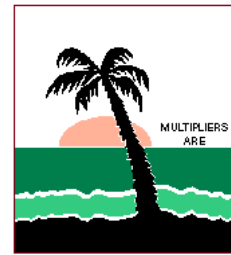




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From the President's Corner

By Dan Street, K1TO



Great news recently arrived in the form of another ARRL 10-Meter Contest win for the FCG! For the first time ever, we crossed over the 50-entry threshold from the Medium Club category (which we won in 2003) into the Unlimited category with 52 (published number, but actually we had 53) entries. Our scores were so dominant that it really didn't matter what category we were in. Add in 5 Panhandle entries and we had 58 stations on the air on one weekend. Take a look on pages 3 and 7 for a detailed listing of member entries and the prominence of FCGers at the top of the various entry classes. Kevin, N4KM operated at Ellen, W1YL's and got to put K4OJ on the air with a resounding win in the low power CW category. In fact, FCGers held the top 6 spots in LP CW and 2003 winner WD4AHZ was bumped all the way down to 5th! July QST features a picture of Kevin operating in his magic orange shirt. Other than perhaps the FQP, the 10-Meter Contest draws the most FCG activity each year. Thanks to each of you for persisting despite the rough storm season last year. I'll enjoy showing off the new gavel at the Vicnic on July 30, if it arrives by then.

Requiring antennas for more than one band and occurring a month earlier, the ARRL Sweepstakes was not our best club showing, as we mustered just 37 entries combined across the two weekends and finished 4th in the list of Medium clubs. We aren't that far off the pace, though. Anyone interested in mounting a charge for top Medium Club in SS this year?

FQP 2005 had quite a mix of ups and downs. Log entries are down considerably, but many of the top scores are up nonetheless! Bill, K4XS, the FCG version of Lance Armstrong, abandoned his usual category of SSB only and submitted a Mixed mode entry that is a few percent above the all-time record, although logging "just" 1800 QSOs must've seemed slow to Bill. Jim, K4JAF appears to have won his first FQP SSB title as a result of Bill's category move.

Many mobiles that participated in our record 2004 event did not return for various reasons in 2005, thus contributing heavily to the drop in log count. If anything, the out-of-staters focused on those mobiles who were on and a number of mobile records appear to have been set. Hal, W1NN, finally joined the fun and posted a superb effort from a rental car with over 2000 QSOs! Joe, W4SAA also claims 2000 QSOs, far exceeding his personal best.

Moving the CW mobile windows caused minimal confusion and appears to be a decision we won't need to address again. Team TO (N4- and K1-) managed to hand log about 3000 CW-only QSOs in the 20 FQP hours, operating from the usual 44 counties. W4OV/m in the N4BP(oops, WN1GIV!)-mobile now holds the record for the most often cited pileup as they entered rare DAD in the last hour. BP didn't have to hit his coveted F1 key much in that hour!

Our own G4BUE operated CW-only from back in England and snagged the sweep -- congrats, Chris! Clive, GM3POI is the only other non North-American to have completed a county sweep. George, K5KG, Dick, K9OM and Ron, K8NZ did quite well from out of state, too.

It's gratifying to see the Florida entries for the FQP dominated by FCGers. Nonetheless, I'm always amazed at how many non-members operate contests in Florida

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I took a look at the ARRL DX Contest SSB logs received. Guess what percentage of the FL entries are club members. Would you believe 54%? Yup. 25 out of 46! With nearly 200 members, you'd think that the FCG was covering a larger percentage of the FL contesting population. The line scores for ARRL CW are already on the ARRL site and I see 33 FCG entries, so we will again be in the Unlimited category with 58 entries once the SSB scores are complete.

Welcome aboard to our new members. Marty, W1MD is better known as PJ2T in recent years, having joined several other FCGers there in Curacao. I believe that I heard recently that PJ2T is the most worked callsign in the last 5 years. Brad, NL7AU has supported our FQP the past few years with good activity from rare Monroe County. Talk about one corner of the US to the other! Gary, W4IHI (W4 dits) rejoins us as promised after a hiatus to move and get resettled.

At the Dayton Hamvention last month, the FCG hosted its second straight hospitality suite on Saturday night (tnx NF4A & N4PN!). I see that quite a list of FCGers attended Dayton, maybe of whom I never crossed paths with on my abbreviated visit this year! Of course, with the Contest and Antenna forums being held at the Crowne Plaza, along with the Contest Dinner and our suite, there was no need to trek out to the arena at all! As usual, we had a table of orange shirts at the Contest Dinner and the OJ buttons were once again prevalent in the suite. Ward, N0AX spoke at the Contest Dinner and his hilarious presentation is reprinted on pages 10-12 for those that missed it previously.

WPX is another favorite contest for the FCG and turnout was pretty strong again this year on both modes. It was neat to see the T93M pix. I hope Danny's enthusiasm rubs off on the rest of us!

Our Orlando off-site lunch meeting was so well attended that we overpacked the ample meeting room. See pages 4-5 for pictures and a thorough review.

I hope everyone enjoyed Field Day. In my 3-hour late night stint on 40 CW at the Sarasota club's FD site, with a dipole at maybe 20' and low power, we had 2 KH6s and a battery-powered VY1 come back! So, I suspect that condx were decent overall.

What are your antenna plans for this year? I'm hoping to secure a 4-square controller for 80M and get moving on building that antenna for use while the sunspots are dormant.

Hope to see many of you at the annual Vicnic in Sebring on July 30. Families are welcome and this is easily the most well-attended event on the FCG annual calendar. Thanks once again to Vic for opening his centrally located place up to all of us.

We'll also be meeting in Melbourne in September, after having last year's hamfest canceled.

