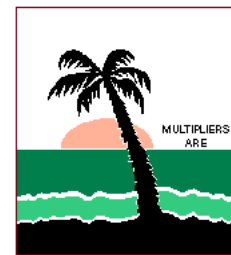


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From the President's Corner

By Dan Street, K1TO



As summer winds to a close, the major contest season is just in front of us. Thank goodness for no hurricane activity to deal with so far, and even the love bug infestation seems much milder this September than in past years. Living in the so-called lightning capital of the world, we've had several incidents, including the horrible event at Blake, N4GI's place with seemingly unexplainable damage. Still, it seems that the positive FCG station building outweighs the negative station damage.

Results are in from three of the major contests from last season. The FCG did really well in the granddaddy of them all - CQ WW! Bolstered by a few expedition scores, we posted an impressive 75M points, just 1% below the 4th-place Northern Cal CC. While well below the three perennial northeast powerhouses, we had almost 1/2 of the PVRC score! There are a number of high-scoring finishers, but the club aggregate is the result of a lot of people making the effort to stay in the chair and enjoy the amazing, unparalleled amount of DX activity in both the CQ WW SSB and CQ WW CW contests. Again this year, they are the last full weekend of October and November, respectively, so make your plans now for this year's events. We've had some fun in past years by also taking advantage of the "Team Contesting" aspect which allows 5 single-ops to combine scores together, completely separate and independent from the club competition. Look for a reflector thread on this as each mode approaches.

More than any other event, the CQ WW log checking stringently penalizes sloppiness, so double check those call signs as you make each contact (no guessing!) and make sure the other guy/gal has you in the log. Kudos to the CQ WW Committee for opening up all 2006 logs for public viewing. Oddly, there is no apparent link from the cqww.com home page. URLs are <http://www.cqww.com/ssblogs.htm> and <http://www.cqww.com/cwlogs.htm>

The FCG had a long string of gavel-winning victories in the Affiliated Club Competition in the ARRL 10-Meter Contest, but that streak ended in 2006, despite an impressive collective effort from the club. Propagation was not on our side this time out, with nearly all the sporadic-E occurring elsewhere and 9 of the top 10 USA winners coming from west of the Mississippi. Nonetheless, we posted a solid total, with a

second place finish in the Unlimited Club Category with 55 entries, plus 5 Panhandle entries.

ARRL DX Contest results are now also complete. Although we finished sixth, with 47 CW entries and 29 on SSB, plus some Panhandle activity, we're continuing to increase our footprint in major contests. Thirteen of our CW entrants used spotting assistance to find those multipliers which are admittedly more scarce in ARRL DX than in CQ WW.

The digital activity in the FCG continues to ramp up. In the ARRL RTTY Roundup, the FCG had 15 entrants. Ron, KP2N led a group in the VI to a world Multi-op win while the Melbourne gang operating as K4QD and with several other FCG ops won the Multi-op category for the US! Bob, N4BP actually out-QSOed Team QD, but came up a few mults short while wearing out the F1 key. Coming up at the end of this month is the CQ WW RTTY which always has terrific activity levels.

It's not been mentioned yet that Julio, AD4Z, operating as HI3A, won the ARRL 160-Meter Contest SO LP category from outside the USA last December, finishing behind only one HP entrant (PJ2T). Fortunately, the recent hurricanes that moved westward through the Caribbean did not affect the HI3C station which is up in the mountains away from either coastline. Look for big multi-op efforts there as HI3C for CQ WW SSB and HI3A on CW.

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Very sad to learn of the recent passing of several prominent contesters - VE4VV and KT0R - who were both members of the Minnesota Wireless Assn. and a frequent entry in our logs. RIP, Derrick and Dave.

Pictures tell the story of the FQP Mobiles and we have a bunch of them for you in this issue. FQP log checking is far ahead of the pace for most years, fortunately. We've set another high water mark for log entries, despite several aborted mobile efforts, poor propagation and QRM from the BS7H DXpedition and SP RTTY contest.

