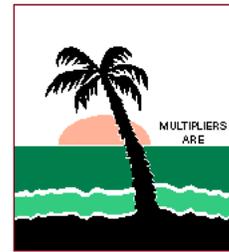




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### From the President's Corner

By Dan Street, K1TO

2002 – The Year in Review

Hope everyone had an enjoyable and safe holiday season!

In sharp contrast to the Stock Markets, the FCG saw continued growth in almost every sector in 2002. It is extremely likely that we have ended 2002 on a very positive note by accumulating enough entries in the ARRL 10-Meter Contest to reach the Unlimited Club Competition (over 50 entries) for the very first time ever! (It didn't really occur to me until now that, although the other ARRL events also use 50 entries as the cutoff, for SS and the DX Test, those 50 entries are summed over 2 weekends. So, we did not even average 25 entries per mode in those contests, but managed to put well over 50 stations on the air in a single weekend – WOW!)

As Fred notes below the list of new members on the next page, we added 36 members in 2002. This is remarkable, in that we had about 35 members TOTAL just over 4 years ago. Our rate of growth shows no sign of waning either! Go FCG!

As the log deadline approaches for CQWW CW, we find ourselves claiming well over 100M points. That may be good enough for top "medium" club, although CQ does not try to establish tiers for club entries. SS was dedicated to Paul, N4PK who passed away in late Sept. Despite less than perfect conditions, it looks like we have 49 entries received at ARRL for the two modes combined. In comparing notes with Dave, K8CC who visited last week (see pictures elsewhere in this issue), it appears that his Mad River Radio Club has again beaten us in the SS Medium Club category. Our 3.7 Meg falls well short of their claimed 5 Megapoints.

Scores in all the other major contests were up this year and we still held as many meetings as practical across the state. The FCG had 3 representatives in the top 5 finishers at WRTC-2002 in Finland, plus the referee for the #11 team! Not bad!

Welcome aboard to the latest group of new members. Jim, N4PSE did just tremendous in WW with a very modest low power station just a few miles east of N4BP. Rumor has it that salt water enhancement is in play here. Dick, K9OM also did super in WW CW using a QRP transmitter (my .NOTE file shows that he beat me out to a JA at one point!). Dick has used NO4S in the FQP the past few years as well with good results. Dick, K4GKD was finally coaxed to join the club at an informal lunch with K4OJ and me. Dick was a long-time PVRC member (yeah, I know, still is...) and has an endless supply of neat tales from those days. Check out his FB 10M score in a part-time effort with low antennas! Holly passed her exam at the FL State Convention in Dec. and joined us almost immediately – nice to finally have a CW operator in that family! Also welcome aboard to Ben Tyre,

KG4QXH, who I believe becomes our youngest member!

At the aforementioned FL State Convention in Palmetto, the FCG ran a Contest Forum for 4 hours. See page 6 for lots of details on that meeting. Without a volunteer to spearhead it, it looks like we will not have our January Holiday Party (which is normally open to spouses and family). Any last-minute volunteers?

To reinforce the recent e-mail from K5KG – the KU9C offer to handle out-going DX QSLs at half of the cost of using the ARRL service is unbeatable. If you send out any volume of cards at all, the savings really add up. (The savings on 2.5 lbs of cards a year would pay for your 2003 FCG membership just by itself!)

We did get antennas fully installed for Blake, N4GI and he took full advantage of them in the 10-Meter Test. This is the time of year to be doing antenna/tower work down here in FL. Other than my own never-ending list of projects, we've managed to take down 160' of Rohn 25 locally, remove K5KG's rotor for repair and have some upcoming projects at N4TO and W1YL. If you have stuff that needs to get done, raise your hand and we'll do our best to help out.

Dues are due. Fred now has an FCG bank account, so those checks should be made out to "Florida Contest Group" (just like your ARRL Club line in the Cabrillo file – exact spelling) from now on. Dues will stay at the current rates for 2003, but given the unexpected rate of growth, we will potentially be in a position to reduce dues next year!

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Efforts to get the 2002 FQP logs checked are being stepped up. We've found a few stumbling blocks in the area of using software tools, and since we are not writing the software, we may have to fall back to manual mode again if we can't work it out with the author. The 2003 FQP is the last weekend in April, as always, but what is different this year is the scheduling of Easter, which falls on the weekend immediately prior.

