

New Breathing Room: 2007 ARRL November Phone Sweepstakes Results

Phone band expansion reaps dividends.

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The 2007 ARRL November Phone Sweepstakes will be remembered by many participants as perhaps the most challenging Sweepstakes in modern memory. The dearth of sunspots pushed competitors to the lower frequency bands earlier, and kept them on those bands for long periods of time. Even this was not enough to avoid long skip conditions on 75 meters during most of the nighttime hours. Many eastern participants commented on having their CQs answered by Europeans, while being unable to work stations within 500 miles of their QTH. The United States phone band expansion came just in time to accommodate the hordes retreating to 75 meters. Participants were certainly thankful for the “extra” 150 kHz of breathing room. Unfortunately for SS aficionados, the phone band expansion did not include 20 meters. With the lack of sunspots keeping the daytime MUF suppressed, 20 meters was the only game in town during daylight hours for most stations in the eastern and central USA. The result was a very crowded band... and that’s putting it mildly!

Despite the challenging conditions, **1571** entries were submitted, an increase of 30 entries over 2006. Even more impressive is that **32** new section records were set, along with **6** new division records.

Sweepstakes isn’t just about setting new records. For many participants, it’s a contest-within-a-contest, with the yearly quest for the “clean sweep” (working at least one station in each of the 80 ARRL sections) being the ultimate goal. There were two major challenges this year for earning a clean sweep. There are always some sections which have a limited amount of activity, making QSOs with those sections very coveted. This year, the long skip conditions added the challenge of working “common” close-in sections. Many stations, especially in the northeast



Ted, KN5O: New Louisiana and Delta Division Unlimited Category Record Holder. That’s the same S-Line Ted used in his last SS in 1975.



Richard, K5NA, and Colin, KU5B (back) at K5NA.

USA, were surprised to discover they still need neighboring sections late in the contest. Despite these challenges, **215** stations made the grade for a clean sweep. For W4RK, W5CPT, N9SJ, WC4V, K3UD, K5LAD, N4FR, NR6S and others, it was their first sweep ever! KØHW was thrilled to make a clean sweep this year on both CW and Phone SS, for the first time!

Many new and many longtime hams joined in the Phone SS fun for the first time. For N4JF, it was his first Phone SS in over 50 years, after doing CW SS nearly every year.

The Elusive Clean Sweep

While 215 participants earned clean sweeps (see “Clean Sweep Winners” sidebar in the Web results for the complete list), another 97 participants came so close, missing only 1 section. What section did they miss? 22 missed the Northern Territories, despite activity from VY1JA, VY1MB, VY1EI, VE8EV, VE8DAV, VE8DW and VE8NSD. Eighteen missed Newfoundland/Labrador, which was represented by VO1TA, VO1HE, VO1BQ, VO1JNS, VO1MX and VO1MP. Many thanks to these ops for making their rare sections available. Surprisingly, a few participants missed the sweep by not working more common sections, such as Kentucky, Orange, and even South Florida! See the sidebar “Clean Sweep Minus One” in the Web version of the results for a complete breakdown of what sections were missed by those who worked 79 sections.

High Power Category

The high power, top-10 winners came from all parts of the USA and Canada.

Rich Boyd, KE3Q, added to his streak with his 10th consecutive victory from the WP3R superstation in Puerto Rico with 2432 QSOs. Within the continental USA/Canada, George Fremin, K5TR, operating from central Texas, easily swept the field with 2008 QSOs. Congratulations to George on his 3rd consecutive continental USA/Canada victory!

In 3rd place, from the Seattle area, with 1897 QSOs was Dan Honda, W7WA. Very impressive, considering the propagation challenges from the Pacific Northwest.

There was a heated battle for 4th and 5th places, between two South Dakota competitors. When the dust settled, Todd Dravland, WDØT, operating from KDØS, edged out Joe Brown, WØDB, operating from WØSD, by 23 QSOs.

Using only a low beam on 15 meters, and

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dipoles on 20, 40 and 75 meters, Scott Davis, K5TA, took advantage of his New Mexico QTH for 6th place.

In a rare domestic contest appearance, Jeff Briggs, K1ZM, piloted his Prince Edward Island contest station to a 7th place finish and a new Canadian division record.