Thanks to Ellen, W1YL for initiating a memorial brick for K4OJ at the ARRL HQ Diamond Terrace. The White family spent many years at ARRL HQ before relocating to Florida. Also more thanks to Ellen for further extending our hospitality to our friends in Agra, India with a 3-year QST subscription.

A reminder for you ARRL members: Make sure you are subscribed to the free Contest e-newsletter called the Rate Sheet. The prolific Ward, N0AX does a fantastic job in pulling together interesting commentary and valuable links on a wide variety of contest-related topics.

Thanks again to Alan, K4PB and Jan, W4EEQ, who offered their nice QTH for our July meeting! It was an enthusiastic group at the meeting and a good time was had by all. Report and pictures will be in the next newsletter.

Eric, K9ES has once again graciously invited the FCG to his home for a meeting and cookout after the Melbourne hamfest on Saturday, October 13. The FCG is hosting the Contest Forum from 11:30 - 1:00 at the hamfest, so no traditional pizza meeting this time. Presenters are sought for a number of 10-15 minute slots at the Contest Forum, so please consider pulling together a short Powerpoint presentation.

GO FCG! OJ!

vy 73, Dan, K1TO

Submission Credits

Thanks to the following for the articles and pictures in this issue: K1PT, K4EJ, K5KG, K8NZ, K9ES, KU8E, N4EEB, NF4A, W1MO, W1YL and W4RIS

Welcome Aboard



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

W4PTS Dan Cartlidge, 4288 Bell Avenue, Sarasota FL 34231 e-mail: inrharmony@verizon.net

W4ZE - Ted Huf, 2041 SE Imperial St, Port St. Lucia FL 34987 e-mail: ted@w4ze.com

Events Calendar

California QSO Party 1600Z, Oct 6 to 2159Z, Oct 7

Melbourne Hamfest - Oct 13 & 14, FGG Meeting K9ES
QTH October 13 - Details on Reflector and in Oct Gazette

North American Sprint, RTTY 0000Z-0400Z, Oct 14

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB 0000Z, Oct 27 to 2400Z, Oct 28

ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW 2100Z, Nov 3 to 0300Z, Nov 5

ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB 2100Z, Nov 17 to 0300Z, Nov 19

