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From the President's Corner

Chris Plumblee, W4WF, FCG President



Greetings to the Boys (and Girls) of Summer in the FCG! There may be a bit of recency bias at work here since the contest just ended last weekend, but the big dx contest of the summer, the IARU HF Championship, was a refreshing change of pace as the solar cycle continues to improve. SFI numbers hovered in the 150's all weekend, which meant that 15m and 20m never totally died and both supported some real long-haul DX. I worked a bunch of unusual Asian multipliers on 15m and 20m last weekend from N4WW's station, including JT, DU, YB, XV, HL, and HS off the top of my head.

I'm told by those who observe such things that 6m continues to be hot this summer. Prior to the IARU contest, while operating SO2R in the afternoon CWT, I managed to work a new grid in SM for N4WW. Radio 1 was on 20m CW, and radio 2 was on 6m FT8!

Though summertime is traditionally a slow time in the club, the fall contest season will be on us soon enough, and there are also more summertime contests coming up which may bear some attention. The summertime iteration of the NAQPs was this past weekend with the NAQP RTTY with surprisingly good conditions. The CW NAQP is in early August and the SSB version follows in mid-August. AA8R will be soliciting for teams both contests. Being on a team isn't required to participate, but it can be a nice way to build camaraderie and motivation. Beginning with the 2022 NAQP, SO(A) is a valid category, so if you prefer to use assistance you won't be lumped in with the M/2 entries any longer.

VHF enthusiasts enjoyed the recent CQWW VHF contest. See comments by K1TO on the FCG Reflector. Dan has won this contest in the past, and our location so far south can be a big advantage. Unlike the ARRL VHF contest in June, CQWW VHF includes only 6m and 2m. Work stations once in the contest regardless of mode. After the ARRL June VHF, there was a lot of chatter about how the new analog-only categories that ARRL instituted helped drive additional activity onto CW and SSB. CQ has not (as far as I can tell) added similar categories to their event, but I'll be very curious to see if the trend continues.

In addition to upcoming contests, the fall hamfest season will be here before we know it. The Melbourne Hamfest is set for October 7-8. The FCG will hold a contest forum on

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October 8, final time TBD. Please make plans to attend if you're able. Historically we've had pizza and soda available for a lunchbreak for everyone at the contest forum, but recently the concessionaire at the Melbourne Auditorium changed and the new concessionaire is enforcing their exclusive rights more stringently, so you'll have to furnish your own lunch from the concession stand or from one of the many restaurants in the Melbourne area instead.

Many times, there have been ad hoc groups on Friday night that get together for dinner somewhere in Melbourne, so if you're planning to come to the hamfest on Friday and stay over, please coordinate on the reflector; there might be a good group planning an outing and you won't want to miss it!

Lastly, I sent a few emails to the reflector in the last couple of weeks trying to find someone to wrangle some presentations that we could give virtually. I've not had any success, so I thought I'd take this opportunity to make another formal plea and give additional context. The FCG traditionally has not gathered in person other than at a few hamfests around the state. We always have a big event in Orlando, but the FCG was born in Melbourne and we've kept that tradition alive with a contest forum and (pre-COVID) an in-person gathering at a club member's home. We have occasionally had gatherings or meetings at other hamfests throughout the state. However, we've never had regular meetings in any official capacity. With the wide availability and low cost of videoconferencing solutions, the FCG leadership has decided that we'd like to have virtual club meetings every other month, starting sometime in October 2022.

In order to ensure those meetings have value for everyone, we want to schedule presentations for each meeting. The presentations should be 30-45 minutes

long with time for questions afterward, and should relate to contesting in some way. K5KG and I have had numerous discussions about the presentation topics, and we've already identified the first 4-5 presentations and presenters that we want to target. But, we need someone in the club to step up into a newly-created officer position. This person will have two primary jobs.

1. With help from the FCG officers and FCG members, identify topics that are of interest to the club and presenters who can speak knowledgeably about those topics.
2. Schedule those presentations via Zoom (or another videoconferencing software) approximately every other month.

As I said, George and I have discussed and identified 4-5 presentation topics that we think would fit the first criteria. I have spoken with some of the possible presenters in general terms. I would be happy to share/facilitate those relationships with whomever is willing to serve in this capacity. Going forward, I would be happy to help facilitate contacts for other presentations that might be of interest.

