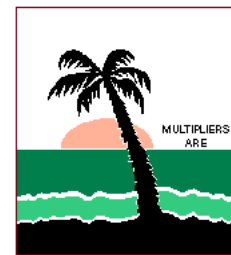


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From the President's Corner

By Dan Street, K1TO

Busy times! Our FQP 15th running was a smash hit, with over 200 stations working all 15 1x1s, and what will likely be a record number of logs rushing in. Dayton was terrific this year as well! But we'll save those topics for the next issue...



The FCG had a great presence at the Orlando hamfest. There are lots of pictures in this issue, along with the write-up that summarizes the dinner and luncheon. While at Dayton, I was handed a flyer for the Miami hamfest which is being restarted on the first weekend of February, 2013. It sure seems like Orlando has captured the February hamfest attention in Florida, so it will be interesting to see if that event takes off again.

Thanks to George, K5KG for another interesting DXpedition article, this time featuring the FB rental QTH on Bonaire. Having been there in 2006, I can attest to all of the superlatives that George describes about the station and the island. Hans, PJ4LS proudly wore his orange FCG shirt at Dayton this year, the exact same shirt you see pictured on pg. 12.

WRTC-2014 efforts continue on many fronts. It will be exciting to have 15 stations on the air in July's IARU contest from many of the sites that have been chosen for 2014. Site selection for 65 equivalent stations is especially tricky, given the undulating terrain in much of W1. The solution to raising the tower and antennas is very clever, using a derrick and winch so that nobody has to climb the tower. The competition rules are being hotly discussed as I write this, having been issued for a

30-day comment window. And I continue to crunch contest results to squeeze out event scores for over 20,000 entrants and summarize them onto scoreboards. Nice to see K9VV establishing himself atop the NA13 group and a few FCgers moving up the list in NA4W! I'm looking forward to the FCG sponsoring some tents!

CQ WPX CW is this coming weekend. Fingers crossed for good conditions (they were horrible last year, but are expected to be OK this year). Propagation in the summertime events is always different from those in the winter, so don't be surprised when 20 stays open all night long, but 10 is not as solid as you might expect during the day. Just as in the FQP, 20 has a nice peak in our late afternoon.

Thanks to all who contributed pictures and written content for this issue of the Gazette, and to Fred, K4LQ who patiently presents it all so well.

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I'm sure our next issue will be packed with FQP and Dayton pictures and stories.

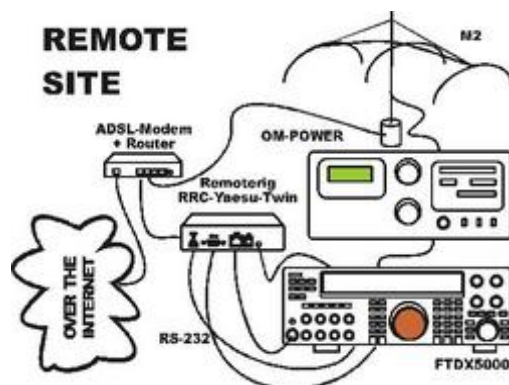
OJ!! GO FCG!!

Vy 73, Dan



Here are your Guam multipliers!
Left to right are Justin (back) and Alex - children of NH2T (a.k.a. N2NL/KH2), then visitor AA7A, KG6DX and KH2L. (Photo by FCger N2NL)

Radio Arcala team member Toni OH2UA was at the controls of CQ8X for a serious contest operation in the Azores for WPX SSB. That's not unusual. What was unusual is that the 4543 contacts were made over a remote link across the Internet - 4500 kilometers from the actual station! Remote operation is becoming more and more common. Big scores like CQ8X's 15 million points show that remoting can work well!