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Nov 24 to 2400Z, Nov 25

ARRL 160-Meter Contest 2200Z, Nov 30 to 1600Z, Dec 2

ARRL 10-Meter Contest 0000Z, Dec 8 to 2400Z, Dec 9

Final Scores ARRL 10 Meter Contest

	Call	Score	QSOs	Mult	Class	Power	Section	Ops
1	K0LUZ	280,832	755	128	D	C	NFL	
2	N4PJ	151,560	448	90	A	C	NFL	
3	WJ9B	129,276	514	63	C	C	NFL	
4	K4DDR	125,744	413	116	D	C	NFL	
5	AD4TR	107,236	365	83	A	C	NFL	
6	W4FDA	74,576	272	79	A	C	NFL	
7	N6AR	46,176	183	74	A	C	NFL	
8	N4EK	30,008	145	62	A	B	NFL	
9	W7QF	28,620	156	54	A	C	NFL	
10	W4CEO	18,600	116	62	A	C	NFL	
11	W4YA	14,508	94	39	C	C	NFL	
12	N9JRZ	9,060	83	30	D	C	NFL	
13	W4EBA	4,600	57	25	A	B	NFL	
14	W1MO	2,856	42	17	C	C	NFL	
15	N4WO	1,548	26	18	A	B	NFL	
16	WB4FSF	760	21	10	C	B	NFL	
17	N4OK	506	13	11	D	C	NFL	
18	KK3Q	484	22	11	B	B	NFL	
19	AD4ES	182	8	7	A	B	NFL	
20	N4WW	227,772	709	81	C	C	SFL	(K8NZ, op)
21	N4BP	181,764	567	81	C	C	SFL	
22	N8PR	128,952	403	108	D	C	SFL	
23	K1PT	93,272	304	89	D	C	SFL	
24	W4QM	67,320	258	66	C	C	SFL	
25	K4PB	63,218	236	73	D	C	SFL	
26	NJ2F	55,614	403	69	B	C	SFL	
27	W4OV	49,912	219	68	A	C	SFL	
28	K4QD	49,010	304	65	A	C	SFL	
29	K4MM	33,000	152	55	C	B	SFL	
30	K4ADR	28,842	256	57	B	C	SFL	
31	K4PG	13,720	99	35	C	B	SFL	
32	WA4ASJ	11,152	137	41	B	C	SFL	
33	K9ES	9,520	71	40	A	B	SFL	
34	W4RIS	9,240	136	35	D	C	SFL	
35	AD4Z	8,118	78	33	A	B	SFL	
36	W4KPG	6,944	57	31	C	B	SFL	
37	NA4CW	2,640	44	22	A	B	SFL	
38	W4UM	4	1	1	C	B	SFL	
39	K1TO	340,032	926	92	C	C	WCF	
40	K5KG	228,718	613	119	D	C	WCF	
41	N4TB	124,320	424	74	C	C	WCF	
42	K4LQ	116,436	373	93	A	C	WCF	
43	WK2G	113,216	468	61	C	B	WCF	
44	WD4AHZ	95,472	355	68	C	B	WCF	
45	WX4G	81,872	340	86	A	C	WCF	
46	W4ZW	69,840	276	72	D	C	WCF	
47	WB4TDH	68,544	307	56	C	B	WCF	
48	N4CJ	51,480	236	55	D	C	WCF	
49	W4CU	45,384	213	61	D	C	WCF	
50	K4GKD	28,500	163	50	A	B	WCF	
51	K4EJ	8,540	70	35	D	C	WCF	
52	W3VR	7,056	114	28	A	B	WCF	
53	W3TB	6,624	87	23	A	B	WCF	
54	WA4EEZ	3,432	56	33	B	B	WCF	
55	N4GI	48	6	2	C	B	WCF	

Totals 3,456,660 13,194 3,037

FCG PANHANDLE

	Call	Score	QSOs	Mult	Class	Power	Section
1	N4OX	136,968	882	78	B	C	NFL
2	KN4Y	36,980	219	43	C	B	NFL
3	K4JAF	11,008	120	43	A	B	NFL
4	KB4ET	7,626	96	41	B	B	NFL
5	NF4A	6,160	67	28	A	C	NFL
Totals		198,742	1,384	233			

Scores Table Key

Class

- A - Single Op Mixed Mode
- B - Single Op Phone Only
- C - Single Op CW Only
- D - Multioperator

Power

- A - QRP
- B - Low
- C - High

Ed Note: FCG came in 2nd in the Unlimited Club Category, only being beaten by the Potomac Valley Radio Club, which has hundreds more members than we do.

