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From the President's Corner

By Dan Street, K1TO



Happy New Year! By all accounts, 2012 should be a terrific year for the FCG. Sunspots are back in abundance, membership is at an all-time high, a special 15th-year FQP is planned (and conditions *have* to be better than in 2011), our Orlando and Melbourne events will likely be bigger than ever...

As predicted, 10 Meters came alive this fall, making the three CQ WW weekends and ARRL 10 *much* better contests than they have been in 7-8 years. The FCG was ready for the challenge, as the scores listed in this issue show! We may not have run away from the pack in ARRL 10 as we did in 2010, but the "fun factor" was higher for all of us. Thanks to all of you who made some time to get on the air and support the FCG cause this fall!

The FQP 2012 will be the 15th running since the FCG revived it starting in 1998. The words "FLORIDA QSO PARTY" just happen to contain 15 letters, so we will get 15 fixed stations on the air with 1x1 callsigns that end in those letters.

On a solemn note, it was certainly an unpleasant surprise to learn of W4ZW's sudden passing. Jon was a frequent contributor of good information to our e-mail reflector discussions, particularly when it came to gear comparisons. Jon did a great job with promoting ham radio at several schools in the Sarasota area and many new hams were licensed as a result. We all talk about the absence of youth in our hobby and Jon made the effort to actually do something about it. RIP, Jon.

Despite miserable weather for the Melbourne hamfest, many of you still ventured out to make the most of it. The FCG-hosted Contest Forum was again well-attended, with some interesting and thought-provoking presentations. We will expand the discussion time with the panel of experts next time, as that was a big hit.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in Orlando in a few weeks. Between the Contest Dinner & Hospitality Suite on Friday evening, and the luncheon/meeting on Saturday, plus the largest hamfest outside of Dayton, there are more opportunities to visit with your fellow members than at any other time during the year.

Kirk, K4RO is an enthusiastic supporter of contesting and is already making positive inroads with the NCJ. Yaesu came through again with the very generous donation of an FT-950 to be raffled off at dinner! There will be lots of other prizes, too, and your chance to win is included in the already-reasonable price of the dinner!

Thanks to all who contributed material for this issue of the Gazette, and to Fred K4LQ who painstakingly incorporated it all so well.

OJ! GO FCG!!! Vy 73, Dan K1TO

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FCG Contest Dinner - Friday, February 10

By Chris Plumblee WF3C

Just another friendly reminder to submit your payment if you'd like to attend the 2012 FCG Contest Dinner. \$20 per attendee via check to K4LQ (CBA) or \$21 per person via PayPal to blake@n4gi.com



Details of the dinner have been discussed before, but you should really make plans to come if you can get to the Orlando Hamcannon. We'll have free domestic bottles with your paid admission, a speech by new NCJ editor K4RO, and food and fellowship with fellow testers. Come one, come all!

Tickets can be picked up at the door starting at 5 pm. Dinner starts at 6. The address is 2101 Lee Road in Orlando.

We have just received word confirming the availability of our grand raffle prize for the Contest Dinner. It gives me great pleasure to announce that Yaesu has returned as the title sponsor, and is providing a brand new FT-950 (see below) as the grand raffle prize. Your dinner ticket is your raffle ticket, and only 100 tickets will be sold for the dinner and raffle.

You have an excellent chance to win this HF/6m transceiver if you attend the dinner.

73/Chris WF3C

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Dues Reminder

Dues are due 1 January. \$5 to Fred Perkins, 3437 Lake Josephine Drive, Lake Placid FL 33852. Collections will continue through the end of February. Unpaid dues as of 1 March will result in the member being dropped from the roster. Not sure of your dues status? Drop me a note at e-mail fperkins@htn.net.

73/Fred K4LQ, Treasurer - FCG

Welcome Aboard



The following new members have joined FCG since the last newsletter:

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Jon Hamlet W4ZW SK

Ed. Note: The following was written by Jack Sproat W4JS and is reprinted by permission from the January edition of the TARC newsletter "The Communicator"

At our 14 December meeting President Stew Haag-W4MO advised all present of the sudden and untimely passing of TARC stalwart Jon Hamlet-W4ZW. None of those who knew Jon can fully understand this loss.

Around 1990 Jon learned the Russian language and went over to Moscow to start up a Radio Shack facility that became more like a current Best Buy store. He witnessed the fall of communism in the Soviet Union and the birth of capitalism in Russia. If you were fortunate, you attended our meeting when Jon gave an in-depth overview of his experience over there.

Jon was truly an entrepreneur, and your editor recalls going with Dick Dean (SK) for lunch with Jon and some local QCWA members at a restaurant in North Venice around 1999. There was a beautiful Ferrari roadster in the parking lot. When comment was offered, Jon responded that it was his, but it was a copy of a Ferrari and built on a Corvette chassis. He had a plant over near Orlando where they made these cars for use in the TV series "Miami Vice." Couldn't have "Sonny Crockett" taking chances with real Ferraris! Excessive environmental regulations led to closure of that plant.

Jon was originally from Kentucky and was first licensed at age 15. Jon operated 99.9% CW; in fact, he dropped the "h" from his name to speed up his CW sending. And he was great, at home in that mode. Operating CW during our 2010 Special Event Station K4S venture, he rattled off CW QSOs at a rate faster than two per minute.



Jon's shack on Casey Key was set up with a multitude of radios, amplifiers and beams on top of his roof. He also had a smaller setup out in Breckenridge, Colorado, up some 10,000' ASL

With over 14,000 "hits" on this QRZ.com page, you know that he was an active ham.

Jon loved to keep on the cutting edge of electronic technology, and would often arrive at a TARC meeting with his latest miniaturized computer. After he had studied Windows 7 to his content, he gave a PP presentation of the features of this new Microsoft OS.

Jon became devoted to establishing a ham radio club at Pine View School a couple years ago. Jon developed a training program to assist interested students in getting their Technician licenses. He and some other TARC members devoted countless hours to setting up equipment and getting antennas up on the roof.

In a similar manner, Jon and George Becht-N2SQ, Director of the Sarasota Military Academy ham radio club station W4SMA worked together to train a number of students for their Technician licenses. Jon and George developed a close relationship that has endured



Jon was extremely proud of his SMA-W4SMA golf shirt, and was wearing it when we saw him at the Tampa Bay Hamfest on 03 December. Who could imagine it was to be the last time? It's obvious that Jon affected many people of all ages and walks of life, and all will have memories of this man.

*Some people come into our lives and quickly go.
Some stay for a while, leave footprints on our hearts, and we are never, ever the same.*

~Flavia Weedn, Forever

SO2R in the 2011 FQP

By Terry Burkholder N4TB

Operating SO2R (Single Operator Two Radios) has been a passion of mine for years. Because of job and other commitments I was unable to operate full time in contests so SO2R was a way to maximize the number of QSO's in shorter operating periods. My first SO2R station in 1982 was a pair of Collins 75A4 receivers and KWS-1 transmitters. No computer, no transceiver, lots of knob turning to change bands but it worked!



