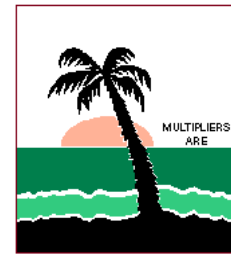




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From the President's Corner

By Dan Street, K1TO



It's been a busy start for 2003, and with the FQP just days away, there's no sign of it letting up soon!

FCGers attended club meetings at the Miami, Orlando and Ft. Walton Beach hamfests, as well as at KE1F's. Overviews of each meeting can be found in this issue of the Gazette.

We will meet informally in mid-May at Dayton, with hopefully a sea of orange shirts dominating the landscape at Saturday evening's Contest Dinner!

In addition, FCGers have been very active heating up the airwaves. We made our presence well known in the NAQPs, January VHF Test, CQ 160s, NA Sprints, ARRL DX Tests, Russian DX Test, WPX SSB and the GAQP, as well as a few other miscellaneous contests. Claimed scores for many of these efforts can be found in subsequent pages.

Conditions were just perfect for us Floridians in the two March SSB Tests. It was amazing to see our distinct advantage on 10 during the day and on 20 pre-dawn be so pronounced. Unfortunately, the sunspots are declining so rapidly that both of those advantages are not likely to be there at all next year. Still, with almost 46M in the ARRL Tests, we are way ahead of last year and will be in the Unlimited Club category for the first time ever in this contest. Look out, PVRC, SOMC, FRC and YCCC!

It looks like we are way ahead of last year in WPX so far, too. WPX is such a fun format, being able to work everyone for credit now. Look at those terrific scores from T93M at FM5BH's using TO3M and from the multi crews at Team Whoop Ass, VP55W (will every VP5 expedition be sporting this prefix from now on??) and K9ES, who has really gone out of his way to contribute multi-op efforts in many contests this season to the FCG cause. I know WPX CW is on Memorial Day weekend, but please try to make an effort to support the FCG cause that weekend if you can. We finished 6th in the world last year as a club!

We've picked up a large crop of new members since our last Gazette! WB9IHH becomes the FCGer with the most consecutive dits! Despite that, you'll still find Jim primarily on CW. (Reminds me of the days when both K1SSH and

WA1SSH were active in southern New England!) WB4TDH has been a DX Contest beacon on the high bands from FL for many years. W2JDH made a big splash in last year's FQP from Levy County and promises a return engagement in a few weeks.

Thanks to the diligence of Eric, K9ES, two folks who operated there became FCGers. Welcome aboard to W4GKA and W4UUM. Extending the list of FCG members who are also Sarasota ERC members, AG4PN joins us.

Sherri, W4STB is well known throughout FL, especially in the SFL section, of which she just happens to be the Section Manager! (FCG members NP2B and AE4MR are SMs for VI and WCF.) Sherri is also the voice of Indian River County in the FQP. KA6AFK (KA6R's XYL) becomes yet another member in the hotbed Sebring area. KD5M, N4UOZ and K4JAF all joined the FCG up at FWB. Edd has a huge 160M antenna and enjoys the 160M Tests. Jim ('JAF) has put in terrific efforts in the FQPs in recent years, making Washington County an easy one for out-of-staters to log. Jim ('UOZ) is enthusiastic about improving his skills.

Just prior to our NE meeting, N4CC joined up. I learned at the meeting that Greg has a number of single-band quads on

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tall towers – excellent! Pres, W4FDA impressed me tremendously at the KE1F meeting. When I learned he was first licensed in 1937, my jaw dropped since he doesn't look his age! Pres lives at the QTH of well-known SK Ham Robinson, W4ZR, which sports at least one 120' tower, I believe. Also please welcome aboard WR4K.

Congrats to Pete, N8PR on his great accomplishment of 5BWAZ! I recall Pete having an on-going sked this winter with z18 on 80M, so he's got great persistence to finally succeed in early March. Seems to me that N4WW may also have 5BWAZ, although each CQ Magazine indicates that he is "stuck" at 199 – hi.

