

# 2008 ARRL November Phone Sweepstakes Results

75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition brings out the crowds.



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The 75th anniversary edition of the ARRL Phone Sweepstakes was a record breaker in so many ways — increased activity, numerous records broken in all categories, challenging multipliers, and some of the closest races in recent memory. While the sunspot cycle remains stuck at the bottom, conditions were indeed improved over the 2007 running. In 2007, many participants bemoaned the long skip conditions on 75 meters.

This year, 75 meters was much better behaved, with nearby contacts being easy to complete and strong signals from coast-to-coast. Even 15 meters was improved this year, especially if you were fortunate enough to be on the East or West Coasts, Hawaii, or in the Caribbean. 20 meters took the brunt of the activity during the daytime hours, resulting, expectedly, in very crowded conditions.

To the surprise of many, the 2008 Phone Sweepstakes smashed the old record for the number of entries submitted — 1872 entries. Every year, more and more hams discover how much fun contesting is! This year, there were 38 new Section records, and 13 new Division records. (A complete list of new records is available in the Web version of this article.)

## The Elusive Clean Sweep

Of course, most participants don't expect to be setting a new record, but Sweepstakes does provide a meaningful goal for all — the "Clean Sweep" (working at least one station in each of the 80 ARRL sections). This year, like most years, there were a small number of sections that presented challenges for many participants. In fact, many lamented missing the Clean Sweep this year. One section really stood out this year for its relative rarity — Puerto Rico. For each of the previous



10 years, Puerto Rico was quite common. This year a number of Puerto Rican stations made QSOs in Sweepstakes, but the total number of contacts from KP4 was not large. Despite the challenges, 258 made the grade for a Clean Sweep this year and another 109 participants were disappointed to come so close, missing only one section.

## Close Races

This year, the most exciting close race was for Low Power in Southern Texas. Rene, K5JX, edged out Phil, KD5MMM, by just a single contact! In Eastern Washington, Low Power, Jay, WA0WWW, finished with a seven QSO lead over Tony, WS7V. Only eight QSOs separated Richard, KV2R, from Manny, W2MF, in the Southern New Jersey, Low Power race. Similarly, in the West Virginia, Low Power competition, Marty, W8AKS, bested Gary, W8IVF, by eight QSOs while operating portable from an RV park! Ironically, Marty did not work a

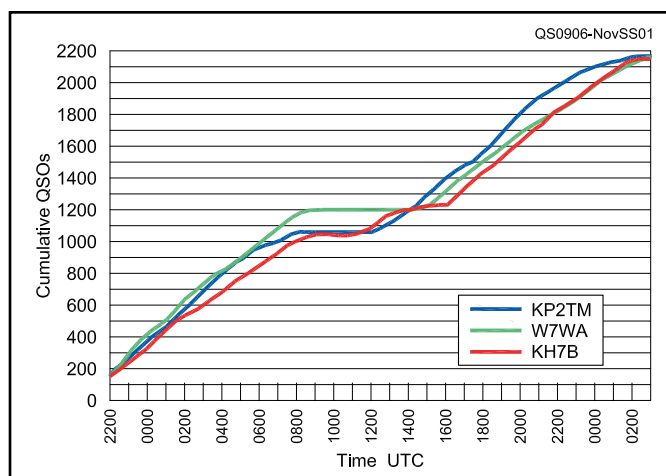
single West Virginia station! In Illinois, Low Power is always a competitive section and category, and this year was no exception as nine contacts separated Greg, WR9L, from John, N9LYE. You can't get much closer than a tie, and the Roanoke Division saw just that in 2008. Rich, NN3W (@N4RV) and Jeff, N8II, both scored 264,000 in the Single-op High Power category. Who buys the frosty malts in *that* battle?

