

2011 April Rookie Roundup Results

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The second year of Rookie Roundup got off to a running start even though we didn't get a dose of that good propagation observed recently. The sunspots can't hide forever! The 4th and 10th districts battled it out for most participants and it came down to 14 entries from W4, 13 from WØ, and 12 from the mountain states of W7 – good job! As conditions improve (they will!) there will be more opportunities for contacts, especially on the rookie-friendly bands of 15 and 10 meters. Even simple stations can be very loud on those bands when they are open.

We had 84 rookies and 22 non-rookies submitting scores – more were reported on the air but did not fill out an entry form. We'd like to report the score of everyone making even a single QSO so be sure to fill out the simple reporting form at www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup-score-submission next time!

Our top three scores came from Joanna, K6YL (CA); Matt W1MSW (MA); and Phil, KJ6ELO (CA). Phil and Joanna shared the Stanford University club station, W6YX and operated simultaneously. The contest saw two DX stations make an appearance – WP4OCJ from Puerto Rico and SQ9JXJ from Poland – thanks for adding some spice!

Comments from the ARRL Soapbox page (www.arrl.org/soapbox) are included after the scoring table. It's never too late to add your photo and comments, so if you have a story or remark please feel free to upload them for the enjoyment of your fellow Rookie Roundup participants!

Scores	Call Area	Top Score	Call Sign
7	W1	12987	W1MSW
4	W2	2231	W2REA
2	W3	250	KB3TYC
14	W4	5772	K4TEC
10	W5	3390	KC5H
10	W6	27216	K6YL
12	W7	6055	KF7LUA
6	W8	7480	KD8OPI
4	W9	6708	KC9TEW
13	WØ	5888	WØAVE
2	DX	2728	WP4OCJ

PDF award certificates are being prepared – the Rookie Roundup Blog (www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup) will announce when they are going to be emailed to all Rookie participants.

This year's August edition of Rookie Roundup (21 August) will be the first RTTY version of the contest! If you are interested in operating in this event and have not used RTTY before, it would be a good idea to start working on your station's digital capabilities now. Operating RTTY takes a little practice and you'll enjoy the contest more if you have some experience!

As always, thanks to the non-Rookies for helping make the contest a success, especially those of you who loaned a station to a Rookie. It's great to hear a helping hand on the band.

We hope to see you in the August event on RTTY and the December contest on CW – we've heard that many of you are sharpening your skills on the key! We'll also work on getting more non-rookies to turn on the radio and give out some contacts. In the meantime, check QST's "Contest Corral" (the on-line version is available at www.arrl.org/contest-corral-calendar) and make some contacts in an upcoming contest. Be sure to tell your friends about Rookie Roundup – if you can do it, they can, too!

73,

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Call Used	Operator Call	Location	Score	Rookie QSOs	Non-Rookie QSOs	Total QSOs	Multipliers	Place
WP4OCJ	WP4OCJ	KP4	2728	31	62	93	22	1st Place, DX
SQ9JXJ	SQ9JXJ	SP	2	1		1	1	2nd Place, DX
W1MSW	W1MSW	MA	12987	74	185	259	39	1st Place, First District
WA1N	WA1N	NH	8652	48	110	158	42	2nd Place, First District
KB1SUA	KB1SUA	MA	6806	50	66	116	41	3rd Place, First District
AB1OD	AB1OD	CT	4235	40	41	81	35	4th Place, First District
W1PL	W1PL	MA	1357	18	23	41	23	5th Place, First District
NG1R	NG1R	CT	210	8	5	13	10	
KB1UJS	KB1UJS	ME	168	12		12	7	
W2REA	W2REA	NY	2231	23	51	74	23	1st Place, Second District
K2DAY	K2DAY	NY	2040	17	51	68	24	2nd Place, Second District
KC2WUF	KC2WUF	NJ	96	8		8	6	3rd Place, Second District
KC2VTM	KC2VTM	NY	28	3	1	4	4	4th Place, Second District
KB3TYC	KB3TYC	MD	250	12	1	13	10	1st Place, Third District
K3TXT	K3TXT	MD	60	5	2	7	5	2nd Place, Third District
K4TEC	K4TEC	KY	5772	35	78	113	39	1st Place, Fourth District
KØNWT	KØNWT	GA	1768	23	22	45	26	2nd Place, Fourth District
KJ4MWM	KJ4MWM	SC	1632	16	36	52	24	3rd Place, Fourth District
W4HEJ	W4HEJ	GA	1320	15	36	51	20	4th Place, Fourth District
AI3F	AI3F	VA	1311	17	23	40	23	5th Place, Fourth District
WØJTC	WØJTC	VA	901	17	19	36	17	
W9DAL	W9DAL	FL	792	14	16	30	18	
KJ4YKO	KJ4YKO	NC	630	12	18	30	15	
KJ4WFS	KJ4WFS	FL	532	18	2	20	14	
KJ4YHC	KJ4YHC	VA	429	13	7	20	13	
AB4G	AB4G	FL	384	15	2	17	12	
KB3TXC	KB3TXC	KY	36	4	1	5	4	
N4ERZ	N4ERZ	VA	10	2	1	3	2	
KJ4VAS	KJ4VAS	FL	8	2		2	2	
KC5H	KC5H	LA	3390	31	51	82	30	1st Place, Fifth District
NW5Q	NW5Q	TX	935	27	1	28	17	2nd Place, Fifth District
W3MRM	W3MRM	TX	768	11	26	37	16	3rd Place, Fifth District
NN5AA	NN5AA	AR	665	16	3	19	19	4th Place, Fifth District
KF5JRA	KF5JRA	TX	270	12	3	15	10	5th Place, Fifth District

