

# 2009 ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes Results

Whether by ground wave, tropo or E-skip, contacts were flying everywhere January 17-19.

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Observations made previously regarding participation in the January VHF SS competition continue for the 2009 event, held January 17-19. Winter weather conditions often make the January VHF SS event a challenge, particularly for the participants in the Rover categories.

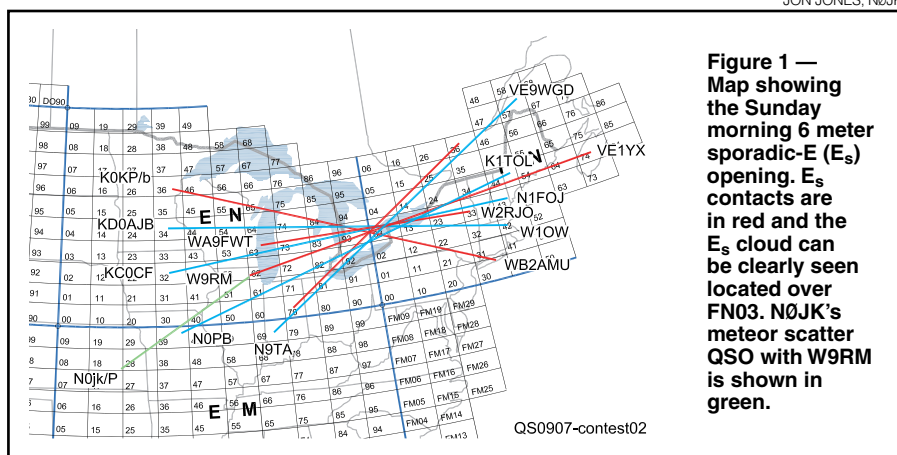
Along with the football playoffs, another very significant distraction this year was the scheduling of the NAQP (North American QSO Party) SSB contest during the same weekend. Not everyone is strictly HF or VHF/UHF oriented, your author included!

The total number of QSOs made was 67,394. The total number of QSOs made, however, is much less important than is the number of logs submitted, which has a direct correlation with the number of participants. High log submissions indicate a healthy environment for building more interest in Amateur Radio contesting. The number of QSOs made is much more a function of radio conditions. A total of 650 logs were submitted for this year's event, which represents the lowest total in five years.

## Propagation

Conditions for the 2009 event seem almost identical to 2008, judging from the comments of the participants as well as my own observations. Other than the few sporadic-E events that occurred, almost all contacts were made by either ground wave or tropo-scatter.

The sporadic-E openings reported were generally brief in duration. Graham, KE4WBO/R, of Jupiter, FL running a Rover operation from Florida grid EL96 heard an E-skip burst from N3DB (Shadyside, MD) for a brief, five-minute period before he faded away. Paul, K1TOL, of Turner, ME worked as far west as NØPB in EM39 (Holiday, MO). He also worked Chris, KC9JTL, of Westby,



JON JONES, NØJK

DAVID PALM, W9HQ



**Christopher Palm, KC9JTL, and dad David, W9HQ, entered their first-ever VHF contest. Despite a few visits from Murphy, they earned fifth place Limited Multi-operator honors in the Central Division, and had a lot of fun. Look for them in the June VHF QSO Party.**

WI. This sporadic-E cloud faded a few grids east of EM18. Jon, NØJK, in Wichita, KS reported working W9RM in EN52 (Hampshire, IL) on 6 meter SSB Sunday morning via meteor scatter. Jon created a map of the brief 6 meter opening centered approximately on the Pennsylvania-Ohio border in FN03 (see Figure 1).

Glen, KCØIYT/R, of Apple Valley, MN did a Rover operation in two Minnesota grid squares on the bands from 50 MHz through 10 GHz. Glen noted that on the 5760 MHz and 10 GHz bands, he was only able to make QSOs when the snow was falling. He made no QSOs when the snow was not falling!