## High Power Category

After 10 consecutive High Power victories, concluding last year, WP3R took the year off. This opened up the High Power field to serious competition for the #1 spot. Looking at the top runner-ups for the previous years, W7WA, KP2TM (op K9TM), KH7B (op K4XS), K5TR, KD0S (op WD0T), W0SD (op W0DB) and K6NA (op N6ED) were all going to be gunning for the top spot in 2008. The result was the tightest race in any category that this author has seen in many years. Only 4% separated the #1 spot from the #5 spot. Only 26 QSOs separated Number 1 from Number 3. The race between Dan, W7WA; Tim, K9TM, at KP2TM, and Bill, K4XS, at KH7B can only be described as a classic.

Figure 1 shows that KP2TM got off to a quick start, with a 20 QSO lead over W7WA in the first hour. The Caribbean advantage quickly vanished with the sunlight, however, and W7WA jumped ahead in the 2<sup>nd</sup> hour, a lead that Dan held throughout the evening and night. Surprisingly, KH7B was almost out of the running during the first 12 hours due to a 30-minute power outage during the second hour. At 0900Z, W7WA had a formidable 135 QSO lead over KP2TM, and a 151 QSO lead over KH7B.

Things got more interesting in the next six hours, with differing



The hour-by-hour progress for W7WA, KP2TM, and KH7B, who finished 1-2-3 in Phone Sweepstakes.



	Score	QSOs	Mults	Hrs
<b>Single Operator, QRP</b>				
KC5R	111,520	697	80	24
N9KT	101,280	633	80	24
NX9T	92,400	600	77	23
NN7SS	89,856	576	78	23
(K6UFO, op)				
K9ZO	72,228	463	78	21
ND0C	71,456	464	77	21
N0KE	68,888	436	79	18
W7YAQ	65,832	422	78	22
N8IE	64,622	409	79	21
K1QOV	62,900	425	74	22
<b>Single Operator, Low Power</b>				
W4AAA	237,280	1,483	80	24
(KK9A, op)				
K7ZSD	216,618	1,371	79	24
K1BX	211,360	1,321	80	24
N4PN	205,760	1,291	80	24
W3GH	195,604	1,238	79	22
NA4K	187,200	1,170	80	24
N0KK	172,220	1,090	79	24
(@ N0AT)				
W4LT	166,374	1,053	79	19
N8AA	155,532	997	78	16
AC0W	146,624	928	79	24
<b>Single Operator, High Power</b>				
W7WA	345,920	2,162	80	24
KP2TM	344,000	2,151	80	24
(K9TM, op)				
KH7B	341,760	2,141	80	24
(K4XS, op)				
N2IC	334,240	2,091	80	24
(AA5B, op)				
NR5M	331,520	2,073	80	24
K6NA	321,760	2,012	80	24
(N6ED, op)				
W0SD	313,760	1,961	80	24
(W0DB, op)				
KD0S	306,560	1,916	80	24
(WD0T, op)				
KH7X	302,080	1,888	80	23
(KH6ND, op)				
N6BV	294,240	1,839	80	24
<b>Single Operator, Unlimited</b>				
K7RL	342,080	2,138	80	24
W7RN	282,240	1,764	80	23
(WXS, op)				
WB1GQR	280,160	1,751	80	24
(W1SJ, op)				
N0QO	277,280	1,733	80	23
W3GRF	270,560	1,691	80	24
(K3MM, op)				
K6IF	269,280	1,683	80	24
N6DE	262,880	1,643	80	24
(@ N6TV)				
W4MR	261,760	1,636	80	24
(AA4NC, op)				
K6YT	258,080	1,613	80	24
(W0YK, op)				
N4ZZ	253,760	1,586	80	24
<b>Multi-operator</b>				
W6YI	350,880	2,193	80	24
K5NA	336,480	2,103	80	24
W0NO	286,240	1,789	80	24
K7FU	279,680	1,748	80	24
N0NI	278,400	1,740	80	24
K1LZ	258,962	1,639	79	24
W1AW	252,800	1,580	80	24
W2PV	252,640	1,579	80	24
K2NNY	249,280	1,558	80	24
N5DO	243,952	1,544	79	24
<b>School Club</b>				
K0HC	229,890	1,455	79	24
W1MX	156,262	989	79	24
W1YK	57,512	364	79	21
KD5VVI	43,878	309	71	19
K2CC	38,360	274	70	23
K4FAU	32,706	237	69	10
W8SH	32,292	234	69	16
W5YM	30,020	190	79	13
N0UNL	26,936	182	74	9
(W0BGZ, op)				
K0VVY	26,288	212	62	20

