

2017 ARRL June VHF Contest Results

This year's contest brought in more logs than the last, and featured some new categories.

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After last year's wonderful contest propagation, everyone hoped this year's outing on June 10 – 12 would be its equal or better. As it turns out, while the glass may have seemed half full in comparison, it turns out the propagation was just being doled out in a different-sized container.

More Logs

More logs were submitted this year than we've seen in quite a while, surpassing last year's 1,132 logs with a whopping 1,297; even higher than 2011's 1,233 logs. There was a huge increase in Single Operator, Three-Band (SO3B) logs this year from 137 to 221, but this did not erode the most popular Single Operator, Low Power (SOLP) class, which increased by 43 to 540. Single Operator, FM Only (SOFM) logs increased from 14 to 27, while the remaining fixed-station categories held steady. The rebound of the Classic Rover category over the past few years, however, took a turn for the worse with only 27 logs — significantly down from 47 last year and 38 in 2015.

With flatter conditions, few existing records were challenged. Division and Section records for the newer SO3B and SOFM categories and the new Canadian Sections continue to be set. The previous contest score records are available for review on the ARRL website at www.arri.org/contest-records and will be updated.

DX

This is essentially a North American VHF contest, but some stations made

contacts with European, Caribbean, South American, and African stations, as well as a few from Japan, Hawaii, and the South Cook Islands. In keeping with the general trend for DX contacts

on 6 meters, the majority of these were apparently accomplished using digital modes, mainly JT65A. Todd, N4QWZ, reported that he finally worked KH6 for state #50 on 6 meters, after a quest that spanned 20 years.

There were 30 DX logs (not counting Canada) submitted this year. C6ATA, a multioperator station in the Bahamas, had the top offshore score this year with a respectable 142,000, most of it on 6 meters, but with a few contacts on 2 meters, 222 MHz, and 432 MHz. Canadian participation rose yet again to 77 logs. The XE contingent doubled this time with 14 logs, and Jorge, XE2X, was back on top again this year.

Four stations submitted logs from Cuba — CO9KAA, CO3JA, CO8LY, and CM2XN. Although there were no logs from Alaska, one was submitted from NH6Y this year. KV4FZ and NP2X kept up with the demand for the Virgin Islands, along with KP3W and NP3CW for Puerto Rico. Among the more exotic calls in the database were PV8AZ, EA4DE, SP8FNA, 9M4COK, and 9W2VWT.

Getting Out and About with Portable

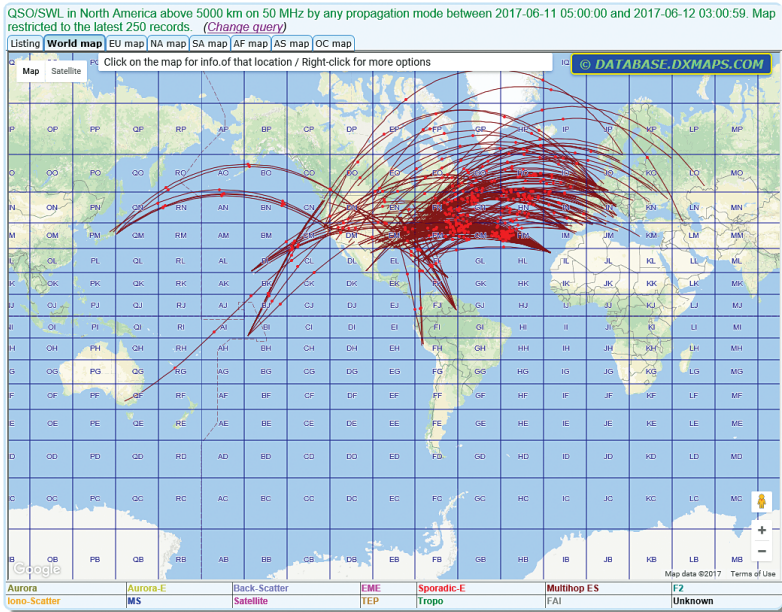
The Single Operator, Portable (SOP) stations are challenged with QRP power, but they can often choose QRO locations. It takes a lot of work to compete in this category, and operators often face daunting weather conditions and equipment challenges. Once again, this year's Top Five finishers were completely different than last year's, and three out



