2009 ARRL CW November Sweepstakes

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The first weekend in November is the harbinger of a slower time. Baseball's World Series is finally ending, the weather is turning, days are shorter and the smell of wood stoves and fireplaces are first noticed in the northern air. Yet this time also means the beginning of the contest season, and nothing rings in November like the collective tones of CW across the HF bands: "CQ SS, CQ SS...."

For the 76th year, the ARRL CW Sweepstakes on November 7-9 drew in amateurs from all areas of the US and Canada, of all skill levels and from all interests in the hobby, to get on and make QSOs with a harkening back to the days of traffic handling. The most intense competitors eyed the standings, looking for top honors in their category. Others set their sights on their division record, a certificate for a section victory, or perhaps the trophy from their local club. Still others worked toward a Clean Sweep mug or participation pin, and many more simply got on the air and handed out QSOs for the pure enjoyment of the activity.

Jim, KC4HW, who finally earned his first Clean Sweep in SS CW, never gives up: "Make goals and try for them! Have fun along the way. Some say they can't compete, heck I am only competing with myself! This time I won with my first "Clean Sweep". Next time I might not. You win some, you lose some, some days just get rained out, but the sun was shining for me after SS CW."

Brad, N5LUL and Jim, K5BZH had a "friendly wager" from West Texas this year. Jim claimed early victory with 220 QSOs and 69 sections ("not bad for a lite contester using S&P, a trap vertical, and a hand key," Jim wrote), but after the log-checking dust settled, it was Brad that claimed the spoils in the battle for Amarillo. As a consolation prize, Jim did manage to work Rhode Island for his 50th state on 40 meters. The local competitions are some of the best unwritten stories of Sweepstakes.

When the smoke had cleared and the last SS transmission was sent into the ether at 0259 UTC on Monday, November 9, 2009, the clock at ARRL HQ started ticking. CW Sweepstakes continues to be a strong draw for contesters, with 1,552 logs in the official results and more than 600,000 QSOs logged. What will happen when the solar cycle chips in a few sunspots to sweeten the high bands?

Category Winners									
Category	Call	Score	QSOs	Section	QTH				
High Power	N2IC	255,520	1,597	80	NM				
Low Power	N5AW	192,320	1,202	80	STX				
QRP	NØAT (NØKK, op)	137,760	861	80	MN				
Unlimited	K3MM	212,960	1,331	80	MDC				
Multioperator	W6YI	246,880	1,543	80	SDG				
School Club	KØHC (WØBH, op)	188,000	1,175	80	KS				

Record Setters

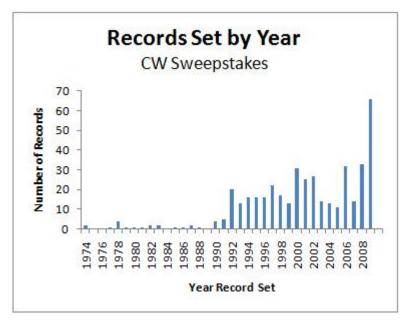
Records are meant to be broken, even by the person who sets them. And that has rarely been as apparent as in the 2009 running of the ARRL CW Sweepstakes. Two all-time records fell, one of which was held by the person doing the breaking. Steve, N2IC, set the high water mark in High Power even higher than last year, pushing aside his record set in 2008 (244,640) with 255,520 points by squeezing in another 68 QSOs.

Jim, W6YI, and crew (N6MJ, N6RT, N6KI and K6AM) broke a record that has stood since 1995, when Bruce, AA5B's New Mexico powerhouse scored 237,160 points. The W6YI crew pushed that mark to 246,880 points. That the record stood for 14 years and was broken during a low point in the sunspot cycle makes the W6YI effort all the more noteworthy.

Browsing the records, (available online at **www.arrl.org/contests**) an amazing 18 division records and 66 section records were set this year. That's almost 14 percent of the division and 19 percent of the section records that are brand-new in 2009! What's the oldest record, I hear you asking? That would be the two 35-year-old 1974 records for the Pacific Section! The High Power record is held by W6NUT (op-K6BB) with 153,750 points and the Multioperator record was set by the Maui Radio Club, KH6RS with a total of 151,950 points.

1974 must have been a good year! **Figure 1** shows the distribution of records over the past 35 years. There are quite a few "empty" records for which no entry has ever been submitted, hint-hint.

