

# 2014 ARRL UHF Contest Results

**A family reunion on the ultra-highs.**

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The first weekend of August 2014 brought the 37th running of the ARRL's UHF Contest. The presence of family teams was felt in 2014, as it was last year. The husband and wife team of Carole, W6TTF, and her husband Jan, WA6WTF, returned to rove through Southern California. The Tai sisters Carrie, W6TAI, and Marie, W1TAI, returned as well and made great efforts from the Orange Section. Another family effort was completed by the Tupis family: Ev, W2EV, involved his twin sons Ethan and Spencer to operate as N2VRI and W2AAA from Western New York.



The Wayback Machine — N6NB sent this 1978 photo of his VW camper-rove atop Mt Pinos for a VHF contest in the 1970s. Mt Pinos, elevation 8831 feet, was ruled off-limits to Amateur Radio vehicles in 1988. Now Frazier Mountain, a few miles away and 800 feet lower in elevation, is regarded as the best available VHF+ site.

The most popular entry category remained SOLP with 84 logs submitted, just over one-half of the total logs and 12 more than last year. The Single Operator, High Power (SOHP) log count grew to 47 from 2013's 40. The Multioperator entry count slipped to nine, four fewer than in 2013. The 26 Rover entrants for 2014 numbered five fewer than last year, with the subcategory split between 15 Classic, 10 Limited, and one Unlimited. This year's 26 rovers travelled farther on average than in recent years, activating a total of 168 grids, approximately 6.5 grids per rover, as compared to the recent trend of rovers averaging about five grid activations each.

## The Action

Activity was reported from all 15 ARRL Divisions and from Canada. There were a number of voids as logs were received from 48 of 71 ARRL sections and five RAC sections. Western Washington led the way with 11 log submissions, but the Eastern Pennsylvania, Illinois, and Minnesota sections were close behind with 10 logs from each. On the lighter side of the section log counts, there were 15 from which only a single log was received, but that was enough to be included among the 53 active sections.

From the sent-grid side, 111 total grids were activated by stations submitting logs. Twenty-eight grids were only activated by rovers and 50 only by fixed stations. The remaining 33 grids were activated by both rovers and fixed stations. California's DM13 was the most reported sent grid, generating 394 QSOs; 238 from fixed stations and 156 from rovers. The next most-active grid was Washington's CN87 with 322 total QSOs; 301 from fixed stations (the top QSO count for fixed stations in any grid) and 21 from rovers. FN31 (largely Connecticut but also including some of New York and a little nip of New Jersey in about half of the FN31aa

sub-grid) followed with 273, all of those from fixed stations. The top grid locator activated by rovers was DM04 (California) with 171 QSOs reported.

On the received-grid side, contacts were reported with 157 different grid locators. The top two reported grid locators matched the Sent Grid results; stations logged 401 QSOs with California's DM13, and 336 with Washington's CN87. FN20 (New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and a small bit of New York) edged into 3<sup>rd</sup> place among reported grid locators with 263.

The statistics aren't clear about grids in which only rovers were contacted versus those in which only fixed stations were contacted. Rovers were the only source for 20 grids, while fixed stations were the only

## Top Ten

Single Operator, Low Power		Rover	
K2DRH	89,712	N6NB/R	325,080
W1TAI	34,440	W6TE/R	284,700
W6TAI	34,440	W6TTF/R	207,000
AF1T	22,680	WA6WTF/R	206,700
WB2JAY	20,727	WA3PTV/R	44,550
W3PAW	20,520	W9SNR/R	40,860
N4QWZ	11,985	W0ZQ/R	26,793
W9GA	7,560	K1DS/R	24,420
KE0CO	6,699	W3HMS/R	17,556
N9DG	4,371	VE3OIL/R	12,036
Single Operator, High Power		Limited Rover	
K1TEO	66,822	AC0RA/R	52,731
W0UC	48,546	WW7D/R	22,464
W0GHZ	34,782	KF2MR/R	8,346
K8TQK	18,666	K9JK/R	6,630
W4ZRZ	17,289	N2QIP/R	4,899
WB2RVX	17,040	W4PH/R	1,248
WZ1V	12,720	N2DCH/R	957
N7EPD	12,528	VE3CRU/R	864
KE7SW	8,448	N0EDV/R	570
K7ND	8,190	N6ZE/R	483
Multioperator		Unlimited Rover	
K2LIM	59,013	WA3RQG/R	30,996
K3TUF	32,562		
N8ZM	11,766		
KO9A	8,544		
AG4V	3,312		
KB0HH	1,980		
N3MK	660		
KE7UQL	231		
N2BJ	90		

