

# 1999 Florida QSO Party Results

## 1999 FLORIDA QSO PARTY A RESOUNDING SUCCESS!

The 1999 Florida QSO Party (2nd running under Florida Contest Group sponsorship) was a resounding success! Once again, we shared part of our 20-hour operating period with our friends in Ontario, Nebraska and HB who were having their QSO Parties as well.

## OUT OF STATE RESULTS

We had a VERY close finish among the out-of-staters! Keith, WA3HAE defended his title, but just barely, over John, N6MU. The difference in operating strategy between the East and West Coast stations was quite interesting to follow. Keith made 88% of his QSOs on 20 Meters and won the contest by virtue of scaring up a few more counties on SSB. John's QSO distribution was dramatically different, with barely 40% of his QSOs on 20 Meters and over half of his QSOs on 10 and 15, where Keith worked a grand total of 5 FL stations! (None of the other 5 PA entrants had any luck on 15 & 10 either, Keith!) Both Keith and John had fantastic logging accuracy as well and are frequent participants in other state QSO Parties. Congratulations on these two great performances!

Rex, K7QQ and Joe, K8JP were also beacons on the bands and gave a good chase. Rex worked 77 FL stations on 15 SSB to dwarf all other out-of-state scorers there. Joe managed to work 33 stations on 15 Meters and made 2 QSOs on 10 Meters from Indiana.

Gedas, LY3BA turned in a fabulous 157 QSO effort! He successfully passed many of the mobile stations between modes on 20 Meters and was only beaten by 10 Mixed Mode entrants in North America! He had no propagation on 15 or 10 Meters to FL.

Steve, CE3/NE4Z led all scorers on 10 SSB with 52 QSOs all the way down in Chile, but only managed 16 other QSOs on the rest of the band-modes combined. Steve had operated last year here in Florida as W4AMA.

Jim, NA3V operated QRP up in PA and set a new mark for out-of-staters in that category by working 141 stations.

An amazing number of mobiles were being worked outside FL, too. It made the log-checking a bit tricky, as it is not always obvious when a station who did not submit a log crosses a state line. This is clearly a trend in our hobby, as mobile rigs become more popular, hams spend more time in their vehicles and zoning restrictions and covenants limit what can be put up at the base station.

Logs were received from 73 stations outside FL, covering 27 States, 2 Provinces and 7 DX locations. All 50 states, plus 98 DXCC Countries, most Canadian provinces and Maritime Mobiles in two regions appeared in Florida logs during the 1999 FQP.

## FLORIDA RESULTS

Once again in 1999, the mobiles stole the headlines - as it should be! If you had worked only /m stations in FL, you could have worked all but the 3 extreme northwestern counties! Ed, KN4Y covered the most counties - 25 in the entire northern tier from Walton east, including many of the rarest counties in Florida. Ink, N4OO reinforced efforts from 3 of those same counties. Jim, K4OJ and Kevin, N4KM teamed up to cover 17 east coast counties all the way from NAS to PAL! Bob, N4BP and Kevin, K4PG covered the most miles by starting in the southeast, driving up through the interior counties, then returning down the west coast. They activated 21 counties in all. The AE4MH crew - George, AE4MH Ron, WD4AHZ and Dan, K1TO emphasized the rarer interior counties in south-central area, hitting 10 in all and returning on Sunday to those that were most needed. Biff, K4LAW hit the central sector again this year, activating 13 counties in all. W4EAG was operated by K4EL and WA4B. They hit THE rarest counties, making some noise from Levy, Gilchrist, Dixie, Lafayette and Columbia. KJ8F/m was worked in a number of rare northeastern counties, but no log was received. K4FCC in southernmost Monroe County was activated on Sunday morning by Doug, W4OX who had stayed home on Saturday to ensure that Dade was on in a big way, too. Tom, W7QF was kind enough to venture up to Citrus County to satisfy K8JP's need for that one on the spur of the moment Sunday afternoon. KE4ZYU/m was worked in Pinellas, as were a number of others in other counties who may have been incidental participants.

The rules for this contest are such that Florida stations end up making a minimal number of contacts with each other. This is by design. We want this to be an opportunity for the world to work us and vice versa. Often, a mobile station would not have a single FL station in their log from a county!

For you FL stations: PLEASE log the /CTY for mobiles to allow multiple QSOs with them. At least one mobile station was (unfairly) reduced for a not-in-log contact because the other FL station did not bother to log them in the new county, thinking it was a dupe.

A number of fixed stations put in tremendous efforts this year. Topping the mixed mode listings is Jeff, WC4E operating low power. Jeff amassed over 1000 QSOs, found more CW multipliers than anyone else in Florida did, and used the 2x point multiplier to overcome a great high power effort from Paul, N4PN operating from his St. George Island QTH in Franklin County. Paul was heard emphasizing the IOTA angle on 20 SSB - a great tactical move. Many unique stations found their way into Paul's log as a result, a large number of those being Europeans, and his 1529 overall QSOs are the top number from Florida this year. Charlie, WA4IMC stayed home in Bay County this time and also did very well in the low power category, finishing second overall in Florida. N8PR's QRP record from 1998 is likely to stand for a while, but the Low Power and High Power records were both beaten in this running, by WC4E and N4PN respectively.

Bill, K4XS piloted his monster station in Pasco County to some huge numbers operating SSB-only. Bill has 3 towers that are each 199' tall. Unfortunately, he has some local noise problems and has operated low power in many contests to cut down on the real weak callers. He made 1504 low power SSB QSOs this time and had a very clean boot!

Gary, N4DL won the SSB-only title in 1998, so he diversified and went CW-only this time. The results are again successful as he topped the CW-only list. Gary worked a number of stations whose only CW QSO was with him. Note the K9DIY soapbox comment about Gary's CW ability.

Several Technicians put forth outstanding efforts this year. Rebecca, KF4KSN operated 40 & 15 CW, in addition to 10 SSB, and carved out the second highest total on 10 with 74 QSOs. She turned in one of the few perfect logs as well! Not only did she work several DX countries (FM and TG) on 15 CW that no other participant found, but she rode the 10 Meter opening in the last hour for 40 QSOs. Don, KC4LJD up in rare Santa Rosa County, patiently sat on 10 SSB for many hours with his QRP setup and was rewarded with QSOs with 7X4AN (the only Florida QSO with 7X on 10) and numerous West Coast stations in that last hour. (See other notes concerning when to expect 10 Meter openings.)

The gang at W4MLB (see soapbox) set a new Multi-Single record and made the 5th highest number of SSB QSOs from Florida.

Logs were received from 65 of the 67 counties (only Escambia and Okaloosa were not represented). 142 logs were received from Florida operations. All counties were again on the air for the second straight year.