Final Scores ARRL DX CW

	Call	Score	QSOs	Mult	Class	Power	1-Band	Section	Operator
1	C6AKQ	367,488	2,112	58	S	C	40	C6	N4BP # 1 World
2	C6APG	204,516	1,196	57	S	C	80	C6	K4PG # 4 World
3	C6AHR	136,629	799	57	S	C	160	C6	N8PR # 2 World
4	WJ9B	936,768	1,148	272	S	C		NFL	
5	K0LUZ	784,080	880	297	SA	C		NFL	
6	W4AA	642,978	729	294	S	B		NFL	
7	N4PJ	504,570	695	242	SA	C		NFL	
8	KE1F	392,931	539	243	SA	C		NFL	
9	N6AR	350,784	504	232	S	C		NFL	
10	N4WW	292,236	343	284	SA	C		NFL	
11	N4CC	290,106	426	227	SA	B		NFL	
12	W4YA	247,779	437	189	S	C		NFL	
13	K9OM	155,337	569	91	S	S	40	NFL	
14	N4EK	68,796	196	117	S	B		NFL	
15	W4CEO	67,662	179	126	S	C		NFL	
16	N4WO	48,825	175	93	S	B		NFL	
17	AC2N	540	15	12	S	A		NFL	
18	KD5M	462	14	11	S	B		NFL	
19	K1PT	1,599,615	1,445	369	SA	C		SFL	
20	W4QM	760,794	851	298	S	C		SFL	
21	K4PB	512,352	593	288	SA	S		SFL	
22	AD4Z	175,380	316	185	S	A		SFL	
23	KT4PD	114,594	269	142	S	B		SFL	
24	K9ES	104,922	402	87	S	S	80	SFL	
25	N4PSE	13,110	95	46	S	C	80	SFL	
26	WC4H	10,692	66	54	S	C	80	SFL	
27	W4KPG	10,044	62	54	S	B		SFL	
28	W4OV	4,560	40	38	S	C		SFL	
29	W4UM	27	3	3	S	B		SFL	
30	K1TO	1,513,071	1,533	329	S	C		WCF	
31	N4TB	963,765	1,089	295	SA	S		WCF	
32	WK2G	804,408	1,108	242	S	B		WCF	# 7 USA (LP)
33	N4CJ	643,386	683	314	SA	B		WCF	
34	W4CU	479,232	624	256	SA	C		WCF	
35	K4LQ	438,180	545	268	SA	A		WCF	
36	N4IG	375,300	556	225	S	B		WCF	
37	K4GKD	336,444	529	212	S	B		WCF	
38	W4ZW	287,472	424	226	SA	C		WCF	
39	W4IR	176,595	305	193	SA	C		WCF	
40	W3TB	152,640	320	159	S	B		WCF	
41	W3VR	130,560	272	160	S	B		WCF	
42	WD4AHZ	107,640	276	130	S	B		WCF	
43	WX4G	89,505	221	135	S	C		WCF	
44	N4GI	51,360	160	107	S	C		WCF	
45	WB4TDH	45,492	223	68	S	C	15	WCF	
46	N4TO	21,630	103	70	S	B		WCF	
47	K4EJ	11,088	66	56	S	B		WCF	
	Totals	15,426,345		24,135	7,911				

Scores Table Key

Class

S - Single Op
SA - Single Assisted
MS - Multi Single
M2X - Multi Two
MM - Multi Multi

Power

A - QRP
B - Low
C - High

Ed. Note: Congrats to George K5KG who organized the J70J Team that won # 2 World Multi-Multi. Ops shown below:

J70J (J75KG, (K5KG), J79XX, (K1XX), J79WI, (W19WI), J79RV, (KK9K), J79IU, (W9IU)

*Score QSOs
7,116,522 7,367*

Pictures will be in the next Gazette

Ed. Note. A tip of the editorial cap to Ron K8MZ who was part of the # 1 World M2 Team at PJ2T

Ops: W8TK, W0CG, WA4PGM, K8NZ, WA9S, N1ZZ, NP2L, W9EFL, N8LGP

*Score QSOs
7,655,172 7,756*

FCG Panhandle

	NF4A	232,776	424	183	SA	C		NFL	
2	KN4Y	87,132	212	137	S	B		NFL	
	Totals	319,908	636	320					

ARRL FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION - MELBOURNE HAMFEST

Sponsored by the Platinum Coast Amateur Radio Society (PCARS)

OCTOBER 13 & 14, 2007

Saturday: 9 AM to 5 PM, Sunday 9 AM - 4 PM

Setup: Friday Oct 12th 6 PM to 9 PM, Saturday October 13th 6:00 AM to 9 AM

Talk in: W4MLB on 146.25/146.85 repeater (No PL Tone)

Melbourne Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Blvd, Melbourne, Florida 32901

\$10.00 per designated parking space - first come, first served after noon Friday.

Tailgate areas not designated as regular parking are \$2.00/linear foot;
these areas will only be assigned by special request.

Come early - open at 6:00AM on Saturday!