Figure 1 - The oldest CW Sweepstakes records date from 1974. Increasing interest and activity resulted in a surge of records this year, including two alltime records.



2009 ARRL November CW Sweepstakes - Top Ten by Category

QRP		Unlimited	
NØAT (NØKK, op)	137,760	K3MM	212,960
K4RO	127,360	K6LL	212,800
K8MM	121,836	W6YX (N7MH, op)	210,400
KØAV	114,392	K7RL	205,120
N7IR	104,122	KB7Q	204,000
NØUR	103,584	N6XI	202,240
N7OU	101,760	K6XX	201,120
W7IY	97,944	K6TA (N6BV, op)	198,080
WI9WI	97,032	N4BP	196,800
W7YAQ	95,432	KH6LC (SMØDRD, op)	196,320
Low Power		Multioperator	
N5AW	192,320	W6YI	246,880
N4OGW	191,360	NR5M	229,600
K7BG	188,800	K4TD	225,120
KP3Z (NP4Z, op)	178,240	KP2M	219,040
KØAD	176,000	WY7SS	218,080
W4OC	175,040	W2FU	214,880
N7VM	172,062	W4RM	209,760
AA5B	170,324	K5KA	205,440
K8IA	165,440	K2NNY	198,720
KE7X	163,520	NG7M	186,400
High Power		School Club	
N2IC	255,520	KØHC (WØBH, op)	188,000
K5GO (N5DX, op)	244,960	N9UC (WO9S, op)	106,334
NØNI (AG9A, op)	244,960	N5XU (AA5BT, op)	23,556
WDØT	233,120	W8SH	12,432
WXØB (K5GA, op)	230,560	N9GTC	5,928
W9RE	228,800	W4UVA (WF7I, op)	1,044
WØUA	228,160	W9UIH (KB9E, op)	50
K5ZD	224,160	KØVVY (ACØLU, op)	18
WØSD (WØDB, op)	224,000		
N2NT (N2NC, op)	223,570		

High Power

Steve, N2IC, continues to dominate from his New Mexico location. Not only has he crashed twice through records that once looked untouchable, he's doing so at the bottom of the solar cycle. The Number 2 spot in High Power was a tie between Kevin, N5DX, operating Stan, K5GO's station, and Mark, AG9A, guest at Toni's NØNI Iowa location. Remarkable is that Kevin's and Mark's score (244,960) also beat N2IC's previous High Power record. Todd, WDØT, made a lot of SSers happy with the rare-but-were-it-not-for-him South Dakota section to take the Number 3 spot.

Low Power

With 707 of the 1,553 logs entered this year, Low Power remains the most-popular category for SS. The competition in the category came down to a tight race between Marv, N5AW and Tor, N4OGW, with Marv edging out Tor by just six QSOs. Marv ended with 1,202 QSOs and 80 sections to Tor's 1,196 QSOs and 80 sections.

Among the Low Power stations who earned a sweep, the spread was only 108 QSOs. And for anyone who doubts that rate is key to victory in SS, a contest with a fixed maximum of 80 multipliers, look at Bill, N7VM in seventh place, with 1,089 QSOs and 79 sections versus ninth-place Bob, K8IA with 80 sections but 1,034 QSOs. Bruce, AA5B in eighth, also used rate over multipliers to edge ahead of K8IA. Bruce only found 77 sections, but his 1,106 QSOs were enough for a 1,110-point advantage.

ORP

In the less-power-than-a-light-bulb QRP category, Kirk, NØKK ran Ron, NØAT's station to the QRP title. Kirk says he arrived at Ron's station uncertain in which category he'd be entering. "I had hoped you would have decided by now!" Ron told him. With 30 minutes to the start, he decided it would be QRP, something he had wanted to try again after a few years in Low Power. But he realized his biggest hurdle would be psychological.

"I had to believe I was loud and contest as such. To think otherwise would allow me mentally to open the door to fatigue and excuses," Kirk said, but the contest went better than he anticipated. "I was amazed, really, how it all played out. There were not that many times when I could not work someone I could hear well. If it was marginal copy on receive, I knew to pass over that station and hope to hear them again — louder — later."

