

2010 April Rookie Roundup Results

28 April 2010 - FINAL

The first Rookie Roundup is history, although not without a fair amount of cyberdrama right through until the end. Running for six hours on a springtime Sunday, the Rookies (those licensed in the past three years) took to the airwaves from all ten US call districts and Canada. Non-rookies (everybody else) answered their CQ's or put a big signal on the air for them to make those all-important search-and-pounce contacts. A big thank-you is in order for all of the experienced contesters that either made it into a Rookie's log or made a station available to them for the contest!

Activity varied across North America as propagation faded in and out. The most entries were received from the 4th and 7th Districts with ten Rookies. The 1st and 10th District had eight scores; the 6th, and 9th Districts, seven; and the 5th Districts six scores. We received one Rookie entry from Canada, although more undoubtedly participated. A total of 65 Rookie scores from 33 states and 1 province were submitted along with information from 26 Non-Rookies. Contacts were reported with stations as far away as Australia. Not bad for an initial event!

Undoubtedly, our computer problems prevented a number of Rookies and Non-Rookies alike from fully participating or prevented getting their information into this first listing, to everyone's regret. If your score isn't in these tables or lists, or only partial information is reported, we apologize: the mechanics for the contest didn't come together in the way we expected when the contest was first announced. We decided to make the best of it and go with manual score submission, resulting in the scores listed here. Because of the computer problems, some stations were unable to meet the requirement of submitting scores within the requirement time period or whose information was not properly reported. In the spirit of accommodating every station for this initial contest, we've adjusted the results accordingly. Future Rookie Roundup contests will adhere more closely to the published log submission deadline.

Another source of scoring information is the 3830 Score Reporting Web page at www.hornucopia.com/3830score – look in the April archives for scores from individuals and a scoring summary. Downloadable PDF certificates are being prepared – the Rookie Roundup Blog (rookie roundup.wordpress.com) will announce when they are ready.

The August edition of Rookie Roundup (15 August) will be an SSB contest once again. Since there were difficulties with the score and contact reporting system this time, a second SSB contest will give everyone a better chance at participating. The December Rookie Roundup (19 December) will be the first CW version of the contest. RTTY will be included in 2011 when more software logging programs have provided support for the Rookie Roundup contest.

Again – thanks for taking a chance on a new contest and we are glad so many of you enjoyed the opportunity to give contesting a try. The original vision of a contest for beginners as suggested by young contesters Cal KØDXC, Duncan KUØDM, and others has come true! We'll see you in the next Rookie Roundup perhaps and now that you've gotten a little contest experience, take a look at QST's "Contest Corral" (the on-line version is available at www.arrl.org/contest-corral-calendar) and give an upcoming contest a try!