off-time strategies. Dan took all six hours off in one break, from 0830Z to 1430Z. Tim took 4.5 hours off, from 0600Z-0630Z and 0800Z-1200Z. Bill chose an interesting strategy, taking only 2.5 hours of nighttime off-time. This left things much closer at 1400Z, with only 10 QSOs separating Bill, Tim and Dan. With daylight, Tim's Carib-

bean advantage came into play. There's nothing like having 15 meter propagation to nearly all of continental North America, simultaneously. By the time the sun set in St Croix around 2100Z, Tim had built up a monstrous 159 QSO lead over Dan, and a 179 QSO lead over Bill.

Three hours later, with only three hours left, Tim still had more than a 100 QSO lead. Then things got interesting. At 0130Z, the contest was over for KP2TM — he had operated his full 24 hours with 2162 contacts. For KH7B, the contest ended at 0200Z with 2154 QSOs. Meanwhile, remember that Dan took all six hours of off-time in one break. Like the tortoise-and-hare, Dan just kept pushing on in those last hours, eking out a 12 QSO lead—and his first SS Phone victory since 1987!

The rest of the Top Ten was only slightly behind Dan, Tim, and Bill. Bruce, AA5B, traveled to N2IC's southern New Mexico location, taking the #4 spot. George, NR5M, came out of a 15 year contest retirement, putting his new Houston super-station to use for fifth place. Craig, N6ED, operating from K6NA, was the top W6 station, in 6<sup>th</sup> place. Seventh and eighth places were the battle for South Dakota. This year, Joe Brown, W0DB, operating at W0SD, edged out Todd, WD0T, operating from KD0S. Year-after-year, these two guys are neck-and-neck. Two Hawaiian stations made the Top Ten this year, with Mike, KH6ND, placing number 9 from the KH7X station. Dean, N6BV, finished out the Top Ten list. The top East Coast score was in 11<sup>th</sup> place, with Bob, NA4BW, operating from K4SSU's station in Atlanta.

### Low Power Category

The Low Power category continues to be the most popular category for SS participants. Again, this year more than twice as many logs were submitted for this category (817), compared to any other category. Those making the Low Power Top Ten came from all parts of the United States.

John, KK9A, using the W4AAA call sign, moved up from 3<sup>rd</sup> place to #1 this year, with 1483 QSOs. This is John's first Sweepstakes victory, as he continues to build his North Carolina station. Brad, K7ZSD, had a solid 2<sup>nd</sup> place showing from his snowy Oregon mountain QTH. Another Low Power veteran, Art, K1BX, had a little easier time with fickle New England propagation this year, taking the 3<sup>rd</sup> place spot. Art had a much lower error rate than any other Top Ten finisher, moving him up several places in the standings.

In his 55<sup>th</sup> year as a ham, Paul, N4PN, took the 4<sup>th</sup> place spot, with 1286 QSOs from Georgia. Bob, the "Green Hornet,"

