

# 2008 ARRL DX CW Results

“Some folks trust to reason, others trust to might...”

— *Robert Hunter*

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Every ARRL DX CW contest is different because every year the competitors are different, expeditions are different, band conditions are different — motivation is different. Yes, if you’ve followed the results closely over the past decade or so, it seems like the same call signs appear over and over. In some categories that may be the case — W/VE Multi-Multi, without question. Others, not so much. One thing we can say about this year is, depressingly, that band conditions were, as usual, not very good. Work with me, I’m trying to be kind here. It pains me to say “as usual,” but it’s been that way for the last four years. Some operators in the various categories reported not hearing Europeans even on 20 meters at the usual peak morning openings across the pond. European scores in particular are down on average over the 2006 and 2007 editions. The average score in the W/VE 10 and 15 meter single band categories are down by an astounding 90% and 75%, respectively, over 2007! Nevertheless, important axioms of contesting are that everyone suffers the bad band conditions and a victory is a victory, regardless of the circumstances. It doesn’t matter if you made 100 or 3000 QSOs in your category if you stuck out the time on the bands and no one else topped you. A win is a win!

One small bright spot: The year over year decline in raw QSO numbers that started in 2005 has stabilized and the total number of contacts made from both the W/VE and DX sides increased ever so incrementally in 2008 over 2007 — around the 1% range for both. The QSO totals peaked in 2002 — as sunspots abound, so does contest activity.

As noted, familiar call signs appear at the top of many races. Recognition up front is accorded to winners who repeated their 2007 wins in 2008: N1UR W/VE Low Power, W1MU W/VE 20 meters, W1MK W/VE

80 meters, W3LPL W/VE Multi-Multi and LU1HF DX 10 meters.

This year was not without its surprises. The DX High Power top 10 is generally dominated by US and Canadian operators who have gone offshore to the Caribbean; this year V47KP was the only Caribbean station to appear in the top 10 list and no fewer than three (!) KH6 stations made the box. To put this in perspective, the contest

victory in the past 4 years of ARRL DX CW. The Caribbean Contesting Consortium station PJ2T on Curacao has notched another DX Multi-Multi win, their third overall, and their fifth consecutive win in either the Multi-Two or Multi-Multi categories for WØCG and crew.

## Regional Coverage

It was a horse race in the West Coast region for the top five spots in the High Power category. Denis, K7GK (OR), held off Bob, N6TV (SCV), by a margin of only 29k points. Both had almost the same number of QSOs but K7GK’s extra seven multipliers were enough to take the top spot. Low Power was won by Tom, N6NF (SCV), topping James, W3CP (OR). West Coast top QRP finisher Gary, N7IR (OR), would have also topped the Low Power category with his fine 205k point effort and also finished number 5 nationally. Coming in a close second (and almost beating the top Low Power entrant as well) was Frank, W6JTI (SF), at 191k.

Another close race in the Midwest Region was in place for the top High Power spot with two battle-seasoned contest operators finishing number 1 and number 2. Rich, K5NA (STX), squeaked by Jim, N3BB (STX), by a less than a 2% difference in scores, again with multipliers making the difference. N3BB led by more than 150 QSOs but K5NA’s extra 37 multipliers was enough to overcome the lead. Top “Black Hole” High Power score, including the W9 Central Division as well, was had by number 4 Midwest Region finisher Steve, KØSR (MN), at 1.039 million points. Low Power was led by repeat national top 10 finisher Marvin, N5AW (STX), who finished with a commanding lead over second place Jim, WØUO (NTX). Both N5AW and WØUO finished in the national top 10 at number 6 and number 8, respectively. Midwest Region



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**Playin’ On The Bands: Barry, W5GN, operated EI/W5GN from Ireland to a number 1 European finish in the Single Operator, Low Power category.**

has been won from the Pacific only twice in the last 37 years. KH6 entries took both the number 2 and number 3 positions, quite an accomplishment from that far west.