Participation in the Elmer/Elmo program continues to increase, and thanks go to Red, KOLUZ for his web page efforts to support that program. I really should take a moment to thank our great crew of officers. George, K5KG has really made a great contribution in his first 4 months "on the job", balancing his club contributions with an often-challenging work schedule. Our newsletter continues to get rave reviews, thanks to the tireless efforts of Fred, K4LQ. Fred also doubles as our Treasurer (and "triples" as our Secretary), so thanks need to also go to Sheila, Fred's patient XYL! Ron, WD4AHZ silently keeps the web site fresh and updated, and also keeps a watchful eye on our heavily-used e-mail reflector, which is perhaps the backbone of the club. Ron also oversees the FQP web site, which I just noticed has had over 17,000 hits – wow! Thanks also to Dave, N2NL for picking up the ball on club claimed score listings (and thanks to Jeff, WC4E for many years of efforts as VP, score collector and FQP "certificate guy").

As seen on the reflector, many of us are deeply disturbed by the op-ed piece from WM5R in the Nov-Dec NCJ. That is not how the club competition is supposed to work and hopefully it is an isolated incident and will not completely turn away enthusiasm for contesting, especially from such a young contender.

See you at the upcoming lunchtime meetings in February at Miami and Orlando, and on the air in the various upcoming contests! Also, try to attend the DX Dinner in Miami sponsored by our friends, the SFDXA. It was a blast last year and well worth it! GO FCG in 2003!

vy 73, Dan

## 2003 Dues Announcement

As noted in Dan's lead article, 2003 FCG dues are due. Prices are the same as 2002:

\$10 for electronic downloading of the Gazette  
\$15 to receive hard copies in the mail

Make checks out to : Florida Contest Group

Send to: Fred Perkins  
3437 Lake Josephine Drive  
Lake Placid FL 33852

I'll send out an e-mail on the reflector listing those already paid.

73, Fred K4LQ, Treasurer

## Welcome Aboard



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

**N4PSE** - Jim Cast, 1612 East Lake Drive, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316 e-mail: jcast1612@aol.com

**K9OM** - Dick Van Zandt, 194 Godfrey Road, Edgewater, FL 32141 e-mail: RLVZ@aol.com

**K4GKD** - Dick Klein, P.O. Box 2250, Riverview, FL 33568 e-mail: K4GKD@aol.com

**KG4WLH** - Holly Kollenbaum, 2930 Meadowood Dr., New Port Richey, FL 34655 e-mail: hollyk@tampabay.rr.com

**KG4QXH** - Benjamin Tyre, 3995 E. Gaskin Rd., Bartow, FL 33830 e-mail: kg4qxh@arrl.net

This brings our member total to **140**. Last year at this time we had **104** members, 36 new members have been added in 2002. FCG continues to be a growing club!

## Events Calendar

**North American QSO Party, SSB** 1800Z, Jan 18 - 0600Z, Jan 19

**CQ 160 Meter Contest, CW** 2200Z Jan 24 - Jan 26 - 1600Z

**Miami Hamfest / FCG Meeting** - Feb 1-2 (details on reflector)

**North American Sprint, Phone** 0000Z - 0400Z Feb 2

**Orlando Hamfest / FCG Meeting** - Feb 7,8,9 (details on reflector)

**CQ/RJ WW RTTY WPX Contest** 0000Z Feb 8 - 2400Z Feb 9

**North American Sprint, CW** 0000Z - 0400Z Feb 9

**ARRL DX Contest CW** - 0000Z Feb 15 - 2400Z Feb 16

**CQ 160 Meter Contest, SSB** 2200Z Feb 21 - 1600Z Feb 23

**ARRL DX Contest, SSB** 0000Z Mar 1 - 2400Z Mar 2

## Member Profile - W4DTA

*By Steve Romagni W4DTA*

I was exposed to ham radio since I can remember; growing up with two hams as parents (YV5ENI & YV5DTA) pretty much did it for me. I got my license when I was 14 while still in middle school, I sure surprised my parents on that one, did not tell them that I had signed up for the test until the day I took it. My first radio (Yaesu FT101E) was only capable of transmitting on CW, so that kind of forced me to learn code a bit faster.