His success even included breaking through to the perennially piled-upon VO1MP and VY1EI. With one section to go — VE4, of course — Kirk started listening frantically for VE4EAR, whom he had heard earlier. But Ed was nowhere to be found. Fortunately, he came across KEØZ/VE4 on 40 at 20-over-9. Sweep!

Kirk reports the NØAT station complement included ICOM IC-756 PRO III and IC-7600 radios, a Force 12 40/20 Yagi at 70 feet and a six-element log periodic for 15 and 10. Also in play were a 20 meter full-size loop, a 15 meter Extended Double Zepp and a dipole and phased verticals for 80. Beverage antennas helped out on receive.

Multioperator

Jim, W6YI, says they never set out to beat a record, but credits a load of preparation, a heaping helping of contest survival food and some fine station engineering by guest op John, K6AM, for their record-setting effort.

"Winning from the West Coast is a challenge as the previous contest results reflect how seldom it is accomplished. We were able to set the records this year, after years of working together and fine-tuning our game plans, as everything came together for us," Jim wrote in an e-mail.

"We never set out with a goal of breaking the record. We just try and put in the best score possible. Our aim is to push the strategy and equipment envelope as far as we can to catch up to the other great teams throughout North America."

Jim writes the station includes home-brewed OWA Yagis on 40 through 10, a three-element Inverted V at 130 feet for 80 and a two-element switched phased array for 160 as well as a DX Engineering four-Beverage receive antenna system.

School Club

Bob, WØBH, who has become a fixture on the weekly Northern California Contest Club Sprint contests, continues to put KØHC at Kansas' Heston College on top of School Club.

W8EDU is the club station of the Case Amateur Radio Club at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. W8EDU has a long and rich history of contest achievements, winning the Great Lakes Division Multioperator plaque in the 2007 contest. W8WTS relates that, "You could hear a pin drop on the bands at the start of the contest. Signals were strong on 40 meters, the SS band in the Midwest." Murphy paid a visit in the form of amplifier power supply failure, but a spare amplifier was pressed into service and W8EDU never missed a beat.

It's unfortunate more alumni and staff and students can't put schools on the air for SS. Top 10 for the School category is only a Top 8 because that's all the entries there were! If you're interested, check out the rules for school clubs and get your school on the air! [Watch for changes in the School Club rules for 2010 - Ed.] It is an interesting category plus it is an opportunity to introduce more people to Amateur Radio contesting.

Unlimited

You can't come any closer than one QSO [*Unless you tie for second as in High Power – Ed.*], but that's exactly how the top of Unlimited played out this year. Ty, K3MM, ended with 1,331 QSOs and 80 sections to Dave, K6LL's 1,330 and 80. And from there, it was only 15 QSOs down to W6YX (Mike, N7MH, op.) The margin of victory was 160 points or one QSO. One QSO! And here's a call sign you don't see in SS very often: SMØDRD. Goran operated KH6LC to 1,227 QSOs and 80 sections to take home 10th place.

Unlimited is becoming an increasingly popular location for stations, with 375 logs for 2009. It allows full power and spotting assistance but considering one Top 10er, Rick, N6XI in sixth, missed a sweep, the use of spotting isn't mandatory and doesn't guarantee the participant a Clean Sweep coffee mug. Nor is it necessarily an operating godsend, considering that Rick's rate carried him ahead of Bob, K6XX, who did get a sweep.

Photo Finishes

It's all fine and good to talk about the winners, but considering there can only ever be six winners (A, B, M, Q, S and U), it's often the regional races that are more interesting to talk about. Check out the Regional Leaders table -- it's not often you see an exact tie at the top, but that's exactly what happened in the Central Region's High Power race, where Steve, N9CK and John, N8AA finished with exactly 163,372 points each.

Randy, K5ZD, is perhaps the exception to the rate-is-king rule, edging out John, N2NC (operating at N2NT) by one section despite 14 fewer QSOs to take the Northeast Region by only 590 points. Randy's sweep was the difference to John's 79 sections.

On the West Coast, Dave K6LL beat Mike, N7MH operating at W6YX by only 15 QSOs in the Unlimited category. The Southeast Region's Unlimited race was also a tight one as Will, AA4NC grabbed second just ahead of Don, N4ZZ by 480 points.

In the Northeast Region's "Battle Of the Minutians", QRP entrant K3TEJ just barely held off the ARRL's own KX9X at W1AW, winning by 570 points.

