

2013 ARRL November Sweepstakes Phone Results

The second coming of Solar Cycle 24. The list of Sweepstakes CW Plaque Winners is included in this write-up.

Steve London, N2IC, n2icarri@gmail.com

Just when we were all settling into the idea that a new Maunder Minimum was nearly upon us, Ol' Sol awakened from his slumber in time for the 2013/2014 winter contest season! The 2013 Phone Sweepstakes was a major beneficiary of the reawakening, with great conditions and long openings on all of the high bands well into the evening hours. There was an unseasonably severe weather outbreak in the Midwest and so the lower bands, even up through 20 meters, were filled with static crashes for part of the time.

The Clean Sweep and New Records

In 2013, 296 participants made the grade by working at least one station in each of the 83 ARRL/RAC sections. N6RNO, N6YEU, KK4GV, N4PSE, and others made their first-ever sweeps. For N4PSE it took 50 years of operating — congratulations! The number of Clean Sweeps was down slightly, compared to 329 last year.

Many operators (142 to be exact) came close to a Clean Sweep — missing by just one section. Last year, 104 participants were similarly disappointed. Unlike last year, Ontario East (ONE) was easy. Over 3100 QSOs with ONE were made and almost no one could blame ONE for costing them the sweep. It turns out that this year's prime nemesis was Newfoundland-Labrador, which accounted for 30 participants missing a Clean Sweep. The next two were the perennial sweep-breakers, Virgin Islands (16 missed sweeps) and Puerto Rico (10 missed sweeps). The #4 troublemaker was...South Florida! Ten participants lost out on a Clean Sweep by not working South Florida.

For those of you still wondering where these sections were, we should be clear — they were all well represented. Many thanks to VO1KVT, VO1BQ, WP2Z,



KH2RU/KP4, KP4/N6VUY, NP4Z, NP4G and WP3GW. Special thanks also to Northwest Territories stalwarts VY1EI, VE8GER, and VE8EV. Many commented about how easy the Northwest Territories was to work this year.

The first to earn a Clean Sweep this year was team KG5VK, who made the sweep in the Multioperator, High Power category at 0318Z. Their last section was Puerto Rico. Ten minutes later, team NX6T completed the sweep by working Delaware. The first Single Operator entry to make the Clean Sweep was KU0G at 0421Z, working Puerto Rico. Jim did it operating low power and without spotting assistance — a great accomplishment!

There were only 10 Clean Sweeps through Saturday night. All other stations had to wait until at least Sunday morning, when VO1KVT came on at 1233Z (for his first contest QSOs) and several Puerto Rican stations returned from their sleep breaks during the 13Z hour.

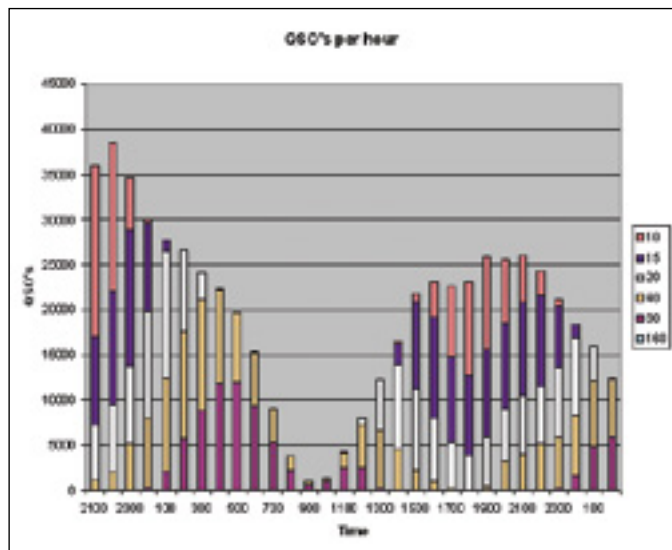
This was the third year for entries in the Single Op Unlimited, Low Power and Multioperator, Low Power categories. The popularity of these categories continues to increase, with many old records continuing to be broken. However the number of new records in other categories has dropped, as the bar gets raised higher and higher each year. This year, there were “only” 94 new section records and 28 new division records! (A complete list of new records is included in the online version of the results.)

Close Races

Every year there are a number of very close section races. Some of these are completely accidental — the two participants didn't even know they were competing in the same category, while others are clearly rivalries extending back many years.

This year, there were two section races decided by a single QSO. In the Eastern Massachusetts, Single Op, Low Power category, after log-checking Peter, N1ALO, barely escaped with a victory over Todd, KC1SQ. In the Los Angeles, Single Op, High Power category, Dan, WA6URY, edged out Dave, N7KFL. Neither Dan nor Dave operated for more than 11 out of the possible 24 hours, so there was plenty of opportunity for either of them to have taken a commanding lead or for another LAX station to have beaten either of them.

