

School Club Roundup 2003

The 17th School Club Roundup once again brought smiles to the faces of hundreds of young people as they worked other SCR stations—and anyone else they came across—during the week of February 10-14, 2003. In the elementary school group, N2WG with 84,672 points nearly doubled last year's top score and KB3BRT repeated at second place. Entries from Junior High and Middle Schools dropped from 20 to 11. K7BZN moved up from 5th place to first and KØEMS went up from 9th to second, both with increased scores. AD8B dropped to third, perhaps because of the absence of the NØZ special call sign. The high schools division race tightened between perennial leader KC7KFF and W6PRB. KB3GWS moved up to third, more than doubling their score with their new club call sign.—K3NHC. The number of high schools remained constant from last year at 17. Although College/University entries fell to 6 from 15, ON4HTI returned in the DX group. W7ASU and W5YW repeated outstanding performances for Arizona State University and Louisiana State University.

After an absence of non-school club entries in 2002, K3FBI returned, but was topped by WB2JKJ. (Joe explained that although he is retired from the New York City Public School system, he continues the work of the JHS 22 Foundation.) Jack, KB3AGZ, topped the list of individual entries.

For more information about the School Club Roundup, try our e-mail reflector. You can subscribe at www.groups.yahoo.com/group/SCR-L or by sending e-mail to SCR-L-SUBSCRIBE@yahoo.com.

SOAPBOX

"This was my first time to work with fifth graders. These ten and eleven year olds were quite remarkable. The hams we contacted were all very understanding and supportive of the kids. This was my best School Club Roundup yet."—Bill Wetherill, N2WG

"This was our best SCR ever! Over 100 sixth grade students talked on the radio from Jefferson Middle School in Rochester, NY. The students were thrilled, as were their teachers and school supervisors. This four hour "production" was accomplished by 6 radio coaches: N2UEE, WB2YJH, N2JAC, KX2H, K2OU and W2SKY. We used the K2JD call sign operating in the school library on HF and EchoLink to connect with Thailand. Hams at the other end of our QSOs were exception-

ally skilled at engaging our students with enjoyable conversations. It doesn't get any better than this."—Peter Fournia, W2SKY

"The School Club Roundup has become a tradition here at our elementary school. Classes from Kindergarten through Fifth Grade visited the club station during the week to take part and to check out the 'big map' showing all the contacts. As always, the ham community did a great job helping introduce amateur radio to young people. Special thanks go to all the patient operators who took time

to visit with nervous students. By the end of the week, they weren't nervous any more."—Bruce D. Weaver, K3LTM

The 2003 SCR contest was the best ever for W6PRB! We had a great group of young operators, several returning for their second, third or fourth year in the contest. Conditions were better than usual, enabling us to contact many more schools than any of our previous efforts. Our students were amazed at the number of schools on the air, as they watched our school tally rise throughout the week. This year we replaced our C3S tri-bander with a C4E, which gave us capability on 40 meters. Working DX in the late evening and early morning hours was a lot of fun. I was surprised at the number of students who were motivated enough to stay in the shack during those late evenings and early mornings to catch the DX, even when we were operating CW. As in previous years I am, once again, impressed at how this event motivates my students to get involved in our hobby. We have three students working on their General tickets, and five new recruits working on their Technician licenses. Paso Robles High School ARC sends out a big thank you to the ham community for taking time to respond to those many young people calling "CQ School Club Roundup." See you next year!—Rob Thoresen, AG6RT

Plan ahead for SCR 2004, to be held February 9-13.



This QSL certificate depicts some of the 100 students who participated in the 2003 School Club Roundup from the Jefferson Middle School in Rochester, New York.



Codington Elementary School Amateur Radio Club team picture with Dr Morris, Superintendent of Schools in New Hanover County and Mrs Henry, Codington Principal in the front row. That's Bill Wetherill, N2WG, in the back cheering with the kids.



Students from the Paso Robles High School (club station W6PRB) enjoyed taking part in the 2003 School Club Roundup.

