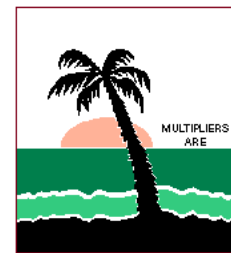




# Contest Gazette

## Florida Contest Group



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### From the President's Corner

By Dan Street, K1TO

Here we are hours away from CQWW SSB! Everybody ready? Ladies and gentlemen, start your transceivers! Don't be deterred by predictions of less than perfect conditions. We in Florida actually benefit from such conditions. Be the envy of all of W/VE by working the DX that they are not able to!



For those who missed the discussion, we have dedicated our operations for Sweepstakes this year in the memory of Paul Knupke, Jr., N4PK. Also, Fred is taking personal donations towards the memorial scholarship fund in Paul's name and also, the FCG will be sponsoring a plaque for SS SSB, one of Paul's favorite contests. Several FCG members attended Paul's wake and I can personally attest to the overwhelming support from all his family and friends. Age 31 is way too young to pass along and it should remind us all to live each and every day to its fullest. RIP, Paul.

Realizing that I never publicly thanked the FCG membership for their terrific support for reelecting me as President, I'll take this small space to do so. I am still having a blast with this. The FCG and FQP are examples of constructive, positive growth in our sub-hobby and I'm just thrilled to be a part of it.

Thanks again to K9ES and Sylvia for hosting us in Melbourne and K4XS and Holly for hosting our October meeting. It's encouraging to see that our members still enthusiastically show up for meetings, now that the ARRL mandatory meeting requirement has been lifted. Of course, the opportunity to taste the sumptuous offerings and see (3) 199.999 foot towers have absolutely nothing to do

with it – right?! See elsewhere in this issue for full write-ups on the meetings and stay tuned on the reflector for final arrangements for the next meeting – to be held east of Orlando near the UCF campus on November 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>.

Welcome aboard to the latest group of new members. Kevin, K4PG rejoins us after a short hiatus. "KB" is maybe best known for his VFB mobile efforts in the FQP with N4BP. Roxy, W1ROX is learning lots about contesting from the Field Day crowd at NJ4M and particularly from a real smooth talking (and sending) pro, WD4AHZ. Jim, KC4HW is well known in the RTTY circles and will help our increasing presence on that mode. Jim will also be at K9ES' place this weekend for WW SSB. VE7ZO, our latest joiner, just happened to finish 5<sup>th</sup> in Finland a few months ago along with VE3EJ. Jim is taking the fast track of immersion into FCG big station operations by doing WW SSB with the N4TO gang, then piloting the biggest station of them all at

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K4XS for SS CW, then joining the K4OJ crew for WW CW!

It was great to hear the FCG on-the-air support in the Scandinavian Activity Contests this year. My memories of that area of the world are indelible and the hams up there are something special. It looks like we also did real well as a club in the California QSO Party and may have a shot at their first-time out-of-state club plaque.

On a personal note, Mother Nature has temporarily stonewalled my new tower by keeping the water table too high. Nonetheless, the yagi revamping has continued and at least 20 & 15 should be in decent shape here soon on the existing tower.

See you on the air, in Orlando in a few weeks, and at the FL State Convention in Palmetto in Dec! And don't forget to sign up for the Contest Buddy Program as an Elmer, an Elmo, or both! HAVE FUN AND GO FCG!!

vy 73, Dan

Fred K4LQ captures several "Big Guns" in action at El Castillo de San Marcos in St. Augustine! We expect to hear similar action in CQWW SSB shortly!



## Welcome Aboard



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New Calls: Tom **AE4RO** is now **K4MM**  
John **AE4SW** is now **W4IX**  
Terry **NP3G** is now **N4TB**

Ed. Note: The SK notice below is from the ARRL Letter, used by permission

## Paul Knupke Jr. N4PK - SK

Paul Knupke Jr, N4PK, SK: Paul Knupke Jr, N4PK, of Largo, Florida, died unexpectedly September 24. He was 31. The cause of death has not been determined. An ARRL Life Member, Knupke was an Assistant Section Manager and Webmaster for the West Central Florida Section. He also was president of the Tampa Bay Hamfest, president of the Florida Gulf Coast Amateur Radio Council and District 4 Director for the Florida Repeater Council. He was a past president of the Clearwater Amateur Radio Society and served as its secretary, Webmaster and newsletter editor. "He was an active contester and had a real passion for Amateur Radio," said West Central Florida Section Manager Dave Armbrust, AE4MR, who called Knupke "one of Amateur Radio's shining stars." Survivors include his father, Paul E. Knupke, K4PEK. Knupke's family invites contributions in his memory to the Paul Knupke Jr Memorial Scholarship Fund, in care of Alan J. Pickering, 720 N Shore Boulevard NE, St Petersburg, FL 33701-2623.

