

FQP 2014 Results Writeup
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The second hump of the double peak of Solar Cycle 24 may be finally behind us all, but we enjoyed excellent conditions in the 2014 Florida QSO Party. We all hope that you found your way to the high bands during the 2014 FQP and worked some of the great DX that was available.

For 2014, we opted to forego the 1x1 chase, which seems to have depressed casual activity from the rest of the USA. It is sometimes difficult to find and staff 6-8 full-time fixed stations on both modes, and we had hoped that the W1AW portable operations might drive activity in place of the 1x1s. However, that seems not to have been the case, so, after a one year hiatus, the 1x1 spelling bee is back!

For 2015, look for six 1x1 stations signing K4O, K4R, K4A, K4N, K4G, and K4E. Spell "ORANGE" and receive a special certificate to be emailed within a few weeks of the end of the contest. Those certificates will be endorsable for working the 1x1s all on CW, all on SSB, and on both CW and SSB.

2014 was the third year for separate assisted categories, rather than lumping SO(A) in with multi-single. Participants, particularly out of state participants, are voting with their feet on the popularity of the assisted categories. The winner of the Single Op Mixed Assisted category would have placed third in the Single Op Mixed Unassisted category, so it's not a matter that the serious ops are staying in the unassisted categories.

Certificates for 2014 will again be made available in PDF format. Thanks to WB4OMM for preparing and emailing the certificates after the logs are evaluated by the log checkers.

Florida Mobiles

Mobiles from all over Florida and from several neighboring states made the drive in, and covered a total of 482 county trips for 25,882 valid CW QSOs and 1,067 valid SSB QSOs in 20 hours. That's an average rate of over 1347/hr in the mobile windows on all bands.

Welcome to new mobiles for 2014 W8UE and N4CW. We hope that you all enjoyed your first mobile experience, and that you'll be back in the future.

In 2014, the K4OJ team of K0LUZ, N4BP, N4KM, NX4N, and W4LT ran the first ever multi-multi mobile with more than two stations. Rather than endure the mixed-mode cacophony of four ops shouting into headsets in the same Suburban, they opted to operate CW only, and the team set a new high water mark in QSOs from a mobile station with 3863.

The K4OJ team and the K4KG team each broke the 1M mark in 2014. K5KG and VE7ZO, operating as K4KG, are not used to having company in the scoring stratosphere. They were the first and historically have been the only team to break 1M points in the modern FQP. However, K4OJ lapped the field in 2014. Their 3863 QSOs was more than 1500 more than their closest competitor for total CW QSOs (the team of K4BAI and KU8E signing W4AN). Even team KG's 51 additional SSB mults was not enough to overcome the huge lead in QSOs and the not-inconsiderable lead in CW multipliers that the OJ team racked up. Team OJ bested team KG 1,366,200 to 1,232,972, a margin of slightly less than 10%.

K4OJ was not the only mobile station with big plans for 2014. W5WMU had made plans to travel through the panhandle with full-size dipoles on 20m and 40m, but unfortunately had a radio issue right before the FQP and had to bow out.

The bar for route management was set that much higher by K1XX and W1MD as they won the plaque for activating the most counties in 2014. Signing K1XX, they hit an astounding 55 counties. Team KG extended their personal best to 53, and no other mobile team exceeded 50. After years of 51 being the high water mark for counties, teams are planning more carefully and hitting corners of many more counties in 20 hours. Team XX was the victim of a traffic pileup on the Skyway in PIN on Saturday that put them behind, and they still managed to hit all counties on their planned route. We should stress to all mobile teams that we do not encourage exceeding speed limits or driving unsafely in order to qualify for this or any other plaque.

Florida Single Op Mobile, No Driver

Mixed

K1RQ operated from 12 counties, amassing 426 CW QSOs and 5 SSB QSOs. Dana was very strategic in his QSYs to phone, as each of his 5 QSOs resulted in a new multiplier.

CW

WC4E put the mic back in the box this year and returned to CW only signing N4AO, piloting his well-appointed mobile station through 23 counties, totaling 2114 QSOs. Jeff has recently relocated to W1, so this category is definitely up for grabs in 2015. Will past record holder W1NN return to Florida and attempt to take the record back from Jeff? Will it be a new op testing the mobile waters in 2015?

SSB

K1KNQ operated as K4FCG after bouncing around with various 'FCG calls over the past few years. Jack managed to operate while driving and set a high water mark

among all mobiles in SSB multipliers as well as QSOs. His 58 SSB mults handily paced the field, with K4KG tallying 51.

