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From the President's Corner

By Dan Street, K1TO

weepstakes SSB participation was strong, with over 20 active members. Our totals will reflect over 40 entrants this year, and it looks like we will improve on last year's 4,000,000 points from 43 entries that netted us 3rd place Medium Club. At least 8 stations got the sweep on SSB, plus W4OV's operation with the NP2B group also got one.

CQ WW CW saw some VERY disturbed conditions the first day. The K-index got to 9 at one point, almost unheard of. Many participants threw in the towel, but Sunday was terrific for those who hung in there. Down at HC8N, we did not see as much of an impact on Saturday, being right on the Equator. Since K1KI was one of the HC8 gang this time, they did not go M/S again this year and the K4XS boys were able to emerge #1 in that category – congrats! Despite the rough conditions on CW, our 88 Meg raw score (+6 more Meg from the Panhandle) far eclipses last year's published club total of 40 Meg – in fact, each mode this year exceeded the entire total from last year – wow!

FCG participation in the ARRL 10-Meter Contest was again tremendous! We won the Medium Club Category in 2000 with just over 18 Meg and followed that up with over 20 Meg this year! This was actually the only contest in 2001 that I planned to operate full-time from home. Stay tuned for more info on various members' operations in the 10-Meter Contest. If you have not sent in your electronic log yet (they are due by January 16 at 10meter@arrl.org), be sure that you spell out our club name in your entry so that the robot credits us correctly. Add – Panhandle if you are in the Panhandle group. (Due to the volume of material for this issue, Fred and I decided to postpone publishing the 10 Meter scores, analysis and stories until the next issue.)

Never even considered turning on the rig for Stew Perry this weekend. After pulling up the corner of my Inverted-L another 15' or so, it was not tuning right and I've never managed to find the time to adjust the length to resonance again. Hope some of you managed to get on and have some fun!

It was interesting to see that almost an equal number of members attended the club meeting in Palmetto at the Southeast Division Convention and the FOC dinner in Orlando the same day. K8CC and N2RM again visited our area for the holidays and a small group of us met with them on Thursday afternoon after Christmas. Still not sure whether there will be an FCG gathering at the Ft. Myers hamfest on Jan. 12.

Holiday Party arrangements are still being worked on, also. For those of you new to the club, we always plan our holiday party for January to minimize the number of conflicts that folks have with other commitments. Spouses and significant others are welcome as we minimize the serious contest talk and maximize the "getting to know each other" part, similar to the "Vicnic" that has been held the last number of summers at N4TO's.

FQP 2001 log checking hit a major speed bump when yours truly managed to overwrite my FL Excel spreadsheet, losing dozens of hours of work. I've just now managed to get back to finishing the first pass of cross-checking non-FL QSOs with FL QSOs. Anyway, it'll be exciting to finally endorse the largest number of out-of-state county sweeps ever! The amount of mobile activity this year was unprecedented and each county was covered at least twice!

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I just completed the mailing for another outgoing QSL consolidation effort. There were only 3 of us this time and the volume was not that huge, so only 4 countries warranted a direct mailing. Still, by doing this, we saved about 30%! I believe that most members can take advantage of doing this and the more that do it, the more the savings should be. I'm not necessarily volunteering to do this each time, but the benefit is tremendous and many of us could probably save our yearly club dues and then some just by pooling our outgoing bureau cards together.

Taking a few moments to step back and put things in perspective, it's really been another phenomenal year for this club! Membership increased from 73 to 105. Scores went up again in every contest we participated in. The number of meetings hit an all-time high. And we do all this with utmost integrity. I am saddened to learn of the lax approach that several other major contest clubs take towards tracking their members' meeting attendance. We refuse to give in to that and will continue to enforce the ARRL rules as they are written.

In summary, let me just say that I'm proud of each and every one in this club and how we've pulled together consistently. I'm not just referring to on-the-air contest activity and meeting attendance. We go beyond all that and help each other on a daily basis on the club e-mail reflector and in person with antenna and tower projects. We have the finest newsletter anywhere. We have the finest state QSO party anywhere. And check out the FB articles in this issue about W4ZW working with 7th graders and WD4JR's hurricane tracking activities. Who knows what our elections this coming summer will bring, so this might be my last year-end summary to report?!

That's all for now. Let's keep having fun, learning a few things along the way, and piling up those points for the FCG and FCG-Panhandle! See you at the Holiday Party, Miami, Orlando and/or Fort Walton Beach!