### Affiliated Club Competition

	Score	Entries
<b>Unlimited Category</b>		
Potomac Valley Radio Club	22,689,100	325
Northern California Contest Club	20,369,120	278
Society of Midwest Contesters	13,037,472	236
Yankee Clipper Contest Club	8,526,302	117
Minnesota Wireless Assn	6,087,726	95
Mad River Radio Club	4,457,660	55
Florida Contest Group	4,184,318	53
Tennessee Contest Group	3,280,172	51
<b>Medium Category</b>		
Southern California Contest Club	4,263,496	44
Frankford Radio Club	2,526,632	38
Alabama Contest Group	2,416,376	25
Central Texas DX and Contest Club	2,333,286	18
Western Washington DX Club	2,226,662	26
Contest Club Ontario	2,167,820	37
South East Contest Club	2,155,194	28
Grand Mesa Contesters of Colorado	2,121,586	25
North Texas Contest Club	1,919,074	16
Willamette Valley DX Club	1,618,276	17
Hudson Valley Contesters and DXers	1,318,338	22
Central Arizona DX Assn	1,302,442	17
BC DX Club	1,186,978	11
North Coast Contesters	934,984	10
CTRI Contest Group	926,560	13
Northern Rockies DX Association	923,926	8
Utah DX Assn	797,870	9
Rochester (NY) DX Assn	789,846	12
Louisiana Contest Club	771,160	7
Saskatchewan Contest Club	691,826	7
Kentucky Contest Group	624,766	13
Alberta Clippers	464,560	3
Iowa DX and Contest Club	457,956	3
Order of Boiled Owls of New York	414,390	9
Western New York DX Assn	412,548	8
Allegheny Valley Radio Association	373,002	12
Contest Club Du Quebec	311,550	6
Carolina DX Assn	310,098	10
Redmond Top Key Contest Club	305,054	4
Oklahoma DX Assn	287,780	10
Motor City Radio Club	271,950	12
East Coast Canada Contest Club	243,742	5
Eastern Iowa DX Assn	95,988	4
Bergen ARA	75,204	6
<b>Local Category</b>		
New Mexico Big River Contesters	1,028,508	10
Maritime Contest Club	617,332	10
Lincoln ARC	514,152	9
Spokane DX Association	321,422	7
Kansas City DX Club	234,374	3
Northern Arizona DX Assn	227,308	3
South Jersey Radio Assn	222,522	3
Sterling Park ARC	215,148	8
Ashe County ARC	208,316	5
Sussex County ARC	202,572	4
West Park Radiops	200,678	9
Green Mountain Wireless Society	198,934	3
Southwest Ohio DX Assn	153,814	3
Low Country Contest Club	152,024	7
Wireless Association of South Hills	146,042	6
Meriden ARC	143,108	6
Portage County Amateur Radio	126,982	6
Pocatello ARC	122,644	5
West Allis RAC	109,856	3
10-70 Repeater Assn	88,754	3
Bay Area Wireless Assn	85,346	3
Granite State ARA	77,888	3
Hazel Park ARC	70,300	4
Central Michigan ARC	65,766	5
Cedar Mountain ARC	64,392	4
Mill High DX Assn	57,424	3
Athens County ARA	49,734	3
Panhandle ARC	48,320	5
Albany ARA	45,620	3
Great South Bay ARC	9,280	3

W3GH, stung the competition, with a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish from Western Pennsylvania. Steve, NA4K, moved into the Top Ten this year, with 1170 QSOs from Tennessee and the #6 spot. Showing that the Top Ten can be made from Minnesota, Kirk, N0KK, placed 7<sup>th</sup>. Lu, W4LT, jumped into the Top Ten this year as number 8. Not only did he make more QSOs in less time than last year, but cut his error rate by two-thirds. Great show! Rounding out the Top Ten were John Comella, N8AA, from Michigan, and Bill Lippert, AC0W, operating from Minnesota.

## Division Leader By Category

Q = QRP, A = Low Power, B = High Power, U = Single Operator Unlimited, M = Multi-operator, S = School Club