Contributors to this edition included K1TO, K4PG, N8PR, K3LP, K5KG, WA4OAB, W4DN, OPDX Newsletter, NP2X, K4LQ, N2NL, ARRL Contest Update Newsletter,

Welcome Aboard



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

KC1SS - Peter Kelleher, 2608 Usina Street, St. Augustine FL 32084 e-mail: kc1ss@localnet.com

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PJ4LS - Hans J.L.S Van Hese, Kaya Berilo 201 Bonair, Netherlands Antilles e-mail: hannes@telbonet.an

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Welcome Aboard

CQ WW WPX Contest, CW 0000Z, May 26 to 2359Z, May 27

Alabama QSO Party 1600Z, Jun 2 to 0400Z, Jun 3

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

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

CQ Worldwide VHF Contest 1800Z, Jul 21 to 2100Z, Jul 22

North American QSO Party, RTTY 1800Z, Jul 21 to 0600Z, Jul 22

North American QSO Party, CW 1800Z, Aug 4 to 0600Z, Aug 5

WAE DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Aug 11 to 2359Z, Aug 12

North American QSO Party, SSB 1800Z, Aug 18 to 0600Z, Aug 19

ARRL September VHF QSO Party 1800Z, Sep 8 to 0300Z, Sep 10

Orlando Hamfest Meeting Report

By Fred Perkins K4LQ



Fifty members and guests attended the FCG luncheon meeting in Orlando. They included AD4ES, AF4Z, K0LUZ, K1KNQ, K1PT, K1TO, K2EUH, K4AC + daughter, K4LQ, K4LW, K4MM, K4PG, K4QD, K5KG, K5RQ, K8NZ, K9ES, KC4HW, KD4BRJ, KD4ZZK, KE1F, KJ4EUT, KJ4YTG, KL7MF, KR4X, KT4LST, KT4Q, N1UR, N4EK, N4GI, N4KM, N4LZ, N4TB, N4WO, N7RT, N8PR, NA4CW, NG4L, W1YL, W2TX, W4KPG, W4LT, W4UH, W9KB, WA4OAB, WC4E, WD4IXD and WF3C, along with a guest of WD4IXD.

Many other members were spotted at the Hamfest and FCG Contest Dinner/Hospitality Suite - AD4Z/HI3A, HI3CC, K1HG, K4GRD, K4MF, K4XS, K4XSS, K5AUP, K8DSS, KC1SS, KC4C, KF4WZH, KI2G, KP2N, KR4U, KT4KW, N2ESP, N3GD, N3ND, N4BU, N4CJ, N4FP, N4NSS, N4PJ, N4UU, N6AR, NN4X, NS1L, NY4I, W3AZD, W4DAS, W4DN, W4EBA, W4IR, W4OZK, W4SLR, W4SO, W4UM, WA4AW, WA4EEZ, WA8QYJ, WB3ANE, WB4FSF, WB4OMM, WC4H,

Dan opened the meeting with the breaking-in tap of a brand new gavel, which was won by the FCG garnering over 9,000,000 points in winning the Unlimited section of the 2010 ARRL 10 Meter contest, beating the second place finishers by a factor of almost 3 to 1.

He asked for attendees to identify themselves and comment on their plans for upcoming contests. The FQP and ARRL DX contests were the most frequently mentioned, along with this weekend's WPX RTTY and the CQ WPX contests in March and May.

Dan then talked about the upcoming FQP. This will be the 15th running of the FQP under FCG sponsorship. Members will operate fixed stations with 1X1 calls, to represent each of the 15 letters in "Florida QSO Party". They are required to operate at least 8 hours on phone and 8 hours on CW in order to give single-mode entrants the best chance of sweeping the 15 letters. Fifteen volunteers have already been found and 1X1 calls obtained by each. One of our goals is to break 1000 logs submitted (record is 987 set in 2009). We are already the second largest QSO party in the country, behind only California which has a much larger land area and ham population.

Dan then handed out certificates and plaques for last year's FQP. He also recognized those who sponsored the plaques. Kevin K4PG captured each award with his camera for later use in the Gazette. Dan thanked Eric K9ES for his help on the plaque program, as well as Jeff WC4E for producing the certificates and promotional material.

Dan recognized each of our current officers for their many contributions to the club over the years. He then announced the

the appointment of Chris WF3C as our new Vice President of Activities. Chris's fine organizational skills have already been responsible for bringing together the elements of two successful contest dinners at Orlando, as well as organizing the 1X1 call-sign activity for the upcoming FQP.