Happy New Year to all! Let's look forward to putting some of the ugly memories of 2001 behind us.

vy 73, Dan

Welcome Aboard



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Events Calendar

North American QSO Party, SSB 1800Z, Jan 19 - 0600Z, Jan 20

ARRL January VHF Sweepstakes 1900Z, Jan 19 - 0400Z, Jan 21

CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW 2200Z, Jan 25 - 1600Z, Jan 27

Miami Hamfest - (Tropical Hamboree) Feb 2-3

North American Sprint, Phone 0000Z - 0400Z, Feb 3

Orlando Hamcation (NFL Convention) - Feb 8 - 10

 $\mathbf{CQ/RJ}$ WW RTTY WPX Contest 0000Z, Feb 9 - 2400Z, Feb 10

North American Sprint, CW 0000Z - 0400Z, Feb 10

ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Feb 16 - 2400Z, Feb 17

CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB 2200Z, Feb 22 - 1600Z, Feb 24

ARRL Inter. DX Contest, Phone 0000Z, Mar 2 - 2400Z, Mar 3

S.E. Division Convention Meeting

By Jeff Bolda WC4E

Attendance was up this year, all tables and most outside slots were full. Icom and Kenwood had booths. Its turning out to be a very good hamfest. Well done Paul N4PK!

We had a informal get together in one of the rooms. Those in attendance were WC4E, N4GI, K4XS, K9ES, W4ZW, K4PB, WD4AHZ, NS4W, K8DSS, KU4TF, K4PK, K4FB, Guest K8FK, WB4FNH and NA4AR stepped in briefly

WC4E handed out breakdowns and discussed the upcoming ARRL 10 Meter contest. We briefly went over breakdowns and a 10M contest few tips.

George, K5KG brought his laptop and showed us a slide show from the NCCC showing a few stations from that region.

Note from WCF Section Manager AE4MR about revised Band Usage

Ed.Note: If you are in WCF, you may want to send your comments to Dave, if not, to your own Section Manager

With no new Novice operators entering the hobby I guess the re-farming of the Novice bands is inevitable yet I have some concern about the proposal to reduce the CW portion of 80, 40 and 15 meters to accommodate more room for SSB.

While I do not think many will object to allowing Novice and Tech Plus to operate on the General 80, 40, 15 and 10-meter CW allocations I do feel that this is entirely a separate issue.

I sure would like to get some of your input on this proposal. I would like you to answer the following three questions:

- 1) Do you support the reduction of the CW subband by 50 KHz on 80 meters and 25 KHz on 40 and 10 meters? Please state why.
- 2) Do you support allowing Novice and Tech Plus to operate on the General 80, 40, 15 and 10-meter CW allocations?
- 3) Do you feel that that we should recognize portions of these bands for slow CW operation?

At the right please find attached the ARRL bulletin 55 for your review.

73--

Dave Armbrust - AE4MR ARRL WCF Section Manager (941)378-1701 Fax: (941)929-0040 The ARRL Novice Spectrum Study Committee has recommended that the ARRL petition the FCC to eliminate the Novice CW sub bands and allow Novice and Technician with Element 1 credit licensees to operate CW on the General 80, 40, 15 and 10-meter CW allocations at up to 200 W output. The panel suggested recognizing portions of those bands for "slow CW operation" to aid new CW operators in enhancing their skills. The committee recommended refarming the current Novice/Tech Plus subbands, in part to allow expansion of the phone allocations on 80, 40 and 15 meters.

The committee's complete report will be presented to the ARRL Board of Directors for consideration during its annual meeting in January. The committee's determinations were based on opinions expressed by 4744 respondents to an ARRL Novice Spectrum Study survey launched in June. Those expressing their opinions included ARRL members and nonmembers. Nearly 61% of those responding were Extra class licensees.

The committee, chaired by ARRL International Affairs Vice President Rod Stafford, W6ROD, has been studying the status and usage of the Novice/Technician Plus HF bands with an eye toward determining appropriate changes in usage of that spectrum now that the FCC no longer issues new Novice licenses. A guiding principle was that no class of licensees would lose any privileges as a result of refarming.