**SAC Contests Claimed Scores****SAC CW CONTEST**

| CALL  | QSOS | MULTS | SCORE              |
|-------|------|-------|--------------------|
| K1TO  | 410  | 137   | 78,090 LP          |
| K5KG  | 346  | 124   | 61,008 HP          |
| N4BP  | 332  | 124   | 53,320 HP          |
| WC4E  | 233  | 107   | 36,630 HP          |
| N2NL  | 184  | 86    | 23,736 HP + Packet |
| NF4A  | 134  | 71    | 10,366 LP          |
| K9ES  | 77   | 52    | 6,974 LP           |
| W4SAA | 54   | 42    | 4,326 LP           |
| W4EBA | 68   | 37    | 2,516 LP           |
| W4ZW  | 30   | 20    | 580 LP             |
| N4OO  | 54   |       |                    |

**SAC SSB CONTEST**

|       |    |    |                |
|-------|----|----|----------------|
| NF4A  | 79 | 55 | 6,215 LP       |
| K9ES  | 65 | 44 | 3,476 LP       |
| K1TO  | 71 | 44 | 3,124 LP       |
| N2NL  | 44 | 31 | 2,046 LP       |
| K4LOG | 19 | 13 | 247 LP SOSB/20 |

**CQ/RJ RTTY Claimed Scores**

| CALL  | QSOS | State/Prov | DX  | ZONES | SCORE   |         |
|-------|------|------------|-----|-------|---------|---------|
| N4IG  | 908  | 122        | 233 | 85    | 993,520 | SOABLP  |
| N2NL  | 650  | 118        | 187 | 77    | 556,956 | SOABLP  |
| K4LQ  | 467  | 75         | 185 | 75    | 401,840 | SOABHP  |
| N4GI  | 650  | 118        | 120 | 53    | 187,920 | SOABLP  |
| K4MM  | 236  | 45         | 108 | 51    | 122,808 | SOABLP  |
| KB4N  | 74   | 60         | 23  |       | 15,853  | SOAB LP |
| KB4ET | 417  |            |     |       |         |         |

**W4SAA Top USA in WAG**

The TOP scorer for the USA in last year's Worked All Germany contest, with 423 CW QSOs, 1269 Phone QSOs and 88 Mults for a final score of 111672, beating out such luminaries as N4AF, K2SX, AA3B and K3ZO was...

JOE, W4SAA

Congrats, Joe!!

**FCG Election Results**

Here are the results of the election. I have certified the below and there will be no re-counts. hi hi ;-)

Winner % Of Votes Cast

President: K1TO 100%

VP-FCG: K5KG 60.4%

VP-FQP: WD4AHZ 100%

Sec-Treas: K4LQ 100%

NF4A and N2NL also received votes for the VP-FCG position

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Ulysses Rodriguez - NS4W

**California QSO Party Claimed Scores**

| Call   | Mode      | CW  | SSB | Mult | Score   |
|--------|-----------|-----|-----|------|---------|
| N4PN   | SOABLPMD  | 311 | 568 | 58   | 120.002 |
| K4FCG  | SOABLPMD  | 210 | 408 | 58   | 83,868  |
| NF4A   | SOABLPMD  | 208 | 368 | 58   | 78,880  |
| W4SAA  | SOABLPMD  | 289 | 249 | 56   | 76,440  |
| N4IG   | SOABLPMD  | 232 | 201 | 56   | 61,488  |
| KN4Y   | SOABLPMD  | 269 | 0   | 49   | 39,543  |
| K5KG   | SOABLPMD  | 129 | 162 | 55   | 39,105  |
| K1PT   | SOABLPMD  | 147 | 142 | 53   | 38,425  |
| N2NL   | SOABLPMD  | 100 | 100 | 47   | 23,400  |
| K4LQ   | SOABHPCW  | 174 | 0   | 47   | 22,446  |
| W4YA   | SOABLPMD  | 100 | 0   | 37   | 11,100  |
| N4GI   | SOABLPMD  | 57  | 30  | 33   | 7,623   |
| K4LW   | SOABLPMD  | 85  | 0   | 28   | 7,140   |
| W4ZW   | SOABLPMD  | 49  | 0   | 28   | 4,116   |
| W4EBA  | SOABLPSSB | 0   | 50  | 31   | 3,720   |
| K4LOG  | SOABLPSSB | 0   | 52  | 31   | 3,224   |
| K9ES/M | 49 QSOS   |     |     |      |         |

Club Total 500,638

## Melbourne Hamfest Meeting

First of all the following folks were seen in action at Melbourne: either at the luncheon at Franco's, the meeting at K9ES, or at the hamfest itself. AD4Z, K0LUZ, K1TO, K4LQ, K4LW & Charlotte, K4MM & Ingrid, K4OJ & Teresa, K4PG, K4XS & Holly, K9AW, K9ES, KD4BRJ, KE1F, KK4TA, KU4TF, N2NL, N4BP, N4DL, N4EK, N4GI, N4JT, N4TO, N8PR, NA4CW, ND4AA, NS4W, W1ROX, W4GM, W4IR, W4IX & Melissa, W4QM, W4SAA, WC4H, WD4AHZ.

It was great to meet a number of folks who were attending their first meeting and/or luncheon. This included Julio AD4Z, Red K0LUZ, Gary K9AW, and Carl WC4H.

The Hamfest itself seemed a bit smaller this year, with fewer commercial distributors and tailgate activity than last year.

Lots of camaraderie and telling of tall contest tales at Franco's. Notable comment from K4XS when his pizza was inadvertently served to another attendee by mistake: "QRZ is this pizza in use?" Took a lot of pictures of the action for the October Gazette.

30 people signed the attendance roster at Eric K9ES's QTH where lots of delicious dessert goodies were laid out in the dining room for consumption while or/after the meeting being held in the living room.