Florida Single Op Mobile, Plus Driver

CW

N4UU and his XYL, N4TUU, planned their route in just a few hours prior to the start of the 2014 FQP and ran away with the category. Martin posted exactly 1900 QSOs after log checking, hitting 34 counties, including providing sweeps to many out of state ops by activating HOL and WAG first thing Sunday morning.

Old hand KN4Y, who has operated every FQP since the FCG began sponsoring the contest in 1998, along with many of the years the contest was sponsored by *Florida Skip* magazine, steered his van through 27 otherwise-rare northwestern counties, where he also provided more than his fair share of sweeps from HOL.

Florida Multi-Single Mobile

Mixed Mode

K5KG and VE7ZO, signing K4KG, covered 53 counties this year, extending their personal best by one county, and amassed a total of 2189 CW QSOs and 364 SSB QSOs for an outstanding 1.2M points. Team KG have become experts at moving multipliers from their CW run frequency to SSB quickly and accurately, as their total of 51 SSB mults, the most other than K4FCG, who was SSB-only, will attest.

CW

In this hotly-contested category, no team was particularly close to the record heights set by K1TO with partners N4TO (SK) and K8NZ. However, the team from Georgia was comfortably ahead after the dust settled. KU8E and K4BAI teamed up again and signed W4AN in memory of Bill Fisher, and won their category comfortably. Their 2336 QSOs were the most in the category, and their 80 mults were just two behind the K5YAA team, who finished in sixth place by virtue of their choice to run high power and forego the 2x multiplier. Interestingly, team W4AN traveled to only 32 counties, the fewest counties of any team in the category.

Between W4AN and K5YAA were four teams separated by less than 14%. In second place, W4MY and AA4XX traveled to Florida from North Carolina and hit 41 counties. Team MY's 81 mults were the most of any of the LP teams in the category, which is a good thing, because their 2128 QSOs were the fewest! In a photo finish behind W4MY were K1XX (+W1MD) and N4GI (+WF3C). Separated by 2300 points, or 0.37%, the two teams started the contest passing each other on the Sunshine

Skyway in PIN, N4GI going south and K1XX going north. However, team XX hit a record 55 counties in their frenetic run around the state, while team GI took a more leisurely 41 county route. K1XX finished with 2254 QSOs and 72 mults, while N4GI finished with 2177 QSOs but one more multiplier.

Behind N4GI was the 2013 winner of this category, N05W, accompanied by KN50. N05W grabbed a very respectable total of 2237 QSOs, better than W4MY and N4GI and in a virtual tie with K1XX. However, Chuck and Ted will be wondering what happened to their multipliers, as they finished with only 66, a distant last in the category. Finally, by virtue of their running an amplifier, K5YAA accompanied by former Floridian N4PN tallied 2291 QSOs and a class-leading 82 multipliers, but had to forego the 2x multiplier enjoyed by the other teams, so finished last in the category.

Florida Multi Op Multi Transmitter Mobile

CW

The founding father of the Florida Contest Group and head cheerleader of the revitalized FQP, K40J would definitely have been proud of NX4N and his team. NX4N organized and assembled the team and all their equipment and drove them on their 47 county route. Running four stations simultaneously on 10m-40m, they amassed a record 3863 valid QSOs and 90 multipliers, both tops among all mobile teams.

Mixed

A team of four ops from the Daytona Beach CERT activated three counties using an RV and temporary antennas, trading portability for a better signal. NFL Section Manager WB4OMM and his team represented their club well and took a Field Day attitude to the FQP, making sure that any curious passers-by were educated about emergency preparedness and the importance of amateur radio in emergencies.

Florida Fixed Stations

Mixed Mode

Without a 1x1 station to activate this year, K1TO chose to operate mixed mode low power. Dan had his usual excellent CW score, but really separated himself from the pack with his SSB totals. His 103 CW mults were tops for all unassisted entries including CW-only entries, and his 93 SSB mults were only surpassed by NF4A, running high power.

Closely bunched behind K1TO in Single Op Mixed Mode was first-time entrant WO4O from LAK. Ric, a recent transplant from Tennessee, did his old friends in the

TCG proud with 701 CW QSOs. His preference for CW was obvious, as he mustered only 224 SSB QSOs. The aforementioned NF4A turned on his amplifier on his way to over 1000 SSB QSOs to go with 549 CW QSOs, making BAY easy on both modes. K3TW took the opposite tack power-wise, notching another QRP victory from his well-appointed station in CIT. Tom took full advantage of the score multiplier available for QRP entries to notch a very respectable fourth place overall to go with his first place QRP finish. Rounding out the top-5 was perennial high finisher W4OX, who kept his amplifier on and split his 752 QSOs almost evenly between CW and SSB.