GO FCG! OJ!

vy 73, Dan, K1TO

Welcome Aboard



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

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Activity Calendar

IARU HF World Championship 1200Z, Jul 9 to 1200Z, Jul 10

North American QSO Party, RTTY 1800Z, Jul 16 to 0600Z, Jul 17

FCG Summer "Vicnic" at N4TO's QTH in Sebring Saturday July 30

North America QSO Party, CW 1800Z, Aug 6 to 0600Z, Aug 7

North American QSO Party, SSB 1800Z, Aug 20 to 0600Z, Aug 21

2004 10 Meter Contest Final Scores

2004 ARRL 10 Meter Contest - Claimed Scores

1	K4OJ	1167	90	419,040	SOLP/CW	N4KM at W1YL #1 W/VE, # 4 World
2	WK2G	895	88	312,576	SOLP/CW	# 2 W/VE, # 5 World
3	K1PT	793	98	310,072	SOLP/CW	# 3 W/VE, # 6 World
4	WJ9B	880	85	298,180	SOLP/CW	# 4 W/VE, # 7 World
5	WD4AHZ	797	87	275,964	SOLP/CW	# 5 W/VE, # 8 World
6	WB4TDH	745	92	273,792	SOLP/CW	# 6 W/VE, # 9 World
7	KE1F	229	54	48,168	SOLP/CW	
8	K4ADR	175	66	22,704	SOLP/SSB	
9	KV1P	169	67	21,842	SOLP/SSB	
10	K8OSF	108	46	9,844	SOLP/SSB	
11	K1HG	97	49	9,212	SOLP/SSB	
12	K9ES/M	44	30	2,400	SOLP/SSB	
13	NA4AR	47	16	1,344	SOLP/SSB	
14	K4IK	564	148	261,072	SOLP/Mixed	# 5 W/VE
15	N4EK	676	124	202,120	SOLP/Mixed	
16	K4GKD	394	111	141,636	SOLP/Mixed	
17	W1MO	326	99	109,890	SOLP/Mixed	
18	W4EBA	210	86	62,264	SOLP/Mixed	
19	NA4CW	143	56	25,760	SOLP/Mixed	
20	N4TO	109	63	20,286	SOLP/Mixed	
21	WR3Y	112	65	19,370	SOLP/Mixed	
22	K4RFK	77	48	10,848	SOLP/Mixed	
23	K8NZ	79	40	10,800	SOLP/Mixed	
24	K4CC	53	26	4,212	SOLP/Mixed	
25	WN1GIV	1061	93	393,204	SOHP/CW	N4BP # 1 W/VE, # 2 World
26	N4GI	1005	91	363,272	SOHP/CW	# 2 W/VE, # 4 World
27	N4TB	711	80	225,920	SOHP/CW	# 8 W/VE
28	W4IR	145	62	35,712	SOHP/CW	
29	K4WJ	134	53	28,196	SOHP/CW	
30	W3TMZ	132	41	21,320	SOHP/CW	
31	WN1GIV	40	11	1,760	SOHP/CW	
32	K4MM	1046	102	212,364	SOHP/SSB	# 5 W/VE
33	NJ2F	641	84	107,184	SOHP/SSB	
34	K4XS	794	62	98,084	SOHP/SSB	
35	WC4E	2157	206	1,247,536	SOHP/MIXed	# 1 W/VE, # 2 World
36	K4PV	1714	166	809,416	SOHP/MIXed	# 5 W/VE, # 3 World
37	N8PR	538	157	248,374	SOHP/Mixed	
38	N4KK	407	131	156,152	SOHP/MIXed	
39	K4PB	383	118	147,500	SOHP/MIXed	
40	W7QF	386	99	140,778	SOHP/MIXed	
41	K1UM	405	104	117,312	SOHP/MIXed	
42	W4ZW	317	91	98,096	SOHP/MIXed	
43	WB2QLP	273	85	61,710	SOHP/MIXed	
44	K4LQ	204	74	54,020	SOHP/MIXed	
45	K4DDR	161	76	35,568	SOHP/MIXed	
46	WX4G	41	19	2,622	SOHP/MIXed	
47	NE4AA	2331	241	1,676,396	M/S HP	K1TO/K6AW # 1 W/VE, # 7 World
48	W4/G4BUE	1102	161	555,450	M/S HP	G4BUE, M0BUE # 8 W/VE
49	K0LUZ	721	152	355,376	M/S HP (A)	
50	W4ARM	386	73	111,836	M/S HP (A)	
51	AA4RX	320	107	80,678	M/S LP	AA4RX/K8NZ
52	N4WW	104	39	16,068	M/S	N4WW/KA0GGI
53	K9OM	814	145	354,090	SOQRP/MIXed	# 1 W/VE, # 2 World

*Ed. Note: FCG Panhandle 10
Meter Final Scores are on
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Orlando Hamfest Meeting Report

Our Orlando Hamcation luncheon meeting was held at a new venue this year - the Piccadilly Cafeteria. Thanks to Jim W4YA for making the arrangements. Attendance was at a new high for Orlando luncheons - a packed house of 42 people attended vs. 18 last year at the Golden Corral.

Attendees included AA4Z & Ranzie WA4WWL, AD4ES, AD4TR & Pat KF4WZH, G4BUE & June M0BUE, K0GCJ, K1HG & Daisy KT4KW, K1KNQ, K1TO, K4IK, K4LQ & Sheila, K4DDR, K4XS, K8OSF, K9ES, KC4HW & Bonnie, KE1F, KG4OOE & Fay, KI4HCM, KP3AC, KX4WW, N4EK & Trish KD4BRJ, N4KM, N4OO, NA4CW, W0AIH, W1MO, W2DTJ, W4DN, W4FDA, W4JN, W4SAA, W4YA, W9RN and WO4D.

We were delighted to welcome W0AIH, W9RN and K0GCJ from the Black Hole, KX4WW (KG4WW) on vacation from Guantanamo Bay and new member WO4D from Melbourne (who incidentally brings our membership up to 199).

Not attending the luncheon but spotted at the Hamcation were FCGers K4XSS, W3TMZ, NA4AR, K4VUD and W3AZD. (Sorry, Don - I promised to track you down and collect dues, but didn't make it.)

Dan noted that Pedro HC1OT has recently moved to the Orlando area. Pedro phoned in expressing his regrets at not being able to make the meeting and hoped to be with us at future meetings.

FCG President Dan K1TO opened the meeting by calling for attendees to identify themselves and let us know their plans for the upcoming contests. This process was halted briefly when Paul W0AIH identified himself and was asked how many towers he had. I believe the answer was 67! (If I heard his remarks correctly, he said he needed them to get out of the black hole!) It was clear from the comments that many are still recovering from the effects of last year's storms.

Dan displayed the gavel that the FCG won for 1st place club in the Medium category for the 2003 10 Meter Contest. This win had originally been awarded to another club in error, but Dan sorted out the problems with ARRL's contest manager and the FCG wound up # 1.

Dan reviewed some of the statistics associated with the 2004 FQP. There were 706 logs, containing 86,000 QSOs. This was our first year using a mobile frequency window. It generally worked out well

and will be continued. Also our first year having two mobile categories - those who drove themselves, and those who had a driver, enabling them to be active while in motion. There were 30 county sweeps from outside Florida by 19 different stations. W8MJ and WA3HAE both made a sweep on Phone and CW and several got the sweep on Saturday for the earliest time ever.