Another very close section race was in the North Carolina, Single Operator, High Power



You can certainly see the ebb and flow of activity across the bands during Sweepstakes. The first 2 hours were gangbusters on 10 meters!

Top Ten by Category

Single Operator, High Power		Single Operator, Unlimited, Low Power	
VY2ZM	361,880	VE4GV	266,762
W7WA	348,600	W4AAA	247,008
K5TR	330,174	N0KK	
K7RL	325,028	(@N0AT)	245,348
NR5M	324,364	VE6EX	226,424
K6NA	308,760	VE4EA	181,770
NC1I	298,966	KE3X	
WD6H	284,026	(@N3HBX)	178,284
K4JPD	280,872	VY1EI	173,920
KW8N	278,714	K0UK	168,756
		WB4OMM	165,170
		K0FVF	159,360
Single Operator, Low Power		Multioperator, High Power	
K2PO	258,794	W0SD	362,710
N4PN	246,178	WP2Z	356,900
W4LT	241,572	KL7RA	326,024
KU0G	213,808	NX6T	312,080
NA4K	204,180	W0NO	295,978
WD5K	181,106	W1XX	292,160
K9WZB	180,442	K4OV	280,208
K9MU	177,952	N1RR	
W4IX	172,142	(@K1TTT)	267,260
K0CN	167,772	KG5VK	253,648
		N6BV	247,838
Single Operator, QRP		Multioperator, Low Power	
NN7SS	95,120	N8HR	194,054
ND0C	81,344	N5DO	193,556
NK8Q	79,704	W2TZ	170,150
K0ZL	70,684	K3AJ	151,724
K3TW	68,060	NA5NN	136,784
N9NE	67,200	WR5O	130,216
KT8K	64,960	N0HJZ	101,758
KJ5RM	63,200	KU7Y	92,628
WA7PVE	49,140	KF3N	86,920
N5EE	46,488	WN1G	86,154
Single Operator, Unlimited, High Power		School Club	
K4XS	336,316	K0HC	261,118
K6LL	312,578	W6YX	228,416
W7RN	294,816	W1AF	135,136
WE9V	292,658	K2CC	92,588
K5RT	282,532	K0KU	62,624
WB1GQR	281,038	W9JWC	51,520
W4MR	276,722	W8SH	50,880
W1SRD	273,900	W5YM	45,440
K1KD	271,576	W9YB	35,112
N0XR		K5LSU	34,500
(@N0NI)	266,098		

category. Jeff, NX9T, finished with a four QSO lead over Warren, WM2Z. This was another case where either operator could have put in many more hours of operating.

The N3OC and WA3EKL Multioperator, High Power teams in Maryland put in a full 24 hours. When the dust settled, team N3OC won by a mere seven QSOs. The WA3EKL team got off to an early lead, but by mid-evening N3OC overtook them and almost never looked back. However, the spread tightened up in the last few hours, as N3OC ran out of operating time at 0029Z, a full 2 1/2 hours before the end of the contest.

Single Op, High Power Category (SOHP or B)

The rivalry of the South Texas Single Op, High Power Georges continued in 2013, with each of them putting in a 24-hour maximum effort. This year it was George, K5TR, over George, NR5M, by 35 QSOs. K5TR placed 3rd nationally, while NR5M placed 5th.

Dan, W7WA, got off to a great start with a 22-QSO lead over the competition after 3 hours. Meanwhile, on the other side of the

continent, Jeff, VY2ZM, struggled during the same time period, falling 81 QSOs behind. The nighttime hours provided the great equalizer, however. By 0600Z, there was only a 49-QSO difference between #1 and #5, with the lead being held by K5TR. NR5M started his time off earlier than the rest of the pack at 0635Z and returned to the airwaves earlier than the others at 1108Z. This may have turned out to be a questionable strategy.

At 1400Z, when the other four stations were just getting ready to begin daytime operation, K5TR still held the lead by a scant three QSOs over Jeff, VY2ZM. After that, it was off to the races for Jeff, and by 1600Z he never needed to look in the rear-view mirror. At 2000Z, Dan, W7WA, had caught up and tied K5TR for 2nd place. After that, the order of the top three was established — VY2ZM, W7WA, K5TR. Fourth and 5th places seemed to change every hour, with K7RL and NR5M staying neck-and-neck and K7RL eventually besting NR5M by four QSOs.

Single Op, Low Power Category (SOLP or A)

The Single Op, Low Power category continues to be the most popular category for SS participants with 771 submitted logs. In 2013, the Single Op, Low Power Top Ten had competitors from the northwest, southeast, southwest, and central areas of the continent.

Competing seriously in his first Sweepstakes in 35 years, Bill, K2PO, operating from Oregon, was the winner! Bill won in convincing style, with a 76 QSO margin.

Lu, W4LT, got off to a fast start, building up a 56-QSO lead at 0200Z. But just 2 hours later his lead had evaporated as Bill continued a good run on 20 meters while Lu struggled on the low bands. During the same period, Paul was making his move with a great 5-hour run on 40 and 80 meters. By 0900Z we had a virtual dead heat between these three top scorers.