## Single-Operator

Bob, K2DRH, from Albany, IL retains his top position again this year in the Single Operator, Low Power category with a score of 159,305 points, just slightly lower than his top score last year. Bob led the multiplier category with the top spot on the 50, 144, 222, 432, 902 and 1296 MHz



### Single Operator, Low Power

|        |         |
|--------|---------|
| K2DRH  | 159,305 |
| N1DPM  | 111,339 |
| WA3NUF | 99,591  |
| W3SZ   | 54,834  |
| AF1T   | 51,450  |
| WB2SIH | 42,984  |
| KC9BQA | 35,236  |
| WA3QPX | 29,625  |
| W3PAW  | 25,830  |
| N3RG   | 24,009  |

### Single Operator, High Power

|        |         |
|--------|---------|
| K1TEO  | 354,040 |
| K3TUF  | 232,101 |
| K1RZ   | 200,976 |
| K3DNE  | 126,960 |
| WB2RVX | 97,519  |
| WZ1V   | 87,914  |
| KA1ZE  | 74,550  |
| N2GHR  | 72,000  |
| WA3DRC | 67,184  |
| K4QI   | 59,631  |

### QRP Portable

|        |        |
|--------|--------|
| N3YMS  | 21,168 |
| W3RGA  | 6,965  |
| W6BVB  | 2,340  |
| W9SZ   | 1,850  |
| W4RXR  | 1,392  |
| KJ4BEE | 931    |
| WB2AMU | 663    |
| K6ALF  | 495    |
| K3EGE  | 408    |
| N0KIS  | 286    |

### Limited Multi-operator

|        |        |
|--------|--------|
| KB1DFB | 58,168 |
| W1QK   | 25,071 |
| W9RM   | 22,695 |
| W4NH   | 19,491 |
| N8RA   | 17,836 |
| W3HZU  | 17,520 |
| K2BAR  | 13,992 |
| WY3P   | 12,432 |
| KA2LIM | 10,890 |
| N1JEZ  | 9,020  |

## Affiliated Club Competition

| Club                                 | Score     | Entries |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| <b>Unlimited Club Category</b>       |           |         |
| Mt Airy VHF Radio Club               | 1,823,418 | 60      |
| <b>Medium Club Category</b>          |           |         |
| North East Weak Signal Group         | 812,400   | 21      |
| Potomac Valley Radio Club            | 675,775   | 24      |
| Nacogdoches ARC                      | 434,125   | 6       |
| Badger Contesters                    | 219,944   | 26      |
| Society of Midwest Contesters        | 219,014   | 14      |
| North Texas Microwave Society        | 160,245   | 9       |
| Rochester VHF Group                  | 156,098   | 13      |
| Roadrunners Microwave Group          | 154,225   | 5       |
| Yankee Clipper Contest Club          | 124,368   | 14      |
| Northern Lights Radio Society        | 114,056   | 12      |
| Pacific Northwest VHF Society        | 112,794   | 20      |
| Contest Club Ontario                 | 94,873    | 13      |
| Florida Weak Signal Society          | 78,415    | 10      |
| Northern California Contest Club     | 44,215    | 10      |
| Six Meter Club of Chicago            | 24,091    | 11      |
| Bergen ARA                           | 15,064    | 4       |
| Mad River Radio Club                 | 11,701    | 3       |
| Minnesota Wireless Assn              | 186       | 3       |
| <b>Local Club Category</b>           |           |         |
| Eastern Connecticut ARA              | 107,249   | 4       |
| Murgas ARC                           | 78,589    | 4       |
| Chippewa Valley VHF Contesters       | 29,202    | 4       |
| Granite State ARA                    | 11,464    | 6       |
| Burlington County Radio Club         | 9,203     | 8       |
| Raritan Bay Radio Amateurs           | 8,738     | 5       |
| Metro DX Club                        | 2,990     | 3       |
| West Park Radiops                    | 2,923     | 3       |
| Meriden ARC                          | 2,497     | 4       |
| Ventura County Amateur Radio Society | 2,158     | 3       |
| Mother Lode DX/Contest Club          | 1,270     | 3       |
| Portage County Amateur Radio Service | 1,028     | 4       |
| Central Texas DX and Contest Club    | 292       | 3       |