Seen here at the Central States VHF Conference, Andrea, K2EZ, drove her Limited Rover station to 1st place through 13 grids. [Bob Striegl, K2DRH, photo]

VHF Fun Online

The complete results of the 2017 June VHF Contest, including detailed write-ups about some of the more interesting stations, are available online at www.arri.org/contest-records.



This map shows the intercontinental activity on Sunday. [Map courtesy of dxmaps.com]



David, W4DVE, camped out on top of Davis Peak near Portland, Oregon, to win the Single Operator, Portable category. [David Reindl, W4DVE, photo]

Sponsored Plaque Winners

Thanks to the generous support of the listed clubs, we are pleased to list the winners of the sponsored June VHF Contest plaques. For more information on plaque sponsorship, or to order a duplicate plaque, contact ARRL Contest Branch Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, at 860-594-0232 or w9jj@arrl.org. Plaques cost \$75, which includes all shipping charges.

Plaque Category	Winner	Plaque Sponsor
Overall Single Operator, High Power	K1TEO	Charles Dietz, W5PR
Overall Single Operator, Low Power	K2DRH	Jeffrey Klein, K1TEO
Overall Single Operator, Three-Band	KG6IYN	Northern Lights Radio Society
Overall Single Operator, Low Power, Rookie	W4RER	W3ZZ First Log Award — Memorial by Tim, K3LR, and Dave, W9PA
Overall Rover	AC0RA/R	In Memory of Tim Ertl, KE3HT, "Microwave DX Addict"
Overall Limited Rover	K2EZ/R	Rochester VHF Group
Overall Unlimited Rover	AB4CR/R	Directive Systems and Engineering
Overall Limited Multioperator	K5QE	Gene Zimmerman, W3ZZ, Memorial — ARRL Contest Branch
Overall Multioperator	W2SZ	Bart Jahnke, W9JJ — ARRL Contest Branch
Atlantic Division Single Operator, High Power	K1RZ	Potomac Valley Radio Club
Atlantic Division Single Operator, Low Power	WA3EOQ	Potomac Valley Radio Club
Atlantic Division Single Operator, Three-Band	W3LL	Rochester VHF Group
Central Division Single Operator, High Power	K9CT	Society of Midwest Contesters
Central Division Single Operator, Low Power	K2DRH	Society of Midwest Contesters
Central Division Single Operator, Three-Band	WB9TFH	Society of Midwest Contesters
Central Division Limited Multioperator	NV9L	Society of Midwest Contesters
Dakota Division Single Operator, Low Power	N0HJZ	Northern Lights Radio Society
Delta Division Single Operator, High Power	W5ZN	Memorial to Mike Bruck, W5MRB, from his friends
Hudson Division Single Operator, Low Power	WB2JAY	Northern Lights Radio Society
Hudson Division Single Operator, Three-Band	N2JJ	Arthur Wolford, KA2BPP — In memory of Roger Amidon, K2SMN — Sunday Morning Net
Northwestern Division Single Operator, High Power	K7CW	Boring, OR Amateur Radio Club
Northwestern Single Operator, Three-Band	N7EPD	Pacific Northwest VHF Society
Roanoke Division Single Operator, High Power	W3IP	Potomac Valley Radio Club
Roanoke Division Single Operator, Low Power	N4YDU	Potomac Valley Radio Club
Southeastern Division Single Operator, High Power	K1TO	Southeastern VHF Society
Southeastern Division Rover	K4OJ/R	Southeastern VHF Society
Southeastern Division Limited Multioperator	AD4ES	Southeastern VHF Society
Southeastern Division Multioperator	W4UAL	Southeastern VHF Society
Southwestern Division Single Operator, Low Power	W6IT	Bud Semon, N7CW
Canada Single Operator, Low Power	VE3DS	Neil Macklem, VE3SST
Canada Rover	VE3OIL/R	Toronto FM Communications Society

of five were from the west coast.