1982 SO2R setup at W5XJ

My current SO2R station consists of two Yaesu FT-1000 MP radios. Antennas for the FQP were a 4 element yagi for 20 meters at 70 feet and a 4 element yagi for 15 meters 70 feet. 40 meters was an inverted Vee at 60 feet.

Having just completed building a new SO2R controller, that would utilize some of the advanced SO2R features of the N1MM Contest Logging program, I decided the 2011 FQP would be an excellent time to put it to the acid test.

Operating SO2R has become much easier over the years. Computer logging programs and computer controlled radios have matured to where you seldom even touch your radio. From the keyboard you can change bands, change frequency, adjust the RIT, and the logging program will automatically reset the RIT to zero after a QSO. QSO's are always logged on the correct band. Best of all, is not having to interpret your hand written logs after the contest!



N4TB SO2R Station 2011

Conditions prior to the FQP weekend were poor and did not improve over the weekend. 20 and 40 were the "go to" bands, 20 during the day and 40 after dark. My strategy was to keep the primary radio on 20 during the day and 40 at night and use the second radio to pick up mults and additional QSO's. The one bright spot was that we did not have to contend with the SP RTTY contest QRM on 40 meters although it turned out that the PSK31, SSB and JT65 QRM above 7030 KHz proved to be just as disastrous. Staying out of the mobile sub band on 40 really makes it tough for fixed stations.

In the FQP we here in Florida have the luxury of being the "hunted" instead of the "hunter", it is like being a rare DX station in a DX contest. Most stations are tuning and listening for Florida stations so optimizing your time spent calling "CQ" will increase the number of QSO's you make. I won't challenge N4BP as "King of the F1 key" but if you don't call CQ you won't get a reply! Optimizing your CQ time, especially in a contest like the FQP, is the key to maximizing your score.

Table 1 shows the breakdown of QSO's by band and radio. Out of the total of 983 QSO's 190 were made on the second radio.

Band	Total Q	Q Radio 1	Q Radio 2
40	348	239	109
20	578	554	24
15	57	0	57
10	0	0	0
Total	983	793	190

Table 1 - N4TB FQP 2011 QSO's by Band

The first hour, always the most exciting for fixed stations, was spent almost entirely on 20 meters as the pile up subsided I did manage two QSO's on the second radio on 15 meters towards the end of the first hour. Total QSO's for the first hour were 105.

As shown in Table 1 the primary radio stayed on 20 or 40 meters. The second radio was on 40 or 15 looking for new stations. I did tune 10 meters several times but heard no signals so did not waste time calling CQ. Most of the 40 meter QSO's on the second radio were made in the morning, after 20 had opened and late in the afternoon. There was never enough activity on 15 meters to justify "running" on that band so all 57 15 meter QSO's were made on the second radio.

The biggest problem most of us have with operating SO2R, after getting it all set up and working, is with the audio. Listening to audio from two radios at the same time can be difficult and confusing. Using the Push to Talk command to switch the audio to the second radio is the most common method used. I found it very distracting to have the audio from the second radio blasting in my ears when I was trying to send with the paddle or using an "F" key to ask for a repeat on the primary radio. I tried manual switching, which worked well, but it was easy to get lazy and not listen to the second radio. The N1MM software offers an excellent solution to this problem.

The N1MM "stereo" macro can be used to switch the audio when you want it switched by embedding the "stereo" macro in the "F" key command line. YOU can determine when you want to listen to the second radio. I inserted the "stereo" command in the F1 (CQ), F2 (Exchange) and F3 (TU - QRZ) key command lines

The audio automatically switches to the other radio when one of these keys is pressed. It does not switch when you are sending with the paddle or using one of the other "F" keys to ask for a repeat. The only way it can be turned off is to change the "F" key command line so it forces you to utilize the second radio. Switching the audio between radios with the "stereo" macro meant that I was only listening to the audio from one radio at a time.

Some SO2R controllers do not support this macro so make sure the one you are thinking about does. I found that using the "stereo" macro solved the audio dilemma and made operating SO2R much more enjoyable and greatly reduced the fatigue of operating two radios.

Table 2 is my QSO breakdown by hour and radio. It shows that the only hour that I did not make a QSO on the second radio was the last hour of the contest on Saturday night. With the poor conditions, 20 and 15 were dead, all 78 QSO's in that hour were made on 40 meters.

Hour	Total Q	Radio 1	Radio 2	Total
16	105	103	2	105
17	54	49	5	159
18	45	37	8	204
19	60	57	3	264
20	63	51	12	327
21	60	36	24	387
22	52	26	26	439
23	80	54	26	519
0	83	79	4	602
1	78	78	0	680
Day 2				
12	37	32	5	717
13	37	32	5	754
14	41	31	10	795
15	27	15	12	822
16	22	11	11	844
17	29	21	8	873
18	18	16	2	891
19	30	22	8	921
20	22	15	7	943
21	40	28	12	983

N4TB FQP 2011 QSO's by Hour

The N1MM Contest Logging program has a function called "Duelling CQ's" in which you call CQ on one radio and while you are listening for a reply on that band, the second radio is calling CQ on a second band. If you did not get a reply on the first band the RX focus is switched to the second radio so you can listen for a reply on that band. When you get a reply you type the call into the entry window and press the appropriate "F" key to send the exchange. The qso is logged on the correct band. Press the F1 key and the process starts all over again. The process sounds a lot more difficult than it really is. The N1MM software keeps the RX focus on the correct entry window and switches the TX focus to the RX window when you press an "F" key so you reply to the answering station on the correct band and the QSO is logged on the correct band. The "Duelling CQ" function enables you to cover two bands at the same time and still remain in the "single op" category.

Of course not all of the QSO's made on the second radio were from calling CQ. You have plenty of time to tune the second radio while the primary radio is transmitting. During the daylight hours I would periodically use the second radio to check 40, 15 and 10 meters which resulted in several QSO's on 40 and all of the 57 QSO's on 15 Meters. The second radio added only 3 DX multipliers, YV, CM and XE.

By far Saturday was the most fun I have had in a contest in many years. On Sunday the rates were much slower and the second radio played a more important role. On Saturday only 16% of my QSO's were made on the second radio. On Sunday 26% of my QSO's were made on the second radio.

Many of the second radio QSO's on Sunday would have been missed if I was using only one radio. I feel sure that if I had just used one radio my QSO total would have been higher than 793 but probably only by a few QSO's. Using the "Dueling CQ" function does take some practice but it quickly becomes second nature and you concentrate on making QSO's without worrying about which radio/band you are using.

The "stereo" macro solves the age old dilemma, of how to switch the audio, that has always been present with SO2R operation. The reduction in operator fatigue was amazing. That along with the "dueling CQ" function brings SO2R to a new level. The keyboard commands will quickly become second nature and you will concentrate on making QSO's

983 QSO's using low power is a new record for me in the FQP. The new SO2R controller worked flawlessly as did the N1MM software. The "stereo" command made it easy to concentrate on the QSO you were making without the added confusion of the audio from the second radio. Thanks to the folks who stood by for a few seconds while I completed a QSO on the other radio. I am already looking forward to FQP 2012.