Recently released 2004 IARU Results show many FCGers in the W/VE Top Ten boxes. Frank NA4CW was # 1 SO Mxd QRP, as well as # 3 World. Don VE3XD was #3 and Charlie NF4A was # 5 in SOLPMxd. Jeff NJ2F was # 3 in SOLP Phone. In SOLP CW, Paul N4PN was # 2 (and # 5 World), Andy WB4TDH was # 5, Merrill WK2G # 8 and Dale W4QM # 9. Low Power and QRP categories were new in the 2004 IARU and clearly, the FCG welcomed them!

Dan noted that this meeting date was the 1 year anniversary of the death of our founder Jim, K4OJ.

The K4OJ callsign was officially re-issued to the FCG effective that day. Ellen, W1YL is looking to unload a 6L 10, 4L 20 and 1L 40, each with varying degrees of hurricane damage, for a reasonable offer.

Joe K4IK noted that K4NNN which K4OJ had licensed to the Seffner Radio Club was going to become available if anyone wanted to pick up that call. Contact Joe for details.

The idea was raised of Life Membership in the FCG. Dan deferred further discussion to the reflector.

The next meeting of the FCG is scheduled for the Ft. Walton Beach hamfest on Saturday, March 19.

Dan also asked for volunteers to host meetings in April and May, before and after the FQP. There will also be an informal meeting at Dayton and the FCG will again host a hospitality suite at which many of the 2004 FQP plaques will be personally awarded.

The meeting concluded at about 2 PM.

Fred Perkins
Secretary, FCG



L - Fred K4LQ

R - Paul - W0AIH

“OK Fred, here is the secret of really improving your two tower station. Add twenty - five more towers!”



R-L Sheila, (XYL K4LQ), Fred K4LQ, Frank NA4CW, Standing Dan K1TO



Lou KE1F, Noll W9RN



Norm W1MO, Bill KG4WW, Doug K4DDR



Foreground Jim K8OSF, Paul W0AIH, June M0BUE



*Background: Bill K4XS
Foreground: Ink N400*

ARRL DX CW CONTEST CLAIMED SCORES

K1PT	1397	307	1,286,637	SOABHP	
K4LQ	966	256	741,120	SOABHP	
W4QM	723	267	579,123	SOABHP	
K4PB	668	266	544,064	SOABHP	
W1MO	701	230	483,690	SOABHP	
W7QF	619	212	393,684	SOABHP	
N4AO	611	193	353,769	SOABHP	WC4E
WX4G	572	200	342,600	SOABHP	
K1TO	518	177	275,058	SOABHP	
W4YA	412	191	234,930	SOABHP	
AD4TR	213	107	68,373	SOABHP	
N4GI	296	68	60,834	SOABHP	
WK2G	1203	241	852,417	SOABLP	
K4GKD	575	224	386,400	SOABLP	
N8PR	291	164	143,172	SOABLP	
W4CEO	295	161	142,485	SOABLP	
VE3XD/W4	224	127	85,344	SOABLP	
K4JAF	191	140	80,220	SOABLP	
K9ES/M	76	57	12,996	SOABLP	
NA4CW	558	223	373,302	SOABQRP	
W4ARM	531	217	345,681	SOABHP/A	
W4ZW	200	126	74,466	SOABLP/A	
W4YY	172	96	49,536	SOABLP/A	K6CT
KE1F	621	218	406,134	SOABLP/A	
K8NZ	197	126	74,466	SOABLP/A	
W4IX	257	63	48,573	SOSB 10HP	
WB4TDH	667	87	174,087	SOSB 15HP	
K4XS	1002	95	285,285	SOSB40HP	
N4EK	136	53	21,624	SOSB40HP	
K4MM	43	29	3,741	SOSB 160HP	
K3LR	6437	599	11,561,898	M/M	K9VV 1 OF 10 Ops
C6AKQ	1993	59	352,761	SOSB 40 HP	N4BP
C6APG	1218	56	204,624	SOSB 80 HP	K4PG
FCG Total			10,632,985		
FCG Panhandle					
K4PV	1526	273	1,226,043	SOABHP	
NF4A	373	185	207,015	SOABLP	
KN4Y	355	152	161,424	SOABLP	
Panhandle Total			1,388,249		

ARRL DX SSB CONTEST CLAIMED SCORES

AD4TR	836	276	691,380	SOABHP	
WX4G	633	301	571,599	SOABHP	
NJ2F	551	251	414,903	SOABHP	
N4EK	546	214	350,532	SOABHP	
K4ADR	356	190	202,920	SOABHP	
W7QF	336	178	179,424	SOABHP	
K1PT	267	199	159,339	SOABHP	
N4KK	229	135	92,745	SOABHP	K9VV
N4TB	198	91	54,024	SOABHP	
KK4TA	376	176	198,000	SOABLP	
K4GKD	354	175	185,850	SOABLP	
W4CEO	252	142	107,352	SOABLP	
KA0GGI/M	181	114	61,902	SOABLP	
KV1P	114	80	27,360	SOABLP	
K9ES/M	114	75	25,650	SOABLP	
K8OSF	96	60	17,289	SOABLP	
W4ZW	158	104	48,048	SOABHP(A)	
NA4CW	132	38	15,048	SOSB 10 HP	
W4IX	57	13	2,223	SOSB 10 HP	
VE3XD/W4	25	14	1,050	SOSB 15 LP	
KC4PX	227	107		SOSB 20	
K4XS	515	87		SOSB 40 HP	
K4VUD	133	55	21,945	SOSB 40 LP	
NE4AA	2170	427	2,779,770	M2	K1TO, WD4AHZ, K8NZ
KG4WW	2176	58	378,624	SOSB 15 HP	KX4WW
FCG Total			6,586,977		
FCG Panhandle					
NF4A	500	235	352,500	SOABLP	
K4JAF	231	131	90,390	SOABLP	
Panhandle Total			442,890		

FCG Panhandle ARRL 10 METER RESULTS

1	KN4Y	809	74	236,800	SOLP/CW #8 W/VE
2	K4JAF	419	82	68,552	SOLP/SSB
3	N4OX	1966	108	423,792	SOHP/SSB #1 W/VE, # 4 World
4	N4PN	2087	191	1,086,408	SOHP/MIXed #3 W/VE, # 4 World
5	NF4A	206	59	37,642	SOLP/MIXed

FCG Panhandle Total**1,853,194**

Dayton Hamvention Pictures



Dan K1TO manning the bar at the FCG suite



N2TA, Bill K4XS and Ink N400



FCGer Ivars KC4PX and K3KTJ



Jordan WB2QLP



Right: WZ8D and FCGer Terry K4RX

Thanks to the K8CX web-page for the top two photos, and the KC4PX web page for the bottom 3



Paul N4PN



Don W3AZD



Bill K4XS

Charlie NF4A



Tony W4OI



Chuck AD4ES



Carl K9LA of NCJ



Eric K9ES



Thanks Lou KE1F for sending in the pictures on this page.