Eighth and 9th places were battled between two California stations. Dean Straw, N6BV, outmaneuvered Craig Gullickson, N6ED, operating at K6NA. Craig actually had 15 more QSOs, but missed Northern Territories for the clean sweep.

Stan Barczak, K8MJZ, traveled to warm St Croix, piloting WP2Z to a 10th place finish.

Low Power Category

The “A” precedence is clearly the most popular category for SS participants. This year there were 724 submitted logs in the low power category, more than twice as many as any other category.

Congratulations to Bruce Draper, AA5B (operating from NN5K), for being the winner in the hotly contested Low Power category with 1473 QSOs. This was Bruce’s first SS victory since 1988. Not only did he win, but he did it with style by having the lowest busted exchange percentage in the low power top 10.

Paul Newberry, N4PN, in his 54th year as a ham, proved he still has what it takes, with a 2nd place, 1398 QSO finish from his Georgia QTH.

John Bayne, KK9A, using the W4AAA call sign, finished 3rd with 1338 QSOs. John is still in the station-building mode from his North Carolina QTH. He is better known by his Aruba, DX contest call, P40A.

Showing that you CAN do well from the Midwest black hole, Mike Kasrich, AJ9C, placed 4th with 1217 QSOs. Struggling with New England propagation, Art Hambleton, K1BX, placed 5th.

Two Pacific Northwest stations battled for 6th and 7th places. With a clean sweep, Brad Wallingford, K7ZSD, bettered Gene Shea, KB7Q. Gene missed Newfoundland, and bordering sections Saskatchewan and Wyoming. Ouch!

Long-time SS competitor Tom Behman, N6NF, used his ridge-top Bay Area QTH for 1045 QSOs and 8th place.

Rich Zwirko, K1HTV, fought the long-skip conditions by making 97 topband QSOs on his way to a 9th place finish from Maryland.

Rounding out the top 10 was Bill Lippert, AC0W, from Minnesota. Bill is mooring with satisfaction over his 972 QSOs.

QRP Category

In the best of years, doing QRP in Phone SS is a challenge that tries your patience. With this year’s conditions, only the most determined operators stuck it out in this category.

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2007 ARRL Sweepstakes Phone Top Ten

Single Operator, High Power

WP3R	
(KE3Q, op)	389,120
K5TR	321,280
W7WA	299,726
KD0S	
(WD0T, op)	290,560
W0SD	
(W0DB, op)	286,880
K5TA	280,960
VY2ZM	
(K1ZM, op)	280,640
N6BV	277,440
K6NA	
(N6ED, op)	276,342
WP2Z	
(K8MJZ, op)	269,548

Single Operator, Unlimited

K7RL	289,920
K6LL	284,640
NI1N	267,840
W7RN	
(WX5S, op)	243,520
WB1GQR	
(W1SJ)	241,760
K6XX	240,000
K3MM	237,280
K9CT	237,120
W8MJ	225,120
W6RQ	
(N7MH, op)	222,560

Single Operator, Low Power

NN5K	
(AA5B, op)	232,734
N4PN	223,680
W4AAA	
(KK9A, op)	214,080
AJ9C	194,720
K1BX	177,280
K7ZSD	172,480
KB7Q	170,170
N6NF	167,200
K1HTV	163,360
AC0W	153,576

Multi-Operator

W6YI	310,560
K5NA	303,200
K9NS	
(@K9HMB)	302,240
N5DO	258,080
K7IR	240,792
W0NO	240,000
N1LI	236,640
N0NI	226,880
N8HR	
(@WZ8P)	226,560
KA1ARB	219,840

Single Operator, QRP

KC5R	111,040
N9KT	105,760
N4JF	87,520
NX9T	78,888
N8IE	65,280
N0UR	50,920
K9ZO	43,928
KA1LMR	43,168
N3JW	
(W5JBV, op)	39,600
VA3DF	38,332

School Club

K0HC	222,400
N9UC	
(W09S)	124,480
W8UM	93,378
W5UMS	83,266
W8SH	60,040
K4KDJ	48,640
N0UNL	46,900
K4FAU	41,720
W3ABT	41,464
KD5VVI	37,224

Al Sinopoli, KC5R, took advantage of good north-south propagation on 15 and 20 meters for 695 QSOs and a clean sweep on his way to a repeat victory. This is an increase of 65 QSOs over his win last year. Imagine how Al will do with some sunspots!