## **PROPAGATION**

Since the FQP runs about 5 weeks after the Spring equinox occurs, 10 & 15 Meters tend to be less productive than "inside" the equinoxes. Many commented on what they perceived to be poor conditions. A chart is available with this write-up that illustrates the hour-by-hour, band-by-band activity levels.

20 Meters is now clearly established as the volume band for the FQP. Nearly 80% of the QSOs made during the 1999 FQP were on 20.

There are not enough nighttime hours for large numbers on 40, but the last few hours of the Saturday period can be very productive on 40. This is the only window to work EU on 40. Note that the West Coast can work some Floridians late in the Saturday operating period, but they are still in darkness when the Sunday period begins and had some success raising QSOs on 40 then.

10 Meters suddenly came alive in the last hour or so on Sunday. That is NOT consistent with conditions from 1998 when 10 Meters peaked earlier in the day.

A number of Floridians worked some neat African multipliers on 10 & 15. 5A, 7Q7, 7X, D4, several S79s, V5 and ZD8 were among the catches. Long haul QSOs were made with BV, 9V and YB on 15, and with 4S7 on 20. JA8RJE suddenly appeared out of nowhere on 20 and made it into 9 logs between 1517-1601Z on Sunday, including N4OO/m in Liberty Cty. Only 2 other Japanese QSOs appeared in FL logs, both on 15 in the late afternoons.

## **CLUB COMPETITION**

A new FQP addition for 1999 was the club competition. Many entrants in and outside Florida took advantage of this new feature.

Florida Contest Group members were encouraged to submit scores for their local club if they had one. Nonetheless, led by several mobile efforts, 66 logs were entered as FCG. Despite that total, the FCG was still eclipsed by 2 other FL clubs that represented 3 of the top scorers. The Pasco County Contest Club, with entries from category winners WC4E and K4XS, emerged on top of the FL heap by a wide margin.

The Weekend Warriors from PA took top spot outside FL, led by WA3HAE's winning mixed mode entry. 15 clubs outside FL and 15 clubs inside FL were represented this time around.

## **LOG CHECKING AND SCORING NOTES**

Logging accuracy varies from perfect to sloppy. 1999 was the first year of the 1-QSO penalty for miscopied calls and exchanges (duplicates are removed with no penalty). Errors were removed from about 2/3 of the logs submitted. For logs that had QSOs removed, the line score reflects the number of valid QSOs. Penalties are then subtracted before calculating the final score.

We appreciate everyone's patience while waiting for the official results for the 1999 FQP. We tried something different this year. All paper logs were converted into electronic format by a cast of volunteer "keyers" within the Florida Contest Group. Coordination and timing of that effort proved to be larger than anticipated, but we did get it all done and done thoroughly at that. It is important to us that the FQP winners be certified as such. Also, it allowed many of the interesting statistics that accompany the results to be easily generated. We'll do it again in 2000, but on a much more timely basis.

## **WHAT IS NEW FOR 2000?**

Dave, K8CC, already an ardent supporter of the FQP, is working on "demo" version of his popular NA software logging program for use in the FQP! The idea was spawned during a visit to FL over the winter holidays as a number of FQP enthusiasts gathered. What a wonderful contribution, Dave!

Ken, K1EA has come through with upgrades to his famous CT logging program and it should be available for this year's FQP, as well! We now have a clean sweep of the popular contest logging programs.

Note that we request that logs be submitted in the so-called Cabrillo format. Further information is available on-line at the FQP and ARRL sites. This is a request for 2000 and logs submitted in other electronic formats are also accepted.

Manatee County's abbreviation changes again, to MTE. The move to MAT last year backfired as it was ambiguous enough to be frequently confused with MArTin, as it was the prior year as MAN. MTE is unique to Manatee. Please update your county files to allow this to be logged this year.

The SSB County Hunters Contest will share our weekend this year for the first time. This should greatly

increase the activity on SSB. Attention FL stations - please find a way to note the received counties in these other contests. You can then submit a log for the CH SSB Test and the Ontario and Nebraska QSO Parties (as several of them did in ours).

We encourage all participants to send in logs. Your local competition in your category is likely to be minimal and you could win a nice certificate as a result. Also, we love being able to verify as many of the claimed contacts as possible. With conditions being at the top of the sunspot cycle, you might even set a record for your area that will stand for quite a while! Check out the state or county records for an idea of what past participants in your area have accomplished in the past two years.

When you submit your entry, please let us know how you want the results to be sent to you. Obviously, standard US Mail remains available. In addition, the full results are available on our website. Also, if you prefer, we can e-mail you the results if you provide an e-mail address.

We would like to expand the plaque program to include a few more major category winners. If you or your club would like to sponsor a plaque, the cost is \$25.

To further maximize the potential number of contacts, and if you are a mixed mode participant, please pay attention to the guideline of operating SSB on the hour and CW on the half hour.

There is an informal gathering on 7230 +/- right at the end of the first operating period. One goal of the on-the-air meeting is to better understand which counties are active and which need mobile activity on Sunday. Several of the /m stations alter their Sunday operating plans based upon the needs of the "check-ins".

Please note the new mailing address for logs this year. Electronic logs go to [FLQSOParty@aol.com](mailto:FLQSOParty@aol.com) as in the past.

### PLAQUE WINNERS

Sponsor	Award	Winner
AB4XK	Top CW Only Florida Station	N4DL
K1TO	Top Single Op Florida Mobile	KN4Y
N4OX	Top CW Only Non Florida	W3DYA
WA4IMC	Top Multi Op Florida Mobile	N4BP(+K4PG)
K4UCF	Top Phone Only Non Florida	NA5TR/M
AJ4Y	Top Non Florida Mixed Mode	WA3HAE
AB4RL	Top Florida Score	WC4E
N4TO	Top European CW Only	SM3CER
K4OJ	Most QSO's Florida Single Operator	N4PN
NA4CW	Top QRP Non Florida	NA3V
KR4YL	Top Florida Club Station Score	W4MLB
WD4AHZ	Top Canadian Mixed Mode	VE3WZ
WA4IMC	Top DX Mixed Mode	LY3BA
Florida Contest Group	Top Novice/Technician	KF4KSN
West Florida QRP Club	Top QRP Florida Station	NA4CW
N4DL	Top Phone Only Florida Station	K4XS
Florida Contest Group	Special Achievement Award	N6MU

