

2015 ARRL August UHF Contest Results

Roving — where the action is!

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August's first weekend of 2015, the 1st and 2nd, brought the 38th ARRL UHF Contest, an event that first ran in 1978. Late summer is a good time to be out and about on a vacation, or just plain rambling

around. Why not combine it with a little radio? That's just what 174 stations did, submitting logs on the bands from 222 MHz on up the spectrum through microwaves and even light!

Rambling turned out to be great strategy, too, as Wyatt, ACØRA, turned in the top score of the entire contest as a Limited Rover. Topping the 30 rover stations that were active, Wyatt activated 13 grids — a lot of driving — across four states and three ARRL divisions, making 332 QSOs.



The whole Palm family hit the road for the UHF Contest! Left-to-right, that's Lorene, KC9MRX; Emily, KC9VEM, and David, W9HQ. They shared the operating for 31 QSOs from a pair of grids in the Central Division. David's final score was 216 from 12 QSOs, and Lorene and Emily made an additional 19 QSOs, for a total of 31 between the three of them. [David Palm, W9HQ, photo]

Participation by Number of Bands, 2010 through 2015

Bands	2010 Logs	2011 Logs	2012 Logs	2013 Logs	2014 Logs	2015 Logs
1	40	20	28	19	25	33
2	43	28	31	31	35	30
3	31	29	30	33	31	33
4	34	23	30	24	30	31
5	10	11	9	13	9	17
6	16	11	13	8	10	10
7	9	4	4	11	6	7
8	28	12	14	9	12	11
9	8	4	11	8	6	0
10	3	0	1	0	2	2

Top Ten

Single Operator, Low Power

K2DRH	78,570
AF1T	27,936
W3SZ	21,294
W9GA	16,536
N4QWZ	14,850
WB2JAY	13,230
KEØCO	9,744
W3PAW	8,316
WØZQ	7,830
KØ9A	7,569

Single Operator, High Power

K1TEO	87,768
WØUC	61,500
K1RZ	46,398
K3TUF	36,642
K1GX	29,205
K8TQK	20,460
W4ZRZ	14,445
VE3ZV	12,696
K3SIW	11,115
N7EPD	10,464

Multioperator

K2LIM	31,329
N8ZM	10,293
W1XM	4,617
AG4V	3,024
KBØHH	2,376
N2BJ	1,938
NY2NY	1,008
VA3NW	690

Classic Rover

W9SNR/R	44,460
KCØP/R	15,438
NØHZØ/R	15,159
KF2MR/R	13,860
N2QIP/R	7,857
KF8QL/R	7,176
NN3Q/R	5,760
WØZQ/R	3,870
AA1I/R	2,109
KØCQ/R	384

Limited Rover

ACØRA/R	94,044
WW7D/R	27,144
K9JK/R	6,840
NL7CO/R	2,448
WB2SIH/R	1,581
W1EAK/R	1,428
N2DCH/R	504
NØEDV/R	384
KE7MSU/R	252
AEØEE/R	24

Unlimited Rover

W3HMS/R	4,080
AF5Q/R	2,793
VE7AFZ/R	858
AF5CC/R	600
W9HQ/R	216
KC9MRX/R	180
KC9VEM/R	162

Division Winners

Single Operator, Low Power

Atlantic	W3SZ	21,294
Central	K2DRH	78,570
Dakota	WØZQ	7,830
Delta	N4QWZ	14,850
Great Lakes	N8XA	2,280
Hudson	WB2JAY	13,230
Midwest	NØTTW	7,410
New England	AF1T	27,936
Northwestern	KEØCO	9,744
Pacific	WA6OSX	4,560
Roanoke	K4FJW	840
Rocky Mountain	W7QQ	96
Southeastern	KX4R	6,696
Southwestern	K6TSK	2,574
West Gulf	AA5AM	1,008
Canada	VE3DS	6,786

Single Operator, High Power

Atlantic	K1RZ	46,398
Central	WØUC	61,500
Dakota	WØGHZ	6,210
Delta	N4JQØ	2,664
Great Lakes	K8TQK	20,460
Hudson	N2SLO	1,170
Midwest	KØTPP	1,587
New England	K1TEO	87,768
Northwestern	N7EPD	10,464
Pacific	KC6ZWT	5,358
Roanoke	KM4ID	75
Southeastern	W4ZRZ	14,445
Southwestern	N5BF	165
West Gulf	K5LLL	2,820
Canada	VE3ZV	12,696

Multioperator

Atlantic	K2LIM	31,329
Central	N2BJ	1,938
Delta	AG4V	3,024
Great Lakes	N8ZM	10,293
Hudson	NY2NY	1,008
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Great Lakes	VE3CRU/R	12
Hudson	WB2SIH/R	1,581
Northwestern	WW7D/R	27,144
Pacific	W1EAK/R	1,428
West Gulf	NL7CO/R	2,448

Unlimited Rover

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Regional Leaders

Northeast Region (New England, Hudson, and Atlantic Divisions; Maritime and Quebec Sections)