Dave Spoelstra, N9KT, came in 2nd place from the Indiana black hole. 661 QSOs and a clean sweep is none too shabby with QRP.

After a 50 year hiatus from Phone SS, Jerry Fiore, N4JF, returned to “do it right” with a 3rd place finish, a clean sweep, and a new section record from Alabama! Over half his QSOs were made on the difficult 75 meter band. How’s that for making a silk purse from a sow’s ear?

Jeff Keller, NX9T, was happy when the contest was over. Despite missing 4 hours of operating time, he still came in 4th with 519 QSOs.

Fifth place went to Dan Shepherd, N8IE. Another QRP clean sweep! Dan is becoming a regular in the QRP top 10.

Jim Lageson, N0UR, made 6th place from Minnesota.

A part time effort brought Ralph Bellas, K9ZO, a 7th place finish.

Chris, KA1LMR, Joe, N3JW, and Doug, VA3DF, rounded out the top 10.

Unlimited Category

The unlimited category has become as popular as the high power category, with stiff competition for the top slots.

For the past few years, there has been a three-way battle for top dog between Mitch Mason, K7RL, Tom McAlee, NI1N, and Dave Hachedorian, K6LL. This year, Mitch and his Seattle-area station emerged victorious with a 33 QSO margin over Dave. Tom’s 3rd place finish takes top East Coast honors with 1674 QSOs. Tom’s great 75 meter signal from Virginia really paid off on Saturday night, but wasn’t enough to overcome the west coast daytime high-band domination.

Matt Thomas, WX5S, piloted W7RN to a 4th place finish.

Mitch Stern, W1SJ, operated WB1GQR and made Vermont an easy catch, with a 5th place, 1511 QSO finish.

Close behind were fine 6th and 7th place efforts from the opposite coasts by Bob Wolbert, K6XX, and Ty Stewart, K3MM.

The 8th and 9th places went to midwesterners Craig Thompson, K9CT, and Ken Meier, W8MJ.

Rounding out the top 10 was Mike Heideman, N7MH, operating W6RQ.

Multi-operator Category

Doing a multi-op with a bunch of friends is a great way to build up your contest skills, learn a few new tricks and enjoy some pizza!

Thanks to a good 15 meter opening, and the team’s impressively low error rate, team San Diego, W6YI, operated by Jim, W6YI; Dan, N6MJ; John, K6AM; John, N2NC, and Dennis, N6KI, took home the 1st place honors.

The Central Texas team at K5NA came in 2nd place. Station owner Richard, K5NA, was happy to have Colin, KU5B, for doing 99% of the running!

In 3rd place, only 6 QSOs behind, was the K9NS team from north of Chicago, operated by KO9A, K9HMB, K9PW and K9XW. A great job from the midwest!

The West Texas team at N5DO, operated by N5DO, KE5OG and K5FD, placed 4th, narrowly missing a new record.

Despite computer troubles, Team SteppIR, K7IR, came in 5th, operated by K7XH, K7IR, K7PU and K7XS.

Only 6 QSOs down in 6th place was the W0NO team from Kansas, operated by W0NO, AB0S and K0WA.