73, Terry N4TB

Those Were The Days

By George Wagner K5KG



In return for cutting Ray Snyder's (W9???) lawn, he built me an 807 transmitter and ps from his junk box. As I recall, the time to cut the lawn was about the same as the time to build the tx. An early lesson was learned by touching the B+ lead on the unplugged ps that still had a charge from the electrolytic caps!

I was a brand new KN9KBW in October 1957 in Kokomo, IN. Ray and many of my other early Elmers were all engineers at Delco Radio where all of the GM car radios were built. An other Elmer was Les Gregg, W9IU. That call is now held by Don, W9IU, also in Kokomo and retired from Delco. The Kokomo ARC was full of Delco engineers who really knew how to manufacture radios. That talent is all gone now, as the GM radios are all now built in XE-land.

73, Geo...

Contributors to This Issue

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73 Magazine Archived on Net

The Internet Archive project has just published nearly every issue of defunct 73 magazine, all the way back to January 1961. While dominated by the editorial adventures of Wayne Green W2NSD, the magazine also featured loads of simple (sometimes too-simple) construction articles, expedition adventure writing by Gus Browning W4BPD and others, and had a loyal following for many years. You may read the material online or download PDF files. (Thanks Leigh WA5ZNU via the QRZ.com website) Details at the url below:

<http://www.archive.org/details/73-magazine>

Christmas e-mail from WJ9B

Hello FCG!

I made it; it took me and my two brothers 45 hours of non-stop driving ...Gainesville to Boise, Idaho. Then I had to store everything for several months.

I'm now living in my house and new location in Middleton, Idaho, zoned agricultural, no permits required, PRB-1 backed by the State. I should have no problems. Excellent aquifer. I hope to have enough antennas up to do WPX CW in May.

I'll visit FL from time to time as some of you discovered during ARRL DX 160 CW contest....I did a multi single 160 with N2CEI and K4SME, Live Oak, FL.

BTW, I met Greg, N4CC, at a local club meeting in Boise.

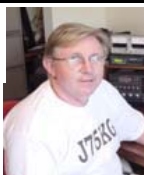
Wishing you all Happy Holidays and the best in 2012.

Peace!
73, Will, wj9b, dit dit

PS: I worked 165 JAs on a wire LP in CQ WW CW but working EU across the pole will be a challenge, indeed!

Melbourne Hamfest Contest Forum

By George Wagner K5KG



Dan, K1TO, hosted the Contest Forum. Dan started off with a few words about the Florida Contest Group, and invited anyone with an interest in contesting to join. There were 40-50 attendees at one point or another. Thanks to Chris, WF3C, pizza and sodas were available for all who attended the Forum, courtesy of the FCG.

Charlie, K1XX, made a presentation about an operation on Bonaire at PJ4G for the 2011 ARRL DX SSB. In addition to Charlie, K1XX, the other ops were FCger Marty, W1MD, plus K1DG, K1QX and host K2NG. Charlie showed pictures of the current station, two towers, and antennas. Prior to the contest, Charlie actually carried a new, unassembled Force12 C-19 tri-bander to Bonaire for installation in the days before the contest. Details of the very effective Beverage and tri-band receiving antennas were also shown. During the contest, ten meters finally started to show signs of improving conditions with just under 3400 contacts on that band alone. The final score before log checking was just over 12 million points with over 12k QSOs.

George, K5KG, presented a talk and photos of the J7A contest operation that took place in Dominica in May for the 2011 CQ WPX CW Contest. A team consisting of George, K5KG, Dan, K1TO, Jim, W19WI and Annette, Jim's XYL, and Chris, NX4N, and his brother, Matt set up Field Day style at a favorite location on the north-east coast of the island. Three stations were set up for a multi-two contest operation. When the dust settled, the team had scored 20.7 megs in the contest with a total of 5300 QSOs. Outside of the contest they racked up an additional 4000+ QSOs signing J79FCG

Dan introduced the group to the World Radiosport Team Championship (WRTC). WRTC is a competition of 100+ top flight contest operators who all meet together at a chosen world site to participate in the July IARU Contest. WRTC events have been held every few years since the first one took place in Seattle in 1990. Dan played a fast-faced promotional video of the WRTC operations to acquaint the attendees to the concept of the WRTC, and let us know that the next WRTC will be held in New England in 2014. The official web site of the WRTC is <http://www.wrtc2014.org> Dan presented the idea of the FCG sponsoring one or two tents at the 2014 event

Following the presentations, Dan led a panel discussion and a Q&A session with some of our world-class FCG contest operators.

All of the panel members reinforced the idea that advance planning and testing of the station, antennas, logging software, network, etc., along with keeping one's Butt In Chair were of prime importance. Also, of key importance was setting objectives to be achieved in advance of each contest. We handed out a Contesting Do's and Don'ts paper that outlined specific suggestions of things to do before, during, and after each contest. This paper will be available on the FCG web site. The panel discussion was a big hit with the group, and we will look to having similar panel discussions at future FCG get-togethers.

George, K5KG

Below - Top to Bottom - Dan K1TO, Charlie K1XX and George K5KG giving presentations.



Contest Forum In Progress



Above - Two versions of the same picture - R-L:
 Dan K1TO, George K5KG, Ron K8NZ, John
 N4EEB, Charlie K1XX, Bill K4XS, Bob N4BP,
 Dan W4UH
 Below R -L George K5KG, Ron K8NZ, John
 N4EEB, Charlie K1XX.



Enjoying the Pizza!



Some of the pizza eating folks were a little hard to identify, suffice it to say that our President is on the right in the bottom two pictures, and the fellow on the left in the bottom picture with the dark shirt about to pounce on the last box with pizza still in it appears to be Bob K4GRD

FCG Presentations Were Well Attended



More Melbourne Notes

By Fred Perkins K4LQ

The Melbourne Hamfest came close to getting rained out this year. Nearly 13 inches of rain fell in the area Saturday and Sunday. The tailgate area was never set up due to the heavy rains. All the activity was in the Melbourne Auditorium building. FCGers being a hardy bunch however attended in respectable numbers.

Swap table action was heavy, since we had a captive audience, no one could go outside because of the storm. No formal presentations here, but we did hear some tall stories.

An argument was made for the virtues of operating the digital Olivia mode on 160 meters as well as the relative merits of nets and contest operators using the same frequency. We even heard an enthusiastic sales pitch for a World Clock that "might possibly" have a roofing filter :<)

Never a dull moment when FCGers get together!

Late Saturday PM about 20 FGGers adjourned to Smokey Bones in Melbourne for an informal dinner before heading home.