This is the time of year to be doing antenna/tower work down here in FL before it gets too hot. Much work has been done lately at W4UM, N4TO, K4FB, K4XS, N4GI, K5KG and K1TO (and doubtlessly others). If you have stuff that needs to get done, let us know and we'll do our best to help out.

Dues are overdue for a few of us! Remember to make those checks out to "Florida Contest Group", otherwise this will be your last issue of the Gazette. Dues will almost certainly be reduced for 2004, with the treasury in healthy shape now!

Trey, N5KO/HC8N spent a week in FL in early April. I know that K9VV hosted him for a night on each end of the trip. I lined up an aggressive 3-day agenda for Trey that included a Bosox/Drays game, plus visits to W1YL/K4OJ, N4TO, K5KG, K4XS and WC4E. Thanks to K5KG for hosting a local group of us that included V47KP/W2OX!

Trey was kind enough to offer his kkn.net hosting services for the FCG and FQP web sites. That will get us off of the QSL.NET servers and save us some annual contribution money, as well as increase our reliability. Ron is working closely with Trey on all of this, so look for detailed messages soon from WD4AHZ on this topic. We have chosen floridacontestgroup.org and floridaqsoparty.org for our domain names. Trey has also offered to help us automate portions of the FQP log-receipt process for 2004 (it was too late for 2003).

N4BP was here at my shack last weekend operating the Spring ARCI QRP Test. Conditions were a bit tough, but I enjoyed seeing Bob's K2 and my 40M system work a 4X4 with 1W before the contest! (No, I'm not hooked on QRP, though – life's too short!) I think Bob ended up just short of the Spring record, but he likely smashed the competition again, finishing it off in style with 9J2BO on 15M. Bob ran 5W during the contest, by the way. I noticed WC4E and K4LOG being logged; perhaps others were on.

At press time, county commitments are still rolling in for the 2003 FQP and we already have each county covered at least twice. Will there be yet another record number of sweeps from outside Florida? I know that GM3POI will be in there again this year looking to sweep in back-to-back years. FQP: The contest that accommodates and encourages both sweeping and sleeping...

See you in Dayton, at Field Day in Sarasota and on the air in the various upcoming contests, particularly the FQP and WPX CW! Don't forget to support those folks who support us. Make an appearance in the Michigan and W1 QSO Parties if you can. GO FCG! Vy 73, Dan

Welcome Aboard



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

WB9IHH - Jim Clary, P.O. Box 18095. Panama City FL
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W4GKA - Glen Allen, 204 Parkside Place, Indian Harbour Beach FL e-mail: gallen@mindsping.com

W4UUM - Lee Oliver, 959 Bartlett Ln, Rockledge FL 32955 e-mail: oliversr62@cs.com

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W4STB - Sherri Brower, 736 34 Terr, Vero Beach FL 32968 e-mail: w4stb@arrl.org

KA6AFK - Suzanne Wilbanks, 2003 Flower Terrace, Sebring FL 33875 (Suzanne is the XYL of member Ben KA6R)

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Claimed Scores - CQ 160 CW

Call	Cat	QSOs	States & Provinces	DX	Score
N4PN	SOHP	997	56	46	276,420Panhandle
K1TO	SOHP	810	54	38	210,036
N8PR	SOHP	381	50	38	108,240
N4AO	SOHP	350	49	19	65,892Op: WC4E
K5KG	SOHP	373	47		61,710
N4BP	SOHP	275	43	5	29,088
K4LQ	SOHP	201	43	6	23,373
W4UM	SOHP	50	39		3,712
W4AA	SOLP	476	53	24	96,327
K9ES	SOLP	220	43	10	28,196
W7QF	SOLP	227	43	8	27,092
KN4Y	SOLP	274	43		25,800Panhandle
K4MM	SOLP	145	40	4	14,696
NF4A	SOLP	112	35	2	9,176Panhandle
K9VV	SOLP	22	7	2	450
Total					980,208

Ed Note: A lot more newsletter input material has been received over the past few weeks. Rather than try to make up one extra large newsletter, I will defer a lot of that material to the May newsletter.

