



# FLORIDA QSO PARTY RESULTS

WE GET DIRTY!

50% increases are rare in any walk of life these days, but the 152,000 raw QSOs submitted in the all-time record 1093 logs represented just that -- a 50% increase over 2011!

2012 was the 15<sup>th</sup> running of the FQP under Florida Contest Group sponsorship and we celebrated by activating fifteen 1x1 calls whose suffixes spelled out "FLORIDA QSO PARTY". Those 15 stations made over 27,000 QSOs and hosted a total of 65 operators. Over 200 of you found all fifteen and qualified for a special certificate.

The mobiles had a record year, too, activating more collective counties and making more QSOs than ever before. Thanks in large part to them blanketing the state, county sweeps soared way past the highest levels to date.

New categories were added for Single-op Assisted, an overdue move. New plaques were sponsored for Latin America and Poland, thanks to the generosity and forethought of NX4N and K3TW. Nine SP logs were received, so Tom's goal of increasing awareness and activity in the FQP within Poland is being realized.

With numerous close races in many categories, it reinforced the notion that thorough log checking really does matter.

In the 2000 FQP on 10M, N6MU made 247 FL QSOs and K4XS made over 500 QSOs from here in FL. But solar flux was in the 170s for the 2000 FQP and is only expected to be around 110-120 for the 2013 FQP, similar to the 2012 event. Some sunspot peak we're in, huh?!

Propagation was not disturbed in 2012 as it had been for the 2011 event. Still, Alaska was exceedingly rare with only 3 QSOs being logged all weekend and making the relatively new "Earliest WAS" plaque a hard one for which to qualify.'



*The K4D Team—L-R Martin N4UU, Jim KM4HI and Randy AJ4RW*

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## SPECIAL 1X1 STATIONS

Perhaps the brightest highlight of the 2012 FQP was the array of fifteen 1x1 stations whose suffixes collectively spelled "FLORIDA QSO PARTY".

An impressive list of 65 operators activated the 15 stations. Host stations were split almost evenly between single-ops and multi-ops. Seven of the eight multi-op teams used 2 transmitters, while team K4D had 3 stations set up for part of the time. In order to maximize exposure and availability, special scoring rules were set up for the 1x1 stations to encourage running all of the time and to discourage spending any time at all hunting for multipliers. Over 27,000 valid QSOs were made by the 15 stations, so they averaged over 90 QSOs/hr each for the 20 hours of the FQP. The 1x1s were also encouraged to spend at least 8 hours on each mode to give maximum exposure to single-mode specialists.

W4Y, hosted by W4UH, ended up at the top of the heap with nearly 3000 QSOs. Among their ops was Julio, AD4Z/HI3A who will likely be a WRTC-2014 Team Leader. Thanks to all hosts and operators for setting aside any personal goals and enthusiastically promoting the FQP! See table 1 for a summary of the 1x1 activity.

As a result, 210 different operators, including 4 within Florida, were able to sweep the (15) 1x1s and garner a certificate. Nine ops managed to sweep from neighboring GA and three from AL. Six W6s and 14 W7s swept. N6WIN in CA had the 9<sup>th</sup> quickest sweep from anywhere. Sweeps swept across Canada, with one each in NS and PEI, plus two in NB, one in QC, 13 in ON, two in MB, all the way over to two in BC. Six of the first 19 overall sweeps came from Canada. 11 Europeans succeeded, as did three in the Caribbean. SP9ODY was the first in EU, besting I4VEQ by 4 minutes. HA8IB had the farthest-away 1x1 sweep by roughly 100 miles over HA2NA.

Special thanks to Steve, WB4OMM for designing a very nice award and to Art, N4PJ for crunching the raw 1x1 logs to determine who the award winners were.

Separate .PDFs were generated for each certificate and e-mailed to the winners in May. (Note that a few more winners were identified after full log checking was completed and additional certificates were e-mailed in January.) See table 2 for a complete list of winners.

FQP veteran Dick, K9OM operating from up in Wisconsin was the first to sweep the 1x1s, doing so in the 101<sup>st</sup> minute of the FQP. Bill, K0DEQ followed suit at 1819Z and they were the only two to sweep in the first 3 hours. Once Chas, K3WW finished his sweep at 1901Z, it became a steady stream. Capped in the last

Saturday hour with 26 sweeps, 120 ops had already completed their sweep in the first half of the FQP.

Given the huge increase in activity that the 1x1s produced, the concept will continue in 2013 with a smaller group of (7) K4 stations whose suffixes simply spell FLORIDA. Our goal is to dramatically increase the number of operators completing the 1x1 sweep.

## Florida County Abbreviations

ALC	ALACHUA	LAF	LAFAYETTE
BAK	BAKER	LAK	LAKE
BAY	BAY	LEE	LEE
BRA	BRADFORD	LEO	LEON
BRE	BREVARD	LEV	LEVY
BRO	BROWARD	LIB	LIBERTY
CAH	CALHOUN	MAD	MADISON
CHA	CHARLOTTE	MTE	MANATEE
CIT	CITRUS	MAO	MARION
CLA	CLAY	MRT	MARTIN
CLM	COLUMBIA	MON	MONROE
CLR	COLLIER	NAS	NASSAU
DAD	MIAMI - DADE	OKA	OKALOOSA
DES	DESOTO	OKE	OKEECHOBEE
DIX	DIXIE	ORA	ORANGE
DUV	DUVAL	OSC	OSCEOLA
ESC	ESCAMBIA	PAL	PALM BEACH
FLG	FLAGLER	PAS	PASCO
FRA	FRANKLIN	PIN	PINELLAS
GAD	GADSDEN	POL	POLK
GIL	GILCHRIST	PUT	PUTNAM
GLA	GLADES	SAN	SANTA ROSA
GUL	GULF	SAR	SARASOTA
HAM	HAMILTON	SEM	SEMINOLE
HAR	HARDEE	STJ	ST. JOHNS
HEN	HENDRY	STL	ST. LUCIE
HER	HERNANDO	SUM	SUMTER
HIG	HIGHLANDS	SUW	SUWANNEE
HIL	HILLSBOROUGH	TAY	TAYLOR
HOL	HOLMES	UNI	UNION
IDR	INDIAN RIVER	VOL	VOLUSIA
JAC	JACKSON	WAK	WAKULLA
JEF	JEFFERSON	WAL	WALTON
		WAG	WASHINGTON

## 1x1 Results

CALL	HOST STATION(S)	OPRS	CATEGORY	QSOS - CW	QSOS - SSB	QSOS - TOTAL	OPERATOR(S)
W4Y	W4UH	4	M2	1077	1773	2850	AD4Z AI4QY WA0USA W4UH
N4S	N4BP, N8PR	2	M2	1016	1565	2581	N4BP VE3DZ
K4O	K1TO	1	S	808	1508	2316	K1TO
K4D	N4UU	3	MM	862	1319	2181	N4UU AJ4RW KM4HI
K4A	K1PT	3	M2	942	1200	2142	K4MM W4DAS K1PT
W4P	W4GAC	18	M2	838	990	1828	N2ESP W4TSP WV4ED KP2N N4BUA N4NHO N4GD KK4AXF NY4I WA4EEZ KB3SMQ KK4CMD KG4PMS K4OB KR4U W4CU N4RI NY4I
N4Q	N4GI	1	S	911	801	1712	N4GI
W4R	W4MLB	5	M2	835	869	1704	AF4Z K4QD KT4FY AC4DS KK4DOE
K4I	N4WW	1	S	595	1089	1684	WF3C
K4R	N6AR	1	S	710	862	1572	N6AR
W4A	K5KG	1	S	789	775	1564	WD4AHZ
K4F	K4FC	7	M2	605	924	1529	K3RT K5AUP KT4Q KT4LST WA2ENT WA2UPK WA4GIF
N4O	N4EEB	1	S	629	805	1434	WO4O
K4L	W4LT	1	S	594	618	1212	W4LT
W4T	N4TP	16	M2	478	324	802	AK4O AK4OR K4CC K4JFY K4LAW K4NMR K4WFM KC4JQH KD4ACG KJ4NYD KR4X N4WEB W1GUD W3EEK W4BKY W4FWB
		65		11689	15422	27111	