Ed, K1EP, and Doug, K1DG, operated at Doug’s Maine vacation home, taking 7th

2007 SS Phone Plaque Winners

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Division/Plaque Category	Winner	Plaque Sponsor	Division/Plaque Category	Winner	Plaque Sponsor
Overall			Single Operator QRP	KA1LMR	QRP Club of New England
Single Operator High Power	WP3R (KE3Q, op)	Mike Fatchett, W0MU	Single Operator Unlimited	WB1GQR	Icom America, Inc.
Single Operator Low Power	NN5K (AA5B, op)	Ken Adams, K5KA	Multioperator	N1SJ, op	Icom America, Inc.
Single Operator QRP	KC5R	QRP Amateur Radio Club International	Northwestern	N1LI	Icom America, Inc.
Single Operator Unlimited	K7RL	Icom America, Inc.	Single Operator High Power	W7WA	Icom America, Inc.
Multioperator	W6YI	Icom America, Inc.	Single Operator Low Power	K7ZSD	Icom America, Inc.
School Club	K0HC	Icom America, Inc.	Single Operator QRP	WA7PVE	Icom America, Inc.
Atlantic			Single Operator Unlimited	K7RL	Icom America, Inc.
Single Operator High Power	KD4D	North Coast Contesters	Multioperator	K7IR	Icom America, Inc.
Single Operator Low Power	K1HTV	Potomac Valley Radio Club	Pacific		
Single Operator QRP	K3TW	Icom America, Inc.	Single Operator High Power	N6BV	Icom America, Inc.
Single Operator Unlimited	K3MM	Icom America, Inc.	Single Operator Low Power	N6NF	Icom America, Inc.
Multioperator	K2NNY	Mark Sickmeyer, KB3GJ Memorial	Single Operator QRP	N6WG	Icom America, Inc.
School Club	W3ABT	Icom America, Inc.	Single Operator Unlimited	W7RN	Icom America, Inc.
Central			Multioperator	(WX5S, op)	Icom America, Inc.
Single Operator High Power	WB9Z	Society of Midwest Contesters	Roanoke	W6YX	Icom America, Inc.
Single Operator Low Power	AJ9C	Society of Midwest Contesters	Single Operator High Power	NN3W (@N4RV)	Potomac Valley Radio Club
Single Operator QRP	N9KT	Sean Kutzko, KX9X	Single Operator Low Power	W4AAA (KK9A, op)	Raleigh Amateur Radio Society - W4DW
Single Operator Unlimited	K9CT	Icom America, Inc.	Single Operator QRP	NX9T	NoVa QRP Group
Multioperator	K9NS (@K9HMB)	Icom America, Inc.	Single Operator Unlimited	NI1N	Icom America, Inc.
School Club	N9UC (W09S, op)	Icom America, Inc.	Multioperator	KA1ARB	Icom America, Inc.
Dakota			School Club	K4KDJ	Icom America, Inc.
Single Operator High Power	KD0S (WD0T, op)	Minnesota Wireless Association	Rocky Mountain		
Single Operator Low Power	AC0W	Minnesota Wireless Association	Single Operator High Power	K5TA	Icom America, Inc.
Single Operator QRP	N0UR	Tod Olson, K0TO	Single Operator Low Power	NN5K (AA5B, op)	Icom America, Inc.
Single Operator Unlimited	K0HW	Minnesota Wireless Association	Single Operator QRP	K0RI	Colorado QRP Club
Multioperator	KT0R	In Memory of Jim Dokmo, K0FV, Minnesota Wireless Association	Multioperator	W0MU	Icom America, Inc.
School Club	K0VVY	Icom America, Inc.	K07X	Icom America, Inc.	
Delta			Southeastern		
Single Operator High Power	W5WMU	Icom America, Inc.	Single Operator High Power	WP3R (KE3Q, op)	Icom America, Inc.
Single Operator Low Power	NA4K	Icom America, Inc.	Single Operator Low Power	N4PN	Icom America, Inc.
Single Operator QRP	KC5R	Icom America, Inc.	Single Operator QRP	N4JF	Icom America, Inc.
Single Operator Unlimited	KN5O	Icom America, Inc.	Single Operator Unlimited	NF4A	Icom America, Inc.
Multioperator	AE5T (N5OZB, op)	Icom America, Inc.	Multioperator	W8J	Icom America, Inc.
School Club	W5UMS	Icom America, Inc.	School Club	K4FAU	Icom America, Inc.
Great Lakes			Southwestern		
Single Operator High Power	N8VV	North Coast Contesters	Single Operator High Power	K6NA (N6ED, op)	Icom America, Inc.
Single Operator Low Power	KB4AMA	Mad River Radio Club	Single Operator Low Power	WA0KDS	Icom America, Inc.
Single Operator QRP	N8IE	Mad River Radio Club	Single Operator QRP	N7JXS	N6HE and W6DL
Single Operator Unlimited	W8MJ	Icom America, Inc.	Single Operator Unlimited	K6LL	Icom America, Inc.
Multioperator	N8HR	Icom America, Inc.	Multioperator	W6YI	Inland Empire ARC
School Club	W8UM	Icom America, Inc.	West Gulf		
Hudson			Single Operator High Power	K5TR	Ken Adams, K5KA
Single Operator High Power	N2SQW	Icom America, Inc.	Single Operator Low Power	K5KA	Ralph "Gator" Bowen, N5RZ
Single Operator Low Power	K2UF	Icom America, Inc.	Single Operator QRP	WA8ZBT	Icom America, Inc.
Single Operator QRP	KR2Q	Icom America, Inc.	Single Operator Unlimited	K5LAD	Icom America, Inc.
Single Operator Unlimited	W2GDJ	Icom America, Inc.	Multioperator	K5NA	Icom America, Inc.
Multioperator	N2PL	Icom America, Inc.	School Club	KD5VVI	Icom America, Inc.
Midwest			Canada		
Single Operator High Power	K0DEQ	Icom America, Inc.	Single Operator High Power	VY2ZM (K1ZM, op)	Icom America, Inc.
Single Operator Low Power	K0RH	Society of Midwest Contesters	Single Operator Low Power	VE5ZX	Icom America, Inc.
Single Operator QRP	N0SS	Icom America, Inc.	Single Operator QRP	VA3DF	Frank Merceret, NA4CW
Single Operator Unlimited	K0OU	Icom America, Inc.	Single Operator Unlimited	VE7FO	Icom America, Inc.
Multioperator	W0NO	Icom America, Inc.	Multioperator	VE6EX	Icom America, Inc.
School Club	K0HC	Icom America, Inc.			
New England					
Single Operator High Power	W1XX	Icom America, Inc.			
Single Operator Low Power	K1BX	CTRI Contest Group			