### Florida Results

#### Single Operator, Mixed Mode

CALL	CW Q	SSB Q	CW M	SSB M	FINAL	CTY	PWR	CLUB
WC4E	332	701	77	99	473,440	PAS	LP	PCCC
WA4IMC	219	900	56	87	381,238	BAY	LP	PCARC
N4PN	336	1,193	72	115	336,226	FRA	HP	
K1PT	252	813	55	97	197,904	MRT	HP	
AJ4Y	154	260	39	44	92,130	POL	LP	LARC
W4OX	150	195	41	51	89,792	DAD	LP	FCC
N4TO	204	46	53	22	67,200	HIG	LP	HFOC
AD4TR	220	173	52	48	55,500	CLR	LP	
K1TO	170	183	53	50	53,663	MAT	HP	SERC
K4LDR	178	60	38	24	51,088	CIT	LP	CARL
W4ZW	154	167	45	58	47,380	SAR	HP	FCG
K4FCC	89	95	35	39	39,812	MON	LP	FCC
WB4NJV (WD4AHZ)	133	39	41	22	38,430	SAR	LP	SERC
K4LQ	216	45	63	17	37,760	HIG	HP	FCC
WØEBA	130	21	49	14	33,390	SUM	LP	VARC
W4SDE	76	69	32	33	28,210	HER	LP	FCG
W4SO	83	129	31	44	21,825	BRO	HP	
NU4Y	41	7	20	7	4,590	CLA	LP	NFLDXA
KR4YL	6	19	3	13	992	PIN	LP	CARS

#### Single Operator, CW Only

CALL	CW Q	CW M	FINAL	CTY	PWR	CLUB
N4DL	314	68	80,784	POL	LP	LARC
NA4CW	180	45	48,060	BRE	QRP	FCG
N4GI	240	59	26,432	SEM	HP	
W3GU	148	42	22,512	ORG	LP	

K4QE	115	36	14,544	POL	LP
W1CW	120	29	6,960	HIL	HP
WB4FSF	55	22	4,752	SEM	LP
AE4AI	63	21	4,536	VOL	LP

**Single Operator, Phone Only**

CALL	SSB Q	SSB M	FINAL	CTY	PWR	CLUB
K4XS	1,504	118	354,472	PAS	LP	PCCC
N4EK	538	75	40,350	CIT	HP	CARL
W4STB	264	66	17,424	IDR	HP	
KE4FEJ	132	49	12,740	SAR	LP	
W3KT	112	37	8,214	ALC	LP	NFLDXA
KD4BRJ	174	45	7,785	CIT	HP	CARL
W7QF	115	37	4,107	MAO	HP	CARL
N4LML	57	27	2,322	SAR	LP	SERC
KB4XE	16	14	448	BRO	LP	
WB2WIH	26	16	416	CLR	HP	ARASWFL
KF4CNH (KR4YL)	15	10	300	PIN	LP	CARS

**Single Operator, Mixed Mode, Novice/Technician**

CALL	CW Q	SSB Q	CW M	SSB M	FINAL	CTY	PWR	CLUB
KF4KSN	11	74	7	20	5,184	POL	LP	LARC

**Single Operator, Phone Only, Novice/Technician**

CALL	SSB Q	SSB M	FINAL	CTY	PWR	CLUB
KC4LJD	18	7	378	SAN	QRP	
KD4UJK	8	5	80	DUV	LP	

**Multi Operator, Mixed Mode**

CALL	CW Q	SSB Q	CW M	SSB M	FINAL	CTY	PWR	CLUB
W4MLB	130	765	42	71	111,305	BRE	HP	PCARS

**Multi Operator, Phone Only**

CALL	SSB Q	SSB M	FINAL	CTY	PWR	CLUB
K4FAU	53	24	1,224	PAL	HP	FAUARC

(AB4RL, W4BAW, W4ETA oprs.)

**Florida Mobile Results**

**Mobile Combined Scores (Total of each county score)**

CALL	SCORE	CTYS	CATEGORY
N4BP/m (+K4PG)	75,256	21	Multi Operator
KN4Y/m	42,480	25	Single Operator
AE4MH/m (+WD4AHZ, K1TO)	38,392	10	Multi Operator
K4LAW/m	35,356	13	Single Operator
K4OJ/m (+N4KM)	32,918	17	Multi Operator
N4OO/m	30,596	3	Single Operator
W4EAG/m (K4EL, WA4B)	592	9	Multi Operator
W7QF/m	1	1	Single Operator

**Mobile Combined Scores (Cumulative)**

CALL	QSOs	CW M	SSB M	SCORE	CTYS	OPS	HOURS(approx.)
N4BP/m	858	62		104,904	21	Multi	19.5
KN4Y/m	638	48		55,584	25	Single	16
AE4MH/m	376	46	24	47,810	10	Multi	10
K4OJ/m	476	44	6	45,400	17	Multi	17
K4LAW/m	428	46		38,456	13	Single	12
N4OO/m	239	46		21,252	3	Single	8
W4EAG/m	51		17	765	9	Multi	3
W7QF/m	1		1	1	1	Single	0.02

NOTE: The top listing of mobile combined scores can lead to misleading results. Essentially, a mobile station was penalized for hitting as many counties as possible, because it takes a while to build up the multiplier, and thus the score, from each new county.

The scoring method above is meant to remove the variations from the combined score that result from length of stay in a county.

Each station gets credit for a multiplier once and only once, regardless of whether the multiplier was common and worked from every county or whether it was only worked from one county.

By multiplying the total QSO points by that multiplier, the emphasis is on total score for the mobile and does not discourage the mobiles from hitting less counties in an attempt to boost the overall rating.

This scoring method will be used each year going forward to determine the mobile winners.

