Worldwide Fun – 2008 IARU HF **World Championship Results**

Location, Location...

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hat does it take to win a contest? You need a competitive station in your targeted category, you need to be an excellent operator for your targeted mode, and you need to make the commitment to win (aka persistence). These general guidelines almost cover everything. What's left out is the more subtle factor of Location.

Most contesters know that if you're going to operate from the Caribbean for the CQ World Wide contests, it is extremely helpful to operate from one of the islands on the continent of South America (for example, P4). That's because QSOs from these islands to North America are worth three points, whereas OSOs from the other Caribbean islands (for example, ZF) to North America are only worth two points. This doesn't say you can't win from Caribbean islands like ZF — it's just a lot harder to make up the point differential.

The World HQ Battle

A similar "location" issue occurred in the IARU HF contest, held July 18-19, and it's also tied to the point structure of QSOs. The HQ team at EF8U took advantage of the fact that QSOs from their ITU zone 36 (on the continent of Africa) to the ITU zones on the European continent were worth five points. Those on the European continent working other Europeans in other ITU zones only achieved three points per QSO. The result of this "good" location is shown in Table 1.

The result of the EF8U five-point QSOs is obvious when comparing the number of QSOs and number of multipliers. Although the EM5HQ team nearly doubled the number of QSOs and had approximately 10% more multipliers, the EF8U team beat them in score due to the aforementioned point differential. Congratulations to the EF8U team and to the fine runner-up score of the EM5HQ team.

In the W/VE HQ race, the VA2RAC



VE	Worldwi

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Single Operator, Mixed Mode, QRP		
NØKE	176.505	
NX5M	145,044	
N8II	81,134	
NT4XT	22,797	
NØLY	22,144	
WK4P	19,950	
VE3MGY	14,110	
W3AG	10,669	
VE9QRP	10,064	
WEEGE	4 200	

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Single Ope Mode, Low	rator, Mixed Power
W5ZL	566,832
NF4A	466,774
N5DO	352,750
NR3X	327,740
W9IU	309,309
VE3XB	247,660
KØHW	193,533
KB9OWD	182,196
VE3FDT	154,445
NR9A	143,226

	perator, Mix gh Power
VY2ZM	2,339,922
K1DG	1,982,916
VE3AT	1,930,480
VE3EJ	1,923,750
K1LZ	1,787,478
W6YI	1,592,388
N5DX	1,389,545
K5ZD	1,365,663
K5NA	1,249,620
K3ZO	1,193,331

Single Operator, Phone Only, QRP	
NDØC	36,698
NN7SS	12,270
WBØIWG	3,108
KDØAWW	44
KA1CQR	12
KB2JYZ	4
Single Operator, Pho	

Only, Low	Power
N1UR	456,580
N2QT	348,968
K4AB	268,288
W4SVO	241,200
W3LL	194,814
W4TMN	142,008
VE9CEH	120,864
KA2KON	67,064
NØYO	65,700
W6AFA	49,518

Single Operator, Phone Only, High Power

KSIK	1,085,448
W7WA	862,522
VE7SZ	736,101
KØRH	388,803
W2RDS	286,625
N6CCH	277,200
K5ER	273,105
K1PLX	213,206
W4LT	206,789
N4TCP	206,226

Single Operator,		
CW Only, QRP		
N2WN	97,580	
VA3SB	36,985	
AA1CA	20,679	
NU4B	15,444	
W8TM	9,350	
KA6SGT	6,525	
K3WWP	5,304	
K4DZR	4,334	
NØTK	2,976	
AA4SD	2,430	

Single Operator, CW Only, Low Power		
K1PT	517,429	
VE3NE	490,776	
WK2G	370,599	
VE1RGB	356,136	
W4IX	343,840	
N3UA	327,635	
WJ9B	316,820	
WD4AHZ	290,079	
W5EK	275,799	
W7YAQ	273,792	

CW Onl	y, High Powe	
K3CR	1,985,360	
K3WW	1,289,992	
WC1M	1,165,872	
VE3DZ	1,105,832	
N4AF	1,085,968	
WXØB	1,009,611	
AA3B	1,004,615	
N6RO	980,958	
N6TV	979,560	
N2IC	911,628	

Single Operator.