KF5JGA	KF5JGA	LA	133	9	1	10	7	
KF5KCE	KF5KCE	TX	18	3		3	3	
KF5FHU	KF5FHU	OK	12	3		3	2	
N5LTR	N5LTR	TX	0	0		0	28	
KE5ZRT	KE5ZRT	TX	0	0		0	21	
K6YL	K6YL	CA	27216	100	304	404	54	1st Place, Sixth District
KJ6ELO	KJ6ELO	CA	11797	70	111	181	47	2nd Place, Sixth District
W6NN	W6NN	CA	6920	42	89	131	40	3rd Place, Sixth District
KJ6KAU	KJ6KAU	CA	136	6	5	11	8	4th Place, Sixth District
KJ6HBY	KJ6HBY	CA	128	7	2	9	8	5th Place, Sixth District
N6EWS	N6EWS	CA	108	9		9	6	
AF6YW	AF6YW	CA	39	6	1	7	3	
KJ6KQE	KJ6KQE	CA	36	3	3	6	4	
W6VMT	W6VMT	CA	28	3	1	4	4	
K6DBS	K6DBS	CA	0	0		0	20	
KF7LUA	KF7LUA	ID	6055	47	79	126	35	1st Place, Seventh District
KF7KCF	KF7KCF	WA	4110	36	65	101	30	2nd Place, Seventh District
KF7GNI	KF7GNI	OR	432	16	4	20	12	3rd Place, Seventh District
KF7ANM	KF7ANM	AZ	420	16	3	19	12	4th Place, Seventh District
KF7ANM	KF7ANM	AZ	420	16	3	19	12	5th Place, Seventh District
K7OJL	K7OJL	ID	319	11	7	18	11	
KL2SX	KL2SX	AK	310	11	9	20	10	
KF7EUW	KF7EUW	UT	286	12	2	14	11	
AE7KL	AE7KL	UT	84	3	6	9	7	
KF7EKB	KF7EKB	WA	78	6	1	7	6	
W7MCM	W7MCM	WA	65	6	1	7	5	
KF7NVS	KF7NVS	AZ	35	2	3	5	5	
KD8OPI	KD8OPI	OH	7480	52	83	135	40	1st Place, Eighth District
KD8NJZ	KD8NJZ	OH	4402	43	56	99	31	2nd Place, Eighth District
K8LO	K8LO	OH	1026	22	10	32	19	3rd Place, Eighth District
W8IDW	W8IDW	WV	84	5	4	9	6	4th Place, Eighth District
KD8OKU	KD8OKU	OH	21	3	1	4	3	5th Place, Eighth District
KD8OKT	KD8OKT	OH	1	0	1	1	1	
KC9TEW	KC9TEW	IN	6708	41	90	131	39	1st Place, Ninth District
KC9STV	KC9STV	WI	1474	24	19	43	22	2nd Place, Ninth District
KC9QEW	KC9QEW / K9UOK	IN	723	50	141	191	3	3rd Place, Ninth District
KC9PRJ	KC9PRJ	IN	680	16	8	24	17	4th Place, Ninth District
WØAVE	WØAVE	KS	5888	47	90	137	32	1st Place, Tenth District
ACØPP	ACØPP	MO	3782	37	48	85	31	2nd Place, Tenth District
AEØET	AEØET	KS	2370	29	21	50	30	3rd Place, Tenth District
K1ING	K1ING	CO	2016	36	40	76	18	4th Place, Tenth District
KRØL	KRØL	KS	1584	22	28	50	22	5th Place, Tenth District
KDØMGE	KDØMGE	MN	780	17	18	35	15	

KDØMCV	KDØMCV	IA	779	14	13	27	19	
KDØJVC	KDØJVC	MO	495	12	9	21	15	
KDØKQS	KDØKQS	MO	363	16	1	17	11	
KDØNDY	KDØNDY	MO	198	6	6	12	11	
ACØRI	ACØRI	CO	144	6	0	6	12	
KDØNVY	KDØNVY	MO	45	3	3	6	5	
KDØNVX	KDØNVX	MO	18	2	2	4	3	

Non-Rookie Participants:

AB8YK, K0CA, K1BG, K4GDB, K5BZH, K5PBR, K5TR, KG6YPH, KR4YO, N1ORK, N1TA, N4BFR, N5XTR, N9WEW, NA4O, NG9R, VE3IFS/W2, W0PAN, W4JHU, W7WOW, W8FSM, WA1Z – thanks to these experienced contesters for getting on the air and working the contest!

