

Results - Rookie Roundup – 2012 December (CW)

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Release notes

We now have three years of the Rookie Roundup under our collective belts. The solar cycle has ticked upward during that time and the high bands have come to life, making DX QSOs a lot easier. Now is the time for Rookies to find out just how far a CW signal can go with a few sunspots to help it along, making each “skip” a little stronger and a little longer.

If you enjoyed the contest, you might stick a fingertip in the water during the upcoming North American QSO Party’s CW weekend (www.ncjweb.com and naqp.contesting.com) when other stations from all 50 states, most Canadian provinces, and DX countries around North America will be on the air. If slower code is more comfortable, check out the short events sponsored by the [Straight Key Century Club](#), [QRP ARCI](#), or [FISTS](#).

We had lots of new call signs on the air although one repeat contender from last year’s CW edition did really well – congratulations, Ron, WT5RZ! This is Ron’s last year of eligibility as a Rookie but he is very active, participating in the Summits On The Air (SOTA) program as he describes on his QRZ.com web page. Maybe he’ll be back as a Non-Rookie, helping the new operators make contacts!

5th district: WT5RZ (overall winner, 5th district winner last year)

Last year, Ryan, KJ6RQT made a few QSOs from California. This year, as he operated using his new call K6RQT, another member of the family, Elizabeth, KJ6RQU jumped in and hammered out a single contact to pass the torch! Ryan has upgraded to General since last year’s Rookie Roundup – nicely done, OM. We’ll be looking for Elizabeth in the next one, too!

Last December, the hottest competition was in California but this year the main action was in the southeastern 4th district. Out of the district’s contest-topping seven scores, five were higher than 1000 points! The leader in the 4th district was Kevin, AK4QU with a bicentennial 1976 score from his nice station, followed by two scores just 50 points apart: Eric, W4EON finished with 1792 and Daniel, AK4SQ with 1742. Here are the breakdowns:

| | W4EON | AK4SQ |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Rookie QSOs | 10 | 10 |
| Non-Rookie QSOs | 44 | 47 |
| Total QSO Points | 64 | 67 |
| Multipliers | 28 | 26 |
| Final Score | 1792 | 1742 |

Do you have an interesting story or a photo to share? We’d love to read all about it and it’s never too late to post them on the ARRL Soapbox page! (www.arrl.org/soapbox)

This is what it’s all about – keeping yourself in front of the radio (contest veterans refer to this as “keeping your butt in the chair”) and scratching for every contact. AK4SQ had three more QSOs but W4EON found two more of the all-important multipliers to overcome the small deficit in contacts. I’d say both of these operators have a bright future on the air!

| Scores | Call Area |
|--------|------------|
| none | VE, XE, DX |
| 0 | WØ |
| 3 | W1 |
| 1 | W2 |
| 2 | W3 |
| 7 | W4 |
| 3 | W5 |
| 3 | W6 |
| 3 | W7 |
| 1 | W8 |
| 2 | W9 |

Other high scores include second-place finisher AB9YC, one of two entries from the 9th district. Anthony reports on his QRZ.com web page that he is closing in on WAS (Worked All States) and his 3808 points show that he's gotten a lot of mileage out of his award chasing.

Three more scores over 2000 rounded out our top five: Bob, AC2FA turned in 2212 from NY, nearby in the sought-after VT ex-Navy radioman Stephen, W1SFR was only 25 points behind at 2187, and George, K8LO pushed past the 2k barrier with 2016 points from OH. Nice going, fellas!

As we always like to point out – every single score is welcome in the Rookie Roundup (and in all other contests, too). If you made a few QSOs this time, don't miss upcoming editions of the contest and build on what you've learned whether the mode is SSB, Radioteletype (RTTY), or next December's CW event. If this was your last year of eligibility, thanks for joining us, and we hope to see you in the list of Non-Rookie operators for the next Roundup. Here are the Rookie Roundup dates for 2013:

SSB – 21 April
RTTY – 18 August
CW – 15 December

Downloadable PDF certificates for all stations will be prepared shortly – watch the Rookie Roundup Blog (www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup) to find out when they are ready for you!

We hope to see you in the next contest, Rookie or not!

73, Sean Kutzko KX9X, ARRL Contest Branch Manager

[For those readers unfamiliar with the contest, Rookies (hams licensed during the past three years) work each other as well as non-Rookies while the Non-Rookies may only work Rookies. That format makes it very similar to the old ARRL Novice Roundup and the Rookie Roundup has a similar mission – to give new hams a contest just for them and encourage them to operate on the HF bands.]