Although we shoot for one newsletter every other month, that schedule is dependant on receiving inputs from members, if that doesn't happen we re-schedule as necessary.

So, If you've sent something in and don't see it in this issue, not to worry, I will try for a May newsletter in which I will include that material.

73, Fred K4LQ

FCGers do well in State QSO Parties

FCGers joined forces to score a composite 93355 in the Ohio QSO Party to take top Club outside Ohio honors. In doing so, we trounced a few lesser know contest clubs, i.e.: FRC, PVRC, YCCC, TCG, NCCC etc.

Congrats to Paul N4PN for winning the GA Rover/Mobile Plaque in the Georgia QSO Party.

Note from Charlie NF4A -

Not to blow the "team whoop ass" horn too loudly, check out the W4G M/S score in the IARU....#3 US....allllmost #2 by just a few points.

NF4A,N4PN,KB4ET,N4OX

An FCG meeting was held at the Ft. Walton Beach Hamfest - Attending were K1TO, N4OX, W4TMM, NF4A, KB4ET, W4ETT, KK4TA, K4JAF, N4UOZ, KD5M



So you thought FCGers only have fun contesting , eh? Not so fast Kemosabe ! Bruce W4OV shown above during a paintball competition after taking a direct hit in the eye. For Bruce and a few of his paintballing cronies, (i.e. Julio WD4JR) paintballing is fun!

(Ed. Note - I think I will stick to QRP on 160 Meters, at least it ain't painful) ;<)

Miami Hamfest

By Dan Street K1TO

It was great to see a bunch of FCgers at the Miami hamfest, despite the horrible tragedy Saturday AM.

Thanks again to Bill Marx, W2CQ, President of the SFDXA who invited me to speak about WRTC 2002 at their meeting. It was quite well attended and the presentation was well received.

A number of us met for a long lunch once again this year in the lunch room area. Mike, GM4KLO was once again a guest this year.

Jim, K4OJ and I once again attended the DX Dinner, which was hosted by the SFDXA, who were nice enough to mention us in the sponsorship as well. Attendance was down a bit from last year, but spirits were great (in several respects!). Many SFDXA members are also FCG members and clearly the 2 clubs have a lot in common.

Members that I recall seeing include (in call sign order):

AD4Z, AE4MR, K4OJ, K4PG, K4WJ, K9AW, N4GM, N4LML, N4RP, N8PR, NA4AR, NP2B & NP2C, W2CQ, W3AZD, W4DN, W4DTA, W4OV (new proud holder of the coveted SFDXA DX Hog award and hat!), W4QN, W4SAA, W4SLR, W4SO, W4STB, W4UM, WB3ANE, WC4H, WD4JR

If you were there and are not listed, pse let me know (sri!).

Joe, W4SAA was kind enough to invite Jim and I over to his place on our way out of Miami yesterday. Joe is always working on several projects and it's neat to see his 160M vertical progressing well! Jim managed to show his face in the FOC Marathon from Joe's station.

73, Dan



Dan K1TO speaks to the SFDXA Meeting on his WRTC 2002 experiences.



Steve W4DTA and Dan K1TO look over the dinner menu at the DX Dinner.

Pete N8PR makes 5BWAZ

FCGer Pete Rimmel N8PR worked UA9YAB on 80 Meter CW on the morning of March 5th to complete his 5 Band WAZ. Congrats Pete for that accomplishment! 5BWAZ is indeed one of the toughest wall adornments to achieve from this part of the planet, it is great to see someone from the Club make it to the top of the WAZ list.



L-R W4OV, NP2B, NP2C, N8PR, K3VN, N2WB, K1TO, K4OJ



Above Left Foreground - Bill, NC1L (DXCC Head) Right Foreground Norm W4QN



*Left - FCG members at Miami DX Dinner
Right to left: Joe W4SAA, Jim K4OJ, Two Fisted Drinker Dan K1TO, Mike W4UM, Steve W4DTA, Bill W2CQ.*



Ed Note: Pete, N8PR sent along a label (Left) he spotted on a beer being drunk by K1TO at the DX Dinner Pete thinks maybe we should look into getting some of this brew for use before any of our err...competitive efforts as a Club. If this is the same Presidente I used to drink during visits to HI land 45 years ago, I think Pete may have a great idea!