Twenty Years of Contesting from 2005 to 2025

By Dr Beldar, L1AR (aka H. Ward
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Close your eyes and imagine that you are transported to the Contest Dinner in 2025 as the evening's speaker unfolds his notes and begins his speech...

The early years of the 21st century have proven to be turbulent, but fertile, for radiosport contesting. Now one of the world's premier sporting activities, by what path did contesting ascend? The history of the sport is a rich one, but looking back, we can see that it was about twenty years ago that the Golden Age of contesting began. Tonight, we shall take a look back through the Contest Calendar of the past twenty years, identifying some of the high points of our favorite activity. Do you remember which are real and which fantasy?

Let's set the controls of the way-back machine to...

2005

- Following K7JA and K6CTW's stunning smackdown of the SMS champs on NBC's Tonight Show, Sony announced that pileup simulator PED would be included with the new XBOX game platform and the hams at Nokia added an iambic keying interface to the latest generation of mobile phones.
- California governor Ahnold Schwarzenegger announces that "QRP is for girlie men" and declares 2006 will be the year of the California Kilowatt.
- Paris Hilton declares radiosport contesting to be "totally hot." Rap star CW Diddy goes platinum with "Loud is Good!" Parents forbid their children to get a ham license, ham radio is cool again and the demand for radios immediately takes off.
- Later that year, N6TR breaks 450 QSOs in the September CW Sprint, but then gets a brain cramp and has to spend two days recovering in a hyperbaric chamber.

The CW prosign OJ (--- ----) is created to represent a backslash in Web URLs.

2006

- WRTC2006, held in Brasil, is conducted in a verticals-on-the-beach style, but the contest is disrupted when Gator, N5RZ, removes his shirt, causing the entire beach to go topless, including the visiting all-girl Samba orchestra and dance troupe. No one seems to mind, although QSO rates drop dramatically.
- N5TJ & K1TO achieve a 4-peat as champions despite RA3AUU and RV1AW changing their calls to RA3TJ and RV1TO.
- W8JI wins the 160-meter CQ WW with a new Top Band Sterba curtain strung between Georgia mountaintops.
- After the collapse of the BPL industry, students at Beijing University discover that by removing a diode, the salvaged sending units make great 20-meter QRP transmitters. Using inexpensive

short wave receivers and sound-card signal processing software, BA BD and BG call signs outnumber JA's for the first time in CQ WW. However, none are heard east of Colorado.

- As thousands of SMS-trained CW operators flood the air waves, the ARRL creates several new operating abbreviations, such as...
 - ARL 200 for "I am like so not!"
 - QMH? for "Are you hot?"
 - QMT for "Totally!"
 - QMD for "Duh!"

2007

- Bill Gates and Microsoft take up contesting, buying Alpha, Elecraft and SteppIR. Within months, prototypes of a hand-held, kilowatt PDA known as "Pocket Rocket" are heard on 75-meters as testers ask, "Can you hear me now?"
- The first real-time on-line contest crashes after the master server suffers a denial-of-service attack from the Pig Farmers Hacker Alliance.
- K9DX counters W8JI's Sterba Curtain by leasing the HF rights on the northern Illinois power grid and driving it as a phased array.
- Keanu Reeves plays the part of Romeo Stepanenko UB5RR with Robin Williams as Bill Kenamer K5FUV in the hit Shakespear-ean farce, "Where Art Thou, Romeo?"

2008

- Congress passes the Spectral Purity Act, authored by Sen. Dick Norton N6AA. the fraud trial of BPL executives begins immediately following the completion of the Enron sentencing hearings
- FCC Chairman Riley Hollingsworth relaxes Part 97 rules to allow corporate-run contests. Kimberly-Clark immediately assumes sponsorship of the ARRL 160-Meter Contest, renaming it the Depends Classic and introduces a new model of Depends named "The Chairmaster." The ad campaign slogan is "Hold Your Frequency Instead of Your Water!"
- K1JT releases software for the Pocket Rocket that can listen to a pileup and extract all call signs simultaneously. Jim Neiger N6TJ announces that it "Cuts the Mustard!" and applies for the WRTC Senior Division using the software as his teammate.
- The merger of the largest spotting networks, combined with nearly ubiquitous broadband use of real-time, on-line contesting servers, allows all stations to be spotted everywhere at all times, rendering spotting effectively useless.
- NCAA Division I rival Big Ten and Atlantic Coast Conference schools slug it out during Field Day to the highest category 18A scores ever. College recruiters begin to appear at high-school radio club meetings looking for operators.

2009

- Disintegration of the Central Asian and Caucasus states results in the creation of 42 new kingdoms in six months. Ukraine displaces EA8 as the optimum DX contest location and UB5 stations take the top three spots in CQ WW Phone with stunning 75-meter multiplier totals. OH2BH is seen in the Rome airport booking flights to the Orient and haggling over excess baggage charges.
- The "Lake Erie" virus infects all Morse-enabled mobile phones, permanently changing their keying mode to Vibroplex.