Dan K1TO began the meeting by thanking Eric for his hospitality.

We went around the room with everyone identifying him/herself and their favorite contests. A lot of diversity in the contest choices, with the CQWWW CW and/or SSB probably leading the pack.

Dan introduced guest Jim Johnson, KC4HW from the Florida Boys Contest Group, <http://www.kc4hw.net/FloridaBoys/> an organization of about 15 RTTY enthusiasts in the Melbourne area who will talk with us later in the meeting about the possibility of adding an RTTY mode to the FQP. Members of the FBCG have won many national titles in the RTTY contesting world.

Dan thanked Ulysses NS4W for collecting the votes in our bi-annual FCG elections. Ulysses said that just over 50 % of our membership voted. Voters selected George K5KG to replace retiring VP Jeff WC4E. Votes were also received for Charlie NF4A and Dave N2NL. Dan thanked Jeff WC4E for his many contributions to the club over the past 8 years.

Dan remarked on the success of this year's Vicnic, as well as the amount of interest in the NAQP this year, with lots of members joining teams. Also he noted the continued growth of the club, with 128 members going into the hamfest, and two more joining during the festivities, including KB, K4PG and Roxy, W1ROX for a new total of 130.

Dan encouraged members to join him in participating in the SAC contest next weekend, where he expects to QSO a number of the folks from that area he met during WRTC.

Dan also encouraged participation in the upcoming California QSO Party <http://www.cqp.org/> coming up the first weekend in October. He noted that the CQP has adopted the FQP approach of encouraging out-of-state club competition and has a new plaque to award that winner this year.

There are a lot of major contests coming up in the next few months, contact Dan if you need any help with antenna work.

The meeting attendance requirements to qualify to have your score count for the club in ARRL contests are going away effective 1 November Fred will still keep track of attendance at meetings, but not being there will no longer keep your score in ARRL contests from counting for the club.

There was a wide ranging discussion about the possibility of putting together some educational material for members use in contesting, as well as instituting some internal club award programs. Pete N8PR volunteered to put together a survey to help assess our needs/wants in these areas.

Ron WD4AHZ said that we are looking further into using computerized log checking for FQP logs.

Another extensive discussion took place concerning the possibility of adding an RTTY mode to the FQP. A sampling of some of the pros/cons discussed included:

- (1) Bringing RTTY/Digital users into the contest would add to the overall participation, bringing in a group that normally would not participate on Phone or CW.
- (2) Adding RTTY as a new isolated category in which participants only compete against other RTTYers and cannot add their totals and multipliers to any other mode would bring out the "paper chasers" of which KC4HW says there are many.
- (3) Adding RTTY scores to the mixed or CW category might alienate some participants, who would feel forced to operate some RTTY to stay competitive, and might not want to do so.
- (4) Allowing PSK-31 operation without a power restriction could cause some problems on that mode, since it is traditionally a low power mode.

Jim KC4HW agreed to work with Ron WD4AHZ in polling both club members and the RTTY community at large in seeing how much interest there might be in adding RTTY to FQP.

It was clear that there was no consensus in meeting attendees on this subject. Discussions will continue on the reflector.



## Pictures from Melbourne



L to R - Frank NA4CW,  
Fred K4LQ, Joe W4SAA



Dave N2NL



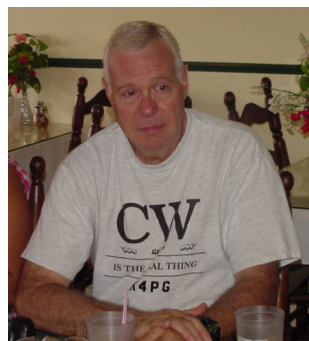
Joe W4IR Lou KE1F



Tom K4MM. Ron WD4AHZ, Roxy W1ROX



Byron W4EBA



'KB' K4PG



Ulysses NS4W



Gary N4DL, Bill K4XS



Above, L to R - Carl WC4H,  
Julio AD4Z. To the right of  
them - Vic N4TO.

Right: Ed N4EK, Trish  
KD4BRJ



Back, l to r. Bob K4LW and Charlotte, Gary K9AW  
Reading NCJ - Jim W4YA



The Antenna Farm of Eric, K9ES, genial host of the FCG  
Meeting and dessert at Melbourne