Fred K4LQ gave his secretary/treasurer report. Membership stands at 275, 16 more than at this time last year. Dues collection continues, with only about 25 members unpaid at this time. Fred hopes to wrap that up by month's end. Treasury stands at \$5225.63. The figure is somewhat inflated by inclusion of the checks for last night's contest dinner. The K4OJ/W1CW Memorial fund contains \$1166.02. The next newsletter template is already built. We will feature statistics from last year's FQP as well as complete coverage of this year's Orlando activities, among other things.

George K5KG asked if there was continuing interest to start up Contest University for next year at Orlando. He noted that there would be a need for a significant number of people to be involved if it were to succeed. Several people volunteered to help. This will be an on-going discussion, Dan summarized activities at the Contest Dinner last night. Attendance was higher than last year --75 (updated to 77 afterward). Our speaker Kirk K4RO's theme was built around the need for us to give back for the good things that happen to us in ham radio. Kirk used as an example Jim White K4OJ (SK), the founder of FCG. Kirk said that Jim inspired him at Dayton and afterward as Kirk was first getting involved in contesting. Prize donations reached a total of \$7000, so each dinner ticket purchased was worth over \$80 in prize chances!

Dan pointed out that our member W4ZW who passed away in December also met that criteria. Jon was very active at Pineview School and the Sarasota Military Academy in teaching students about ham radio, getting them licensed and involved in operations like Field Day. Jon also spent a lot of time reviewing new equipment on our reflector, including side by side tests, giving members a good feel for the relative quality of some of the higher end transceivers and amplifiers available for contesting.

Dan also reminded the group that Feb. 12 is the 8th anniversary of our founder K4OJ's passing.

George K5KG suggested we collect donations from members toward expenses for the upcoming 2014 WRTC. (Tents can be sponsored for \$1000 apiece). Immediately, we took in \$140 at the meeting. Jim KC4HW from the Alabama Contest Group said their club had requested donations and had collected \$1000 so far. George will publicize this further among members. Dan K1TO is on the Board of Directors for WRTC-2014 and has spent hundreds of hours working on the Team Selection Criteria, then tracking the results of over 18,000 participants in each qualifying contest.

Dan reviewed the mechanics of qualifying for the upcoming WRTC from different areas and reminded the group that FL is in NA4W which only competes against GA, AL, TN and KY. Past WRTCs have lumped FL in with W1s, which was of course unfair in DX contests. FCG member Fred K9VV/NP2X is ahead in the standings for NA13 (non-USA and VE in North America) and will likely qualify as the Team Leader from that Selection Area.

Pete N8PR suggested that if members have limited time to devote to a contest, it might be worthwhile operating assisted to maximize multipliers and get the highest score for the club. Dan emphasized that we never force anyone to enter in a category that you don't want to, but that the concept that Pete described can indeed help the club.

Thanks to Dan K1TO for his usual FB editing of this report.

FCGers Spotted at the Orlando Hamfest

Ed Note: Captions for all pictures in this issue are for the picture above the caption unless noted otherwise.



Mike W4UM and Sherry W4SLR



Above - Roberto KP4AOC and Dave W4DN
Below - Bill K4XS



Pictures from the 2012 Contest Dinner



Dan K1TO starts the program at the Contest Dinner



Kirk K4RO our featured speaker addresses the group.



