

2016 ARRL Phone Sweepstakes – Preliminary Results

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The 83rd running of the ARRL November Phone Sweepstakes is in the books!

2016 ARRL Sweepstakes Phone – Category Winners

<i>Category</i>	<i>Call</i>	<i>Score</i>
Single-Op, High Power	K5TR	345,114
Single-Op, Low Power	VA7RR	205,820
Single-Op, QRP	VE6EX	63,688
Multi-Op, High Power	W6YI (K6AM, N6AN, N6KI, N6MJ, W6YI, ops)	324,530
Multi-Op, Low Power	K7IR (K7IR, K7XH, N9ADG, WA7IR, ops)	226,756
Single-Op Unlimited, High Power	KØEU	303,946
Single-Op Unlimited, Low Power	N4ZZ	209,492
School Club	KØHC (WØBH, op)	195,880

Congratulations to repeat winners KØEU (U), VE6EX (Q), W6YI (M), and KØHC (S) who all successfully defended their 2015 titles. George, K5TR, after many Top Ten showings from his home station and as a recent guest-op throughout the West, won the (B) category outright this year. Way to go! VA7RR moved up from 3rd to 1st in the (A) category, and K7IR did the same in (ML). N4ZZ took top honors in the (UL) category from Tennessee.

Also noteworthy: KØEU, N4ZZ, and KØHC won their categories on both CW and phone this year.

There were 1,626 logs submitted, representing 400,395 QSOs and 59,941,708 points after log checking. The totals are down approximately 11% from 2015, when 1,826 logs were received.

Conditions were generally worse than in 2015. Many ops noted weak signals and high noise that made it difficult to copy stations regardless of band. Remarkably, there was a grand total of just 16 (yes, *SIXTEEN*) QSOs reported on 10 meters! The 40-meter band “went long” early, forcing many folks to move to 75 meters.

Our chart of top accuracy rates (those stations with an error rate of 1.0% or less, with more than 400 QSOs) lists just 17 call signs this year, compared to 36 a year ago.

Clean Sweeps numbered just 162, significantly fewer than 2015’s 296.

The average Top Ten scores also declined across the board, with low-power categories suffering noticeably more than high-power ones. The table below compares the 2016 and 2015 mean Top Ten scores by category:

CATEGORY	2016 AVG TOP TEN SCORE	2015 AVG TOP TEN SCORE	CHANGE (%)
SOHP (B)	305,471	308,312	-0.92%
SOLP (A)	151,628	208,148	-27.15%
SOQRP (Q)	44,424	56,041	-20.73%
SOUHP (U)	262,214	273,385	-4.09%
SOULP (UL)	137,748	149,848	-8.07%
MOHP (M)	252,486	272,340	-7.29%
MOLP (ML)	132,936	159,945	-16.89%
SCHOOL (S)	62,549	88,638	-29.43%

The most popular category was Single-Operator, Low Power (A), with 687 entries. Single-Operator Unlimited, High Power (U) was next, at 280, followed closely by Single-Operator, High Power (B) at 262. Rounding out the Single-Op categories was Unlimited, Low Power (UL) with 178 and QRP (Q) at 61. In the Multioperator categories, there were 134 total entries, 63 High Power (M) and 71 Low Power (ML). School clubs (S) submitted 24 logs.

Top Ten scores in each category are tabulated below.

NOTE: All scores presented in this preliminary report are provisional, pending final review. Watch for the full contest results coming soon to this website, and be sure to read the write-up in the June issue of QST.

TOP-TEN SCORES, BY CATEGORY

[Rank, Call Sign, Score, QSOs, Sections, QTH, Error Rate (%)]

Single-Operator, High Power [B]

1	K5TR	345,114	2,079	83	STX	3.0
2	W7WA	342,956	2,066	83	WWA	1.8
3	N9RV	341,794	2,059	83	MT	2.0
4	NR5M	312,910	1,885	83	STX	2.1
5	K6NA (N6ED, op)	301,290	1,815	83	SDG	1.9
6	AA5B	295,646	1,781	83	NM	1.8
7	WØSD (WØDB, op)	292,492	1,762	83	SD	0.5
8	K5TA	277,552	1,672	83	NM	1.1
9	NC1I (K9PW, op)	274,044	1,671	82	WMA	1.4
10	WC6H	270,912	1,632	83	SJV	4.3

Single-Operator, Low Power [A]

1	VA7RR	205,820	1,255	82	BC	0.7
2	K3UA	190,236	1,146	83	WPA	2.4
3	N8II	173,802	1,047	83	WV	2.1
4	K9WZB	150,728	908	83	AZ	0.9
5	WR3R	150,552	918	82	MDC	2.9
6	WS9V	139,440	840	83	IL	2.0
7	N1DD	129,276	798	81	EMA	4.9
8	WD5K	128,740	785	82	NTX	1.6
9	WN6K	125,550	775	81	SDG	6.3
10	N7MZW	122,134	773	79	WY	2.1

