AA4NP | 49,368 | SO-15 | W1NK | 15,510 | SO-15 |
| KK6PGL | 3,510 | SO-10 | N5DO | 1,412,028 | MSLP | W9TA | 18,270 | SO-10 | N9GQA | 39,204 | SO-15 |  |  |  |
| K6ST | 828 | SO-10 | W5KS | 1,980 | MSLP | W4LID | 12,120 | SO-10 |  |  |  | K2SSS | 178,470 | SO-10 |
| WD6DX | 216 | SO-10 |  |  |  | KC9GHA | 495 | SO-10 | N4OX | 201,201 | SO-10 | N2PP | 165,273 | SO-10 |
|  |  |  | KN5TX | 2,030,580 | M2 | KE8CKG | 3 | SO-10 | K4WI | 84,708 | SO-10 | W2RR (WA2AOG, op) | 45,627 | SO-10 |