## Regional Leaders

### Northeast Region (New England, Hudson, and Atlantic Divisions; Maritime and Quebec Sections)

AF1T	22,680	LP
WB2JAY	20,727	LP
W3PAW	20,520	LP
WA2VNV	3,750	LP
AC1J	2,700	LP
K1TEO	66,822	HP
WB2RVX	17,040	HP
WZ1V	12,720	HP
W1ZC	7,380	HP
WA3SRU	6,804	HP
K2LIM	59,013	M
K3TUF	32,562	M
WA3PTV/R	44,550	R
K1DS/R	24,420	R
W3HMS/R	17,556	R
WB2ONA/R	3,780	R
KF2MR/R	8,346	RL
N2QIP/R	4,899	RL
N2DCH/R	957	RL
WA3RGQ/R	30,996	RU

### Southeast Region (Delta, Roanoke, and Southeastern Divisions)

N4QWZ	11,985	LP
KX4R	3,825	LP
W4AMP	819	LP
K4FJW	792	LP
N4TWX	756	LP
W4ZRZ	17,289	HP
K0VXM	3,000	HP
WB4OMG	1,968	HP
AA4DD	210	HP
KM4ID	105	HP
AG4V	3,312	M
N3MK	660	M
W4PH/R	1,248	RL

### Central Region (Central and Great Lakes Divisions; Ontario East, Ontario North, Ontario South, and Greater Toronto Area Sections)

K2DRH	89,712	LP
W9GA	7,560	LP
N9DG	4,371	LP
AA9D	1,800	LP
VE3DS	1,152	LP
W0UC	48,546	HP
K8TQK	18,666	HP
WV9E	7,560	HP
VA3ST	3,180	HP
K8GDT	2,574	HP
N8ZM	11,766	M
KO9A	8,544	M
N2BJ	90	M
W9SNR/R	40,860	R
VE3OIL/R	12,036	R
NE8/R	1,911	R
K9JK/R	6,630	RL
VE3CRU/R	864	RL
N0EDV/R	570	RL

### Midwest Region (Dakota, Midwest, Rocky Mountain and West Gulf Divisions, Manitoba and Saskatchewan Sections)

K0SIX	2,574	LP
KK0Q	2,340	LP
N0UK	1,230	LP
WD0BQM	315	LP
KA0RYT	252	LP
W0GHZ	34,782	HP
K0AWU	7,140	HP
WA7KYM	1,911	HP
W6OAL	1,560	HP
K5SW	855	HP
KB0HH	1,980	M
W0ZQ/R	26,793	R
WB0LJC/R	1,518	R
K0CQ/R	72	R
AC0RA/R	52,731	RL

### West Coast Region (Pacific, Northwestern and Southwestern Divisions; Alberta, British Columbia, and NWT Sections)

W1TAI	34,440	LP
W6TAI	34,440	LP
KE0CO	6,699	LP
AF6RR	3,420	LP
K6TSK	2,376	LP
N7EPD	12,528	HP
KE7SW	8,448	HP
K7ND	8,190	HP
W7GLF	4,410	HP
KC6ZWT	4,026	HP
KE7UQL	231	M
N6NB/R	325,080	R
W6TE/R	284,700	R
W6TTF/R	207,000	R
WA6WTF/R	206,700	R
K15WL/R	105	R
WW7D/R	22,464	RL
N6ZE/R	483	RL

## Division Winners

### Low Power

Atlantic	W3PAW	20,520
Central	K2DRH	89,712
Dakota	K0SIX	2,574
Delta	N4QWZ	11,985
Great Lakes	W8RU	858
Hudson	WB2JAY	20,727
Midwest	WD0BQM	315
New England	AF1T	22,680
Northwestern	KE0CO	6,699
Pacific	AF6RR	3,420
Roanoke	K4FJW	792
Rocky Mountain	KK0Q	2,340
Southeastern	KX4R	3,825
Southwestern	W1TAI	34,440
Southwestern	W6TAI	34,440
West Gulf	AA5AM	75
Canada	VE3DS	1,152