## ARRL DX 2002 Final Scores

## ARRL DX CW 2002

|       |               |      |     |           |  |
|-------|---------------|------|-----|-----------|--|
| K4NNN | M/M Unlimited | 5392 | 547 | 8,848,272 | Ops: K4OJ, N4KM, T93M, WD4AHZ<br>W1ROX, K4FB, W1CW, W1YL<br>+K0LUZ, NW5E (Guest Ops)<br>Ops: NP3G, W4IR, W4QM, N4TO # 10 USA |
| N4WW  | M/M           | 2911 | 469 | 4,095,777 |  |
| N4TO  | M/2           | 3226 | 512 | 4,955,136 |  |
| K1PT  | SO/A          | 1775 | 417 | 2,220,525 |  |
| K4PB  | SO/A          | 768  | 282 | 649,728   |  |
| AB4RL | SO/A          | 41   | 26  | 3,198     |  |
| NA4CW | SOQRP         | 983  | 285 | 840,465   | # 5 USA  |
| W4AA  | SOABLP        | 1373 | 366 | 1,507,554 |  |
| N4IG  | SOABLP        | 1462 | 339 | 1,486,854 |  |
| NF4A  | SOABLP        | 998  | 247 | 739,518   | Panhandle  |
| KN4Y  | SOABLP        | 575  | 183 | 315,675   | Panhandle  |
| KB4ET | SOABLP        | 285  | 201 | 171,855   | Panhandle  |
| W4YA  | SOABLP        | 284  | 152 | 129,504   |  |
| KB4N  | SOABLP        | 265  | 144 | 114,480   |  |
| ND4AA | SO10MLP       | 436  | 86  | 112,448   |  |
| W4OV  | SOABLP        | 142  | 87  | 37,062    |  |
| K4LW  | SOABLP        | 96   | 74  | 21,212    |  |
| KE1F  | SO10MLP       | 22   | 17  | 1,122     |  |
| KA6R  | SOABLP        | 19   | 17  | 969       |  |
| N4AO  | SOABHP        | 2533 | 352 | 2,674,848 | Op: WC4E   |
| W4SAA | SOABHP        | 1363 | 322 | 1,316,658 |  |
| N4PN  | SOBHP         | 1179 | 98  | 346,626   | # 2 USA 40 Mtrs  |
| N4QV  | SOABHP        | 446  | 232 | 310,416   |  |
| C6AKQ | SO40MHP       | 1273 | 60  | 229,140   | Op: N4BP # 1 World   |
| W7QF  | SOABHP        | 201  | 115 | 69,345    |  |
| K5KG  | SOABHP        | 154  | 87  | 40,194    |  |

## ARRL DX Phone 2002

|          |          |      |     |           |                                   |
|----------|----------|------|-----|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| 9A1A     | M/M      | 8344 | 306 | 7,659,792 | Ops: N4PN, NF4A + 8 Ops           |
| N4TO     | M/2      | 4546 | 535 | 7,296,330 | Ops: K1TO, N4DL, N4TO, T93M, T93Y |
| K1PT     | M/S      | 2251 | 453 | 3,059,109 | Ops: AE4SW, AE4RO, K1PT           |
| K5KG     | SO/A     | 2008 | 433 | 2,608,392 |                                   |
| WD4OAY   | SOABQRP  | 56   | 43  | 7,224     |                                   |
| N4IG     | SOABLP   | 1116 | 311 | 1,041,228 |                                   |
| K4RFK    | SOABLP   | 518  | 211 | 327,894   |                                   |
| NS4W     | SOABLP   | 534  | 196 | 313,992   |                                   |
| KB4ET    | SOABLP   | 375  | 199 | 223,875   | Panhandle                         |
| K8OSF    | SOABLP   | 362  | 151 | 163,986   |                                   |
| WD4JR    | SOABLP   | 293  | 128 | 112,512   |                                   |
| W4YA     | SOABLP   | 254  | 139 | 105,918   |                                   |
| KE1F     | SOABLP   | 228  | 118 | 80,712    |                                   |
| N4EK     | SO10MLP  | 180  | 59  | 31,860    |                                   |
| KU3O     | SOABLP   | 118  | 78  | 27,612    |                                   |
| N4AO     | SOABHP   | 1190 | 310 | 1,106,700 | Op: WC4E                          |
| N8PR     | SOABHP   | 741  | 281 | 624,663   |                                   |
| NJ2F     | SOABHP   | 822  | 230 | 567,180   |                                   |
| W7QF     | SOABHP   | 362  | 168 | 182,448   |                                   |
| W4/M0BUE | SO10MHP  | 385  | 95  | 109,725   |                                   |
| K4FB     | SOQRP20M | 19   | 18  | 1,026     |                                   |
| K4XS     | SOSB40M  | 850  | 92  | 234,600   | #1 USA                            |
| K4VUD    | SOSB20M  | 608  | 95  | 173,280   | # 7 USA                           |
| W4SAA    | SOSB15M  | 310  | 83  | 77,190    |                                   |
| N4BP     | SOSB10M  | 1310 | 102 | 400,860   |                                   |
| WC4H     | SOSB10M  | 627  | 86  | 161,766   |                                   |