The early morning hours belonged to the southeast stations, Lu and Paul, N4PN, while Bill waited for the Sun to peek over the horizon. At 1700Z, Bill was 90 QSOs behind Lu and 103 QSOs behind Paul. Then it was Bill's turn to turn up the heat. Aided by a great 15 meter run, Bill crawled his way back into the pack, finally overtaking the competition at 2200Z. From there, it looked like the finish order was set — K2PO, W4LT, and N4PN. But Lu used up his 24 hours at 0120Z while Paul continued for another 85 minutes, overtaking Lu at the end!

Single Op, QRP Category (SQRP or Q)

It was a tough year to do QRP in Phone Sweepstakes with only 74 entries and the top scores were generally down slightly com-



Bill, K2PO, winner of the Single Op, Low Power category operated from Oregon with a "single tower full of aluminum." [Bill Conwell, K2PO, photo]

pared to 2012. Congratulations to Mark, K6UFO, operating from NN7SS near Seattle, on his victory with 580 QSOs. Mark swept both weekends of SOQRP this year, an accomplishment that is rare in any category at any power level!

Single Op Unlimited, High Power Category (SOUHP or UH)

With 312 entries, SOUHP has become the second most popular category. Congratulations to Bill, K4XS, on his solid victory, putting his commanding 40 meter signal to good use at night and his 20 and 15 meter arrays to work during the day.

Single Op Unlimited, Low Power Category (SOLUP or UL)

The Single Op Unlimited, Low Power category continues to gain popularity, with 165 participants in 2013 and 24 new section records. Welcome back to Rob, VE4GV, who soundly won the category this year and set a new division record. Rob has been largely absent from contesting for the past decade — what a great way to return!

Multioperator, High Power Category (MH)

Finishing on top was the W0SD South Dakota team of W0SD, WD0T, W0DB, and W0OE. They finished a solid 35 QSOs ahead of the Virgin Islands WP2Z team of K8MJZ and K9VV. W0SD split their QSOs almost evenly across 15, 20, and 40 meters while WP2Z put their emphasis on 10 and 20 meters. Both teams set new division records.

Multioperator, Low Power Category (ML)

The Multioperator, Low Power category increased in popularity. Seventy-four entries were received — one more entry than the Multioperator, High Power category. Eighteen new section records were set in this category.

2013 Sponsored Phone Sweepstakes Plaque Winners



ARRL is pleased to award a Sweepstakes plaque to the Overall and Division Leaders in each entry category, thanks to Icom America and numerous clubs and individuals who sponsor these awards. For more information on plaque sponsorship or to order a duplicate plaque, contact ARRL Contest Branch Manager Sean Kutzko, KX9X, at (860) 594-0328 or kx9x@arri.org. Plaques cost \$75, which includes shipping charges.