2009 ARRL November CW Sweepstakes Regional Leaders by Category

Boxes list call sign, score and class (A = Single Op Low Power, B = Single Op High Power, Q= Single Op QRP, U= Single Op Unlimited, M = Multioperator, S = School Club)

Northea	Northeast Region Southeast Region		Central Region			Midwest Region			West Coast Region					
(New England Atlant Maritime a Sections)	ic Divisior	ns;	(Delta, Ros Southeast	anoke and ern Divisior	ıs)	(Central and Great Lakes Divisions; Ontario Section)			(Dakota, Midwest, Rocky Mountain and West Gulf Divisions; Manitoba and Saskatchewan Sections)			(Pacific, Northwestern and Southwestern Divisions; Alberta, British Columbia and NWT Sections)		
K5ZD N2NT	224,160	В	K5GO (N5DX, op)	244,960	В	W9RE	228,800	В	N2IC NØNI	255,520	В	W7RN (N6TV, op @ K5RC)	223,200	В
(N2NC, op)	223,570	В	N4AF WP3R (LZ4AX,	212,000	В	VE3EJ	200,186	В	(AG9A, op)	244,960	В	K6LA	219,040	В
AA3B	192,480	В	op)	191,840	В	K9CT	194,720	В	WDØT	233,120	В	K6NA	218,400	В
KD4D	188,960	В	K4BAI N4RR (WA2MB	179,360	В	W5MX	187,520	В	WXØB (K5GA, op)	230,560	В	KO7AA	208,960	В
K8PO	188,652	В	P, op)	177,760	В	NØIJ	183,840	В	WØUA	228,160	В	N9RV	200,800	В
K1BX	157,760	Α	N4OGW KP3Z (NP4Z,	191,360	Α	N9CK	163,372	Α	N5AW	192,320	Α	K7BG	188,800	Α
WY3A	149,916	Α	(NP4Z, op)	178,240	Α	N8AA	163,372	Α	KØAD	176,000	Α	K8IA	165,440	Α
W2LK	148,000	Α	W4OC	175,040	Α	N8SS	158,240	Α	N7VM	172,062	Α	KE7X	163,520	Α
KM1X	138,250	Α	NA4K K4PJ	149,280	Α	K8BL	156,578	Α	AA5B	170,324	Α	W7ZRC	159,840	Α
W1AO	136,828	Α	(K4LTA, op)	133,760	Α	K9ZO	149,760	Α	VE5ZX NØAT (NØKK,	157,760	Α	N7CW	155,156	Α
K2ZR	83,108	Q	K4RO	127,360	Q	K8MM	121,836	Q	op)	137,760	Q	N7IR	104,122	Q
K3TEJ W1AW (KX9X,	81,624	Q	W7IY NØHT (W5JBV,	97,944	Q	WI9WI	97,032	Q	KØAV	114,392	Q	N7OU	101,760	Q
op)	81,054	Q	op)	82,792	Q	N9NE	93,912	Q	NØUR	103,584	Q	W7YAQ	95,432	Q
WB2ABD	67,606	Q	AA4XX	79,800	Q	K8DD	92,746	Q	N5WLA	82,836	Q	NN7SS (K6UFO, op)	94,800	Q
AA1CA	63,232	Q	W4QO	60,344	Q	KT8K	89,782	Q	NØKE	80,184	Q	W6JTI	91,572	Q