Right about a year after, my dad got the station upgraded, new towers, new antennas and of course new radio. Doing DX and Contesting from YV land is sure great! There something to say about being in a 3 point spot!

While in high school, I joined the Caracas DX group, at that time I was the only member of the group that needed parent's permission to travel on any expedition. My first mini-expedition with the group was to YY5P Patos Island (SA048), and over the next few years, we did multiple expeditions and contest trips which included Aves Island YV0 in 92.

Right after coming back from Aves, I came over to the USA for college, and to my surprise, my welcome to the USA was Hurricane Andrew! I moved to Fort Lauderdale late 1992, and started school, and of course, being 18 and away from home for the first time, Ham radio took a back seat, you all know how it is, freshman in college, in a new country, away from home.

But even though my ham radio fever was on the back burner, it was always there. I set up a small 2 meter station on my dorm room, and kept up with the hobby via packet radio. My fraternity brothers sure have some good stories about all the wires and radios I used in my room.

While in Fort Lauderdale, I met all the folks of the SFDXA, and once in a while, I was able to operate

from the Florida Medical Center, but like I said before, college life pretty much took over. After graduating from Bauder College in '95, I had to get a job! Lucky for me, my first job had me traveling all over the world at least 3 weeks out of the month. Here is where I sure realized how lucky it was for me to be a ham, and how great this hobby is.

Thanks to my first job, I was able to operate from multiple places, G, I, VP9, KP2, KP4 and others. Well, 3 years ago my wife and I, purchased a home, and before we had even moved in, the first thing to come up was a vertical antenna (you can see where my priorities were), of course after 10 years of trying to convert me from many of the guys from both SFDXA and FCG, and the fact that I became an US Citizen, I finally took the test, and got my self a US License.

My time these days is very limited for ham radio. The computer industry by itself keeps me very busy, as well as my employer (The Sun-Sentinel). Plus I also started graduate school this year, but I still get on the air any chance I get. I still try to get on the air during my favorite contests CQ WW, ARRL 10 Meter, and any of the 6 meter contests.

My next goal is to finally put up a tower, but I have been dealing with some bureaucracy with the city engineers, however I think I see a light at the end of the tunnel.

73, Steve W4DTA



## N4PN M/S 2002 CQWW SSB

*By Charlie Wooten NF4A*

“Team Whoop Ass”, consisting of N4PN, NF4A, N4OX, and KB4ET operated from N4PN’s “beach house” (hell, it’s better than most people have for a main house!) at St. George Island (Franklin County), Florida for the 2002 CQWW SSB in the multi-single category. Our original plans were to operate in the new Multi 2 category, but due to the fact that K4WA was unable to participate at the last moment it was decided to go multi-single. We wanted to make sure we had enough operators to keep both rigs going 100% of the contest if we were in the M2 category and we couldn’t insure that without 1 more op. NF4A had to be gone for approximately 4 hours from 1 am until 5 am on Sunday morning during the contest to drive back to Panama City (about 60 miles one way) to change the computer system supporting 6 radio stations over from daylight to standard time.

The 2 stations are modest by big contesting station standards....no mono banders (except for a 2 element beam on 40). Two Force 12 tribanders (one C31 and C19) were used along with verticals for 160 and 80 meters. There were also inverted vees available for 160, 80 and 40 as well as a beverage to EU. FT-1000MPs from N4PN and NF4A along with a pair of TenTec Titan 425 amps were used for both the run and multiplier stations. An AL-1500 was available as a spare amp if there was a failure of one of the Titans.

KISS (keep it simple stupid) is the motto at Team Whoop Ass as far as CT networking and computers are concerned. We use two DOS computers with custom made serial cables between stations using CAT5 cable to minimize RFI into the network. Plenty of “snap on” ferrite chokes are installed on keyboard cables, monitor cables and other computer wiring to minimize RFI. The telnet cluster computer has a monitor doubler to allow an additional monitor to be connected so that both the run and mult station can have access to the dx cluster. A monitor extender, allowing a long run of video cable was used to connect the mult station’s dx cluster monitor to the doubler (the doubler and extender, courtesy NF4A’s employer, Clear Channel Radio).

Our effort has netted us the number 1 US multi-single score for the 2002 SSB WPX and most recently, the number 1 US multi-single score for the 2002 CQWW SSB.