**1x1 Sweeps**

AA3B	PA	K5WP	AL	KE8G	OH	N8BJQ	OH	VE3SB	ON	W7OM	WA
AA3OI	PA	K5ZD	MA	KJ9C	IN	N8SBE	MI	VE3TA	ON	W7PP	AZ
AB5ZA	MT	K6MM	CA	KK4EIR	VA	N8VV	OH	VE3TW	ON	W7Yaq	OR
AC5O	LA	K6RB	CA	KO7X	WY	N8XI	MI	VE4VT	MB	W8ASA	OH
AC8JF	MI	K7HP	AZ	KP4P	KP4	N9AQ	WI	VE4YU	MB	W8CAR	OH
AK4PE	VA	K7IA	NM	KR2E	AZ	N9CK	WI	VE7CV	BC	W8DW	MI
DK2OY	DL	K7QQ	WA	KR8V	MI	N9CM	HIL	VE7IO	BC	W8IQ	OH
DL3GA	DL	K7SV	VA	KS4X	TN	N9NE	WI	VE9AA	NB	W8KNO	OH
DL4FN	DL	K8GVK	MI	KT1R	ME	N9RV	MT	VE9OA	NB	W8PI	MI
DL5MC	DL	K8MR	OH	KY7M	AZ	NA4K	TN	VY2LI	PE	W8SEV	MI
G3LIK	G	K9BTQ	WI	N0EO	MN	NC2V	BRE	W0ETT	CO	W8WCQ	OH
G4BUE	G	K9CT	IL	N0SMA	KS	ND3D	MD	W0PAN	AZ	W9IU	IN
HA2NA	HA	K9DU	MN	N1GKX	MA	ND4V	GA	W1AJT	NC	W9OA	WI
HA8IB	HA	K9FN	IN	N1LI	ME	ND4X	KY	W1DWA	MA	W9QL	IL
HI8A	HI	K9JWI	IN	N1NN	MA	ND8L	OH	W1KDA	RI	W9RE	IN
I4VEQ	I	K9LJN	IL	N2BJ	IL	NE3K	MD	W1KMA	RI	WA1FCN	AL
K0DEQ	MO	K9NW	IN	N2CU	NY	NF8M	MI	W1TO	MA	WA3HAE	PA
K0HC	KS	K9OM	WI	N2WN	TN	NN3W	VA	W1WBB	RI	WA4GQG	NC
K0HNC	KS	K9OZ	IL	N3EN	MD	NN5Q	OK	W2AJW	AZ	WA5MS	TX
K0JPL	MO	K9PMV	IL	N3KR	PA	NS9I	WI	W2LE	NJ	WA5SOG	AR
K0RC	MN	K9UIY	IL	N3NH	PA	NV9X	IL	W3HDH	IL	WA5ZUP	NM
K1BV	CT	K9WX	IN	N3RD	PA	SP5SA	SP	W4BK	TN	WA6KHK	CA
K1IED	CT	K9YC	CA	N4ARO	TN	SP9ODY	SP	W4EE	MD	WA8PGE	OH
K1ZZI	GA	KA2FHN	NY	N4DU	GA	VA3DF	ON	W4GCB	GA	WA8REI	MI
K2CZ	NY	KA3LKM	PA	N4GG	GA	VA3DX	ON	W4IX	SC	WB5JJJ	AR
K2XE	NJ	KA8Q	VA	N4JF	AL	VA3PC	ON	W4MY	NC	WB8JUI	OH
K3MD	PA	KB9OWD	WI	N4NW	VA	VA3YP	ON	W4NA	VA	WD0GTY	OK
K3SAE	PA	KC0DEB	KS	N4NX	GA	VE1RGB	NS	W4NZ	TN	WD8E	OH
K3TW	CIT	KC0THR	MO	N4PN	GA	VE2AWR	QC	W4SEC	MAO	WI0WA	IA
K3WW	PA	KC9URR	IN	N4ZI	TN	VE3HG	ON	W4UT	TN	WI9WI	WI
K4DJ	NC	KD4QMY	GA	N4ZZ	TN	VE3IAE	ON	W5CW	OK	WM3O	MD
K4ORD	VA	KD5SRW	OK	N5NA	TX	VE3KP	ON	W5JR	GA	WM5H	LA
K4WW	KY	KD8AQ	TX	N5RZ	TX	VE3KZ	ON	W6AEA	WA	WP3GW	KP4
K5LH	TX	KD8JAM	MI	N6WIN	CA	VE3OM	ON	W6RKC	CA	WR9Y	WI
K5PI	TX	KE4KE	MN	N7LD	NV	VE3RZ	ON	W6XR	NY	WV0Q	CO



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## FLORIDA MOBILES

Another huge upswing in 2012 was accomplished by the Florida mobiles! Despite persistently high gas prices and other commitments/problems interfering for some of the regulars, 20 individuals or teams activated mobiles in Florida, collectively covering a record 519 counties and handing out 31,131 total valid QSOs. That means that the mobiles averaged about 26 counties each and 60 contacts from each county as a whole, both setting all-time FQP marks.

For comparison, the prior 5 years:

2011 – 18 435 22,026

2010 – 24 470 27,363

2009 – 20 513 25,240

2008 – 20 391 20,494

2007 – 18 426 18,587

New for 2012 was a plaque for making contacts from the most counties, sponsored by Tom, K3TW. Little could he predict that there would be a tie at 49 between Erik, N5WR and Team K4KG! Being the nice fellow that Tom is, he provided for a second plaque so that both winners could enjoy one.



*W5WMU's operating position is ready for 2013 FQP.*

## Single Op Mobile, No Driver

### Mixed

John, AD8J came down from his new base in western NC and became the Mixed Mobile winner for the first time in a fairly tight race with Charlie, NF4A. Eight additional SSB multipliers provided most of the margin in an otherwise very close match-up. Both John and Charlie chose a small number of counties (14 and 16), and to not operate while moving. John managed to operate for about 15 hours (out of the 20 total FQP hours) while Charlie operated for a shade under 14 hours.

Nonetheless, NF4A confidently states his motto: "...with Liberty and Jackson for all...".

John, K2CIB again raised his totals by over 50% to reach 1110 QSOs from just 5 southeast counties, including over 200 each in 4 of them, including fairly rare ones OKE, GLA and HEN. By staying in each county so long, John was able to diversify his band coverage and made more 15M QSOs than any other mobile in any category.

### CW

WRTC veteran Jeff, WC4E, used N4AO/m again and chose to stay in a tighter circle of 23 west-central counties, hitting many of them a second time on a second band. We do not encourage this for single op, no driver entrants for safety reasons, but Jeff somehow managed to keep moving for basically the entire 20 hours while keeping a log on the laptop. Jeff made more QSOs on 40M (423) than any other mobile in any category.

Meanwhile, past non-FL CW-only winner Erik, N5WR drove down from Chattanooga, TN and successfully mapped out a route that hit 49 counties, tying him with Team K4KG for the most activated this time. Using a recording device, Erik boldly chose to also drive most of the time and transcribe the log afterward.

Both ops averaged nearly 120 QSOs per hour, beating the W1NN record set in 2010. Jeff managed to log 2 more multipliers than Erik and those turned out to be the difference in a match-up that was decided by log checking, with final scores about 1% apart.

Jeff has a new truck and set-up for 2013 and anxiously awaits even bigger totals. Sadly, there won't be a rematch in 2013 as Erik has taken a position at a hospital in Joplin, MO.



*K4FCG/m (K1KNQ, opr), the winner of the 2012 mobile SSB plaque. Will Jack win the 2013 title?*

Erik kindly took the time to meet up with Dan, K1TO for dinner at the halfway point of the FQP near Dan's QTH in Manatee County before heading onward to the north.

## SSB

Jack, K1KNQ used the K4FCG callsign, ventured out for the 4th year in a row and topped the SSB group with a score that more than doubled his 2011 effort, using a similar 18-county route. SSB activity was definitely up this year and Jack had some nice bursts at times. Nearly 9 hours of Jack's weekend were spent driving and not operating.

Jim, N3AWS ran QRP mobile again and more than doubled his totals, too, in 16 northern counties. 311 QRP SSB mobile QSOs are really a fine effort!

## Single Op Mobile, Plus Driver

### CW

We predicted a shootout and we were right on the money! The defending champs – Team Bayne (John, N4EEB and XYL Tracy) -- and Team Blake (Chris, NX4N and XYL Lili) went all out in 2012 with new and improved routes that added 5 and 8 counties respectively.

So how did it turn out? Well, John added nearly 500 QSOs to his 2011 effort to end up with over 2800 QSOs, a tremendous number for a single-op and unprecedented!

Not to be outdone, Chris added almost 1100 Qs over the prior year, an astounding increase! Chris' 2910 valid QSOs represent a high-water mark for single-op mobiles that will be tough to reach. Chris even started with 49 QSOs in MON which can sometimes be impossibly rare.

In addition to the 100-QSO margin of victory, Chris logged 73 mults to 69 for John. Sometimes, mults are the luck of the draw and sometimes they are an indicator of how wide the coverage from your antenna system is. Which is it, we wonder? Only one mobile logged more than 73 mults, but that was multi-op Team K4KG with their pull-behind trailer.

Pat, W5WMU returned to FL after an absence and racked up 1857 QSOs across 35 counties along the northern tier. Pat's error rate was slightly lower than either of the two fellows ahead of him. If you've seen Pat's antennas at home in LA, you have to wonder how he can leave them behind to go mobile!

Ed, KN4Y again covered 23 northern counties, many of them on the medium rare side like his steaks. Jim, ND9M (VQ9JC) got into the act from 9 counties, discovering what fun the FQP can be as a mobile.

## Multi Op Single Transmitter Mobile

### Mixed

George, K5KG and past WRTC co-champion Jim, VE7ZO teamed up once again as K4KG, adding one more county to expand their route to 49 counties. They were once again the only team to break 1 million points and finally topped their own all-time record score set back in 2004. George and Jim have continued to refine their mobile set-up with a first-class operating position inside, as well as hauling a trailer with an excellent multi-band antenna mounted on it.

Team KG had 76 CW and 53 SSB multipliers to lead all mobiles, as they continued to assertively move stations between CW and SSB. They were the only mobile team to actively chase multipliers, perhaps aided by occasionally using a spotting network. They made SSB QSOs in 44 of their 49 counties, but never more than 12 SSB QSOs in



*Dr. Pat, W5WMU, shows that he's ready to run those panhandle counties in the 2013 FQP.*



*N4EEB and Tracy working hard to put*

any one county. The only 10M QSO made by any mobile was made by Team KG in PAL, their southernmost county.