**FCG was # 2 Medium Club with 38 entries  
and a total score of 43,978, 458**

Scores of newer members who joined FCG  
after the contest are shown for info

### CQ WW CW 2001 Final Scores

| Call  | Category | Q    | Z   | Cty | Score     |                                     |
|-------|----------|------|-----|-----|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| K4XS  | M/S      | 4031 | 185 | 634 | 8,993,439 | Ops:K4XS,N2NL,N6MJ # 1 USA          |
| N4TO  | M/S      | 3009 | 172 | 584 | 6,106,968 | Ops: N4TO,W4IR,W4QM, AE4SW # 6 USA  |
| K4NNN | M/S      | 3007 | 167 | 563 | 5,696,920 | Ops: W1CW,W1YL,K4OJ,N4KM,T93M,K0LUZ |
| K5KG  | M/M      | 2337 | 148 | 505 | 4,202,708 | Ops: K5KG,WD4AHZ                    |
| C6AKP | M/M      | 2155 | 94  | 264 | 1,440,234 | Ops:N4RP,W4SAA                      |
| HC8N  | M/M      |      |     |     | 5,235,956 | K1TO Portion # 1 World              |
|       |          |      |     |     |           |                                     |
| N2AN  | SOABHP   | 2581 | 142 | 424 | 1,595,086 | Op: WC4E # 10 USA                   |
| N4ZIQ | SOABHP   | 1266 | 76  | 234 | 964,100   | Op: N4GI                            |
| K4LQ  | SOABHP   | 603  | 87  | 273 | 582,840   |                                     |
| WC4H  | SOABHP   | 767  | 69  | 191 | 461,240   |                                     |
| N8PR  | SOABHP   | 411  | 88  | 228 | 341,912   |                                     |
| K4WJ  | SOABHP   | 289  | 62  | 160 | 178,266   |                                     |
| W4JN  | SOABHP   | 108  | 29  | 76  | 24,465    |                                     |
| W4ZW  | SOABHP   | 84   | 35  | 64  | 20,097    |                                     |
| W7QF  | SOABHP   | 64   | 25  | 44  | 9,936     |                                     |
|       |          |      |     |     |           |                                     |
| KP3Z  | SOABHPA  | 4843 | 158 | 547 | 7,763,460 | Op: NP4Z                            |
| K1PT  | SOABHPA  | 2180 | 147 | 498 | 3,600,390 |                                     |
| K4PB  | SOABHPA  | 688  | 113 | 339 | 818,120   |                                     |
| KE1F  | SOABHPA  | 117  | 47  | 84  | 23,842    |                                     |
|       |          |      |     |     |           |                                     |
| N4PN  | SOHP40M  | 983  | 37  | 121 | 334,170   | # 3 USA                             |
| W4SO  | SOHP40M  | 821  | 33  | 111 | 316,800   | # 4 USA                             |
| N4BP  | SOHP10M  | 1458 | 35  | 112 | 601,985   | # 3 USA                             |
| KW4CW | SOHP10MA | 497  | 35  | 121 | 205,764   |                                     |
| ND4AA | SOLP10M- | 385  | 31  | 106 | 138,096   |                                     |
| KN4Y  | SOLP10M  | 297  | 27  | 77  | 67,392    |                                     |
| HI3K  | SSOLP15  | 2219 | 35  | 118 | 765,459   | Op:AD4Z # 1 World                   |
| N4IG  | SOABLP   | 1198 | 111 | 367 | 1,595,086 | # 5 USA                             |
| WD4JR | SOABLP   | 430  | 82  | 232 | 330,956   |                                     |
| W3TMZ | SOABLP   | 280  | 93  | 248 | 220,28    |                                     |
| W4EBA | SOABLP   | 248  | 51  | 135 | 97,464    |                                     |
| W4AA  | SOABLP   | 143  | 69  | 108 | 93,456    |                                     |
| W4OV  | SOABLP   | 236  | 58  | 149 | 91,287    |                                     |
| N4EK  | SOABLP   | 231  | 43  | 122 | 84,315    |                                     |
| W4UM  | SOABLP   | 132  | 43  | 100 | 41,327    |                                     |
| NF4A  | SOABLP   | 131  | 48  | 71  | 39,746    |                                     |
| K4RFK | SOABLP   | 166  | 33  | 73  | 31,482    |                                     |
| KA6R  | SOABLP   | 77   | 31  | 47  | 100       |                                     |

**The published FCG Club totals for CQWW both modes  
was 84,756,594 # 5 USA**

**Note CQWWCW will be BEFORE Thanksgiving this  
year!**

**CQ WW SSB 2001 Final Scores**

| CALL    | CATEG   | Q        | Z   | C   | SCORE      |                   |
|---------|---------|----------|-----|-----|------------|-------------------|
| K4XS    | SOABHP  | 3218     | 147 | 519 | 5,806,188  | #6 USA, #2 W4     |
| K4VUD   | SOABHP  | 1648     | 109 | 304 | 1,704,451  |                   |
| N4EK    | SOABHP  | 537      | 64  | 191 | 354,960    |                   |
| W7QF    | SOABHP  | 341      | 58  | 166 | 206,976    |                   |
| WT2J    | SOABHP  | 328      | 61  | 185 | 175,890    |                   |
| WD4JR   | SOABHP  | 289      | 54  | 156 | 159,810    |                   |
|         |         |          |     |     |            |                   |
| FG/T93M | SOABHP  | 7409     | 146 | 470 | 11,059,664 | #4 WORLD          |
|         |         |          |     |     |            |                   |
| N4IG    | SOABLP  | 1111     | 101 | 312 | 1,271,627  | #2 W4             |
| K4LAW   | SOABLP  | 547      | 92  | 215 | 452,518    |                   |
| KK4TA   | SOABLP  | 509      | 62  | 189 | 335,587    |                   |
| W4EBA   | SOABLP  | 326      | 45  | 149 | 154,036    |                   |
| K4RFK   | SOABLP  | 86       | 33  | 70  | 20,909     |                   |
|         |         |          |     |     |            |                   |
| N4BP    | SOHP10  | 1342     | 30  | 100 | 494,650    |                   |
| W3TMZ   | SOHP10  | 102      | 33  | 99  | 35,244     |                   |
| W4JN    | SOHP15  | 94       | 22  | 56  | 13,416     |                   |
| K9ES    | SOHP40  | 240      | 26  | 93  | 58,191     | #4 USA            |
|         |         |          |     |     |            |                   |
| ND4AA   | SOLP10  | 333      | 26  | 90  | 101,616    |                   |
|         |         |          |     |     |            |                   |
| NA4CWSO | QRP10   | 562      | 29  | 101 | 202,150    | #2 WORLD          |
|         |         |          |     |     |            |                   |
| K1PT    | SOABASS | 1340     | 134 | 454 | 2,093,868  | #2 W4             |
| KE1F    | SOABASS | 410      | 59  | 169 | 213,408    |                   |
| K0LUZ   | SOASS10 | 810      | 35  | 136 | 377,226    |                   |
| NJ2F    | SOASS15 | 276      | 31  | 105 | 101,864    |                   |
|         |         |          |     |     |            |                   |
| N4PN    | MS      | 3478     | 161 | 552 | 6,493,291  | #7 USA, #2 W4     |
| KA6R    | MS      | 390      | 60  | 167 | 201,576    |                   |
|         |         |          |     |     |            |                   |
| PJ2Z    | MS      | #6 WORLD |     |     | 17,008,011 | WC4E one of 5 ops |
| VP5DX   | MS      | #9 WORLD |     |     | 14,619,537 | NU4Y one of 7 ops |
|         |         |          |     |     |            |                   |
| N4TO    | MM      | 5717     | 172 | 652 | 11,584,616 | #5 USA, #1 W4     |