**Single Operator, CW Only**

CALL	CW Q	CW M	FINAL	CTY	PWR	CLUB
N4OO/m	108	39	16,068	WAK	LP	
KN4Y/m	97	34	11,560	FRA	LP	FCG
N4OO/m	74	31	8,928	LIB	LP	

K4LAW/m	42	25	4,200	GLA	LP	
K4LAW/m	41	26	4,056	BRE	LP	
KN4Y/m	33	17	2,040	CLM	LP	FCG
K4LAW/m	57	29	6,612	IDR	LP	
K4LAW/m	59	27	6,372	OKE	LP	
N4OO/m	57	25	5,600	JEF	LP	
K4LAW/m	62	22	5,280	STL	LP	
KN4Y/m	42	23	3,680	WAK	LP	FCG
KN4Y/m	41	21	3,024	LIB	LP	FCG
KN4Y/m	33	19	2,432	JEF	LP	FCG
K4LAW/m	34	18	2,304	POL	LP	
KN4Y/m	35	18	2,232	TAY	LP	FCG
KN4Y/m	32	16	1,856	SUW	LP	FCG
KN4Y/m	29	16	1,600	LAF	LP	FCG
KN4Y/m	27	15	1,560	BAK	LP	FCG
KN4Y/m	27	15	1,560	UNI	LP	FCG
KN4Y/m	24	17	1,496	HAM	LP	FCG
K4LAW/m	23	16	1,472	HIG	LP	
KN4Y/m	25	16	1,408	BRA	LP	FCG
KN4Y/m	21	15	1,260	BAY	LP	FCG
K4LAW/m	23	14	1,232	MRT	LP	
KN4Y/m	19	13	988	HOL	LP	FCG
KN4Y/m	21	15	960	GUL	LP	FCG
KN4Y/m	23	12	960	MAD	LP	FCG
K4LAW/m	21	12	912	PAL	LP	
K4LAW/m	20	11	880	DES	LP	
K4LAW/m	20	11	880	HAR	LP	
K4LAW/m	16	13	832	OSC	LP	
KN4Y/m	18	11	748	LEO	LP	FCG
KN4Y/m	18	11	660	JAC	LP	FCG
KN4Y/m	15	11	660	WAL	LP	FCG
KN4Y/m	13	11	572	WAS	LP	FCG
KN4Y/m	14	9	504	DUV	LP	FCG
KN4Y/m	11	10	400	GAD	LP	FCG
K4LAW/m	10	9	324	HEN	LP	
KN4Y/m	11	8	192	CAH	LP	FCG
KN4Y/m	7	4	112	CLA	LP	FCG
KN4Y/m	2	2	16	NAS	LP	FCG

#### Single Operator, Phone Only

CALL	SSB Q	SSB M	FINAL	CTY	PWR	CLUB
W7QF/m	1	1	1	CIT	LP	

#### Multi Operator, Mixed Mode

CALL	CW Q	SSB Q	CW M	SSB M	FINAL	CTY	PWR	CLUB
AE4MH/m (+WD4AHZ, K1TO)	62	11	27	10	9,990	DES	LP	SERC
AE4MH/m (+WD4AHZ, K1TO)	47	11	25	6	6,386	HAR	LP	SERC
AE4MH/m (+WD4AHZ, K1TO)	53	6	23	5	6,272	GLA	LP	SERC
AE4MH/m (+WD4AHZ, K1TO)	48	1	31	1	6,208	CHA	LP	SERC
AE4MH/m (+WD4AHZ, K1TO)	30	23	17	16	5,346	OKE	LP	SERC
K4OJ/m (+N4KM)	43	2	23	2	4,000	STL	LP	FCG
K4OJ/m (+N4KM)	47	1	20	1	3,822	ORA	LP	FCG
K4OJ/m (+N4KM)	41	1	22	1	3,634	OSC	LP	FCG
K4OJ/m (+N4KM)	32	1	18	1	2,470	OKE	LP	FCG
K4OJ/m (+N4KM)	27	1	18	1	2,090	MRT	LP	FCG
K4OJ/m (+N4KM)	31	1	15	1	1,952	STJ	LP	FCG
K4OJ/m (+N4KM)	30	2	15	1	1,920	IDR	LP	FCG
K4OJ/m (+N4KM)	28	2	15	2	1,904	DUV	LP	FCG
K4OJ/m (+N4KM)	26	1	16	1	1,802	VOL	LP	FCG
AE4MH/m (+WD4AHZ, K1TO)	18	2	13	2	1,080	MAT	LP	SERC
AE4MH/m (+WD4AHZ, K1TO)	15	3	10	3	858	HIG	LP	SERC
K4OJ/m (+N4KM)	11	1	10	1	462	LAK	LP	FCG
K4OJ/m (+N4KM)	7	1	6	1	210	NAS	LP	FCG
AE4MH/m (+WD4AHZ)	1	6	1	5	96	SAR	LP	SERC

#### Multi Operator, CW Only

CALL	CW Q	CW M	FINAL	CTY	PWR	CLUB
N4BP/m (+K4PG)	83	31	10,168	MAO	LP	FCG
N4BP/m (+K4PG)	69	28	7,616	LAK	LP	FCG
N4BP/m (+K4PG)	66	28	7,280	CLR	LP	FCG
N4BP/m (+K4PG)	61	28	6,608	POL	LP	FCG
N4BP/m (+K4PG)	50	27	5,400	CHA	LP	FCG
N4BP/m (+K4PG)	42	25	4,200	MON	LP	FCG

N4BP/m (+K4PG)	39	24	3,648	DAD	LP	FCG
N4BP/m (+K4PG)	42	20	3,360	PAL	LP	FCG
N4BP/m (+K4PG)	40	20	3,200	LEE	LP	FCG
N4BP/m (+K4PG)	39	21	3,108	SAR	LP	FCG
K4OJ/m (+N4KM)	33	20	2,560	PAL	LP	FCG
K4OJ/m (+N4KM)	28	20	2,240	FLG	LP	FCG
N4BP/m (+K4PG)	29	19	2,204	SUM	LP	FCG
N4BP/m (+K4PG)	31	17	2,108	GLA	LP	FCG
N4BP/m (+K4PG)	34	16	1,984	HIG	LP	FCG
N4BP/m (+K4PG)	29	17	1,972	BRO	LP	FCG
N4BP/m (+K4PG)	29	17	1,972	MAT	LP	FCG
N4BP/m (+K4PG)	30	16	1,920	PAS	LP	FCG
N4BP/m (+K4PG)	28	16	1,792	HER	LP	FCG
N4BP/m (+K4PG)	32	14	1,792	HIL	LP	FCG
N4BP/m (+K4PG)	29	15	1,740	HEN	LP	FCG
N4BP/m (+K4PG)	28	16	1,728	DES	LP	FCG
K4OJ/m (+N4KM)	25	15	1,500	PUT	LP	FCG
N4BP/m (+K4PG)	28	13	1,456	VOL	LP	FCG
AE4MH/m	22	16	1,408	HEN	LP	SERC
(+WD4AHZ, K1TO)						
K4OJ/m (+N4KM)	24	14	1,288	BRE	LP	FCG
AE4MH/m	17	11	748	LEE	LP	SERC
(+WD4AHZ, K1TO)						
K4OJ/m (+N4KM)	14	12	672	HEN	LP	FCG
K4OJ/m (+N4KM)	15	7	392	SEM	LP	FCG

#### Multi Operator, Phone Only

CALL	SSB Q	SSB M	FINAL	CTY	PWR	CLUB
W4EAG/m	19	12	408	GIL	LP	ERC
(K4EL, WA4B)						
W4EAG/m	9	4	64	LEV	LP	ERC
(K4EL, WA4B)						
W4EAG/m	6	5	50	DIX	LP	ERC\
(K4EL, WA4B)						
W4EAG/m	4	4	32	SUW	LP	ERC
(K4EL, WA4B)						
W4EAG/m	3	3	12	CLM	LP	ERC
(K4EL, WA4B)						
W4EAG/m	3	3	12	LAF	LP	ERC
(K4EL, WA4B)						
W4EAG/m	3	1	6	BRA	LP	ERC
(K4EL, WA4B)						
W4EAG/m	3	1	6	UNI	LP	ERC
(K4EL, WA4B)						
W4EAG/m	1	1	2	ALC	LP	ERC
(K4EL, WA4B)						