Atlantic	KD4D	244,640	B	Atlantic	W3GRF (K3MM, op)	270,560	U
Central	WB9Z	271,840	B	Central	N2BJ	214,400	U
Dakota	W0SD (W0DB, op)	313,760	B	Dakota	KT0R (K0OB, op)	171,444	U
Delta	W5WMMU	244,320	B	Delta	N4ZZ	253,760	U
Great Lakes	K8AO	175,868	B	Great Lakes	W8MJ	240,480	U
Hudson	N2LH	87,374	B	Hudson	W2RE	250,400	U
Midwest	K0DEQ	176,160	B	Midwest	W0TT	96,640	U
New England	NN1N	278,720	B	New England	WB1GQR	280,160	U
Northwestern	W7WA	345,920	B		(W1SJ, op)		
Pacific	KH7B (K4XS, op)	341,760	B	Northwestern	K7RL	342,080	U
Roanoke	N8II	264,000	B	Pacific	W7RN (WX5S, op)	282,240	U
Roanoke	NN3W (@N4RV)	264,000	B	Roanoke	W4MR (AA4NC, op)	261,760	U
Rocky Mountain	N2IC (AA5B, op)	334,240	B	Rocky Mountain	N0QQ	277,280	U
Southeastern	KP2TM (K9TM, op)	344,000	B	Southeastern	NF4A	203,360	U
Southwestern	K6NA (N6ED, op)	321,760	B	Southwestern	N6QQ	124,662	U
West Gulf	NR5M	331,520	B	West Gulf	N1CC	80,160	U
Canada	VY2TT (K6LA, op)	281,736	B	Canada	VY1EI	107,172	U
Atlantic	W3GH	195,604	A	Atlantic	K2NNY	249,280	M
Central	WR9L	73,154	A	Central	K9MOT	165,600	M
Dakota	N0KK (@N0AT)	172,220	A	Dakota	K0FVF	131,140	M
Delta	NA4K	187,200	A	Delta	W5RU	216,160	M
Great Lakes	N8AA	155,532	A	Great Lakes	NT8V	204,320	M
Hudson	KU2M	108,724	A	Hudson	K2Z	236,000	M
Midwest	KU0G	92,960	A	Midwest	W0NO	286,240	M
New England	K1BX	211,360	A	New England	K1LZ	258,962	M
Northwestern	K7ZSD	216,618	A	Northwestern	K7PU	279,680	M
Pacific	AA6YX	72,072	A	Pacific	N6EE	205,600	M
Roanoke	W4AAA (KK9A, op)	237,280	A	Roanoke	KA1ARB	238,880	M
Rocky Mountain	W0ETT	116,960	A	Rocky Mountain	K7VU	160,368	M
Southeastern	N4PN	205,760	A	Southeastern	W4QG	228,480	M
Southwestern	WA0KDS	132,800	A	Southwestern	W6YI	350,880	M
West Gulf	WD5K	144,960	A	West Gulf	K5NA	336,480	M
Canada	VA3DX	139,360	A	Canada	VE6EX	236,052	M
Atlantic	N3YD	52,976	Q	Atlantic	K2CC	38,360	S
Central	N9KT	101,280	Q	Central	N9GTC	17,446	S
Dakota	ND0C	71,456	Q	Dakota	K0VVY	26,288	S
Delta	KC5R	111,520	Q	Delta	W5YM	30,020	S
Great Lakes	N8IE	64,622	Q	Great Lakes	W8SH	32,292	S
Hudson	KR2Q	62,216	Q	Midwest	K0HC	229,890	S
Midwest	K10OV	62,900	Q	New England	W1MX	156,262	S
New England	KA1ILMR	27,528	Q	Southeastern	K4FAU	32,706	S
Northwestern	NN7SS (K6UFO, op)	89,856	Q	Southwestern	W6YV	8,464	S
Pacific	N6WG	20,532	Q	West Gulf	KD5VVI	43,878	S
Roanoke	NX9T	92,400	Q				
Rocky Mountain	N0KE	68,888	Q				
Southeastern	AA4W	23,450	Q				
Southwestern	N7JXS	6,318	Q				
Canada	VA3DF	50,516	Q				

## QRP Category

Operating the Phone Sweepstakes with less than 5 W takes patience, skill and determination. This year, 62 entries were received in this challenging category.

Can you say three-peat? Congratulations to Al, KC5R, QRP operator extraordinaire, on winning the QRP category. While QRP involves hours of tedious search-and-pounce, Al was able to take advantage of a few holes in the QRM to run some stations, making 697 QSOs. Al was also one of only two QRP entries to make a Clean Sweep.