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place. The high bands were so bad from there that they made more QSOs on 160 meters than 15 meters!

The Iowa N0NI team of N0NI, N0AC, KE0WO and K0WHV placed 8th over the Ohio team of N8HR by a mere 2 QSOs.

The last-minute antenna work of the NC team at KA1ARB paid off, with the team finishing out the multi-op top 10.

School Club Category

The Hesston College Amateur Radio Club, K0HC, operated by Bob, W0BH, Eric, N0LQU, and Nelson, N0LRA, won the school club category with 1390 QSOs. This is exactly the same score they had last year, in their winning effort. Great job!

The University of Chicago ARC, N9UC, operated by Jon, W09S, placed 2nd, as they

did in 2006.

The 3rd and 5th places were battled between Big Ten giants, the University of Michigan, W8UM, operated by KA8WFC, K8QKY, K8KS and KB5AW, and Michigan State University, W8SH, operated by K8MAS and W2NRL. In the end, U of M was victorious. Go, Blue!

In their first-ever Phone SS, the University of Mississippi ARC, operated by W5MPC, placed 4th.

The Virginia Tech ARC, K4KDJ, operated by N4CV, K14OSL and KF4YLM came in 6th.

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln place 7th, operated by WD0BGZ and N0KIS, while Florida Atlantic University, K4FAU, operated by K14WFJ and W4RIS, placed 8th.

Rounding out the top 10 were the Uni-

versity of Pennsylvania ARC, W3ABT, and the Nacogdoches School District ARC, KD5VVI.

Club Competition

Many thanks to all of the clubs who bang the drums to get their members on for Sweepstakes. Considering all the major contests taking place in the 5-week period beginning at the end of October, this is no easy task!

This year, the titans of the west and east coasts, the Northern California Contest Club and the Potomac Valley Radio Club again battled it out for dominance in the Unlimited Club category. When the dust settled, the W6s came out victorious, aided by their 32 entry margin over the capitol-area gang.

The Medium Club category featured a

Regions

Tables list call sign, score and class (Q = QRP, A = Low Power, B = High Power, M = Multioperator, U = Unlimited).