| Results – ARRL Rookie Roundup – December 2012 (CW) | | | | | | | | | |
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| Call Used | Operator Call | QTH | Rookie QSOs | Non-Rookie QSOs | QSO Pts | Multipliers | Score | Place | Call Area |
| W1SFR | W1SFR | VT | 24 | 33 | 81 | 27 | 2187 | 1 | W1 |
| KB1UOH | KB1UOH | CT | 13 | 11 | 37 | 13 | 481 | 2 | W1 |
| WW1MM | N1EN | CT | 8 | 10 | 26 | 14 | 364 | 3 | W1 |
| AC2FA | AC2FA | NY | 17 | 45 | 79 | 28 | 2212 | 1 | W2 |
| AB3LS | AB3LS | PA | 6 | 46 | 58 | 28 | 1624 | 1 | W3 |
| NR3P | NR3P | MD | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | W3 |
| AK4QU | AK4QU | TN | 15 | 46 | 76 | 26 | 1976 | 1 | W4 |
| W4EON | W4EON | VA | 10 | 44 | 64 | 28 | 1792 | 2 | W4 |
| AK4SQ | AK4SQ | VA | 10 | 47 | 67 | 26 | 1742 | 3 | W4 |
| K4AOA | K4AOA | NC | 11 | 36 | 58 | 24 | 1392 | 4 | W4 |
| W4TZM | W4TZM | NC | 15 | 30 | 60 | 21 | 1260 | 5 | W4 |
| KK4CIS | KK4CIS | FL | 17 | 11 | 45 | 15 | 675 | 6 | W4 |
| NA4EA | NA4EA | NC | 3 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 36 | 7 | W4 |
| WT5RZ | WT5RZ | TX | 23 | 80 | 126 | 37 | 4662 | 1 | W5 |
| K5HDE | K5HDE | LA | 20 | 25 | 65 | 20 | 1300 | 2 | W5 |
| K5WL | K5WL | TX | 25 | 15 | 65 | 9 | 585 | 3 | W5 |
| K6RQT | K6RQT | CA | 12 | 41 | 65 | 24 | 1560 | 1 | W6 |
| WE6AAI | WE6AAI | CA | 7 | 36 | 50 | 26 | 1300 | 2 | W6 |
| KJ6RQU | KJ6RQU | CA | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | W6 |
| AE7QP | AE7QP | NV | 9 | 18 | 36 | 18 | 648 | 1 | W7 |
| KF7DS | KF7DS | OR | 18 | 4 | 40 | 15 | 600 | 2 | W7 |
| KF7TDF | KF7TDF | WY | 8 | 8 | 24 | 8 | 192 | 3 | W7 |
| K8LO | K8LO | OH | 15 | 42 | 72 | 28 | 2016 | 1 | W8 |
| AB9YC | AB9YC | IL | 23 | 73 | 119 | 32 | 3808 | 1 | W9 |
| W9JFB | W9JFB | IL | 8 | 5 | 21 | 9 | 189 | 2 | W9 |

Non-Rookie Participants:

VE2TLH, VE7BGP, VE9AA, WØTT, ADØDX, K1BG, WU1V, W1BJ, K2ZR, NW2K, AG2AA, WA2AOG, WA3AAN, KC4D, KG4WNA, K5WL, AD5VC, W6NN, K2BIO, NC6Q, K6KQV, N6BHX, WC7Q, WA8IWK, and W9AEM

Thank you to all of the experienced testers that either made it into a Rookie's log or made a station available to them for the contest!

Soapbox

This was my first AARL contest. I stayed on 40 meters QRP and had a ball. I was surprised at the number of contacts with 5 watts. KB1UOH

Just a few Q's. Good to see more activity than last year. WW1MM (op – N1EN)

K2ZR was very patient with me. NR3P

Thanks for your patience. This was my last RR as a rookie, they were fun! I hope to work you in many

contests to come. Maybe without all the fills next time. I'm working on that. AK4QU

I threw out two qso's where I failed to get a year for first license. Otherwise, had 49 non rookie qso's. Am resending corrected numbers here. – AK4SQ

I really enjoyed this event using my El-Key given to me by Brian, K3KO. My last qso was a highlight, while running on 7.051, getting a call from 9A206W. Antenna was a homebrew 12g stranded wire dipole with 70 watts. It was my final contact of the day and brought a big smile, and sense of satisfaction. Thank you to all who worked me and happy holidays. 73/Jim/K4AOA

Had a lot of fun working QRP. Thanks especially to all the non-rookies helping out and being patient. W4TZM

I found the RR to be fun, but I had a lot of difficulty copying call signs at times. Many apologies to any calling stations whose call sign I just couldn't copy. 73 KK4CIS

Thanks to everyone including all O.T.s helping. It got a bit slow last two hours except the last 10 minutes. WT5RZ

Working conditions: TS2000. 100w. Dipoles in QTH attic. K1EL keyer. Kent twin paddle key. HRD logging software. K5HDE

Fun! First contest. K5WL

Thanks to everyone for the QSOs, especially the non-rookies that took the time to work us rookies. I was plagued with bad QRN on 20 meters, so sorry to all the stations I couldn't pull out of the noise. Not sure if conditions were just noisy or if my neighbor got a new plasma TV, hi hi. Ran 100 watts into a G5RV @ 35 feet. Happy holidays! (K6RQT)

Great fun, my first contest. KF7TDF

What a great time. AB9YC

I had a lot of fun helping the rookies with my Vintage FT-901DM. It was a great way to spend a wet& rainchilly afternoon. 73 Gerry VE7BGP

Nice to work a bunch of rookies ! Go gettim' guys ! 73 de VE9AA, Mike in NB

My first ARRL contest! Been licensed since 1991 (actually had my first license in 1959), but have only lately begun interest in contesting. Band conditions here weren't great. Only Made contact on 40 and 20 meters. Enjoyable! WU1V

K2 @ 90 watts, CF Wire 7 EF Wire, N1MM, Activity was slow. Provided 1st ever QSO to NR3P!, CU next year!, 73,Dick K2ZR

GREAT FUN, THOUGH MY TIME WAS LIMITED AND 20 METERS AND ABOVE WERE UNUSABLE DUE TO LOCAL LINE NOISE. I HOPE TO PUT IN A FULL SIX HOUR EFFORT NEXT YEAR IN SUPPORT OF THE ROOKIES. THANKS FOR ALL WHO CALLED. MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!! 73, BILL, KC4D