Multioperator	
MSMN	1,863,810
NR5M	1,502,380
NØNI	1,395,906
NR4M	1,090,086
VE3UTT	1,080,953
KB1H	1,016,576
W6NV	849,848
WØSD	802,898
W5WMU	647,703
VE7SV	605,226

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Single Operator, Mixed Mode, QRP		
HG5Y	871,335	
US2IZ	236,368	
RX1CQ	214,800	
OM7DX	201,630	
RW3AI	192,736	
NØKE	176,505	
LY4BF	160,740	
NX5M	145,044	
N8II	81,134	
UY5VA	73 224	

	perator, Mixed ow Power	Single CW Or
DØC	1,158,246	OK2BY
A9DZ	1,055,338	RA9SC
K9AJZ	963,928	DF1DX
T2UZ	893,628	UA6LC
N4CT	843,136	YL5W
U9AC	742,840	UA1CU
K9AX	711,144	DD1IM
51F	649,080	RA9JR
5ZL	566,832	RWØAJ
W8SM	565,398	UX8ZA

	perator, Mixe gh Power
5B4AII	3,748,250
ZD8Z	3,040,433
RG9A	2,818,912
UA9CLB	2,622,636
VY2ZM	2,339,922
RG3K	2,237,348
UPØL	2,231,561
RS3A	2,100,699
ES5RR	1,999,272
K1DG	1,982,916

AII.	3,748,250	HG7T	1,259,6
<u> </u>	3,040,433	RA9FTM	897,0
A	2,818,912	OL6P	808,9
CLB	2,622,636	RA9AP	788,2
ZM	2,339,922	DJ6BQ	751,7
K	2,237,348	LZ9R	741,3
_	2,231,561	YT3W	737,8
4	2,100,699	OG6N	728,9
RR	1,999,272	OK3C	715,6
3	1,982,916	S52OP	657,7
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Single Ope	
Phone Onl	ly, QRP
HA1WD	198,555
Z1JLF	119,808
ΓI5N	91,620
-5CYS	73,080
PE2KP	51,120
YO2LYN	44,298
NDØC	36,698
RZ6MP	33,756
HF3ØCUF	30,415
SQ2DYF	29,830

Single Operator, Phone Only, Low Power							
D4C	2,595,486						
C4W	1,167,572						
IZ2FOS	856,231						
EF1W	657,152						
ZX2B	588,240						
PD1DX	466,488						
N1UR	456,580						

HG7T	1,259,600
RA9FTM	897,024
OL6P	808,947
RA9AP	788,256
DJ6BQ	751,725
LZ9R	741,370
YT3W	737,880
OG6N	728,973
OK3C	715,660
S52OP	657,720
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Single Operator, CW Only, Low Power

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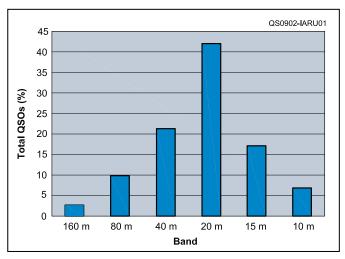
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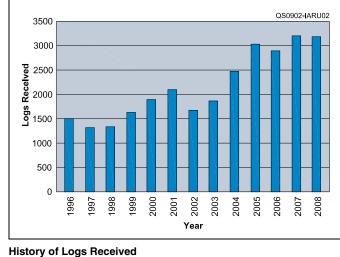
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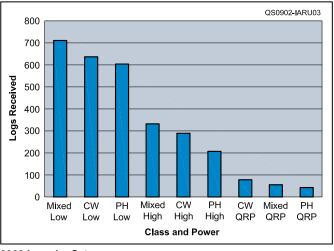
CW Onl	y, High Powe
HC8N	2,283,762
EF3A	2,069,172
DL1IAO	2,027,220
K3CR	1,985,360
OL8M	1,793,610
RX9SA	1,673,606
UP4L	1,635,908
UA9CDV	1,629,684
RK3FA	1,590,994
UA6LV	1,587,024