The committee recommended expanding the phone bands in accordance with the most popular of the survey choices offered--three for 80, 40 and 15 meters and two for 10 meters. Here's a summary:

- * On 80 meters, nearly 40% of those responding opted for a plan that would extend the US phone allocation to 3700 kHz, with Extras permitted on the entire subband, and with Advanced and General class subbands starting at 3725 and 3800 kHz respectively.
- * On 40 meters, nearly half of the respondents picked the plan to extend the primary US phone allocation to 7125 kHz, with Extra and Advanced licensees allowed on the entire segment and Generals from 7175 kHz and up. (The committee's report suggested no changes to the special allocations for amateurs on certain Pacific or Caribbean islands and in Alaska.)
- * On 15 meters, nearly half of those responding wanted the US phone allocation extended to 21175 kHz, with Extras permitted on the entire allocation, and Advanced and General subbands beginning at 21200 and 21250 kHz respectively.
- * On 10 meters--where Novice and Tech Plus licensees already may operate CW, RTTY and data from 28100 to 28300 kHz, nearly 55% of the respondents favored a plan to retain the US phone allocation from 28300 to 29700 kHz and to extend CW access to Novice/Tech Plus operators to 28000 kHz-an additional 100 kHz. The current Tech Plus 28300 to 28500 kHz phone segment would be retained.

December Meeting at Bradenton

On board were Dan K1TO, Ed K8DSS, Jim K4OJ, Vic N4TO, Fred K4LQ and guests Dave K8CC and Bob N2RM.

Every couple of years Dave and Bob visit relatives and friends in Florida, so this gives us a chance to chat with some very active contesters from up North. Super stations K8CC and N2RM are well known to most FCGers, often serving as the beacon signals from their respective call areas during a contest. Unfortunately Dave and Bob were only available during a workday between Christmas and New Years, which limited attendance at the gathering.

Dave is also well known in the contesting world as the author of contesting program NA. He is very active in the Mad River Radio Club (MRRC), whose operating area encompasses mainly the state of Michigan. He is also a member of ARRL's Contest Advisory Committee. Some pictures of his station that I found on the internet are shown below.

Bob, N2RM maintains his superstation on the Jersey Shore, it has long been known for running up world beating scores in many contests operating in many different classes.

Discussions ranged from the problems to upkeep of such large stations, to a review of some of the M/M rules, to CAC Activities, and State QSO Party comparisons. Dan, K1TO showed pictures of his recent HC8 trip on his laptop.

Right Top: Dave K8CC at the main operating position

Right Bottom: A couple of the K8CC towers

Below: The K8CC Amplifier Rack





Top - Counterclockwise - Dan K1TO, Dave K8CC, Jim K4OJ, Ed K8DSS and Bob N2RM

Bottom - Counterclockwise Ed K8DSS, Bob, N2RM and Vic N4TO





ARRL DX Contest 2001 - Printed results

B=LOW C=HIGH

CW QTH	SCORE QSOs	MULTS		BANDS	_		
NF4A NFL	777,777 1001	259	В	ALL			
WB4IHI NFL	156,465 305	171	В	ALL			
KN4Y NFL	123,078 281	146	В	ALL			
N4EK NFL	95,589 247	129	В	ALL	(in a a re		an liated?)
K4RFK NFL	1650 25	22	В	ALL	(incorre	ect section	on listed?)
W7QF NFL	379,002 559	226	C	ALL	#2 LICA		
N4PN NFL	494,892 1398	118	C	15	#3 USA		
W4UM SFL	3264 34	32	В	ALL			
W4OV SFL	203,616 336	202	C	ALL			
N4GM SFL	72,900 270	90	B	10 B	A 1 1	/NIONII	on) #4 USA, NEW BECORD
K4XS WCF	4,236,012	3378	418	В	ALL	(INZINL (op) #1 USA; NEW RECORD
N4IG WCF	1,379,460	1385	332	В	ALL		
WD4AHZ	WCF 1,371,1	20	1576	290	В	ALL	
K9BG WCF	1,105,650	1154	325	В	ALL		
K1TO WCF	1,108,890	1369	270	С	ALL		
K4LQ WCF	837,516 983	284	С	ALL			
N4AO WCF	407,838 1346	101	С	10	#6 USA		
N4DL WCF	848,718 1014	279	В	ASSIST			
N8PR SFL	409,632 502	272	C	ASSIST			
K4NNN WCF	4,109,268	3092	443	C	M/S	(K4OJ.	N4KM, W1CW, W1YL ops) #6 USA
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N5TW TX	3761	476	С	M/M	•	one of 9	
C6AKP C6	2,174,232	2482	292	С	M/2	(N4RP, Dxpedt	W4SAA ops) #2 NA/#6 WORLD Joe's first ion)
C6AKQ C6	228,114 1311	58	С	40	(N4BP	op) #1 W	
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CLUB - 38 entries 27,908,142 FCG #6 Medium Category (up from #11 in 2000!)