Mixed Mode Assisted

K4XS, signing KH7XS/W4, should be paying rent at the top of the score listing in this category, as he has firmly planted himself there. His 828 CW QSOs and 1150 SSB QSOs are very impressive on their own, but his multiplier totals are really the most remarkable part of his score. Bill's 128 CW and 117 SSB multipliers are the most for a single op on either mode, including single-mode assisted entries in both CW and SSB. The only fixed station to exceed either of those counts was multi-multi W4UH, who managed 118 SSB mults. On CW, K1TO with 103 and KH7XS/W4 with 128 were the only fixed stations to exceed 100 multipliers.

Single-Op CW Unassisted

Speaking of permanently occupying the top of the standings, WD4AHZ staked out his usual place at the top of the CW-only ranks in the 2014 FQP. Ron's station may be modest, but his scores in the FQP are anything but, as he posted another very FB 823 QSOs and 93 mults to easily win his category.

In second place was K4RUM, who was right there with AHZ in QSO count, 808 to 823, but whose nose for multipliers let him down, where he could muster only 79 to AHZ's 93.

Logging almost 1000 QSOs was FCG treasurer K4LQ from his station in HIG. In addition to contributing an excellent FQP score, Fred has for years managed the FCG's treasury and published the best contest club newsletter around. As demonstrated in the Orlando Contest Dinner, Fred has been at the contesting game a long time, as his first contest was in 1951 when he was just 15 years old! Fred left the amplifier on again, and easily posted the highest HP CW score, as well as pacing the CW unassisted group in multipliers with 91.

WA5POK finished in fourth place by a nose, only three QSOs and one multiplier ahead of KE1F, operating from FLG. Both these ops show that you don't need a big station to place very admirably in a contest like the FQP, as WA5POK uses simple wire antennas and KE1F uses a low 2-element tribander for the high bands and a wire for 40m.

Single-Op CW Assisted

Operating from rare DIX, WW4B paced the CW Assisted crowd with 524 QSOs and 74 mults. N4EK, from neighboring CIT, exceeded WW4B's multiplier count by four, but was able to muster only 405 QSOs in a part-time entry despite running high power.

Single-Op SSB Unassisted

Four of the top five SSB entrants used high power, in contrast with CW and mixed mode, which are typically won by low power entrants taking advantage of the power multiplier. For the second year in a row, N4WZ steered his station in MRT to a win in the category, posting 1186 QSOs. Nipping at his heels was first-time entrant KA4SFD, who has been taking lessons from K4XS en route to a very FB 2nd place finish in SSB Unassisted. KA4SFD posted the high multiplier count in the category with 81, two more than N4WZ was able to find.

Close behind 'SFD was longtime FQP entrant WA4OAB, who again turned on his amplifier and finished with nearly 1000 QSOs. If you tuned the SSB subbands during any FQP in the last few years, you likely put WA4OAB in the log. Bob is the picture of consistency, and we thank him for his unflagging enthusiasm for the FQP.

Multi-Single Mixed Mode

Always in search of a new challenge, the gang at AD4ES in BRE chose M/S from AD4ES' FB station at his business in Melbourne, and posted a winning score. With only three ops, they put nearly 600 CW and just over 500 SSB QSOs in the log.

Across the peninsula, the crew at W4TA in St. Petersburg used their new club station to post a very admirable score. Their enthusiasm for phone was not as high as the Melbourne crew, but their op list shows the depth of their enthusiasm as a club, as they easily had the longest op list of any of the multi op entries. Their first class new club facility can be seen on video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QlvUkNNinFo>

Multi-Multi Mixed Mode

Not content to sit out the 2014 FQP just because there was no 1x1 program, W4UH and his crew of top-notch ops operated M/M from W4UH's very FB station in PAL. The W4UH team had two WRTC ops, host W4UH and North America 4 West selection area winner AD4Z, so It's no surprise that they posted the high fixed station score for the contest, with 987 CW and 1352 SSB QSOs.