We had a log checking battle in the W/VE High Power category with three stations (K1KI, K3CR and K1ZM) finishing within 1% of each other for the top spot and the overall number 1 entrant was a first-time ever winner. Expeditions to Belize (V3) captured the top spots in DX High Power and DX Multi-Single categories. The V31TP win in the DX Multioperator Single Transmitter category proves that sometimes all it takes is determination, as they operated Field Day-style using a single tribander and wire antennas on the low bands. N4GG, W4OC, N5OT and W9RE returned to Bonaire to operate PJ4O for their third DX Multi-Two



<b>US</b>			
<b>Call</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Call</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>Single Operator, High Power</b>			
K1KI	3,593,274	W1MK	250,821
K3CR		KT1V	231,588
(LZ4AX, op)	3,557,358	K9DX	215,004
K1ZM	3,501,762	KV0Q	90,771
N2NT	3,381,240	W6NV	65,925
AA1K	2,985,831	K9AY	50,820
K1ZZ	2,851,785	K1GU	48,441
VC3E		NT2A	32,232
(VE3AT, op)	2,802,618	K8BN	27,264
WC1M	2,515,032	NA4CW	27,027
N2LT	2,277,330		
K3ZO	2,209,920		
<b>Single Operator, 160 Meters</b>			
W4ZV	67,266		
W3GH	17,820		
W2VO	11,040		
K5RX	10,434		
W4GD	7,611		
AA9D	4,950		
W2MF	3,663		
VE3CUI	3,420		
VO1MP	2,958		
W7RH	2,907		
<b>Single Operator, Assisted</b>			
K3WW	3,573,960		
NN3W			
(@N3HBX)	3,124,200		
AA3B	2,790,672		
N1EU	2,073,945		
N1IW	2,058,615		
K1FW	1,855,740		
K5YA	1,778,028		
KQ3F	1,750,308		
N2MM	1,609,239		
W2UP	1,432,275		
<b>Multioperator, Single Transmitter</b>			
W3BGN	3,990,987		
K11R	3,609,255		
K9RS	3,527,469		
KT3Y	3,477,240		
K8AZ	3,199,920		
K2QMF	2,719,500		
W2XL	1,757,538		
K9SD	1,411,488		
W2ZQ	1,331,100		
W3GQ	1,328,250		
<b>Multioperator, Two Transmitters</b>			
K1AR	5,639,340		
WE3C	5,325,576		
N3RS	5,111,892		
NY4A	4,861,047		
N2RM	3,565,608		
KB1H	3,491,541		
K0TV	3,159,720		
W4RM	2,942,802		
NE3F	2,260,854		
W2CG	2,199,960		
<b>Multioperator, Unlimited Transmitters</b>			
W3LPL	7,224,282		
KC1XX	7,143,240		
K3LR	6,901,344		
K1XM	6,710,451		
NQ4I	5,350,419		
W2FU	5,218,521		
NR4M	5,064,336		
K1TTT	4,645,803		
K5GO	4,029,948		
K1RX	3,912,672		
<b>Single Operator, 40 Meters</b>			
K1ZZI	392,805		
N2MF	350,436		
N2IC	332,946		
A16V			
(K6RC, op)	194,820		
K7AO	118,041		
K8CW	85,086		
AA4VV	69,402		
W0ZA	68,508		
N6MA	65,142		
VE3MM	56,304		

QRP was won by Douglas, N4IJ (OK), ahead of Dale, KG5U (STX).

The Central Region featured wins by large margins in all three power categories in 2008. Ron, VE3AT, operating as VC3E (ON), came in at seventh place nationally to also take the top Region spot with a score of just over 2.8 million points. Second place went to Greg, K8GL (MI). Low Power winner also finishing number 5 national was Terry, N4TZ (IN), with a substantial lead over second place entrant Charles, N9CO (IL). Dan, N8IE (OH), took QRP top honors over Jim, WB8RTJ (OH).

Down south, the Southeast Region High Power category was topped by Peter, K3ZM (VA), at 1.9 million points, followed by Pete, N4ZR (WV), at 1.45 million. Low Power top honors went to Mel, WK2G (WCF), followed closely by Julius, N2WN (TN), both topping the 600k mark. Two national top 10 finishers, Bill, K4CIA (NC), and Doug, W9WI (TN), were the numbers 1 and 2 Region leaders for QRP.

The Northeast Region was a duplicate of the national top finishes, with Tom, K1KI (CT), and Alex, LZ4AX, operating from K3CR (WPA), finishing number 1 and number 2 High Power; Ed, N1UR (VT), and Art, K1BX (NH), Low Power; George, K2DM (NJ), and Doug, KR2Q (NJ), QRP.