Division/Category	Plaque Sponsor	Winner	Division/Category	Plaque Sponsor	Winner
Overall			Northwestern		
Single Operator High Power Phone	Dan Henderson, N1ND	VY2ZM	Single Operator High Power Phone	Icom America	W7WA
Single Operator Low Power Phone	ARRL Contest Branch — Ken Adams, K5KA, Memorial	K2PO	Single Operator Low Power Phone	Icom America	K2PO
Single Operator QRP Phone	QRP Amateur Radio Club International	NN7SS (K6UFO, op)	Single Operator QRP Phone	Barbara Yasson, AC7UH	NN7SS (K6UFO, op)
Single Operator Unlimited High Power Phone	Icom America	K4XS	Single Operator Unlimited High Power Phone	Icom America	AL9A
Single Operator Unlimited Low Power Phone	Icom America	VE4GV	Single Operator Unlimited Low Power Phone	Icom America	W7ZRC
Multioperator High Power Phone	Icom America	W0SD	Multioperator High Power Phone	Icom America	KL7RA
Multioperator Low Power Phone	Icom America	N8HR	Multioperator Low Power Phone	Icom America	NK7J
School Club Phone	David Brandenburg, K5RQ	K0HC	Pacific		
Atlantic			Single Operator High Power Phone	Icom America	WC6H
Single Operator High Power Phone	Icom America	KD4D	Single Operator Low Power Phone	Icom America	N6ZFO
Single Operator Low Power Phone	Potomac Valley Radio Club	K3UA	Single Operator QRP Phone	Icom America	W6LPW
Single Operator QRP Phone	Icom America	NK8Q	Single Operator Unlimited High Power Phone	Icom America	W7RN
Single Operator Unlimited High Power Phone	Icom America	N3RR	Single Operator Unlimited Low Power Phone	Icom America	(WX5S, op)
Single Operator Unlimited Low Power Phone	Icom America	KE3X (@N3HBX)	Multioperator High Power Phone	Icom America	N6EE
Multioperator High Power Phone	Icom America	N3OC	Multioperator Low Power Phone	Icom America	N6BV
Multioperator Low Power Phone	Icom America	W2TZ	School Club Phone	Icom America	KU7Y
School Club Phone	Icom America	K2CC	Roanoke		
Central			Single Operator High Power Phone	Icom America	W4RM (N3AHA, op)
Single Operator High Power Phone	Society Of Midwest Contesters	AA9A	Single Operator Low Power Phone	Icom America	W4IX
Single Operator Low Power Phone	Society Of Midwest Contesters	K9MU	Single Operator QRP Phone	Ronnie Reams, WA4MJF & Sherry Reams, KB4EXL	W4IM
Single Operator QRP Phone	Sean Kutzko, KX9X	N9NE	Single Operator Unlimited High Power Phone	Ronnie Reams, WA4MJF & Sherry Reams, KB4EXL	W4MR (AA4NC, op)
Single Operator Unlimited High Power Phone	Icom America	WE9V (KB9OWD, op)	Single Operator Unlimited Low Power Phone	Icom America	W4AAA (KK9A, op)
Single Operator Unlimited Low Power Phone	Icom America	N4TZ	Multioperator High Power Phone	Ronnie Reams, WA4MJF & Sherry Reams, KB4EXL	K4OV
Multioperator High Power Phone	Icom America	N0FCD	Multioperator Low Power Phone	Icom America	KF3N
Multioperator Low Power Phone	Icom America	W9FZ	School Club Phone	Ronnie Reams, WA4MJF & Sherry Reams, KB4EXL	K4KDJ
School Club Phone	Icom America	W9JWC	Rocky Mountain		
Dakota			Single Operator High Power Phone	Icom America	N2IC
Single Operator High Power Phone	Minnesota Wireless Association	K0HB	Single Operator Low Power Phone	Icom America	K7VU
Single Operator Low Power Phone	Minnesota Wireless Association	K0CN	Single Operator QRP Phone	Icom America	K00C
Single Operator QRP Phone	Tod Olson, K0TO	ND0C	Single Operator Unlimited High Power Phone	Icom America	W4S2UP
Single Operator Unlimited High Power Phone	Minnesota Wireless Association	K1KD	Single Operator Unlimited Low Power Phone	Icom America	K0UK
Single Operator Unlimited Low Power Phone	Tod Olson, K0TO	N0KK (@N0AT)	Multioperator High Power Phone	Icom America	NN5V
Multioperator High Power Phone	In Memory of Jim Dokmo, K0FVF, by Minnesota Wireless Association	W0SD	Multioperator Low Power Phone	Icom America	W5MPZ
Multioperator Low Power Phone	Icom America	N0HJZ	Southeastern		
Delta			Single Operator High Power Phone	Icom America	K4JPD (N400, op)
Single Operator High Power Phone	Icom America	WA5OYU	Single Operator Low Power Phone	Icom America	N4PN
Single Operator Low Power Phone	Icom America	NA4K	Single Operator QRP Phone	Icom America	K3TW