US & VE

Single Op Mixed Mode

WA3HAE is solidifying his hold on first place in this category, holding off a strong push from VE3KZ to win the category by barely 1%. WA3HAE, operating from his station in PA, ran off 463 CW QSOs with a CW sweep. He also managed to gather 59 SSB mults in 166 SSB QSOs, the most in the category. VE3KZ showed his preference for CW, posting 527 QSOs and a sweep on that mode, but he could manage only 92 SSB QSOs and 52 mults. Another SSB mult or two for VE3KZ would have made the difference in this extremely close race. Close behind VE3KZ and WA3HAE, from much closer to FL, was K7SV with a strong finish from Virginia. Lar notched 425 CW QSOs and the sweep, while posting a very admirable 127 SSB QSOs and 46 multipliers. Many of the North and Central Florida counties tend to skip right over Virginia, particularly during the middle of the day. Larry concentrated on 40m and made a lot of hay there, helped by having the constant presence of K4OJ on 40m as the multi-multi mobile traveled through the state.

Single Op Mixed Mode Assisted

This category has exploded in popularity since we separated assisted from multi-single. K9PG posted a CW sweep in 445 QSOs to go with his very efficient 84 SSB QSOs and 49 multipliers. Paul did not need much antenna hardware to post a very admirable score. Behind K9PG was N1CC, who posted a FB score from west of the Mississippi. Right behind N1CC was K9NW, who was right in the FQP sweet spot of IN. Mike, in his lead-up for WRTC 2014, was able to assemble the most CW and most SSB QSOs in the category, with 530 and 163 respectively. His 58 SSB mults were also tops for mixed mode entrants from the rest of the USA and Canada. However, Mike left the amplifier on, which dropped his score below K9PG's and N1CC's.

Single Op CW

In what is the most competitive category from outside of FL in most FQPs, we had a lot of great scores from great stations and operators from all over the country. VE3DZ posted 653 QSOs and a sweep to win the category, ahead of past winner K9CT. K8IR posted a very respectable 503 QSOs and a sweep to finish in third place from MI. VE1RGB came next, with 399 QSOs and a sweep. Gary is battling serious health problems in 2015; we wish him all the best and will miss the reliable NS mult from him this year.

Single Op CW Assisted

Confusing stations in Florida all weekend, CW Assisted came down to a neck and neck race between VA3ATT and VE3UTT, who posted nearly identical line scores. VA3ATT mustered 17 more QSOs to go with an identical 65 mults and finish just ahead of VE3UTT by a bare 3600 points, or 6%.

Single Op SSB

Single-op SSB is a popular category measured by number of entrants, but scores were not nearly as high as in the CW and Mixed categories. VE3NB extended the Ontario theme of the single op categories to go along with VE3DZ's win in Single-Op CW with 67 QSO s and 34 multipliers to win Single-Op SSB.

Single Op SSB Assisted

WB2P posted the high score with packet, scoring 82 QSOs and 38 mults to finish ahead of KQ2P, the high finisher from California. The top three in both phone-only categories ran low power to take advantage of the scoring multiplier. We hope more FL stations will spend time on SSB to take advantage of the higher levels of casual participation. For 2015, there will be six 1x1 stations who will spend a significant time on SSB, so we hope for higher scores from these categories in 2015.

Multi-Single Mixed

VE9 is not traditionally a hot spot for state QSO parties, but VE9ML and his op team did not let that stand in their way, posting a big win in the category, with 261 CW QSOs and 62 mults to go with 64 SSB QSOs and 31 mults, handily winning the category.

School Club

The 2014 FQP saw two School Club entries. Perennial winner K0HC, with W0BH behind the mic and key, left the amplifier on and logged 427 CW QSOs and a sweep on CW, and 182 SSB QSOs and 59 mults.

DX

Single Op Mixed

The DX listings are dominated by EU, and the story of the contest from the DX side is OM2VL, smashing the previous record for QSOs from EU with nearly 700 QSOs from the fabulous OM8A station. OM2VL notched 480 CW QSOs and a sweep, and managed to find 199 SSB QSOs and 57 mults to post the high DX score and the overall lead in QSOs from EU. The previous record for number of QSOs in the FQP from Europe was held by DL3DXX with 461, all CW. OM2VL found time to beat that number on CW while adding almost 200 SSB QSOs as well. OM2VL was followed by I4VEQ, who always scores well in the FQP.

Single Op Mixed Assisted

SP9LJD steered his station to 255 valid CW QSOs and 60 mults and 75 SSB QSOs and 37 mults. Using only 100w, his score was enough to break the 100K point barrier, making LJD and OM2VL the only DX stations to exceed the century mark.