#### US Results

#### Single Operator, Mixed Mode

CALL	CW Q	SSB Q	CW M	SSB M	FINAL	QTH	PWR	CLUB
WA3HAE	156	113	60	51	93,906	PA	LP	WW
N6MU	195	109	58	35	92,814	CA	LP	
K7QQ	161	141	51	39	81,900	WA	LP	
NA3V	119	22	55	18	55,626	PA	QRP	
NU8Z	112	62	48	33	46,008	MI	LP	
N5DU	125	52	50	28	45,864	TX	LP	
K8JP	167	121	56	39	43,130	IN	HP	HCDX
K3VWV	112	40	46	25	36,494	PA	LP	FRC
KJ9O	109	10	49	9	25,984	IL	LP	
KO7X	110	62	47	29	21,280	UT	HP	UCC
N2CU	84	19	39	15	20,088	NY	LP	WNYDXA
K8MR	71	20	45	15	19,440	OH	LP	MRRC
W4NTI	70	16	34	15	15,092	OH	LP	
K4BAI	92	44	39	26	14,625	GA	HP	SECC
K9LA	59	23	34	15	13,524	IN	LP	
WA3SES	61	16	34	13	12,784	PA	LP	WW
W9RE	49	23	28	18	10,672	IN	LP	SOMC
K5RC	72	28	37	18	9,350	NV	HP	NCCC
W2YE	41	21	27	17	8,536	VA	LP	
KØOAL	49	8	33	8	8,528	NE	LP	
K9DIY	54	5	31	5	7,056	IN	LP	
AB7RW	40	10	30	9	7,020	WA	LP	
KØIL	19	47	15	27	6,972	NE	LP	ASBARC
KØOU	38	18	24	13	6,660	MO	LP	KCDXC
WT9U	36	15	24	15	6,630	IN	LP	SOMC
W3HDH	34	14	26	12	5,928	PA	LP	NARC
WB2LOS	23	14	18	12	3,420	NY	LP	
KBØWPY	20	17	16	12	3,080	KS	LP	

W2JDT	26	20	20	13	2,244	NJ	HP
K1QM	21	5	16	5	1,890	MA	LP
N3DQU	14	15	12	12	1,872	PA	LP
N3TG	19	3	15	3	1,332	VA	LP
KE6GTR	8	23	7	13	1,320	CA	LP
KØCIE	10	13	10	10	1,200	OK	LP
WA7ITZ	13	4	11	4	780	UT	LP
W5NR	12	8	10	8	486	TX	HP
N7JXS	9	3	9	2	198	AZ	HP

**Single Operator, Mobile, Mixed Mode**

CALL	CW Q	SSB Q	CW M	SSB M	FINAL	QTH	PWR	CLUB
AA4Z/MM	37	17	25	13	6,460	R2	LP	

**Single Operator, CW Only**

CALL	CW Q	CW M	FINAL	QTH	PWR	CLUB
W3DYA	127	48	24,000	TX	LP	
W8WVU	106	49	20,384	MI	LP	
KØMT	104	48	19,584	CO	LP	
K3WWP	74	40	17,760	PA	QRP	
K8UCL	67	36	14,256	OH	QRP	
WD3P	62	37	12,876	MD	QRP	
KE8M	70	43	12,040	OH	LP	
W2EZ	103	55	11,110	NY	HP	
KF6GUH	75	36	10,656	CA	LP	
W5ASP	76	42	6,132	TX	HP	
K8KFJ	74	35	5,040	WV	HP	
WA8GHZ	32	23	2,760	TX	LP	
W7YS	31	27	1,674	AZ	HP	
W4ZPR	22	19	1,672	VA	LP	
W3CB	8	8	224	MD	LP	

**Single Operator, Phone Only**

CALL	SSB Q	SSB M	FINAL	QTH	PWR	CLUB
WA5PTI	39	23	1,702	AR	LP	
NY4T	19	16	608	TN	LP	TCG
N8WTH	20	15	540	MI	LP	
NV9V	17	13	416	WI	LP	
WBØVBW	12	10	200	SD	LP	

**Single Operator, Mobile, Phone Only**

CALL	SSB Q	SSB M	FINAL	QTH	PWR	CLUB
NA5TR/M	45	24	2,160	TX	LP	

**Canadian Results**

**Single Operator, Mixed Mode**

CALL	CW Q	SSB Q	CW M	SSB M	FINAL	QTH	PWR	CLUB
VE3WZ	101	25	51	19	31,780	ON	LP	
VA3IX	67	28	41	18	17,936	ON	LP	
VE5FN	50	35	28	20	12,480	SK	LP	

**Single Operator, Mobile, Mixed Mode**

CALL	CW Q	SSB Q	CW M	SSB M	FINAL	QTH	PWR	CLUB
VA3TEE/M	21	2	18	2	1,760	ON	LP	

**Single Operator, CW Only**

CALL	CW Q	CW M	FINAL	QTH	PWR	CLUB
VA3RJ	101	55	22,000	ON	LP	
VA3UZ	48	29	5,452	ON	LP	

**Single Operator, Phone Only**

CALL	SSB Q	SSB M	FINAL	QTH	PWR	CLUB
VA3JFF	5	5	75	ON	QRP	

**DX Results**

**Single Operator, Mixed Mode**

CALL	CW Q	SSB Q	CW M	SSB M	FINAL	QTH	PWR	CLUB
LY3BA	113	44	53	28	21,627	LY	HP	
HAØIT	31	11	27	11	5,396	HA	LP	
DL8TWA	38	8	22	8	5,040	DL	LP	
CE3/NE4Z	8	60	7	24	4,650	CE	LP	

**Single Operator, CW Only**

CALL	CW Q	CW M	FINAL	QTH	PWR	CLUB
SM3CER	37	20	1,480	SM	HP	TOEC
IK4WMH	7	5	70	I	HP	

**Club Competition Results**

**Florida Clubs**

CLUB	SCORE	ENTRANTS
Pasco County Contest Club	827,912	2
Panama City Amateur Radio Club	370,574	1
Florida Contest Group	274,304	66
Lakeland Amateur Radio Club	178,098	3
Florida Contest Club	167,364	3
Sarasota Emergency Radio Club	132,807	13
Platinum Coast Amateur Radio Society	111,305	1
Citrus Amateur Radio League	103,330	4
Highlands First Class Operators Club	67,200	1
Villages Amateur Radio Club	33,390	1
North Florida DX Association	12,804	2
Clearwater Amateur Radio Society	1,292	2
Florida Atlantic University Amateur Radio Club	1,224	1
Eagle Radio Club	592	9
Amateur Radio Association of Southwest Florida	416	1