### Overall W/VE Single Op Categories

Often the most geographically diverse of the single op categories, we saw no less than 6 US call areas represented in this year's top 10. 2008's winner is current second call area record holder George, K2DM (NJ), who squeezed to the top of the pile with 658 QSOs for a score of 426,384. Right on George's heels were 2007 winner Doug, KR2Q (NJ), and 2006 winner Bob, K3PH (EPA). W9WI (TN) continued the longest running streak of top 10 finishes with his seventh consecutive box appearance. Top score from west of the Mississippi was Gary, N7IR, who finished number 5.

A hat trick in the W/VE Low Power category goes to Ed, N1UR (VT), who barely held off a strong challenge from Art, K1BX (NH), to take his third consecutive win. K1BX led the QSO total column by 59, 1876 to 1817, but 'UR came up with 12 extra multipliers to take home a plaque. Third place went to Maryland's Maury, W3EF, and top scorers from west of the Mississippi were Marvin, N5AW (STX), at number 6 and Jim, W0UO (NTX), at number 8.

After years of entering the multioperator categories, Tom, K1KI (CT), kept it all to himself this time to finish number 1 in the W/VE High Power category, narrowly edging out strong challenges from Alex, LZ4AX, operating at K3CR (EPA) and K1ZM (ENY). Only 1% of score separated the top three positions. This is Tom's first High Power CW win — congratulations.



<b>DX</b>			
<b>Call</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Call</b>	<b>Score</b>
<b>Single Operator, High Power</b>			
V31UZ		ZF1A	
(VE3DZ, op)	4,276,632	(W5ASP, op)	260,013
KH7X		C6APG	
(KH6ND, op)	3,397,698	(K4PG, op)	236,814
KH6NF		M5X	
(KH6SH, op)	2,714,796	(G4TSH, op)	157,410
EA8EA		SN7Q	134,232
(OH2MM, op)	2,550,999	HA8DU	112,413
CT1JLZ		DL1AUZ	109,980
(OK1RF, op)	2,037,570	HG3DX	108,438
CX5BW	2,003,883	SN3A	
V47KP	1,993,176	(SP3RBR, op)	106,080
OK5R		XE2WWW	84,078
(OK1RI, op)	1,780,056	HB9CIP	83,202
KP2/K3MD	1,713,978		
KH7Y	1,675,656		
<b>Single Operator, 160 Meters</b>			
C6AKQ			
(N4BP, op)	122,304		
SP3BQ	39,852		
IS0/K7QB	23,310		
S53O			
(S57UN, op)	18,216		
DJ3TF	7,575		
RU4HP	7,200		
JA3YBK			
(JG3MRT, op)	7,128		
OH2BO	6,900		
LZ1RGM	5,796		
GW8IZR	5,751		
<b>Single Operator, Assisted</b>			
V26G			
(N2ED, op)	2,586,726		
DD2D			
(DK8ZB, op)	1,196,775		
DK3GI	893,376		
PY5FB	761,292		
S5OR	745,476		
PY2WC	721,926		
RL3FT	653,184		
UU4JMG	648,294		
OKZZI	640,965		
YO9HP	607,392		
<b>Single Operator, QRP</b>			
T15N			
(W8QZA, op)	1,435,614		
HB9BMY	86,154		
ON6NL	81,396		
LZ2RS	38,808		
JR4DAH	35,256		
I1BAY	34,752		
JK1OPL	26,928		
JH1APZ	23,652		
G4DBW	21,726		
HA5BA	19,431		
<b>Single Operator, 10 Meters</b>			
LU1HF	31,440		
PP5NW	14,322		
XE1NW	2,010		
<b>Single Operator, 15 Meters</b>			
PT5T	270,456		
(A16V, op)			
D4C			
(YL7A, op)	239,598		
PY1KN	162,855		
LW5EE	115,335		
CE3DNP	94,554		
PY4CEL	93,333		
LU5OM	87,828		
A35RK	57,528		
PS7DX	23,976		
PY2SRB	14,364		
<b>Single Operator, 20 Meters</b>			
EA8/OH6L			
(OH2BYS, op)	310,860		
OM3NA	242,460		
LY8O	225,144		
MD0CCE	209,322		
XE1CT	201,666		
SN8W			
(SP8GWI, op)	199,557		
T99W	192,270		
E7/DK6XZ	186,354		
G3RAU	180,063		
HG8R	176,610		
<b>Single Operator, 40 Meters</b>			
C6AKU			
(K9VV, op)	322,140		
KH7B	294,351		
F6ARC	266,739		
ZM3A			
(ZL3WW, op)	248,820		
C6AWL			
(RA3CO, op)	219,588		
HB9FAP	218,064		
KH6/VE7AHA	210,888		
OM5ZW	196,272		
S52AW	195,576		
YU1LA	179,892		