Meanwhile, coming all the way from Oklahoma were the husband/wife team of K5CM and N5KW. See Connie, K5CM's QRZ.com page for a picture of the truck and screwdriver style antenna they use for many QSO parties. Covering 18 counties along the northern tier of Florida, they were the only multi-op to show consistent runs on SSB, so that antenna must work well! Their 305 SSB QSOs were by far the highest among any mobile except the dedicated Single-Op SSB group. They had over 1000 CW QSOs, too, ending up quite well in their first of what we hope will be many FQPs!

## CW

Two contesting legends in the southeast whose calls live on thanks to good friends are Bill Fisher, W4AN and Jim White, K4OJ who both passed away in early 2004. WRTC veterans John, K4BAI and Jeff, KU8E rejoined the FQP after a year off and used W4AN while Kevin, N4KM and Red, KoLUZ operated as K4OJ.

Once again, log checking made the difference. Team AN had a stunningly accurate log with just 5 errors and 2637 valid QSOs, an error rate of under 0.2%. Team OJ's error rate was better than the average, but paled by comparison, as Team W4AN captured the narrow victory.

Team OJ's 73 mults tied NX4N for the second most, behind only Team K4KG, while Team AN amassed 70 mults. Worked by K4OJ, but not W4AN: CX EA6 GD GW JA ON4. Worked by W4AN, but not K4OJ: LZ UA2 UR.



*Operators at K4BV working phone from MAO*

Both groups did a good job of activating needed counties in the northern part of the state and overlapped in 27 counties. Team OJ got all the way to westernmost ESC again this year.

Old pals Charlie, K1XX and Marty, W1MD again teamed up to go mobile, changing categories and leaving the mics at home this time. With a new and improved route for 2012, they did really well until computer issues caused them to stop early on day two with more than 4 hours left in the operating period. Their 16 hours netted 1859 QSOs and the 4 hours they missed are among the best hours of the weekend, so this might have been a tight 3-way race.

Another pair of friends from the Melbourne area, Chuck, AD4ES and Glenn, KD2JA teamed up again and opted to go back to a single transmitter. They added a bunch of counties to their route and might have been the loudest of the mobiles as they were the only ones to use an amplifier.

## Multi Op Multi Transmitter Mobile

### Mixed

Four fine gentlemen from Volusia County teamed up as K4BV and headed up the coast on Saturday to activate three counties using a portable set-up and multiple transmitters (see pix). Thanks to their efforts, FLG, PUT and MAO were easier ones for the deserving.

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### FLORIDA FIXED STATIONS

#### Florida Mixed

In another very close race, with log checking again making the difference,

Mark, W4SVO squeaked past Eric, K9ES enroute to his first FQP victory by a razor thin margin of less than 1%.

From a small lot at the QTH his father (W4PZV SK) operated from for many years, Mark made almost 1400 QSOs, including 950 on SSB. Mark's 381 QSOs on 15M were well above the Mixed group.

Mr. Avis again this year was Eric, K9ES operating from AD4ES' QTH while Chuck was out mobiling. Eric again showed his aptitude for sniffing out multipliers as his 88 on CW and 101 on SSB were far and away tops among single-ops. Found in the K9ES log: 5B, RI1ANF, RI1FJA, TA and VP2V on CW, plus 4S, 7Q, 7X, 9H, 9K, A6, EK, HH, OX, SU, TA and ZA on SSB. Eric continues to proceed towards a large array of antennas at his home QTH.

QRP aficionado Tom, K3TW finished a solid 3rd with 674 total QSOs.

Tom extended his QRP record set the year before by over 40%! The K3TW station is also in the process of being built up, but for now all operation is with wire antennas. accuracy is always exemplary and his error rate was the lowest in the Top Ten.



*KE1F's modest station in FLG propelled him to the win in FL CW only for 2012.*

Gary, N4DL used his 204BA exclusively and his 897 QSOs on 20M were tops among single ops.

Bob, K12G posted his best FQP finish by far, finishing #5, but very sadly became a Silent Key just a few months later. Despite being legally blind and restricted by neighborhood covenants that reduced him to a single quad element at 28', Bob still made almost 700 QSOs.

It's a \*really\* long drive from Wisconsin to the Keys, but Ron, KK9K was up to the task and activated MON in a big way with improvised antennas. Ron outscored winner W4SVO on CW, but made only 63 QSOs on SSB. KK9K had more QSOs on 40M than anyone else in the Top Ten, counter-intuitive given his far south location.

Making his first appearance in the Top Ten was Vant, K4LM whose solid 600-QSO effort from common PAL netted him 7th place. Tops in the High Power group and 8th overall was Ed, N1TO whose 632 CW QSOs led all mixed entrants. IDR was an easy one thanks to Ed's activity.

## Florida CW

Close races? The closest of them all was for top Florida CW! About 0.3% separated first-time winner Lou, KE1F from top High Power entrant Fred, K4LQ. 2 less QSOs in Lou's log (or one additional busted QSO) and Fred would've been the winner.

Operating from up in Flagler County, Lou made the most of his modest station – a 2L Stepp-IR and vertical. JA and UA9 were workable for Lou, along with a TG9.

K4LQ became only the 3rd op to break 1000 QSOs as a CW-only entrant, posting totals that were close to N4BP's record-setting pace from the prior year. The 92 mults in Fred's log were tops among all entrants and included A4 and SV5.

Don, W3WW is enjoying his K3 and finished a personal-best 3rd with a solid effort from Martin.

Ned, K1GU helped to boost his TN Contest Group's total over the top with a nice CW expedition to the St. Petersburg area (PIN). From Ned's Soapbox: "Operated Field Day style from my mother's back yard...". By pure coincidence, Ned finished with 599 valid CW QSOs.

Alan, W4ARM again made sure that Miami-Dade was commonly found on CW and moved up to 5th. His mini-tribander at 40' and inverted vee at 35' get out just fine from that far south.

Past Golden Log winner "Mayor" Ed, N4EK exported CITrus into a bunch of logs, finishing in 6th.



*K12G (SK) at the controls of his station during the 2009 FQP. Bob piloted his station to a fifth-place finish for in-state mixed in 2012.*



Armed with a new tribander, Greg, N4WO moved up to 7th among the CW pack, finishing less than 100 QSOs below winner KE1F.

Glenn, WW4B in semi-rare DIX, amassed 899 QSOs, including a category-leading 298 on 40M enroute to his 8th place finish.

Long-time FQP participant Mike, K4MTI (ex W5JBV) again led the QRPers, placing 9th overall.

Eric, W4KPG returned to the Top Ten by virtue of edging out Bobby, N3LL by the equivalent of less than 6 QSOs.

Don, KW7R operated with a mobile set-up in LEE and missed the CW Top Ten by just 12 QSOs.

## Florida SSB

Close races? Not this one. Bill, K4XS returned to FL and made quite a statement in his maiden voyage with the new 3-tower station in HER, using the callsign KH7XS/W4. With 2683/141, Bill edged past his own HP record of 2641/134 set back in 2000. It's a very good thing for Bill that Uniques are not removed (see Log Checking Comments for commentary on Uniques).

Bill described the EU pileups on 15M as 30-40 deep at times. Here's a stunning statistic: 508 of the 949 stations Bill logged on 15 appeared only in his log! Here's an even more stunning statistic: Of those 508 Uniques, 495 are DX (108 DL, 78 I, 66 G\*, 30 SP, 29 EA) and just 13 are USA callsigns. W4SVO had the 2nd highest single-op QSO total on 15 SSB with 217. Note that multi-op special 1x1 station W4Y managed to log 673.

And despite all that going on over on 15M, Bill made a whopping 1567 QSOs on 20 which is more QSOs than any other non 1x1 station made on all bands combined.

Without rig control set up, it's difficult to say for sure, but it appears that Bill called CQ for the full 20 hours. Here are some juicy mults that called in: 4L 4S 4X 5B 5X 6W 8R 9H 9K A6 A7 AK CN CT3 HZ NL SV9 TA VU XU YB. Suffice it to say that Bill's new station gets out well!

Moving up to #2 was Jeff, N4WZ. Jeff's 20 & 40M numbers were at least in the same contest as Bill, but check this out: Of the 190 QSOs Jeff made on 15M, just 37 were EU. Two different worlds.

In his first ever FQP, Phil, K4LO activated SAN in a big way, logging over 1100 stations. 298 of those were on 40M, which is much easier to do from his western Panhandle QTH than from southern FL. Imagine Phil's surprise at switching to 20M and finding so much activity there after spending the first hour on 40M.

On HF for barely 2 years, Marty, KJ4LQX posted the highest low power score in this category and provided OKE to 518 fortunate ops, setting up a portable hex beam and dipole in a State Park. Marty landed A71AM at 0159Z on 20M in the final minute of the day one operating period.

Despite some logging program problems, Bob, WA4OAB added a nice 875-QSO effort and 5th place finish to his growing FQP resume.

Cal, W4GMH provided semi-rare OKA to 557 fortunate souls. Cal has an interesting QRZ.com page. Look out for the upcoming 110' tower!

With just a Windom and 100W, Greg, AD4RE provided CLM to 450 others. Mike, K4BN finished 8th with nearly 600 HP QSOs from near the state capitol in LEO. Vince, K4JC had the cleanest log in the Top Ten and finished 9th. Tom, K4TVO returned to the Top Ten and was the lone rep from the southwestern part of the state.

With 37 entrants, the SSB-only category was the most popular from within FL. Look for many of the rest of the pack to gain experience and move up in the rankings in the future!