### High Power

Atlantic	WB2RVX	17,040
Central	W0UC	48,546
Dakota	W0GHZ	34,782
Delta	AA4DD	210
Great Lakes	K8TQK	18,666
Hudson	W2BVH	1,734
Midwest	KF0M	432
New England	K1TEO	66,822
Northwestern	N7EPD	12,528
Pacific	KC6ZWT	4,026
Roanoke	KM4ID	105
Rocky Mountain	WA7KYM	1,911
Southeastern	W4ZRZ	17,289
West Gulf	K5SW	855
Canada	VA3ST	3,180

### Multioperator

Atlantic	K2LIM	59,013
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Delta	AG4V	3,312
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### Rover

Atlantic	WA3PTV/R	44,550
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Dakota	W0ZQ/R	26,793
Great Lakes	NE8/R	1,911
Midwest	K0CQ/R	72
Pacific	N6NB/R	325,080
Southwestern	K15WL/R	105
Canada	VE3OIL/R	12,036

### Limited Rover

Atlantic	KF2MR/R	8,346
Central	K9JK/R	6,630
Midwest	AC0RA/R	52,731
Northwestern	WW7D/R	22,464
Roanoke	W4PH/R	1,248
Southwestern	N6ZE/R	483
Canada	VE3CRU/R	864

### Unlimited Rover

Atlantic	WA3RGQ/R	30,996
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source for 79 locators, leaving 58 grids where both rovers and fixed stations were contacted. At the other end of the reported grid locator totals, there were 10 with which only a single QSO was reported (seven by fixed stations and three by rovers).

### Top of the Hill

Wayne, N6NB, once again led a group of rovers through Southern and Central California and claimed this year's top score in the category, 325K (also the top score overall). A very notable Limited Rover effort was put forth by Wyatt, AC0RA. Wyatt travelled through 12 grids from Iowa into Illinois with his four-band setup and achieved a final score of 52.7K.

After a 3-year absence, Jeff, K1TEO, returned to the August UHF Contest and claimed the top spot in SOHP from his seven-band station in Connecticut. Jeff's companion leader in SOLP was Bob, K2DRH, repeating his win from western Illinois. Right behind Bob were the Tai sisters (in name, suffix, and place), Carrie, W6TAI, and Marie, W1TAI, who made great efforts from the Orange Section that resulted in a "tai" for 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

In the Affiliated Club Competition, the Southern California Contest Club maintained its top spot in the Medium Club category, as did the Bristol (TN) ARC in the Local section. Welcome to two new clubs which submitted scores in 2014; Contest Club Ontario and the Rochester (NY) Amateur Radio Association.

### See you next year!

If you like to get "out and about" with ham radio, the August UHF Contest is a great way

to work on your UHF technique, try out a new antenna, and make some amazing contacts. The first weekend in August usually brings great weather, and as many of the regular participants have discovered, is a perfect opportunity to combine family fun with a little ham radio.

## Affiliated Club Competition

	Logs	Score
<b>Medium Club Category</b>		
Southern California Contest Club	5	1,057,920
North East Weak Signal Group	12	127,269
Northern Lights Radio Society	12	123,372
Mt Airy VHF Radio Club	12	115,323
Society of Midwest Contesters	6	98,664
Pacific Northwest VHF Society	11	69,396
Badger Contesters	7	67,227
Potomac Valley Radio Club	3	22,155
Contest Club Ontario	5	17,652
Florida Weak Signal Society	6	6,795
<b>Local Club Category</b>		
Bristol (TN) ARC	3	1,134
Rochester (NY) Amateur Radio Association	3	981

## Get More Online

This short article can only touch on a few high points — the complete results are available in the full-coverage online article at [www.arrl.org/contest-results-articles](http://www.arrl.org/contest-results-articles). Swing your beams in that direction and pick up the whole story by K9JK!