73,

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SSB

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Call Used	Operator Call	Location	Score	Rookie QSOs	Non-Rookie QSOs	Total QSOs	Multipliers	Place
WØANT	WØANT	CO	12852	64	178	242	42	1st Place, Tenth District
KDØJMD	KDØJMD	KS	2310	28	21	49	30	2nd Place, Tenth District
KDØIZL	KDØIZL	MO	1311	13	31	44	23	3rd Place, Tenth District
WØJTC	WØJTC	IA	936	10	32	42	18	4th Place, Tenth District
WØPRS	WØPRS	CO	416	10	12	22	13	5th Place, Tenth District
KØBAM	KØBAM	CO	112	6	2	8	8	6th Place, Tenth District
KDØIOL	KDØIOL	IA	78	0	0	0	0	7th Place, Tenth District
KDØKJL	KDØKJL	CO	32	3	2	5	4	8th Place, Tenth District
W1MSW	W1MSW	MA	12464	68	168	236	41	1st Place, First District
N1YX	N1YX	MA	8484	54	94	148	42	2nd Place, First District
KB1RXA	KB1RXA	CT	6496	51	122	173	29	3rd Place, First District
WB1ADR	KA1RON	NH	2225	18	53	71	25	4th Place, First District
W1AND	W1AND	MA	1218	9	40	49	21	5th Place, First District
KB1RHC	KB1RHC	RI	714	13	16	29	17	6th Place, First District
KB1QXR	KB1QXR	CT	592	10	17	27	16	7th Place, First District
KB1QJK	KB1QJK	CT	364	10	6	16	14	8th Place, First District
AD2AM¹	AD2AM	NY	629	0	0	25	17	1st Place, Second District
K2DEN	K2DEN	NJ	24	0	0	4	4	2nd Place, Second District
W2WOE¹	W2WOE	DE	585	12	15	27	15	1st Place, Third District
W3RBX	W3RBX	PA	576	7	22	29	16	2nd Place, Third District
AA3JH	AA3JH	PA	300	10	5	15	12	3rd Place, Third District
K4GSG	K4GSG	AL	10672	57	118	175	46	1st Place, Fourth District
KJ4NHI	KJ4NHI	GA	5040	41	86	127	30	2nd Place, Fourth District
KJ4JEY	KJ4JEY	GA	2928	30	62	92	24	3rd Place, Fourth District
W4LEW	W4LEW	VA	1992	18	47	65	24	4th Place, Fourth District
KJ4KTG	KJ4KTG	NC	1606	19	35	54	22	5th Place, Fourth District
AB4G	AB4G	FL	330	15	3	18	10	6th Place, Fourth District
KS3P	KS3P	AL	220	8	6	14	10	7th Place, Fourth District
K4MTX	K4MTX	GA	140	4	6	10	10	8th Place, Fourth District
KJ4BRN	KJ4BRN	VA	114	7	5	12	6	9th Place, Fourth District
KJ4TQS	KJ4TQS	VA	4	0	2	2	2	10th Place, Fourth District

KF5CST	KF5CST	MS	3422	24	70	94	29	1st Place, Fifth District
W5MRM	W5MRM	TX	1587	21	27	48	23	2nd Place, Fifth District
KE5VLX	KE5VLX	AR	760	11	16	27	20	3rd Place, Fifth District
K5DXX	K5DXX	NM	435	6	17	23	15	4th Place, Fifth District
KE5WAJ	KE5WAJ	LA	112	4	6	10	8	5th Place, Fifth District
KE5SCG	KE5SCG	TX	56	0	0	8	4	6th Place, Fifth District
W6AWB	W6AWB	CA	1273	16	35	51	19	1st Place, Sixth District
K6FI	K6FI	CA	1008	13	37	50	16	2nd Place, Sixth District
KI6QDH	KI6QDH	CA	792	11	22	33	18	3rd Place, Sixth District
KI6WEL	KI6WEL	CA	672	14	14	28	16	4th Place, Sixth District
KG6YPH	KG6YPH	CA	96	8	0	8	6	5th Place, Sixth District
KJ6FLH	KJ6FLH	CA	60	6	3	9	4	6th Place, Sixth District
KJ6AQP	KJ6AQP	CA	2	1	0	1	1	7th Place, Sixth District
KN6VVH	K7MKL	NV	2550	24	54	78	25	1st Place, Seventh District
AE7DM	AE7DM	OR	1104	14	41	55	16	2nd Place, Seventh District
AD7UZ	AD7UZ	WA	960	20	20	40	16	3rd Place, Seventh District
WF7LSU	WF7LSU	WY	896	11	34	45	16	4th Place, Seventh District
KE7TAC	KE7TAC	OR	429	0	0	23	13	5th Place, Seventh District
KJ7B	KJ7B	AZ	250	10	5	15	10	6th Place, Seventh District
KE7ZCU	KE7ZCU	WA	189	4	13	17	9	7th Place, Seventh District
WB7ENX	WB7ENX	AZ	138	9	5	14	6	8th Place, Seventh District
KF7MAX	KF7MAX	OR	63	2	5	7	7	9th Place, Seventh District
KE7WRX	KE7WRX	AZ	18	3	0	3	3	10th Place, Seventh District
KD8KBU	KD8KBU	OH	462	12	9	21	14	1st Place, Eighth District
KD8LEB	KD8LEB	OH	171	5	9	14	9	2nd Place, Eighth District
KD8MBI	KD8MBI	OH	133	7	5	12	7	3rd Place, Eighth District
KE5WOR	KE5WOR	WI	2465	0	0	66	29	1st Place, Ninth District
KC9QOJ	KC9QOJ	IN	833	16	17	33	17	2nd Place, Ninth District
KA7BSA	KA7BSA	IN	810	11	23	34	18	3rd Place, Ninth District
KC9OUT	KC9OUT	IN	561	13	7	20	17	4th Place, Ninth District
W9WLX	W9WLX	WI	91	0	0	7	7	5th Place, Ninth District
KC9NZZ	KC9NZZ	IL	84	5	2	7	7	6th Place, Ninth District
KC9PBU	KC9PBU	IL	6	1	1	2	2	7th Place, Ninth District
VE6ISH	VE6ISH	AB	210	13	9	22	6	1st Place, Alberta