Northeast Region		Southeast Region		Central Region			Midwest Region KTØR (KØOB.			West Coast Region				
КЗММ	212,960	U	N4BP W4MR	196,800	U	W8MJ	183,360	U	op)	182,880	U	K6LL	212,800	U
N3KS	193,440	U	(AA4NC, op)	189,280	U	NE9U	163,360	U	WØZP	176,644	U	W6YX (N7MH, op)	210,400	U
WX3B	184,160	U	N4ZZ	188,800	U	K9NR	155,520	U	KØOU	168,800	U	K7RL	205,120	U
N2MM VA2WD	166,080	U	N1LN	187,360	U	WE9V	142,240	U	K1KD	167,164	U	KB7Q	204,000	U
Q	163,040	U	W4MYA	173,280	U	ND9E	141,120	U	WØZA	161,760	U	N6XI	202,240	U
W2FU	214,880	М	K4TD	225,120	М	K8CC	180,000	М	NR5M	229,600	М	W6YI	246,880	M
K2NNY	198,720	М	KP2M	219,040	М	W8EDU	163,200	М	WY7SS	218,080	М	VE6EX	183,040	M
W8FJ	74,100	М	W4RM	209,760	М	W8ZHO	27,412	М	K5KA	205,440	М	AI6YL	141,920	М
WM3O	73,470	М	KC4D	127,200	М	KF8UN	13,340	М	NG7M	186,400	М	WX7P	117,120	М
W1MJ	62,832	М	K4IX W4UVA (WF7I,	82,524	М	N8MR N9UC (WO9S,	12,996	М	KØWA KØHC (WØBH,	185,600	М	WS7L	79,840	M
			op)	1,044	S	op)	106,334	S	op) N5XU (AA5BT,	188,000	S			
						W8SH	12,432	S	op) KØVVY (ACØLU,	23,556	S			
						N9GTC W9UIH (KB9E,	5,928	S	op)	18	S			
						op)	50	S						

Summary

This was the first year for which the log submission deadline was tightened to 15 days in order to provide quicker results. It was promised that the results for SS would be published at **www.arrl.org/contests** in 60 days. We fell a little short at 74 days, but the scores were published much faster than usual. The conversion of paper logs slowed the process of log checking considerably. Many thanks are due to the data entry volunteers who keyed in over 9,800 CW QSOs from paper logs and converted them to Cabrillo-formatted logs. If you submitted a paper log this year, please consider switching to electronic logging; it cleans up your log, saves us time during data entry, and gives you instant satisfaction in knowing that your log was received at HQ on time. If you like, use WA7BNM's Cabrillo-conversion Web page at **b4h.net/cabforms**.

As this writeup is being finished, the Sun has woken up and every day in the month of February was blessed with at least one sunspot. Our high bands are coming back to life and that will mean even more excitement on that first weekend of November. Mark your calendars for the 6th and 7th of November – CQ SS!



2009 ARRL November CW Sweepstakes - Sponsored Plaque Winners

We are pleased to announce that the Overall and Division Leaders in each category receive a sponsored Sweepstakes plaque. ARRL is grateful to ICOM America and numerous clubs and individuals for sponsoring Sweepstakes awards. For more information on awards sponsorship, or to order a duplicate plaque, contact ARRL Contest Branch Manager Sean Kutzko, KX9X at 860-594-0232 or by email at **kx9x@arrl.org**. Plaques cost \$75 each, which includes all shipping charges.

Division/Plaque Category	Winner	Plaque Sponsor
Overall Single Operator High Power CW Single Operator Low Power CW Single Operator QRP CW Single Operator Unlimited CW Multioperator CW School Club CW	N2IC N5AW NØAT (NØKK, op) K3MM W6YI KØHC (WØBH, op)	Trey Garlough, N5KO ARRL Contest Branch - Ken Adams, K5KA Memorial QRP Amateur Radio Club International ICOM America ICOM America Straight Key Contest Club
Atlantic Single Operator High Power CW Single Operator Low Power CW Single Operator QRP CW Single Operator Unlimited CW Multioperator CW School Club CW	AA3B WY3A K2ZR K3MM W2FU no entrant	North Coast Contesters Potomac Valley Radio Club Milt Coleman, K4OSO ICOM America North Coast Contesters
Central Single Operator High Power CW Single Operator Low Power CW Single Operator QRP CW Single Operator Unlimited CW Multioperator CW School Club CW	W9RE N9CK WI9WI NE9U N9YN N9UC (WO9S, op)	Society Of Midwest Contesters Society Of Midwest Contesters Sean Kutzko, KX9X Straight Key Contest Club ICOM America ICOM America
Dakota Single Operator High Power CW Single Operator Low Power CW Single Operator QRP CW Single Operator Unlimited CW Multioperator CW School Club CW	WDØT KØAD NØAT (NØKK, op) KTØR (KØOB, op) KØHB KØVVY (ACØLU, op)	Minnesota Wireless Association Minnesota Wireless Association Tod Olson, KØTO Minnesota Wireless Association Minnesota Wireless Association ICOM America
Delta Single Operator High Power CW Single Operator Low Power CW Single Operator QRP CW Single Operator Unlimited CW Multioperator CW School Club CW	K5GO (N5DX, op) N4OGW K4RO N4ZZ no entrant no entrant	ICOM America ICOM America ICOM America ICOM America
Great Lakes Single Operator High Power CW Single Operator Low Power CW Single Operator QRP CW Single Operator Unlimited CW Multioperator CW School Club CW	W5MX N8AA K8MM W8MJ K8CC W8SH	North Coast Contesters Mad River Radio Club Mad River Radio Club ICOM America ICOM America ICOM America

