

The 2001 ARRL 160 Meter Contest Results

Ah, winter—the crisp cool nights when a young ham's fancy turns to... Topband ... radials—I must have more radials! Is it possible to have too many? I think the answer is similar to that for questions about being too pretty or having too much money! Hiram Percy Topband's advice to the newbie on how to be loud on 160: Start digging! Nothing creates so much interest, discussion and debate among low band contesters as the subject of antennas. Is there another band where the art and science of antennas captures the competitive spirit of contesting quite as well?

Lots of antenna work went into preparing for the 2001 ARRL 160 Meter Contest. A total of 771 logs were received, with the largest number from the 4th call area (125), followed by the 9th (98) and the 10th call areas (70). The general con-

Top Ten

Single Operator, QRP

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| WK3I | 67,166 |
| W3TS | 46,704 |
| N7IR | 38,464 |
| WA8RCN | 33,605 |
| W4TMR | 31,920 |
| N2WK | 31,747 |
| N2CU | 31,740 |
| WØSEI | 28,826 |
| N6CMF | 24,695 |
| KB2EBL | 18,228 |

Single Operator, Low Power

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| W3GH | 202,554 |
| K7CA | 166,296 |
| KT4ZX (KG4BIG, op) | 156,815 |
| K9OT | 133,441 |
| K8FH | 115,900 |
| WØUO | 115,749 |
| K9WJU (W9CG, op) | 109,200 |
| WB9CIF | 105,028 |
| KB1EAX (WA1LNP, op) | 104,472 |
| N9UA | 101,530 |

Single Operator, High Power

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| VY2ZMM (K1ZM, op) | 556,514 |
| W8JI (W4AN, op) | 392,535 |
| K9DX | 274,380 |
| K4JA (KE9I, op) | 267,903 |
| K9AY | 238,854 |
| AA1K | 234,812 |
| K5RX | 231,667 |
| W9RE | 211,200 |
| KØEJ | 208,800 |
| K9NW | 205,804 |

Multioperator

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| K2TOP | 261,829 |
| WB9Z | 256,992 |
| W2GD | 256,838 |
| N8PW | 233,700 |
| NØNI | 228,819 |
| N4UK | 220,680 |
| K3WW | 210,936 |
| W4ML | 207,090 |
| WØAIH | 195,360 |
| W3BGN | 189,244 |



JEFF BRIGGS, VY2ZMM/K1ZM

The VY2ZMM advantage? Location! Location! Location! (Plus some great antennas and a decent op...) This is the take-off path to Europe from Jeff's VY2 QTH.

sensus (based on rumor, innuendo and the W4MR operators talking to ourselves to stay awake) this year was that activity was slightly down for US/VE, and significantly down from DX stations.

In the challenging Single Operator QRP category, Richard, WK3I, in Maryland finished first again—the fourth consecutive year. Probably no other operator in this contest has so dominated his respective category. Perhaps there should be a “Pa-

tience of Job” Award for this category? It takes lots of patience to put up with the constant search-and-pounce and the frustration of running 5 W in “kilowatt alley.” Richard even managed to sneak in a few runs, calling CQ above 1.850 later in the contest. He feels that the secret of his success is to use a full-featured radio and full sized antennas. Frequent Top Ten QRPs Mike, W3TS, and Gary, N7IR, finished second and third, respectively. Gary, on the far left of your US map for those playing along at home, favors QRP for the challenge and to minimize RFI problems. Favoring my philosophy of “never enough radials,” he had added more radials to his top loaded vertical this year, which enabled some 30 minute runs. His highlight was having JH2FXK answer his CQ. Another notable effort was WØSEI, who set a new Dakota Division QRP record.

The Single Operator Low Power category was won by Bob, W3GH. The “Green Hornet” usually operates in the High Power category, but decided to give the amplifier a rest this year, and give the boys lessons on how it’s done in Apollo, Pennsylvania. Apparently the tutoring went well as he set an all-time new Low Power record in the process. Finishing a not-too-shabby second from Utah was Al, K7CA, with a new Rocky Mountain Division record. Ken, KG4BIG, operating at KT4ZX in Kentucky was right on his

Affiliated Club Competition

| | Score | Entries |
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| Unlimited Category | | |
| Society of Midwest Contesters | 3,399,264 | 77 |
| Medium Category | | |
| Potomac Valley Radio Club | 2,105,946 | 42 |
| Frankford Radio Club | 1,985,166 | 29 |
| Yankee Clipper Contest Club | 1,412,511 | 36 |
| Mad River Radio Club | 1,359,180 | 16 |
| South East Contest Club | 1,284,294 | 14 |
| Minnesota Wireless Assn | 1,096,363 | 24 |
| Tennessee Contest Group | 839,780 | 16 |
| North Texas Contest Club | 791,236 | 8 |
| North Coast Contesters | 681,746 | 6 |
| Kentucky Contest Group | 455,372 | 7 |
| Central Texas DX and Contest | 416,615 | 7 |
| Rochester (NY) DX Assn | 401,513 | 8 |
| Florida Contest Group | 283,519 | 12 |
| Northern California Contest Club | 244,163 | 13 |
| Oklahoma DX Assn | 201,528 | 3 |
| Grand Mesa Contesters of | 173,735 | 5 |
| Southern California Contest | 159,590 | 8 |
| Western Washington DX Club | 126,249 | 5 |
| West Park Radiops | 63,674 | 4 |
| Green River Valley ARS | 59,953 | 3 |
| Local Category | | |
| River City Contesters | 329,289 | 6 |
| Hudson Valley Contesters and | 258,730 | 4 |
| Redmond Top Key Contest Club | 99,834 | 3 |
| Northern New York Contest Club | 97,421 | 3 |