David, W4DVE, appears to be a relative newcomer to VHF contesting and, to his surprise, won the Northwestern Division SOP in June 2017. He is an

apartment dweller, so he takes his efforts to the 2,200-foot Davis Peak north of Portland in the WWA section, setting up with a pair of other SOP stations at the same site — K7ALO and

KG7VLB, joined by K7KAD/R. Their cooperative efforts netted David 1st-place this year with 9,000 points. His buddy, Alex, K7ALO, earned the 2nd-place score at 6,000 points. Tom, W4RXX, rebuilt a motorcycle trailer into a tower trailer, then went to one of the many hilltops in Tennessee to achieve a score of 5,000 to take 3rd place. Bruce, WA2TMC, from New York, bagged 4th place with just over 4,000 points, and Mark, KE7MSU, in Oregon took 5th with slightly under 4,000.

The New Categories

This is the fifth year for the two new single operator categories. SO3B has proven very popular, with log submissions skyrocketing, and SOFM has

Affiliated Club Competition		
Club	Score	Entries
Unlimited		
Society of Midwest Contesters	983,154	75
Potomac Valley Radio Club	867,717	60
Medium		
North East Weak Signal Group	1,413,117	17
Mt. Airy VHF Radio Club	1,135,687	24
Arizona Outlaws Contest Club	562,925	34
Florida Contest Group	529,883	15
Contest Club Ontario	484,229	23
Roadrunners Microwave Group	483,363	7
Northern Lights Radio Society	421,705	20
Frankford Radio Club	418,750	16
New Mexico VHF Society	411,107	18
Pacific Northwest VHF Society	396,815	49
Carolina DX Association	288,821	8
Georgia Contest Group	278,239	9
Yankee Clipper Contest Club	269,448	24
Southern California Contest Club	261,746	14
Alabama Contest Group	250,142	12
Florida Weak Signal Society	208,140	7
Grand Mesa Contesters of Colorado	202,772	12
Central Texas DX and Contest Club	171,490	3
Rochester VHF Group	119,567	15
Texas DX Society	108,130	3
Badger Contesters	106,640	5
Tennessee Contest Group	81,133	7
North Texas Microwave Society	63,356	4
Northern California Contest Club	53,707	27
Michigan VHF-UHF Society	49,765	7
Hudson Valley Contesters and DXers	41,195	5
Rochester (NY) DX Assoc.	34,853	4
South East Contest Club	28,182	5
North Texas Contest Club	27,957	3
DFW Contest Group	26,764	6
Orca DX and Contest Club	26,439	3
Utah DX Association	25,136	3
Minnesota Wireless Assoc.	24,146	6
Mad River Radio Club	23,744	9
Saskatchewan Contest Club	19,880	3
Lodi ARC	16,813	5
Big Sky Contesters	15,385	4
South Jersey Radio Assoc.	15,162	3
North Coast Contesters	13,084	4
Willamette Valley DX Club	11,649	5
Kentucky Contest Group	9,449	3
Swamp Fox Contest Group	1,362	3
Local		
Eastern Connecticut ARA	92,874	5
CTRI Contest Group	64,789	3
Bergen ARA	63,006	8
Stoned Monkey VHF ARC	27,360	3
Bristol (TN) ARC	25,405	4
Pottstown Area ARC	18,794	5
Meriden ARC	15,446	4
Niagara Frontier Radiosport	6,073	5
Ventura County Amateur Radio Society	5,173	3
NorDX Club	2,920	3
Kansas City DX Club	2,623	3

almost doubled in size. Bruce, KG6IYN, took his SO3B station into the field to his “secret above-ground lair” in San Diego and broke into the Top Five at 1st place with 124,000 points — almost double the score of his nearest competitor. Excellent 6- and 2-meter totals helped him shatter his own section and Southwest Division records.