The 2nd place entry was also a “repeat performer” from last year. Dave, N9KT, was the other QRP Clean Sweep. Dave made 633 QSOs — not easy from the Indiana “Black Hole.” Jeff, NX9T, moved up one place this year to number 3, with 600 QSOs, an increase of 81 from last year. Mark, K6UFO, operating at the NN7SS club station in Western Washington landed in 4th place with just under 90k. Another Midwest Black Hole entry came in 5th place — congratulations to Ralph, K9ZO.

## Unlimited Category

Thanks to the rivalry between two major

contest clubs, Unlimited has become the second most popular category, with 391 entries this year.

After years of intense competition for the top spot, Mitch, K7RL, ran away from the pack in 2008. His 2138 QSOs was a personal best for Mitch. Washington was clearly a hot spot this year, with two category winners residing near Puget Sound.

Matt, WX5S, operating W7RN in Nevada, moved up to 2nd place this year. Mitch, WB1GQR, made many folks happy with the Vermont multiplier. Mitch moved up to 3rd place this year, thanks to outstanding conditions on 40 and 75 meters.

In 4th place was a newcomer — congratulations to Ken Long, N0QQ! Ken has only been a ham for two years, but is already making a name for himself in contesting. The historic W3GRF call was proudly used by Ty, K3MM, for 5th place.

Three Northern California contesters,

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There is much more detail and analysis in the Web version of the writeup at [www.arri.org/contests/results](http://www.arri.org/contests/results).

battled for the next 5 slots. Dan, K6IF, Dean, N6DE, and Ed, K6YT (W0YK, op) placed 6th, 7th and 9th, with only 70 QSOs separating them. Will, AA4NC, operating W4MR from North Carolina, battled stormy weather and high noise levels on the low bands, but still took the #8 spot. Don, N4ZZ, rounded out the Top Ten from Tennessee.

## Multi-operator Category

The Multi-operator Category has become an extremely popular and highly contested choice for many SS participants. It's a great opportunity to contest with friends and improve your operating skills.

The W6YI team of Jim, W6YI; John, K6AM; Dan, N6MJ, and Dennis, N6KI, were again the winners, with their best score ever. These guys have operated together for many years — clearly, a well-oiled team. Like Team Avis, 2nd place was also a repeat of last year. K5NA owners Richard, K5NA, and Susan, K5DU, were very happy to have Colin, KU5B, and Richard, N5ZC, do 99% of the operating, with their best score ever.

The Kansas team of W0NO moved up from 6th to 3rd place this year. Team Step-IR, this year sporting the call K7PU, moved up to the number 4 slot this year. Only eight QSOs down, in 5th place, was the Iowa N0NI team.

The next four slots turned into the “Battle for New England.” Congratulations to the K1LZ team for their 6th place finish. In 7th place was the W1AW HQ station, followed by another classic call, W2PV. In 9th place, was K2NNY from the rare Northern New York section. Another rare multiplier rounded out the Top Ten — many thanks to the N5DO ops for making West Texas an easy QSO.

## School Club Category

The Hesston College Amateur Radio Club, K0HC, again won the school club category, with 1455 QSOs, an increase of 65 QSOs over the previous two years. A great job by Bob, W0BH; Eric N0LQU; Lorna, K0WHY, and a number of not-yet-licensed members.

The MIT Radio Society, W1MX, came in 2nd place, despite their very noisy city location. Third place went to Worcester Polytechnical Institute Wireless Society, W1YK. The Nacogdoches School Amateur Radio Club, KD5VVI, placed 4th, and the Clarkson College Amateur Radio Club, K2CC, placed 5th.

Other schools making the Top Ten were Florida Atlantic University, K4FAU; Michigan State University, W8SH; University of Arkansas, W5YM; University of Nebraska, N0UNL, and South Dakota School of Mines, K0VVY.

## Plaque Winners

Thanks to the generous sponsorship of numerous clubs, individuals and Icom America — the principal awards sponsor for the 2008 ARRL November Sweepstakes — we are pleased to announce that the Overall and Division leaders in each category receives a sponsored Sweepstakes plaque. The ARRL wishes to thank the plaque sponsors for their continued commitment to the ARRL Plaque Program. Without their support and dedication, the Plaque Program would not be possible.