### Multi-operator

|       |         |
|-------|---------|
| N3NGE | 568,764 |
| K5QE  | 238,290 |
| K1JT  | 102,582 |
| KB0HH | 46,350  |
| KE1LI | 43,890  |
| K7ND  | 26,432  |
| K6LRG | 20,148  |
| N2BJ  | 15,184  |
| KB8O  | 12,712  |
| AG4V  | 11,115  |

### Rover

|          |         |
|----------|---------|
| N6NB/R   | 395,624 |
| AF6O/R   | 384,223 |
| W6XD/R   | 355,160 |
| KK6KK/R  | 353,304 |
| K1DS/R   | 136,136 |
| N3IQ/R   | 125,658 |
| N5AC/R   | 88,752  |
| N6TEB/R  | 84,750  |
| AE5P/R   | 83,850  |
| WD0ACD/R | 76,196  |

### Limited Rover

|          |         |
|----------|---------|
| KI6UZV/R | 113,544 |
| K4GUN/R  | 14,711  |
| K04MA    | 13,776  |
| N6ORB/R  | 10,336  |
| KC2QZF/R | 7,805   |
| NE3I/R   | 5,112   |
| KK6MC/R  | 2,938   |
| K6JRA    | 2,574   |
| N6ZE/R   | 2,112   |
| N2CEI/R  | 1,024   |

### Unlimited Rover

|          |         |
|----------|---------|
| W6YLZ/R  | 395,760 |
| W6TE/R   | 227,850 |
| AE5BN/R  | 129,008 |
| K9JK/R   | 10,304  |
| KI6USR/R | 2,967   |

bands. Bob was also the QSO leader on the 50 MHz band. Fred, N1DPM, of Feeding Hills, MA took second place with 111,339 points, about 23k points better than his score last year. The third-place position goes to Phil, WA3NUF, of Warminster, PA with 99,591 points, down substantially from his second-place finish last year with 158k points. The fourth-place position goes to Roger, W3SZ, of Reading, PA with 54,834 points, less than half the score he produced last year. Dale, AF1T, of Henniker, NH took the fifth-place position with 51,450 points, down from his 63k point effort in 2008.

With only a few exceptions, the Top Ten Single Operator, High Power category entrants did better than their Low Power counterparts this time around. I guess if you shout louder, you are heard better — particularly when propagation conditions are poor! Leading the Top Ten High Power category this year is Jeff, K1TEO, of Trumbull, CT with a score of 431,100 points, soundly beating his 354k point score from last year. This result is amazing when you consider the extremely poor conditions this year with very few long-range openings. The second-place High Power position goes to Phil, K3TUF, in Ephrata, PA with a score of 232,101 points, down only slightly from his 2008 third-place score. The third-place position goes to Dave, K1RZ, of Damascus, MD with 203,196 points, just slightly higher than his fourth-place finish last year. The fourth spot in the High Power race is awarded to Ed, K3DNE, of Westminster, MD with 126,960 points, up from his seventh place position last year. Fifth place is awarded to Mike, WB2RVX, of Voorhees, NJ with 97,519 points, up by 10k points from his 2008 score. Ron, WZ1V, of Bristol, CT takes the sixth position with 87,914 points, down substantially from his 119k finish last year.