Note 1 – AD2AM and W2WOE's categories were initially shown as Non-Rookie and were corrected in version 1C.

Non-Rookie Participants:

AE1P, AJ5C, K2DB, K3FIV, K3TD, K4FX, K4LDC, KA2D, KB3JVD, KB4VC, KD5J, KB7QND, KBØQBT, KX9X, N3KN, N4ZR, N5NK, N8HSO, NE1F, NN1N, NØGOS, VE7BGP, W1KMH, W1RM, W1WBB, W2WOE, W4PM, W4RK, W5ESE, W7VXS, W7WHY, W9KVR, WØMRZ, WB1EDI (This list also includes participation by Non-Rookies reported in the 3830 Score Reporting archives.)

Soapbox

Why are the comments from entrants called "Soapbox", you might wonder? The term comes from the phrase "standing on a soapbox" when giving an opinion. The term "soapbox" as used in contesting means any comment or discussion about the contest that is submitted with your score or contest log.

The ARRL maintains an on-line Soapbox page for all ARRL contests at www.arrl.org/contests/soapbox. You'll find reading the comments of other testers enjoyable and thought-provoking. If you took photos or have stories to tell, share them with us - here's how!

- 1) Choose "2010 ARRL Rookie Roundup" in the drop-down menu, Select An Event.
- 2) Click the Submit button.
- 3) Click the link that says "Add Your 2010 ARRL Rookie Roundup Soapbox Comment."
- 4) Read the Soapbox guidelines then click "Next".
- 5) Enter the call you used in the Rookie Roundup, your own call (if different), and tell your story! You can be as detailed as you like. Click the "Next" button when finished.
- 6) You can upload photos if you want; if not, that's okay. Click the "Browse" button to search your computer for photos to upload of you having fun in the Rookie Roundup.
- 7) When finished, click the "Submit" button. You're done!

"The contest was fun!!!" - *Nathan Wallace, KE5WAJ*

"With my wire antennas in central Texas, I worked every Rookie I heard except for three who couldn't hear me. Lot of fun. Now to try it in CW!" - *Rondel Stevens, N5NK*

"BTW, I did have fun even with the getscores glitch. Thanks for the effort." - *Joseph Partlow, KJ6FLH*

"Thanks for all you've done to bring back the FUN for the new ones...and the not-so-new ones, like me!!!" - *Kenn Hayes, W1KMH*

"Thanks Sean, what a great time on the air! I worked 57 rookies that all really seemed to be having fun with the contest and some really fun to talk to veterans. Not a lot of people knew the idea behind the contest but they sure liked working me. It seemed I had pile-ups three or four times. This will be a great way to get new hams into Field Day shape at this time of year every year. I think I am going to suggest to Magnolia DX Association that we have a "visit our rookies day" on this day next year to have an Elmer-like contest guide be with the rookies and help them learn the ebb and flow of the pile-ups. This was not my first contest. I did more than 14 hours last year in CQ WW CW and ran Jackson County ARA Field Day last year. Thanks again for the great idea for a contest and sorry things failed on the live scoring but I am sure it will work itself out. If you need help at anytime with contests or an article about this contest please feel free to ask." - *Glen Smith, K4GSG*