Division/Plaque Category	Plaque Sponsor	Winner	Division/Plaque Category	Plaque Sponsor	Winner
<b>Overall</b>					
Single Operator High Power Phone	Mike Fatchett, W0MU	W7WA	Single Operator Unlimited Phone	Icom America	WB1GQR (W1SJ, op)
Single Operator Low Power Phone	Ken Adams, K5KA	W4AAA (KK9A, op)	Multi-operator Phone	Icom America	K1LZ
Single Operator QRP Phone	QRP Amateur Radio Club International	KC5R	School Club Phone	Icom America	W1MX
Single Operator Unlimited Phone	Icom America	K7RL	<b>Northwestern</b>		
Multi-operator Phone	Icom America	W6YI	Single Operator High Power Phone	Icom America	W7WA
School Club Phone	Icom America	K0HC	Single Operator Low Power Phone	Icom America	K7ZSD
<b>Atlantic</b>			Single Operator QRP Phone	Icom America	NN7SS (K6UFO, op)
Single Operator High Power Phone	North Coast Contesters	KD4D	Single Operator Unlimited Phone	Icom America	K7RL
Single Operator Low Power Phone	Potomac Valley Radio Club	W3GH	Multi-operator Phone	Icom America	K7PU
Single Operator QRP Phone	Icom America	N3YD	<b>Pacific</b>		
Single Operator Unlimited Phone	Icom America	W3GRF (K3MM, op)	Single Operator High Power Phone	Icom America (K4XS, op)	KH7B
Multi-operator Phone	Mark Sickmeyer, KB3GJ Memorial	K2NNY	Single Operator Low Power Phone	Icom America	AA6YX
School Club Phone	Icom America	K2CC	Single Operator QRP Phone	Icom America	N6WG
<b>Central</b>			Single Operator Unlimited Phone	Icom America	W7RN (WX5S, op)
Single Operator High Power Phone	Society Of Midwest Contesters	WB9Z	Multi-operator Phone	Icom America	N6EE
Single Operator Low Power Phone	Society Of Midwest Contesters	WR9L	<b>Roanoke</b>		
Single Operator QRP Phone	Sean Kutzko, KX9X	N9KT	Single Operator High Power Phone	Potomac Valley Radio Club	TIE: N8II and NN3W (@ N4RV)
Single Operator Unlimited Phone	Icom America	N2BJ	Single Operator Low Power Phone	Raleigh Amateur Radio Society	W4DW W4AAA (KK9A, op)
Multi-operator Phone	Icom America	K9MOT	Single Operator QRP Phone	NoVa QRP Group	NX9T
School Club Phone	Icom America	N9GTC	Single Operator Unlimited Phone	Icom America	W4MR (AA4NC, op)
<b>Dakota</b>			Multi-operator Phone	Icom America	KA1ARB
Single Operator High Power Phone	Minnesota Wireless Association	W0SD (W0DB, op)	<b>Rocky Mountain</b>		
Single Operator Low Power Phone	Minnesota Wireless Association	N0KK (@ N0AT)	Single Operator High Power Phone	Icom America	N2IC (AA5B, op)
Single Operator QRP Phone	Tod Olson, K0TO	N0OC	Single Operator Low Power Phone	Icom America	W0ETT
Single Operator Unlimited Phone	Minnesota Wireless Association	KT0R (K0OB, op)	Single Operator QRP Phone	Colorado QRP Club	N0KE
Multi-operator Phone	In Memory of Jim Dokmo, K0FVF - Minnesota Wireless Association	K0FVF	Single Operator Unlimited Phone	Icom America	N0QO
School Club Phone	Icom America	K0VYV	Multi-operator Phone	Icom America	K7VU
<b>Delta</b>			<b>Southeastern</b>		
Single Operator High Power Phone	Icom America	W5WMU	Single Operator High Power Phone	Icom America	KP2TM (K9TM, op)
Single Operator Low Power Phone	Icom America	NA4K	Single Operator Low Power Phone	Icom America	N4PN
Single Operator QRP Phone	Icom America	KC5R	Single Operator QRP Phone	Icom America	AA4W
Single Operator Unlimited Phone	Icom America	N4ZZ	Single Operator Unlimited Phone	Icom America	NF4A
Multi-operator Phone	Icom America	W5RU	School Club Phone	Icom America	K4FAU
School Club Phone	Icom America	W5YM	Multi-operator Phone	Icom America	W4QG