OPS - N4TO, AE4SW, K1TO, K4LQ, K5KG, N2NL, N4KM, NS4W, WD4AHZ



## October FCG Meeting at K4XS

Attendees included: K1KNQ, K1TO, K4LQ, K4LW & Charlotte, K4MM, K4OJ, K4XS & Holly, K5KG, KE1F, N4IG, N4KW, VE7ZO, W1CW & W1YL, W3AU, W3TMZ, W4IX, W4JN, W4SAA and WC4E.

Some members arrived early to help out with installing a 20 meter beam at the top of one of Bill's 199.999 ft towers. To be more specific, Bill climbed the tower and did the actual installation, while the rest of us did some vital ground support stuff. ;-)

Bill and Holly served up a delicious lunch of hamburgers, sausages and all the fixins, washed down with copious amounts of sodas and cervezas, followed by lots of homemade cookies. This being ye scribe's one day a week away from the gym and "eating right", I enjoyed doing more than my fair share of conspicuous consumption!

Dan started the meeting by thanking Bill and Holly for their hospitality. A box was passed, there being a dearth of large enough hats available.

Dan introduced our newest member, Jim Roberts VE7ZO. Jim, along with partner VE3EJ, represented Canada and came in 6th at the recent WRTC competition in Helsinki. Jim has recently relocated to the Tampa Bay area. While looking for a QTH of his own, Jim will be helping the club in some upcoming multiop efforts and "negotiating" his way into other situations as well (wink, wink...).

Dan noted that the ARRL Contest meeting attendance rules that prevented the club using some members' scores last season have been rescinded. All members' scores will now count for the Club totals regardless of the number of meetings they have attended. (K1KNQ was tackled just as he got to the door on hearing that he didn't HAVE to be there) ;-)

How best to commemorate the recent passing of member Paul Knupke Jr. N4PK was discussed. Three things were reviewed.

First, I will collect any donations that members may care to make to the Paul Knupke Jr. scholarship fund. Make checks out to Fred Perkins, send them to me at 3437 Lake Josephine Dr., Lake Placid FL 33852. I will report on the reflector as to the amount collected and send it on to the fund. \$70 was donated by members already at the meeting to the fund.

Secondly, it was suggested that the Club consider sponsoring a plaque in Paul's memory. SS SSB was suggested, that having been Paul's favorite contest. Comments are invited on the reflector.

Thirdly, the club agreed to dedicate their operations in SS on both modes in memory of Paul.

FQP log checking - Dan reported that we may not have to do as much manual log checking, as Ron, WD4AHZ is currently checking out a software product produced by WT4I made specifically for official contest log checkers (not to be confused with the software that helps to scrub logs after a contest). Progress will be reported on the reflector.

Members were polled as to their plans for the upcoming CQWW SSB and SS CW contests. Vic, N4TO will host a M/M effort for CQWW which will utilize 11 operators. Jeff, WC4E will be at PJ2T as part of a 5-man group including rookie K1AR. Bruce, Julio, WD4JR will join several non FCG members at NP2B.

George, K5KG reviewed details of his newly introduced Contest Buddy program and passed out copies of the program outline. Basically, it is intended to match mentors (Elmers) with students (dubbed Elmos) from their part of the state in any contest related topic. George also sent the outline to the reflector recently. The forms will be attached to the upcoming October newsletter as well as being added to our website. George reported receiving inputs from several members already.

After discussions with W4WX at the Melbourne Hamfest, K4LQ will send URLs for downloading some upcoming newsletters to officers of the Florida Dxpediton Group, the Central Florida DX Association and the North Florida DX Association in an outreach effort to interest some of these folks or their members in the FCG. There was also discussion about the officers attending a club meeting of those clubs to explain what the FCG is all about.

Eric, KU4TF volunteered to assist with setting up the next meeting in Orlando. The November meeting has been held at or near the UCF campus the last 2 years on the second weekend of Nov - the weekend in between SS weekends.

George K5KG recommended the URL of the month as <http://www.qsl.net/ei8ic/> Some great contesting, DXing and general information on this site.