- Given the widespread and undetectable use of remote stations connected via the Internet, CQ WW creates a category for them. The initial competition is won by an entry consisting of the entire World-Wide Young Contesters membership who adapt SETI@home distributed computing software to link stations located in sixty-four countries around the world.
 - A new 160-meter single-op record is set by K1ZM using K1JT software that synthesizes signals so that they are generated or received exactly on the grey line.
- 2010**
- The theme of WRTC2010, held in Ft. Worth, Texas, is a Radio Rodeo. New events include the Pig Farmer Roping competition, a chili cook-off, and all contestants are required to ring a chuck-wagon triangle after every multiplier.
 - The team of N5TJ & K1TO face stiff competition from the team of Argentinian radio gauchos, but prevail for the fifth time as K1TO cleverly selects I2UIY as his "lifeline" during the 72-oz. Steak eating event.
 - Spread spectrum contests make their appearance, but nobody notices, since all they do is raise the noise floor a little bit.
 - Nike jumps into the contest sponsorship arena by purchasing the CQ publishing empire, changing WW motto to "Just Work It." The contest adds the radio triathlon category where QSOs must be made from a kayak, a bicycle and a hang glider.
 - To deal with intentional QRM during contests, jammers and frequency stealers, the FCC opens the first radio penal institution near the existing maximum-security facility in Leavenworth, KS.
- 2011**
- Solar cycle 24 peaks this year and releases a mega-flare during the IARU HF Championship, pushing the auroral curtain south to latitude 46 north. This wipes out all HF bands except for stations in Scandinavia, the upper US West Coast, VE7, KL7 and the UAØ icebreaker fueling station in Pevek who sweep the top spots.
 - In the aftermath of the flare, persistent ionization levels are so high that the words "rate" and "1296 MHz" are used in the same sentence on several of the VHF+ contesting reflectors.
 - WA3FET designs a new, super-gain antenna with a front-to-back ratio so high that when installed at WP3R the first transmission snaps the forward guys and knocks the tower over backwards, crushing the new shack constructed entirely of wooden Sweepstakes plaques
- 2012**
- Retired admiral Scott Redd KØDQ is elected President and during his inaugural address announces plans to mandate a **minimum** height of 75' for all amateur towers and require that each subdivision be home to at least one all-band, full-power amateur station. His impeachment is completed by the end of February.
 - The FCC finally grants ragchewers contest-free zones, but simultaneously creates contest-only zones and cites several dozen ragchewers and net control operators for incursion violations.
 - SETI claims that it has detected hostile signals from an extra-terrestrial civilization, but they turn out to be the long-delayed echoes of high-order intermodulation products from the first three hours of the 2011 Sweepstakes.
 - MacAuley Culkin stars in the holiday hit video about a single-op bachelor, "Phone Alone."
 - Florida approves the first ham-only cemetery. It's located on Silent Key.
- 2013**
- The Amateur Radio Direction Finding World Championship attracts 25,000 competitors and 100,000 spectators. ESPN devotes a full week of coverage to the event, bumping the PGA tour to the midnight time slot.
 - NA Sprint is added to the Olympics as a demonstration sport after being renamed "Synchronized QRMing."
 - Robot operators are finally allowed as assistants in the single-op categories. N6TR and K1EA collaborate on HAL-2001 software, but the prototype locks them out of the shack.
- Real-time WPX results are delivered one hour after the contest, resulting in a flood of complaints about the delay.
 - Sponsored by Speedo, the first NCJ Swimsuit issue hits the newsstands. It is also the **last** NCJ Swimsuit issue.
- 2014**
- WRTC is held in Hong Kong on 73 different floors of the Post, Telephone, and Telegraph headquarters building. N5TJ and K1TO refuse to go, but are kidnapped by the Chinese intelligence service and win again.
 - MIT's Artificial Intelligence lab adopts Phone Sweepstakes as a test and development environment for artificial speech processing. They apparently could find no more challenging environment.
 - A team of Unlimited Rovers finally reaches the theoretical limit of band-mode-grid point accumulation but nobody seems to notice.
 - Amateur radio makes the news when during a VHF+ contest, the K8GP Grid Pirates deploy surplus lasers from inertial fusion reactor facilities and accidentally "terminate" a hot-air balloon regatta.
 - Joe Walsh WB6ACU forms "E.F. Johnson and the Navigators" and has a smash hit with "Gimme Your Full Call, Baby!"
- 2015**
- The headquarters station category of the IARU HF is won by the reconstituted Grand Duchy of Fenwick club that declared all stations within its borders to be HQ stations.
 - The ARRL joined with the AARP in creating the Assisted-Living category with Single Op - 1 Nap and Single Op - 2 Nap classes.
 - VHF+ contests adopt the three-dimensional Maidenhead Grid Cube identifiers for the new Sky-Rover Category, but grid corner orbiting is prohibited.
 - A small meteorite crashes into the Atlantic and the resulting re-survey of state borders finally shows K3LR to officially be an 8.
 - The rapidly retreating Antarctic glaciers reveal the continent to actually be made up of 16 isolated island entities, which are all immediately claimed by countries ranging from Norway to Jamaica. OH2BH is seen in Tierra Del Fuego just before CQ WW trying to charter an icebreaker.
- 2016**
- The first Interplanetary contest begins with multipliers consisting of the 24 medium-earth-orbit Unlimited Parcel Service transfer stations, both of Virgin Spaceway's geosynchronous resorts, the moon city of Brightside, all three of Asa-Brown-Boveri's asteroid mines, the Indian colonies established at the fourth and fifth Langanian points, and the Russo-Israeli mission to Jupiter. The exchange is serial number and relative Doppler shift.
 - K1JT releases software that extracts synchronous, coded signals from up to 234 dB below ambient noise, making possible the first single-weekend WAZ on the new VLF band of 73 kHz. Each QSO takes 20 minutes.
 - The integration of Europe is completed as the borders are dissolved between the enclave of the International Knights Who Say Ni and the Kingdom of Dan Marino. This reduces the number of European multipliers to one, decimating DX contest scores from the eastern half of North America.
- 2017**
- More corporate sponsors discover ham radio contesting as the Topband Distance Challenge becomes the Stew Perrier and Jack Daniels creates W.C. Field Day. CW Sweepstakes is sponsored by A-1 Sauce.
 - Climate change results in a permanent and violent cyclone over the New England states, centered on Newtown, CT. Black Hole stations sweep the Single-Op All Band and Single-Band top spots for the first time ever. East Coast stations lobby vigorously for country quotas during contests.
 - Morse code is conclusively shown to have positive effects on long-term brain health by stimulating neurons in rhythmic patterns.
 - The first interplanetary contest is still under way as responses from contacts with the Jupiter mission are still being received