## Limited Multi-operator

Entrants in the Limited Multi-operator (LM) category can only operate on a maximum of four bands. There were a total of 36 band-entries covering the bands 50 through 432 MHz, which represents six fewer entries than last year. The top scoring entry in the LM category for 2009 is Kim, KB1DFB, of Dayville, CT with a score of 102,582 points — the head of the pack in this category.. Second place goes to Daniel, W1QK, of Brookfield, CT with 36,600 points. Third place goes to Keith, W9RM, of Hampshire, IL with 22,695 points. Fourth was awarded to W4NH, the Fourlanders Contest Team from Alpharetta, GA with 19,491 points, while fifth place was secured by Chester, N8RA, of New Hartford, CT with a score of 17,836 points.

W3HZU, the Keystone VHF Club of

## Division Leaders

### Single Operator, Low Power

|                |        |         |
|----------------|--------|---------|
| Atlantic       | WA3NUF | 99,591  |
| Central        | K2DRH  | 159,305 |
| Dakota         | N0KP   | 12,500  |
| Delta          | N4QWZ  | 16,400  |
| Great Lakes    | WZ8T   | 12,994  |
| Hudson         | WB2SIH | 42,984  |
| Midwest        | N0PB   | 14,630  |
| New England    | N1DPM  | 111,339 |
| Northwestern   | KG7P   | 3,171   |
| Pacific        | K1YQP  | 17,346  |
| Roanoke        | K4LY   | 22,560  |
| Rocky Mountain | WJ7L   | 2,128   |
| Southeastern   | W2BZY  | 12,420  |
| Southwestern   | K6TSK  | 9,879   |
| West Gulf      | W3XO/5 | 11,186  |
| Canada         | VE3SMA | 11,501  |

### Single Operator, High Power

| Division       | CALL   | SCORE   |
|----------------|--------|---------|
| Atlantic       | K3TUF  | 232,101 |
| Central        | K9EA   | 31,106  |
| Dakota         | W0GHZ  | 31,760  |
| Delta          | K5RUS  | 882     |
| Great Lakes    | K8EB   | 51,566  |
| Hudson         | N2GHR  | 72,000  |
| Midwest        | K0JRD  | 12,261  |
| New England    | K1TEO  | 354,040 |
| Northwestern   | N7EPD  | 32,340  |
| Pacific        | KC6ZWT | 20,880  |
| Roanoke        | K4QI   | 59,631  |
| Rocky Mountain | KU7Z   | 352     |
| Southeastern   | WJ9B   | 22,052  |
| Southwestern   | KG6DHQ | 2,916   |
| West Gulf      | K5LLL  | 53,064  |
| Canada         | VE3ZV  | 22,848  |

### Single Operator, QRP Portable

|                |        |        |
|----------------|--------|--------|
| Atlantic       | N3YMS  | 21,168 |
| Central        | W9SZ   | 1,850  |
| Dakota         | N0HJZ  | 72     |
| Delta          | W4RXR  | 1,392  |
| Hudson         | WB2AMU | 663    |
| Midwest        | N0KIS  | 286    |
| New England    | N1QLM  | 135    |
| Roanoke        | KJ4BEE | 931    |
| Rocky Mountain | N5QO   | 4      |
| Southwestern   | W6BVB  | 2,340  |
| West Gulf      | WK5F   | 28     |

### Limited Multi-operator

| Division       | CALL   | SCORE  |
|----------------|--------|--------|
| Atlantic       | KB1DFB | 58,168 |
| Central        | W9RM   | 22,695 |
| Dakota         | W0VB   | 7,938  |
| Hudson         | K2BAR  | 13,992 |
| Midwest        | N0LD   | 1,242  |
| New England    | KB1DFB | 58,168 |
| Northwestern   | K7HPT  | 2,295  |
| Rocky Mountain | AC0GI  | 320    |
| Southeastern   | W4NH   | 19,491 |
| West Gulf      | WD5IYF | 4,323  |