In the wide-open spaces, VHF FM activity is very sparse, and it’s practically nonexistent in the farming communities of the midwest. Consequently, entries in the SOFM category tend to cluster around population centers.

Notably, four of the Top Five stations turned in golden logs with no mistakes again. Although KK4OSG didn’t quite reach the 100-contact level again on 2 meters with “only” 91, his 5,000-point effort netted him another 1st place. In the closest race of the contest, Mark, W6IA, from Santa Clara Valley edged out frequent Top Five finisher Ev, W2EV, in western New York by a mere 6 points.

On the Rove Again

Rovers work hard to find advantageous locations and supply grid multipliers that normally wouldn’t be on the air. It takes a lot of time and effort to set up an effective station in a vehicle, scope out locations, and plan an effective route. Sometimes rovers deal with unexpected equipment failures, like those that plagued mega-rover K8GP this year, or high winds in the upper midwest that prevented antenna deployment. Some rovers visit only a few grids, while others like K0DAS/R do long-distance dashes, like their 22-grid run this contest.

Multioperators

The multioperator stations can make contacts from 6 meters to light. Whether fixed or portable, it takes a lot of effort and manpower to keep it all going year after year. Marshall’s, K5QE, superstation from the south Texas flatlands once again rose to the occasion to win the Limited Multioperator category this year — the fifth year in a row. After experiencing frustrating conditions on Saturday, the team stepped back up on Sunday to log some of the best 6-meter numbers of the contest. The W2SZ Mt. Greylock Expeditionary Force posted their 27th June VHF win in the Unlimited Multioperator category with 711,000 points from New England.

Tips for the Future

The most important part of any contest is to get on the air and make the most of the conditions you’re dealt. Play within the rules. Work the openings when you find them. Do what’s necessary to maximize your points and multipliers.

Top Ten W/V E		
Classic Rover		Single Operator, FM Only
AC0RA/R	205,200	KK4OSG 5,370
VE3OIL/R	100,873	W6KKO 1,125
VE3WJ/R	46,228	W6IA 406
KF2MR/R	33,366	W2EV 400
AG4V/R	27,930	N9VM (N1VM, op)
WA3PTV	27,126	
VE7JH	25,599	K6KQV 376
K8GP/R	25,017	VE7JRX 330
KT5TE/R	22,800	K17NQN 161
WD5RAH/R	22,796	K7BWH 104
		K6QCB 100
Limited Rover		Limited Multioperator
K2EZ/R	64,400	K5QE 409,260
WW7D/R	57,132	K2LIM 339,212
KA5D/R	44,440	N2NT 255,486
VE3SMA/R	40,768	NN7AZ 234,790
W3ICC	39,000	AA4ZZ 227,280
AE5P/R	24,354	W3SO 214,474
AL1VE/R	23,968	NV9L 167,244
N6GP/R	21,420	W2LV 155,868
K9JK/R	21,390	W4IY 134,830
N2DXT/R	21,168	AD4ES 84,560
Unlimited Rover		Unlimited Multioperator
AB4CR/R	24,225	W2SZ 711,900
N0LD/R	18,216	W3CCX 529,800
KD5IKG/R	17,487	W4NH 193,065
KJ1K/R	9,702	WQ0P 146,331
K7ATN/R	5,336	N8ZM 137,368
W0ZF/R	3,936	W9XA 128,028
W3HMS	3,224	WE1P 109,120
VE7AFZ/R	2,808	VE3WCC 105,525
VE3KGC/R	1,548	W7MRF 88,536
		N2PA 84,160
Single Operator, High Power		Single Operator, High Power
K1TEO	589,050	EA8DBM 40,916
K5TR	399,672	XE2CQ 11,110
W5ZN	275,764	YV6CR 992
K1RZ	275,520	FS/K9EL 342
K9CT	237,349	
W0UC	194,023	
K1TO	188,773	
WZ1V	165,330	
K4PI	152,471	
K0GU	142,492	
Single Operator, Low Power		Single Operator, Low Power
K2DRH	234,818	XE2X 8,777
AF1T	204,516	CO3VR 5,922
WB1GQR (W1SJ, op)		XE2JS 2,501
AD5A	103,255	CO3JA 1,036
WB2JAY	87,292	XE2NBW 675
N0LL	65,610	8P2K (8P6SH, op) 30
N4QWZ	65,404	XE2S 16
K1KG	56,502	EA4DE (EA4FTN, op) 1
AA5AM	51,852	
W9GA	51,272	
Single Operator, Portable		Unlimited Multioperator
W4DVE	8,525	T43S 2,146
K7ALO	5,829	XE2OK 256
W4RXR	5,247	
WA2TMC	4,488	
KE7MSU	3,925	
KD6RMS	3,822	
WX3P	3,344	
WB2AMU	2,686	
W9SZ	2,485	
NV4B	1,656	
Single Operator, Three-Band		Top Ten DX
KG6IYN	124,623	High Power
K2PS	58,464	XE2X 89436
N7IR	38,645	PV8DX 3870
K0NR	33,439	XE2CQ 3564
KK4MA	30,240	
W3LL	29,300	Single Operator, Low Power
WA4GPM	23,324	XE2JS 28784
N2BEG	17,381	XE2NBW 14857
N7EPD	17,155	CO3JA 5676
K4FJW	16,827	CO8LY 4424
		XE2HWB 2160
		XE2PEA 1170
		PV8AZ 891
		XE2YWH 780
		CM2XN 522
		XE2S 504
		Limited Multioperator
		XE2N 770
		Unlimited Multioperator
		C6ATA 142191
		CO9KAA 23370