- 2018**
- WRTC moves to Japan and is sponsored by the radio conglomerate YaeKenCom. The competitions are held on a specially created man-made island in Tokyo Bay in the shape of CQ Kitty, the event's mascot and current teen craze.
 - A Chinese team using hand keys finally dethrones N5TJ and K1TO as N5TJ learns about warm saki and K1TO is disqualified in the sumo wrestling competition for accidentally soiling his loincloth.
- A team of graduate students from W9YT run away with the VLF and LF single-band categories using notes from Nikola Tesla's research to design an antenna that shunt-excites the resonant cavity between the D-layer and the earth's surface.
- Logs are finally received from the interplanetary contest multiplier stations, although the Jupiter mission's log is submitted as a black obelisk in a format no one can translate. The second interplanetary contest misses its launch window and is delayed for one sidereal year.
- 2019**
- Starbucks was implicated in a low-band contest stimulant doping scandal. Triple Ginseng French Roast is added to the International Radiosport Federation's list of banned substances, which also include inner-ear growth hormone, any form of "contest chili", and Beano.
 - By being covered completely at high tide, the last of the remaining non-volcanic Caribbean islands was declared submerged by the World Geographical Society. This leaves only Cuban Mountaintop Chain, Monserrat, and the Island of Windward in Zone 8.
 - The Four Corners Off-Road Emissions Society's Battle Rover won the first running of the Baja 500 ElectroRove-In with an average speed of 47 QSOs per mile over the rugged desert course. The Battle Rover was built on a surplus self-propelled missile launch platform outfitted with Force 12's all-band "Fly's Eye" phased array antenna systems driven by fourth-generation Pocket Rockets.
 - SteppIR introduces an inflatable discone. Development is sponsored by Viagra.
- 2020**
- ARRL declares 2020 to be the Year of Contesting Hindsight and creates special entry categories for the long-disused modes of SSB, wideband FM, and RTTY.
 - The number of entries in major contests has grown beyond the limit of individual log checkers to process. The ARRL and Nike-CQ jointly petition the government for emergency computing assistance and a contract is negotiated with IBM for the design of construction of a new contest server - Deep Q.
 - The methods used by log checkers to determine unique, not-in-log, and busted QSOs are declared a national secret and the algorithm is sealed under court order.
 - A United Nations inquiry is opened into why plaques from the interplanetary contest have still not been received.
- 2021**
- The United Mexicanadain States grants sovereign status to all native aboriginal tribes, creating the 127th ARRL section of VZØ, Baffin Island. KE3Q/VZØ wins all three modes of sweepstakes.
 - Radiosport finally becomes an official Olympics sport operating under the rules for Ice Dancing. The first competition is marred by scandal as the French judge is discovered feeding busted call signs to the Australian team.
 - The floating island cities of the South China Sea are accepted into the IOTA program but not for DXCC since the antennas are not land-based. One city is blown onto Scarborough Reef during the ARRL DX contest, creating an uproar for several hours until high tide lifts it off again. No one is able to ascertain whether the city would be considered scaffolding and the late Wayne Mills N7NG left no instructions in his will in this regard.
 - The TV show "The Call is Right!" is the highest rated game show on Monday nights.
- 2022**
- WRTC returns to its birthplace in New Seattle, Washington, funded by the sale of founder K7SS' world's largest collection of Hawaiian shirts. Although the old Seattle was inundated by the Great Earthquake in 2018, several of the old sites are reused and the winners operate from the rotating restaurant of the Space Needle, now surrounded completely by salt water.
 - In first, a local team of Orca whales enters and sweeps all of the digital competitions, speaking directly into hydrophones. This has big implications for the IARU HF Championship, since aquatic mammals can now activate the so-called "water zones." Instead of plaques, the Orcas ask for a nice salmon or two.
 - The winning entry for CQ WW this year was submitted by the Sons of the VooDudes contest team operating from an aerostat platform at the focus of the equatorial anomaly - the correct height to have chordal hop propagation on all bands.
- 2023**
- Alien ships appear in the skies during the frenetic transmissions of North American Sprint's code contest. They immediately leave at high speed after hearing the phone portion of the contest.
 - The hot topic among contest administrators is how long raw contest signals are allowed to remain in memory for analysis by processing software. Consensus is reached that 1 nanosecond should be enough for even the slowest computers.
 - Room-temperature superconducting aluminum is used to create the first all-band tabletop phased array.
 - Fred Laun K3ZO finally purchases a CW filter.
- 2024**
- A cache of vacuum tubes is discovered in the W1AW basement and a "hollow-state" transmitter makes its first appearance on the amateur bands in 15 years. It immediately receives a "chirp" report.
 - YaeKenCom delivers a radio capable of sending CW without key clicks, although no one can remember what a "key" is.
 - In the face of growing contest spectrum demand, all other communications services are relocated to the microwave bands and all frequencies below 1 GHz reallocated to amateurs.
 - All contests merge into a single giga-contest that runs continuously on all bands and modes. Winners are tracked on the GoogleHoo portal and covered by Las Vegas-based Worldwide Casino. Recent top scorers include:
 - a schizophrenic with 26 different personalities, half of which have chronic insomnia
 - robot operators running CTRateMaster Platinum version 6.7
 - a two-dolphin team named #\$\$%^&*()_!! from the Amazon river delta
 - and 14-year-old named Manu Franklin Chang, C71.2. TJTO from the 2nd Langrangian colony
- That brings us to the current day, 2025. In order to fully appreciate our good fortune, we must acknowledge the contributions of those contesters at the millenium that built the foundation of contesting. A toast! Although their radios were primitive and their scores unimaginably puny, they opened the door to modern contesting - found on the bands at all times and followed by sentient beings around the world and from Venus to the Gas Giants. May we have the fortitude as they did to keep our butts in the chair and our signals in the air! Radiosport forever!

FCGers at Stuart Hamfest

By Mike Raskin W4UM



There was a small contingency of FCGers at the Stuart Hamfest this year: K4PB, W4QN, K1PT, W2CQ, W4STB, W4SLR, and W4UM. Only one was wearing orange (W4UM). The Stuart Hamfest is run by the Martin County Amateur Radio Association (MCARA) and is one of the better hamfests to buy or sell junkie - there is NO admission charge. Attendance was reportedly higher than ever and I did manage to buy some stuff I really didn't need (so what else is new?). MCARA sells raffle tickets, 1 for \$3, 2 for \$5, or 5 for \$10. Lots of dinky prizes every 15' for those in attendance, but some really good main prizes you don't have to be there to win: 1st prize - Yaesu FT-897D HF, 2nd prize - MFJ-269 analyzer, and 3rd prize - Icom T7H HT. Of course, I didn't win. No FCG lunch at Bono's this year as almost everyone left early except for W4QN and W4STB. How about some more orange shirts next year so we do an FCG lunch?

73,
Mike, W4UM (ex-K4KUZ) w4um@arrl.net



Above is a picture from yesteryear with some well know contesters and Dxers from W1-land. Who are they? Caption on Page 12.

Fort Walton Beach Hamfest Meeting

Bt Ink Bowen N400



Terry, K4RX, and I drove over to Ft Walton Beach on Saturday. During the visit we saw Charley, NF4A, Dave, KB4ET and Jim, K4JAF.

Later in the morning, Charley, Terry and I held an informal club meeting in the parking lot over "refreshments". Among other things, we discussed current radios, personal notes and possible modifications to the present club membership rules. Charley is our new CAC representative. He has some ideas and is putting together a proposal that he thinks will be acceptable to all the other large clubs. His proposal will use grid squares for defining club boundaries. He still has some map work to do before submitting his ideas.

Meeting was adjourned after only one libation.

Contact Charley at nf4a@knology.net if you have any inputs or merely wish to shout words of encouragement.