FCG Meeting Report Orlando Hamcation

Orlando Hamcation Meeting attendees included the following:

AD4ES, G4BUE & M0BUE, K0LUZ, K1TO, K1UM & Kate, K4LQ, K4LW, K4OJ, K5KG, K8OSF, K9ES & Sylvia, KD4BRJ & N4EK, KE1F, KG4YEK (Guest), KK4TA, KU4TF, N4GI, N4GM, N4OO, N4TO, NA4CW, W1YL, W4SAA, W4YA

Also spotted at the hamfest included K4XS, KG4WLH, K4VUD, K4FB, W4QM, N4JT, W3TMZ, WD4AHZ and W1ROX, W3AZD and WB3ANE

Dan, K1TO welcomed the attendees at the luncheon meeting at 11 AM at the Golden Corral restaurant. The meeting was scheduled early because the FCG presentation at the Hamcation was set for 1-3 PM. Scheduled for presentations were George, K5KG on his Dominica contest operations and the K5KG home station grounding system, and Frank NA4CW on information for beginning contesters. The WRTC-2002 video is also scheduled to be shown as time permits. Thanks to Bob, K4LW on coordinating with the Hamfest sponsoring organization for space/time for our presentations.

Dan reviewed some of the Club's more recent operating statistics:

- Our November SS operations, (dedicated to deceased member N4PK) ended up with 3M plus points, hopefully placing us in the # 2 club spot in the Medium Club category.

- In CQWW, the FCG broke into the 9-digit range (over 100M points) for the first time ever, and might end up as the top Medium club, although CQ does not stratify its club competition.

- The 10 Meter Contest wound up with 54 FCG entries, placing us in the Unlimited size category for the first time. Scores were up substantially over last year - from 19M to nearly 30M! Adding in the Panhandle and overseas entrants, well over 60 entries were active!

- January NAQP - FCG teams were fielded on both modes, making FL well represented yet again this time, despite no hanging Chads.

- FCG activity in the CQ 160 Meter Contest CW was way up over last year when we posted just 380K or so. Our claimed scores this time around are likely to exceed 1M.

Upcoming Meetings -

- There will be an FCG/FCG Panhandle meeting at the Fort Walton Beach Hamfest on Saturday, March 15th. Dan and Jim K4OJ both reiterated the FB hospitality shown them by the Panhandle members in past years at this event.

- Lou, KE1F has volunteered to hold a meeting at his QTH in April, date to be determined. This will be our first meeting in the Northeast area, so we look forward to some attendance from the Jax area members, as well as those on the mideast-northeast coast. Date/directions will be announced on the reflector when available.

Dan noted with sadness the loss of contesteer Jim Maxwell, W6CF, who died suddenly this past week. Jim was also the Pacific Division ARRL Director and well accomplished in the DX arena. Look for a number of NCCers and others to use the name "Jim", or even "Maxwell" in tonight's Sprint.

Also this past week Mark Obermann, AG9A's wife Cathy succumbed to cancer. Many operators in the SSB Sprint used the name Cat in remembrance and a number of the CW Sprint operators this evening are planning to do the same.

Dan reiterated the details of KU9C's recent offer to handle bulk shipment of QSLs to foreign bureaus for FCG members, at a price of one half the current ARRL rate. Ye scribe will be taking advantage of this with a shipment of QSLs to KU9C next week.

FQP 2002 scoring status - The plan to work with WT4I scoring software was unsuccessful, so the logs are having to be scored more manually as in previous years. There were 447 logs submitted, with over 60,000 QSOs. One mobile team made over 2000 contacts. Dan has completed the bulk of the cross checking and expects to finish the scoring work and write-up in several weeks.

Fred, K4LQ reported on Treasury statistics. 70 of a total of 127 dues paying members from last year have paid 2003 dues so far. Treasury contains \$929.15 A further \$440 has been collected for the W1CW Memorial Fund.