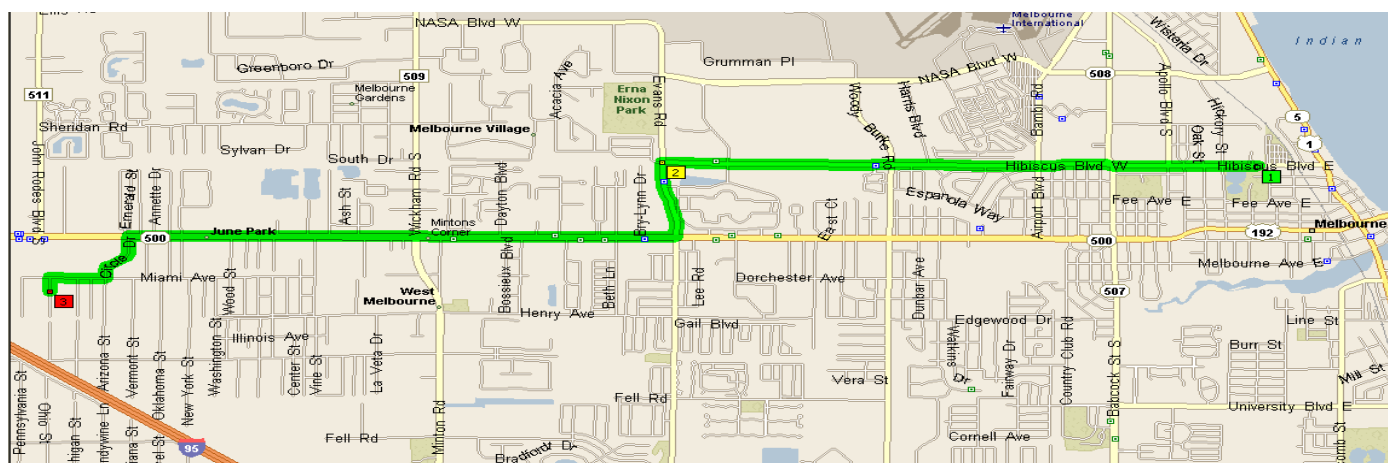
Plenty of Inside commercial booths and swap tables

Consignment table will be available

Amateur Radio Exams will be given on site

Excellent FORUMS and Meetings (FCG Sponsored Contesting Forum 11:30 AM - 1 PM)

Directions to October FCG Meeting at K9ES QTH



1. Exit Melbourne Auditorium, go West on Hibiscus Avenue
2. At EVANS Street, make a LEFT and go to US-192
3. At US-192, make a RIGHT going West
4. Just before SAM'S CLUB, make a LEFT onto CIRCLE DRIVE
5. At Stop Sign, Make a RIGHT onto MIAMI AVE
6. At the 3rd Street on LEFT, Make a LEFT
7. 2175 Ohio Street is 3rd Home on LEFT. Park on Front Lawn

Meeting starts when everyone arrives. The coals will be fired up at 3 PM, food will be served at 3:30 PM. The pool will be open for those who want to swim.

Please RSVP to k9es@cfl.rr.com

Pictures of FQP-2007 Mobile Operations - Starting with W4AN/M



*W4AN/M near Marineland in St Augustine
Operators: Jeff KU8E and Pat N8VW*



Pat N8VW operating W4AN/M

N4EEB/M



John N4EEB/M in Action in his first mobile operation as well as his first FQP

K4OJ/M



*K4OJ/M in Northern Monroe County
Operators: Kevin N4KM and Red K0LUZ*



Red K0LUZ operating K4OJ/M



Another view of the K4OJ/M Nissan Xterra

NF4A/M



Sunset on St. Joe Bay in Gulf County with NF4A vehicle in Foreground



W5WMU/M and NF4A/M eyeball QSO in Gulf County



NF4A Operating Position, along with the required bag of Redman, the Official FQP Chewing Tobacco

N4KK/M



*Left:
N4KK/M (Team
FUBAR) Opera-
tional!
Fred N4KK on 20M,
Vic WA0USA on 40M*

*Below, N4KK/M
enters Highlands
County*



Vic WA0USA finishing setup at N4KK/M

K4KG/M

At left is the K4KG-mobile equipped with a trailer carrying a Force 12 Sigma 5 (20m thru 10m) vertical. Also on the vehicle were a High Sierra Screwdriver antenna and a ham stick on a roof mag mount. In some on-the-air comparisons before the FQP, the Sigma 5 consistently beat the screwdriver by 1 to 2 S-units. During the contest, we generally felt loud with the Sigma, and used it exclusively with the exception of 40m where we had to use the screwdriver. As in prior years, a table for the station was installed in place of the passenger seat. Gear used was an IC 756Pro2, Sony laptop running WL, and a Microham CW Keyer."