Multi-ope	rator
P33W	5,028,061
CN3A	4,812,974
RT9W	3,759,792
RU1A	2,741,640
HG6N	2,630,034
RK9CWW	2,561,883
OGØA	2,183,134
OG6A	2,074,342
UA9UZZ	1,914,750
NN3W	1,863,810

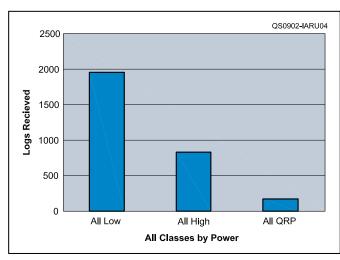


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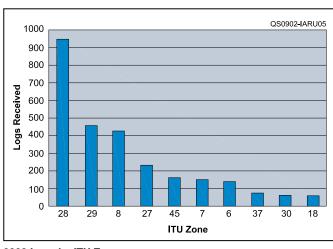




2008 Logs by Category



2008 Logs by Power



2008 Logs by ITU Zone



W1MAT, shows Jean-Pierre, FP5CJ, some of the features of the FT-817 while operating in Saint Pierre.

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Table 1 — A Comparison of HQ First and Second

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team took top honors. Coming in second was NU1AW in the propagation-challenged Upper Midwest state of Minnesota.

The Other Battles

The winners in the Single-Op, Mixed categories for the World were HG5Y, From March 2009 QST © ARRL

MDØC and 5B4AII in ORP, Low Power and High Power, respectively. Similarly, the W/VE winners were NØKE, W5ZL and VY2ZM.

In the Single-Op, Phone-only category, the World winners for QRP, Low Power and High Power were HA1WD, D4C and ZX5J, respectively. Likewise for W/VE, the top performers were NDØC, N1UR and K5TR.

In the Single-Op, CW-only races, World first place went to OK2BYW for QRP, HG7T for Low Power, and HC8N for High Power. For W/VE, N2WN came out

US and Canada Category Leaders by Region

For Class: A=Single Operator, Mixed Mode; B=Single Operator, Phone Only; C=Single Operator, CW Only; D=Multioperator. For Power. A=QRP; B=Low Power; C=High Power