Hudson

Single Operator High Power CW
Single Operator Low Power CW
Single Operator QRP CW
Single Operator Unlimited CW

N2NT (N2NC, op)
W2LK
ICOM America
ICOM America
ICOM America
ICOM America

Multioperator CW K2LE Stuart Silverstein, K3UEI, Memorial

School Club CW no entrant

Midwest

Single Operator High Power CW NØNI (AG9A, op) ICOM America

Single Operator Low Power CW WØWA Society Of Midwest Contesters

Single Operator QRP CW
Single Operator Unlimited CW
Multioperator CW
School Club CW
NØSS
ICOM America
KØOU
ICOM America
KØWA
ICOM America
KØHC (WØBH, op)
ICOM America

New England

Single Operator High Power CW K5ZD ICOM America Single Operator Low Power CW K1BX ICOM America

Single Operator QRP CW W1AW (KX9X, op) QRP Club of New England

Single Operator Unlimited CW W1SJ ICOM America
Multioperator CW W1MJ ICOM America

School Club CW no entrant

Northwestern

Single Operator High Power CW N9RV ICOM America

Single Operator Low Power CW K7BG Paul Beringer, NG7Z - Western Washington DX Club

Single Operator QRP CW N7OU ICOM America
Single Operator Unlimited CW K7RL ICOM America
Multioperator CW WX7P ICOM America

School Club CW no entrant

Pacific

Single Operator High Power CW W7RN (N6TV, op @ K5RC) ICOM America Single Operator Low Power CW N6ZFO Robert A. Wilson, N6TV

Single Operator QRP CW W6JTI ICOM America
Single Operator Unlimited CW W6YX (N7MH, op) ICOM America

Multioperator CW Al6YL Straight Key Contest Club

School Club CW no entrant

Roanoke

Single Operator High Power CW N4AF Potomac Valley Radio Club

Single Operator Low Power CW W4OC Raleigh Amateur Radio Society - W4DW

Single Operator QRP CW W7IY ICOM America
Single Operator Unlimited CW W4MR (AA4NC, op) ICOM America
Multioperator CW W4RM ICOM America
School Club CW W4UVA (WF7I, op) ICOM America

Rocky Mountain

Single Operator Low Power CW N7VM ICOM America
Single Operator QRP CW KØAV Colorado QRP Club

Single Operator Unlimited CW WØZP Grand Mesa Contesters of Colorado

Multioperator CW WY7SS ICOM America

School Club CW no entrant

Southeastern

Single Operator High Power CW WP3R (LZ4AX, op) ICOM America Single Operator Low Power CW KP3Z (NP4Z, op) ICOM America

Single Operator QRP CW NØHT (W5JBV, op) Straight Key Contest Club

Single Operator Unlimited CW N4BP ICOM America
Multioperator CW K4TD ICOM America
School Club CW no entrant

Southwestern

Single Operator High Power CW K6LA ICOM America
Single Operator Low Power CW K8IA Larry Serra, N6NC
Single Operator QRP CW N7IR N6HE and W6DLD
Single Operator Unlimited CW K6LL ICOM America
Multioperator CW W6YI ICOM America

School Club CW no entrant

West Gulf

Single Operator High Power CW WXØB (K5GA, op) Ken Adams, K5KA (SK) Single Operator Low Power CW N5AW ICOM America Single Operator QRP CW N5WLA ICOM America

Single Operator Unlimited CW
Multioperator CW
School Club CW
N5JB
ICOM America
NR5M
ICOM America
NSXU (AA5BT, op)
ICOM America

Canada

Single Operator High Power CW VE3EJ ICOM America Single Operator Low Power CW VE5ZX ICOM America

Single Operator QRP CW VA3SB QRP Amateur Radio Club International

Single Operator Unlimited CW VA2WDQ ICOM America

Multioperator CW VE6EX Straight Key Contest Club

School Club CW no entrant

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