Single-Operator, QRP [Q]

1	VE6EX	63,688	419	76	AB	4.7
2	NDØC	58,712	358	82	MN	0.3
3	N5EE	52,320	327	80	AR	1.5
4	NK8Q	50,720	317	80	WPA	0.6
5	N1CC	48,664	308	79	NTX	1.3
6	K3TW	41,736	282	74	NFL	2.1
7	N8OQ	40,736	268	76	VA	2.2
8	W4IM	30,800	200	77	VA	2.9
9	N3UR	29,394	207	71	MDC	1.9
10	K2GMY	27,472	202	68	EB	0.5

Single-Operator Unlimited, High Power [U]

1	KØEU	303,946	1,831	83	CO	2.2
2	N8OO	290,832	1,752	83	LA	2.4
3	VE6SV (VE4GV, op)	290,002	1,747	83	AB	2.1
4	W7RN (WX5S, op)	276,888	1,668	83	NV	3.8
5	WE9V (KB9OWD, op)	258,296	1,556	83	WI	2.2
6	NØKK (@NØAT)	246,344	1,484	83	MN	1.7
7	W1SRD	243,024	1,464	83	SV	1.9
8	W1SJ	239,040	1,440	83	VT	3.1
9	W6YX (N7MH, op)	237,878	1,433	83	SCV	1.4
10	K9CT	235,886	1,421	83	IL	1.7

Single-Operator Unlimited, Low Power [UL]

1	N4ZZ	209,492	1,262	83	TN	0.9
2	WB2P	196,876	1,186	83	SNJ	2.7
3	K2DRH	188,244	1,134	83	IL	2.6
4	KØUK	175,130	1,055	83	CO	3.5
5	W4LT	155,358	959	81	WCF	3.3
6	KK7AC	101,924	614	83	AZ	1.3
7	KØNEB	98,936	596	83	NE	1.3
8	W7ZRC	86,756	529	82	EWA	0.7
9	VE4DXR	83,582	529	79	MB	1.9
10	N9SD	81,180	495	82	WI	2.7

Multioperator, High Power [M]

1	W6YI	324,530	1,955	83	SV	2.7
2	K4OV	310,254	1,869	83	NC	3.4
3	WØNO	262,446	1,581	83	IA	4.6
4	W1XX	256,470	1,545	83	RI	3.5
5	NW6P	243,688	1,468	83	SCV	3.5
6	N5ZC	236,882	1,427	83	WTX	3.4
7	NV9L	233,728	1,408	83	IL	1.2
8	KS5Z/VY2	222,938	1,343	83	MAR	5.9
9	N3OC	217,626	1,311	83	MDC	2.6
10	ND8DX	216,298	1,303	83	OH	1.4

Multioperator, Low Power [ML]

1	K7IR	226,756	1,366	83	EWA	2.9
2	WW4LL	212,480	1,280	83	GA	4.2
3	WZ8P	162,182	977	83	OH	3.5
4	W8TK	151,392	912	83	AZ	4.2
5	NX6T	107,892	666	81	SDG	3.0
6	NØFCD	101,426	611	83	IL	2.1
7	VE3MGY	98,750	625	79	ONS	1.9
8	N2GZ	96,114	579	83	CT	2.7
9	W1QK	87,412	533	82	CT	6.5
10	K3JD	84,960	531	80	DE	2.0

School Club Station [S]

1	KØHC	195,880	1,180	83	KS	1.5
2	W4AQL	95,472	612	78	GA	1.4
3	W1AF	63,200	400	79	EMA	4.7
4	W3EAX	61,074	377	81	MDC	1.3
5	W9YB	46,494	287	81	IN	3.9
6	W8EDU	44,850	299	75	OH	5.9
7	W4UAL	34,182	211	81	AL	1.9
8	WØEEE	32,320	202	80	MO	9.7
9	W1YK	27,702	171	81	WMA	7.8
10	W9JWC	24,320	160	76	IL	7.8

Top Accuracy Rates (Error Rate <=1.0%, >400 QSOs) [Call Sign, Category, QSOs, Error Rate (%)]

NWØM	UL	415	0.0
WØSD (WØDB, op)	B	1,762	0.5
VA7RR	A	1,255	0.7
K6TU	U	971	0.7
W7ZRC	UL	529	0.7
N8PCN	U	430	0.7
N3FJP	U	412	0.7
NØHJZ	A	699	0.8
AE7AP	A	488	0.8
N4ZZ	UL	1,262	0.9
K9WZB	A	908	0.9
W2ID	A	693	0.9
N4CW	B	528	0.9
K3MM	U	1,323	1.0
KØTT	B	946	1.0
W1LX	B	621	1.0
WA2CP	B	493	1.0