Single Operator QRP Phone	Icom America	N5EE	Single Operator Unlimited High Power Phone	Charlie Wooten, NF4A	K4XS
Single Operator Unlimited High Power Phone	Icom America	AB4GG	Single Operator Unlimited Low Power Phone	Icom America	WB4QMM
Single Operator Unlimited Low Power Phone	Icom America	WB0FUR	Multioperator High Power Phone	Icom America	WP2Z
Multioperator High Power Phone	Icom America	KG5VK	Multioperator Low Power Phone	Icom America	WN1G
Multioperator Low Power Phone	Icom America	NA5NN	School Club Phone	Icom America	W4AQL
School Club Phone	Icom America	W5YM	Southwestern		
Great Lakes			Single Operator High Power Phone	Icom America	K6NA (N6ED, op)
Single Operator High Power Phone	Icom America	KW8N	Single Operator Low Power Phone	Icom America	K9WZB
Single Operator Low Power Phone	Icom America	WZ8T	Single Operator QRP Phone	N6HE and W6DL	KK7EL
Single Operator QRP Phone	Icom America	KT8K	Single Operator Unlimited High Power Phone	Icom America	K6LL
Single Operator Unlimited High Power Phone	Icom America	ND8L	Single Operator Unlimited Low Power Phone	Icom America	NY7N
Single Operator Unlimited Low Power Phone	Icom America	KD4SN	Multioperator High Power Phone	Icom America	NX6T
Multioperator High Power Phone	Icom America	K8BZ	Multioperator Low Power Phone	Icom America	WA6AUP
Multioperator Low Power Phone	Icom America	N8HR	School Club Phone	Icom America	W6RFU (W6AAF, op)
School Club Phone	Icom America	W8SH	West Gulf		
Hudson			Single Operator High Power Phone	Icom America	K5TR
Single Operator High Power Phone	Icom America	WC2W	Single Operator Low Power Phone	Icom America	WD5K
Single Operator Low Power Phone	Icom America	W2RQ	Single Operator QRP Phone	Icom America	KJ5RM
Single Operator QRP Phone	Icom America	W2JFK	Single Operator Unlimited High Power Phone	Icom America	K5RT
Single Operator Unlimited High Power Phone	Icom America	W2GDJ	Single Operator Unlimited Low Power Phone	Icom America	KK5LO
Single Operator Unlimited Low Power Phone	Icom America	K2DFC	Multioperator High Power Phone	Icom America	KB0HH
Multioperator High Power Phone	Icom America	W2LV	Multioperator Low Power Phone	Icom America	N5DO
Multioperator Low Power Phone	Icom America	W2EF	School Club Phone	Icom America	WD5AGO
School Club Phone	Icom America	W2DSC	Canada		
Midwest			Single Operator High Power Phone	Icom America	VY2ZM
Single Operator High Power Phone	Icom America	K0DEQ	Single Operator Low Power Phone	Icom America	VE5SF
Single Operator Low Power Phone	Society Of Midwest Contesters	KU0G	Single Operator QRP Phone	Frank Merceret, NA4CW	VE3FCT
Single Operator QRP Phone	Icom America	K0ZL	Single Operator Unlimited High Power Phone	Icom America	VY2TT
Single Operator Unlimited High Power Phone	Icom America	N0XR (@N0NI)	Single Operator Unlimited Low Power Phone	Icom America	VE4GV
Single Operator Unlimited Low Power Phone	Icom America	NU0Q	Multioperator High Power Phone	Icom America	VE5RI
Multioperator High Power Phone	Icom America	W0NO	Multioperator Low Power Phone	Icom America	VE9OA
Multioperator Low Power Phone	Icom America	N0PVZ	School Club Phone	Icom America	VE9UNB
School Club Phone	Icom America	K0HC	New England		
New England			Single Operator High Power Phone	Icom America	NC11 (K9PW, op)
Single Operator High Power Phone	Icom America	NC11 (K9PW, op)	Single Operator Low Power Phone	Icom America	AE1P
Single Operator Low Power Phone	Icom America	AE1P	Single Operator QRP Phone	QRP Club of New England	K1TW
Single Operator QRP Phone	QRP Club of New England	K1TW	Single Operator Unlimited High Power Phone	Icom America	WB1GQR (W1SJ, op)
Single Operator Unlimited High Power Phone	Icom America	WB1GQR (W1SJ, op)	Single Operator Unlimited Low Power Phone	Icom America	K1ZO
Single Operator Unlimited Low Power Phone	Icom America	K1ZO	Multioperator High Power Phone	Icom America	W1XX
Multioperator High Power Phone	Icom America	W1XX	Multioperator Low Power Phone	Icom America	N2GZ
Multioperator Low Power Phone	Icom America	N2GZ	School Club Phone	Icom America	W1AF
School Club Phone	Icom America	W1AF			