## WVE Region Leaders

Tables list call sign, score and 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)		
K1K1	3,593,274	C	K3ZM	1,903,851	C	VC3E			K5NA	1,690,164	C	K7GK	1,289,400	C
K3CR			N4ZR	1,450,251	C	(VE3AT, op)	2,802,618	C	N3BB	1,662,792	C	N6TV	1,260,441	C
(LZ4AX, op)	3,557,358	C	WJ9B	1,400,490	C	K8GL	1,145,664	C	WX0B			K7RL	1,174,932	C
K1ZM	3,501,762	C	AA4S	1,086,960	C	VE3RM			(AD5Q, op)	1,146,366	C	W6YI		
N2NT	3,381,240	C	W4NZ	919,149	C	(DL7FER, op)	1,030,776	C	K0SR	1,039,722	C	(K6AM, op)	1,164,828	C
AA1K	2,985,831	C				N9CK	809,172	C	N0KE	681,894	C	KO7AA	1,098,336	C
						N8AA	727,662	C						
N1UR	1,613,496	B	WK2G	672,192	B	N4TZ	1,134,798	B	N5AW	1,076,124	B	N6NF	197,925	B
K1BX	1,598,352	B	N2WN	600,456	B	N9CO	494,406	B	W0UO	642,843	B	W3CP	171,390	B
W3EF	1,326,699	B	N4YDU	580,635	B	K9QVB	420,288	B	K5FP	273,978	B	KM6Z	169,335	B
K2PS	1,149,744	B	N4IG	505,575	B	KV8Q	319,734	B	K0RC	262,548	B	N7ZG	138,852	B
K1HT	622,566	B	WA4DOU	455,700	B	WB8JUI	300,192	B	W0ETT	249,795	B	NW7E	119,232	B
K2DM	426,384	A	K4CIA	285,012	A	N8IE	104,517	A	N4IJ	92,493	A	N7IR	205,842	A
KR2Q	361,800	A	W9WI	180,180	A	WB8RTJ	48,060	A	KG5U	47,940	A	W6JTI	191,022	A
K3PH	336,978	A	K4ORD	121,401	A	K0CD	14,760	A	K5ZE	36,990	A	KD4HXT	37,620	A
N1TM	200,979	A	N4JF	99,441	A	KA6SGT	7,938	A	ND0C	27,888	A			
K3TW	106,074	A	NU4B	69,174	A	KT8K	4,743	A	WF4U	22,968	A			

Outside the US east coast, VE3AT operating VC3E (ON) had the high score at number 7. Perennial Texas contest entrants Richard, K5NA (STX), and Jim, N3BB (STX), led from the western states finishing at number 13 and number 14 respectively.

Chas, K3WW (EPA), has rocketed back to the top of the pack to win his sixth Assisted title, ahead of Rich, NN3W, who was operating from the big N3HBX station in Maryland. Bud, AA3B (EPA), was a close third. Top score from outside the Northeast was Dennis, K5YA (STX), coming in at position number 7.

In the single band categories, longtime 160 meter DX contest entrant Bill, W4ZV (NC), coasted to a comfortable win on Top Band. Repeating his 80 meter 2007 win was Robye, W1MK (EMA), in a close finish with Ted, KT1V (NH), coming in second. Georgia's Ralph, K1ZZI, took top honors on 40 meters with another close finish over 2007 40 meter winner Brian, N2MF (WNY).

Mike, W1MU (ME), repeated his 2007 20 meter single band win over second place Dan, W7WA (WWA). Even with band conditions as miserable as they were, Dan was able to pull out more than 1000 QSOs on 20 from very far west — a great effort. 15 meter and 10 meter scores were down considerably from 2007, with NR5M (Eric, NM5M, op) and Cort, K4WI, taking first place on each band respectively.