*KE1F at the controls of his CW-only winning station in FLG.*



*K4XS on his 20m and 10m tower, at the business end of his impressive station.*



Jason, KD4ACG used spotting assistance and posted the top score in the new Single Op SSB Assisted category. Look for Jason to be a big part of one of the 1x1 operations coming up in the 2013 FQP.

## Florida Multi-Single

Kevin, K4PG borrowed the N4FCG callsign and invited Warren, W4WR over for some fun. With Kevin's modest set-up (A4S @ 42') and about 14 hours of operating, they amassed over 800 QSOs enroute to a runaway victory.



*K4XS inside his impressive station. The plaque collection on the wall says it all...*

With 13 operators, N4EH in SEM gave some great operating exposure to some newbies while racking up almost 600 contacts.

Bill, K4FLV invited a bunch of friends over, too, and they piled up 562 SSB QSOs enroute to the M/S SSB win.

## Florida Multi-Multi

Three different groups chose to mount a M/M operation in 2012!

Setting up at the Red Cross in Naples, members of the ARASWF had a nice mix of CW & SSB activity and won the plaque for the highest club station score in FL.

A team of 7 ops from the very active North Okaloosa ARC put the club call on the air and had 2 stations active for a majority of the time.

Down in PAL, a group of 6 friends set up some verticals and had a great time using hostess AJ4PW's callsign for 336 SSB QSOs!

# OUT OF STATE RESULTS

## Out of State Mixed Mode

Keith, WA3HAE notched a solid repeat victory, reprising his back-to-back wins in the first two runnings of the FQP back in 1998-1999. Keith wasn't able to repeat with the double sweep, though, missing 7 counties on SSB. 20M was the place to be for Keith, as over 95% of his QSOs came there. WA3HAE once again led all non-FL entrants with 280 SSB QSOs, 276 of which were on 20M. Keith had the only Honor Roll log in the overall Top Ten.

Runner-up Bob, VE3KZ dominated on CW with 522 QSOs, the most of any Mixed op in any category, to go with his 166 SSB QSOs. In 2011, Bob had 493 QSOs CW-only, so this year's effort represents a nice increase. Bob's final score is a new VE record by a scant 700 \*points\* over VA3DX's 2010 effort and is less than 10K points below Keith. VE3KZ was the 6th quickest to work all (15) 1x1s, and first in Canada. Bob had 66 counties by 2328Z, but had to endure another 6:24 before logging NF4A/WAK for the sweep.

Moving up another notch to a personal best #3 outside FL was top QRP entrant Doug, VA3DF. Doug extended his own VE QRP record by over 30% and his very impressive string of county sweeps continued for another year. In fact, Doug beat everyone in Canada to the sweep by finishing at 1443Z! Six more VEs followed Doug to the finish line, which is believed to be the highest number of county sweeps ever from Canada.

Larry, K7SV took advantage of better 20M conditions from VA to move all the way up to #2 USA and #4 overall. In the past, propagation has forced Larry to make about half of his QSOs on 40M, but in 2012, less than 20% of K7SV's QSOs were on 40M.

While the Marshalls (K5CM & N5KW) cruised around in north FL, Dave, W5CW used their well-appointed station to post the #3 US score, despite taking nearly 6 hours off. Not surprisingly, K5CM/m was by far his most commonly logged mobile.

Ed, VE4VT (ex VE4EAR) moved up to #3 VE/#6 non-FL with nearly 400 low power QSOs from Manitoba, plus another county sweep. Ed provided our favo(u)rite 3830 soapbox quote: "The organizers and mobiles make this contest the premier QSO Party."

Tom, N4NW followed K7SV's lead and ended up 4th in the US from VA, with the second highest SSB total in the USA Mixed pack. We recall one of Tom's ties to FL being with Reidar, K2PT who operated as Y19PT in Iraq while on a Marine deployment. Tom lives right down the road from the Quantico Marine base and the Stafford club was a big supporter of Reidar's Iraqi operation.

Right on Tom's heels was John, W4IX who persevered to become the closest-in member of the Top Ten. The imaginary 20/40M break-even line was all the way down in SC this year as John logged about the same number of Floridians on each band.



**K9CT's stack of Stepp-IRs pointed south ready for FQP 2013!**

Jim, K2XE finished 6th in the US and 9th overall, complete with a CW county sweep in about 15 hours of effort.

Contest veteran Jim, K8MR, who is in the hunt for the WRTC-2014 Team Leader slot for W8, rounded out the overall Top Ten with a bunch of QRQ CW exchanges. Jim visits FL several times a year which allows for plenty of in-person FQP recapping and planning with some of us down here.

Tom, N2CU placed 8th in the US and won the coveted Golden Log plaque with 290 error-free QSOs. Tom commented over 10 years ago that perhaps the FQP was too lengthy, but we hope that he, and everyone else for that matter, no longer thinks that way.

Dan, K7IA finished 9th in the USA from NM, the only one west of the Mississippi. Dan's QRZ.com page makes for interesting reading. Despite being in a canyon to cut down on the winds, Dan's antennas and tower heights help to offset the elevation challenge.

Jim, W4EE was less than 1 QSO behind Dan, squeezing into the USA Top Ten by a nose. With ties to FL in recent years and still an FCG member, Jim also holds the callsign VK8TX.

The top two QRP scores were only a fraction of a QSO apart and only about 3 QSOs outside the USA overall Top Ten. Jerry, N4JF in neighboring AL edged out Julius, N2WN up in TN with very similar line scores.

Low power was by far the most popular choice for the USA & VEs. Topping the HP score list was Tony, VE3RZ with 404 QSOs followed closely by Paul, K0JPL with 397.

Ken, K6LA (aka VY2TT) topped the West Coast gang with a CW sweep and 353 QSOs, but his #22 finish is way below what we had hoped for from Mother Nature in 2012, specifically good 15 & 10 Meter propagation across the US that allows everyone to have a chance to score well.

From the DX side, Claudio, I4VEQ returned to SO after setting the DX M/S record from the station that many know as IR4X in major contests. More than half of his QSOs were on 15M which was definitely open between FL and EU for a number of hours both days. In fact, W4SO received an e-mail from an OK1 after the FQP stating that his sig was 569 on 10M CW at 1400Z, so the potential is there for 10M QSOs for those who try!

## Out of State Mixed Mode Assisted

In the first year of this category, Dick, K9OM sewed up a runaway victory. Dick has won the FQP from FL in the past as well.

Just as in the Unassisted category, an Ontario station who has had much FQP success came in a very close 2nd. In this case, it was Glenn, VA3DX who finished just 3% below Dick.

Both K9OM and #2 USA finisher Bob, K0RC ended up with 442 CW QSOs and a sweep. But Dick worked 30 more stations on SSB, and had the 2x multiplier for running LP.

Thanks again to Bob for his spreadsheet that helps to track mobiles in the FQP (and other QSO parties as well).

Rod, W7OM will be 80 years young next year, but age didn't stop him from easily topping the W6/W7s in this category with over 200 QSOs.

## Out of State CW

Craig, K9CT put his very impressive antenna farm in rural Illinois to good use, toppling the USA record by quite a bit. Focused on one radio, Craig's 651 CW QSOs are higher than the winners of the Mixed Mode category were in early years of the FQP until W8MJ pushed the bar higher.

Craig won by a healthy margin over Eric, K5LH whose debut into the Top Ten is at #2, impressively. 15M was a major disappointment for Eric. After making his first two QSOs there, he moved down to 20M, found the explosion of activity and only returned to 15M for six more QSOs the entire weekend! From Waco in central TX, he was able to start making 40M QSOs with mobiles more than 4 hours before his sunset.

Larry, N9AUG topped three Ohio ops in the Top Ten. Had Larry not missed the first hour, he might have found 22 more QSOs and slid up into 2nd place. 15M wasn't much help to Larry either as he logged just 11 stations there.

Two long-time FQPers in W9 wrestled for 4th and 5th place and Gary, K9LJN in northern IL edged out W9RE thanks to Mike not finding anyone in WAG. Mike did manage to find almost 14 hours to spend at the rig this time, leaving us to wonder for another year what might happen with 20 hours of his time in the chair.

Just a bit northeast of Mike was #6 finisher Kurt, W8IQ in Toledo, OH, just over the line from 9-land. Unlike the impressive tall towers and stacked Yagis at the W9RE super station, Kurt uses wire antennas. Similarly, Eldon, W1END, another long-time FQP participant up in NH, relies on just a Butternut HF6V vertical for his solid showings, including #7 this time.

#8 CW was Steve, N9CK who ran HP with SO2R and finished only 8 QSOs behind K9CT, even completing the county sweep an hour earlier than Craig. Steve is the only 2-time winner of the Golden Log plaque and he did it in back-to-back years, but this year, he had two errors, both Not-In-Logs with mobiles. N9CK logged 501 QSOs on 20 CW to top everyone, plus he was far enough away to have some benefit from 15M with 54 QSOs there.

Bob, W7YAQ, who has become well known for his Pacific DX-peditioning in recent years, had the only Top Ten score west of W9. Bob's county sweep was from the farthest away of all USA sweepers. Not surprisingly, 15M contributed more to Bob's score than any other Top Tenner. Bob also had a stellar log with just 0.3% errors.



**K9CT at the controls of his station in IL, where he set a new out-of-state CW-only record in 2012 and is ready to add to it in 2013.**

Trying something new in 2012, Rick, WB8JUI opted for QRP and still made the Top Ten with 217 QSOs and only missing 4 counties.