"I also have to say thanks again to you and everyone who was part of putting this together. I know some of the operators were upset about the logging mishaps but I say, "Who cares!" It was the first event and I was really excited to participate. I thought the response from the non-rookie community was excellent. In fact, I kept hearing from non-rookies that they had just looked up the exchange and now knew what we were looking for. I also think that the idea to add the first name on the exchange helped to take the edge off the contest and make it more personable. I don't mind it the other way during contests, but I'm sure hearing their name come back made it a little more fun for rookies who had never participated in a contest. In just 6 hours, my operating skills had improved dramatically and I learned a lot having been given the opportunity to operate from KK1W's station. Heck we were even outside tuning a borrowed vertical for 40 meters with an antenna analyzer just an hour or so before the contest. Now if that's not good experience from a contest, I don't know what is! Again thanks for everything I look forward to seeing the results. You'll definitely be hearing me on the contest later in the year." - *Matt Wilhelm, W1MSW*

"Here is my summary for the 2010 Rookie Round-up. I had a great time working the "Rookies", it is shame I missed being a "Rookie" by two months (licensed in Oct. 2007), hi hi! I worked all that I could hear going up and down the bands and it appeared everyone had a good time!" - *Troy Simpson, W9KVR*

"Thanks for your effort and support during the contest. It was a pleasure to work you as well, especially considering the challenging band conditions in the rain in Florida (only 20 & 40 open). You were easily my strongest signal (with a G5RV & 100 W)." - *Dave Heyburn, AB4G*

"This was my first attempt at a contest. Thank you for putting together the contest and all of the help that you have shown to me." - *Randall Biggs, KA7BSA*

"I don't know if other rookies are like me and this was the first contest for which they actually submitted information. I had better luck on 40 meters than 20. 80 meters seemed to have mostly regular nets operating. I know a lot of hard work went into trying to make it an easy experience." - *Ron Hanes, KC9OUT*

"Had a blast! Only caught the last hour or so but it was my first contest, I'm officially hooked!" *Chris Demisch, KB1QXR*

"Non-Rookie participant. Band condx were poor with weak sigs on 20m, and nothing heard on 15m or 10m. Participation was light as I S&P'd for Rookies calling "CQ". Three hours plus of radio time. Had hoped to use live validation logging but it never was ready...paper logged :^((and later posted via USU but never saw actual posting. Also posted summary to 3830 site! DID enjoy the contacts with the Rookies. Better luck in Round 2." - *Bill Bliss, W1WBB*

"This contest was a lot of fun for me. Thank you for sponsoring it, and I hope everything gets worked out with the scoring. I enjoyed working other rookies and I hope this contest gains popularity. It's too bad the live scoring portion did not work, but I could see how that would be a really great feature. I've only ever done handwritten logs with HF before, so I think all the new software muddled me up some (First time ever with a pileup to work ME)." - *Josh Tarchuk VE6ISH*

"For the record: I had a blast! Sweaty palms, rapid heartbeat....felt like a first date! Terrific QSO's and lots of encouragement from the vets. I love Ham radio! Thanks for the opportunity to experience contesting as a beginner. I better get to work on my CW for the fall!!" *John Mercer, WF7LSU*

"I was contacting W5WZ and was getting a signal report where I mentioned that once before I contacted Australia. Lo and behold, VK7ZE, Laurie was listening and I worked him for the contest. That was one in a million." - *Joe Horanzy, AA3JH*

"I hope you will accept the entry I just sent, it was for my son Aaron, KA1RON, he is 9 years old and was very excited to run the contest. I was control op and he used my call." Lee Hill, WB1ADR