I strive to make the FCG a low-pressure environment, so know that I won't be micromanaging your work if you consider taking on this responsibility. If we miss an occasional meeting because we can't identify a presenter, or we have a meeting with no presentation, it's not the end of the world. However, in discussions with the existing officers, we were unanimous that we need someone to make this project their sole focus, rather than adding it on to one of our existing officer's duties. If you're interested or would like to know more, please contact me via email at chris.plumlee@gmail.com

73/OJ,
Chris W4WF





2022 FQP K4OJ Multi-Multi-mobile Event Timeline and Notes

By AJ Stockton, NK4O (team 15m Op)

Saturday

- 7:00 Chris and AJ leave PAL for the 3-hour trip (Gilligan's 3-hour tour?) to the LAK meeting point to meet Red and Kevin
- 10:15 The team meets/greets, checks their stations and we enjoy "lunch on the veranda" (table is the generator cover while parked in a Publix parking lot)
- 12:00 And we're off! CQ FQP on 3 bands
- 12:13 Red complains about major QSB. Red later comes in and out of self-conversations while working pileups and is nicknamed on the trip as Mr. QSB. All is good when we don't hear from Red (= busy!).
- 12:23 Time on Kevin's 40m/10m pc jumps day and time for about 10 QSO's before being noticed. Dimension4 w/ hot-spotting has been a good temp fix
- 12:38 Red yells "I got nothing!" – reason? Generator quit in LAK county.
- 12:44 Generator refilled and air in fuel line removed; repairs made to coax entry sealing system (oodles more tape is not always better, as we later found out)
- 1:17pm Mention of shock collars to keep ops focused; crew plots mutiny (aborted)
- 1:24pm Kevin and Chris horse-trade crackers
- 1:30 Red says his "K" key is sticking (types multiple K's with one keypress)
- 145pm Traffic backs up on I-275 for 10 min accident (first of *many* to follow); 1st rain begins shortly after and grows ugly. Thus begins the death spiral...
- 255pm Lightning seen from sunshine skyway bridge heading south
- 300 South of bridge More major rain and now lightning. No end in sight.
- 415 Chris stated "Wow - I'm the only one not connected to a lightning rod"; crew not smiling. Still mega-raining and lightning
- 445 Saw huge funnel cloud long near Bonita exit east side of I-75
- 451 major lightning bolts strike near us
- 515 Kevin says 'it's raining inside'; confirm water is in vehicle
- 530 Kevin key locking down – paddle has loose wire. Emergency fix made.
- 6pm Still heavy rain in all directions. The decision made to abort remaining route and head straight home to fix/prep for Sunday
- 715 Repairs start – what a mess! Cut wet carpet out, and dry vehicle with towels; spare K3 and KX3 are dry! No damage to power supplies and other electronics.
- 830 Dinner with key lime pie; everyone is tired but all smiles.
- Red and Kevin share the refrigerator box story from prior FQP with AJ – jaw drops
- 900pm Decision made to continue Sunday route as originally planned



Sunday

- 7am Red's Special K problem "fixed" with new 20m keyboard (but only for a while)
- 750 am S9 RFI on 40m from 20m station – wah! Discussion of on-road fixes
- 8am start Martin
- 855 am antenna change; installed completed new 20m antenna and coax in 10 minutes. Does not fix RFI- wah!

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2022 FQP K4OJ Multi-Mobile continued...

- Exit 166 great exit for work. No one there and no thru-road.
- Snack bags usage becomes early indicator of operating conditions
- 1100 Lunch box keeps dropping in front of clock
- 130 BAK stop - change of antennas (again) and get gas. 40m RFI now "improves" to S6-7
- 143 UNI power lines were s9 -s7 on 40 & 15
- 515 Chris jumps into the 15m station and looks like a kid in the candy store :-)
- 6pm FQP ends but heavy rains again as we pull into our stop at 6:30; have to wait 30 more minutes for it to quit
- 7pm – Team says goodbye and everyone heads home. AJ doesn't get back to DAD until about 12:30am – long day for all...