Regional Leaders

Northeast Region (New England, Hudson, and Atlantic Divisions; Maritime and Quebec Sections)			Southeast Region (Delta, Roanoke, and Southeastern Divisions)			Central Region (Central and Great Lakes Divisions; Ontario East, Ontario North, Ontario South, and Greater Toronto Area Sections)			Midwest Region (Dakota, Midwest, Rocky Mountain, and West Gulf Divisions; Manitoba and Saskatchewan)			West Coast Region (Pacific, Northwestern, and Southwestern Divisions; Alberta, British Columbia, and NWT)		
KF2MR/R	33,366	R	AG4V/R	27,930	R	VE3OIL/R	100,873	R	AC0RA/R	205,200	R	VE7JH	25,599	R
WA3PTV	27,126	R	K8GP/R	25,017	R	VE3WJ/R	46,228	R	KT5TE/R	22,800	R	N6JET/R	9,504	R
NN3Q/R	4,200	R	W5VY/R	9,042	R	VE3VJ/R	21,390	R	WD5RAH/R	22,796	R	K7SWS	6,771	R
VE2NR/R	2,448	R	NC5AX/R	8,880	RL	KF8QL/R	2,700	R	K0MHC/R	8,856	R	N6ZE/R	4,983	R
NE3I	507	R	WA4JA/R	575	RL	VA3CDD/R	611	R	KC0P/R	2,675	R	AC7SG/R	3,705	R
K2EZ/R	64,400	RL	WB0POH	510	RL	VE2LJV/R	50	R	KA5D/R	44,440	RL	WW7D/R	57,132	RL
W3ICC	39,000	RL	K4OJ	108	RL	VE3SMA/R	40,768	RL	AE5P/R	24,354	RL	N6GP/R	21,420	RL
N2DXT/R	21,168	RL	KG4KOW/R	42	RL	K9JK/R	21,390	RL	AL1VE/R	23,968	RL	WA8WZG/R	15,678	RL
KC1EYG/R	19,034	RL	W5ZN	275,764	SOHP	N9GH/R	18,088	RL	KK6MC/R	16,432	RL	K7KAD/R	7,099	RL
W1RGA/R	11,940	RL	K4PI	152,471	SOHP	W9YOY/R	7,700	RL	K0DAS/R	15,725	RL	KD1RX/R	3,549	RL
AB4CR/R	24,225	RU	KC4PX	129,156	SOHP	K8DOG/R	4,620	RL	N0LD/R	18,216	RU	K7ATN/R	5,336	RU
KJ1K/R	9,702	RU	N4BP	116,708	SOHP	VE3KGC/R	1,548	RU	KD5IKG/R	17,487	RU	VE7AFZ/R	2,808	RU
W3HMS	3,224	RU	N4QWZ	65,404	SOLP	K9CT	237,349	SOHP	W0ZF/R	3,936	RU	N7CW	76,892	SOHP
K1TEO	589,050	SOHP	NU4Y	45,486	SOLP	W0UC	194,023	SOHP	K5TR	399,672	SOHP	K7CW	49,914	SOHP
K1RZ	275,520	SOHP	KG5MD	45,210	SOLP	VA3ELE	62,480	SOHP	K0GU	142,492	SOHP	KE7SW	30,832	SOHP
WZ1V	165,330	SOHP	W4RER	34,840	SOLP	VE3ZV	56,485	SOHP	K5AM	140,352	SOHP	N6VI	29,640	SOHP
W3EP	95,608	SOHP	AA5AU	30,690	SOLP	K8ZR	50,960	SOHP	W5PR	103,408	SOHP	W7FI	27,144	SOHP
K1IIG	94,828	SOHP	W4R XR	5,247	SOP	K2DRH	234,818	SOLP	WB2FKO	67,137	SOHP	W6IT	26,838	SOLP
AF1T	204,516	SOLP	NV4B	1,656	SOP	W9GA	51,272	SOLP	AD5A	103,255	SOLP	WJ0F	23,681	SOLP