2013 Sponsored CW Plaque Winners



ARRL is pleased to award a Sweepstakes plaque to the Overall and Division Leaders in each entry category, thanks to Icom America and numerous clubs and individuals who sponsor these awards. For more information on plaque sponsorship or to order a duplicate plaque, contact ARRL Contest Branch Manager Sean Kutzko, KX9X, at (860) 594-0328 or kx9x@arri.org. Plaques cost \$75, which includes all shipping charges.

Division/Category	Plaque Sponsor	Winner	Division/Category	Plaque Sponsor	Winner
Overall			New England		
Single Operator High Power CW	Trey Garlough, N5KO	W7RN (N6TV, op) K7BG	Single Operator High Power CW	Icom America	K5ZD
Single Operator Low Power CW	Sean Kutzko, KX9X		Single Operator Low Power CW	Icom America	WA1Z
Single Operator QRP CW	QRP Amateur Radio Club International	NN7SS (K6UFO, op)	Single Operator QRP CW	Icom America	N1RR (@K1TTT)
Single Operator Unlimited High Power CW	Joe, KH6GA & Victoria, N4WV	K0EU	Single Operator Unlimited High Power CW	Icom America	K1G
Single Operator Unlimited Low Power CW	Icom America	WE9V	Single Operator Unlimited Low Power CW	Icom America	N1QD
Multipoperator High Power CW	Icom America	W2FU	School Club CW	Icom America	W1AF (W1PL, op)
Multipoperator Low Power CW	Icom America	W0DLE			
School Club CW	Icom America	W6YX	Northwestern		
Atlantic			Single Operator High Power CW	Icom America	N9RV
Single Operator High Power CW	Icom America	AA3B	Single Operator Low Power CW	Icom America	K7BG
Single Operator Low Power CW	Potomac Valley Radio Club	N8NA	Single Operator QRP CW	Phil Yasson, AB7RW	NN7SS (K6UFO, op)
Single Operator QRP CW	Icom America	WB8YYY	Single Operator Unlimited High Power CW	Icom America	K7RL
Single Operator Unlimited High Power CW	Icom America	NY3A	Single Operator Unlimited Low Power CW	Icom America	KK7S
Single Operator Unlimited Low Power CW	Icom America	K2NNY (K2DB, op)			
Multipoperator High Power CW	Icom America	W2FU	Pacific		
School Club CW	Icom America	W3YI (AB3LS, op)	Single Operator High Power CW	Icom America	W7RN (N6TV, op)
			Single Operator Low Power CW	Robert A. Wilson, N6TV	K7GK (@W6JZH)
Central			Single Operator QRP CW	Icom America	W6JTI
Single Operator High Power CW	Society Of Midwest Contesters	W9RE	Single Operator Unlimited High Power CW	Icom America	KH7XX (KH6SH, op)
Single Operator Low Power CW	Society Of Midwest Contesters	N9CK	Single Operator Unlimited Low Power CW	Icom America	N6EE
Single Operator QRP CW	Sean Kutzko, KX9X	W19WI	Multipoperator High Power CW	Icom America	K6SU
Single Operator Unlimited High Power CW	Icom America	N4TZ	Multipoperator Low Power CW	Icom America	KH6LC
Single Operator Unlimited Low Power CW	Icom America	WE9V	School Club CW	Icom America	W6YX
Multipoperator High Power CW	Icom America	W9YK			
Multipoperator Low Power CW	Icom America	N9MT	Roanoke		
			Single Operator High Power CW	Potomac Valley Radio Club	N4AF
Dakota			Single Operator Low Power CW	Icom America	N9NB
Single Operator High Power CW	Minnesota Wireless Association	WD0T	Single Operator QRP CW	Icom America	K4OPL
Single Operator Low Power CW	Minnesota Wireless Association	N0AT (N0KK, op)	Single Operator Unlimited High Power CW	Icom America	N1LN
Single Operator QRP CW	Tod Olson, K0TO	N0UR	Single Operator Unlimited Low Power CW	Icom America	W4MR (AA4NC, op)
Single Operator Unlimited High Power CW	Minnesota Wireless Association	KT0A	Multipoperator High Power CW	Icom America	W4RM
Single Operator Unlimited Low Power CW	Icom America	KT0R (K0OB, op)	Multipoperator Low Power CW	Icom America	K3MZ
Multipoperator High Power CW	Minnesota Wireless Association	K0JE			
Multipoperator Low Power CW	Icom America	KE0L	Rocky Mountain		
			Single Operator High Power CW	Icom America	W0UA
Delta			Single Operator Low Power CW	Icom America	K7VU
Single Operator High Power CW	Icom America	N4OGW	Single Operator QRP CW	Icom America	K0RI
Single Operator Low Power CW	Icom America	K4RO	Single Operator Unlimited High Power CW	Icom America	K0EU
Single Operator QRP CW	Icom America	WF7T	Single Operator Unlimited Low Power CW	Icom America	KK6MC
Single Operator Unlimited High Power CW	Icom America	N4ZZ	Multipoperator High Power CW	Icom America	AA5B
Single Operator Unlimited Low Power CW	Icom America	W4NZ	Multipoperator Low Power CW	Icom America	W0DLE
Multipoperator Low Power CW	Icom America	N4UW			
School Club CW	Icom America	K5LSU	Southeastern		
			Single Operator High Power CW	Icom America	K4BAI
Great Lakes			Single Operator Low Power CW	Icom America	NP3A
Single Operator High Power CW	Icom America	N4QS	Single Operator QRP CW	Icom America	N4CO
Single Operator Low Power CW	Icom America	W1NN	Single Operator Unlimited High Power CW	Charlie Wooten, NF4A	N4BP
Single Operator QRP CW	Icom America	K9TM	Single Operator Unlimited Low Power CW	Icom America	N4PN
Single Operator Unlimited High Power CW	Icom America	N8XE	Multipoperator High Power CW	Icom America	KP2M
Single Operator Unlimited Low Power CW	Icom America	K8BL	Multipoperator Low Power CW	Icom America	K4MM
Multipoperator High Power CW	John S. Comella, N8AA	KT4RR	School Club CW	Icom America	W4AQL
Multipoperator Low Power CW	Icom America	W8EDU			
School Club CW	Icom America	WB5H	Southwestern		
			Single Operator High Power CW	Icom America	K6LA
Hudson			Single Operator Low Power CW	Icom America	K6AQL (K0DI, op)
Single Operator High Power CW	Icom America	N2NT (N2NC, op)	Single Operator QRP CW	N6HE and W6DLD	N7IR
Single Operator Low Power CW	Icom America	W2LK	Single Operator Unlimited High Power CW	Icom America	K6LL
Single Operator QRP CW	Icom America	K2YGM	Single Operator Unlimited Low Power CW	Icom America	KB7Q
Single Operator Unlimited High Power CW	Icom America	W2VQ	Multipoperator High Power CW	Icom America	NX6T
Single Operator Unlimited Low Power CW	Icom America	WQ2N	Multipoperator Low Power CW	Icom America	WA6KYR
Multipoperator High Power CW	Icom America	AB2DE	School Club CW	Icom America	W6RFU (AC6T, op)
Multipoperator Low Power CW	Icom America	W2DSC (W2NVR, op)			
School Club CW	Icom America		West Gulf		
			Single Operator High Power CW	Icom America	N5RZ
Midwest			Single Operator Low Power CW	Icom America	W8FN
Single Operator High Power CW	Icom America	N0NI (AG9A, op)	Single Operator QRP CW	Icom America	AA5TB
Single Operator Low Power CW	Society Of Midwest Contesters	K0VBU	Single Operator Unlimited High Power CW	Icom America	K5RT
Single Operator QRP CW	Icom America	W0EEE (N0AX, op)	Single Operator Unlimited Low Power CW	Icom America	N5DO
Single Operator Unlimited High Power CW	Icom America	N0XR	Multipoperator Low Power CW	Icom America	K5CM
Single Operator Unlimited Low Power CW	Icom America	K0NE	School Club CW	Icom America	N5XU (AA5BT, op)
Multipoperator High Power CW	Icom America	K0WA			
School Club CW	Icom America	K0HC (W0BH, op)	Canada		
			Single Operator High Power CW	Icom America	VE7CC
			Single Operator Low Power CW	Icom America	VE4GV
			Single Operator QRP CW	International QRP Amateur Radio Club	VA3SB
			Single Operator Unlimited High Power CW	Icom America	VE3KI
			Single Operator Unlimited Low Power CW	Icom America	VE6EX
			Multipoperator High Power CW	Icom America	VY1EI
			Multipoperator Low Power CW	Icom America	VE4EA