K4OJ - FQP Keylime Rotor #1 (tnx NX4N)



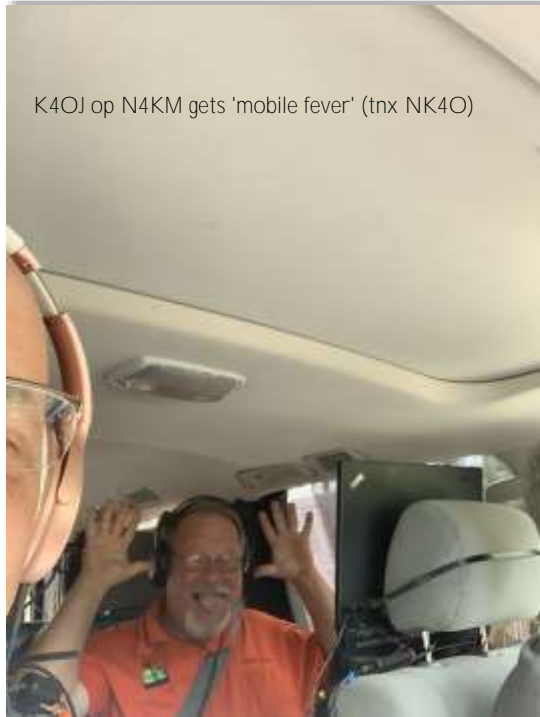
K4OJ - NX4N readies the Stations Sat Morning
(tnx NK4O)



K4OJ - NX4N wife Lili and N4KM (tnx NK4O)



K4OJ 2022 FQP - 15m 'Shack on a tray' (tnx NX4N)





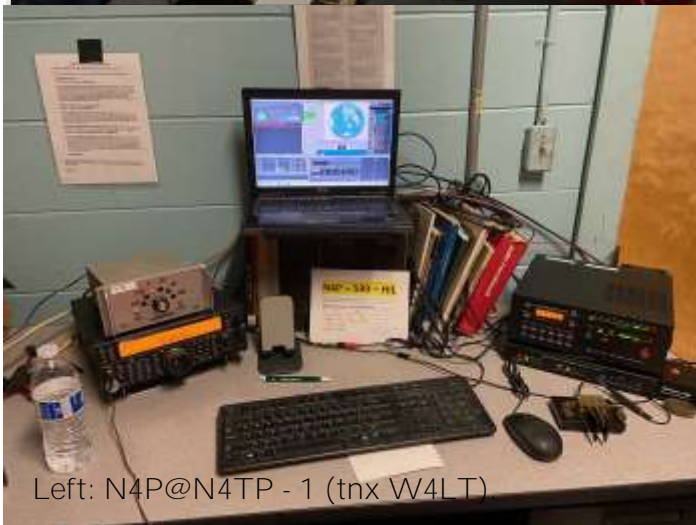
AD4ES Multi-Two-Mobile 40-15m



W4SO 20m op



Team AD4ES - W4SO, AD4ES, KE4YGT



Left: N4P@N4TP - 1 (tnx W4LT)



Above: K4EJ & W4LT making cw magic for N4P@N4TP (tnx W4LT)



What's it Like to Operate FQP Mobile?

Marty Durham, W1MD

Have you ever wondered what it's like to operate as a mobile station in the FQP?

K1XX invited me to 'give it a go' back in 2010...12 years ago and we've been doing it ever since except for Covid and one year where the antenna was knocked out (low flying railroad bridge) within 10 minutes into the FQP.

So Charlie and I have both operated from the Caribbean for many years. We've gotten used to the big antennas, amplifiers, and interlocked stations for world class M/2 setups. And the pileups...oh the pileups!

Now, take a K3, cobbled up 'table', LCD monitor mounted to the back of the passenger seat, and other sundries needed for operating...key floating around on the table, (crap, how do we turn on the keyboard lights after dark??), and multiple cell phones for tracking the drive route via GPS. Stuff all of that into an SUV (plus cooler and bags for the overnight) and get ready for 20 hours of the most fun you can have, this side of a 48 hour contest in the Carib.