Swap Table Action



Left:
The FCG
Swap Table

L-R
Julio - AD4Z
Trish -
KD4BRJ
& Ed - N4EK
Looking over
the action at
the FCG Swap
Table



The 'TO
gang plus
One
L-R -
Ed N1TO,
Dan K1TO
and
Dale, W4QM

L-R
Joe -
W4IR
Lou—
KE1F



Pictures from Smokey Bones



Left: Chris WF3C
Right: Ron K8NZ

Left: Dan K1TO,
BobN4BP,
Bruce W4OV,
Ron K8NZ.
Standing in rear:
L - George K5KG
R - Alex W2OX

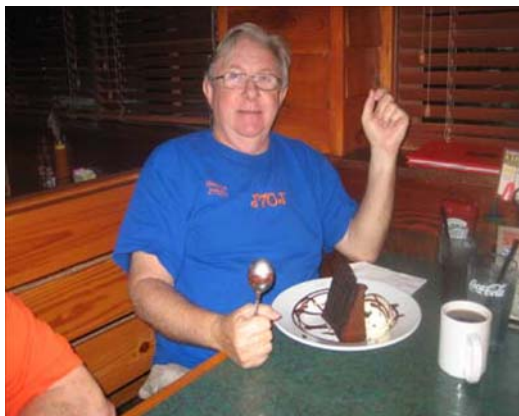


Ed. Note: My flash did a terrible job illuminating anything more than a few feet away - Sorry!



Up from South
Florida -
L-R Bob N4BP
Bruce W4OV

L - Chris WF3C
R - Jack K1KNQ
(It appears Jack
may have heard
this story before
:<)



George K5KG takes the chocaholic title for this trip. George operated unassisted!

Activities Calendar

CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW 2200Z, Jan 27 to 2200Z, Jan 29

CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest 0000Z, Feb 11 to 2400Z, Feb 12

ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Feb 18 to 2400Z, Feb 19

CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB 2200Z, Feb 24 to 2159Z, Feb 26

North American QSO Party, RTTY 1800Z, Feb 25 to 0600Z, Feb 26

ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Mar 3 to 2400Z, Mar

BARTG HF RTTY Contest 0200Z, Mar 17 to 0200Z, Mar 19

CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Mar 24 to 2400Z March 25

Florida QSO Party 1600Z, Apr 28 to 2159Z, Apr 29

CQ WW WPX Contest, CW 0000Z, May 26 to 2400Z, May 27

ARRL June VHF QSO Party 1800Z, Jun 9 to 0300Z, Jun 11

ARRL Field Day 1800Z, Jun 23 to 2100Z, Jun 24

IARU HF World Championship 1200Z, Jul 14 to 1200Z, Jul 15

Lambert Charles J73LC Newest FCG Honorary Member

By George Wagner K5KG



Lambert Charles, J73LC, has been made an Honorary Member of the FCG because of the excellent support he has provided for our many trips to Dominica for contest operations. Since 2000, Lambee, as we affectionately call him, has provided licensing and logistical support to me and other FCG members, including K1XX, K1TO, W4IX, NX4N, N4PN and NF4A. In addition, Lambee has provided help to WI9WI, KK9K, NA2U, K3 TEJ, W9IU, WN90 and VE4VV, on other FCG contest operations on the Nature Isle.

Lambee is a lifelong ham, and an active member of the Dominica Amateur Radio Club. Historically, his first ham radio love has been 6 meters, where he has been very active in years past. To put bread on the table, Lambee runs an excellent tour service, not only for DXpeditions, but for nature lovers and scuba divers who go to Dominica to enjoy the fabulous diving, rain forests and natural beauty and solitude of the island.



L-R Son Ricky, Lambert J73LC, his wife Pat, and Son Carlos.



*New Members
(Left) Wayne
Mills N7NG
and
(Right) Walt
Marshall
W7SE pose
with their new
FCG Tee Shirts
delivered by
George K5KG
(Center)
Welcome
Aboard!*

FCG Donates to HS0AC Flood Relief

In view of the near total destruction of contest station HS0AC during the recent floods in Thailand and the fact that our member K4VUD is also a member of RAST, your officers voted to contribute \$100 toward their rebuilding project. A portion of the thank-you note from HS0ZDX is reproduced below:

Dear Fred,

First, and on behalf of RAST President Chaiyong Wongwuticomjon, HS1QVD, and our members, I would like to thank you and the Florida Contest Group

for your generous offer to support us following the disaster that struck our club and contest station that uses the callsign HS0AC at the Asian Institute of Technology when the campus was inundated by two meters of flood water and submerged all of our equipment (as the pictures at <http://www.qsl.net/rast/sadlydocument>).

We are now in "clean-up" mode and we hope to get our station back up and on the air soon and fortunately the antenna arrays were "high and dry" and spared by the flood water. We certainly hope to be getting our contest station back on the air and to be working your members on both the long and short paths as soon as possible.

Sincere 73,

Tony Waltham, HS0ZDX

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K9ES Readies Antennas for Tower

By Eric Smitt K9ES

Dan K1TO will probably complete the tower in January. I have been working over the past 6 months getting the Force 12 antennas built and "tuned" so that they will play with the stack match hardware. The Magnum 620340 has been just completed and placed on the testing tower for tune up. It will be at 147 feet. The C31XR's will be on TIC-Rings at 60 and 110 feet, and the EF340 will be at 85 feet. The C31XR's will be fed as 3 antennas and all bands will be fed to 4 stack matches.



Once the Magnum 620340 is tuned and relocated to a transit point to be trammed to the top of the tower, I will assemble a pair of homebrew 3 element 15M and 4 element 10M interlaced beams that will be placed on the tower fixed to JA and Europe. I already have a 3 element 20M built. A homebrew quad will be at 35 feet on the tower for the Caribbean.
Eric K9ES



Ef-340

Magnum 620 & 340



Pair of C31XR's

K1KNQ installs first set of verticals

By Jack Roselio K1KNQ



I finally got all 4 verticals up. I have 16 radials on number one and 6 on the rest. Must try to get 16 on each > Attached are two pictures. Due to the trees, I could only get two verticals in each picture. 73/Jack



W1YL Back in Action with a Beam!

Megathanks to K1TO (with assists from N4TB and N4GI) for getting W1YL back on the air again with a refurbished TH-6. Ellen reports that happy days are back again with a rotatable array! (W1YL photo.)



N4EEB/KP4 Operates CW SS from Puerto Rico

By John Bayne N4EEB



In September 2010, I traveled to Puerto Rico for the first time on a whim to do the tourist thing for five days. I packed an Icom IC-7000 in my suitcase along with a Buddipole in case I had an opportunity to do some operating. I stayed just South of San Juan in an apartment in a mostly tourist area. I set the Buddipole up on a second floor balcony, and it didn't work worth a hoot. I made about five QSOs with the set up, but it got me thinking about returning to the island for something more fun, Sweepstakes! I fell in love with the island and its people as I drove around and saw the sights: The radio telescope at Arecibo, the Rain Forest and some other out of the way places. Shortly after returning to Florida, I began to brainstorm a plan to operate CW SS from KP4 in 2011.

Around June, I started the process by looking at the map for a sensible place to operate. I figured that since my signal needed to go to North America, a spot on the west coast on the beach would be the logical choice. I chose the town of Rincon for no particular reason, and I started to look on the Internet for rentals.

I found five possible rentals that looked pretty good in the pictures. I wanted to make the trip as simple as possible, but the more I pondered my next steps, it became obvious to me that I would need to solicit someone in the local area to help me with logistics. I briefly considered inquiring about being a guest operator somewhere, but for this particular trip, a good portion of the fun for me was in setting up a portable station.