Scores for all <u>current</u> members are listed.

Ed Note: Just so you don't think that FCG'er only Contest, see the e-mail below from Jon, W4ZW as well as the article about WD4JR on an upcoming page.

W4ZW demonstrates Ham Radio

By Jon Hamlet, W4ZW

Just spent all day demonstrating Ham Radio to all the 7th Grade Science classes at Pine View School for Gifted Children. Had the entire period to discuss morse, electromagnetic characteristics, propagation, etc, followed the last 15 minutes by On-the-Air contacts using my FT-1000 and a screwdriver antenna stuck in the ground just outside the classroom window.

Wow, had plenty of contacts on 15SSB for every class, including PAO, GU3, OK1, and every region of the US. All the guys we talked with were simply great and explained to the class where they were and a little about their QTH. Even the DX net on 15SSB took time to talk to the kids.

The response from the kids was so great, we're doing signups tomorrow for licensing classes. Maybe we can harvest a few new hams from this group.

Had to post this since I told them how I became a Ham when I was their age and it all came back. The wonder, the excitement, and all the fun I've had through the years. I've offered the school a complete HF/VHF station if they can find me a faculty sponsor. Been trying to get this done for two years now and finally got my foot in the door! Jon Hamlet, W4ZW Casey Key Island, FL

(Ed Note: the e-mail below was sent to the reflector the following day:)

We now have 42 kids who signed up today for license classes. The science teachers expect a few more tomorrow.

I'm trying to coordinate with the Principal to conduct the classes at school either before or after school.

More Contest Rumors

The following score rumors were noted in the January/ February issue of NCJ:

2001 RAC Canada Day Contest

SOAB Call	Pwr	QSOs	CW	SSB	HR	SCORE
W4SA (# 1 HP			25	16	18	107,748
N4BP # 1 QR1	•	345	25	14	16	93,182

2001 WAE SSB Contest

SOAB Call	QSOs	Mults	QTCs	Score
NF4A (# 2 LF	 393	90	392	147,580

2001 Worked All Germany (WAG)

SO/B

W4SAA (@N4BP) HP 472 99 (CW) 127,620 (# 1 HP USA,# 1 CW)



Dan, K1TO took this picture during Hurricane Gabrielle as the wind blew his antennas on the 45G tower. Note the flexing on the lower 204BA. All antennas returned to perfectly normal shape after the storm, (but we're not so sure about the operator!) See next page for more hurricane coverage.

Texas QSO Party Results - FCG # 1 of Non-Texas Clubs

NON-TEXAS CLUBS

K4FCG FLORIDA CONTEST GROUP	Club Aggregate	44194
K8MAD MAD RIVER RADIO CLUB	Club Aggregate	13501
K4TCG TENNESSEE CONTEST GROUP	Club Aggregate	10494
AJ1I YANKEE CLIPPER CONTEST CLUB	Club Aggregate	6533
W0EEE UNIV OF MISSOURI-ROLLA ARC	Club Aggregate	1054
LY7A KAUNAS UNIV TECH RADIO CLUB	Club Aggregate	189

FCG's WD4JR Active at Hurricane Center during

NEWINGTON, CT, Nov 14, 2001--Amateur Radio had an extensive emergency communication role during Hurricane Michelle. The late-season storm, boasting winds of up to 135 MPH, swept across Cuba and the Bahamas November 3-5.

The Hurricane Watch Net and W4EHW at the National Hurricane Center in Miami teamed up to provide forecasters with real-time surface reports. At one point, ham radio was a primary means of communication between Cuba and the outside world.

Amateur Radio also was used for the first time to communicate directly with a hurricane hunter aircraft as it was in the eye of a hurricane over land. As a tropical depression, the storm had lingered for almost a week drenching Nicaragua and Honduras before drifting into the Caribbean and regaining strength as a powerful Category 4 hurricane dubbed Michelle. The storm then tracked northward toward Cuba and intensified.