Affiliated Club Competition

Unlimited Category

	Score	Entries
Potomac Valley Radio Club	22,928,140	317
Northern California Contest Club	16,943,022	231
Yankee Clipper Contest Club	6,609,240	95
Minnesota Wireless Assn	6,332,718	102
Society of Midwest Contesters	6,298,576	109

Medium Category

Frankford Radio Club	3,978,336	48
DFW Contest Club	3,962,440	41
Florida Contest Group	3,595,362	46
Southern California Contest Club	3,333,360	33
Contest Club Ontario	3,139,888	47
Arizona Outlaws Contest Club	3,085,306	37
Mad River Radio Club	2,815,932	34
Western Washington DX Club	2,477,442	28
Alabama Contest Group	2,449,138	37
Tennessee Contest Group	2,176,518	28
Central Texas DX and Contest Club	2,145,026	19
Grand Mesa Contesters of Colorado	1,731,366	21
Georgia Valley Contest Group	1,547,214	15
Hudson Valley Contesters and DXers	1,345,904	18
South East Contest Club	1,332,874	22
CTRI Contest Group	1,060,126	10
Willamette Valley DX Club	1,019,884	19
North Coast Contesters	1,015,294	11
Contest Club California Peninsula	1,006,044	15
ORCA DX And Contest Club	955,248	11
Maritime Contest Club	919,700	10
Louisiana Contest Club	900,474	9
Northern Rockies DX Association	856,262	6
Utah DX Assn	826,450	9
North Texas Contest Club	755,734	8
Rochester (NY) DX Assn	733,962	14
Order of Boiled Owls of New York	479,868	7
Alberta Clippers	460,102	3
Kentucky Contest Group	458,612	9
Oklahoma DX Assn	451,524	3
Saskatchewan Contest Club	399,894	3
Mississippi Valley DX/Contest Club	381,284	10
Radio Club of Redmond	368,426	4
Contest Group Du Quebec	365,028	9
Carolina DX Association	344,736	9
Allegheny Valley Radio Association	306,712	5
South Jersey Radio Assn	268,024	7
Motor City Radio Club	182,312	6
Central Arizona DX Assn	70,800	4
Woodbridge Wireless	33,798	3