**US Clubs**

CLUB	SCORE	ENTRANTS
Weekend Warriors	106,690	2
Hoosier Contesters & DXers	43,130	1
Frankford Radio Club	36,494	1
Utah Contest Club	21,280	1
Western New York DX Association	20,088	1
Mad River Radio Club	19,440	1
Society of Midwest Contesters	17,302	2
Southeast Contest Club	14,625	1
Northern California Contest Club	9,350	1
Ak-Sar-Ben Amateur Radio Club	6,972	1
Kansas City DX Club	6,660	1
Nittany Amateur Radio Club	5,928	1
Tennessee Contest Group	608	1

**DX Clubs**

CLUB	SCORE	ENTRANTS
Top of Europe Contesters	1,480	1
Kaunas University of Technology Radio Club	12	1

**FQP Statistics**

**Top QSOs/Mults by band/mode**

**Non-Florida:**

<b>40 CW</b>		<b>20 CW</b>		<b>15 CW</b>		<b>10 CW</b>	
AA4Z/R2	37	WA3HAE	126	N6MU	70	N6MU	13
K4BAI	31	K8JP	113	K7QQ	60	K7QQ	5
K8JP	27	W3DYA	104	KF6GUH	29	KF6GUH	5
WA3HAE	25	NA3V	101	K8JP	26	CE3/NE4Z	2
K3WW	24	LY3BA	99	KO7X	21	6 with 1	
<b>TOTAL CW</b>		<b>CW COUNTIES</b>					
N6MU	195	WA3HAE	60				
K8JP	167	N6MU	58				
K7QQ	161	K8JP	56				
WA3HAE	156	NA3V	55				
W3DYA	127	W2EZ	55				
		VA3RJ	55				
<b>40 SSB</b>		<b>20 SSB</b>		<b>15 SSB</b>		<b>10 SSB</b>	
K4BAI	29	WA3HAE	112	K7QQ	77	CE3/NE4Z	52
AA4Z/R2	17	K8JP	105	N6MU	29	N6MU	50
K7QQ	8	NU8Z	56	KO7X	25	K7QQ	25
K8JP	8	LY3BA	44	VE5FN	12	KE6GTR	8
NU8Z	5	N5DU	42	KBØWPY	9	KO7X	5
WA5PTI	5						
<b>TOTAL SSB</b>		<b>SSB COUNTIES</b>		<b>TOTAL QSOS</b>		<b>TOTAL MULTS</b>	
K7QQ	141	WA3HAE	51	N6MU	304	WA3HAE	111
K8JP	121	K7QQ	39	K7QQ	302	K8JP	95
WA3HAE	113	K8JP	39	K8JP	288	N6MU	93
N6MU	109	N6MU	35	WA3HAE	269	K7QQ	90
NU8Z	62	NU8Z	33	N5DU	177	LY3BA	81
KO7X	62	NU8Z	81				

**Florida****40 CW**

AD4TR	81
K1PT	76
K4LDR	71
WC4E	69
N4TO	61

**20 CW**

N4DL	265
N4PN	257
WC4E	202
N4GI	178
WA4IMC	160

**15 CW**

WC4E	57
K1TO	48
K4LQ	41
NA4CW	35
W4ZW	34

**10 CW**

K4LQ	9
K1TO	7
W4OX	7
AJ4Y	5
W4SO	5

**TOTAL CW**

N4PN	336
WC4E	332
N4DL	314
K1PT	252
N4GI	240

**CW MULTS**

WC4E	77
N4PN	72
N4DL	68
K4LQ	63
N4GI	59

**40 SSB**

N4PN	46
K1PT	31
KE4FEJ	27
W4STB	24
WA4IMC	17
WC4E	17

**20 SSB**

K4XS	1,335
N4PN	1,049
WA4IMC	759
W4MLB	559
K1PT	556

**15 SSB**

W4MLB	172
K4XS	159
N4PN	96
WC4E	95
WA4IMC	61

**10 SSB**

K1PT	180
KF4KSN	74
WC4E	71
WA4IMC	63
W4OX	58

**TOTAL SSB**

K4XS	1,504
N4PN	1,193
WA4IMC	900
K1PT	813
W4MLB	765

**SSB MULTS**

K4XS	118
N4PN	115
WC4E	99
K1PT	97
WA4IMC	87

**TOTAL QSOS**

N4PN	1,529
K4XS	1,504
WA4IMC	1,119
K1PT	1,065
WC4E	1,033

**TOTAL MULTS**

N4PN	187
WC4E	176
K1PT	152
WA4IMC	143
K4XS	118

**Logs Received**

	HIGH	LOW	QRP	TOT
CW	8	85	5	98
MIX	15	68	1	84
SSB	6	21	1	28
M/S	2	0	0	2
TECH		2	1	3
TOTAL	31	176	8	215

**QSO's By County  
Non-Florida logs**

COUNTY	CW	SSB	TOT
POL	259	47	306
PAS	173	120	293
BRE	177	85	262
HIG	201	34	235
SAR	135	94	229
CLR	147	64	211
MRT	143	64	207
BRO	135	61	196
FRA	127	62	189
PIN	92	94	186
ORA	107	67	174
CIT	67	95	162
BAY	90	70	160
SEM	135	7	142
DAD	85	50	135
HIL	102	27	129
CLA	95	34	129
MAT	81	42	123
MON	87	30	117
PAL	69	45	114
MAO	76	27	103
HEN	97	5	102
IDR	54	44	98
STL	89	6	95
ESC	62	30	92
OKE	74	9	83
SUM	67	10	77
DES	70	5	75
WAK	73	1	74
HER	48	23	71
GLA	65	3	68
VOL	53	13	66
CHA	59	6	65
LIB	64		64
LEE	38	17	55

**QSO's By County  
Florida logs**

COUNTY	CW	SSB	TOT
PAS	362	2,205	2,567
FRA	433	1,193	1,626
BAY	240	900	1,140
BRE	375	765	1,140
MRT	302	814	1,116
POL	689	334	1,023
CIT	178	773	951
SAR	327	401	728
HIG	492	94	586
CLR	286	199	485
MAT	217	185	402
DAD	189	195	384
IDR	87	266	353
SEM	310		310
BRO	112	145	257
MON	131	95	226
MAO	83	115	198
ORA	195	1	196
SUM	159	21	180
HER	104	69	173
HIL	152		152
WAK	150		150
PAL	96	53	149
OKE	121	24	145
GLA	126	6	132
DES	110	11	121
VOL	117	1	118
LIB	115		115
ALC		113	113
STL	105	2	107
CHA	98	1	99
JEF	90		90
LAK	80	1	81
HAR	67	11	78
HEN	75		75