I attended part of the presentations by K5KG and NA4CW at the hamcation after the meeting. Both had some very good pictures in their presentations, and did a fine job with the material. Attendance was somewhat light, probably due to this being our first time presenting at this venue. Got some pictures of the presentation action, which will be in the next Gazette.

Thanks Dan K1TO for his usual FB editing assistance on this report.

73, Fred K4LQ
Secretary



Above Left - George K5KG, Above Right Frank NA4CW on the podium at the Orlando Hamcation. George gave a presentation on his J75KG contest operations in Dominica, and Frank a presentation for beginning contesters.



FCG members enjoying lunch at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Orlando before the FCG Meeting



Dan, K1TO conducts the FCG Meeting in Orlando

April FCG Meeting Report KE1F QTH - Palm Coast FL

Attendees included: AF2C, K1TO, K4LQ, KE1F, N2WB, NU4Y, W4AA, W4FDA and W4IX.

Prior to the start of the meeting we had a chance to visit Lou's shack and consumed our fair share of hot dogs and hamburgers while swapping contesting stories.

Dan began the meeting by thanking Lou and Anne for their hospitality and the opportunity to have our furthest northeast FCG meeting in 5 years.

Gleaned from the non-members during the round of introductions:

Jay AF2C is a Palm Coast neighbor of KE1F. He will be operating the upcoming FQP on phone. Jay is at the top of the DXCC Honor Roll with just a tribander at 50'.

Bill N2WB is an officer of the Florida Dxpediton Group. He recently participated in a humanitarian mission team in Northwest Haiti, operating HH4/N2WB when not working on mission projects. Also operating as part of the team were Team Leader Jan HH4/K4QD, Bill HH4/W4WX and Al, HH4/K3VN. Bill noted the Haitian mosquitos were the largest of any seen on any of his past dxpeditons. The next FDXPG dxpediton planned is to San Andres 20-28 October. They will operate a multi-two entry in the CQWW Phone Test, and have applied for the call 5J0X. Ops currently scheduled include W4WX, W1LR, K4QD, N2WB, W9AAZ, N5VL, N1WON and K9MDO.

Pres W4FDA has been licensed since 1937, and maintains a well equipped station at the former QTH of W4ZR (SK). Pres believes he is the longest licensed ham in the Northeast Florida area. He plans on joining us in FCG shortly.

Dan reviewed a couple trips that he has taken in recent weeks:

Trey Garlough, N5KO/HC8N visited Dan last week, his first visit to FL except for transiting the Miami airport about 70 times enroute to/from HC8N. Together they visited the W1YL/K4OJ, N4TO, K5KG, K4XS and WC4E QTHs. You may also recognize Trey as the developer of the Cabrillo log submission format.

Dan also took an extensive road trip that included visits with contesters in Texas, Louisiana and Georgia. Highlights:

Houston - The Texas DX Society - W5ASP, K5WA, K5NZ, K5GN, K5GA, KM5M, KG5U, W5PR, station tour of W5KU, Rockets/Suns game to see Yao Ming

San Antonio - K5AF (ex KB8N) Paul uses minimal wire antennas, yet his pair of Omni 6s were skillfully guided to a #2 LP finish in one of the NA CW Sprints. Paul also went to the Air Force Academy with the coach of the Spurs, Greg Popovich, so we went underneath after the game with the Knicks to meet with Greg for a few minutes.

Austin - station tours of K5TR and N3BB/5. Both are very well appointed stations with large stacks and SO2R-ready consoles.

Dallas - lunch with N5TJ (Jeff was Dan's partner at the last 3 WRTC's) No station tours in the Dallas area, but did attend the Mavs/Spurs game which was thrilling and included a tribute to retiring star David Robinson.

Louisiana - W5WMU

Quite an array of towers and fixed antennas, not to mention the large amplifiers. Pat has donated an award for the 2003 FQP.

Georgia - lunch with K4BAI, tour of W8JI
Dan had sponsored FQP plaques that were won by W5WMU and K4BAI and had hoped to present them in person, but the timing was too aggressive for that to happen. The JI station is very impressive, with a 200' tower supporting a wire 4-square on 160 and a huge farm of Beverages, primarily sets of phased 800' Beverages in each of 9 directions!