Welcome to our first Technician entry in years – Ray, KJ4AOM in KY who made 21 QSOs on the 40 and 15M CW bands.

#1 in Canada was Gary, VE1RGB to whom we thank greatly for his energy in organizing the MCC activity and for his annual operating contribution to the FQP. (see the sidebar below)

Over in neighbo(u)ring New Brunswick, Mike, VE9AA piled up 378 QSOs and a sweep, running HP. The FQP clearly grew on Mike as his off times kept diminishing as the weekend rolled along.

Andreas, DL3GA topped the DX CW list and mentioned the addictive nature of the FQP in his soapbox: "Wow – what a party. Got addicted after just a few QSOs... By far the

highest number of QSOs in a QP and first ever party with a full sweep..." Running HP surely helped, but he more than doubled the QSO totals for all other DX entrants in this category. Amazingly, 20M stayed open so well that Andreas was able to work mobiles right up until 0159Z! That is a pretty late Saturday night in Germany.

Rafael, HI8A from the capital city of Santo Domingo enjoyed his first FQP so much that he placed 2nd on CW, edging out Step, OK2EC. Rafael's plaque for top Latin America was hand-carried back to the D.R. by Edwin, HI3K who attended the Orlando Hamcation [TM] in February.

Thanks to Keith, VK4TT who graciously provides the VK multiplier to as many as he can each year.

CW-only was the most popular category outside FL, with a whopping 151 entrants, plus another 34 who entered the first-time category of...

## Out of State CW Assisted

Another KgC\* from IL operating CW-only topped this new category as Andrew, KgCW ran low power for less than 12 hours and edged out Mike, KgNW operating HP at the KgUWA station in NE IN for the first 15 hours straight before heading back over to Ohio.

Karoly, HA8IB again chose a 20M single-band effort, this time with spotting assistance. Even with low power, he was able to secure a county sweep. In fact, Karoly worked at least one mobile station in all 20 clock hours of the FQP, proving again how open 20M was.

Fellow countryman Attila, HA2NA who had lived here in FL for a few years recently, posted the top HP DX score in this category

## Amateur Radio Ambassadors

*As an operator who has been licensed for 54 years and particularly active for the latter half of that period, it took me a very long time to reach an understanding of what this hobby is all about for me. In fact it really wasn't until I had finished building a decent small contest station and could focus on the operating rather than the designing and building that it suddenly struck me: amateur radio is all about people, full stop. The hardware and the software and the contests and the reflectors and all the rest of that stuff – those are only means to an end. The end result is getting to meet good people, people that become friends, people one can trust, people that one would go out of their way to meet eye-to-eye.*

*That conclusion of mine – how else could I ever expect to be exposed to such a variety of the nicest of human beings? – is well illustrated in my relationship to the Florida Contest Group via the Florida QSO Party which evolved like this:*



*First, in a moment of weakness at the Maritime DX Forum in Halifax, I agreed to help the incumbent of the Radio Amateurs of Canada contest score collectors. That involves searching the Internet, amateur radio publications of various sorts, reflectors, and the old-boy net for contest results that Canadians were playing in, pulling out the VE scores, and providing the material to the editor of the RAC TCA bi-monthly magazine in time for his publication. Before I knew it, I owned the whole job – and immediately convinced the Maritime Contest Club (MCC) members that this would be a worthwhile responsibility for us to assume as our contribution to the Canadian amateur radio contesting community. Fortunately, I found a loyal partner in the form of Scott VE1OP, and between the two of us we have been generating the reports for the past five years. In the process of so-doing, we have developed a method of collecting scores, producing reports and publishing the results on a schedule driven by the actual contest dates.*

*Generally speaking, what started off as a very nasty chore has involved into something pleasurable. Spreadsheets have been developed and refined, sources of contest results have been identified, and -- herein lays the challenge – methods and techniques have been discovered for transcribing the data from their various source media. The latter part of the job might seem trivial but is anything but. Try, just for instance, acquiring contest results from CQ Magazine and getting the data into a spreadsheet so that they can be manipulated. Thank goodness CQ is now publishing contest results on line in time to meet our publication deadlines! Data presentations on web sites are frequently not much better. In time one becomes very familiar with the words Import, Data, Excel, Word, PDF, and other terms not suitable here.*

*So how does the FQP enter this picture? Well, one of the challenges in the score publishing business is getting the data in time for the editor to meet publishing deadlines. That in turn leads guys in our position to have to look around for the individuals who are sitting on that data and then convincing them that it is their best interests to provide it to us. [And right away at that!] This, then, becomes the mechanism by which I have developed relationships around NA (and even internationally) with members of contest committees, especially QSO Party sponsors, and in particular with the FCG.*

*It would have been about 2008 or 2009 when I first needed FQP results. The guy who fixed me up was Dan K1TO. That was very cool. Next year I learned that US call sign numbers don't necessarily mean what I thought they meant and that K1TO was actually in Florida, located not so far away from Madeira Beach where my wife and I have had the pleasure of staying during January for the past several years. The following year I told him that I again needed the scores before their formal release but – I think to Dan's surprise – that I would pick them up in person. What a good idea that was!*



Three subsequent years of annual "meetings" conducted in FL restaurants have led to my introduction to some of the other guys I find regularly in my log like George K5KG/K4KG and Ron WD4AHZ and the self-appointment by Dan and me to the positions of Ambassadors for International Relations between the FCG and the MCC. I say self-appointed because the respective clubs have never recognized our positions formally. Quite frankly, we do not view such ratification as necessary. We just do our thing, have a lot of fun, and send each other contest exchanges accompanied by a couple of extra dits that say a whole lot between friends.

Attached is a photograph from the 2012 Annual FCG/MCC Ambassador Summit. Note that Gus VO1MP, an ex-pat that I might never have otherwise had the chance to meet, has also been appointed to the ambassadorial team along with George K5KG.

A lot comes out of these little meetings. Since I think testers are related to each other by only about two degrees of separation, it is not long before the conversation leads one to knowing other good people from our hobby. "Events" come from these casual affairs. I always wondered, for instance, how one operator talked himself into being a guest operator in someone else's contest station. Now I know: I watched it happen in real time in the form of banter between VO1MP and K5KG. It took them about two minutes to agree that it would be a neat thing to do if the latter were to go to The Rock and operate ARRL Sweepstakes CW from Canada's youngest and arguably most beautiful Province.

As for the FQP, I must have tripped over that contest early in my short contesting career because it is in my records the most, and remains my favorite QSO party, followed by the California QSO Party. My strong attraction to the FQP and CQP comes from – wait for it – working the mobiles. Catching the new counties by following the mobile operators is certainly fun and exciting. There are few bigger contesting thrills to me than a Florida sweep, especially when done with an 80M wire dipole and 100W CW from up here in Nova Scotia. [And a sweep of FL counties makes for much more interesting driving through the State as a tourist than most folks get to experience]. And then, of course, there are the mobile operators. They amaze with their performance. I simply cannot picture a more challenging environment for fast and accurate CW operation (exception: being a Radio Officer on the CP140 Anti-Submarine Patrol Aircraft while on patrol over the Atlantic at 500 feet in rough weather). These FL mobiles are soooo good! Speaking as the self-appointed MCC Canadian Ambassador to FCG, kudos to the whole team of operators and contest administrators!

The next annual meeting of the respective Ambassadors between FCG and MCC is slated for January 2014 at a location to be chosen, this year, by the Canadians. And a reminder to Dan K1TO: as discussed, rather than send my whole call in the next running of FQP, I will simply be transmitting the letters "E and "H", as in "Good conditions today, EH?".

73,

Gary VE1RGB

Secretary/Treasurer MCC (official)

MCC Ambassador to the FCG (unofficial)



## Out of State SSB

Ron, W1KDA from RI moved up from third last year to his first victory! Ron just upgraded to Extra in March, 2011, although all of his QSOs were likely made in the General portions of the bands anyway.

David, W9QL posted his best score to date, landing him a solid 2nd Place finish after numerous visits to the Top Ten in recent years. Both Ron and David commented positively on the mobile coverage on SSB which is great to see.

Lee, N7LD finished higher than anyone else from the West Coast in any category at 3rd from NV. Do not read Lee's QRZ.com page for tower climbing hints, however!

With the most 15M SSB QSOs this side of Italy, high power entrant John, WA5ZUP moved up to #4 this year from out in NM. As the top HP entry, his 213 QSOs led all SSB-only aficionados.

Bill, VY2LI could only squeeze in about 7 hours on the air this year, but still easily topped the Canadian contingent with 195 QSOs and finished 5th outside FL. By persistently CQing, Bill had numerous bursts of contacts on both 20M and 15M.

Ken, KS4X again used his Signal Mountain QTH in TN to top the QRP SSB entrants for the fourth consecutive year and moved up to 6th overall and 5th in the US. Ken's QTH is almost in north GA and thus he had about a 50/50 split of QSOs on 40 and 20M in his error-free log.

Another W1K\*A from RI, Christopher, W1KMA came in at #7. It appears that there is salt water just a few blocks south of his QTH which is perfect for working us in FL! Christopher really stuck with it, making QSOs in all 20 FQP hours.

Except for a break mid-day Sunday, Jeff, AC5O also stuck with it quite diligently. 20M was much kinder to Jeff in 2012 from his LA QTH contributing over 60% of his QSOs.

Welcome to two newcomers in the Top Ten – Dave, N8SBE and Scott, NoSMA. Scott will be sporting his new call WQoS this year and we love hearing all the KS on the air.