Running CW from a top Caribbean station with lots of aluminum and hi power makes for a lot of stations calling and on CW, usually ZERO BEAT...most folks have had those big knob's removed and have forgotten what it is like to tune slightly off frequency to be different (very similar to the new model cars that no longer have directional indicators, or so it seems). Now, imagine that same 180 per hour kind of rate, only sitting in the back seat of an SUV cruising down the highway at 80miles an hour. Here are some of the challenges:

- Road smoothness. Amazing what the littles bumps can do when you are trying to send CW on a keyboard or with a paddle. I'm sure there were a few who thought I was a lid for calling them with extra letters in their call after working them 15 times already...but it was the road. :) Inopportune bumps that cause fingers to hit keys and add extra letters. Or, trying to use a paddle while the car is hitting every 6 inch deep pothole on the pavement.
- Driving habits that under normal circumstances wouldn't even be noticed. Coming to a sudden stop or juggling implements of communication (phones, microphones) and trying to keep the car pointed straight... :)
- Power lines!!! Oh the humanities. You think you have it bad when some momentary QRM show's up on frequency during WW CW from PJ4 etc.. Now, as you are rolling down the road getting jostled by the FDOT punishment brigade, add in those 384kv high power lines that you are going to have to drive along for 5 miles; or worse, that little 12.8kv line that has leaky insulators all along the back road you are taking to stay away from the highway! Power lines are simply brutal.
- More fun yet from a driver perspective...this happened last year as we were driving through the gulf counties (Calhoun I think). Rolling along at 55 on a 2 land road headed for the Gulf of Mexico...hmmm, getting a little dusty out there, "hey Charlie, check out the dust in the air!!" To Oh CRAP, hey Charlie, I can't see the road!!! In the space of 15 seconds we went from mild dust to a sand storm 'white out' (captured on video...pretty amazing...and scary, wondering who's coming up behind as I rapidly slow down to make sure I don't hit someone).
- Love Bugs...well, what can be said about love bugs except there ain't no love for 'em. Bring lots of paper towels, windex, and soda water.

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W1MD Mobile, Continued...

I'm sure there are things I'm missing...but add all of the above into a rolling CW 'contest' station and it is an absolute HOOT!. I was pretty skeptical when Charlie suggested it 12 years ago..."what? You want to do What?!, go mobile in the FQP??" 12 years now and running. Wouldn't miss it for the world (except Covid).

And finally, a pet 'peeve'. I know folks comment about this every year, but please, PLEASE spread out. Zero beat pileups are hard enough when you have lots of aluminum in the air and a nice contest station setup. Now mix in all of the above and it's horrible at times. It literally gets to the point where we'll just 'throw out a call'. Of course knowing so many of the stations calling are following us from county to county it's a pretty good bet you'll "hook one" and move on to the next. I can tell you though that there are a group of ops that know how to get it done with one call. Whether it's a little low or a little high... doesn't take much and you don't have to be loud. There were a number of 'weak' stations that got through every time on the first call because they were doing that. OR, mix up your CW speed. There are always the speedsters...and they stick out too. And finally, there are those that are just LOUD, and that never hurts. Just keep in mind that it just takes 20-30Hz off freq. and you'll stick out. DIL

Look forward to working all of you again next year. And a very BIG thank you to all of the stations that come to play every year. Come on down and try mobile from the Florida end sometime...it's a blast!

P.S. We used Skookum Logger this year for the first time and I have to say it was an excellent piece of SW to use. We've used several different loggers over the years and this was hands down the most solid and easy to use that I have used in the mobile configuration. What's more, nothing like getting some real time tech support for an "issue" we had...which turned out not to be an issue, well, ok, it was an RTFM issue. Bill got me squared away in short order and all was good. If you run a Mac you should check it out. 73, W1MD





FQP 2022



N4F @ W4MLB FQP (tnx N0OJ)



NA9J

N4A (tnx K5KG)

NE8P



N4A (tnx K5KG)

NE8P

NA9J



N4F @ W4MLB FQP (tnx N0OJ)



W4CU activating N4J
(tnx W4CU)



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K4FCG Mobile Coax ingress
(tnx K1KNQ)



N4G station (tnx N1TO)



W4AN
(tnx
KU8E)





FQP 2022



N4FP - 2022 Florida QSO Party CW Rover Summary

Wayne Brown, N4FP

Pete, K2PS and I had a relatively successful FQP weekend, even with antenna trouble on Sunday that forced an early end for us. Saturday we left The Villages and worked 16 counties to the west and north. We spent Saturday night at my QTH in Ocala. Marty, N4GL, had a welcome dinner ready for us at 10 pm. Sunday we headed northeast then towards Orlando when an antenna loading problem ended out operation with 3.5 hours remaining in the 20 hour contest. I dropped Pete off and when I reached home I was able to work 31 contacts in the last 15 minutes using a Ham Stick that Joe Rudi, NK7U had loaned us. We made 1507 CW contacts, averaging 90 per hour, in 28 counties. Our station, on a bench in the back seat, was a Flex 6400 running 100 watts to 3 Hustler antennas all mounted horizontal-

ly atop a 3 ft mast mag mounted to the roof. This gave us instant band switching. 20 meters was by far the best band with 1340 contacts, 119 on 40, and 48 on 15. Every time we hit a new county we had a new pileup. Pete ended up with 757 contacts and I had 750. The antenna problem turned out to be a rusted stud screw that connects the mast to the mag mount and feedline. It has been retired.