WB1GQR (W1SJ, op)	148,176	SOLP	K3TW	770	SOP	VE3DS	35,518	SOLP	N0LL	65,610	SOLP	KC6ZWT	16,531	SOLP
WB2JAY	87,292	SOLP	W2ODH	391	SOP	N9LB	34,272	SOLP	AA5AM	51,852	SOLP	VA6AN	14,356	SOLP
K1KG	56,502	SOLP	N4ZAK	210	SOP	K9MU	21,700	SOLP	A1S1	49,632	SOLP	K2GMY	8,517	SOLP
WA3EOQ	46,170	SOLP	K2PS	58,464	SO3B	W9SZ	2,485	SOP	N0POH	40,128	SOLP	W4DVE	8,525	SOP
WA2TMC	4,488	SOP	KK4MA	30,240	SO3B	WK9U	648	SOP	NI0W	221	SOP	K7ALO	5,829	SOP
WX3P	3,344	SOP	WA4GPM	23,324	SO3B	N9REP	112	SOP	NJ7H	96	SOP	KE7MSU	3,925	SOP
WB2AMU	2,686	SOP	K4FJW	16,827	SO3B	VA3RKM	45	SOP	W8KSC	81	SOP	KD6RMS	3,822	SOP
KQ2RP	1,204	SOP	AA4SC	13,176	SO3B	VE3EG	16	SOP	K7LU	60	SOP	KB1KXL	825	SOP
N1PRW	325	SOP	KK4OSG	5,370	SOFM	WB9TFH	10,395	SO3B	K10G	1	SOP	KG6IYN	124,623	SO3B
W3LL	29,300	SO3B	KE5WMA	3	SOFM	W9VS	7,434	SO3B	K0NR	33,439	SO3B	N7IR	38,645	SO3B
N2BEG	17,381	SO3B	K4IMP	1	SOFM	WB9HFK	5,152	SO3B	WY7KY	16,200	SO3B	N7EPD	17,155	SO3B
N3ALN	16,568	SO3B	WW0LFE	1	SOFM	N9LQ	5,044	SO3B	WD0BGZ	15,486	SO3B	K7BG	12,191	SO3B
A13Z	14,625	SO3B	K6OBX	1	SOFM	NT9E	4,465	SO3B	KC7QY	11,815	SO3B	K16RRN	11,523	SO3B
W1DYJ	14,208	SO3B	KW4LU	1	SOFM	KC9PCP	80	SOFM	N7KA	9,525	SO3B	W6KKO	1,125	SOFM
W2EV	400	SOFM	AA4ZZ	227,280	LM	N9LJX	6	SOFM	KG5FHU	6	SOFM	W6IA	406	SOFM
VA2DG	22	SOFM	W4IY	134,830	LM	K9WX	1	SOFM	K5QE	409,260	LM	N9VM (N1VM, op)	376	SOFM
KD2LCH	15	SOFM	AD4ES	84,560	LM	NV9L	167,244	LM	N0KE	77,649	LM	K6KQV	330	SOFM
N1MJD	4	SOFM	N4HB	64,452	LM	W9RVG	18,590	LM	N0EO	16,745	LM	VE7JRX	161	SOFM
K2LIM	339,212	LM	K5GDx	54,972	LM	KC8AAV	14,365	LM	K5LRW	6,969	LM	NN7AZ	234,790	LM
N2NT	255,486	LM	W4NH	193,065	UM	N9TF	3,116	LM	W0VB	3,795	LM	N1E6	17,408	LM
W3SO	214,474	LM	W4UJAL	56,000	UM	N8ZM	137,368	UM	WQ0P	146,331	UM	K7TM	5,734	LM
W2LV	155,868	LM	N4JQQ	38,352	UM	W9XA	128,028	UM	KC5MVZ	8,890	UM	WA6ZBL	3,424	LM
W1QK	42,036	LM	W4COV	10,400	UM	VE3WCC	105,625	UM	W0FRC	4,992	UM	K6YK	1,003	LM
W2SZ	711,900	UM			W9VW	54,528	UM			W7MRF	88,536	UM		
W3CCX	529,800	UM			N9UHF	27,244	UM			KD7UO	41,757	UM		
WE1P	109,120	UM								WA6OIB	34,452	UM		
N2PA	84,160	UM								WA7JTM	30,208	UM		
KV1J	81,844	UM								N6MI	15,800	UM		