3437 Q’s 162 Zones 620 Countries for a score of 7,236,628

We enjoyed great meals cooked by N4PN’s wife Martha, and some “Whoop Ass” Chili cooked by KB4ET. As always, there were plenty of cold “Oscar Kilowatts”, our name for Pilsner Urquell beer from the Czech Republic (thus OK). We also have a ritual right after each contest ...we go to eat a great little seafood restaurant in Eastpoint called “That Place on 98” before we go our separate ways.

Team Whoop Ass has openings for qualified operators (breathing and capable of speaking Southern)....apply to N4PN or NF4A for more details.



*Red Man, the official Chewing Tobacco of the N4PN 2002 CQWW SSB Contest*



*Above: N4OX at Mult Station*

*Below: N4PN Running*





*The N4PN QTH*



*N4OX Running*



*The N4PN 160 Vertical - Notice the distance to the Gulf*



*KB4ET assists N4PN at Mult Station*



*NF4A Running*



*Linear Loading on the N4PN 160 Vertical*

## FCG Presentation at Florida State Convention

Spotted the following FCG members in the forum room: K1HG, (K1TO), K1UM, K4HV, K4PB, K4XS, K5KG, KU3O, N4GI, T93M, W1ROX, W4ZW, WC4E, WD4AHZ

Several potential members also attended. Without a sign-in sheet, I might miss a few: K4GKD, KV4FE (who drove 4 hours each way to attend!), W4STB (new SM of SFL who also drove quite a way) and hubby W4DKB, Mike-W4PT? (friend of KA6R), W1?+XYL

Other FCGers spotted in the hamfest or rumored to be present included: K4NW, K8DSS, KA6R, N4LML, NA4AR

Attendance was certainly impacted by the FOC activities in Orlando on the same day.

We began by showing a video from CQ called "Getting Started in Contesting" (tnx K4OJ). Filmed in 1993, most of the concepts were still quite relevant:

- 100W and a dipole still qualifies as a contest station. In fact, I believe this is a better starting point than full power and yagis because it forces you to learn how to Search & Pounce effectively and break pileups.

- Contesting = Operating  
Contesters have other interests in the hobby, too, most commonly those in the operating arena (DXing, traffic handling, county hunting, etc, etc). I thought about renaming our club to the Florida Operators Club, but that acronym is already taken.

- K2SG was featured in the video. Tony was a member of the FCG when he thought he'd be moving to FL, but that was delayed. He recommends "no drinking" during contests, so clearly he's not been to 9A1A!

- N2RM was heavily featured in the video and Bob is likely to become a FL resident in the near future, even if all 5 towers do not move with him.

The 3 keys to successful contesting are:

- 1) Operator skill
- 2) Antennas
- 3) Location

Being in FL already gives us a nice advantage in many contests, so we're 1/3 there already!

Tips from K1AR:

- Gain experience by operating in smaller contests.  
(Can you say "FQP"?!)

- When calling stations, tune from the bottom of the band. Well, I agree when in USB mode. But if on the low bands on SSB or when using CW in LSB mode, I disagree. Then, you should tune from the top of the band down.

- Use the high end of the band.

Very useful for low power and QRP stations, especially, but also useful for bigger stations when the band is crowded.

The N2RM gang was shown with pizza arriving, just prior to pizza arriving at our own forum room. 8 larges were devoured, along with liberal amounts of soda.

K1EA outlined his station and discussed how they don't even use the 4L 10 at 130' any more, because it is too high. That should serve as reinforcement to all of us that 10M, more than any other band, is effectively useable with antennas at moderate heights. N4TO can provide further insight on this topic, too.

One of the final points that John made was that one of the best resources available is your local contest club and certainly the FCG tries to fill that role here in FL.

The next topic on the agenda was "Contesting in Dominica". George, K5KG presented a great show of pictures from his multiple visits to J7 in recent years, most recently in CQWW CW just a few weeks ago with fellow FCGer John, W4IX. George has done a great job at getting the locals involved and brought lots of ARRL publications to them on his most recent trip.

Jeff, WC4E then followed with photos and video clips from the record-setting PJ2T effort in October's WW SSB contest. Several of us in the room have been to that exact QTH way back in the '70s!