Time Traveling

Lu Romero, W4LT

Travel back in time to June 25, 1977. I made 3 QSO's from Linda and my wedding reception during Field Day 1977. Fast forward 45 years to June 25, 2022 and here Linda hands me the radio for N4TP's SSB station on our 45th wedding anniversary. She knew what she was getting into when she married a ham and has put up with my addiction for 45 years.



KS QSO Party

George Wagner, K5KG



George K5KG & Steve K4EU wearing KSQP shirts for winning multi-op category. Not in photo but also on the KSQP team was Tom, K4NMR, who was also a proud winner of a shirt.

PCARS
57th Annual Melbourne
Hamfest
hosting the
2022 ARRL Florida State
Convention

October 7-8, 2022

Melbourne Auditorium
625 E Hibiscus Blvd
Melbourne, FL 32901

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KIO Hexbeam Project

Tom Small, K4NMR

Since moving out into the country west of Dade City with about 1.1 acre and no HOA antenna restrictions, I've been looking for a less expensive option to solve my need for a directional multi-band antenna that would also fit my radio budget. Back in June I heard of a nice fellow down in Sarasota who had put up his two-year-old KIO Hexbeam for sale. With the help of George/K5KG who met me at the seller's home, we disassembled the whole thing and loaded it into the back of my truck, and brought it back to my QTH.

Project Costs:

\$250 - KIO Hexbeam 5 element/bands:
20/17/15/12/10

\$150 - Yaesu G-800DXA rotor
Thrust bearing
3 section steel push-up pole (9' sections)
steel mounting brackets rotor and thrust
bearing
11' piece of 4X4

Separately purchased:

\$163 - 150' Yaesu Rotator Cable with Assemblies
from DXengineering

\$135 - Yaesu G-800 controller from private seller

\$698 Total

The Hex is 21.5' in diameter at the top and required considerable tree topping up in the canopy above the nine-foot 4X4 already in the ground and left over from a previously installed GAP Titan antenna. The KIO Hex is up 24' at the top of the antenna and seems to be working quite well. At 24' I am not planning on using any guy wires and plan to lower/tilt the antenna for forecasted hurricanes and significant storms situations.

Once all the tree topping and canopy modifications were completed and the debris hauled off, I mounted the 4X4 that came with the mounting brackets, rotor,

thrust bearing, and push-up pole already mounted and aligned onto my existing 4X4. I Used two 10"x1/2" lag bolts, nuts, and large washers, one at the bottom and one at the top of the existing 4X4. The lag bolts allow the whole setup to be tilted over by removing the top bolt and carefully lowering/tilting the Hex down on top of a 10' ladder for maintenance, mounting, or dismounting when and as needed. Going forward, I will be reinstalling the 4X4 with a fence post hinge, pulley, and small boat hand winch in order to make the tilting process much smoother and easier.



Thrust bearing and mounting bracket as installed at previous QTH.

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Yaesu rotor and mounting bracket as installed at previous QTH.



The entire antenna disassembled and on the floor in my garage.



All the bundled Hex elements in my garage.



Short video of completed installation at my QTH. (Google Play attached)

[Video](#)



Testing to date using the following rig setup.

- ICOM-756ProIII
- LDG AT-1000ProII Autotuner (in bypass mode)
- ACOM 700S Amplifier

I do not own an antenna analyzer and used the SWR meters on both my ICOM and the ACOM AMP to take the following SWR readings.