Northeast Region (New England, Hudson and Atlantic Divisions; Maritime and Quebec Sections)	Southeast Region (Delta, Roanoke and Southeastern Divisions)	Central Region (Central and Great Lakes Divisions; Ontario Section)	Midwest Region (Dakota, Midwest, Rocky Mountain and West Gulf Divisions; Manitoba and Saskatchewan Sections)	West Coast Region (Pacific, Northwestern and Southwestern Divisions; Alberta, British Columbia and NWT Sections)
Call Score Class Power	Call Score Class Power	Call Score Class Power	Call Score Class Power	Call Score Class Power
W3AG 10.669 A A	N8II 81,134 A A	VE3MGY 14,110 A A	NØKE 176,505 A A	WA6FGV 110.483 A B
VE9QRP 10,064 A A	NT4XT 22,797 A A	AF9J 1,164 A A	NX5M 145,044 A A	K6RAD 55,770 A B
W1/VA3JFF 168 A A	WK4P 19,950 A A	A1 30 1,104 A A	NØLY 22,144 A A	KD4HXT 45,504 A B
77 77 77 77	KN4Q 108 A A	W9IU 309,309 A B	W5ESE 4,200 A A	K6GEP 40,356 A B
VE2008VQ 141,772 A B	MN4Q 100 A A	VE3XB 247,660 A B	W3L3L 4,200 A A	W7QN 25,494 A B
N2GM 133,168 A B	NF4A 466,774 A B	KB9OWD 182,196 A B	W5ZL 566,832 A B	W/Q/W 20,404 A B
W3KB 51,282 A B	NR3X 327,740 A B	VE3FDT 154,445 A B	N5DO 352,750 A B	W6YI 1,592,388 A C
WA2MCR 26,280 A B	NY4N 54,460 A B	VE3XD 119,947 A B	KØHW 193,533 A B	VE7CC 964,626 A C
KA1MDQ 20,800 A B	W4KAZ 48,090 A B	VESAB 113,347 A B	NR9A 143,226 A B	K6XX 943,520 A C
101111124 20,000 71 2	K3XO 46,926 A B	VE3AT 1,930,480 A C	VE4YU 141,030 A B	K6AM 648,875 A C
VY2ZM 2,339,922 A C	N3XO 40,920 A B	VE3EJ 1,923,750 A C	VL410 141,000 A B	N6AN 607,005 A C
K1DG 1,982,916 A C	N5DX 1,389,545 A C	KE9I 497,484 A C	K5NA 1,249,620 A C	1407114 007,000 71 0
K1LZ 1,787,478 A C	W4AN 1,029,155 A C	VE3XN 245,291 A C	W5KFT 1,136,960 A C	NN7SS 12,270 B A
K5ZD 1,365,663 A C	K5KG 956,202 A C	N2BJ 172,874 A C	N3BB 1,135,620 A C	14,270 8 7
K3ZO 1,193,331 A C	W4PA 931,315 A C	172,074 77 0	WØEWD 582,159 A C	W6AFA 49,518 B B
.,,	WO4O 393,824 A C	VE3OX 49.320 B B	KØOU 394,790 A C	N7VPN 21.887 B B
WBØIWG 3,108 B A	VVO+0 000,024 A 0	W9QL 45.420 B B	1000 554,750 A G	KI6JJW 10.440 B B
KA1CQR 12 B A	N2QT 348,968 B B	KB8UUZ 33,916 B B	NDØC 36,698 B A	KW7N 8,704 B B
KB2JYZ 4 B A	K4AB 268,288 B B	W8KNO 26,455 B B	KDØAWW 44 B A	WK7P 7,112 B B
	W4SVO 241,200 B B		NBONN 44 B A	