Ron, WD4AHZ then discussed the Florida QSO Party in depth, beginning with the origin of its rebirth in 1998 and citing some statistics to illustrate the terrific growth in the FQP through this year, when the "logs received" count is more than double what it was in 1998! Ron also discussed the WT4I software that we are using to aid us with the log checking this time around.

K5KG was back up front to then show us many photos and describe the details of his lightning protection efforts at his current QTH. Highlights included an entry panel, multiple ICE devices on incoming coaxes and cables, welding the ground wire and ground rods, etc. All of that was still not enough to prevent some hefty lightning damage, after which George added even more protection to other non-ham devices such as cable TV, telephone lines, etc. WC4E took a front row seat to soak in as much information as possible.

Since we were running behind in the program, the group

opted to skip the WRTC 2000 film and go straight to the 10 Meter Test discussion. K1TO handed out printouts (tnx WC4E) of analysis of the past 3 years of the 10 M Test, using log data from a number of FCGers. Details will be forthcoming in a separate e-mail.

The FCG meeting was last on the agenda, but with a pretty small crowd left, we opted to skip a formal meeting and just discuss the forum, 10M Test and other topics of interest before adjourning.

In the "someone in this household had better learn CW" category, congrats go out to Holly Kollenbaum for passing her Technician exam. Holly is married to that notorious phone beggar ("anybody, anywhere..."), Bill, K4XS. ;<)

vy 73, Dan

### ARRL 160 2002

CALL	QSO'S	SEC	CTY	SCORE	SOHP
N4PN	1068	76	15	220,382	SOHP
N4BP	700	73	13	124,270	SOHP
N4OX	759	68	5	112,347	SOHP
WC4H	340	56	6	43,462	SOHP
KN4Y	155	39	3	13,524	SOHP
W4SAA	100	34	4	8,170	SOLP
K1TO	13	9	0	234	SOLP
Club Total				522,389	

### FQP Logs Update

*Ed Note - This appeared on the reflector in early Dec, but for those who don't subscribe to the reflector.....*

**By Ron Wetjen, WD4AHZ**

Just a quick update on the FQP Log status ...

A couple months ago we contacted WT4I, who produces the "CabrilloTools" software package. He also provides log checking software for contest sponsors. He agreed to add log checking support for the FQP to his software package.

Beta Testing of the software (using a small sample of actual logs) is now complete, and the software appears to work as expected.

With that now behind us, and after a "tutorial" session between log checkers is held, we plan to begin checking FQP logs (for real) during the contest "lull" after the 10 Meter Contest.

With this software now in our hands, we're hoping to be able to get results out a bit quicker in the future.

Thanks for your patience as we go through these "growing pains"! With your help and support, the FQP has grown from 213 logs in 1998 to 450 logs in 2002! With that many logs, it has become too large of a job to check them by hand. We needed some help - and we now have those tools available to help us.

Some tips to make the process go smoother ...

1) Use a computerized logging program (a free NA demo, which includes support for the FQP, is available for download from the FQP Web site)

2) If you use a logging program, PLEASE submit the CABRILLO file which the software creates. The log checking software ONLY accepts Cabrillo output. Much time is spent "fixing" many different formats of received logs.

3) If you insist on sending in a paper log, PLEASE write legibly! We do our best to read what is written, but sometimes we have to give it our best "guess" if something can't be read clearly. An error on our part could cost you a Q ... which we do our best to try and avoid.

4) Double check what you type/write! Many errors found, are obvious typos", which we DO NOT correct. We do not fix "errors" during the entry process, so what you write/type, is what is checked. (We will, however, try to "standardize" the stacounty abbreviations, so the log checking program will recognize them. We DO NOT correct BAD state/county exchanges.)

Regarding "unique" QSO's in the log ...

We DO NOT remove a "unique" QSO, UNLESS it can be proven bad. Most "uniques" are in fact, busted calls. The log checking software flags "uniques", and then these are looked at closely, to determine if they are indeed "busted" or a true "unique". If it is a valid "unique" (cannot be proven to be "busted"), it will remain in your log, and count.

And finally ...

FQP 2003 is scheduled for April 26 & 27, 2003! Rules are on the FQP Web site, and have been submitted to the magazines and contest calendar Web sites.