Single Op CW

Continuing the domination from EU was HA8IB, who managed to log 65 counties to go with his 298 QSOs to win the CW-only crown. Breaking up the EU party in second place was HI8A, who has a similar problem to K7SV in VA and other entrants from NC and GA, that of being too close to readily work the high bands during the day. HI8A also won the plaque for high score from the Caribbean and Central America.

Single Op CW Assisted

G4BUE, also known when he is at his vacation home in Florida as N4CJ, notched only the second sweep, along with OM2VL, from EU to win this category. NP3A took second place in this category, working only 64 QSOs but finding 40 multipliers in so doing. Finally, we had our only submitted log from JA in this category, as JR3AAZ worked four stations in four different counties from JA. We've had JA's show up in logs in the past, but typically they do not themselves submit logs, so we thank JR3AAZ for taking the time to do so.

Single Op SSB

WP3GW broke the EU domination to win the DX SSB crown. There must be something in the water in KP4 that helps encourage contest efficiency, as his 23 QSOs included 19 multipliers.

Log Checking

The Florida Contest Group strives for the most thorough log checking possible. To that end, we review every unique QSO and error to ensure that the correct station receives credit and the penalty QSO. Unlike some contests, FQP log checking removes a penalty QSO for each QSO with a busted element (callsign or exchange), as well as for NIL.

Unlike some contests, the FQP log checking evaluates both sides of busted calls. So, if W1AW is tuning 20m CW and works N4TO/MON, but logs K4KG/MON, while K4KG is in NAS, traditional log checking would attempt to match the QSO in both logs. N4TO, who logged W1AW when they called, would get a NIL because N4TO did not appear in W1AW's log at the appropriate time. W1AW would also get a NIL, because their QSO does not appear in K4KG's log at the appropriate time. The FQP log checkers will verify manually that W1AW logged the wrong station, and will assess a NIL in W1AW's log, while crediting N4TO with a valid QSO.

One of the secondary measurements of logging accuracy is the number of unique call signs in a given log. FQP log checking does not remove unique QSOs that cannot be determined to be incorrect, but often calls that are busted will appear to be uniques, and if the other station fails to submit a log, the station will receive credit for the QSO.

Two mobile stations managed to post huge scores without a single unique call sign, which speaks very highly for their logging accuracy. Congratulations to K1XX and K4KG. K40J, with their record-setting number of QSOs, also did a great job moving uniques from band to band, as they logged only 15 unique QSOs over their 3800 QSOs.

Honor Roll

More elusive than a sweep or a record-setting score is the log checking honor roll (>100 QSOs with <1% error rate). The stations who achieve this honor come from all categories, and from DX and US/VE in addition to from within Florida. The honor roll, in order by category, includes the following stations (error rates in parentheses)

W4AN (0.4%)
K4FCG (0.7%)
N4CW (0.8%)
NO5W (0.8%)
K4KG (0.8%)
K1TO (0.6%)
K2ZR (0.8%)
K3TW (0.9%)
K4JC (0.6%)
K4MF (0.4%)
NO4S (0.0%)
W4GV (0.6%)
WO4O (0.9%)
HI8A (0.6%)
K0HC (0.9%)
K0JPL (0.7%)
K0RC (0.9%)
K2CYE (0.8%)
K4BSK (0.0%)
K5KPE (0.3%)
K6LA (0.9%)
K8GT (0.9%)
K8IR (0.9%)
K8MFO (0.7%)
KI0I (0.0%)

K07X (0.4%)
N1NN (0.7%)
N2ZN (0.8%)
N4IJ (0.7%)
N5RZ (0.9%)
N9CK (0.2%)
NA4K (0.0%)
NA8V (0.7%)
NM5M (0.0%)
NS9I (0.0%)
NW0M (0.4%)
NW2K (0.5%)
NW8U (0.9%)
W1TO (0.3%)
W2JU (0.9%)
W8PI (0.6%)
W9RE (0.7%)
WA1LWS (0.0%)
WA3HAE (0.3%)
WA4GQG (0.0%)
WA6KHK (0.9%)
WB8JUI (0.7%)
WI9WI (0.7%)
VA3EC (0.5%)
VE2FK (0.7%)
VE3CR (0.7%)
VE3DZ (0.3%)
VE3KZ (0.9%)
VE3RZ (0.5%)
VE3VN (0.7%)
VE6UM (0.9%)
VE9ML (0.6%)

The winner of the plaque for the largest golden log goes to NS9I, who found all 67 counties in 273 QSOs and earned a sweep to go along with his golden log plaque, all while operating only on Sunday. Close behind NS9I was NO4S, with K9OM operating. NO4S logged 226 QSOs in QRP Mixed without a single error. It is rare to have a station from Florida finish so highly in the golden log competition.