Through a contact on the FCG reflector, I was given the email address for Eladio WP3MW who lives in the nearby town of Mayagüez. When I sent the first e-mail to Eladio, a return came quickly with loads of enthusiasm. I quickly learned that Eladio was a police officer, so we had that in common too. We became quick friends, exchanging a lot of e-mail and phone calls about my SS trip as well as talking shop about police work. Eladio had also been a team member on the KD5 Desecheo Island DXPedition

Eladio went on several recon trips to Rincon and scouted out the available rental properties. We ended up choosing "Doc and Sarah's House", which is on a hill overlooking the ocean. It was a beautiful location that seemed to be antenna friendly and very quiet.

I secured concept and antenna permission from Doctor Bill the owner (A Sociologist from New Jersey) and put down a deposit. No turning back now.

Eladio made a few more recon trips to Rincon to brainstorm how to put up a small tribander on the flat roof without damaging anything. Several ideas were considered.

Eladio decided to enlist his ham friend Efrain WP3ZG to build a 20 ft. tall tripod mast to support the antenna. The device was made from pipe purchased from the local Lowe's store along with pieces from a bed frame. When the first pictures were e-mailed to me, I was thoroughly impressed. When I got to see it for the first time in person, I was awestruck and very humbled by the effort that was put forward simply for my personal fun. To think that two fellow hams who I had never met before were working so hard on my behalf was quite moving. Thank you again guys.

The rest of the preparation was straight forward. I chose a new Mosley TA32JR 2-element 300W tribander for its small size and light weight and had it sent FedEx straight from Mosley to Eladio. I built up and tuned a 40M dipole, made up LMR240 cable runs, packed up all of the gear that I would need and sent it all Priority Mail to Eladio. I had purchased a small rotator to ship there too, but I decided to take the advice from a few FCG members and leave it at home. Good plan

I flew AirTran from Orlando to San Juan on Tuesday morning. It's a 2.5 hour flight. I rented a car in San Juan and drove about two hours to Aguadilla where I met Eladio at a gas station. After a big man-hug, he escorted me to the rental in Rincon where all my "stuff" was already there neatly stacked up in the dining room and my fridge filled with Medalla Beer. The house was beautiful, and the view was breathtaking. Rincon is a quaint, lovely town that is radically different from the area that I had stayed in the year before. It's like comparing Miami to perhaps Mt. Dora or Flagler Beach. If anyone wants to visit the island, I can certainly recommend Doc and Sarah's place. Turns out the QTH was radio quiet too.

Eladio, Efrain and the next door neighbor Cheo worked hard getting my antennas all set up. The work was done by Thursday evening, and I had time to do some casual operating. I had memorable ragchews with Jay N4OX, George K5KG, Bob N4BP and Fred NP2X. Everything was working great. 10-meters was incredible.

SS Saturday arrived, and most of you know what happened next. I fell very ill with a nasty ear infection/fever several hours before start time and it just got worse. Copying fast CW through headphones in that condition is something that I hope I will never have to do again. I gave it my best shot, but I ended up in the Rincon ER early Sunday evening and I was done. My total was 830 Qs and a sweep. My goal was at least 1000. I enjoyed getting OJs from around Florida (and from NH2) during the contest.

Despite what happened, I had a loads of fun and have taken away fond memories and new friendships. I will return to to KP4 to give it another try. Maybe next year, I'm not sure. As I told K1TO in an email shortly after I got back, "I can sure get used to this island hopping stuff!" What a blast.

...and now I'm getting envelopes every day from Japan with dollar bills inside! What a hoot!
73 John

CQWW Phone Contest Claimed Scores

FLORIDA STATIONS:

Call	Score	QSOs	DX	Zns	Class	Sec	Ops	HRs
====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
AD4ES	2,315,520	1455	430	146	MSHP	SFL	+K9ES,KD2JA	43
AD4Z	2,160,324	1577	371	127	SOABLP	SFL	Stn=W4UH	47
AJ4IR	149,090				MSLPA	SFL	KJ4LQX	
K1KNQ	26,228	125	59	20	SB80HP	WCF		
K1PT	3,645,198	1981	488	159	MSHP	SFL	+K4MM	45
K1TO	5,700,366	3585	418	144	SOABHP	WCF		33
K4ADR	402,192	484			SOABHP	SFL		
K4DMH	152,152	296	126	112	SOABLP	NFL		
K4LQ	623,956	545	293	108	SOABHPA	WCF		18
K4PG	1,160	22			SOABLP	SFL		
K4UTE	308,652	595	141	37	SB10HPA	NFL		
K4XS					SB15HP	WCF		
K5AUP	1,481,763	1121	339	114	SOABHP	NFL		23
K5KG	4,867,668	2445	539	163	MSHP	WCF	+WD4AHZ	45
K5RQ	2,241,176	1817	322	112	SOABHP	WCF		
KD2JA	23,306	98	32	32	SOABHPA	SFL		
KQ4Y	55,806	150			SOABLP	NFL		
KT4LST	4,508	34	28	18	SOABLPA	NFL		
KT4Q	105,846	212	118	59	SOABHPA	NFL		8
N1TO	610,032	736	217	67	SOABHPA	SFL		30
N2ESP	725,580	729	264	84	SOABHPA	WCF		
N3LL	233,090	621	98	32	SB10LP	WCF		
N4BP	860,050	1776	130	37	SB10HPA	SFL		
N4DXI	153,825	308	120	55	SOABHPA	NFL		
N4EK	215,496	339	147	72	SOABLP	NFL		
N4GI	110,682	321	87	30	SB10?P?	WCF		
N4LF		68			SB10LPA	SFL		
N4LZ	148,176	276	139	57	SOABHPA	NFL		12
N4UU	1,819,818	1500	319	110	SOABHP	NFL		36
N4WO	71,136	468	108	44	SOABLP	NFL		5.5
N4WW	8,437,797	3835	655	182	MSHP	NFL	+N4KM,K0LUZ	48
N4WW						NFL	+WF3C	
N6AR	3,173,456	1934	440	132	SOABHPA	NFL		35
N9CM	883,581	810	279	106	SOABLP	WCF		
NA4CW	663,558	650	263	103	SOABLP	SFL		18
NE8J	150,850	301	126	49	SOABHP	NFL		
NN4X	219,912	298			SOABHPA	SFL		
NT4TS	312,912	439	246	60	SOABQRPA	SFL		
W1MD	333,450	320	298	92	SOABLPA	SFL		14
W4AS	630,400	556	297	97	SOABHPA	SFL		
W4IR	183,360	267	175	65	SOABHPA	WCF		
W4KPG	35,884	120	69	34	SOABLPA	SFL		5
W4QN	2,349,056	1365	449	143	SPABHP	SFL		30
W9KB	29,700				SOABLPA	SFL		
WA8QYJ	300,240	409			SOABHP	SFL		
WB2REM	329,952	728	128	40	SB20HP	SFL		
WB4OMM	140,700	247	145	65	SOABLP	NFL		12

Total 47,387,604

NON-FLORIDA STATIONS:

Call	Score	QSOs	DX	Zns	Class	Sec	Ops	HRs
====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
E2E	4,428,536	4,267	320	114	MSHP	HS	HZ0ZCW,K3ZO	48
E2E							K4YT	
NP2B	5,128,902	4,303	371	127	MSHPA	KP2	+K9VV, WP2B	40

TOTAL 9,557,438

Pictures from N4WW/M2 CQWW Phone 2011



**Kevin N4KM starting the contest on 15 Meters as
Chris WF3C looks on.**



Above: K0LUZ starts contest.