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 Section)				Midwest Region (Dakota, Midwest, Rocky Mountain and West Gulf Divisions; Manitoba and Saskatchewan Sections)				West Coast Region (Pacific, Northwestern and Southwestern Divisions; Alberta, British Columbia and NWT Sections)			
VY2ZM				WP3R (KE3Q, op)	389,120	B		WB9Z	254,400	B		K5TR	321,280	B		W7WA	299,726	B	
(K1ZM, op)	280,640	B		WP2Z			K9GX	236,480	B		KD0S				N6BV	277,440	B		
KD4D	206,080	B		(K8MJ, op)	269,548	B	K9BGL	220,160	B		(W0DT, op)	290,560	B		K6NA				
W1XX	201,134	B		K4SSU			N0IJ	219,680	B		W0SD			(N6ED, op)	276,342	B			
W3IDT	199,520	B		(NA4BW, op)	258,400	B	N8VW	176,000	B		(W0DB, op)	286,880	B		KH7X				
K3MIM	193,392	B		W5WMU	256,800	B					K5TA	280,960	B		(KH6ND, op)	261,440	B		
				KP2TM							W5KFT			WC6H	260,960	B			
				(K9TM, op)	234,880	B					(WM5R, op)	265,512	B						
K1BX	177,280	A	N4PN	223,680	A	AJ9C	194,720	A	NN5K				K7ZSD	172,480	A				
K1HTV	163,360	A	W4AAA			WX9U	142,896	A	(AA5B, op)	232,734	A		KB7Q	170,170	A				
W3LL	125,920	A	(KK9A, op)	214,080	A	N9AX	118,880	A	AC0W	153,576	A		N6NF	167,200	A				
K2JF	97,644	A	K4LY	134,560	A	KB4AMA	106,080	A	K0RH	150,384	A		WA0KDS	117,936	A				
K1PY (@W2TZ)	85,880	A	NA4K	127,680	A	K0PJ	91,416	A	VE5ZX	144,320	A		VE6CNU	100,646	A				
			KZ2I	117,760	A				VE5SF	116,640	A								
KA1LMR	43,168	Q	KC5R	111,040	Q	N9KT	105,760	Q	N0UR	50,920	Q		N6WG	28,408	Q				
K3TW	29,680	Q	N4JF	87,520	Q	N8IE	65,280	Q	ND0C	32,900	Q		WA7PVE	26,600	Q				
W1ZRO	25,074	Q	NX9T	78,888	Q	K9ZO	43,928	Q	K0RI	31,080	Q		KD4HXT	22,494	Q				
KR2Q	23,640	Q	N3JW			VA3DF	38,332	Q	N0RU	30,800	Q		W7PT	13,920	Q				
N1URA	17,472	Q	(W5JBV, op)	39,600	Q	KT8K	33,460	Q	WA8ZBT	30,756	Q		K6XM	8,730	Q				
			KI3O	29,376	Q														
WB1GQR																			
(W1SJ, op)	241,760	U	NI1N	267,840	U	K9CT	237,120	U	K0OU	183,680	U		K7RL	289,920	U				
K3MM	237,280	U	KN5O	210,400	U	W8MJ	225,120	U	W0MU	180,800	U		K6LL	284,640	U				
N3KS	219,200	U	K2WK	187,520	U	W9IU	181,600	U	K0HW	128,160	U		W7RN						
WX3B	212,472	U	W4NF	183,520	U	N2BJ	177,120	U	W7UT	84,160	U		(WX5S, op)	243,520	U				
NJ1F	204,160	U	W4MYA	179,520	U	N8TR	156,320	U	W0TT	75,360	U		K6XX	240,000	U				
													W6RQ						
													(N7MH, op)	222,560	U				
N1LI	236,640	M	KA1ARB	219,840	M	K9NS			K5NA	303,200	M		W6YI	310,560	M				
K2NNY	212,480	M	AE5T			(@K9HMB)	302,240	M	N5DO	258,080	M		K7IR	240,792	M				
N3OC	208,160	M	(N5OZB, op)	182,560	M	N8HR	226,560	M	W0NO	240,000	M		NN7SS	203,360	M				
N2PL	182,174	M	W5JJ	174,880	M	N78V	142,720	M	N0NI	226,880	M		VE6EX	196,640	M				
W1AW	179,200	M	W8JI	166,058	M	N9SJ	136,320	M	K0GND	217,440	M		W6YX	178,698	M				
			KG5VK	165,440	M	W9YV	112,970	M											

very tight race between the 41 entries of the Midwest's Mad River Radio Club and the 40 entries of the Southern California Contest Club. The Mad River group came out the winners, by the slimmest of margins. One more semi-serious entry by the Southern California crew would have reversed the standings! There was also an even tighter race between the 3rd place South East Contest Club and the 4th place

Central Texas DX and Contest Club.

In the Local Club category, the seven entries of the New Mexico Big River Contesters almost doubled the Spokane DX Association's effort.

Close Races

For many participants, SS is about bringing home the coveted "section winner"

certificate. Often, there is a cross-town, or cross-section rivalry involved with a close friend. There may even be a culinary award for the winner, courtesy of the runner-up — a slice of hot, sizzling pizza downed with a cold beverage! This year, there were a number of particularly close section races, detailed in the Web sidebar "Close Races."