In keeping track of upcoming DX contest activities, another good site is <http://www.cpcug.org/user/wfeidt/Contest/index.html>

The meeting concluded with a discussion of some CQWW strategies from Florida for a LP effort. All members who mentioned a SOAB effort in WW SSB were Low Power, so hopefully these tips helped:

1. Start on 20M or 40M. You can't compete with stations to the west on 10 meters this time of night.
2. Don't waste time in a single pileup. At minimum, use the A/B VFO toggle on your rig and also the memories to store info. Effectively, you can call in 2 pileups "at once" by toggling the A/B switch. The point here is not to waste time listening to the DX stn. working other stns, but rather to toggle to the other pileup to call there instead.
3. Low band access to the big gun dxpeditions and DX in general is easier on the second night. Refer to the NG3K list to know which stations are Multi-Multi and will be begging for QSOs by the 2nd night. 40M can be fruitful even in the last several hours on Sunday afternoon, too.
4. Stay on the band(s) that favors EU, since most of your contest qsos will be with EU. This is really the #1 point to remember in generating a high score. There are bottomless numbers of QSOs and multipliers in Europe!
5. Go to 10 meters at sunrise to work Europe and stay there as long as the rate is acceptable. Zone 16 will die out first, then Zone 15 will become less prominent. But there are plenty of Western Europeans on SSB, so stay with it! Stations are spread over nearly a MHz, meaning that there are 600-1000 stations all calling CQ at any one time. Calling CQ high in theband on 10M is often fruitful
6. Look for 20M activity at EU sunrise which is our nighttime. Beginning at roughly 03Z, the Z16 Russians will be pounding in. By 06Z, the Z15 stations will be loud and soon after that the more Western Europeans will get loud, too This is a prime period for us in the south as we often get better openings to Eu and the Middle East then anyone else in the USA!
7. Don't forget to work USA and Zone 5 on 40, 75 and 160 meters!

8. Tune with the sideband. On 20-15-10, this means tuning from the bottom of the band upward. On 40-75-160, start at the top and work downward.

9. Nearly all the 40M DX will be listening split. Start listening at 7100 and tune slowly downward. K4XS reported working a VU who was transmitting SSB at 7002, so don't stop at 7040, the unofficial SSB band edge!

On 75M, much DX will transmit below 3750 and listen up. A fair bit of European and Caribbean DX will work transceive (or split) in the 3800-3750 segment. And a fair number of Caribbean station work transceive in the 3825-3800 segment, in between the F1-pushing Multiop stations.

Try 160 on the hour, just for a few minutes each time. As stated above, the low bands are likely to be easier on the second night since all the big guns will have worked the easy ones by then.

10. Be smart. Make a rough guess on your QSO and total mults ahead of time and then realize that each mult is only worth 3 or 4 QSOs. So sitting in a raging pileup for 10 minutes is easily offset by working 4 non-mults.



**Hosts Holly and Bill K4XS relax after the meeting is over and most of the rowdy FCGers are on their way home!**



Above Left Jim K4OJ, Right Joe W4SAA

Below Left Jon W4JN, Right George K5KG  
Host Bill K4XS in the background.



Below Left Bob K4LW and Charlotte

Right: Dan K1TO



Ellen, W1YL and Bob W1CW



Left; Jeff WC4E

Right: John W4IX

Thanks to Jon W4JN and  
Lou KE1F for many of the  
pictures taken at K4XS







Bill K4XS prepares to go up the 199' tower to install a new 20 meter beam



Part way up. (Bill was too small to picture when he reached the top!)



A portion of K4XS Main Operating Position



Part of the K4XS Plaque Collection



A (small) part of the K4XS certificate collection



Bill and Holly hard at work getting chow ready for the assembled group.



Dan K1TO greets Ed W3AU



Left: Dave N4IG explains a Writelog feature to Fred K4LQ



Pete N4KW

## Seen on the Reflector

### Digital FQP—Voting Results

Thanks to everyone who voted on this issue.

Previous attempts to feel out the members, turned into a discussion of mostly "pros" and "cons" of one digital mode vs. another, on both the FCG reflector and at the Melbourne meeting, but resulted in no clear answer to the basic question:

"Do you want 'digital' (no modes specified yet) to be added to the FQP?"

Needing to know the "will of the members" (as sponsors of the FQP), we needed an answer to that question, in order to determine what to do next. If the majority voted YES, to add "digital" to the FQP, then work could start on hammering out the details. If the majority voted NO, to leave the FQP as is, then we would drop the issue, and proceed no further.

I decided to collect the votes via ballot, so that everyone could give their honest opinion on the issue.

With 54 members voting, the results are as follows:

38.9% (21 votes) YES - add "digital" to the FQP  
61.1% (33 votes) NO - leave the FQP as is

The majority favors the FQP the way it is now, without the addition of "digital" modes, so that's the way we'll continue.

Thanks again to everyone who took the time to let me know your opinion and voted on this issue.

73, Ron WD4AHZ

Our Congratulations to FCger Art AB4RL who recently passed the Bar Exam and is working for a firm in Boca Raton doing securities and bankruptcy law.