Below Gary demonstrates secret X-Arm Move!



Doc N4WW tunes 160 Meters on Friday night.



**Above: Chris WF3C describes what he would do
to a tuner upper on his frequency.**

**Below: John N4EEB smiles because he is operat-
ing a brand new FTDX-5000 hooked up to a really,
really BIG antenna.**



ARRL SS CW CONTEST CLAIMED SCORES

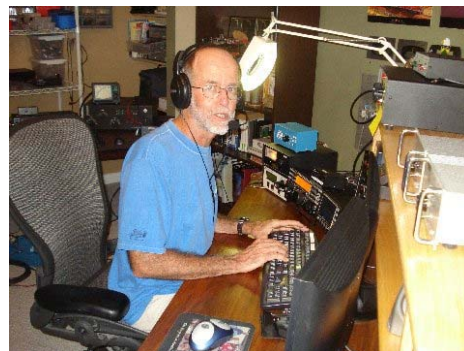
Call	Score	QSOs	Sections	Class	Section Ops	Hrs	
=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	
AD4Z	160,320	1,002	80		MSHP SFL	+W1MD,WF3C	24
K0LUZ	176,640	1,104	80		SOLP2 NFL		24
K1TO	165,600	1,035	80		SOLP2R WCF		17.5
K5KG	140,160	876	80		SOLP WCF		
K9ES	1,452	33	22		SOLP SFL		0.75
KN4Y	19,170	135	71		SOLP NFL		
KT4LST	3,168	48	33		SOLP NFL		6
KT4Q	61,908	402	77		SOLP NFL		19.5
N1TO	130,350	825	79		SOHP SFL		
N3LL	28,968	213	68		SOQRP WCF		
N4BP	184,640	1,154	80		SOHPA SFL		22.75
N4GI	131,520	822	80		SOLP WCF		
N4LF	78,540	510	77		SOLPA SFL		16.5
N4TB	62,308	421	74		SOLP WCF	A few	
N4UU	163,688	1,036	79		SOHP NFL		24
N6AR	64,272	412	78		SOHP NFL		7
NA4CW	41,426	269	77		SOLP SFL		8
NX4N	49,132	346	71		SOLP WCF		6.25
W1MD	47,180	337	70		SOLP SFL		
W2TX	122,772	787	78		SOLP SFL		
W4AS	11,448	106	54		SOLP SFL		
W4EBA	9,696	101	48		SOLP NFL		
W4LT	85,800	550	78		SOLP WCF		
W9KB	48,300	322	75		SOLP SFL		
WA0USA	50,076	321	78		SOHP SFL		
WD4AHZ	118,240	739	80		SOLP WCF		22.5

TOTAL: 2,156,774

ARRL SS SSB CONTEST CLAIMED SCORES

Score	QSOs	Sections	Class	Section	Call Ops
=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
K0LUZ	68,960	431	80	SOHPA NFL	
K1KNQ	130,720	817	80	SOLP WCF	
K1TO	49,416	348	71	SOHP WCF	
K4CC	24,048	167	72	SOLP WCF	
K4MM	19,200	128	75	SOLPA SFL	
K5KG	107,040	669	80	SOHPA WCF	
N4BP	229,100	1450	79	SOHP SFL	
N4EEB	80,000	500	80	SOHPA NFL	
N4GI	816	24	17	SO?P WCF	
N4LF	6,600	75	44	SOLP SFL	
N4TB	52,000	325	80	SOLP WCF	
N4WW	225,466	1427	79	SOHPR NFL	
WF3C					
N6AR	93,120	582	80	SOHP NFL	
NX4N	76	?		SOLP WCF	
W1MD	29,600	200	74	SOLPA SFL	
W4AS	100,804	638	79	SOHPA SFL	
W4LT	204,000	1275	80	SOLP WCF	
W4SVO	79,156	514	77	SOQRP SFL	
WB2REM	96,960	?		SOHP SFL	
WB4OMM	70,400	440	80	SOHP NFL	
N4UU	127,032	804	79	SOHP NFL	
K4DMH	31,280	230	68	SOHP NFL	
K5RQ	193,920	1212	80	SOHP WCF	

TOTAL 2,019,638

**K8MR at K5KG doing SS Phone on Sunday Afternoon**

At the time this picture was posted, George said he had been on 4 hours and already had 500 Qs and 72 sections worked.

CQWW CW Contest Claimed Scores

FLORIDA STATIONS:

Call	Score	QSOs	Zns	DX	Class	Sec	Ops	Hrs
=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
AA4MD	334,590	421	285	<<	SOABHPA	WCF		
AD4ES	2,281,692	1265	151	493	MSHP	SFL+K9ES, KD2JA		32
K1PT	2,879,692	1,817	138	416	SOABLP	SFL		37
K1TO	7,517,730	4,033	155	499	SOABHP	WCF		41
K2EK	409,664	964	34	114	SB10HP	NFL		
K2EK	965				SB10HPA	NFL		
K4CC	467,544	528	80	228	SOABLP	WCF		
K4LQ	627,165	452	122	373	SOABHPA	WCF		15
K4MF	1,357,776	1083	?	?	SOABHP	SFL		25
K4MM	1,837,260	1104	137	453	SOABLPA	SFL		40
K4PB	715,550	573	119	331	SOABHPA	SFL		25
K4QD	424,291	448	88	255	SOHPA	SFL		15
K5AUP	1,411,254	1006	111	378	SOABHPA	NFL		23.3
K5KG	6,832,972	3147	169	603	M2HP	WCF+WC4E, K8DSS		45
K5KG						WCFK4LQ, WD4AHZ		
K5RQ	259,616	802	29	83	SB10HP	WCF		13
KD2JA	84,045	157	69	126	SOABHPA	SFL		10
KE1F	???	401			SOABHPA	NFL		
KM4HI	480,080	492	93	247	SOABHP	NFL		20
KN4Y	28,413				SB10LP	NFL		
N4CC	93,412	276	24	97	SB80HPA	NFL		13
N4CJ	1,307,350	862	125	462	SOABLPA	WCF		
N4DXI	78,736	182			SOABHPA	NFL		12
N4EEB	1,008	21	4	12	SB10LP	NFL		
N4EK	255,996	390	62	172	SOABLPA	NFL		
N4LF	103,740	230	44	112	SOABLP	SFL		6.15
N4LZ	383,380	473	74	216	SOABHPA	NFL		22
N4QV	1,084,950	857	108	342	SOABHPA	SFL		
N4TB	932,932	1168	83	203	SB20HP	WCF		
N4UU	2,502,444	2370	93	279	SOABHP	NFL		33.5
N4WO	364,000	466	73	207	?	NFL		21.3
N4WW	14,954,436	5781	194	723	M2HP	NFL+K0LUZ, N4KM		48
N4WW						NFLN4EEB, WF3C		
N6AR	3,721,260	1991	153	501	SOABHP	NFL		36
N9CM	2,162,010	1343	134	436	SOABLP	WCF		33
NE8J	43,744	136	33	78	SOABHPA	NFL		
NX4N	23,229	98	35	52	SOABLP	WCF		1.75
W1MO	239,463	568	32	115	SB10MHP	NFL		18
W3WW	32,680	132	29	58	SOABLPA	SFL		2
W4AS	183,270	221	87	211	SOABLPA	SFL		9.5
W4CU	2,193,050	1340	133	442	SOABHPA	WCF		
W4EBA	74,550	180	46	104	SOABLP	NFL		
W4LT	424,764	563	77	199	SOABHPA	WCF		9.5
W4QN	844,025	653	116	339	SOABHPA	SFL		17.2
W4UH	535,525	1245	32	123	SB10HP	SFL	WA0USA	
W4ZGR	9,420	54	18	42	SOABQRP	SFL		6
WB2REM	33,180	113	31	74	SB15HP	SFL		3
WB4TDH	347,490	846	31	112	SO10LP	WCF		23