Band	Freq	SWR	Power
20M	14150khz	1:1	600w
	14025khz	1:1	600w
	4001khz	1:1	600w
15M	21450khz	1:1	600w
	21200khz	1:1	600w
	21001khz	1:1	600w
10M	29700khz	1:1	600w
	28300khz	1:1	600w
	28001khz	1:1	600w

Currently the Hex is pointing NW and not rotating and pends the install of a new control cable and a used controller. I've made a dozen or so A/B comparisons with stations in the CW mode from MI, IN, OH, KS and Canadian stations and found the Hex to provide a considera-

ble db signal gain advantage over my 80-10M OCF Dipole which is installed on a North/South axis and up about 35 feet.

What got me started looking for a Hex was George/K5KG, who came back from Dayton all hyped up over the new Buddipole HEX. After looking at the Buddipole, I did some additional online research looking at several different HexBeam options like the MFJ as well as several other versions (and there are many). It was about then when I received a heads up email from the FCG reflector about a Ham in Sarasota selling off his gear and antennas. After researching his KIO Hex, I decided on the used KIO Hex from Sarasota and struck the deal. The KIO Hex appears to be a bit more robust than the other brands out there and more suitable for base station use.

Herewith a Link to the KIO Hexbeam webpage for much more info and pricing for anyone interested in a new HexBeam and/or a less expensive solution to the traditional tower and yagi antenna options.

<https://www.k4kio.com/store/>

Anyone interested in stopping by to have a look at this antenna is welcome to do so. Please drop me a heads up email to coordinate a visit. My address and email are both correct as posted on grz.com.