An extensive discussion of last year's FQP was followed by Dan presenting certificates to our host Lou KE1F and also to Jim NU4Y and Fred K4LQ.

W5WMU plans a Multi-Multi Mobile effort in this year's FQP, operating with a young contesteer from his area.

All of the above just scratches the surface on what was a very lively and upbeat meeting/gathering. Thanks again, Lou and Anne!



*Dan K1TO
running
the
meeting at
KE1F*



Lou KE1F gets his 2002 FQP award from Dan K1TO



Lou KE1F in his shack



Fred K4LQ accepts his 2002 FQP awards from Dan K1TO



Jim NU4Y is congratulated by Dan K1TO as he accepts his 2002 FQP award.



Left to Right around the table on KE1F's back porch: Art W4AA, Fred K4LQ, Jim NU4Y, Dan K1TO, Bill N2WB, Pres W4FDA, Lou KE1F, John W4IX and Jay AF2C

Claimed Scores ARRL DX Contest - SSB

K1TO	3027	422	3,832,182	SOABHP	
V44NK	2813	225	1,898,775	SOABHP	
N4AO	1200	293	1,054,900	SOABHP	Op: wc4e
K0LUZ	1006	230	693,450	SOABHP	
W4/M0BUE	744	254	555,498	SOABHP	
N4GI	604	161	388,351	SOABHP	
WB9IHH	402	218	262,908	SOABHP	Panhandle
W7QF	282	147	124,147	SOABHP	
W4IR	200	116	69,600	SOABHP	
N8PR	182	115	62,790	SOABHP	
W4IX	1710	369	1,892,970	SOABLP	
N4IG	932	295	824,820	SOABLP	
K4MM	809	333	808,191	SOABLP	
K4GKD	503	222	334,998	SOABLP	
K4LOG	476	198	282,744	SOABLP	
KK4TA	371	154	170,940	SOABLP	
K8OSF	312	146	136,656	SOABLP	
WO4G	156	173	132,864	SOABLP	Op: K9VV
NA4CW	257	771	107,169	SOABLP	
KB4ET	209	123	77,121	SOABLP	Panhandle
W4YA	176	113	59,325	SOABLP	
K1HG	179	100	53,700	SOABLP	
K4HV	157	100	47,100	SOABLP	
K4RFK	158	89	42,186	SOABLP	
AG4PN	109	53	17,331	SOABLP	
K4LW	53	46	7,314	SOABLP	
KB4N	63	38	7,182	SOABLP	
AB4RL	36	25	2,700	SOABLP	
K5KG	1663	425	2,119,050	SOABHP(A)	
N4WW	681	302	616,080	SOABHP(A)	
N4DL	326	160	156,480	SOABHP(A)	
W4ZW	69	58	12,006	SOABHP(A)	
K1UM	177	63	33,264	SO10HP	
KE1F	43	27	3,483	SO15HP	
N4PN	432	88	111,936	SO4OHP	Panhandle
K9ES	1654	413	2,030,721	M/S	
Ops: K9ES, AD4ES, W4GKA, AH6NP, KG4IPO, W4UUM					
W4SAA	872	315	823,095	M/2	
Ops: W4SAA, W4ARM					
Totals	FCG:		17,350,397		
	Panhandle:		541,965		



Art W4AA presents W7GAM's FQP certificate to him at the April meeting of the St. Augustine ARS. Tnx Art!



FCGer Bob N4BP installing a mast at the top of an 80 ft. pine tree in Bruce W4OV's front yard. A pulley has been installed at the top to hoist various loop antennas up and down. Watch out for Bruce in next season's 160 meter contests, where he's hoping that a loop antenna with this kind of apex elevation will be very effective.