LAK	39	8	47	OSC	57	1	58
HAR	40	6	46	LEE	57		57
DUV	26	16	42	CLA	48	7	55
ALC		41	41	DUV	42	10	52
JEF	41		41	PIN	6	34	40
OSC	38	2	40	CLM	33	3	36
FLG	16	15	31	SUW	32	4	36
TAY	30		30	TAY	35		35
CLM	17	10	27	LAF	29	3	32
LAF	25	1	26	STJ	31	1	32
STJ	20	4	24	UNI	27	3	30
BAK	22	2	24	BRA	25	3	28
SUW	23		23	FLG	28		28
BRA	18	2	20	BAK	27		27
UNI	19		19	PUT	25		25
PUT	15	4	19	HAM	24		24
HAM	19		19	MAD	23		23
MAD	14	3	17	GUL	21		21
LEO	10	7	17	GIL		19	19
WAG	11	6	17	HOL	19		19
GUL	14	2	16	JAC	18		18
WAL	11	4	15	LEO	18		18
HOL	12	2	14	SAN		18	18
JAC	13		13	WAL	15		15
GAD	9	1	10	WAG	13		13
CAH	9		9	CAH	11		11
NAS	4	3	7	GAD	11		11
OKA	1	4	5	NAS	9	1	10
SAN		4	4	LEV		9	9
LEV		3	3	DIX		6	6
GIL			0	ESC			0
DIX			0	OKA			0
	4,012	1,541	5,553		7,457	9,115	16,572

#### QSOs BY HOUR/BAND/MODE FROM FLORIDA LOGS

TIME	40CW	20CW	15CW	10CW	40SSB	20SSB	15SSB	10SSB	TOTAL
1600-1659	2	444	16		8	574	9	4	1,057
1700-1759	2	317	25		2	496	12	5	859
1800-1859	20	206	55	8	9	487	61	8	854
1900-1959	47	392	43		22	349	116	4	973
2000-2059	61	309	11	5	15	369	67	62	899
2100-2159	7	348	35	11	19	177	28	42	667
2200-2259	25	289	7	2	14	355	7	7	706
2300-2359	186	320	2		7	274		2	791
0000-0059	338	178		1	42	235	22	1	817
0100-0159	227	115			20	547			909
1200-1259	40	130	57		9	95	77		408
1300-1359	4	292	31		1	294	60		682
1400-1459	3	341	27	1	4	289	18		683
1500-1559	2	261	75		7	307	16	6	674
1600-1659		161	58	5		185	117	14	540
1700-1759	18	142	43		6	281	54	7	551
1800-1859	4	162	49	6	6	299	53	15	594
1900-1959	6	183	14	1	3	286	46	9	548
2000-2059		217	38	5		171	29	41	501
2100-2159		185	19	8	7	134	49	375	777
	992	4,992	605	53	201	6,204	841	602	14,490

#### SOAPBOX

##### Non-Florida

**Bruce, AA4Z/MMR2** - While I enjoyed playing in the party, as you can see it is very difficult to make many contacts if you are close to FL. I was located about 6 miles west of Clearwater outside the 3 mile limit so I operated as a true /MMR2. I was aboard my 32' sailboat GYPSEA, battery powered, TS-140S to an SGC 230 auto tuner to a 40' wire from the stern to the top of the mast - most of the work went into developing a good ground system). Since I was so close to central FL, I really had to stay on 40M and hunt out a contact. And since most of the mults for the FL ops were on the higher bands, contacts were few and far between. I think I would have had a similar experience from my home QTH in SE GA. I recommend the FQP committee consider adding 75/80M one year and see if there is any interest. (ed - The 1998 version of the FQP allowed 80M operation. 80M was dropped for 1999, due to a severe lack of activity on the band and the difficulty that most mobiles have in setting up on that band. We may consider it again in a few years when the sunspots decline.)

**Steve, CE3/NE4Z** - The bands didn't seem to be too good this year. Heard lots of west coast and midwest, but not too many Florida stations. I worked the FQP from Polk County last year and had a ball. Still had fun working the contest from Chile, even though I had a lot less QSOs this time. See you next year.

**Tom, DL8TWA/K3TW** - Great conditions. Signals on 40M were as strong as those on the upper bands.

**Karl, KØCIE** - Was a fun event. You had good state participation (which can be a problem for some state QSO parties). I like the website. Intend to participate again next year. Looking forward to it. Will subscribe to your reflector. Nice touch as well. Congratulations on a well organized and well presented event. Hope other states take notice.

**Jerry, KØMT** - Nice turnout from FL. Condx poor on Sunday, but the mobiles pulled us out of the mud.

**Chas, K3WW** - Fun event. Enjoyed the very nice certificate for last year. On to have some fun with the FCG gang. The Mobiles all had very nice signals on 20. 40 was OK, almost nothing on other bands.

**Rex, K7QQ** - Sure would be nice to have better conditions on 10/15.

**Joe, K8JP** - Thanks for super QSO party.

**Garie, K8KFJ** - Another fun-filled FQP because of great Ops + lots of mobiles running around activating various counties. A special thanks to N4BP, K4OJ, K4LAW, AE4MH, KN4Y (and other mobile ops I probably missed) for their fine effort. I think I worked N4BP in 16 different counties. We tried to keep them busy too! I personally think that mobile operation is a very necessary part of any successful QSO Party...and the FQP guys had 'em out in full force. Kudos to the organizers (who again this year) put in some hard work. Through their excellent planning and the results they always attain, the FQP will remain on the contest calendar for many of us for years to come. Great job!! I wish to thank the Rules Committee for the \*CW ONLY\* category these past 2 years. I'm not sure just why, but it seems to me that the State of Florida has more top-notch contest ops per capita than the other 49. HI Perhaps it's something in the water.

**Corb, K8UCL** - My first participation in the FQP and I had a great time. Thanks to everyone who copied my 2W QRP signal and thanks also to the Florida Contest Group for its sponsorship of the event. I look forward to taking part in FQP 2000.

**Millard, K9DIY** - A great contest! W1CW (great call!) and N4DL are superb CW ops - not too fast and proper spacing with good rhythm. Band condx not too good, but managed to make a few QSOs. See you next year.