In response, the Hurricane Watch Net and W4EHW activated Saturday, November 3, to collect and relay essential weather data via ham radio. The HWN operates on 14.325 MHz whenever a hurricane is within 300 miles of projected landfall in the Atlantic, Caribbean or Gulf of Mexico. Anticipating a communication disruption between the NHC and Havana,

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Hurricane Center Director Max Mayfield requested that W4EHW establish a



backup ham radio link with Havana. In addition, permission was secured from the FCC for W4EHW to operate SSB on the Cuban Emergency Net frequency, which is in the US 40-meter CW subband.

"This was vital to our operations, as it allowed W4EHW to communicate directly with Cuban hams and Havana Civil Defense to relay the hurricane advisories and collect surface reports," said W4EHW Assistant Amateur Radio Coordinator Julio Ripoll, WD4JR. (Pictured at left) A primary W4EHW operation remained on 20 meters, and additional operators were added to each shift. In addition, Lionel Remigio, KC4CLD, volunteered to maintain a

third off-site operation to monitor 40 meters and relay information to W4EHW.

CL4RP on Cayo Largo, a small island off the southern coast of Cuba, was first to report landfall with 130 MPH winds and a storm surge of 18 feet above normal with 15 to 20-foot waves. "They had lost the antenna during the height of the hurricane winds, but were able to repair it and were on the air shortly after the strong winds subsided to report that all 142 people on the island had survived," Ripoll said. Reports also came in from Playa de Cajilla, where the ocean had retreated from the shoreline some 300 meters (1000 feet) due to strong northerly winds. Warnings were broadcast to keep the curious from venturing out for a look at the dry ocean bottom, as the water was expected to return quickly and without warning. Ripoll said that as Michelle moved over the mainland of central Cuba, most power and communications were knocked out completely. "Ham radio was the only form of communication left operating to and from the Cuba and within the center part of island nation," he said. Some Cuban radio stations in blackout areas were relying on advisories more than four hours old. Civil Defense in Havana also had lost its HF antenna. W4EHW on 40 meters then became the only source of current hurricane advisories, and the information was relayed by Cuban amateurs on HF and VHF. Civil Defense in Havana reported that more than 600,000 people were evacuated from coastal areas. The official death toll was put at five. Ripoll says that during Michelle, W4EHW conducted some pre-planned on-the-air testing with the Hurricane Hunter Airplane NOAA-42, piloted by Captain Dave Tennesen NL7MT. The aircraft made several eye penetrations and perimeter passes as the hurricane was making landfall over Cuba. "These experiments were planned to test the effective frequencies to be used to communicate directly to the Hurricane Center as a back-up link," Ripoll said. Tennesen was able to check into the Hurricane Watch Net and got a good signal report from Bob Botik, K5SIV, in Texas. But W4EHW could barely hear the Hurricane Hunter, Ripoll said, until both stations moved to 40 meters. Ripoll said the on-the-air tests were also important to test the HF antenna on the Hurricane Hunter that replaced one taken out by a lightning strike.



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Bahamas



As Michelle moved into the Bahamas, hams and boaters there sent reports throughout the day on Monday, November 5. Ripoll said Carolyn Wardle, C6AGG, from New Providence Island, reported frequently as the eye of Michelle moved over her house.

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The Hurricane Michelle visible satellite image on November 2. [NOAA Image]

Ripoll said that one of the most important communication from the Bahamas came from Wayne Wilkinson, KC4CYK/C6A, on his 42 foot sailboat docked at tiny Highbourn Cay, located between New Providence and Eleuthera islands. "As Michelle started to lose its classic form and the eye became difficult to see, the hurricane forecasters were considering lowering the warnings," Ripoll said. "Wayne had just reported winds of 87 knots (100 MPH) with gust of 100 knots (115 MPH)." Ripoll said Wilkinson's report caught Mayfield's attention, and, ultimately, the warnings were not lowered. The Hurricane Watch Net and W4EHW secured operation later on November 5 after receiving reports from stations in Cuba, the Caymans, Bahama and the Florida Keys. "We sincerely appreciate the support and cooperation of all hams who have graciously allowed a clear frequency on 14.325 during these times of significant threat to life and property," said Assistant HWN Manager Mike Pilgrim, K5MP.