Total 64,023,988

Pictures from C5A
via Norbert OM5NM

Honorary FCGer Norbert OM6NM sent us pictures of their setup in the Gambia for CQWW CW. C5A racked up 19003 QSOs, 209 Zones and 800 countries for a claimed score of 57,182,048.



FLORIDA STATIONS:

Call	Score	QSOs	Mults	Class	Sec	Ops	HRs
=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
AA4PP	72,960	231	80	SOLPMix	SFL	AA4GT	
AD4ES	673,992	1,083	207	MSHPMix	SFL	+AA4HP, K9ES	24
AD4ES						+WF3C	
K0LUZ	274,912	568	121	SOQRPCW	NFL		21
K1KNQ	107,844	473	114	SOHPPH	WCF		13.8
K1PT	136,632	329	126	SOLPMix	SFL		5
K1TO	1,422,720	2,340	152	SOHPCW	WCF		35
K4ADR	367,488	803	?	SOHPMix	SFL		
K4CC	29,808	153	69	SOLPMix	WCF		
K4DMH	81,810	405	101	SOLPPH	NFL		
K4EJ	67,680	236	72	SOLPCW	WCF		
K4FB	17,856	94	48	SOQRPCW	WCF		
K4LQ	799,350	1,037	219	SOHPMix	WCF		25
K4MF	211,878	393	149	SOHPMix	SFL		
K4MM	462,960	668	208	MSHPMix	SFL		25
K4PB	185,540	405	117	MSHP	SFL		
K4PG	111,216	331	84	SOLPCW	SFL		
K5AUP	179,088	454	164	SOHPMix	NFL		
K5KG	1,429,700	1,500	290	MSHPMix	WCF		24
K5RQ	1,057,280	1,776	224	SOHPMix	WCF		
K9ES	22,880	131	52	SOLPMix	SFL		
K9OM	512,730	727	211	SOQRPmix	NFL		
KD2JA	244,098	426	191	MSHP	SFL		10
KE1F	29,972	127	59	MSLPCW	NFL		
KM4HI	606,060	936	222	MSHPMix	NFL	+NS1L	24.5
KN4Y	1,380	23	15	SOLPCW	NFL		
KT4LST	16,002	100	32	SOLPMix	NFL		
KT4Q	80,908	272	113	SOLPMix	NFL		
N2ESP	80,560	380	106	SOLPPH	WCF		
N4AO	30,392	131	58	SOLPCW	WCF		
N4BP	980,000	1,750	140	SOHPCW	SFL		25.3
N4CJ	621,952	831	226	MSLPMix	WCF	+M0BUE	
N4DXI	94,512	235	132	MSHPMix	NFL		12
N4EEB	435,536	752	77	MSHP	NFL		
N4EK	167,580	362	126	SOLPMix	NFL		
N4GI	1,057,954	1,579	211	MSHPMix	WCF	+AA4MD, W1GUD	
N4KW	143,990	415	121	SOHPMix	NFL		8
N4LF	58,400	215	68	MSLPCW	SFL		5.3
N4LZ	115,584	286	129	SOHPMix	NFL		15
N4PJ	100,000	269	?	SOLPCW	NFL		
N4QV	323,804	572	169	MSHPMix	SFL		
N4TB	807,128	1,421	142	SOHPCW	WCF		
N4UU	1,080,352	1,661	212	SOHPMix	NFL		24
N4WO	25,578	115	63	SOLPMix	NFL		7.1
N4WW	603,648	1,152	131	SOLPCW	NFL	N4KM	
N6AR	199,820	485	103	SOHPCW	NFL		8.5
N8PR	731,680	933	269	MSHPMix	SFL		17
N9CM	527,670	815	195	SOLPMix	WCF		19
NE8J	114,224	323	121	SOLPMix	NFL		
NN4X	168,000	400	105	SOHPCW	SFL		
NX4N	7,440	62	30	SOLPCW	WCF		
W1MO	9,792	68		SOHPCW	NFL		
W3WW	110,416	268	103	MSLPCW	SFL		7
W4ARM	66,600	225	74	SOLPCW	SFL		5.5
W4AS	65,000	203	100	SOHPMix	SFL		
W4CU	208,600	400	149	SOHPMix	WCF		
W4DAS	3,240	43	30	MSLPMix	SFL		
W4DL	118,192	332	94	SOLPCW	SFL		
W4EBA	28,044	123	57	MSLPCW	NFL		
W4LT	370,916	677	182	MSHP	WCF		9.
W4MLB	1,176,196	1,538	238	MSHPMix	SFL	+W2TX, K4QD	24.8
W4MLB						+AF4Z, WF3C	
W4MLB						+K4PX	
W4OV	218,858	444	157	SOHPMix	SFL		
W4QN	608,590	983	230	MSHP	SFL		
W4SVO	422,308	1,486	142	SOHPPH	SFL		20
W4UH	1,961,918	1,863	301	MSHPMix	SFL	+AD4Z, AI4QY	33
W4UH						+K9VV, WA0USA	
W4ZGR	10,336	68	39	SOQRPCW	SFL		8
W9KB	28,448	127	56	SOLPCW	SFL		
WA8QYJ	109,908	639	86	SOLPPH	SFL		
WB2REM	534,864	1,013	132	SOHPCW	SFL	WD4AHZ	526,096
WB4TDH	488,908	919	133	SOLPCW	NFL	WW4B	204,000

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From the ARRL Contest Update
Newsletter:

ARRL Contest Branch Manager, Sean KX9X speaks for all when he says, "It was certainly a treat for everybody to have good activity once again for the 2011 ARRL 10 Meter Contest. I'm especially happy for those of us who weren't licensed for the last solar peak around 2001 and are experiencing the pure joy of good 10 meter conditions for the first time." How good was activity? "As of 10:30 AM Monday, we have received 4,254 logs for the 2011 10 Meter Contest. This is an all-time record for this contest and we still have three weeks left until the log submission deadline!" This could be a 5000-log contest!