**Gedas, LY3BA** - Another great weekend! TNX! CU next year. 73!

**Walter, N7JXS** - Tough conditions!

**David, N8WTH** - Terrible band conditions, but I still had fun hunting for FL stations. See you next year.

**Jim, NA3V** - No computer in the shack yet. Used 5W output into a Carolina window which is not as high as I would like, but does a good job on 20M single skip, especially N-S. This is my first FQP and it was a lot of fun. There seemed to be a scarcity of fixed stations, but the mobile guys took up the slack on CW. I worked N4BP in 19 central and southern counties and KN4Y in 19 northern and panhandle counties. N4OO, K4LAW and other mobile stations were good contacts, too. In spite of their shorty antennas, the mobile signals on 20M were usually easy copy and somehow they managed to copy my weak signal in most cases. I didn't hear any FL stations on 15M, but there was fair activity on 40M CW, especially from fixed stations. You should have some good scores from western PA. Thanks for putting on a good show.

**Rusty, NA5TR** - Thanks, guys, for a great contest and thanks to many for participation in the Texas QSO Party!

**Mark, NU8Z** - 10 and 15 were Dead from Michigan to FL. Had fun working the Mobiles.

**Richard, NY4T** - No 80 Meters + Poor Propagation = No Fun

**Jan, SM3CER** - 73 and good luck with all the logs! (ed - Jan is the contest manager for the SSA which co-sponsors the Scandinavian Activity Contest in September!)

**Ken, VA3IX** - Another great FQP, but band condx (no 10, little 15) did not permit a better score! See you next year!

**Yuri, VA3UZ** - My first FQP. Just installed a half of AP8A vertical on the balcony of my 7th floor apartment. Had fun.

**Bill, VE5FN** - More participants heard here than last year. Unfortunately for us north of latitude 53, nothing heard on 10 meters and 15 was marginal. 20 was the big band. Appreciated the rover mobiles - good CW ops!

**William, W2UDT** - No 15M propagation. Missed Sunday due to family commitments. Picked up Liberty County. Just need Gilchrist County for all FL counties. Great fun! CU next year.

**Cliff, W3CB** - I worked mobile CW going to and from a skeet shoot. I definitely need to work on writing better in the car. Mostly an excuse to practice CW in my head which I find difficult.

**Norm, W3DYA** - Another great contest! Six hours Sat. night mobile to XYL charity affair. Great mobile ops! CU next year!

**Doug, W3HDH** - Out to dinner Saturday night. Back at 10 PM - "oh boy, now for some FQP on 40 & 80!". Band is absolutely quiet around 7035! Check the rules - "What? Over at 10 PM?".

**W7YS** - Vy poor condx!

**Mike, W9RE** - Band conditions not favorable this year. I would favor later end time on Sunday to allow for 40 meter operation. Need more consistent county abbreviations. NA didn't recognize what some stations were sending and I had to dig out FL map. (ed - We will make sure that the county files are up to date and available ahead of the 2000 FQP!)

**Keith, WA3HAE** - PROPAGATION? I think the Black Hole has moved eastward! But seriously, thanks to all who participated in this great event, especially the outstanding efforts from all of the mobiles... I promise that conditions will be much better next year. (I think they will, I think they will, I think.... get the picture?) Point and mult totals down from last year, but I think so was propagation. (What an understatement!) I had an absolutely wonderful time this weekend though. Trying to keep up with all of the mobile activity

kept me on my toes. I even had to lose about an hour to go to my daughter's flute recital. Made it back in time for KN4Y/M to give me his last contact in Lafayette and the first in Taylor. Talk about timing! I ended the FQP missing only 3 counties - GIL, DIX, and SAN - never heard them. Maybe a sweep next year????

**Ed, WA3SES** - My first FQP in a LOOOOONNNNGGGGGG time (maybe ever??). Participation has definitely improved. Bands were pretty noisy here. Well, at least I have a target for next year. Hope to see you all in the PAQP in October.

**Bill, WA5PTI** - Thanks for a good QSO party.

**Ray, WA7ITZ** - Great contest again this year. Just wish I didn't have to work Saturdays during a big portion of it. Always have fun, though and glad to give the Utah multiplier to FL stations.

**Larry, WD3P** - A fun contest, but not enough time to play in it. Ran 1/2 watt for most QSOs and 650 mw on 40M to a dipole.

#### **Florida Stations**

**Paul, AJ4Y** - This is a fun event. It's nice to be wanted!! Even with the up and down conditions, there was lots of fun to be had.

**Pete, K4LDR** - Had fun in a limited fashion. Lightning ran me off the air on Sunday, but no rain fell on our "desert". A computer virus seized my computer. Spent a lot of FQP time determining if it was destructive. I miss 80/75 meters. Bring it back please.

**Fred, K4LQ** - Enjoyed my first FQP in which my log survived intact (lost the log last year in a disk crash). Heard/worked several mobiles on the higher bands, with reasonably good signals. Maybe next year will have a shot at mobiling.

**Don, KC4LJD** - What lousy condx on 10 this weekend. On Saturday, I CQ'd for over six hours with no luck till 2305z. Almost the same for Sunday, until I finally had an LU call. I thought I was going to be shut out! Well, I know the score isn't good for much, but at least a few of the 10M diehards caught SAN on Sunday. Thanks to all that called! Seeya Next Year!!!!

**Ink, N4OO** - Ford Ranger truck, 11' home-brew 3-band ant, IC706MKII 90W out.

**Vic, N4TO** - I found conditions to be very poor. Coupled with a steady S9 line noise, that made for a poor FQP here.

**Frank, NA4CW** - Propagation stunk. Couldn't get much help from big 6L antenna on 15 since 15 not really open. Hence most of work done on Carolina Windom at 30 ft. Thunderstorm took me off air last two hours -- probably cost less than ten QSOs by then.

**Byron, WØEBA** - Enjoyed my first ever FQP very much even though band conditions were terrible.

**Frank, W3KT** - Fun time!

**W4MLB** - The Platinum Coast Amateur Radio Society here in Melbourne again this year ran in the single transmitter/Multi-Operator High Power class. We operated from our club station at the American Red Cross Building. This contest gives us both training in emergency communications and allows us to verify the station and equipment. In addition, it's lots of fun!

**Jon, W4ZW** - Had very little time on Saturday due to family commitments. Decided to do a QRP CW. After starting and finding the high bands NIL, went to 150W, and then when the CW petered out, went to SSB and that required HP so, HP Mixed. Great to hear so many FCGers on, even if most the time we were all in the noise levels on groundwave. Surprised when I turned the beam south for the SA's on 10 had a bunch of South Africans call in at 15 over 9 offering a QSO to help the cause. Also got the S79 on 10, but 10/15 were slim pickens here.

**Tom, W7QF** - Condx stinko but had lots of fun. Feeling much better this year and could call CQ and actually copy calls. Will do even better next year.