Claimed Scores - ARRL DX Contest - CW

K1TO	4065	453	5,520,000	SOABHP	
W4/G4BUE	1698	332	1,667,304	SOABHP	
W4QM	885	309	820,395	SOABHP	
K4PB	653	253	495,627	SOABHP	
W4IR	542	255	414,630	SOABHP	
W7QF	409	210	257,670	SOABHP	
K4WJ	422	179	176,136	SOABHP	
WC4H	107	64	20,544	SOABHP	
N4JT	129	57	20,174	SOABHP	
K4GKD	1275	332	1,269,900	SOABLP	
N4IG	1204	331	1,195,572	SOABLP	
W4AA	1136	340	1,157,700	SOABLP	
W4YA	541	221	357,357	SOABLP	
K4LOG	374	182	204,204	SOABLP	
KN4Y	364	158	172,536	SOABLP	Panhandle
N4EK	310	163	151,590	SOABLP	
N4TB	312	159	148,347	SOABLP	
W4OV	152	107	48,792	SOABLP	
AB4RL	147	99	43,659	SOABLP	
WO4G	124	96	35,712	SOABLP	Op:K9VV
KB4N	100	64	19,200	SOABLP	
K3UU	91	69	18,837	SOABLP	
K4LW	85	58	14,790	SOABLP	
NF4A	64	47	9,024	SOABLP	Panhandle
K4LQ	200	184	110,400	SOABQRP	Assisted
K1PT	862	284	734,424	SOABHP	Assisted
N4WW	681	302	616,080	SOABHP	Assisted
N8PR	318	214	204,156	SOABHP	Assisted
N4GI	368	163	179,463	SOABHP	Assisted
KC4HW	171	108	55,404	SOABHP	Assisted
W4ZW	134	58	23,142	SOABHP	Assisted
N4AO	880	88	232,320	SO10HP	Op:WC4E
K9OM	500	174	111,000	SO10LP	
ND4AA	613	81	148,159	SO15LP	
K4MM	260	83	64,740	SO20LP	
K0LUZ	215	82	52,800	SO20HP	Assisted
N4PN	1068	100	315,600	SO40HP	Panhandle
C6AKQ	1032	57	176,301	SO80HP	Op: N4BP
K4PG	41	31	3,813	SO80LP	
NA4CW	4	3	35	SO160LP	
K5KG	3889	513	5,989,128	M/M	Ops K5KG W4SAA VE7ZO, N4TO
K4NNN	2355	466	3,283,902	M/S	Ops K4OJ, N4KM
K9ES	1958	414	2,423,142	M/S	Ops:K9ES, AD4ES K3ZM, W4UUM
FCG	Totals		28,467,439		
Panhandle	Totals		497,160		



Preparation of the K5KG/VE7ZO mobile for the Florida QSO Party

Top: Jim VE7ZO installs a bracket.

Next L to R, George K5KG and Jim VE7ZO prepare for installation of the kitchen sink

Next: Operating Position

Bottom: Completed installation in stealth mode, (after dark) ;<

Claimed Scores - WPX SSB 2002

CALL	QSOS	MULTS	SCORE	MODE	Operators
TO3M	4746	1061	13,690,083	SOABHP	T93M
AB1HZ	2243	754	3,040,882	SOABHP	K5KG
NE4AA	1365	605	1,707,915	SOABHP	K1TO
N4BP	911	390	801,840	SO10HP	
N4IG	824	439	798,980	SOABLP	
K4JAF	756	440	789,300	SOABLP	
KG4FPJ	808	440	594,284	SOABHP/TS	N4GI
KG4FPK	719	338	580,346	SOABHP	K4VUD
NJ2F	679	363	462,462		
WO4G	539	316	354,236	SOABLP	
WD4AHZ	516	342	332,080	SOABLP T/S	
KU3O	449	258	212,334	SOABLP T/S	
K8OSF	362	701	154,921	SOABLP	
WC4H	304	189	126,630	SO10/HP	
KB4N	270	203	103,530	SOABLP	
W1MO	152	112	31,472	SOABLP	
KA2DIV	108	89	19,135	SO10LP	N4GM
KG0Z	48	43	5,031	SOABHP/U	W4ZW
NF4A	3753	1080	7,578,360	M/S	N4PN N4OX KB4ET W1MD
VP55W	3665	630	6,790,230	M/S	KX4WW W4OV W4SAA
K9ES	2691	869	4,568,333	M/S	K9ES AD4ES KG4IPO



KX4WW's QTH on Providenciales, Turks & Caicos Islands, site of the VP55W operation. W4SAA did a good summary on the reflector under the e-mail entitled VP55W WPX Results.