### Multi-operator

|              |        |         |
|--------------|--------|---------|
| Atlantic     | N3NGE  | 568,764 |
| Central      | N2BJ   | 15,184  |
| Dakota       | W0PHD  | 368     |
| Delta        | AG4V   | 11,115  |
| Great Lakes  | KB8O   | 12,712  |
| Hudson       | N2GCZ  | 7,548   |
| New England  | KE1LI  | 43,890  |
| Northwestern | K7ND   | 26,432  |
| Pacific      | K6LRG  | 20,148  |
| Roanoke      | W4YCC  | 1,700   |
| West Gulf    | K5QE   | 238,290 |
| Canada       | VA3WLD | 5,412   |

### Rover

|              |        |         |
|--------------|--------|---------|
| Atlantic     | K1DS   | 136,136 |
| Central      | KB9C   | 28,826  |
| Dakota       | KC0IYT | 7,946   |
| Great Lakes  | NE8I   | 7,750   |
| Midwest      | WR0I   | 5,797   |
| Northwestern | K7MDL  | 1,134   |
| Pacific      | N6NB   | 395,624 |
| Roanoke      | W8ZN   | 53,739  |
| Southeastern | K4RSV  | 120     |
| Southwestern | N6TEB  | 84,750  |
| West Gulf    | N5AC   | 88,752  |
| Canada       | VE3OIL | 21,900  |

### Limited Rover

|                |        |         |
|----------------|--------|---------|
| Atlantic       | KC2QZF | 7,805   |
| Central        | WB9TFH | 100     |
| New England    | K1LYV  | 100     |
| Pacific        | KI6UZV | 113,544 |
| Roanoke        | K4GUN  | 14,711  |
| Rocky Mountain | KK6MC  | 2,938   |
| Southeastern   | K04MA  | 13,776  |
| Southwestern   | N6ZE   | 2,112   |
| Canada         | VE3RKS | 432     |

### Unlimited Rover

|              |        |         |
|--------------|--------|---------|
| Central      | K9JK/R | 10,304  |
| Pacific      | W6YLZ  | 395,760 |
| Southwestern | KI6USR | 2,967   |
| West Gulf    | AE5BN  | 129,008 |