INK N400

In the suburbs of Sopchoppy

W4OV works all US Counties

Bruce W4OV received the following in mid March

I'm very pleased to announce that Bruce Phegley W4OV has submitted a valid application for USA-CA 3077 and is hereby awarded #1118 dated March 14, 2005. Mixed Bands and Modes.

Bruce's e-mail address is: bphegley@bellsouth.net

FQP 2004 Plaque Sponsors and Winners

SPONSOR PLAQUE

AB4RL Top Florida Mixed Mode
 K1PT Top Florida CW
 YCCC Most QSOs Florida Single Operator
 K9ES Top Florida SSB
 KA6R Top Florida QRP
 K1TO Top Florida Mobile (Single Op, No Driver)
 K4RX Top Florida Mobile (Single Op, CW Only)
 KK4TA Top Florida Mobile (Single Op, SSB Only)
 WC4E Top Florida Mobile (Multi-Op)
 N4TO Top Florida Mobile (Multi-Op CW Only)
 N4TO Top Florida Multi-Single
 K4LQ Top Florida Club Station
 NF4A Top Non-Florida Mixed Mode
 N4OO Top Non-Florida CW
 K4XS Top Non-Florida SSB
 NA4CW Top Non-Florida QRP
 K4PG Top Non-Florida School
 W1YL Top Canada CW
 K4CC Top Canada SSB
 WD4AHZ Top Canada Mixed Mode
 NF4A Top DX Mixed Mode
 KE1F Top Europe CW
 K1TO Largest Golden Log (Zero Errors)
 K5KG First Station to Work All Counties

WINNER

N4PN
 NO4S(K9OM)
 K4XS
 K4XS
 NA4CW
 NF4A
 W5WMU
 AG4ZG
 K4KG (K5KG, VE7ZO)
 N4TO (K1TO)
 K9ES (spots)
 W4MLB
 W8MJ
 WB2ABD
 VE3XD
 K3TW
 W6YX (N6DE, N7MH, W6RQ)
 VA3DX
 VA3OX
 VE3AGC
 LY3BA
 GM3POI
 KB4N
 W1NN

SPECIAL AWARD - Case of Louisiana hot sauce
 W5WMU Most QSOs with mobiles

*See the FQP webpage for detailed results of FQP 2004
 Thanks WD4AHZ and K1TO for compiling the data.*

PJ4Y was the callsign of Robert, OM1KW, Roman, OM4KW, Norbert, OM6NM, and Milan, OM1ATT, from **Bonaire (SA-006)** from **Mar 22-31**. QSL via OM1KW. They took part in the **WPX SSB Contest**, too.

Norbert **OM6NM** is shown at right in action during the contest wearing his FCG Tee Shirt!



FQP 2005 Pictures



This mobile showed up again this year, working his 5th FQP. There is some suspicion he may be an undocumented alien, since no log was received.



Top; N4BP's truck with roof mounted antenna. Middle: the operating position. Bottom: Bob N4BP at the controls.

Left Middle: Bruce, W4OV at the controls. Left Bottom: L-R Bob N4BP, Bruce W4OV with Bob's vehicle in the background. The team operated the FQP using W4OV's call-sign.



Jim KC4HW drove down from his QTH at Slocum AL to put Holmes, Jackson, Escambia, Santa Rosa and Okaloosa counties on the air.



NF4A Mobile - Top Right: The 20/20 combo on the trailer hitch. Center Right: The 15 Meter Hamstick on the front bumper. Below: The operating position. The 706 was mounted on a special mount for police cars to hold their laptop...of course, there is the pack of Red Man, the official chewing tobacco of the FQP



The FQP from Europe

By Chris Page G4BUE

Wow! What a difference doing the FQP from Europe makes, but just as much fun. After doing a multi-single with June as W4/G4BUE from Highlands County the last three years, I decided to do a single-op all CW this year as G4BUE from back home in a cold and wet UK.

Band QSOs
40m 38
20m 203
Total 241

482 QSO points x 67 multipliers = 32,294 points.

I used 500 watts to a two element quad at 50 feet for 20m and a four-square for 40m.

My object was to make a clean sweep and I did this at 2103z on Sunday when I worked N4QL in Miami-Dade. My next QSO, four minutes later, was with W4OV/DAD. This must be rather unique - needing one county for a clean sweep and then working two of them in successive QSOs in four minutes! Considering that Miami is in DAD, I was a bit surprised to find that DAD was the last county I needed.

On the Sunday evening (afternoon) I had been on 65 counties for some time, needing IDR and DAD. I knew N4TO and W4SAA were both due to operate from IDR and W4OV from DAD, so knew I stood a good chance of a clean sweep.

After I worked N4QL I went back to W4OV's frequency and he was just entering DAD and calling me! I had asked them a bit earlier if they were still going to DAD and so I guess they assumed I needed it. I didn't answer them as I didn't want any favouritism! Call it silly if you like but that's just me. Anyway I worked them through the (very huge) pile-up a couple of minutes later and felt a bit sorry for them as I guess they assumed (wrongly) that they had given me my last one for a clean sweep! It was a good job I worked N4TO in IDR as I don't think W4SAA made it there, finishing up in OSC.

Going through my log afterwards, in addition to the clean sweep, I found I had also worked 61 counties twice towards a second clean sweep! In addition to making me wonder if it is possible to get two clean sweeps in an FQP on CW, it made me realise what a wonderful

job the mobiles did of activating many of the rarer counties twice. The six I missed working twice were GIL, HAM, IDR, OKA, SAN and STJ.

I now realise what a very important part of the FQP the mobiles play. You don't realise this when you operate from Florida. 70% of my QSOs were with mobiles (168 out of 241 QSOs) and the breakdown of counties worked with each of them is as follows:

N4TO 43 (missed them in CIT for a N4TO clean sweep!)
W4SAA 28
W1NN 23
W4OV 19
KN4Y 18
NF4A 18
N4OO 10
W5JBV 2
K4BV 1

Sorry, but I didn't hear KA0GGI.

I take my hats off to all the mobile operators for their excellent operating ability. It is not easy hearing them at times here in Europe because, in addition to a bad period of rain static on the Sunday afternoon, they had to complete with some very loud European stations taking part in two other contests (the HB9 and the Colombia contests).

There was not much to choose between the signals of the mobile stations as conditions varied so much during the contest. At times, it was hard to believe some of them were mobiles as they were so strong, whereas at other times it reminded me of trying to work weak DX stations on 160m!

N4TO was very noticeable with their chirp! The chirp varied from almost gone to really bad, and at times it was difficult to copy them when they were weak and working very QRQ. On the other hand, it had the advantage that when tuning across the band I always knew it was them without having to wait for them to give their call.