Angel, WP3GW finished on top of the DX SSB group again. Congratulations to Luis, CT2JBG for managing 36 QRP SSB QSOs. Luis worked 14 of the 1x1s, only missing W4T!

Thanks to Eli, 4Z5PJ and Abdulla, A71CV for their activity from the Middle East! Abdulla commented that it was hard to keep others, especially in EU, from calling and covering up the Florida callers. Abdulla visited Florida in December 2011 and met a number of the Florida testers in a gathering in Orlando.

Overall entries were way up in the SSB categories, too, with over 100 outside FL.

If you are outside FL, try calling "CQ Florida". You will be pleasantly surprised! Many stations in FL (as elsewhere) only answer others' CQs.

## Out of State SSB Assisted

The top two scores in this new category both came from Ontario as Paul, VA3PC edged out Raco, VA3YP by virtue of the 2x score multiplier for running low power. Raco's HP set-up attracted lots of answers to CQs on Sunday.

David, W2DZ came out on top in the US in a few hours of productive pounding.

Dieter, DF2SD found 24 counties operating on his Sunday evening and edged out unassisted DX winner WP3GW. Dieter ran stations on 15M for a while, including one mobile.

## Out of State Multi-Operator

2012 was the first year with a Single-Operator-Assisted category separate from Multi-Single, so participation in this category was appropriately much lower. In fact, Rick, W6RKC operated with his stepson Joe for the only M/S entry this year. They had 164 error-free QSOs, not an easy feat from CA where many of the mobile signals are just at the noise level.

VE7IO was perhaps the first ever Multi-Multi FQP entry from Canada. We appreciate, support and salute the on-going training efforts in BC.

## Out of State School Competition

KoHC, the Hesston (KS) College Radio Club, repeated as the School champs, again with Bob, WoBH operating. In a serious effort, one of the highlights of Bob's weekend was capturing the first County Sweep after less than 5 hours. Another terrific accomplishment was Bob almost finding the sweep on SSB, missing only DES for the double county sweep. Bob worked a bunch of mobiles in DES on CW, but when he worked K4KG, the only Mixed entrant among them, it was still the first hour of the FQP and he didn't pursue the QSY to SSB as assertively as he would have on Sunday!

The 718 QSOs in the WoBH log were exceeded only by the 722 in Mixed winner WA3HAE's, although Keith ran LP while Bob ran HP. 16 of Bob's 40 QSOs in the last hour on Saturday (0100-0159Z) were on 20M. With 26 QSOs in the final 20 minutes, Bob was nowhere close to running out of FL stations to work.

Welcome aboard to the Harvard Wireless Club, W1AF. We hope the FQP becomes a yearly event on your operating calendar.

## Club Competition

The Southeast Contest Club (SECC), thanks in large part to two mobile "expeditions", posted its first overall victory in the club competition. They would've won the Club Competition plaque, but two of their members didn't indicate SECC in the Cabrillo header and they fell short of the "minimum 10 entries" requirement. Still, this is a fine effort for a club so close in proximity and thus hampered on the high bands!

The Tennessee Contest Group (TCG) had several expeditions to Florida of its own that provided the lion's share of the points, but there were 16 others who submitted logs from TN, thus they deservedly are the recipients of the Club Competition plaque for 2012, one year after being edged out by a hair. Even though TN is north of GA, it still is not the optimal QTH to work FL on 20M much of the time.

This time, it was the Contest Club Ontario (CCO) who finished a hair (less than 1%) behind. Despite having no FL expeditions, their 22 entrants amassed over one million points collectively, led by perennial high scorer Bob, VE3KZ.

A tip of the cap goes out to some other clubs who substantially increased their presence and placing in the FQP, notably the Society of Midwest Contesters who quietly moved up to #3 USA, the Arizona Outlaws CC who accumulated 11 entries and a solid total from out west, and the northeast mega-clubs PVRC and YCCC who more than doubled their 2011 totals.

Five European clubs had multiple entries in 2012, topped by the Bavarian Contest Club.

USA CLUB	SCORE	ENTRANTS	HIGH SCORER	QTH
South East Contest Club	1,383,000	8	W4AN/m	GA/SC/FL
Tennessee Contest Group	1,111,762	18	N5WR/m	TN/FL
Society of Midwest Contesters	857,053	16	K9CT	IL/IN/WI
Oklahoma DX Assn	626,368	2	K5CM/m	OK/FL
Potomac Valley Radio Club	599,570	10	K7SV	VA/MD/FL
Yankee Clipper Contest Club	378,891	12	W1END	MA/CT/NH/ME
Weekend Warriors	293,624	1	WA3HAE	PA
Mad River Radio Club	273,742	5	K8MR	OH/IN/MI
Minnesota Wireless Assn	243,337	7	KoRC	MN
Alabama Contest Group	227,390	4	K4MTI	AL/FL
Frankford Radio Club	220,947	10	N3RD	NJ/PA/VA/DE
North Coast Contesters	210,355	4	N2CU	NY/OH
Arizona Outlaws Contest Club	192,700	11	K7HP	AZ
Hesston College ARC	153,615	1	KoHC	KS
Heart of Texas DX Society	121,940	1	K5LH	TX
Western Washington DX Club	117,730	3	W7OM	WA
Delaware ARA Contest Team	116,312	1	N9AUG	OH
Northern California Contest Club	109,596	7	K6MM	CA/NV

Central Texas DX and Contest Club	101,612	3	K5PI	TX
Ft. Smith Area ARC	89,800	1	WA5SOG	AR
Southern California Contest Club	84,072	4	K6LA	CA
Willamette Valley DX Club	80,668	1	W7YAQ	OR
Missouri DX/Contest Club	64,300	1	K0DEQ	MO
Grand Mesa Contesters of Colorado	62,844	2	W0ETT	CO/WY
Western New York DX Assn	62,844	2	K2ZR	NY/FL
Lafayette DX Assn	57,600	1	K9FN	IN
Southwest Ohio DX Assn	53,466	1	N8BJQ	OH
Southeast Michigan DX Assn	48,348	1	KR8V	MI
Metro DX Club	45,904	2	NV9X	IL/WI
Mississippi Valley DX/Contest Club	40,512	2	K0AZ	MO
Derby City DX Assn	35,700	1	K4WW	KY
West Park Radiops	34,124	2	W8IDM	OH
Iowa DX and Contest Club	33,672	1	W10WA	IA
CTRI Contest Group	32,234	1	W1WBB	RI
West Allis RAC	29,156	1	K9BTQ	WI
Paducah ARA	26,520	1	ND4X	KY
Mother Lode DX/Contest Club	22,199	1	W6RKC	CA
Kansas City Contest Club	20,930	1	KCoDEB	KS
Hudson Valley Contesters and DXers	20,715	3	N2JJ	NY
Texas DX Society	17,980	1	K5WAF	AR
Louisiana Contest Club	16,416	1	WM5H	LA
Central Oregon DX Club	14,868	1	N7XU	OR
Loudoun Amateur Radio Group	9,048	1	K0ZR	VA
ARROW Communications Assn	6,724	1	N8SBE	MI
USS Wisconsin Radio Club	4,592	1	W4ZPR	VA
Hazel Park ARC	4,422	1	AC8JF	MI
Colorado QRP Club	2,346	1	NO2D	CO
Newton ARA	1,584	1	K0LO	IA
Harvard Wireless Club	1,456	1	W1AF	MA
Greene County ARA	1,428	1	KB3AAG	PA
Norwood Amateur Radio Club	1,224	1	KM1G	MA
Daviess County ARC	984	1	W9JDW	IN
Whitman ARC	280	1	KB1REQ	MA
Albemarle Amateur Radio Club	60	1	AK4OH	VA

CANADIAN CLUB	SCORE	ENTRANTS	HIGH SCORER	QTH
Contest Club Ontario	1,103,091	22	VE3KZ	ON
Maritime Contest Club (NS, NB, PEI)	142,564	5	VE1RGB	NS/NB/PEI
Orca DX and Contest Club (BC)	55,950	2	VE7CV	BC
Contest Group du Quebec	2,726	1	VE2EZD	QC

DX CLUB	SCORE	ENTRANTS	HIGH SCORER	QTH
Bavarian Contest Club	43,845	3	DL4FN	DL
Czech Contest Club	34,800	1	OK2EC	OK
SP DX Club	30,500	4	SP6JOE	SP

SP Contest Club	20,652	2	SP1AEN	SP
ARI Trieste	14,040	1	IV3AOL	I
Beemster Contest Club	11,394	1	PA3AAV	PA
HA DX Club	7,540	1	HA5KQ	HA
Kaunas University of Technology Radio Club	7,174	3	LY2J	LY
Top Of Europe Contesters	6,048	1	SM5IMO	SM
Rhein Ruhr DX Assn	4,420	3	DF2SD	DL/LX/EA8
Ukrainian Contest Club	3,016	1	UR5MM	UR
A.L.R.S. - St.Petersburg	2,784	1	RV1CC	UA1
Amsterdam DX Certificate Club	2,772	1	PG2AA	PA
Russian Contest Club	2,652	1	UA3AGW	UA3
Czech Radio Club	798	1	OK1VD	OK
ARIMI DX Team	646	1	I2WIJ	I
Vladimir Contest Group	320	1	UA3VVB	UA3
SK4DM	144	1	SM4DQE	SM

FLORIDA CLUB	SCORE	ENTRANTS	HIGH SCORER	
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Florida Contest Group (FCG) - SPONSOR	8,600,776	40	K4KG/m	
Sportman's Paradise ARC	276,192	1	KN4Y	
ARA of SW FL	267,440	3	AA4PP	
North Okaloosa Amateur Radio Club	67,680	1	W4AAZ	
Fort Pierce Amateur Radio Club	33,904	1	WA4MLD	
Florida East Coast DX Club	33,480	1	K4JC	
Panama City ARC	17,820	1	K6JSS	

## County Sweeps

County Sweeps reached a new high by far in 2012, with 46 different stations working the 67 Florida counties! 20 of them accomplished the sweep both Mixed Mode and on CW. Nobody was able to find all 67 on SSB this year, with KoHC (op Bob, WoBH) missing just one county for the double sweep.