| Northeast Region<br>(New England, Hudson and Atlantic Divisions; Maritime and Quebec Sections) |         |    | Southeast Region<br>(Delta, Roanoke and Southeastern Divisions) |        |    | Central Region<br>(Central and Great Lakes Divisions; Ontario Section) |         |          | Midwest Region<br>(Dakota, Midwest, Rocky Mountain and West Gulf Divisions; Manitoba and Saskatchewan Sections) |         |          | West Coast Region<br>(Pacific, Northwestern and Southwestern Divisions; Alberta, British Columbia and NWT Sections) |         |   |
|--|---------|----|---|--------|----|--|---------|----------|---|---------|----------|---|---------|---|
| N1DPM  | 111,339 | A  | K4LY  | 22,560 | A  | K2DRH  | 159,305 | A        | N0PB  | 14,630  | A        | K1YQP   | 17,346  | A |
| WA3NUF   | 99,591  | A  | N4QWZ   | 16,400 | A  | KC9BQA   | 35,236  | A        | N0KP  | 12,500  | A        | K6TSK   | 9,879   | A |
| W3SZ   | 54,834  | A  | W2BZY   | 12,420 | A  | W09S   | 21,225  | A        | W3XO/5  | 11,186  | A        | W6OMF   | 9,284   | A |
| AF1T   | 51,450  | A  | N4TUT   | 7,308  | A  | K9MU   | 20,080  | A        | K0SIX   | 9,516   | A        | K6XN  | 4,032   | A |
| WB2SIH   | 42,984  | A  | K4ZOO   | 6,480  | A  | WA9FIH   | 13,750  | A        | WB5ZDP  | 9,471   | A        | KG7P  | 3,171   | A |
| K1TEO  | 354,040 | B  | K4QI  | 59,631 | B  | K8EB   | 51,566  | B        | K5LLL   | 53,064  | B        | N7EPD   | 32,340  | B |
| K3TUF  | 232,101 | B  | KE2N  | 43,990 | B  | K8MD   | 32,421  | B        | W5LUA   | 46,240  | B        | KC6ZWT  | 20,880  | B |
| K1RZ   | 200,976 | B  | W3IP  | 26,290 | B  | K9EA   | 31,106  | B        | W0GHZ   | 31,760  | B        | W7GLF   | 12,600  | B |
| K3DNE  | 126,960 | B  | WJ9B  | 22,052 | B  | W9GA   | 28,747  | B        | W0ZQ  | 28,938  | B        | NU6S  | 12,496  | B |
| WB2RVX   | 97,519  | B  | K0VXM   | 17,982 | B  | VE3ZV  | 22,848  | B        | K0JRD   | 12,261  | B        | K7CW  | 9,163   | B |
| N3YMS  | 21,168  | Q  | W4RXX   | 1,392  | Q  | W9SZ   | 1,850   | Q        | N0KIS   | 286     | Q        | W6BVB   | 2,340   | Q |
| W3RGA  | 6,965   | Q  | KJ4BEE  | 931    | Q  | K9PLS  | 108     | Q        | N0JK  | 100     | Q        | K7HPT   | 2,295   | L |
| WB2AMU   | 663     | Q  | W4NH  | 19,491 | L  | W9RM   | 22,695  | L        | N0HJZ   | 72      | Q        | K7ND  | 26,432  | M |
| K6ALF  | 495     | Q  | AG4V  | 11,115 | M  | W9VW   | 4,224   | L        | WK5F  | 28      | Q        | K6LRG   | 20,148  | M |
| K3EGE  | 408     | Q  | N4JQQ   | 2,139  | M  | N9TF   | 1,978   | L        | N5QO  | 4       | Q        | W6YX  | 6,765   | M |
| KB1DFB   | 58,168  | L  | W4YCC   | 1,700  | M  | NT9E   | 1,530   | L        | W0VB  | 7,938   | L        | VE6AO   | 1,495   | M |
| W1QK   | 25,071  | L  | K0XXX   | 527    | M  | KC9JTL   | 1,060   | L        | WD5YF   | 4,323   | L        |   |         |   |
| N8RA   | 17,836  | L  | W8ZN  | 53,739 | R  | N2BJ   | 15,184  | M        | N0LD  | 1,242   | L        | N6NB/R  | 395,624 | R |
| W3HZU  | 17,520  | L  | K4RSV   | 120    | R  | KB8O   | 12,712  | M        | AC0GI   | 320     | L        | AF6O/R  | 384,223 | R |
| K2BAR  | 13,992  | L  | K4GUN/R   | 14,711 | RL | N9UHF  | 9,855   | M        | K5QE  | 238,290 | M        | W6XD/R  | 355,160 | R |
| N3NGE  | 568,764 | M  | KO4MA   | 13,776 | RL | W8RU   | 7,524   | M        | KB0HH   | 46,350  | M        | KK6KK/R   | 353,304 | R |
| K1JT   | 102,582 | M  | N2CEI/R   | 1,024  | RL | VA3WLD   | 5,412   | M        | W0PHD   | 368     | M        | N6TEB/R   | 84,750  | R |
| KE1LI  | 43,890  | M  |   |        |    |  |         | KC5MVZ   | 44  | M       | KI6UVZ/R | 113,544   | RL      |   |
| N2GCZ  | 7,548   | M  |   |        |    |  |         | N5AC/R   | 88,752  | R       | N6ORB/R  | 10,336  | RL      |   |
| WB3IGR   | 6,120   | M  |   |        |    |  |         | AE5P/R   | 83,850  | R       | K6JRA    | 2,574   | RL      |   |
| K1DS/R   | 136,136 | R  |   |        |    |  |         | W0ACD/R  | 76,196  | R       | N6ZE/R   | 2,112   | RL      |   |
| N3IQ/R   | 125,658 | R  |   |        |    |  |         | NH6VJ/R  | 57,528  | R       | AA0BV    | 420   | RL      |   |
| K2QO/R   | 71,910  | R  |   |        |    |  |         | KE5CLQ   | 52,059  | R       |          |   |         |   |
| K2TER/R  | 39,934  | R  |   |        |    |  |         | VE3RKS/R | 432   | RL      | W6YLZ/R  | 395,760   | RU      |   |
| NN3Q/R   | 22,792  | R  |   |        |    |  |         | K9JK/R   | 10,304  | RU      | W6TE/R   | 227,850   | RU      |   |
| KC2QZF/R   | 7,805   | RL |   |        |    |  |         | AE5BN/R  | 129,008   | RU      | KI6USR/R | 2,967   | RU      |   |
| NE3I/R   | 5,112   | RL |   |        |    |  |         |          |   |         |          |   |         |   |