Ripoll also expressed his appreciation to the dozens of volunteers who participated in the Hurricane Michelle activation. "We congratulate the Hurricane Watch Net control stations for an excellent job maintaining continuous communications from the affected areas to the Hurricane Center throughout Hurricane Michelle and also to the many stations in the affected areas for sending valuable measured weather surface reports and visual observations." he said

The Northern Florida Emergency Net also activated during Hurricane Michelle.

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Florida Contest Group Claimed Scores - CQWW SSB 2001

CALL	CAT	FCG Scores	
N4TO	M/M	12,682,615	Ops: AE4SW,K1TO,K5KG,K8DSS,N2NL,N4KM,NS4W,W4IR,WD4AHZ(AII FCG)
PJ2Z	M/S	4,736,000	Ops: WC4E,(FCG) KU8E,N8VW,K8NZ,W0CG,(Non FCG)(FCG gets 25% of score)
NT4TT	M/S	1.495,873	Ops: NT4TT, N4GI, (FCG) N4ZIQ, (Non FCG)(FCG gets 66% of score)
K4FK	M/S	1,031,535	Ops: N8PR,W4OV,W4SAA,W4DTA,(FCG) WA2YMX,KF9YL,AD4Z,WC4H(Non FCG) (FCG gets 50 % of scores)
KQ0Q	MS	394,338	(Fed gets 30 70 th scores)
NA4CW K4FB	SOQRP10M SOQRP	216,805 20,790	More PJ2Z Pictures
N4BP ND4AA N4RP	SOLP10M SOLP10M SOLP10M	507,130 112,860 96	
K9ES	SOHP40M	88,068	
N4IG K4LAW KK4TA W4EBA WD4JR	SOABLP SOABLP SOABLP SOABLP SOABLP	1,342,016 489,514 377,655 185,866 177,429	
KP3Z K4XS K4VUD N4EK K4LQ	SOABHP SOABHP SOABHP SOABHP	8,500,000 6,194,364 1,857,518 404,544 268,336	Op: NP4Z (FCG)
W7QF W3TMZ	SOABHP SOABHP	231,072 39,235	USA Tower - Rotatable CL-33 at top, 5 el 20 , 2 3el 10's, and a 6 meter beam at top.
KE1F N4DL K1PT	SOABLP A SOABLP A SOABHP A	279,660 83,122 2,307,410	
K0LUZ	SOHP10M A	422,295	
FCG Tot		42,960,273	The same
FCG Par	nhandle Scores		Support at P 127

N4PN M/S 5,269,043 Ops: N4OX,NF4A, KB4ET,(FCG), and K4WA, non - FCG FCG Panhandle gets 75% of score

Note: Score reductions on stations using non-FCG or FCG Panhandle operators have already been deducted in the figures shown above.

More PJ2Z Pictures



USA Tower - Rotatable CL-33 at top, 5 el 20, 2 3el 10's, and a 6 meter beam at top.



Sunset at PJ2Z

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Jeff Bolda, WC4E and Ron Harps, K8NZ. Two past WRTC participants and PJ2Z operators

Florida Contest Group Claimed Scores: CQWW CW 01

CALL	CAT	Q	Z	С	FCG Score	s
K4XS	M/S	4109	186	638	9,753,688	Ops: N4XS, N2NI, N6MJ
N4TO	M/S	3064	171	591	6,582,156	Ops: N4TO,W4IR,W4QM,AE4SW
K4NNN	M/S	3100	167	575	6,531,826	Ops: W1CW,W1YL,K4OJ,N4KM T93M/W4,K0LUZ
HC8N	M/M	17825	211	749	5,071,392	Ops: K1TO + 9 non-FCG
K5KG	M/M	2366	150	507	4,454,560	Ops: K5KG, WD4AHZ
C6AKP	M/M	2275	101	282	1,988,530	Ops:N4RP,W4SAA
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K1PT	SOABHP	2258	149	509	4,275,684	
N2AN	SOABHP	2662	144	433	4,426,744	Op: WC4E
N4ZIQ	SOABHP	1333	77	237	1,224,286	Op: N4GI
K4PB	SOABHP	703	114	243	900,290	
K4LQ	SOABHP	620	88	281	653,499	
N8PR	SOABHP	420	89	233	378,028	
W4ZW	SOABHP	88	35	65	23,500	
W7QF	SOABHP	68	26	35	13,348	
W4SO	SO40MHP	838	32	111	341,484	Operating @ N8PR's station
N4IG	SOABLP	1210	111	368	1,659,735	
WD4JR	SOABLP	450	85	36	407,670	
W3TMZ	SOABLP	292	257	95	274,208	
W4OV	SOABLP	261	63	161	165,088	
W4EBA	SOABLP	266	55	143	143,352	
N4EK	SOABLP	233	43	125	110,040	
K4KUZ	SOABLP	143	44	105	60,345	
N4QV	SOABLP	39	12	27	4,368	
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HI3K	SO15MLP	2284	35	118	865,521	Op: AD4Z New Record
	SO10MLP	394	31	109	158,060	0. 14014
	SO10MLP	510	122	35	231,575	Op: N4GM
N4BP	SO10MLP	1470	34	112	617,580	