The most exciting close race was QRP in Colorado, where two Pikes Peak area contesters battled it out. In the end, Larry, KØRI, edged-out Robb, NØRU, by 2 QSOs. It's interesting that Larry and Robb operated almost the same number of hours (10), and had the same number of sections (70).

Only 3 QSOs separated Greg, AB7R, and Tom, N7WI, in the low power race in western Washington!

In the Alabama, low-power category, K4HAL edged out KC4HW by only 5 QSOs, and N4KH by 10 QSOs. That's competition!

Another very close race was in the Sacramento Valley, Unlimited category. Dave, WJ6O, edged out Ira, K2RD, operating at K6IDX, by 11 QSOs, out of a total of over 1200 QSOs. This was a full-time effort by these fine operators.

2008 SS Phone — Plan Now!

Be sure to plan ahead for this year's event! The 2008 ARRL Phone Sweepstakes will be November 15-17. Can you top last year's score? Do you have new antennas to try? Maybe you want to operate from one of the rare sections this year. Start thinking now, because it will be here sooner than you think!

2007 SS Phone Affiliated Club Competition

Unlimited Category			Medium Category (continued)		
	Score	Entries		Score	Entries
Northern California Contest Club	19,142,808	273	West Park Radiops	206,746	14
Potomac Valley Radio Club	18,012,122	241	Contest Club Du Quebec	102,896	3
Society of Midwest Contesters	10,448,258	173	Magnolia DX Assn	83,924	3
Minnesota Wireless Assn	5,967,490	95	Texas DX Society	60,920	4
Yankee Clipper Contest Club	5,898,360	92	Woodbridge Wireless	49,714	3
Medium Category			Local Category		
Mad River Radio Club	3,573,384	41	New Mexico Big River Contesters	1,006,474	7
Southern California Contest Club	3,403,560	40	Spokane DX Association	537,230	7
South East Contest Club	2,823,020	33	Ozark Contest Club	419,064	3
Central Texas DX and Contest Club	2,151,172	24	Kansas City DX Club	361,622	3
Florida Contest Group	2,546,902	45	CTRI Contest Group	360,372	8
Western Washington DX Club	2,182,682	26	Maritime Contest Club	339,822	6
Tennessee Contest Group	2,169,706	36	Lincoln ARC	284,288	4
Frankford Radio Club	1,825,040	36	Dominion DX Group	229,596	8
Grand Mesa Contesters of Colorado	1,702,102	22	Sussex County ARC	182,496	6
Alabama Contest Group	1,487,262	21	Northern Arizona DX Assn	177,690	4
Contest Club Ontario	1,437,768	37	Salt City DX Assn	153,712	3
North Texas Contest Club	1,314,092	15	North Hills Amateur Radio Contest	150,708	4
Northern Rockies DX Association	909,928	10	Medina 2 Meter Group	139,004	10
Hudson Valley Contesters and DXers	893,134	20	Southwest Ohio DX Assn	127,952	4
Kentucky Contest Group	770,438	17	Radio Club of Tacoma	123,780	4
Central Arizona DX Assn	764,098	11	Redmond Top Key Contest Club	113,520	4
Saskatchewan Contest Club	744,632	7	Sterling Park ARC	110,748	6
Utah DX Assn	721,998	8	Low Country Contest Club	100,866	6
Willamette Valley DX Club	649,980	14	Fauquier ARA	87,210	3
BC DX Club	616,948	9	West Allis RAC	82,900	4
Motor City Radio Club	592,866	19	Bergen ARA	81,998	9
Alberta Clippers	580,772	4	Florida Contest Club	79,220	3
Oklahoma DX Assn	545,266	8	Michigan State University ARC	70,860	4
Rochester (NY) DX Assn	529,984	7	Central Michigan ARC	54,500	4
Carolina DX Assn	521,938	9	Hazel Park ARC	50,392	3
Order of Boiled Owls of New York	364,904	6	Orange County Radio Amateurs	30,438	3
South Jersey Radio Assn	352,672	5	Portage County Amateur Radio	25,896	4
North Coast Contesters	269,846	4	Tri-Town Radio Amateur Club	17,836	3
Western New York DX Assn	242,756	5	Northern Lights Radio Society	16,136	4
East Coast Canada Contest Club	229,074	4			