73, Ron WD4AHZ

### N4TO CQWW SSB Photos

*Tnx Julio, AD4Z*



*Above Tom K4MM*

*Below: Dave N2NL*



*Above Gary N4DL*

### N4TO CQWW CW Photos

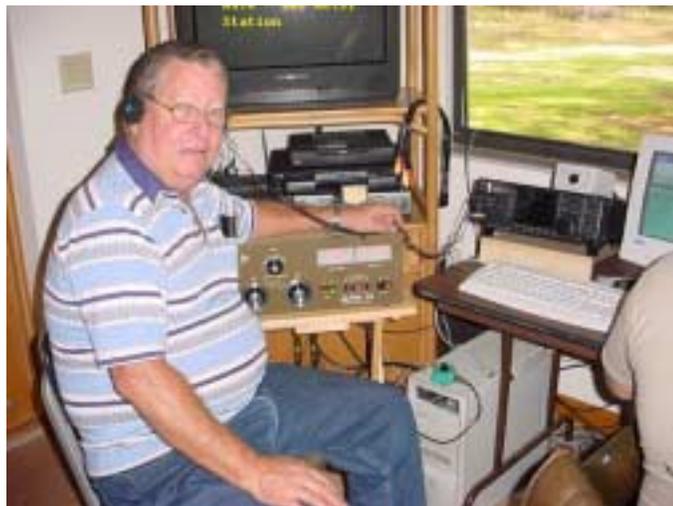


*Below Vic N4TO*



*Above Ed N1TO*

*Below Chris W4/G4BUE*



## FCG Contest Buddy Program now on the Web

*By George Wagner. K5KG*

We now have a web site for the Contest Buddy [Elmer/Elmo] Program. Just go to the FCG web site home page [<http://www.qsl.net/fcg/>] and click on the Contest Buddy Program.

Red, KOLUZ, has been very generous with his time and talent, and has developed this site, which includes Operator, Elmer and Elmo databases to support the Elmer/Elmo Program.

Each FCG member is invited to enter his or her information and then use the "Find an Elmer" and "Find Elmos" features to find Elmers and Elmos in any one of 16 different categories pertaining to contesting.

This site will replace the forms we originally designed to gather the information. If you previously submitted information on a form, you will find that information on the new web site under your callsign. Just click on "View Operator Info", "View Elmer Info" and "View Elmo Info" and select your callsign to view your data. If you like, you may modify your information by clicking on "Modify Your Info", and following the instructions.

If you have not previously submitted your information to the program, click on "Add Your Info" and follow the instructions. When entering your information, be very generous with your comments for each of the topics you check. This will allow Elmers and Elmos alike to zero in on specific skills and talents they may be seeking.

Although anyone in the world with web access will be able to view the contents of the Elmer/Elmo web site, only FCG members will be able to add their information to the site's database. In order to avoid the need for user id's and passwords, we have elected to have a site administrator review all data before it is added to the database. Once information is added or modified, the site administrator will review its contents to ensure that only FCG member information is activated. Red has volunteered to serve as the site administrator.

In view of the fact that this is an open web site, viewable by anyone, anywhere, here are a few words of caution: You may add your telephone number to the database, but doing so is optional. You must add your email address to be included in the database. Your email address is not optional. However, in order to keep the "automatic spammers" from easily finding you, we are suggesting that you append "removethispartfirst" to your email address when you enter it. For example, k5k@arrl.net would be entered as removethispartfirstk5k@arrl.net. Anyone then contacting you by email would know to remove the "removethispartfirst" from your address. Of course, this isn't foolproof, but it does provide a way for us to use email addresses as the primary way for Elmers and Elmos to easily contact each other.

And now, here is the fun part: Click on "Find an Elmer" or "Find Elmos" and pick a topic. Walla, everyone in the database who entered something about that topic will pop up, in callsign order. Also shown will be their email address, city and Florida section (NF, SF, WCF), and any comments they entered about that topic. Click on a callsign, and you will see their operator information. Click on their email address and a hyperlink will take you to your email client. If you are looking for an Elmer, you will have your choice. If you are looking for Elmos to assist, there they are!

You may recall, in the original design of the Contest Buddy Program, we suggested that the club officers would match up Elmers and Elmos. However, Elmers and Elmos will now be able to easily find each other, so the idea of having someone do the matching as been abandoned.