Middle: George K5KG operating FQP
Bottom: Jim VE7ZO and George K5KG with the FQP-Mobile in George's driveway before start of the FQP. K9 Winnie helping out in foreground.



Middle: Jim VE7ZO Operating FQP
Bottom: K5KG's XYL Kay and Jim VE7ZO relaxing after FQP is finished.

KI4TG / M



The navigation computer running Streets and Trips with GPS input. This was very important driving in unfamiliar territory. We also used a Garmin GPS to assist



The CW Station ready to go - IC756 Pro-2 with ICE 419 Band Pass Filter, MFJ-492 Keyer, Paddle and Logging Computer running Writelog.



The batteries re installed in a massive 2 x 4 structure to prevent movement while traveling.



Jeff KG4IPO, Tim KI4TG and Eric K9ES - Ready to roll at 5 minutes to noon.



Jeff KG4IPO operates SSB from St. Johns County



Eric K9ES running CW QSOs in Lafayette County



Attending an FQP planning meeting at the Cracker Barrel on Friday night before the contest were L-R George K5KG, Jim VE7ZO, Dan K1TO and Chuck NO5W who was visiting from Texas.



Left - Back by popular demand - Steve W4DTA with the ICOM girl drew the most positive comments from the last issue, so here he is again with two (count em two !) US Tower girls.



Larry KJ4UY chats with Bharathi Prasad VU2RBI and her daughter Ms. D. S Mahathi, VU3DSM.



These guys show up for every FQP, send me a picture for the Gazette, but don't turn in their score! Considering their engine, it seems unlikely they covered many counties.

More Dayton Pictures



FCGers Gil W1RG and Steve W4DTA

Claimed Scores WPX CW

Call	Score	QSOs	MULTS	Class	Section	OPERATOR(s)	HRS	RATE/HR
WE4OJ	2,424,810	1,554	655	MULTI-ONE HIGH	WCF	WC4E, N4GI @ N4GI	26.5	59
AB1HZ	6,472,077	3156	879	MULTI-TWO	WCF	K8NZ, W4SAA and K5KG	48.0	66
WJ9B	2,368,646	1,783	623	SOAB LOW	NFL	SO2R	36.0	50
N4IG	604,960	644	380	SOAB LOW	WCF		21.0	31
W4ARM	225,540	402	252	SOAB LOW	SFL			
W4LT	218,924	356	239	SOAB LOW	WCF		16.0	22
K4BK	175,266	363	214	SOAB LOW	NFL		32.5	11
N4WO	88,000	245	160	SOAB LOW	NFL		18.0	14
KE1F	74,176	208	152	SOAB LOW	NFL		4.0	52
N4TB	73,134	229	153	SOAB LOW	WCF		12.5	18
N4TO	71,162	185	182	SOAB LOW	WCF		3.8	49
NK4CC	17,927	116	91	SOAB LOW	WCF	K4CC	7.0	17
N4OK	7,844	58	53	SOAB LOW	NFL		2.5	23
K4FO	24,099			SOAB LOW (A)	NFL	ex N9JRZ		
WK2G	1,709,690	1,367	565	SOAB LOW TB-WIRES	WCF		34.0	40
N4EEB	772,315	852	415	SOAB LOW TB-WIRES	NFL		31.0	27
W4KPG	78,183	185	153	SOAB LOW TB-WIRES	SFL		10.0	19
WD4AHZ	45,552	186	146	SOAB LOW TB-WIRES	WCF		8.0	23
WF3C	150,348	273	204	SO 40m LOW (A)	WCF	K4EJ	14.0	20
WB4TDH	67,375	231	175	SO 15m LOW	WCF		11.0	21
KN4Y	28,182	173	122	SO 10m LOW	NFL		24.5	7
NE4AA	7,041,144	2,880	894	SOAB HIGH	WCF	K1TO SO2R	36.0	80
W4QM	1,092,120	968	456	SOAB HIGH	SFL		24.0	40
K4LQ	584,459	554	361	SOAB HIGH	WCF		22.0	25
W7QF	526,020	514	330	SOAB HIGH	NFL		15.2	34
AC4TT	714,136	844	472	SO 20m HIGH	NFL	W1MO	22.0	38
N4PJ	201,722	414	289	SO 20m HIGH	NFL		10.0	41
N4WW	2,207,484	1,261	612	SOAB HIGH (A)	NFL		22.5	56
K4PV	1,705,887	1,585	603	SOAB HIGH TB-WIRES	NFL	C31XR and 40m Loop	35.0	45
WN1GIV	775,670	1,007	490	SO 15m HIGH TB-WIRES	SFL	N4BP	30.0	34
W4CU	501,600	616	330	SOAB HIGH TB-WIRES (A)	WCF		20.0	31