<b>Great Lakes</b>			<b>Southwestern</b>		
Single Operator High Power Phone	North Coast Contesters	K8AO	Single Operator High Power Phone	Icom America	K6NA (N6ED, op)
Single Operator Low Power Phone	Mad River Radio Club	N8AA	Single Operator Low Power Phone	Icom America	WA0KDS
Single Operator QRP Phone	Mad River Radio Club	N8IE	Single Operator QRP Phone	N6HE and W6DLD	N7JXS
Single Operator Unlimited Phone	Icom America	W8MJ	Single Operator Unlimited Phone	Icom America	N6QQ
Multi-operator Phone	Icom America	NT8V	Multi-operator Phone	Inland Empire ARC	W6YI
School Club Phone	Icom America	W8SH	School Club Phone	Icom America	W6YV
<b>Hudson</b>			<b>West Gulf</b>		
Single Operator High Power Phone	Icom America	N2LH	Single Operator High Power Phone	Ken Adams, K5KA	NR5M
Single Operator Low Power Phone	Icom America	KU2M	Single Operator Low Power Phone	Ralph "Gator" Bowen, N5RZ	WD5K
Single Operator QRP Phone	Icom America	KR2Q	Single Operator Unlimited Phone	Icom America	N1CC
Single Operator Unlimited Phone	Icom America	W2RE	Multi-operator Phone	Icom America	K5NA
Multi-operator Phone	Icom America	K2Z	School Club Phone	Icom America	KD5VVI
<b>Midwest</b>			<b>Canada</b>		
Single Operator High Power Phone	Icom America	K0DEQ	Single Operator High Power Phone	Icom America	VY2TT (K6LA, op)
Single Operator Low Power Phone	Society Of Midwest Contesters	KU0G	Single Operator Low Power Phone	Icom America	VA3DX
Single Operator QRP Phone	Icom America	KI0OV	Single Operator QRP Phone	Frank Merceret, NA4CW	VA3DF
Single Operator Unlimited Phone	Icom America	W0TT	Single Operator Unlimited Phone	Icom America	VY1EI
Multi-operator Phone	Icom America	W0NO	Multi-operator Phone	Icom America	VE6EX
School Club Phone	Icom America	K0HC			
<b>New England</b>					
Single Operator High Power Phone	Icom America	NN1N			
Single Operator Low Power Phone	CTRI Contest Group	K1BX			
Single Operator QRP Phone	QRP Club of New England	KA1LMR			

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## Club Competition

Activity in Sweepstakes is a long-standing tradition for many clubs. Without their promotion of Sweepstakes, there would be far less activity for us to all enjoy. It takes a tremendous amount of planning, promotion and execution to "beat the drums" and "bring out the troops" for Sweepstakes every year. Thanks!

Again this year, the Potomac Valley Radio Club (PVRC) and the Northern California Contest Club (NCCC) battled for the top spot in the Unlimited Club category. This year, the mid-Atlantic-based PVRC was victorious, with an amazing 317 entries and

over 22 million points! Only 10% behind was the NCCC, with 278 entries and 20 million points. Honorable mention also goes to the Society of Midwest Contesters, for putting together 236 entries and 13 million points for 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

The Southern California Contest Club easily took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Medium Club Category, with 43 entries and nearly 4 million points. The Tennessee Contest Group put together even more entries, 48, in their fine 2<sup>nd</sup> place showing. The next eight slots were remarkably tight. Just one or two more big scores could have moved any of these clubs into 3<sup>rd</sup> place!

In the Local Club category, the New Mexico Big River Contesters repeated last year's win with ten entries and 1 million points. Congratulations!

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