N1UR 456,580 B B	W4TMN 142,008 B B	VA3XH 105,468 B C	NØYO 65,700 B B	W7WA 862,522 B C
W3LL 194,814 B B	N2ESP 38,151 B B	K9JIG 22,412 B C	WAØGNC 35,184 B B	VE7SZ 736,101 B C
VE9CEH 120,864 B B	142201 00,101 B B	KG9N 20,942 B C	WBØTSR 29,578 B B	N6CCH 277,200 B C
KA2KON 67,064 B B	K5ER 273,105 B C	W9IIX 16,470 B C	NØRB 25,650 B B	K3LL 85,337 B C
AB2TC 27,786 B B	W4LT 206,789 B C	K8ZZU 14,613 B C	W5TMC 19,305 B B	N7VF 71,516 B C
	N4TCP 206,226 B C		10,000 B B	
W2RDS 286,625 B C	NJ2F 118,668 B C	VA3SB 36,985 C A	K5TR 1,085,448 B C	KK6TV 711 C A
K1PLX 213,206 B C	W4RIS 55,328 B C	W8TM 9.350 C A	KØRH 388,803 B C	
N3ME 86,172 B C		KA6SGT 6,525 C A	K9MWM 73,797 B C	W7YAQ 273,792 C B
W1CTN 73,112 B C	N2WN 97,580 C A	-,	KA5BQM 41,890 B C	AB7E 229,554 C B
AJ3T 57,365 B C	NU4B 15,444 C A	VE3NE 490,776 C B	WØUVC 32,025 B C	K7QQ 157,356 C B
·	K4DZR 4,334 C A	W1NN 230,688 C B		AA7AX 121,044 C B
AA1CA 20,679 C A	AA4SD 2,430 C A	KV8Q 229,400 C B	NØTK 2,976 C A	K6ZH 97,632 C B
K3WWP 5,304 C A	,	VE3GSI 198,801 C B	KIØG 2,074 C A	
AE3J 195 C A	K1PT 517,429 C B	K2AAW 112,941 C B	,	N6RO 980,958 C C
	WK2G 370,599 C B		W5EK 275,799 C B	N6TV 979,560 C C
VE1RGB 356,136 C B	W4IX 343,840 C B	VE3DZ 1,105,833 C C	WØETT 99,461 C B	VE7XF 271,991 C C
N8NA 222,156 C B	N3UA 327,635 C B	K9NW 820,225 C C	KIØJ 89,784 C B	K7RL 217,100 C C
K3MQ 142,128 C B	WJ9B 316,820 C B	W8AV 551,013 C C	N5AW 84,283 C B	K4XU 172,425 C C
K1HT 122,640 C B		K8GL 482,220 C C	N5KWN 79,492 C B	
W1TO 106,680 C B	N4AF 1,085,968 C C	N8BJQ 377,784 C C		W6NV 849,848 D
	N4OGW 819,927 C C		WXØB 1,009,611 C C	VE7SV 605,226 D
K3CR 1,874,507 C C	KØDQ 794,002 C C	VE3UTT 1,080,953 D	N2IC 911,628 C C	W6A 229,925 D
K3WW 1,284,324 C C	N4PN 681,423 C C	W8MJ 217,365 D	K5WA 548,520 C C	K6LRG 201,057 D
WC1M 1,132,382 C C	W4NZ 542,570 C C	NV8N 146,046 D	KØFX 279,045 C C	N7BV 182,688 D
AA3B 905,690 C C		WT8C 114,835 D	N5PO 169,850 C C	
W1ZT 451,754 C C	NR4M 1,090,086 D	AA8LL 37,024 D		
NINGH 4 000 040 D	W5WMU 647,703 D		NR5M 1,502,380 D	
NN3W 1,863,810 D	K5EK 230,445 D		NØNI 1,395,906 D	
KB1H 1,016,576 D	AC8Y 222,088 D		WØSD 802,898 D	
K1TTT 599,964 D	KA1ARB 194,000 D		N5WLA 88,320 D	
WN3R 416,955 D			KD5VVI 30,844 D	
W2RDX 266,104 D				