### Overall WVE Multioperator Categories

The three-man team of W3BGN, K2TW and W2GD took top honors in the multioperator, single transmitter category from W3BGN (EPA) with a winning score of 3,990,987. Second place went to K1IR, K1TWF, K1VR, W1VE and W01N operating from K1IR (EMA) at 3,609,255. Central Division leader K9RS with AA5B and N3DXX also topped the three million mark to place third.

Multi-Two had three seasoned teams of contest operators all top the 5 million point

mark, with K1AR (at K1EA, EMA) and K1EA, K1GQ, K6NA and KM3T at the top of the points race. WE3C (EPA) with W3FV, NN3Q, KF3B and WB3FIZ finished second; and N3RS (EPA) with N3RD, N3ED, N3NA, N2SR and W8FJ coming in third.

W3LPL (MD) has repeated their 2007 win with a second consecutive victory in the Multi-Multi category. Operators W3LPL, N1IN, WX3B, N3KS, AI3M, N3OC, K3RA, K3RV, WR3Z, KD4D, K4ZA, K4ZW and AC6WI narrowly topped strong challenges in the number 2 through number 4 spots from KC1XX (with K1TR, K6AW, KA1R, N1KWF, W1FV, W2RQ and WA1Z), K3LR (with K3UA, K8CX, KL9A, N0AX, N2NC, N3GJ, N3SD, N6MJ, VE3EJ and VE3NE) and K1XM (with K2TJ, KT1D, W1FJ, W1KM and W1UE).

### DX Single Op Categories

“Not even close” is our opening thought for the DX single op categories as current DX QRP single op record holder Bill, W8QZA, returned for a repeat performance in Costa Rica from TI5N. Bill's winning score of 1.4 million points was the widest margin of victory in any single op category from DX or W/VE in the 2008 running of the contest. Nice job! Second place, and European continental winner, was Peter, HB9BMY. Asia was topped by number 5 finisher Izuno, JR4DAH.

Shifting gears backward to “boy, that was close!” is the DX Low Power category that featured a race between three operators who would all ultimately end up within a few percentage points of each other at the top. Our 2008 winner is Dave, WJ2O, who operated VP5DF to the number 1 position over strong challenges from Alfredo, WP3C, and Eric, K9GY, operating from Nicaragua as H7/K9GY. Top South American score was number 6 finisher Luc, PY8AZT at PT7AG. Top Africa was number 10 finisher Andrew, ZS6AA. Europe was led by Barry, W5GN, operating from Ireland as EI/W5GN (and who just missed the top 10, finishing number

12). Top Asian score was Masa, JI1RXQ.

Rare is a year when the ARRL DX CW contest DX High Power category is not won from the Caribbean. Yuri, VE3DZ, was in the right place at the right time to take the 2008 victory operating V31UZ from Belize. This is his first ARRL DX CW win. The next two spots went to Pacific stations in Hawaii, with Mike, KH6ND, operating KH7X to a strong second place finish and John, KH6SH, operating KH6NF, third. Best score from Africa was fourth place finisher Ville, OH2MM, operating from EA8EA. Top European and number 5 overall was Jiri, OK1RF, operating from CT1JLZ. The continental parade continued with number 6 overall Pedro, CX5BW as top South American and Masa, JH4UYB, as leading scorer from Asia.

Current DX Single Op Assisted North America continental record holder Ed, N2ED, has notched yet another win in the category after keying V26G to a 4 million plus point score from Antigua. This is Ed's fourth DX Assisted category win. Second place and the top European score was Barney, DK8ZB, operating DD2D. The number 1 South American was number 4 finisher Wesley, PY5FB. Top Asian score was submitted by Mac, JO7KMB.

In the Single Band categories, US operators going offshore won all three of the low band spots. On 160 meters, Bob, N4BP, made 728 contacts to operate C6AKQ to victory from the Bahamas. A close finish on 80 meters had Joe, W5ASP, operating ZF1A in the Caymans to a score of over 260,000 points, followed by K4PG at C6APG in the Bahamas finishing second. That 2 element 80 meter beam at ZF1A sure is producing results! On 40 meters, again the Bahamas took the top spot with Fred, K9VV, operating C6AKU to the number 1 spot over Bill, KH7XS, operating from KH7B. Leppala, OH2BYS, traveled to the Canary Islands to operate EA8/OH6L to the top 20 meter single band spot, followed closely by Jozef, OM3NA, who placed second. PT5T, oper-