Other stations with golden logs were K4BSK, KI0I, NA4K, NM5M, WA1LWS, and WA4GQG.

Sweeps

2014 saw 26 stations sweep all 67 Florida counties, including two Europeans (OM2VL and G4BUE). The quickest sweep was KOHC, who worked N4GI in HAR at

0056 for #67. His #66 was two and a half hours earlier, logging N4AO in POL. Saturday night saw two more sweeps, both non-assisted and both CW-only, when K9CT worked W4MY in BRO just one minute before VE3DZ, at 0156 and 0157. Each of them worked K1XX in LIB two hours earlier for their #66 only 10 minutes apart. OM2VL posted the quickest sweep from EU in 2014, and perhaps the quickest sweep ever from EU, when he logged N4UU in HOL, just two minutes after the contest resumed on Sunday morning. His #66 was K4FCG in LIB at 2221 on Saturday, making him the quickest to 66 counties of anyone.

HOL provided a significant number of sweeps this year. N4UU began his Sunday in HOL and did brisk business. KN4Y and NO5W visited HOL later in the day to provide the sweep to a number of others, including G4BUE, the second sweeper from EU. Other counties that provided #67 to one of the sweepers were BRO, WAG, CHA, MRT, OKE, WAK, GAD, and WAL. The last counties were well-distributed geographically and represented a mixture of rural, sparsely populated counties in the panhandle and big bend and densely populated counties in southeast and southwest Florida.

Trying to second-guess which counties will be rare and in demand is an inexact science. K9CT, VE3DZ, and VE3KZ all needed BRO for their #67, which is one of the most densely populated counties in the state. There were a number of fixed stations active from BRO, but most were only on part-time. That diversity demonstrates that FQP has excellent mobile coverage. NS9I demonstrated that the sweep is available even if you only have a short time, as he managed a CW sweep unassisted by 2155 on Sunday when he worked NO5W in OKA. Impressively, Dwight made his first QSO at 1200z on Sunday when the second operating period began. His #66 was NO5W in nearby HOL at 2110.

Club Competition

Many clubs around the world use the FQP as an opportunity to train new contest operators and to compete with one another for the largest club score. Again in 2014, Contest Club Ontario posted the high club score with a final count of 894,341. Relatively close behind CCO was a Florida-based club whose operations were limited to a single county. The Hernando Contest Club rode the historic effort from KH7XS/W4 and the very impressive debut of KA4SFD to post a final club score of 753,348.

Previous winners the Mad River Radio Club and the Society of Midwest Contesters also had excellent club scores of 587,540 and 670,736, respectively, behind strong turnout efforts and very impressive scores from their membership. As a reminder, there is no club circle in FQP, so you may participate on behalf of your club regardless of your location. In the past, we have had mobile ops travel to FL, operate, and give their home club the points. We allow and encourage such activity.

Final Thoughts

Please join us in extending our thoughts and prayers to the family of Dick Klein, N9CM (ex K4GKD), who passed away since FQP 2014. Dick was a stalwart participant in the FQP from his station in Riverview. Dick was a longtime contester, who had operated M/M with W3MSK and W3AU in his youth. Dick's contributions to the world of contesting are considerable, and his reliably very accurate log from HIL, as well as his contributions to the club score in other contests, will be greatly missed.

On a personal note, writing this feels like a real intrusion, as K1TO has taken almost sole responsibility for writing the FQP results and performing all of the log analysis since the reintroduction of the FQP in 1998. However, Dan had a family emergency that led to him spending a number of weeks in Connecticut with limited time and internet access. Unfortunately, much of the in-depth analysis to which regular readers of the results article have become accustomed will be necessarily missing. We beg your indulgence in the timing of the release of these results and in the level of detail that may be missing.

Please plan to join us for the 2015 Florida QSO Party on April 25-26, 2015. The 2015 contest will begin at 1600z on Saturday, run 10 hours until 0200z Sunday, then resume at 1200z on Sunday, ending at 2200z on Sunday. We anticipate having all 67 counties active again for 2015, and we are again sponsoring a 1x1 chase in 2015. Work all six 1x1 stations whose suffixes spell "ORANGE" to receive a color certificate, endorsable for mixed mode, single mode SSB, single mode CW, and both CW and SSB. The 1x1s should be very active throughout the weekend on both modes.