Continental Leaders
For Class: A=Mixed Mode, B=Phone Only, C=CW Only, D=Multi-operator. For Power: A=QRP, B=Low, C=Hlgh.

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Call	Score	Class	Power	Call	Score	Class	Power	Call	Score	Class	Power	Call	Score	Class	Power
J2800	26.895	A	В	RWØAJ	142.956	C	A	RU1A	2.741.640	D	1 OWEI	VK2AYD	82.816	C	В
EA8ANE		Â	В	RA9FTM	897.024	Č	B	HG6N	2,741,040	D		VK2GR	24,752	Č	В
ZD8Z	3,040,433	Â	C	RA9AP	788.256	Č	В	OGØA	2,030,034	D		VK6AA	492.356	Č	Č
CT95EE	218.364	Â	č	RXØAW	503.004	č				D		KG6DX	327.960	č	Č
5H3EE	22,176	Â	č	RX9SA	1.673.606	č	B C	North Am				ZL2BR	252.963	č	č
D4C	2,595,486	B	B	UP4L	1,635,908	č	Č	VP9/K9ZO		Α	В	YE1ZAT	441.032	Ď	O
3V8ST	164,088	B	В	UA9CDV	1.629.684	č	Č	FP/KV1J	77,112	Α	В	ZL2AGY	108.730	D	
EA8BZH	17,271	В	В	P33W	5.028.061	Ď	O	NP3CW	11,928	Α	В	DU1EV	25,224	D	
CT3FQ	1,131,347	B	č	RT9W	3.759.792	D		AL1G	26,130	Α	Ç				
ZS5NK	22,295	В	č		2,561,883	Ď		TI5N	91,620	В	A	South Am			_
CS95BD	15,196	B	č		2,001,000	_			U 187,052	В	В	LU1FDU	231,085	A	В
ZS6AA	384,648	Ċ	В	Europe				WP3GW	29,219	В	В	PT2BW	50,915	A	В
EF8T	152,799	Č	В	HG5Y	871,335	A	A	HP3FTD	11,424	В	В	HK3/IZØGY		A	В
EA8DA	131,424	Ċ	В	US2IZ	236,368	A	A	KP4JRS	896	В	C	LV5V	324,900	A	C
CT3/DF8	AA 872,617	Ċ	С	RX1CQ	214,800	A	A	J39BS	250,700	C	В	HC5WW	85,550	A	C
EA8MQ	158,496	Ċ	Ċ	MDØC	1,158,246	A	B B	YN2KDJ	213,846	C	В	HK3Q	35,175	A	Ç
CN3A	4,812,974	D		UT2UZ ON4CT	893,628 843,136	A	В	CO2WF KL5DX	24,867	C	B C	LV6D LW3DN	24,120	B B	A
Asia				RG3K		A	C	XE2WWW	272,440 22,250	C	C	PY2ZY	2,697	В	A A
RAØAY	36,729	Α	Α	RS3A	2,237,348 2.100,699	A A	C	V31UB	725.750	D	C	ZX2B	1,533 588,240	В	В
7N4DNN		A	A	ES5RR	1,999,272	A	C	KL7RA	672,836	D		HK3JJH	211,300	В	B
RA9DZ	1,055,338	Â	B	HA1WD	198,555	B	A		072,000	D		PT7CB	41,652	В	В
RK9AJZ	963,928	Â	В	IZ1JLF	119,808	В	Â	Oceania					1,903,066	В	Č
RU9AC	742,840	A	В	F5CYS	73,080	В	Â	VK3TZ	77,616	Α	В		1,012,220	В	č
5B4AII	3,748,250	A	č	IZ2FOS	856.231	В	B	YE1AA	50,875	Α	В	LP1H	939,872	В	č
RG9A	2,818,912	A	č	EF1W	657,152	В	В	VK4TT	3,425	Ą	В	LU7EE	22,425	Č	Ä
UA9CLB	2,622,636	Ä	č	PD1DX	466.488	В	В	KH7X	1,844,352	A	C	LU8EHR	2,418	č	A
JA2MW\		В	Ä	OK2BYW	499.698	Č	Ā	KH6NF	884,390	A	C	PY2SEX	69,180	č	В
C4W	1,167,572	В	В	DF1DX	233,142	Č	A	YB3MM	151,140	A	C	PR7AR	57,993	č	В
7Z1SJ	214,320	В	В	UA6LCJ	206,739	Č	A	YB1TJ	66,720	В	В	YV1FM	38,396	č	В
UA9ACJ	144,336	В	В	HG7T	1,259,600	Č	В	DV1JM	38,759	В	В		2,283,762	Č	Ċ
4LØA	1,577,532	В	С	OL6P	808,947	Ċ	В	V8AQM	34,566	В	В		1,071,954	Ċ	Ċ
JA7NVF	234,438	В	С	DJ6BQ	751,725	C	В	KH7B WH2DX	1,671,502	B B	C C	PY3AU	60,672	C	Ċ
BX5AA	182,450	В	С	EF3A	2,069,172	C	С	WH2DX VK3EW	254,910	В	C	PS2T	1,716,205	D	
RA9SC	299,727	С	Α	DL1IAO	2,027,220	С	С	YBØDPO	28,160 100,924	Č	В		1,542,618	D	
RA9JR	148,617	С	Α	OL8M	1,793,610	С	С	TENDPO	100,924	C	Ь	PW2D	1,415,610	D	

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1.546.695

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368.805

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276,241

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84.964

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Administrative Council Stations

*Lower case "x" signifies multiple prefixes used.