Soapbox

Why are the comments from entrants called “Soapbox”, you might wonder? The term comes from the phrase “standing on a soapbox” when giving an opinion. The term “soapbox” as used in contesting means any comment or discussion about the contest that is submitted with your score or contest log.

The ARRL maintains an on-line Soapbox page for all ARRL contests at www.arrl.org/contests/soapbox. You’ll find reading the comments of other testers enjoyable and thought-provoking. If you took photos or have stories to tell, share them with us - here’s how!

- 1) Choose "2010 ARRL Rookie Roundup" in the drop-down menu, Select An Event.
- 2) Click the Submit button.
- 3) Click the link that says "Add Your 2010 ARRL Rookie Roundup Soapbox Comment."
- 4) Read the Soapbox guidelines then click “Next”.
- 5) Enter the call you used in the Rookie Roundup, your own call (if different), and tell your story! You can be as detailed as you like. Click the “Next” button when finished.
- 6) You can upload photos if you want; if not, that's okay. Click the “Browse” button to search your computer for photos to upload of you having fun in the Rookie Roundup.
- 7) When finished, click the “Submit” button. You're done!

From KE5ZRT – The band conditions were extremely terrible for most of the contest. I made 9 contacts in the first 4 hours, and most of my contacts were within the last 1 hour. Out of my 51 total contacts in the Rookie Roundup, I worked 18 states and 2 countries (US & Canada), for 68 contact points and 21 multipliers resulting in a total score of 1428.

My wife, KE5ZRU, did not operate in this contest. She was prepared to, but considering the conditions, tuning around and making individual contacts was not really an option. So she did housework and let me play radio all by myself this time. I guess we are going to have to get two radios!

I am looking forward to the SSB Rookie Roundup again in August, and I am currently learning Morse Code and I hope to be proficient enough to operate in the CW Rookie Roundup in December which will be my last year to operate as a rookie.

I want to thank the ARRL for putting this contest together. If used effectively, the Rookie Roundup is an excellent opportunity to Elmer new hams to teach operating courtesies and contesting techniques, logging software, and to gain experience on the HF bands.

From K6YL -- Another Rookie Roundup event in the books. Propagation seemed to be better this running of the SSB event over the last one in August 2010. We were able to support two rookie operators on separate bands and also on the same band with good antenna and frequency separation.

Joanna K6YL and Phil KJ6ELO put their butts in the chair for six hours of casual to semi-casual roundup fun. We were not able to use the "In The Log" logging program as we intended to do an issue with internet access at the shack. Logging was done using Writelog and the Rookie Roundup module.

From KJ6ELO – What a fun contest. After making only 26 total qso's in the Rookie Roundup SSB last August I was thrilled to have 100 rookies and 404 total qso's in my log this year. Both Rookies and non-Rookies sounded excited to be involved in the contest. I even came across newly licensed hams who weren't aware of the contest and who hopefully went on to make more Rookie contacts and submit their logs (and become testers!?).

15m proved very fruitful for me. I made 2/3 of my qso's here, as well as 3/4 of my mults, before switching over to 20m just after 22:15. My DX for the contest was primarily on 15m and included Belgium, Italy, Germany, Wales, Spain, Greece, England, Scotland, Venezuela and Puerto Rico, but several of them were quite surprised to be asked for the year they were first licensed and thus the q's were a bit slow (these guys weren't extra mults for me). The states I missed were VT, DC, ID and ND, and I also missed 7 of the Canadian provinces and all of the Mexican call areas. Thank you to W6YX for hosting me for this event!!

From VE3IFS/W2 – A nice way to spend a few hours on a Sunday. The bands were mediocre but it was nice to be able to give some Rookies a multiplier and a couple of points. The contest is a good idea but I would like to see more people participate. To add an extra dimension, I live video fed the entire contest while I was operating at ve3ifs.com and think I will continue doing that as it brings even more interest to the event. All in all, a fun time and it is refreshing to use only 100 watts!

From K5BZH- I agree with KE5ZRT, the band conditions weren't the best today. After an hour or two of butting my head, I ran some errands and got back about 45 minutes before the event was over. I only made 12 contacts, six in the last 45 minutes or so.

A comment I want to offer the Rookies, most that I heard were not using phonetics. That makes a big difference for us old geezers that have hearing problems. It is not a case of one's personal volume control being turned down, but rather the audio spectrum having places that are significantly attenuated while other parts of that spectrum are fine. When someone gives a call like KK3MGE without using phonetics, some of us old timers have trouble figuring out what it was.

Our of my 12 QSOs, I worked 8 states, MO, ID, MN, CA, LA, MA, AZ, TX. I learned that two of the CA stations were using Stanford Universities club station, W6YX, one was operating on 14.305 MHz (K6YL) and the other on 14.257 MHz (KJ6ELO). They must have had some really good filtering.

Finally I want to say that I hope all of you Rookies had fun, even if the propagation could have been better. My guess is all of you did.