Total **31,048,452**

CW7T	551,100	466	300	SOAB HIGH	CX	K6CT/CX7TT
K9OM/9	630,000	760	375	SOAB LOW	IL	

1,181,100

HONORABLE MENTION

NQ4I	11,981,860	4,868	1,070	MULTI-MULTI	GA	SECC (NF4A, VE7ZO + Others)	48.0	101
KW3A	2,642,331	1,821	677	SOAB LOW TB-WIRES	GA	SECC (N4PN)	36.0	51

Thanks to K4EJ for building this spreadsheet.

Ed Note: The comments below were made by Dan K1TO in an interview with Jamie Dupree NS3T on the website www.radio-sport.net

In his first serious WPX CW effort in four years, WRTC veteran Dan Street K1TO, staked himself to an early US lead in the 2007 CQ WPX CW, with a claimed score of over 7 million points as NE4AA.

"I felt like I did the best I could" said Street. "I hit the second radio pretty hard and picked up a lot of prefixes and QSO's that way."

It was basically a two band affair at NE4AA, as Street made all but 193 of his nearly 2900 contacts 20 and 40 meters.

"40 meters worked well to Europe for those crucial 6-pointers" said Street, who added that he was "reasonably happy with (my) off-time strategy, although there were still many frustrating hours, particularly on 20 when I could hear EU stations repeatedly steal the frequency."



Pictures from the CQ WPX CW effort of AB1HZ at K5KG

L- Joe W4SAA

R - Ron K8NZ



K4OJ Memorial Brick to be added to the ARRL's new Diamond Terrace.

At Ellen W1YL's request, I recently forwarded a check from the W1CW/K4OJ Memorial Fund to the ARRL to purchase a Memorial Brick in the ARRL Diamond Terrace for K4OJ. It will read:

K4OJ
Founder
Florida Contest Group.

I received the following e-mail from ARRL in response:

"We will be pleased and honored to add a memorial brick for K4OJ to the Diamond Terrace. Thanks to you, Ellen and the FL Contest Group for your generosity and thoughtfulness.
73, Mary K1MMH

Mary M. Hobart, K1MMH
Chief Development Officer
ARRL"

VU Radio Club to receive 3 Year QST subscription from Memorial Fund

During her recent trip to VU and 9N, Ellen W1YL was warmly welcomed in Agra, India by the members of the Agra Radio Club. She distributed numerous FCG caps to the group.

During discussions there, it became apparent that foreign Amateur Radio publications were very difficult to obtain. The club secretary asked Ellen for help in getting a subscription to QST.

Ellen determined that one practical way to make that happen was to pay for a subscription for the club through the W1CW/K4OJ Memorial Fund. So, in memory of W1CW and K4OJ, I forwarded a check to ARRL for a three year subscription to QST for the club.

She received an e-mail of thanks from the club Secretary, saying in part:

"Many thanks from our club and Dr. Mukesh Chandra VU2MCC and VU2NRC for your kindness."

Dr Anil Kumar Agrawal, VU2TRI
Secretary, Agra Radio Club



Norm WIMO sent along a picture of his two AB-105 towers half assembled at the 35 ft level. Completion to the 70 foot level and antenna installation is to begin shortly.



When his antenna field was attacked by a vicious armadillo family, Norm drew on his experience as a white hunter during an earlier African assignment (as 6O1ND) to create an "armadillo free environment".

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