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DE K4NMR 73's



Huntsville Hamfest August 20 & 21, 2022

700 Monroe St SW, Huntsville, AL 35801

Saturday 9 AM — 4:30 PM, Sunday 9 AM — 3 PM

ARRL Southeastern Division Convention



FCAP Approved Contests thru October 2022

Stan Zawrotny, K4SBZ, FCG Frequent Contester Program Administrator



			Contest Schedule				Modes				
Contest	Type	Pts	Start		Finish		C S T I				Bands
			Date	Time	Date	Time	W	B	Y	G	
RSGB IOTA Contest	DX	5	30-Jul	1200	31-Jul	1200	C	S			80-10
Batavia FTS Contest	DX	5	6-Aug	0000	7-Aug	2359				F	80-10
ARRL 222 MHz and Up Distance Contest	Maj	10	6-Aug	1800	7-Aug	1800	C	S	R	D	U
North American QSO Party, CW Aug	Maj	10	6-Aug	1800	7-Aug	0600	C				160-10
WAE DX Contest, CW	Maj	8	13-Aug	0000	14-Aug	2359	C				80-10
Maryland-DC QSO Party	QSO	7	13-Aug	1400	14-Aug	0400	C	S	R		All
SARTG WW RTTY Contest	DX	5	20-Aug	0000	21-Aug	1600			R		80-10
ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest, Aug & Sep	Maj	10	20-Aug	0600	21-Aug	2400	C	S	R	D	U
North American QSO Party, SSB Aug	Maj	10	20-Aug	1800	21-Aug	0600		S			160-10
CVA DX Contest, CW	DX	5	20-Aug	2100	21-Aug	2100	C				160-10
Hawaii QSO Party	QSO	7	27-Aug	0400	29-Aug	0400	C	S	R	D	160-10
W/VE Islands QSO Party	DX	5	27-Aug	1200	28-Aug	0300	C	S	R	D	160-6
World Wide Digi DX Contest	Maj	10	27-Aug	1200	28-Aug	1200				D	160-10
YO DX HF Contest	DX	5	27-Aug	1200	28-Aug	1200	C	S			160-10
Kansas QSO Party	QSO	7	27-Aug	1400	28-Aug	2000	C	S	R	D	80-6
Ohio QSO Party	QSO	7	27-Aug	1600	28-Aug	0400	C	S			160-10
CVA DX Contest, SSB	DX	5	27-Aug	2100	28-Aug	2100		S			160-10
All Asian DX Contest, Phone	DX	5	3-Sep	0000	4-Sep	2400		S			160-10
CWops CW Open	DX	5	3-Sep	0000	3-Sep	2359	C				160-10
Russian RTTY WW Contest	DX	5	3-Sep	0000	3-Sep	2359			R	D	80-10
Colorado QSO Party	QSO	7	3-Sep	1300	4-Sep	0400	C	S	R	D	All
Tennessee QSO Party	QSO	7	4-Sep	1800	5-Sep	0300	C	S	R	D	All
WAE DX Contest, SSB	Maj	8	10-Sep	0000	11-Sep	2359		S			80-10
Alabama QSO Party	QSO	7	10-Sep	1500	11-Sep	0300	C	S			80-10
ARRL September VHF Contest	Maj	10	10-Sep	1800	12-Sep	0300	C	S	R	D	VU
North American Sprint, CW Sep	Maj	10	11-Sep	0000	11-Sep	0400	C				80-20
ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest, Aug & Sep	Maj	10	17-Sep	0600	17-Sep	2400	C	S	R	D	U
Scandinavian Activity Contest, CW	DX	5	17-Sep	1200	18-Sep	1200	C				80-10
Iowa QSO Party	QSO	7	17-Sep	1400	18-Sep	0200	C	S	R	D	All
Texas QSO Party	QSO	7	17-Sep	1400	18-Sep	2000	C	S	R	D	All
New Hampshire QSO Party	QSO	7	17-Sep	1600	18-Sep	2200	C	S	R	D	All
New Jersey QSO Party	QSO	7	17-Sep	1600	18-Sep	0359	C	S			80-10
Washington State Salmon Run	QSO	7	17-Sep	1600	18-Sep	2400	C	S	R	D	160-2
North American Sprint, RTTY Sep	Maj	10	18-Sep	0000	18-Sep	0400			R		80-20
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY	Maj	10	24-Sep	0000	25-Sep	2400			R		160-10
Maine QSO Party	DX	5	24-Sep	1200	25-Sep	1200	C	S			160-10
Oceania DX Contest, Phone	DX	5	1-Oct	0600	2-Oct	0600		S			160-10
Russian WW Digital Contest	DX	5	1-Oct	1200	1-Oct	1200			R	D	160-10
California QSO Party	QSO	7	1-Oct	1600	1-Oct	1600	C	S			160-10
Nevada QSO Party	QSO	7	7-Oct	0300	9-Oct	2100	C	S	R	D	All
Makrothan RTTY Contest	DX	5	8-Oct	0000	9-Oct	1559			R		80-10
Oceania DX Contest, CW	DX	5	8-Oct	0600	9-Oct	0600	C				160-10
Arizona QSO Party	QSO	7	8-Oct	1500	9-Oct	0500	C	S	R	D	160-2
South Dakota QSO Party	QSO	7	8-Oct	1800	9-Oct	1800	C	S	R	D	160-2
Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB	DX	5	9-Oct	1200	10-Oct	1200	C				80-10
Pennsylvania QSO Party	QSO	7	9-Oct	1600	9-Oct	1600	C	S	R	D	All
JARTS WW RTTY Contest	DX	5	15-Oct	0000	16-Oct	2359			R		80-10
New York QSO Party	QSO	7	15-Oct	1400	16-Oct	0200	C	S	R	D	All
Stew Perry Topband Challenge Fall	Maj	10	15-Oct	1500	16-Oct	1500	C				160
Worked All Germany Contest	Maj	8	15-Oct	1500	16-Oct	1459	C	S			80-10
Illinois QSO Party	QSO	7	16-Oct	1700	17-Oct	0100	C	S	R	D	160-2
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	Maj	10	29-Oct	0000	30-Oct	2400		S			160-10



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The Florida Contest Group



"I love contesting. There is something about the camaraderie, discipline and knowledge contesting demands that fits me; it doesn't fit everyone . . . but it sure fits me." – Jim White, K4OJ (SK)

The Florida Contest Group (FCG), an ARRL affiliated club, is Florida's amateur radio contest club. It's members share a common interest in the sport of amateur radio contesting. FCG members have a wide range of contesting experience, from beginners to World Champions. They willingly share their knowledge and skills to promote ham radio contesting in Florida. Members, who number in excess of 300, range from Jacksonville to South Florida. FCG has a "Panhandle" division for those contesters living in the Florida Panhandle who are outside the ARRL's 175 mile "club circle".

The Florida Contest Group supports and encourages all types of contesting, from HF to light, all modes, power classes and skill levels.

FCG Shirts

If you would like to purchase an FCG shirt, you may contact Joyce Ann at Stitchin' Waves in Sarasota. Joyce Ann has both Orange and White FCG shirts and FCG hats if you are interested. She embroiders the FCG Shirts with the FCG Logo and First Names and Call Signs. Hats are embroidered with the Call Sign.

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