It was also not very easy trying to break through the USA pile-ups on the mobiles. Because most of the USA stations in the pile-ups were S9 plus, and the mobiles mostly closer to S5, when I did get through I had to listen very carefully to make sure it was me they were calling and copy their county correctly!

Some of the pile-ups sounded as if it was more like a new DXCC entity than a State QSO Party.

I was especially pleased to QSO 15 of the mobiles on 40m on the Saturday night. I regularly checked 15m but didn't hear anything from Florida, the only USA station all weekend was a lonely W5 in Texas a couple of hours before the end. Did any Florida stations work Europe on 15m?

I did not have too much success calling stations when the contest started and I soon realised why! I had been using my new Elecraft K2s in Florida all winter, and had forgotten that with the special low centre frequency CW filter I have fitted in the Ten-Tec Omni VI here in the UK, I have to tune about 25Hz HF to get on frequency when I am S&Ping. My apologies to the stations, especially the mobiles, who I called a bit off frequency to start with.

The suggested band plan for the mobiles generally worked well, although at times there were several mobiles competing and QRMing each other for the 14040-14043kHz part of the portion when the rest of the portion up to 14050kHz was clear!

Thanks to all the mobiles for providing me with so much fun over the weekend. I am sure that if more European stations experienced the thrill of chasing the mobiles as they criss-cross Florida from county to county, then they will take part next year. Perhaps I can do something to help publicise the FQP here in Europe. I will have a think about what I can do before next year.

I was also surprised to work three fixed stations in the last 20 minutes of the contest on 40m (W4IHI, N2UZ/4 and N4EK). According to N1MM Logger this was three hours before sunset in Florida!

When I operated the FQP from Florida, I CQ'd almost all of the time whereas outside Florida you have to S&P almost all of the time. When I couldn't find anyone new to QSO, I did try CQing a few times but quickly got fed up with the number of non-Florida stations who kept calling me. This was despite calling CQ FL quite clearly.

Regarding the suggestion to include 80m in the FQP, my vote is to leave the rules as they are. The FQP has gone from strength to strength in recent years, including this year (I see N4TO/M even beat their huge 2004

QSO total), so using the "If it aint broke...." adage, please do not include 80m. A final thought on this, if you do include 80m then it will make comparisons with the existing FQP records a bit meaningless as you will not be comparing like with like.

What we should be doing is what WD4AHZ has suggested - getting more people on the air from Florida. This will do more to encourage and increase participation than anything else - hence my thoughts to try and help publicise the FQP in Europe next year. If June and I are in Florida for next year's FQP, then I am going to seriously consider going mobile, especially as we now have a decent car there!

Whilst more fixed Florida stations being QRV will help increase participation in the FQP, more mobiles will do even more. Each additional county you operate from, after the first, is the equivalent of an additional fixed station as it increases the number of QSOs that non-Florida stations can make with you. In addition, all the mobile stations over the weekend sounded as if they were having so much more fun than operating from home where they can only have one QSO with each station per band.

73 de Chris, G4BUE

Although Ye Ed worked from home during the FQP, I did get to do some mobiling at the invitation of Bruce W4OV during the CW County Hunters Contest May 7 and 8. We hit 23 counties, going up the West side of the State on Saturday and down the Eastern side on Sunday. Got as far north as Green Cove Springs. It was pretty quiet compared to the activity levels in the FQP, but still a fun trip. Bruce and his mobile are shown below in my yard in Lake Placid.



**WPX CW Contest
Claimed Scores**

C6AKU				M/2	K9VV,K6CT
W4ARM	568	309	357,822	SOAB(A) LP	
WJ9B	2164	731	4,150,618	SOABHP	
NO4S			1,999,000	SOABHP	K9OM
K4LQ	588	424	720,376	SOABHP	
W7QF	340	250	289,250	SOABHP	
ND4AA	305	195	131,325	SOABHP	K1TO
K4PV	1541	618	2,012,826	SOABHPTS	
WC4E	350	261	281,880	SOABHPTS	
K4OJ	1648	653	2,468,993	SOABLP	N4KM
WK2G	1593		2,397,850	SOABLP	
KA0CG1/4	756	381	605,790	SOABLP	
KN4Y	650	377	593,870	SOABLP	
W4QM	615	364	530,000	SOABLP	
W1MD	311	235	172,960	SOABLP	
NF4A	756	389	584,278	SOABLPTS	
WD4AHZ	167	138	59,754	SOABLPTS	
NA4CW	163	119	32,368	SOSB10QRP	
K1UM	1078	594	1,268,190	SOSB15HP	
W1MO	702	459	670,140	SOSB20HP	
K4MM	321	225	24,775	SOSB80HP	W4IX
Total			19,352,065		

Some Improvements at K4VUD

By Charly Harpole K4VUD

Recently I installed the IN-RAD roofing filter in my Mark 5. Now, consistently I can tune 2.88 khz away from a 20 over 9 SSB station and it drops off to nothing. This is probably the single best thing you can do to your MP line radio. BTW, the IN-RAD 70 mhz mod can not be used in the same radio as the roofing filter mod.



Also, I just finished installation of my new quad made by Cubex. It is 2 elements on 40 and 30 (full sized) and three elements on 18 and 24, all on the same boom. Cubex did a custom design for me. Installation was by a pro but was not as easy as a yagi, of course. If you purchase a Cubex quad, be sure to check the parts list against the parts supplied long before assembly date. The array is very quiet and barks on 40 and 30 and really screams on the other two WARC bands, especially considering there are proportionally fewer gain antennas on those bands in use today. It is on a 70 foot new crank-up tower.

Also, I am near completion of re-installation of my two phased HyTower verticals tuned for 80m. I have the broadside lobe tuned, but am somewhat off on the end-fire matching. Needs more tweaking.

Please remember I have 120 feet of 25G for sale with Phillystran and other items for sale.

73

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Ready to cover 45 counties driving 100 MPH up and down the Florida highways!

Using short Hustler mast that Bruce gave me for trip to Seattle.

Shown is 40M antenna, SWR is 1:1 at 7040.

On top of sissy bar bag is 20M resonator, SWR is 1.6:1 at 14060.

Rig is Elecraft K2. Swr meter for setup of resonators, no longer needed.

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73, Bob Patten, N4BP Plantation, FL



Caption from the "yesteryear" picture on an earlier page:

This photo was taken at the W1BIH CT QTH in about 1964

L-R W1BIH, W1RM, W1ECH, VP2VI (SK) W1AX and son John, W1CW (SK) and son K4OJ (SK) W1YL .

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