Florida Stations Total:

24,951,778

71 Logs

131	SOLPCW	WCF
102	SOHPCW	NFL

Those Were The Days

By Lu Romero W4LT

I've told this one before, but it bears repeating. Its my most memorable personal Ham Radio story:



Back in late 1976, as a General, I had just come home from my first "real" job at WMFE TV Orlando. At that time, they were in their original facility at Orange County Vo-Tech's campus in Pine Castle, not having moved to the recently bankrupt WSWB TV 35 building on East Colonial Drive yet. And, being engaged at the time, but with my fiancée living 2,000 miles away, up north in Pennsylvania, and long distance being so expensive, my weekday evenings were full of Ham Radio!

My rig was my last Heath station, the SB twins (SB301 and SB 401) to a ladder line fed "doublet" high in a pine tree behind a strip club just off Orange Blossom Trail in southwest Orlando. I lived in a cluster of 4 "duplexes" on a dirt road called Wakulla Way; my first apartment after college graduation. The landlord, a friend of my boss, needed tenants who paid the \$87.75 per month (including utilities) rent on time and in full for his rather slummy apartments. And he knew where I worked, and that I **ACTUALLY** had a job, so he was very agreeable to my wires in the pine trees for that reason.



The shack was the table in the "dining room", right next to the "kitchen"; a counter with a sink and two drawers and a scary gas stove that you had to manually light with a match! I turned on the rig and found 15 meters wide open! But I was hungry; So not wanting to wait around, I lit the oven with a long fireplace match, threw my usual "single guy living alone" TV Dinner into the oven (Pre Microwave days!), set the timer for 30 minutes, and, as the rig warmed up and my dinner cooked, I tuned around.

It happened across an interesting SSB pileup right away. It was simplex, too. On the DX side was a rather loud station with a booming male voice. The pileup was a bit rowdy, so I missed some of the call. But he was loud; so I knew I had propagation on my side.

In a gap in the pile, I dropped in the world's longest callsign; Took about a week to send that call on phone or CW, but sometimes I would get lucky because my call was so long, I would outlast the other callers with accidental timing...

And apparently I was lucky this time too because, to my amazement, on the first call, I hear "The Zulu Charlie portable 4, five nine in Amman". The guy was loud, but there was a lot of QRM on the frequency, and I wanted to make sure I logged him right, so I asked for a fill on his call "Roger, here is WB3BZC/4, Whiskey Bravo 3 Bravo Zulu Charlie portable 4, you're also five nine in Orlando, Florida, my name is Lu, thanks for the nice report. But can you give me the rest of your callsign? I only have Juliet Yankee One, Break".

Back comes the reply... "WB3BZC portable 4, thank you, my name is Hussein. However, you have my call correct, it is simply Juliet Yankee One... J-Y-1. That's all there is. Over".

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Hmmm... What a strange call! No letters after the number! I suspected a scam, so then stupid me says, somewhat wryly, "Very good Hussein, nice to meet you, but strange callsign, usually there are some letters after the number, but I'll take your word for it that it's valid. OK, well, thanks for the QSO and best 73. Juliet Yankee One from Whiskey Bravo Three Bravo Zulu Charlie portable four, over."

Back comes Hussein "Very well, 73, Lu, it is my pleasure to work you this evening. WB3BZC from JY1. QRZ from Juliet Yankee One..."

I thought to myself, Ha! A pirate! There are no such callsigns without letters after the number, so I won't bother logging him. And since this is Pre-Internet, there was no QRZ database to check out the validity of the call, as I couldn't afford a Winged Horse DX Callbook!

Several years later, in a magazine article, I learn I had unwittingly worked HRH Hussein bin Talal, the King of Jordan! Of course, that was the reason for the "funny" call... No need for any additional letters after JY1, as he **IS** after all, the **KING** of JY1!

I had **NO IDEA** who he was at the time I worked the famous King Hussein! He sounded just like any other DX op I had run into in QSO!

But I always kick myself in the head to this day because I didn't log him! Oh, and one other thing... Now that I am blessed with having a short callsign, I often get fill requests for the last letter of my call, something like "Whiskey Four Lima Tango, and what's the last letter?"

That's when I hear JY1's resonant voice in my head, just like I remember hearing it back in 1976 on the air, and I say what he said to me...

"You have it right; Its Whiskey Four Lima Tango, W-4-L-T... That's all there is!"

That QSO is forever in my memory, as was his kindness to young stupid me, who had no clue of who he was and treated him as suspect. So JY1 lives in my memory forever, every time someone asks for a fill to my so-much-shorter-than-any-other-call-I-have-ever-held callsign.

Funny what we remember and why.

There should be more ops like JY1. Even though I never met him and had a 1 minute conversation with him in 1976, I feel like I know him, and that he is a "brother" because of the hobby we both shared.

It hurts me when I hear so much animosity between hams on the air, like the political diatribes on 75m and the nutty guy on 40 who argues with CO/CM's about politics. Have we lost our way? Is our polarized environment tainting our hobby?

One of the coolest thing about Ham Radio, to me, is the Fraternal aspect of it. When we are on the air, we are not janitors, or presidents, or senators or kings or young or old, we are Hams, we are equal (or as equal as power level and antenna can make us). The worldwide ambassadorship inherent in our hobby is something we should encourage and be very proud of.

We can be enemies, like back in the 70's, working UA's on 20 meters, as our countries faced each other across a nuclear divide., or me, working CO/CM in Spanish and being asked "Where are you from? I think I can tell by your accent!"

On the air, we are all Hams, we are all equal, we are all in the "fraternity", we transcend borders, beliefs, political systems by our participation in our hobby.

Ham Radio transcends all the silly issues of the world... On the air, we are all family, we are all one.

-lu- (simply) w4lt-



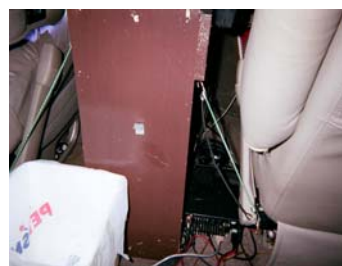
FQP 2011 at KN4Y

In a better late than never submission, Ed KN4Y sent in some pictures from his FQP operation last year.

Ed noted: "I set up a 2003 GMC with the antenna mounted on top rear. I have resonators for 6 bands, and a second antenna for 40 and 80 meters that I mount after dark. I also have an antenna for 160 meters, but when I operate on that band all the dash lights come on. Have yet to tackle this problem. I use an LDG TR-11 tuner. My rig is an Icom 706 with the radio setting on the floor so the air conditioner can blow across it. I use an MFJ 452 keyer. I built a table that sets between the two front seats, my operating table."

I operate mobile not only in the great Florida QSO Party, but also Alabama QSO Party, The Georgia QSO Party, the 10-10 Mobile QSO Party, and the County Hunters QSO Party. I operate only CW. I think a mike is somewhere in the van. I am a county hunter and run counties when going to bowling tournaments. I have worked all the counties four times, all on CW."

73/Ed KN4Y



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