**All the vertical antennas needed for the recent 6Y5A operation, in one neat bundle!**

URL of the Month

<http://www.qsl.net/ei8ic/>

Some great contesting, Dxing and general information on this site

Another useful url to keep track of upcoming Contest dxpeditions is

<http://www.cpcug.org/user/wfeidt/Contest/index.html>

### 2002 September Sprint CW Scores

|       | 20M | 40M | 80M | Qsos | Mult | Total |                  |
|-------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-------|------------------|
| N2NL  | 160 | 135 | 73  | 368  | 44   | 16192 | at K1PT          |
| K4NNN | 146 | 95  | 49  | 290  | 48   | 13920 | op: K4OJ         |
| N4AO  | 123 | 105 | 66  | 294  | 44   | 12936 |                  |
| K5KG  | 118 | 132 | 59  | 309  | 42   | 12669 | 1st + 300 Effort |
| W4ZW  | 105 | 83  | 21  | 209  | 40   | 8610  |                  |
| W4AA  | 86  | 91  | 36  | 213  | 38   | 8094  |                  |
| NJ4M  | 115 | 68  | 21  | 204  | 37   | 7548  | op: WD4AHZ       |
| K4LQ  | 86  | 64  | 13  | 163  | 40   | 6520  |                  |
| W4SAA | 79  | 49  | 9   | 137  | 38   | 5480  |                  |
| ND4AA | 90  | 0   | 0   | 90   | 32   | 2880  |                  |



## FCG Clothing Notes

I've been asked to update data on how to purchase FCG Polo Shirts and Caps.

There is a shopping cart available through a url which shows up at the end of all postings on the FCG reflector. This allows you to purchase through the internet. The url is:  
<http://www.qsl.net/fcg/cart.html>

Here is what is available:

White Shirt with Orange Lettering

Orange Shirt with Black Lettering

White Cap Orange Brim, Orange Lettering

All White Cap with Black Lettering

All Orange Cap with Black Lettering

Florida Contest Group patch

Prices:

Shirts: All \$25.00 except XXL which is \$27.00

Caps: All caps are \$10.00

FCG Patch: \$7.00

Shipping: 1-2 items \$5.00

3-4 items \$6.00

5 or more items \$7.00

The above are available from FCG Member Jo-Anne KT3O

Her business is:

Initially Yours  
 207 N. Main Street  
 Lake Placid FL 33852

Phone: 863-699-2411

## Event Calendar

**CQWW DX Contest SSB Oct 26 0000Z - Oct 27 2400Z**

**ARRL Sweepstakes CW Nov 2 2100Z - Nov 4 0300Z**

**FCG Meeting near UCF east of Orlando Nov 9 or 10**

**ARRL Sweepstakes SSB - Nov 16 2100Z - Nov 18 0300Z**

**CQWW DX Contest CW Nov 23 0000Z - Nov 24 2400Z**  
 (Note this is BEFORE Thanksgiving this year)

**ARRL 160 Meter Contest Dec 6 2000Z - Dec 8 1600Z**

**FL State Convention/FCG Mtg -Tampa Area - Dec 7**

**ARRL 10 Meter Contest Dec 14 0000Z - Dec 15 2400Z**

*Ed. Note Attached to this newsletter are two pages of the outline of the FCG Contest Buddy Program. This has been discussed on the reflector and at the October meeting. If you are interested in becoming a mentor or student in any of the areas mentioned, please print out these pages and send them to George K5KG*

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## Florida Contest Group

### Contest Buddy Program

The purpose of the Contest Buddy Program is to foster camaraderie among club members, share technical knowledge and expertise about contesting and encourage contest participation. Anyone in the club can participate — as a mentor, a student or both! Mentors are club members who have lots of experience in contesting, and students are those who want to more about contesting. Mentors especially know a great deal about contest operating, station design, logging software, rig control, antennas, towers, etc. The students can be anyone in the club who wants to learn more about contesting from an experienced buddy.

All you have to do to be in the Contest Buddy Program give us your input below, and submit the form. Feel free to check topics as both a Mentor and a Student if you feel that you can benefit from both.

Your FCG officers will match up the buddies and let each of them know who has been paired up. In matching up, the officers will try to make pairings in the same ARRL Section (Northern, Southern and West Central Florida) to encourage eye-ball QSO's.

By filling out and submitting this form, you are agreeing to assist the club member who is assigned as your buddy. Your first obligation will be to get in touch with your buddy, and get to know him or her. A good icebreaker will be to ask how you can help them for their next contest.

#### Mentors

Please check your areas of knowledge and experience. Add any comments you would like about your specialty or level of expertise. For example, if you have years of placing in the top 10 in Sweepstakes, put it down.

|                          |   |       |
|--------------------------|---|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Contests – CW                                     | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Contests – SSB                                    | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Contests – Domestic                               | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Contests – DX                                     | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Contests – VHF                                    | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Station design                                    | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Antennas  | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Towers  | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Logging software (CT, NA, TRlog, WriteLog, other) | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Computers & rig control                           | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Other   | _____ |

## Students

Please check the areas in which you would like to learn and get help from your buddy. Add any comments about particular things in which you would like your buddy's help.

☐ Contests – CW \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Contests – SSB \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Contests – Domestic \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Contests – DX \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Contests – VHF \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Station design \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Antennas \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Towers \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Logging software (CT, NA, TRlog, WriteLog, other) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

☐ Computers & rig control \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ CALL: \_\_\_\_\_

LICENSE CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST LICENSED (YR) \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Northern Florida

☐ Southern Florida

☐ West Central Florida

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Submit:**

Email (k5kg@arrl.net) or fax (941-312-9460) your form to George Wagner, K5KG