We recognize that this site and the Elmer/Elmo Program is in its infancy, so please let us have your suggestions for improvements. Although highly unlikely because of the uncanny skills of the site's developer, there may even be a bug or two. So, if you find something strange, please let Red know about it.

Enjoy,

73, George, K5KG

## N4PN Takes 3 Plaques in NEQP!

Paul, N4PN made a significant dent in the prize plaques in the 2002 New England QSO party.

Clean Sweep - Not First, but Furthest Sponsor: Dennis Egan, NB1B Winner: Paul Newberry, N4PN

USA - single operator Sponsor: Southborough Rod & Gun Club (W1SRG) Winner: Paul Newberry, N4PN

USA - single operator low power Sponsor: Laci Radnay, W1PL Winner: Paul Newberry, N4PN

In addition, Paul received 2 live Maine lobsters with all the trimmings sent via overnight Fedex.

Congratulations Paul !

*Below: Dick N4RP on Bimini as C6AKP for the CQWW CW Test*



## Pictures from ZF1A CQWW CW

*Tnx Blake N4GI for the photos - more next issue*



***Blake N4GI on the Tower***



***Andrew ZF1EJ at the ZF1A QTH***



***Team Photo: l to r: Joe W5ASP, Dale KG5U, Mike K9MK, Andrew ZF1EJ, Blake N4GI, Dan N9XX and John K6AM***

## KU9C to handle bulk mailings of QSL cards for FCG Members

***By George Wagner. K5KG***

Steve Wheatley, KU9C, has graciously offered to include our FCG members' cards in his bulk mailings of QSL cards to foreign bureaus. Steve has been handling my J7 cards for the past couple of years and he does a wonderful job. He is offering his outgoing mailing service to our club members as a cost saving to us.

Here are the details:

- FCG members may send their outgoing bureau cards directly to Steve anytime throughout the year.
- Steve will batch FCG member cards along with those of his QSL manager service and mail them directly to foreign bureaus. He does foreign bureau mailings a few times per year.
- The price is \$4.00 per pound or \$1.00 per quarter pound. This works out to be \$1.00 per 35 cards, depending of course on the weight of your cards.
- Makes checks payable to: Steven M. Wheatley
- Cards **MUST BE SORTED** by country. There is no need to sort them alphabetically within country.
- Shipment by USPS.

If you ship by the US Postal Service, you may declare them as "books" and get a bulk postage rate. Mail to:

Steve Wheatley, KU9C  
PO Box 31  
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- Shipment by UPS

If you ship by UPS, **FIRST SEND STEVE AN EMAIL** to let him know they are coming so he can be sure to be home. UPS to his home address:

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- Steve will be doing a major world-wide bureau mailing in the next 2 months.

- With Steve's service, there is No need for QSL Mailing Parties, unless local guys want to make combined shipments. We will not arrange QSL Mailing Parties as a formal club activity.

Please send any questions about this service directly to me.