L - Dennis K7BV



Scott W4PA



Above L - George K5KG turns in the winning ticket



Right - George collects the Yaesu FT-950 from Dennis K7BV



Dennis K7BV with Dan K1TO



L-Dan K1TO R-Steve WB4OMM



L-R K9ES, Bill NG4L AD4ES



L- Byron W4EBA R-Wayne N4FP



L- David K3LP R-Julio AD4Z



L - David K3LP R - Bill K4XS



L-R, Don AF4Z and Steve WA4FJK



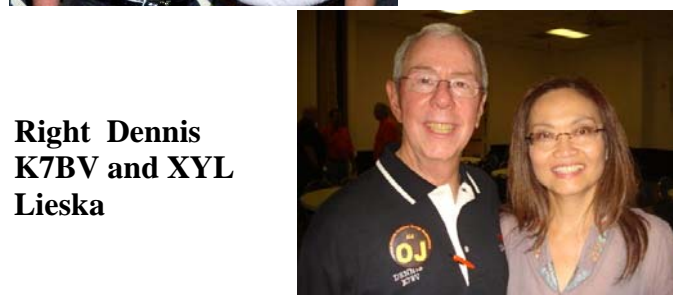
Another Group Picture



L-R AD4Z, K1KNQ, HI3EPR



Wider angle views of the group



Right Dennis K7BV and XYL Lieska



W4ZW Memorial table, with pictures and items that were on display at his Memorial Service



Pete N8PR explains a fine point to K4XS and WH7YL



Above, different views of the chow line

Pictures from the Orlando FCG Luncheon Meeting



L-R Melinda KJ4YTG and Steve KT4Q



George K5KG



Kevin N4KM, Ellen W1YL and Janet KL7MF



L - Greg N4WO, R - Jack K1KNQ



L-Frank NA4CW R - Tom K4MM



L-R Chuck AD4ES, Ron K8NZ and Bob K4LW



L- John W2TX R - Ken W9KB



L-R Eric K9ES, Jan K4QD, Don AF4Z



L-R Pete N8PR, Maurice N4LZ, Red K0LUZ



Ed NIUR



Center - Doug K4AC and daughter, R-Levon KT4LST



L - Lu W4LT, R - Bob K2EUH



L- Larry KR4X, R- Blake N4GI



L-R Chris WF3C, Dan W4UH, - Lou KE1F



L-R, Hardy N7RT R-Bill NG4L



L-R Trish KD4BRJ, Ed N4EK, Paul K1PT



L-R Terry N4TB, David K5RQ, Bob WA4OAB



L-R Ronnie KD4ZZK, Eric W4KPG



Max KJ4EUT Pete WD4IXD and Guest



Our intrepid photographer Kevin K4PG. Thanks Kevin!



Dan K1TO gives out FQP awards at the Orlando Luncheon



Bill NG4L



Greg N4WO



Ed N4EK



Eric W4KPG



Ken W9KB



Lu W4LT



**Steve KT4Q and
Levon KT4LST**



Jack K1KNQ



**George K5KG and
Jeff WC4E**



**Center - Paul K1PT
Right - Terry N4TB**



Jeff WC4E



Dan W4UH



Ron K8NZ



John W2TX



Jim KC4HW

PJ4X Operation

2012 ARRL DX CW

By George Wagner K5KG

The Crew of Seven descended on the Dutch Caribbean island of Bonaire for the 2012 ARRL DX CW Contest. In the crew were Charlie, K1XX, Marty, W1MD, Craig, K1QX, Bill, NK1Z, Bob, WA1Z, John, W4IX, and George, K5KG. Our destination was the "Radio Haus" that sits atop the highest point of the island some 784 feet ASL. With the exception of Bill, Bob and John, we had all been there for contests in previous years.



First, a few words about Bonaire. It is a small island (24 x 3-7 miles) located in the southern Caribbean Sea 50 miles north of Venezuela. Tourists who go for diving are vital to the economy of Bonaire. Since October 2010, the "BES" islands of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, and Saba have been considered as "special municipalities" of the Netherlands. For DXCC purposes, the BES islands have been separate entities since that time. From a DX contest perspective, Bonaire and their neighboring Dutch islands of Curacao and Aruba are in South America, which makes them 3-point contacts for all stations outside of South America.

The Radio Haus is owned by Noah, K2NG, and its only purpose is ham radio operations. Noah's property is a three bedroom house that is fully equipped with radio gear and antennas. For our operation, we took our own K3's and laptops, and used three AL-1200 amps and a FT-1000MP from the property. In addition, Hans, PJ4LS, loaned us a TL-922 amp.

Far in advance of the trip, Charlie and Marty did the heavy lifting on the planning. They laid out the detailed operating schedule and equipment configurations. They prepared a meticulous station diagram and made lists of everything, right down to identifying and numbering every cable. This proved to be invaluable, as once we arrive at the QTH, the stations went together like a well-oiled puzzle.