## Continental Leaders

Category Name	Call	Score	Category Name	Call	Score
<b>Africa</b>			<b>North America</b>		
Single Operator High Power	EA8EA (OH2MM, op)	2,550,999	Single Operator High Power	V31UZ (VE3DZ, op)	4,276,632
Single Operator Low Power	ZS6AA	723,723	Single Operator Low Power	VP5DF (WJ2O, op)	2,930,400
Single Operator 20 Meters	EA8/OH6L (OH2BYS, op)	310,860	Single Operator QRP	T15N (W8QZA, op)	1,435,614
Single Operator 15 Meters	D4C (YL7A, op)	239,598	C6AKQ (N4BP, op)		122,304
Multioperator Single Transmitter	CT9L	2,734,020	Single Operator 80 Meters	ZF1A (W5ASP, op)	260,013
<b>Antarctica</b>			Single Operator 40 Meters	C6AKU (K9VV, op)	322,140
Single Operator High Power	DP0GVN (DL5XL, op)	114,390	Single Operator 20 Meters	XE1CT	201,666
<b>Asia</b>			Single Operator 15 Meters	XE3WAO	8,652
Single Operator High Power	JH4UYB	795,372	Single Operator 10 Meters	XE1NW	2,010
Single Operator Low Power	J11RXQ	161,190	Single Operator Assisted	V26G (N2ED, op)	2,586,726
Single Operator QRP	JR4DAH	35,256	Multioperator Single Transmitter	V31TP	3,847,746
Single Operator 160 Meters	JA3YBK (JG3MRT, op)	7,128	Multioperator Two Transmitters	KP2M	5,020,158
Single Operator 80 Meters	JM1UWB	7,524	Multioperator Multi Transmitter	J7DX	5,905,440
Single Operator 40 Meters	7J1AAI (W1NN, op)	62,874	<b>Oceania</b>		
Single Operator 20 Meters	JH7XMO	110,664	Single Operator High Power	KH7X (KH6ND, op)	3,397,698
Single Operator 15 Meters	JA9CWI	420	Single Operator Low Power	ZL4PW	141,732
Single Operator Assisted	JF2QNM	189,300	Single Operator 40 Meters	KH7B	294,351
Multioperator Single Transmitter	JA0QNJ	603,003	Single Operator 20 Meters	KH6/N7ON	11,844
Multioperator Two Transmitters	JR1CBC	611,934	Single Operator 15 Meters	A35RK	57,528
Multioperator Multi Transmitter	JA1YPA	507,780	Single Operator Assisted	KH6/AA4V	60,945
<b>Europe</b>			Multioperator Single Transmitter	T32OU	2,170,248
Single Operator High Power	CT1JLZ (OK1RF, op)	2,037,570	Multioperator Two Transmitters	KH6LC	4,488,840
Single Operator Low Power	EI/W5GN	429,000	Multioperator Multi Transmitter	VP6DX	5,559,153
Single Operator QRP	HB9BMY	86,154	<b>South America</b>		
Single Operator 160 Meters	SP3BQ	39,852	Single Operator High Power	CX5BW	2,003,883
Single Operator 80 Meters	MSX (G4TSH, op)	157,410	Single Operator Low Power	PT7AG (PY8AZT, op)	1,395,135
Single Operator 40 Meters	F6ARC	266,739	Single Operator 80 Meters	PR7AR	21,762
Single Operator 20 Meters	OM3NA	242,460	Single Operator 40 Meters	A45IR (YV5KG, op)	128,688
Single Operator 15 Meters	T96Q	6,798	Single Operator 20 Meters	PY1NB	120,792
Single Operator Assisted	DD2D (DK6ZB, op)	1,196,775	Single Operator 15 Meters	PT5T (AI6V, op)	270,456
Multioperator Single Transmitter	TM6M	2,244,918	Single Operator 10 Meters	LU1HF	31,440
Multioperator Two Transmitters	HB0/NOMX	2,059,344	Single Operator Assisted	PY5FB	761,292
Multioperator Multi Transmitter	9A1A	2,473,317	Multioperator Single Transmitter	PZ5WW	3,340,170
			Multioperator Two Transmitters	PJ4O	6,879,492
			Multioperator Multi Transmitter	PJ2T	6,851,964