Bob did accomplish the feat of working the 67 FL Counties earlier than anyone, beating out Assisted CW entrant Mike, K9NW by just 6 minutes! Bob missed Team K4KG when they made a quick 10-QSO dash into CHA earlier on, but he was waiting for Team AD4ES and was the first in the log once they crossed into CHA. It took Bob just under 5 hours to reach the sweep at 2059Z, the 2nd quickest in FQP history (VE3KZ @ 2024Z in 2010)!

Meanwhile, Mike had reached 66 CW counties at 2052Z, but still needed PAS of all counties. N4AO (WC4E) crossed into his old home county at precisely 2100Z and provided the first CW QSOs of the weekend from PAS. Mike found him 5 minutes later.

Don, W9IU worked his 66th county at 2041Z, but somehow missed the CHA pass-throughs by both K4KG and AD4ES (33 minutes). Don stopped early and missed N5WR's stint near the end of Saturday's operating period. When N4AO finally reached CHA on Sunday morning, Don was waiting and completed both his Mixed and CW sweeps with the same QSO, nearly 8 FQP hours after reaching the 66 mark.

Eight individuals reached the sweep before the first 10 hours were up, and 7 more had 66 counties, missing just one.

Sweeps from the farthest away were reached in the last hour by DL3GA and one minute later by HA8IB. Congrats to W7YAQ (OR), K6LA (CA) and K7HP (AZ) for the farthest away sweeps in the US. VE9AA made it from up in NB, as did VE4VT in MB. Difficult in a different way is doing it from close in and congrats go to W4IX for his sweep from SC. K9CT's CW sweep was the first by a low power

op this year, and VA3DF extended his streak of QRP sweeps by another year. Wg was the most common call area from which to sweep.

19 different counties were the “last one”, so it’s clear that there is no single county that stuck out as rare. Thanks to the extensive mobile coverage, it’s become de rigeur for all counties to be activated many different times as the weekend rolls on. Most of the Panhandle counties are included in that list of 19 “lasts”, but so are populous Miami-Dade and Duval (Jacksonville). We are reminded of the massive pileup on Team N4BP when they entered DAD in the final hour of the FQP a number of years ago, providing the sweep to so many!

Propagation is a big factor in county availability as well. Not only are many of the Panhandle counties not active when a mobile is not present, but since Tallahassee is ~500 miles northwest of Miami, the 20M skip exclusion zone also shifts 500 miles and for example, Wgs who are hearing stations all over the peninsula, may not be able to copy signals from those counties even when they are active. For illustration, it is roughly 500 miles from Nashville to Chicago, Raleigh to NYC and St. Louis to Minneapolis.

Despite running away with the highest score in the FQP, Team K4KG provided the sweep to only one op – WA3HAE. K4OJ and N5WR both provided the sweep to 7 individuals, just ahead of N4AO’s and NF4A’s 6. N5WR provided sweeps from 6 different counties, well ahead of the rest. (Erik is now based in MO and cannot return in 2013, so hopefully others can fill that void.) NF4A was popular in WAK, providing the most sweeps from any single county.

Amazingly, the sweep could have been accomplished as early as 1848Z, just 2:48 into the FQP, when UNI became the last county to be activated. 45 counties were active within the first 15 minutes! At 1910Z, ALC (home of Gainesville and the Univ. of FL!) became the last county to be activated by a mobile station.

Thanks again to Bob, KoRC for providing the Excel-based tool to help track the mobiles. We don’t have any easy way to detect how many are using that tool, but it’s safe to assume that it increases the focus of the “pouncers”.

The rarest counties in 2012 (number of valid QSOs in non-FL logs):

HAM – 233, HOL – 267, FRA – 277, CHA – 293, JAC – 298, LIB – 300.

A note to the FL Mobiles planning routes: Trying to identify which counties will be rare and tailoring your route accordingly is a noble goal, but the picture changes each year and it is a monumental task to predict. Our advice is to simply diversify and cover as many counties that don’t have a concentration of fixed stations as practical.

## County Sweep Analysis

SWEET P	CALL	QTH	CATEGORY	PWR	TIME	QSO WITH	CTY	#66	QSO WITH	CTY	DAY 1
MIXED	KoHC	KS	SCHOOL	HIGH	SAT 2059	AD4ES	CHA	2039	N4EEB	HAM	67
CW	K9NW	IN	CW-ASSISTED	HIGH	SAT 2105	N4AO	PAS	2052	K5CM	WAG	67
CW	KoHC	KS	SCHOOL	HIGH	SAT 2231	AD4ES	HAR	2116	N4AO	PAS	67
CW	NS9I	WI	CW	HIGH	SAT 2234	AD4ES	HAR	2115	AD4ES	CHA	67
CW	N9CK	WI	CW	HIGH	SAT 2236	AD4ES	HAR	2108	N4AO	PAS	67
CW	K9CT	IL	CW	LOW	SAT 2350	AD4ES	HAR	2113	AD4ES	CHA	67
CW	W5CW	OK	MIXED	LOW	SUN 0022	K4OJ	FRA	2313	K4MTI	BAY	67
MIXED	W5CW	OK	MIXED	LOW	SUN 0022	K4OJ	FRA	2313	K4MTI	BAY	67
CW	N8BJQ	OH	CW	HIGH	SUN 0129	N5WR	CHA	52	KN4Y	HAM	67
CW	WA3HAE	PA	MIXED	LOW	SUN 0159	K4KG	DUV	131	NF4A	GUL	67
MIXED	WA3HAE	PA	MIXED	LOW	SUN 0159	K4KG	DUV	131	NF4A	GUL	67



MIXED	K9OM	WI	MIXED-ASSISTED	LOW	SUN 1209	NF4A	LIB	1206	NX4N	NAS	65
CW	W19WI	WI	MIXED	HIGH	SUN 1216	NF4A	LIB	2238	AD4ES	HAR	66
MIXED	W19WI	WI	MIXED	HIGH	SUN 1216	NF4A	LIB	2238	AD4ES	HAR	66
MIXED	K7SV	VA	MIXED	LOW	SUN 1225	K5CM	GAD	2104	AD4ES	CHA	66
MIXED	K0JPL	MO	MIXED	HIGH	SUN 1237	W4AN	NAS	131	N5WR	CHA	66
CW	N9AUG	OH	CW	LOW	SUN 1302	K4OJ	SAN	1235	W4AN	NAS	64
CW	K9OM	WI	MIXED-ASSISTED	LOW	SUN 1320	K4OJ	SAN	1211	N5WR	PAS	63
CW	N5ZK	TX	CW-ASSISTED	HIGH	SUN 1356	W4ARM	DAD	2350	AD4ES	HAR	66
CW	W9IU	IN	MIXED-ASSISTED	HIGH	SUN 1422	N4AO	CHA	2122	N4AO	PAS	66
MIXED	W9IU	IN	MIXED-ASSISTED	HIGH	SUN 1422	N4AO	CHA	2041	N4EEB	HAM	66
CW	K0RC	MN	MIXED-ASSISTED	HIGH	SUN 1427	N4AO	CHA	41	NF4A	CAH	66
MIXED	K0RC	MN	MIXED-ASSISTED	HIGH	SUN 1427	N4AO	CHA	41	NF4A	CAH	66
CW	K5LH	TX	CW	LOW	SUN 1432	N4AO	CHA	59	N5WR	DES	66
CW	K9LJN	IL	CW	LOW	SUN 1441	K4OJ	WAL	1429	N4AO	CHA	63
CW	VA3DF	ON	MIXED	QRP	SUN 1443	K4OJ	WAL	1438	N4AO	CHA	61
MIXED	VA3DF	ON	MIXED	QRP	SUN 1443	K4OJ	WAL	1438	N4AO	CHA	62
CW	W1END	NH	CW	LOW	SUN 1444	N4AO	CHA	1441	K4OJ	WAL	62
CW	K7SV	VA	MIXED	LOW	SUN 1552	K5CM	HAM	1225	K5CM	GAD	64
CW	VE3KZ	ON	MIXED	LOW	SUN 1552	NF4A	WAK	2358	N4AO	PAS	66
MIXED	VE3KZ	ON	MIXED	LOW	SUN 1552	NF4A	WAK	2328	K5CM	LIB	66
CW	K2XE	NJ	MIXED	LOW	SUN 1558	NF4A	WAK	1544	K4OJ	JAC	60
MIXED	K2XE	NJ	MIXED	LOW	SUN 1558	NF4A	WAK	1544	K4OJ	JAC	61
CW	VE3RZ	ON	MIXED	HIGH	SUN 1602	NF4A	WAK	1544	K4M	HAR	59
MIXED	VE3RZ	ON	MIXED	HIGH	SUN 1602	NF4A	WAK	1544	K4M	HAR	61
CW	VE9AA	NB	CW	HIGH	SUN 1604	NF4A	WAK	1602	AD4ES	GIL	61
MIXED	ND3R	PA	MIXED	LOW	SUN 1709	AD8J	BRA	1701	N4EEB	HAR	58
CW	K0PC	MN	CW	HIGH	SUN 1735	WB2REM	STL	1527	K4M	HAR	64
CW	W4IX	SC	MIXED	LOW	SUN 1743	WB2REM	STL	1558	K4OJ	JAC	62
MIXED	W4IX	SC	MIXED	LOW	SUN 1743	WB2REM	STL	1558	K4OJ	JAC	62
CW	K9CW	IL	CW-ASSISTED	LOW	SUN 1746	W5WMU	LIB	1554	K4M	DES	59
CW	W7YAO	OR	CW	LOW	SUN 1750	W5WMU	LIB	1605	K4KG	WAK	60
CW	W2LE	NJ	CW	LOW	SUN 1755	W5WMU	LIB	1557	K4M	DES	52
CW	K6LA	CA	MIXED	HIGH	SUN 1854	N4AO	DES	1601	K4KG	WAK	57
MIXED	K6LA	CA	MIXED	HIGH	SUN 1854	N4AO	DES	1601	K4KG	WAK	58