TMØHQ GB7HQ

DAØHQ

SNØHQ

OM8HQ

OL4HQ

*IUxHQ

YT8HQ S5ØHQ

OE1A

YRØHQ

LXØHQ

PH6Q

RØHQ

LZ7HQ

YL4HQ

CS8HC

LYØHQ

*8NxHQ

EW5HQ

HB9HQ

OPØHQ VA2RAC

CX1AA OZ1HQ

SK9HQ

NU1AW

W1AW/9

P4ØHQ

EKØHQ

YV5AJ ZL6A

HLØHQ

EIØHQ

OY1CT LN2HQ

TIØHQ

XE1LM

BVØHQ

DX1HQ

OH2HQ

CE1HQ

TGØAA

A35HQ

9M4DXX

ZF1A

VR2C

AT6T

FS9A

LR5F

*BxHQ

HG8ØHQ

F7HQ

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171 187 217

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97 115

104 131

67 117

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16 816

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13 899

13,764

12,835 12,162

11,453 11,513

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8,899

8,966 6,890

9,031

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6,746

9,816

5.679

6,452

4.298

4,232

3,317 2,340

2 950

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2,031 3,798

3.441 1,845 2,544

2,629

1,924 1,339

1,496 1,353

1,491 1,093

1,070 1,297

1,385 1,134 728 797

1,324

582

653

615

215



Patrick, N9OQT, part of the Multi-op team with his wife Mary, W9MAP.

WK4P

The antennas at WK4P. The tribander and wire did all the work this time.

Low Power, and **K3CR** topped the list for High Power.

Finally, the World and W/VE winners for the Multi-Op Class were P33W and NN3W (NN3W, KD4D, N3HBX at N3HBX's super-station), respectively. Way to go, everyone!

Close Races

The closest race for a first-place award 4,812,974. That's a 4.5% difference. P33W CN3A had 3596 QSOs and 302 multipliers.

K1PT and **VE3NE** in W/VE Single-Op CW Low Power. Their scores were separated by 5.4%. K1PT had both a higher QSO count and higher multiplier count.

Participation Statistics

The 2008 contest, held July 18-19, had 3185 entries. That didn't break last year's all-time record of 3200 logs, but the shortfall is not bad considering that July 2008 was at rock-bottom with respect to solar minimum between Cycle 23 and Cycle 24. In fact, this number of entries is the second highest in the contest's history.

Over the past decade, the number of logs has been steadily increasing. With the Sun showing signs of increased low-level Cycle 24 solar activity, it is likely that next year's contest will continue this trend and break the 2007 record (assuming the latest prediction for Cycle 24 at www.swpc.noaa.gov/ SolarCycle comes true, of course).

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on top in QRP, K1PT ended up in first for

was between P33W and CN3A in World Multi-Op. P33W had a score of 5,028,061, while CN3A ended up with a score of had 4001 QSOs and 283 multipliers, while

Call Score QSO Mults The second-closest race was between K1ZZ XE1KK 690 714 305,440 160 223 335 105 371 105 158,760 442 152 111 97 PR2T

> You were in good company (and had a lot of competition!) if you didn't own an amplifier or left it off for the weekend festivities. Mixed, Low-Power was the most popular category with 710 logs and CW, Low-Power and Phone, Low-Power weren't too far behind with 637 logs and 605 logs, respectively. The Low Power

Gotta Have More?

Complete IARU results, Score breakdowns and extra features are on the Web! Go to www.arrl.org/contests/results. entries more than doubled the High Power entries. The moral here is to not be afraid to jump into the IARU contest if you don't own an amplifier. Your 100 W will do just fine, so have fun!

Participation Statistics — ITU Zones

Zone 28 (central mainland Europe) ran away with the number of participants this year, more than doubling second place Zone 29 (eastern Europe) and third place Zone 8 (east coast North America). Fifty of the seventy-five ITU zones were represented in this year's contest. Some notable zones without participation this year were Zone 5 (OX), Zone 38 (5A and SU), Zone 51 (P2), and Zone 52 (TR, TN, D2, and 9Q). Let's hope these zones will be on next year, when the sunspot counts should be up.

Next Running

Expect to have fun in the next IARU HF World Championship. Propagation should be better on the higher bands, so start making your plans for the weekend of July 11 and 12, 2009. **05**₹∠

Strays

I would like to get in touch with..

♦ anyone who has an old QSL card from the original W2OR, Ernest Hufnagel (1909-1997) of Pompton Plains, New Jersey. He was an Elmer to many, PVRC club president and family friend whose call sign I now have the honor to use daily. An old card, or club photograph of Ernie or even a story would be much appreciated. — Mark Murray, w2or@arrl.net, Life Member, ARRL

QST congratulates...

♦ ARRL member Jerry Spring, VE6CNU, of Calgary, Alberta, whose ham radio humor book, Hogwash for Hamsters, has been published by Trafford Publishing.