VP55W WPX SSB Providenciales

By Bruce Phegley W4OV

We wanted to get a special call for the WPX. Odds were put at 10 to 1 that it couldn't be done. Since the main objective was to have a little fun, it would not be the end of the world if we did not get the call. I cannot reveal our tactics or trade secrets but we did get the special call letters. I am sure the call was a big help for our 400 watts and tribander. We received several "boy, how did you get that call" or "great call" statements. We just grinned and took another sip on our rum and coke. Conditions were varied with a lot of QSB. At one point the noise level had increased to S8 just before a squall hit us with heavy rain and 30 mph winds; 10 minutes later it was all over and the noise was gone! Plans are underway for additional towers and another tribander and 40 meter beam.



Bruce, W4OV in action during the contest



L to R - Bruce W4OV, Bill KX4WW and Joe W4SAA

Pictures from V47KP/HC8N visit to
K5KG April 4 th



L - R Kay, XYL of K5KG, Jim VE7ZO, Trey N5KO/HC8N



L - r Rich K4LOG, Ron WD4AHZ



*L - R Alex W2OX/ V47KP
Dan KITO*



L - R Jim K4OJ, Ellen WIYL

FCGer KN4Y nominated for CW County Hunter of the Year

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KN4Y - Ed Palagyi
Submitted by : W3DYA

Licensed: 1976 - Novice WN4/General WB4-
1979 - Extra KN4Y MARAC # 1441 USACA # 757-
3/17/92

Ed has been a CW mobile operator for nearly twenty years, starting in 1983 with an IC701 and Spider Antenna. He has activated most of the counties in the Southeast, and has given many of us a last county on the net or in various contests. Ed is active on all bands, and as a mobile always QSYs to 40, 15 and 10 meters after running on the net.

He has been very supportive of the MARAC CH CW Contest, has placed first and second many times, and always manages to run many of the rare counties. On the CH CW net, he goes out of his way when asked, operates with skill and patience, and assists others whenever needed. Ed continues to spend many hours on the net as NCS (and assisting other net control stations) helping mobiles and those at home to enjoy a smooth operation.

In 1987. Ed and his wife, Helen, attended their first MARAC Convention in Denver. Since that time, Ed has missed only a couple national and a few 3M conventions. Always a strong supporter of the Club, Ed has moderated many CW meetings at conventions. He is an active member of the MARAC Awards Committee and for many years wrote a CW Column for the Roadrunner beginning in 1993.

Ed has actively supported other Amateur Radio activities as an ARRL VE, membership in the local radio club, North Florida ARES Net, 10-10 International, and spotter during Florida hurricanes. Ed is also an avid bowler; the county hunting connection is no mystery; he runs counties on his way to and from bowling tournaments throughout the Southeast many times during the year.

Ed also participates regularly as a mobile in the FL and GA QSO parties, which attract a large county hunter following and introduces many of them to MARAC and CHN.

It would be difficult to find a more deserving individual for this honor, and I recommend him highly.

Ed Note: Ed has worked all counties on CW Twice, and is 70 counties away from doing it Three times!

Events Calendar

Holyland DX Contest 0000Z—2359Z Apr 19

Michigan QSO Party 1600Z Apr 19 to 0400Z Apr 20

Florida QSO Party 1600Z Apr 26 - 0159Z, Apr 27 and 1200Z - 2159Z, Apr 27

MARAC County Hunters Contest, CW 0000Z, May 3 - 2400Z, May 4

New England QSO Party 2000Z May 3 - 0300Z, May 4 and 1100Z - 2400Z, May 4

Informal FCG Meeting - Dayton Contest Dinner - May 17

CQ WW WPX Contest CW 0000Z, May 24 - 2400Z, May 25

ARRL June VHF QSO Party 1800Z, Jun 14 - 0300Z, Jun 16

ARRL Field Day 1800Z June 28 - 2100X June 29

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