York, PA captured sixth place with a score of 17,520 points, and K2BAR, the Bergen ARA of Washington Township, NJ managed seventh place this year with a score of 13,992. The final Limited Multi-operator Top Ten entries include WY3P, the Carroll County Contesters from Sykesville, MD, Kenneth, KA2LIM, of Bee Valley, NY with 10,890 points, and Mike, N1JEZ with a score of 9,020.

## Multi-operator

In the Multi-operator category, participants can operate on any number of bands. There are a total of 53 entries in this category for 2009, up from 27 entries in 2008. The top scoring entry for 2009 is Leonard, N3NGE, operating in Morgantown, PA with a total score of 568,764 points, up slightly from his 2008 score of 545k points. Second place in this category goes to the station of Marshall, K5QE of Hemphill, TX with 238,290 points, down by nearly a factor of two from his 2008 performance. Third place is awarded to Joe, K1JT and his crew in the Princeton, NJ area with 102,582 points. Fourth place in the Multi-operator category goes to Gary, KB0HH, of Anthony, TX with 46,350 points, up substantially from 2008. The fifth-place Multi-operator entry goes to Paul, KE1LI,

## Expanded Reports Available

Read more details about the contest at [www.arrl.org/contests](http://www.arrl.org/contests), including Soapbox stories and all of the scores as both line scores and in a searchable database. If you'd like a printout of the line scores, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to ARRL Contest Results, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111. Please be sure to include the contest name and year.

## QRP Portable

The only 2008 competitor who entered QRP Portable once again in 2009 is Bill, K3EGE, from Elverson, PA. Bill ended up in ninth position this year, down from his fourth position finish in 2008. The top position in the QRP Portable competition goes to Nicholas, N3YMS, of Felton, DE with 21,161 points. His score is substantially higher than all of the other Top Ten competitors in this category. The second place finisher is Patrick, W3RGA, of Snyderstown, PA with 6965 points. Third place goes to Vladimir, W6BVB, of Laguna Hills, CA with 2340 points, followed by Zack, W9SZ, of Urbana, IL with 1850 points in the number four spot.

Tom, W4RXX, of Pulaski, TN finished in the fifth spot with 1392 points.

## Rover

In the Rover category, no more than two operators are permitted, but operation on all bands is allowed. There was a very high level of competition at the top of this category, with the top four scores bunched very close together. These scores were significantly higher than those produced in the 2008 event. The leading score was produced by Wayne, N6NB/R of Tustin, CA with 395,624 points, followed by Ron, AF6O/R with 384,223 points, Art, W6XD/R with 355,160 points, and Robert, KK6KK/R with 353,304 points. The W6XD/R score for the 2008 VHF SS competition was 185,790 points, which indicates the improved level of performance this group has been able to achieve. The fifth-place score was turned in by Richard, K1DS/R of Blue Bell, PA with 136,136 points, followed by N3IQ/R, the Rovers of Maryland club in the sixth position with 125,658 points.