Local Category

Hoosier DX and Contest Club	1,207,742	10
New Mexico Big River Contesters	990,534	8
Iowa DX and Contest Club	887,000	6
Lincoln ARC	639,216	6
Kansas City DX Club	548,338	5
Midland ARC	527,216	3
Spokane DX Association	469,610	9
Bristol (TN) ARC	452,824	9
Kansas City Contest Club	448,138	7
Delara Contest Team	402,302	6
599 DX Association	357,522	4
Contoocook Valley Radio Club	265,704	4
Trojan ARC	246,014	3
West Park Radiops	202,252	10
All Amateur Radio Club	185,588	4
Hilltop Transmitting Assn	177,100	4
Hazel Park ARC	176,570	5
Portage County Amateur Radio Service	168,500	6
OH-KY-IN ARS	121,418	3
Bergen ARA	111,112	6
Eastern Panhandle ARC	105,402	4
Granite State ARA	102,760	3
Gloucester Co ARC	102,332	3
Alexandria Radio Club	97,068	4
Panhandle ARC	94,116	4
Fort Smith Area ARC	91,404	3
St Louis ARC	90,176	3
Southern Berkshire ARC	80,554	9
Metro DX Club	74,558	4
Stoned Monkey VHF ARC	74,406	4
South Texas DX and Contest Club	67,094	3
Millford (OH) ARC	58,504	3
Great South Bay ARC	49,240	3
10-70 Repeater Assn	43,124	5
Great South Bay ARC	49,240	3

In the closest race of any category, Ohio team N8HR, operated by WZ8P, WX8J, NY8P, KC8BEW, and KF8NZ, won by a mere three QSOs over West Texas team N5DO, operated by KE5OG and N5DO!

School Club Category

Twenty-four schools competed in the School Club Category in 2013, the same number as in 2012. The perennial battle continued between Stanford University, W6YX, and Hesston College, KØHC. This year, the finish was reversed with KØHC earning a decisive victory with a margin of 197 QSOs. Both schools should be congratulated for their very low error rates.

Club Competition

It was an excellent year for the Affiliated Club Competition in Sweepstakes as 1619 participants submitted CW and Phone SS scores toward a club aggregate total. This is an increase of 4% over last year. Not only did club activity increase for the established names in contest clubs but there were several unfamiliar names (aka “upstarts”) in the top club scores. We are all looking forward to 2014’s battles between the “legacy” and “upstart” clubs.

In the Unlimited Club category, the Potomac Valley Radio Club (PVRC) again ran away with a big victory over the rival Northern California Contest Club (NCCC). The PVRC contributed a mammoth 317 entries for nearly 23 million points! The second place NCCC’s 231 entries and nearly 17 million points is impressive in its own right! In the next three slots, the race was very close between the Yankee Clipper Contest Club, Minnesota Wireless Association and the Society of Midwest Contesters. Each of these clubs contributed over 6 million points, and had between 95 and 109 entries.

The Medium Club category featured the closest race imaginable. The (legacy) Frankford Radio Club (FRC) took the #1 spot over the (upstart) DFW Contest Club. Each club scored nearly 4 million points with a margin between these two clubs of only 15,898 points. That difference is only a single 100 QSO and 76 section log — congratulations to both of these groups!

Scores of the next four clubs in the race were also over 3 million points. None of the clubs contributed the maximum 50 entries allowed in the Medium Club category, meaning that with a few more competitive entries any of these clubs in the top six places could have conceivably won the category. This was a great job by the Florida Contest Group, Southern California Contest Club, Contest Club Ontario, and Arizona Outlaws Contest Club.

In the Local Club category, the New Mexico Big River Contesters, winner of the 2012 Local category, came in second, with eight entries, to the Hoosier DX and Contest Club’s first place win with 10 entries. The Iowa DX and Contest Club was third with a strong challenge and the Lincoln ARC made a big jump from last year to come in fourth. Congratulations to them as well.

Acknowledgments

Many thanks to “Tree” Tyree, N6TR, for his hard work checking the logs, and George, K5TR, for logistical and infrastructure support.

This coming year, the starting whistle will sound for Phone Sweepstakes will kick off at 2100Z on November 15. Will the Sun still be awake and tickling the ionosphere with the ultraviolet rays so beneficial to radio amateurs? Let’s kick off the next 80 years of Sweepstakes and find out!

A Broomful Of Results

Browse to a Clean Sweep of this year’s results in N2IC’s extended writeup at www.arrl.org/contest-results-articles. There are many more analyses, tables, and graphics to enjoy!

Strays

Maine Sea Gull Net Celebrates its Diamond Jubilee

The Maine Sea Gull Net (SGN) marks its 75th anniversary in 2014. “We are celebrating throughout the year with various activities,” Net Manager Jerry Burns, K1GUP, of Carmel, Maine, told ARRL. “A month ago on the net I played a recording from 1989 of a QSO I had with the net’s founder, Win Ramsdell, W1FBJ (SK), in which he recounted the beginnings of the net and his election as Maine’s first ‘phone man’ Section Communications Manager — when CW reigned as the mover of traffic. He also told about the net’s involvement in the fires of 1947.” Burns recently ran a net session on AM, using his Johnson Viking Valiant transmitter and a GPR-90 receiver, “netting” 38 check-ins, all but two on AM. “It was so much like the ‘good old days!’” he said. Burns invited past net control operators and visitors to check in anytime. At hamfests he’ll offer net certificates with a “75th” ribbon attached, and down the road he’ll air a tape of a 1978 net. The Sea Gull Net meets at 5 PM ET, Mondays through Saturdays, on 3940 kHz.