Boxes list call sign, score, and class: LM = Limited Multioperator; R = Classic Rover; RL = Limited Rover; RU = Unlimited Rover; SO3B = Single Operator, Three-Band; SOFM = Single Operator, FM Only; SOHP = Single Operator, High Power; SOLP = Single Operator, Low Power; SOP = Single Operator, Portable, and UM = Unlimited Multioperator.

Log as accurately as you can. Stay in the seat during the lean hours. Go to CW and digital when things slow down. Use the chat pages to set up longer-distance contacts on CW or digital modes. Keep on making contacts until the final bell.

It isn't necessarily about who has the biggest station. It's really about who wants it most and is willing to do the things necessary to make it happen. See you all again next year from June 9 – 11 in the 2018 edition of the June VHF Contest!

Strays

2018 NASA On the Air Event

The Amateur Radio club stations at the various NASA facilities plan to be on the air with special event operations throughout 2018. Some clubs will be offering commemorative QSL cards and a special certificate will be available indicating how many NASA club stations you worked on various bands and modes. The event runs from December 11, 2017 through December 27, 2018 with the following key dates:

- Apollo 17 45th anniversary, December 11 – 14, 2017.
- 60th anniversary of the founding of NASA, July 29, 2018.
- 20th anniversary of the ISS first element 1, November 20, 2018.
- 20th anniversary of the ISS Node 1 launch, December 4, 2018.
- Apollo 8 50th anniversary, December 21, 2018.

There will be other operations throughout the year. See nasaontheair.wordpress.com for details and information about how to check your contacts and obtain a certificate.