Bill, NK1Z, was sheep-dipped and dragged to PJ4 for his first-ever major contest. We told Bill that he had to 'earn' his right to operate the contest by first making a thousand Q's as PJ4/NK1Z during setup...which he did (with a little help from John <grin>).

John, W4IX, was our BISM (Butt-In-Seat Master). Not only did he ensure that every radio had a butt in the seat throughout the weekend, he spent extra time "Elmering" Bill during the contest.

Craig, K1QX, provided a number of equipment donations to the effort as well as offering Chef duties throughout the week. In addition to pulling his operator duties on 10m and 160m, Craig (aka Mother) kept the hot meals coming. Craig coined the term "Orange Crush" for our team (after the REM song) because of our OJ shirts that were compliments of Charlie.

Bob, WA1Z, ('Bonaire Bob' of Super Check Partial fame!) managed to survive the harrowing trip from NH to PJ4, and even threw in a vacation with his XYL, Amy, on PJ2 prior to the team's arrival. He was brave enough to send her off to return home alone the SAME Day we arrived to head for PJ4.

Our story would not be complete without telling about Hans, PJ4LS. Hans is a retired Dutch Naval Officer, and lives on Bonaire with his XYL Elly. Their children and grandchildren are all back in Holland. Although Hans and his family lived all over the world during his military service, Hans told us that he and his XYL choose to live on Bonaire because of its quiet solitude. They lived on Curacao for several years, but moved to Bonaire to get away from the hustle and bustle! He told us there is only one traffic light on Bonaire! Since our visit to Bonaire in February, Hans has become an Honorary Member of the FCG in recognition of his friendly and helpful support to the many FCG ops who have had the pleasure of operating from PJ4.

Now for some details of our contest operation. We were there for the 2012 ARRL DX CW Contest, so the first thing to realize is that all antennas pointed north! Our operation was a multi-multi, so we set up four stations, all networked together using WinTest as our logging software. In addition, we set up a fifth laptop on the network so any of the off-duty ops could keep an eye out for needed MULTS. After all, MULTS ARE!

One station each was devoted to 40m and 20m. The other two stations were paired up on 10m/80m and 15m/160m. Our seven ops were scheduled in two and four hour shifts, and each station had dedicated ops so that each op would be thoroughly familiar with his assigned station.

Antennas were allocated to each station according to their dedicated bands. Our antennas were:

- C3 and 2el 40m atop the big tower
- C19XR 40' up on the big tower, fixed on US
- C31 atop the 60' tower
- 80m 4el array plus an Inv Vee
- 160m Inv L plus a Beverage to US (which apparently did not work!)
- HIGH POWER Tri-plexer designed and built by Noah that allowed three stations to use the C31 simultaneously...it worked very well.

Our intent was to not do any antenna changing once the contest was underway. However, during the contest, we did have to move 10m to the C19 primarily to get around some intermittent line noise

Here are some highlights of the contest:

- It is noteworthy that the entire operation came off without any major difficulties, injuries or power failures. We quickly settled into our assigned slots and proceeded to click off the QSOs. Our first hour was the best at 503 QSOs and, during that first hour, K5KG reeled in 200 Q's on 20m. The band conditions were excellent, and we were not plagued with any significant electrical noise or QRN. When all of the dust settled 48 hours later, we had amassed 10,701 Q's and 352 MULTS, for a score of nearly 11.3 million.
- Well into the contest on Saturday afternoon, Bob was operating 20m and noticed that his receive signals were dropping off. After a bit of head scratching and elimination of possible causes, we determined that the problem was likely caused by a defective T-R relay in the AL-1200. Fortunately, Hans had told us that there was a new spare T-R relay on the shelf (how's that for luck?). Charlie and I opened up the amp, and quickly realized that changing out the T-R relay was going to be tantamount to doing a prostate biopsy on a mountain gorilla! Yes, it was the T-R relay ok, but the relay was mounted on a small pc board with a half-dozen wires attached to each side. Charlie, in his ever-so-calm fashion, said that he would conduct the surgery if I would be the scrub nurse. So we proceeded with needle nose, snips, flashlight, soldering iron, and steady hands and nerves, and after two sweat-dripping hours, the patient was back on his feet. We powered up the amp, and Bob made a contact or two. "But wait", Bob said unhappily. "The receive signal is still dropping off". Charlie and I were dumbfounded. "That can't be", we exclaimed! Bob made another Q. And another. And then he said, "Ok, signals are good. I guess the relay is ok after all". With that Charlie and I had an 807 and left Bonaire Bob to his pileup. He never complained again!
- Earlier I mentioned that we had a fifth laptop set up on the network to keep an eye out for MULTS. Around 1900z on Sunday, I was looking for MULTS on the spare laptop and noticed that VO2NS had been spotted on 20m SSB — a MULT we needed. Bob was our 20m op at the time, so I asked him to take a listen for the VO2 up on SSB. He did and, sure enough, was able to engage VO2NS in a chat.