2003 School Club Roundup Scores

Call Sign	Score	Rank	QSOs	States	Can Prov	Countries	Clubs	Schools	Hours	Operators	Club Name	School
Elementary School												
N2WG	84672	1	287	46	4	14	5	44	24	41	Codington Amateur Radio Club	Codington ES
KB3BRT	23160	2	120	30	2	10	3	29	21	24	Cowanessque Valley School ARC	Westfield Area Elementary
KD7CJV	13080	3	110	34	0	2	4	13	24	8		Mill Park Elementary
W3NCS	12672	4	99	24	0	5	2	19	8	2	N Clarion School ARC	North Clarion County ES
KB2VBU	3720	5	40	20	0	1	1	14	9	53	Intervale School ARC	
K6LSR	2765	6	29	15	1	2	3	11	7	6	Lodi Schools Radio Clubs	Nichols ES
KK8STA	2562	7	38	18	1	0	1	8	3	4	St Antoninus School Radio Club	St Antoninus School
W4MIT	1387	8	19	14	0	0	2	11	5	1	BEARS Brentwood Elementary ARS	Brentwood Elementary
N1IFP	363	9	11	7	0	1	0	5	2	1	Bean School ARC	James Bean School
W4MIT	84	10	6	4	0	0	0	2	2	1	WARC	Wiley Elementary
KA7SKY	84	11	7	7	0	0	0	1	3	22	Sonoran Sky ARC	Soronon Sky
WA2Y CJ	24	12	2	2	0	0	0	2	2	1	Mawbey Street School ARC	Mawbey Street School
Junior High/Middle School												
K7BZN	72898	1	287	45	3	11	5	37	13	8	Sacajawea Middle School HRC	Sacajawea Middle School
K0EMS	39990	2	215	35	4	3	7	26	23	68	East Middle School ARC	East Middle School
AD8B	39516	3	178	31	4	7	5	34	20	41	Zion ARC	Zion Lutheran School
K4BMS	14596	4	89	30	0	18	3	22	20	1	Blacksburg Middle School ARC	Blacksburg Middle School
AB0OA	4576	5	52	20	1	2	0	13	6	11		Winfield Middle School
KS5CMS	3696	6	39	21	1	0	1	12	6	8	Carpenter Middle School ARC	Carpenter Middle School
WD4OHD	2604	7	28	16	0	0	1	15	8	31	Baylor School ARC	Baylor School
KC2ILA	2088	8	24	11	0	1	0	15	7	5	Central Square Middle School ARC	Central Square MS
KC2KJN	1836	9	27	18	0	0	0	10	4	4	Gowanda CDS ARC	Gowanda MS
K5OMS	1300	10	26	18	0	0	1	6	3	1	Olle Radio Club	Olle Middle School
K2JD	144	11	9	5	0	1	0	2	4	3	RARA Radio Coaches	Thomas Jefferson MS
High School												
KC7KFF	368784	1	900	49	9	33	14	55	24	8	Carl Hayden Community HS ARC	Carl Hayden Community HS
W6PRB	328716	2	778	50	8	47	21	50	24	17	Paso Robles High School ARC	Paso Robles High School
K3NHC	96913	3	469	46	0	24	7	23	22	21	North Hills HS Amateur Radio & Electronics Club (AREC)	North Hills HS
KC0CXB	36562	4	181	36	0	6	5	30	20	14	Palisade HS ARC	Palisade High School
ND8GA	30400	5	152	38	2	9	3	29	13	3	Gilmour Academy ARC	Gilmour Academy
K1BBS	27792	6	144	26	2	11	2	30	20	30	Burr And Burton ARC	Burr and Burton Academy
AA3TH	21248	7	124	32	4	16	2	22	19	10		Clarion Area HS
KB0SAL	20370	8	97	30	1	1	4	34	12	3	Waco High School ARC	Waco High School
N4LZJ	15876	9	98	32	2	7	3	23	19	9		Colonial Forge HS
KB3BKW	12222	10	97	29	3	7	1	17	7	5	Belle Vernon HS ARC	Belle Vernon High School
KC2AIF	12040	11	86	31	3	4	1	20	20	4	Pioneer HS ARC	Pioneer High School
KC0LZD	11176	12	88	26	0	2	2	19	13	24	Morgan County R-2 Ham Club	Morgan Co R-2 Schools
W2CXN	8450	13	65	23	0	7	0	20	10	10	Brooklyn Technical HS ARC & Soc	Brooklyn Technical HS
KC0LRQ	6760	14	52	20	2	4	2	20	12	4	Francis Howell North HS ARC	Francis Howell HS
KC0ENB	5510	15	58	23	1	0	3	13	8	2	Russell High School Radio Club	Russell High School
AD4SY	2484	16	25	15	0	2	0	15	12	8	CGS Spotsylvania	Commonwealth Governor's School
W5CHS	735	17	21	10	0	0	0	5	4	6	Catholic HS ARC	Catholic High School
College/University												
W7ASU	480810	1	863	50	7	34	28	74	24	4	Amateur Radio Society at ASU	Arizona State University
W5YW	132107	2	407	46	4	7	8	50	23	2	Amateur Radio Society at LSU	Louisiana State University
W9NIU	74226	3	266	42	7	2	6	43	16	5	NIU Amateur Radio Club	Northern Illinois University
W6YRA	43935	4	303	47	4	3	3	17	6	3	UCLA ARC	UCLA
WA2NPP	21414	5	158	32	0	4	4	17	11	3	Rutgers University ARC	Rutgers University
W0GQ	605	6	11	10	0	0	0	9	2	1		Kirkwood Community College
DX College/University												
ON4HTI	14193	1	142	6	1	37	7	5	18	2	STARCOM	Ostend Polytechnic University (KHBO)
Clubs (Non-School)												
WB2JKJ	38080	1	224	46	1	6	1	23	24	14	Radio Club of JHS 22	
K3FBI	27984	2	128	29	2	16	1	22	16	3	Federal Bureau of Investigation ARA	
Individual												
KB3AGZ	3822	1	26	17	0	0	0	26	7	1		
AB7PG	3240	2	24	15	0	0	24	11	1			
WB2TLQ	1976	3	19	12	0	0	1	18	5	2		
W08L	1890	4	18	15	0	0	0	18	4	1		
KA2NRR	1530	5	18	14	0	1	0	14	9	1		

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