FCG Total

51,316,463 (Note: Score reductions on stations using non FCG or Panhandle operators have already been deducted)

FCG-Panhandle Claimed Scores

N4PN	SO40MHP	1051	39	124	469,440
KN4Y	SO10MLP	319	28	78	91,584
NF4A	SOABLP	134	48	71	44,030

FCG Panhandle Tot

605,054

Ed. Note QRX for an HC8 Trip Article from K1TO



Julio, AD4Z at the controls of HI3K, where he ran up a record score of 865,521 in a 15 Meter Single Band effort.



"Man, that 263 hour was fun!!"

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SS CW Claimed Score

Florida Contest Group

CALL	CAT	QSOS	MULTS	SCORE	
NA4CW	SO QRI	P 520	79	82,160	
K4FB	SO QRI		61	19,886	
N4PK	SO QRI		42	4956	
K4UCF	SO Sch	ո 51	32	3264	Op: NS4W
K0LUZ	SO LP	1016	80	162,560	@ N4WW
W4AA	SOLP	585	80	93600	
W4EBA	SO LP	300	74	44,400	
W4OV	SO LP	263	73	38,398	
W7QF	SO LP	246	75	36,900	
K9ES	SO LP	250	65	32,500	
W3TMZ	SO LP	200	71	28,400	
W4ZW	SO LP	171	57	19,494	
K1PT	SO HP	1181	80	188,960	
K4OJ	SO HP	1091	80	174,560	
N4AO	SO HP	1005	80		Op: WC4E
W4MOT	SO HP	940	78		op: W4FMS
W4SAA	SO HP		79	145,676	
K4WJ	SO HP	-	80	81,760	
K4LQ	SO HP	370	76	56,392	
NJ4M	M/S	966	80	154,560	Ops: G4BUE WD4AHZ
N4TO	M/S	1132	80	181,120	Ops:K1TO, N4TO
K5KG	U	1029	80	164,640	
N2NL	U	251	78	39,146	
Club Total:				2,060,722	
			•	_,,	
FCG Panhandle					
NF4A	SO LP	667	80	106,720	
KN4Y	SO LP	256	73	38,690	
N4OX	SOLP	122+		,	
Other FCG Oper					
NP2B	SOLP	1085	80	173,600	Op: N4BP
AA4Z	SOLP	7+			

Known active, scores unknown - KE1F, K8DSS, KB4N, N4RP, N4DL

CQ-M Contest Results - Top 5

United States of America (K)

N4BPSOMB-CW 39672 227 551 72N6ZZSOMB-CW 27027 159 429 63W4SAASOMB-CW 25482 154 411 62K9NWSOMB-CW 14847 120 303 49NJ4MSOMB-CW 14658 140 349 42

Three of the top five USA are FCG Members!

2001 NAQP SSB Results

Florida Contest Group

Call	Score	QSO's	Mults
N4XS	226,216	1019	222 # 2 USA
N4AO	66,825	495	135 (WC4E)
N4IG	23,688	252	94
W4SAA	16.116	204	79
KK4TA	16,044	191	84

In the Team Scores:

FCG # 1 was in 5th Place scoring 332,847 (K4XS. N4AO, N4IG, W4SAA)

NAQP 2002 CW TEAMS

FCG # 1	FCG # 2
K5KG	W4ZW (P/T)
W4SAA	W4EBA (P/T)
N2NL	KN4Y (P/T)
N4OX	N4AO (P/T)
K4OJ	, ,

Scores received at press time:

N2NL 1	1209	290	350,610	@K1PT
N4IG	516	188	97,008	
W4SAA	496	192	95,232	
W4ZW	387	150	58,050	
KN4Y	296	117	34,632	
N4AO	171	101	17,271	
W4EBA	140	72	10,080	



Dave, N2NL operating at the K1PT shack during NAQP CW

Florida Contest Group

Claimed Scores - SS Phone

Call K4XS WC4E	Category SOHP SOHP	y Hours 24 24	QSOs 2023 1803	Multip 80 80	323,680 288,480	
K4VUD N4BP	SOHP	20 14	1400 1400	80 80	224,000 224,000	Approximate Score
K5KG	SOLP	13.5	718	80	114,880	
N4IG	SOLP	16	485	79	76,630	
N4PK	SOLP	13	456	78	71,136	
KB4N	SOLP	9.5	329	76	50,008	
WD4AH2			337	71	47,854	
W4EBA	SOLP	12	295	76	44,840	
K8DSS	SOLP	6	224	69	30,912	
K4FCG	SOLP	6	226	67	30,284	Op: K4OJ
N4GI	SOLP	8	225	66	29,700	
W7QF	SOLP		161	76	24,472	
K0LUZ	SOHP (L		585	80	93,600	
W3TMZ	SOLP (U	I)	77	74	11,396	
W4ZW	SOLP (U	l) 2	73	37	5,402	
K4FB	SOQRP	7.5	165	63	20,790	
K4UCF	SOSCH	5	326	68	44,336	Op: NS4W
FCG Tot	al				1,756,400	
FCG Par	nhandle					
N4PN	SOLP	24	1559	80	249,440	
NF4A	SOLP	11	777	80	124,320	
					,	
Other FCG Opertions:						
NP2B	M/S	22	1683	80	269,280	Ops: W4OV, W2UDT
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Believed Active but scores unavailable: ND4AA, K4RFK, KK4TA

ARRL June VHF Contest 2001 - Printed results

A=6M B=2M C=222 D=432 E=1296

CALL	QTH	SCORE	QSOs	MULT	s PWR	BANDS
WB4IHI	NFL	510	30	17	LOW	AB
NW5E	NFL	31,392	251	109	HIGH	ABCDE
N8PR	SFL	10,650	150	71	LOW	Α
W4SLR	SFL	190	19	10	LOW	Α
K4FB	WCF	19,440	224	81	LOW	ABD
N4PK	WCF	1,000	42	20	LOW	ABCDE



Congrats to Dick N4RP on 50 Years of ARRL Membership. Dick becomes the second FCG member to cross this threshold, the other being Bob, W1CW

Florida Contest Group 160 Meter Contest Claimed Scores

Call	Category	QSOs	Sect	DX	Multiplier	Scores
N4BP	M/S	517			70	74,270Op: N4BP. W4FMS
K1PT	M/S A	345	64	6	72	49,980
K4PB	M/S A	325	66	5	71	47,428
K5KG	M/S A	229			55	22,685
NS4W	M/S A	38	20	2	22	1,804
N4AO	SOHP	252	54	4	58	30,102 Op. WC4E
W7QF	SOHP	199	56	5	61	23,128
N8PR	SOHP	162	52	6	58	20,242
W4SAA	SOHP	185	47	4	51	19,635
K4LQ	SOHP	161	48	3	51	17,034
W4OV	SOHP	113			40	9,400
W4AA	SOLP	197	47	2	49	19,747
NJ4M	SOLP	145	42	2	46	13,156 Op: WD4AHZ
N4EK	SOLP	74	26	1	27	4,158
K4RFK	SOLP	34	19	2	21	1,554
Club Total						354,323
			FCG Panhandle			
N4PN	SOHP	1069	77	15	92	200,109
KN4Y	SOLP	200			40	19,747
			Other	Scores		
VP5DX	SOHP	712			72	102,528 Op: NU4Y
AA4Z	SOHP	320	66	8	74	43,824

FCGer 5U7JK to host Dxpedition

I2UIY, Paolo Cortese, says plans for his expedition to Niger, Africa are firming up. Airline tickets are now in hand for the February 3-18 operation. Seven operators will keep three stations on the air on SSB, CW, RTTY and PSK31, 160-6M. A station will be on 160/80 every night. Their web site is http://www.qsl.net/niger-2002.

Below are a couple pictures from Jim Knowlton 5U7JK who is a missionary in Niamey, Niger Republic





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