AF1T	27,936	LP
W3SZ	21,294	LP
WB2JAY	13,230	LP
W3PAW	8,316	LP
AC1J	2,565	LP
K1TEO	87,768	HP
K1RZ	46,398	HP
K3TUF	36,642	HP
K1GX	29,205	HP
WZ1V	9,828	HP
K2LIM	31,329	M
W1XM	4,617	M
NY2NY	1,008	M
KF2MR/R	13,860	R
N2QIP/R	7,857	R
NN3Q/R	5,760	R
AA1I/R	2,109	R
WB2SIH/R	1,581	RL
N2DCH/R	504	RL
W3HMS/R	4,080	RU

Southeast Region (Delta, Roanoke, and Southeastern Divisions)

N4QVZ	14,850	LP
KX4R	6,696	LP
N4TWX	1,242	LP
K4FJW	840	LP
WB4WXE	585	LP
W4ZRZ	14,445	HP
N4JQQ	2,664	HP
K0VXM	384	HP
AA4DD	300	HP
KM4ID	75	HP
AG4V	3,024	M

Central Region (Central and Great Lakes Divisions; Ontario East, Ontario North, Ontario South, and Greater Toronto Area Sections)

K2DRH	78,570	LP
W9GA	16,536	LP
KO9A	7,569	LP
VE3DS	6,786	LP
N9LB	2,838	LP
W0UC	61,500	HP
K8TQK	20,460	HP
VE3ZV	12,696	HP
K3SIW	11,115	HP
WA8RJF	3,906	HP
N8ZM	10,293	M
N2BJ	1,938	M
VA3NW	690	M
W9SNR/R	44,460	R
KF8QL/R	7,176	R
WB8TGY/R	378	R
K9JK/R	6,840	RL
N0EDV/R	384	RL
VE3CRU/R	12	RL
W9HQ/R	216	RU
KC9MRX/R	180	RU
KC9VEM/R	162	RU

Midwest Region (Dakota, Midwest, Rocky Mountain, and West Gulf Divisions; Manitoba and Saskatchewan Sections)

W0ZQ	7,830	LP
N0TTW	7,410	LP
K0SIX	1,638	LP
AA5AM	1,008	LP
KA0CRO	162	LP
W0GHZ	6,210	HP
K0AWU	6,006	HP
K5LLL	2,820	HP
K0TPP	1,587	HP
NT0V	864	HP
KB0HH	2,376	M
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West Coast Region (Pacific, Northwestern, and Southwestern Divisions; Alberta, British Columbia, and NWT Sections)

KE0CO	9,744	LP
WA6OSX	4,560	LP
KD7UO	3,723	LP
K6TSK	2,574	LP
N6LB	2,496	LP
N7EPD	10,464	HP
K7ND	9,207	HP
KE7SW	5,589	HP
KC6ZWT	5,358	HP
WA7TZY	5,148	HP
WB6BET/R	135	R
WW7D/R	27,144	RL
W1EAK/R	1,428	RL
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If you have an “all-band” rig capable of operating on 432 MHz, why not give this contest a try? Transverters are available for several of the other bands as well. Once the rovers are out and the home stations are active, you might be surprised at what you can work with even simple stations. See you next year, on August 6th and 7th.

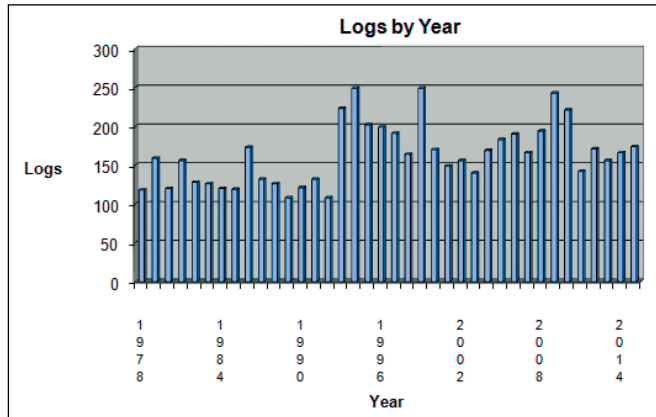


Figure 3 — The number of logs received by year, since 1978.

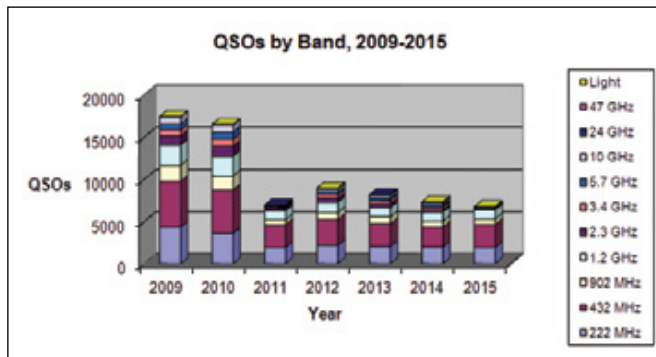


Figure 4 — The number of QSOs by band, from 2009 to 2015.



Wyatt, AC0RA, took advantage of summer propagation, good road conditions, and a lot of unique grids to get the highest score of the entire contest. [Wyatt Dirks, AC0RA, photo]

Full Results Online

You can find the full results of the contest online at www.arrl.org/contest-results-articles. Just click “2015 Contest Results” and scroll down to the August UHF Contest package. K9JK has generated a lot more analysis, including detailed graphs and charts, for your UHF enjoyment.