After a casual friendly exchange of names, Bob asked Nazaire to QSY to CW. Nazaire obliged, and gave us a quick, high-speed exchange on CW for MULT #60 on 20m. (By the end of the contest, we had missed only NT, YT, and NU overall.)

In summary, it was a successful operation. Most of all, no one got hurt, we had a great score, and we all now have a closer bond of friendship thanks to MULTS ARE! (Thanks, OJ)



ORANGE CRUSH

Font row - Bill, NK1Z - Bob, WA1Z
Back row - George K5KG - Marty, W1MD - Craig, K1QX - Charlie, K1XX - John, W4IX



"TEBOWING " BEFORE THE CONTEST

PJ4X Pictures



L-R Bob WA1Z, Charlie K1XX, John W4IX, Craig K1QX, Marty W1MD, Bill NK1Z, George K5KG



Above - Chowling Down - L-R Bill NK1Z, John W4IX, Craig K1QX, Bob WA1Z, Marty W1MD, Charlie K1XX



The PJ4X Shack



The PJ4X Antenna Farm



"Bonaire Bob" WA1Z

Marty, W1MD



"Drubber" John W4IX

Right - Ya gotta love those Pelican Cases!



*Left and Below:
2 pictures of the operating area*



Claimed Scores ARRL DX CW

FLORIDA STATIONS:

Call	Score	QSOs	Mults	Class	Sec	Ops	HRs
=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
AA4GT	9,798	71	46	SOABLP	SFL		
AA4PP	183,534	362	169	SOABHP	#N/A	W9KB	
AD4ES	1,536,786	1341	382	MSHP	SFL	+K9ES	35.5
AD4Z	3,006,900	2570	390	SOABLP	#N/A	@W4UH	46
K0LUZ	2,057,625	1829	375	SOABHPa	NFL		29
K1KNQ	143,682	311	154	SOABHP	WCF		
K1PT	3,052,896	2156	472	SOABHPa	SFL		37
K1TO	4,607,499	3811	403	SOABHP	WCF		37.5
K2EK	1,864,590	1366	455	SOABHPa	NFL		
K4CC	59,136	256	77	SB40m	WCF		23
K4LQ	1,226,988	1082	378	SOABHPa	WCF		27
K4MF	804,384	882	304	SOABHP	SFL		
K4MM	578,460	622	310	SOABLP	SFL		
K4PB	603,681	673	299	SOABHPa	SFL		17
K4QD	165,564	292	189	SOABHPa	SFL		
K4ZS	14,760	123	40	SOABHP	#N/A		
K9ES	23,814	126	63	SO40LP	SFL		3.5
K9OM	310,575	1025	101	SB20m	NFL		12
KM4HI	11,352	88	43	SB80m	NFL		7
KN4Y	55,836	190	99	SOABLP	NFL		
N4CJ	1,770,000	1475	400	SOABLPa	WCF		34.8
N4DXI	120,555	285	141	SOABHPa	NFL		
N4FP	49,536	172	96	SOABLP	NFL		5.5
N4GI	6,441,264	4364	492	M2HP	WCF		
N4LF	146,481	311	157	SOABLP	SFL		7
N4LZ	230,580	420	183	SOABHP	NFL		21
N4MUH	20,139	137	49	SOABLPa	NFL		
N4PJ	539,700	700	257	SOABHP	NFL		
N4TB	1,124,508	1217	308	SOABLP	WCF		19
N4UU	1,742,268	2167	268	SOABHP	NFL		37
N4WO	135,888	298	152	SOABLPa	NFL		11.8
N4WW	970,224	697	464	SOABHPa	NFL		
N6AR	57,792	172	112	SOABHPa	NFL		2.7
N8PR	1,775,556	1333	444	SOABHPa	SFL		
N9CM	255,225	415	205	SOABLP	WCF		10
NA4CW	101,592	408	83	SB10m	SFL		21
NJ2F	52,644	164	107	SOABHP	SFL		
NN4X	694,548	654	354	SOABHPa	SFL		
NY4I	115,206	211	182	SOABHPa	WCF		7.2
W1MO	132,594	287	154	SOABHP	NFL		7.5
W3WW	40,455	155	87	SOABHP	SFL		3
W4AA	972,405	945	343	SOABLP	NFL		
W4AS	124,236	204	203	SOABHPa	SFL		
W4CU	1,458,060	1279	380	SOABHPa	NFL		
W4DAS	158,400	300	176	SOABLPa	SFL		
W4IHI	25,668	124	69	SOABQRP	WCF		
W4LT	630	30	7	SB20QRP	WCF		0.5
W4QN	72,600	204	94	SB20m	SFL		10
W4ZGR	4,860	45	36	SB20QRP	SFL		4
WA0USA	132,300	525	84	SB40m	SFL		
WB4OMM	2,000	33		SOABHPa	NFL		3
WD4AHZ	1,670,487	1477	377	SOABLPa	WCF		35
WW4B	125,736	338	124	SOABHP	NFL		

TOTAL = 41,581,997 Logs = 53

NON-FLORIDA STATIONS:

Call	Score	QSOs	Mults	Class	Sec	Ops	HRs
=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
C6AKQ	4,663,440	5080	306	MSHP	C6A	K4PG,K7RE	
C6AKQ - KD7GLY,N4BP							
KP2M	7,029,873	6753	347	MSHP	KP2	KT3Y,NP2X	48
NH2T	1,395,180	2079	230	SOABHPa	KH2	N2NL	20
HC2/W7SE	3,409,905	3853	295	MSABLP	HC2	W7SE	48
PJ4X	11,262,340	10701	352	MM	PJ4	K1XX,W1MD, K1QX, NK1Z, K5KG, W4IX, WA1Z	

TOTAL = 20,730,865 LOGS = 5

W4ZW Memorial Service

A memorial service for Jon Hamlet W4ZW was held on Siesta Key Beach near sunset February 1.

Attendees came from FCG, the Tamiami ARC and QCWA Suncoast Chapter 53, as well as the Sarasota Military Academy and Pine View School where Jon had helped with the amateur radio training and licensing of many students.

A station was set up temporarily on the beach to give Jon one last call on his favorite mode, CW.

Attendees reviewed their memories of Jon.

In remembrance of Jon's service to our country, taps was played at sunset.



John Thompson W1BIH / PJ9JT SK

Another giant was added to the list of Silent Keys, as John Thompson W1BIH died in the month of his 97th birthday. John took to the air from Curacao as PJ9JT in the 1970s and was the first to construct a large contest station on the Dutch islands off the northern coast of South America. His signals were legendary and so were the scores from the station you now know as PJ2T.



One of our newest members, Hans PJ4LS accepts an FCG tee shirt from John K4BAI who volunteered to carry it to Hans on a recent PJ4 visit.



Left: Hans PJ4LS at his operating position

Fred Maia W5YI SK

The holder of one of the best-known US Amateur Radio call signs, Frederick (Fred) Maia, W5YI, died of cancer Wednesday, March 28. He was 76 and was a resident of Arlington, Texas.

Fred was a leading Amateur Radio journalist for nearly 35 years and a pioneer of the volunteer examining program adopted by the FCC in 1984.

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