73, George, K5KG

**Claimed Scores -  
ARRL 10 Meter  
Contest**

CALL	QSO's	MULTS	SCORE	MODE	
WC4E	2949	286	2,473,900	SO/HP/MIXED	
K5KG	2379	273	1,990,170	SO/HP/MIXED	
K9ES	1957	230	1,286,620	SO/HP/MIXED	
NU4Y	1149	115	825,546	SO/HP/MIXED	
K4PB	743	191	490,870	SO/HP/MIXED	
W7QF	459	82	194,340	SO/HP/MIXED	
W4IR	200	100	70,000	SO/HP/MIXED	
N4WW				SO/HP/MIXED	
N4IG	1263	227	984,272	SO/LP/MIXED	
K4GKD	1182	225	861,750	SO/LP/MIXED	
W4SAA	1077	215	779,590	SO/LP/MIXED	
KB4N	925	200	599,200	SO/LP/MIXED	
W4IX	705	209		SO/LP/MIXED	Panhandle 468,578 GA
KE1F	400	213	334,836	SO/LP/MIXED	
W4EBA	344	143	167,024	SO/LP/MIXED	
NF4A	466	81		SO/LP/MIXED	Panhandle 100,116
K4RFK	151	75	22,494	SO/LP/MIXED	
AD4ES				SO/LP/MIXED	
N4EXA				SO/LP?/MIXED	
K9OM	1093	225	817,650	SO/QRP/MIXED	
NA4CW	882	221	620,126	SO/QRP/MIXED	
K4XS	3063	157	960,891	SO/HP/SSB	
N4OX	2436	157		SO/HP/SSB	Panhandle 764,276
N8PR	1137	146	332,004	SO/HP/SSB	
KB4ET	210	96		SO/HP/SSB	Panhandle 40,320
V44NK				SO/HP/SSB	
K4FB	916	129	236,328	SO/LP/SSB	
N4EK	690	125	172,500	SO/LP/SSB	
K1HG	441	114	100,548	SO/LP/SSB	
KK4TA	380	105	79,590	SO/LP/SSB	
HS0ZCW				SO/LP/SSB	
K4LOG	482	112	107,968	SO/QRP/SSB	
NJ2F				SO/QRP/SSB	
N2NL	2384	150	1,431,600	SO/HP/CW	@K1PT
N4BP	2018	134	1,082,720	SO/HP/CW	
W4QM	968	137	531,000	SO/HP/CW	
WC4H	628	95	238,640	SO/HP/CW	
K4WJ	432	53	183,592	SO/HP/CW	
N4JT	347	111	154,068	SO/HP/CW	
K1TO	2048	151	1,238,804	SO/LP/CW	
N4PN	1493	151		SO/LP/CW	Panhandle 904,188
WD4AHZ	1272	130	663,520	SO/LP/CW	
N4GI	1178	123	580,560	SO/LP/CW	
ND4AA	810	133	431,452	SO/LP/CW	
K1UM	753	138	415,104	SO/LP/CW	
N4GM	809	126	408,240	SO/LP/CW	
KN4Y	550	112		SO/LP/CW	Panhandle 246,400
W4YA	406	110	179,080	SO/LP/CW	
W4OV	230	68	62,832	SO/LP/CW	
K4LW	157	60	37,680	SO/LP/CW	
N4PSE				SO/LP/CW	
N4RP				SO/LP/CW	
AB4RL				SO/QRP/CW	
K4FCG	2008	276	1,883,700	MS/HP/MIXED	K4OJ,KU3O,K1UM,W1YL
N4TO	1708	247	1,488,422	MS	+G3WGV,W4IR
W4/G4BUE	1550	232	1,195,264	MS/HP/MIXED	+ M0BUE
K0LUZ	1754	152	1,067,648	MSCW	+ PACKET
K4LQ	738	244	632,448	MS/HP/MIXED	+PACKET
N4DL	845	246	608,604	MS/LP/MIXED	+PACKET
K4MM	627	243	456,354	MS/LP/MIXED	+PACKET
W4ZW	634	173	365,722	MS/HP/MIXED	+KIDS
WQ4U	383	79	60,514	MS	K4NW, N4AR
KC4HW				MS	
KA6R				MS/LP/SSB	
PJ2T				MS	
AA4Z					
N4OO					
FCG	Total		29,905,785		
Panhandle Total					2,523,878

Ed. Note: This compilation of 10M scores reflects all the info that was available to us at press time.

Scores of some stations were not available, but calls are given if the station is known to have worked the contest.

## FCGers meet visiting contesters N2RM,

Thanks again to Kay and George for providing a nice BBQ spread for all of us!

After (and while!) a bit of rotor work was completed, the following folks enjoyed lots of storytelling and good cheer: K1TO, K4LQ, K5KG & Kay, K8CC, K9ES & son Keith, K9TM, N2RM & mom, N4TO, W1ROX, WC4E, WD4AHZ



*George K5KG and Dan K1TO removing a rotor on George's tower.*



*Above Left - Bob N2RM, Right Dan K1TO, Below - Part of K5KG's operating position.*



*Get-together in K5KG's shack. Back l to r - Ron WD4AHZ, Dan K1TO, Tim K9TM, Bob N2RM, George, K5KG. Kneeling Front l to r - Dave K8CC, Vic N4TO, Fred K4LQ, Supine in front - Roxy W1ROX. Not shown, Eric K9ES who is taking the photo.*

*Tnx Eric K9ES for the Pictures*



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