In the Limited Rover category, operators may use their choice of no more than four bands. The leading score in this category was produced by Carrie, KI6UZV/R, of Joshua Tree, CA with 113,544 points, which is substantially higher than the top score in the 2008 event in this category by almost a factor of four! Second place is awarded to

Steve, K4GUN/R, of Spotsylvania, VA with 14,711 points, up significantly from his 2008 score of 7335 points. Fourth place is awarded to David, N6ORB, of Martinez, CA with a score of 10,336 points, followed by Steven, KC2QZF/R, from Clarence Center, NY in the number five position with 7805 points, up substantially from his 1558 point score in 2008. Robert, NE3I/R, of Collegeville, PA claimed the sixth position with 5112 points.

The final category is Unlimited Rover, which permits more than two operators. In this year's event, there were five Unlimited Rover entries, up from only one entry in this category in 2008. The top score was submitted by Michael, W6YLZ, of Winnetka, CA, with 395,760 points. Second place goes to David, W6TE/R, of Fresno, CA, followed by William, AE5BN/R, from Lufkin, TX; John, K9JK/R, in Palatine, IL, and the LB Contesters (Club) of Pasadena, CA, KI6USR.

### Affiliated Club Competition


This year's ARRL Affiliated Club com-

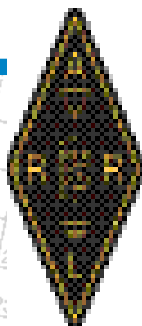
petition results indicate an increase of one additional club entry in the Medium Club category over that posted in 2008, and a drop of six in the Local Club category. The Unlimited Club category had only one entry for the past several years, and that is the largest of the VHF/UHF clubs; the Mt Airy VHF Radio Club based in the Philadelphia area. The Mt Airy Club fielded 60 entries for 2009, down three member entries from 2008, and a total Club score of 1,823,418 points, averaging 30,390 points per member entry.

The Medium Club competition for 2009 includes 17 clubs, up one from 2008. The North East Weak Signal Group (NEWS Group) posted the top score with 21 entries and a total Club score of 812,400 points, averaging 38,686 points per member entry. This club continues to lead the category with a large group of enthusiastic members. Potomac Valley Radio Club was second this year, with 675,775 points from 24 logs. Third place was taken by the Nacogdoches ARC, led by the K5QE multioperator effort and good rovers. Other leaders in the Medium

Club group include Badger Contesters, Society of Midwest Contesters, North Texas Microwave Society and the Rochester VHF Group in positions four through seven. The Local Club category fielded 13 entries, the winner of which posted an outstanding score. Last year, the total was 20 entries. The leading Local Club for 2009 is the Eastern Connecticut ARA with a total score of 107,240 points from four members, representing an outstanding effort. The runner-up Murgas ARC with 78,598 points was also a great effort. Let's not forget the Florida Weak Signal Society with 78,415 points and the Chippewa Valley VHF Contesters with 29,202 points.

### An Invitation To HFers

The bottom of the present solar cycle seems to be going on forever, even though we all realize that eventually the sunspots will once again bring back improving HF conditions. This is a very good time to become acquainted with VHF+ contesting and operating in general. 



# 2009 ARRL August UHF Contest

**1800 UTC Saturday, August 1 – 1800 UTC Sunday, August 2**

- Explore the world of UHF! 222 MHz and up is the place to be this weekend.
- Try operating from your favorite hilltop, or operate from your car in multiple locations for an extra challenge.
- Catch a good opening and work stations hundreds of miles away!



**Complete rules can  
be found at**

**[www.arrl.org/contests](http://www.arrl.org/contests)**

E-mail electronic logs to [augustuhf@arrl.org](mailto:augustuhf@arrl.org) or mail paper logs to ARRL August UHF Contest, 225 Main St, Newington, CT 06111. All logs must be postmarked by 1800 UTC Monday September 1, 2009.