

# 2015 – 2016 School Club Roundup Results

Participants chose their own goals and had fun.

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The 2015 – 2016 sessions (October 19 – 23 and February 8 – 12) of the School Club Roundup (SCR — [www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup](http://www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup)) included some well-received changes. For the first time, contacts were permitted with stations on each of three modes (phone, CW, and digital) on each band, adding to the activity — and enjoyment — of the student participants. The number of Non-School Club Multioperator entries increased from six to 13, including DLOESA at the Radioclub European Space Operations Centre and the FBI Amateur Radio Association, K3FBI.

Support from popular logging programs seems to have attracted more contest-style operating, leading to some concerns from school club advisors. We emphasize that the SCR is not a contest, just as Field Day is not a contest. It is an operating event intended to get students and other potential hams on the air. The contest-style structure helps students exchange at least a minimum of information, and some clubs make rapid-fire QSOs, but ragchewing and having multiple students talk during a single contact is also encouraged. Each group and individual may choose their own goals: seeking schools, working a new mode or band, or competing against a previous SCR score.

There were 75 entries in October 2015 and 98 in February 2016, and about 660 operators reported in each session. We are sure there were many others who operated, but did not submit an entry. The scores for each entry may be viewed at [www.b4h.net/arrlscr/index.php](http://www.b4h.net/arrlscr/index.php).

Some groups are very competitive, such as the Dresden Elementary Amateur Radio Station (DEARS), KD8NOM. They topped both the October and February sessions for the Elementary/Primary category. Other winning school club stations include N4SMS, K5LMS, K9SOU, K5LBJ, WB4HS, KOUND, W5AC, and N7ERU. (There may be some confusion about “school clubs.” It is not necessary for a school operation to be a

formal club. Any station operating from a school may enter as a school.)

There are also groups that make only a few contacts, but get many kids on the air and attract attention in their schools and communities. Some of these are WL7CXM (from Pilot Station, Alaska), KC2KJN, K1CLS, W4LMS, WS4FSC, KY4DH, W3MGF, W2HJ, and W1YK.

We have also seen a welcome increase in entries from non-school clubs — and Individual station entries are not only welcome, but necessary. Without them, the school stations would have very few contacts. It is the number and diversity of contacts that makes operating fun for all of us.

## Statistics

The Elementary School leaders made more than 400 QSOs, with more than 40 states and as many as 43 schools! Middle school leaders logged up to 1050 QSOs with 50 states and 61 schools. High school leaders completed as many as 915 QSOs with 50 states and 46 schools. Leaders in the College/University category made more than 1000 QSOs in up to all 50 states and 52 schools.

## Join the Roundup

Why not join the fun as an Individual entry or by helping a club make some contacts? The next SCR sessions, sponsored by the Long Island Mobile Amateur Radio Club

(LIMARC) and ARRL, will be October 17 – 21, 2016 and February 13 – 17, 2017. Visit or join the SCR online group at [groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/SCR-L/info](http://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/SCR-L/info) or write to [scr@limarc.org](mailto:scr@limarc.org) for more information.

## Strays

### QST Congratulates . . .

Ralph Rognstad Jr, W4RRJ, the winner of the 2016 KB4C Miriam Smith Memorial Award for his outstanding contribution to Amateur Radio and Emergency Service Operations in Western North Carolina.



Steve Emory, N4SET, ARRL District Emergency Coordinator (left) presented the award to Ralph at the Western Carolina Amateur Radio Society hamfest in Waynesville, North Carolina, on July 30. [Jim Boehner, N2ZZ, ARRL Roanoke Division Director, photo]