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Plaque Category	Winner	Sponsor
Asia Multioperator Single Transmitter	JA0QNJ	Yankee Clipper Contest Club
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Hudson Division Single Operator High Power	N2NT	HVCDX and AARA — John Naberezny, WE2F Memorial
Japan Single Operator Low Power	J11RXQ	Western Washington DX Club
North America Single Operator High Power	V31UZ (VE3DZ, op)	Potomac Valley Radio Club
Pacific Division Single Operator Low Power	N6NF	Central California DX Club, Inc W6MEL
W/VE 1.8 MHz	W4ZV	Jerry Rosaluis, WB9Z
W/VE 3.5 MHz	W1MK	SM3DMP — W7ACN
W/VE 14 MHz	W1MU	The QSLMAN — W4MPY
W/VE 21 MHz	NR5M (NM5M, op)	Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA
W/VE 28 MHz	K4WI	Green River Valley, IL ARS
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W/VE Single Operator Assisted	K3WW	Harold Ritchey, W3WPG Memorial
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W/VE Single Operator QRP	K2DM	Tod Olson, K0TO
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World 14 MHz	EA8/OH6L (OH2BYS, op)	Jeff Hartley, N8II
World 21 MHz	PT5T (AI6V, op)	Caribbean Contesting Consortium PJ2T
World Multioperator Single Transmitter	V31TP	DX Publishing
World Multioperator Two Transmitters	PJ4O	Tom De Meiss K2TD Memorial
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World Single Operator High Power	V31UZ (VE3DZ, op)	North Jersey DX Association
World Single Operator Low Power	VP5DF (WJ2O, op)	Jim Stevens, K4MA
World Single Operator QRP	T15N (W8QZA, op)	Jerry Griffin, K6MD/Y19MD

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ated by Carl, AI6V, was the top 15 meter single band entry, with Yuris, YL7A, at D4C finishing a close second. On 10 meters there was sparse single band activity due to band conditions and Juan, LU1HF, repeated his 2007 win on the band.

## DX Multioperator Categories

Belize was the scene of the victories in both the Single Operator High Power and DX Multioperator Single Transmitter categories in 2008. WC0W and K5PI set up Field Day style at the Cahal Pech hotel with a TA-33, modified Butternut vertical, 40/80 dipole and a 400 foot

long receive antenna. Operating V31TP to 3.8 million points, they won M/S by a comfortable margin over second place entrants AC8W, K8DD, KB8TXZ and W5JAY who operated from PZ5WW in Suriname. Third place went to perennial contest entrants LT1F, with LU1AEE, LU1FAM, LU1FKR, LU1FT, LU5DX and LU7ACW as operators.

A famous Amateur Radio pundit from the past always headed his columns "Never Say Die" and that moniker is applicable to the top DX Multioperator Two Transmitter category for this year. After a close loss in the category operating from HP1XX in 2007,

N4GG, W9RE, N5OT and W4OC returned to Bonaire to operate PJ4O to a solid victory in the category, besting second place KP2M (K3TEJ, K3CT operators) by nearly 2 million points. Third place went to Hawaii's KH6LC, AH6RE, N6GQ, N6KB and SM0DRD who operated KH6LC to a score of 4.48 million.

PJ2T is the most logged call sign in radio contesting, with more raw QSOs made than anyone else over the past eight years. Numerous victories in various ARRL, CQ and other contests have come in the wake of the resurrection of W1BIH's old Curacao QTH by W0CG and his wife Cindy. Operators N1ZZ, W9VA, W0NB, W8TK, N0YY, W8AV and W0CG have taken first place in the DX Multi-Multi category for 2008. The CCC crew decides categories usually based on the number of operators and the fun factor involved, and that has served them well. This is a fifth consecutive Multi-Two or Multi-Multi victory for PJ2T and their third overall in the Multi-Multi category.

## Coda

"Standing on a tower, world at my command..." Bob Weir sang this standing on a stage rather than at the top of a tower, but the analogy for radio contesting rings true. We are on the verge — no, really, I mean it — of the next sunspot cycle going on the upswing and it can only get better from here. There is no ARRL contest event that tops ARRL DX in yearly interest or sheer QSOs made, even at the lull of the sunspot cycle. The 2009 running of the ARRL DX CW Contest will be held on February 21 and 22. Until next year — see you on the bands!