CW	KoDEQ	MO	MIXED	HIGH	SUN 1907	N5WR	GUL	1634	N4EEB	DES	64
MIXED	KoDEQ	MO	MIXED	HIGH	SUN 1907	N5WR	GUL	1634	N4EEB	DES	64
CW	VA3DX	ON	MIXED-ASSISTED	LOW	SUN 1909	N5WR	GUL	1633	K4OJ	JAC	60
MIXED	VA3DX	ON	MIXED-ASSISTED	LOW	SUN 1909	N5WR	GUL	1633	K4OJ	JAC	62
MIXED	K9WX	IN	MIXED	LOW	SUN 1925	WA4MLD	STL	1633	N4EEB	DES	58
CW	W8WVU	MI	CW	LOW	SUN 1926	NX4N	CHA	1653	N4EEB	DES	62
CW	W3HDH	IL	MIXED	HIGH	SUN 1945	K4OJ	NAS	1754	W5WMU	LIB	62
MIXED	W3HDH	IL	MIXED	HIGH	SUN 1945	K4OJ	NAS	1754	W5WMU	LIB	62
CW	W8IQ	OH	CW	LOW	SUN 1947	K4OJ	NAS	1557	K4OJ	JAC	65
CW	N3KR	PA	CW	HIGH	SUN 2033	N5WR	WAG	1944	K4OJ	NAS	59
CW	VE4VT	MB	MIXED	LOW	SUN 2040	N5WR	WAG	1559	NF4A	WAK	60
MIXED	VE4VT	MB	MIXED	LOW	SUN 2040	N5WR	WAG	1559	NF4A	WAK	60
CW	K7HP	AZ	MIXED	HIGH	SUN 2103	N5WR	HOL	2029	N5WR	WAG	57
MIXED	K7HP	AZ	MIXED	HIGH	SUN 2103	N5WR	HOL	1807	W5WMU	LIB	59
CW	AA1AR	MA	CW-ASSISTED	LOW	SUN 2110	W5WMU	SAN	1748	W5WMU	LIB	63
CW	DL3GA	DL	CW	HIGH	SUN 2123	AD8J	NAS	2105	W5WMU	SAN	63
CW	HA8IB	HA	CW-ASSISTED	LOW	SUN 2124	N5WR	WAL	2120	W5WMU	SAN	63
CW	K9EN	WI	CW	HIGH	SUN 2131	AD8J	NAS	1918	NX4N	CHA	58
CW	W8CAR	OH	MIXED-ASSISTED	LOW	SUN 2146	N5WR	SAN	1517	K4M	HAR	62
MIXED	W8CAR	OH	MIXED-ASSISTED	LOW	SUN 2146	N5WR	SAN	1517	K4M	HAR	63
CW	VE3OM	ON	CW	LOW	SUN 2148	W4AN	WAK	1907	N5WR	GUL	56

## Out of State Summary

Non-FL logs came from 43 other United States (missed AK HI ID NE UT VT), 7 Canadian Provinces and a record 28 DXCC entities. USA and DX log totals exceeded any past year by a substantial margin – thanks for joining in!

BOLD = also on Honor Roll or Golden Log in 2011

GOLDEN LOGS	QSOs
N2CU	290
K5PI	233
W2LE	203
ND3D	197
AA3B	170
W6RKC	164
WM3O	142
VE7CV	141
<b>W1WBB</b>	117
WF3M	117
K4HAL	109
KB9OWD	109
WoRSB	100
WA1LWS	100

HONOR ROLL <1% errors, >99 QSOs

<b>AA1AR</b>	N5RZ
<b>KoRC</b>	N7AT
K1GU	<b>N8BJQ</b>
K2ZR	N8VV
<b>K3TW</b>	<b>N9CK</b>
<b>K4BSK</b>	<b>N9CM</b>
K4DJ	NA4K
<b>K4JC</b>	<b>NS9I</b>
K4MF	NT7R
<b>K4O</b>	PA3AAV
<b>K4ORD</b>	<b>VE2AWR</b>
K5ZD	VE3RZ
K7HP	VE4YU
K7IA	VY2LI
K7JQ	W1END
K9CW	W1KDA
K9LJN	<b>W3HDH</b>
KH7XS/W4	<b>W4A</b>
KK9K	W4AN/m
N1NN	W7PP
N2WN	<b>W7YAO</b>
N2ZN	W9RE
N3RD	<b>WA3HAE</b>
N4BG	WA4GQG
N4CW	WA8ZBT
N4GG	WDoECO

## LOG CHECKING COMMENTS

### "What a difference a Dah makes"

The Golden Log plaque went to someone other than N9CK for the first time in three years. This time, Tom, N2CU, another long-time FQPer, produced the largest Golden Log with 290 error-free QSOs.

For perspective, the overall error rate was 2.7% and held true on both modes. While we do not yet have automatic UBN/RBN analysis, we can answer any queries about how you specifically did.

For each busted call or QTH, there is an extra penalty QSO removed. Duplicates are removed without penalty. Stringent log checking will continue as it remains a high priority for us to fully certify our winners.

Each line score reflects the number of valid QSOs. Penalties are then subtracted before calculating the final score. Do not worry about logging stations in different formats (ex: K4OJ, K4OJ/m, K4OJ/ALC, K4OJ/m/ALC, K4OJ/r are all considered equal, as long as the received QTH field shows ALC).

*Uniques.* There remains a bit of confusion about how log checkers handle them. While a few sponsors actually do remove uniques, the FQP and most other contest sponsors take a different view. If a call appears only in your log (the definition of "unique"), it should not be assumed to be busted. There are many casual participants on the air every weekend and many of them are not on the air specifically to make QSOs in a contest, but they might answer an enthusiastic CQ and help out with a contact. Bottom line – Unique contacts are not removed from your FQP entry if they are deemed to be a valid callsign/QTH combination (and not a busted callsign or QTH!).

Any attempts to spot yourself will land you in the Check Log category. While this is an every day occurrence in the world of DXing, it gives the contesting spotter an unfair advantage over those who wait for others to randomly spot them.

A clarification for ALL categories: Change bands or modes as often as you want to. There is no 10-minute rule.

We request that logs be submitted in the Cabrillo format. Further information is available at [www.kkn.net/~trey/cabrillo/](http://www.kkn.net/~trey/cabrillo/). Logs submitted in other formats, electronic or not, will continue to be accepted. Please include your callsign in the filename, since receiving a log named FQP.log does not immediately distinguish your entry from anyone else's. If you don't use a logging program and would still like to submit an electronic log, an on-line log entry page can be used after the contest to transpose your paper log at [www.b4h.net/cabforms/flqp\\_cab.php](http://www.b4h.net/cabforms/flqp_cab.php).

# UPDATES AND REMINDERS FOR 2013

The 16th running of the modern day FQP is coming up on April 27-28, 2013 (always the 4th full weekend of April). Hours remain 1600Z Sat. – 0159Z Sun. (10 hours on), then 10 hours off, followed by 10 hours on from 1200Z – 2159Z Sun.

On the heels of the fabulous 15th running, we are again activating fixed stations with 1x1 callsigns. This time the prefixes will all be "K4" and the suffixes simply spell "FLORIDA". Details on the special awards available for working all 7 stations are available at <http://www.floridaqsoparty.org/files/1x1announcement.pdf>. Full rules can be found at [www.floridaqsoparty.org/rules.html](http://www.floridaqsoparty.org/rules.html)

CW mobile windows remain at 14040-14050 and 7025-7035. On SSB, the mobile windows remain 14265-14275 and 7180-7190. Fixed stations – PLEASE be respectful of the mobiles and avoid CQing in these windows and leave a little room on either side.

FL stations, both mobiles and fixed – please make your operating intentions known via the county operation "self service" entry page accessible at [www.floridaqsoparty.org/fqpcounties.php](http://www.floridaqsoparty.org/fqpcounties.php) (tnx N8VW and K5TR for the script!) Verify your entry at [www.floridaqsoparty.org/cota.php](http://www.floridaqsoparty.org/cota.php) and see the covered counties turn orange on the main page at [www.floridaqsoparty.org](http://www.floridaqsoparty.org). We can confidently state that all 67 Florida counties will once again be available to work and that loads of fun can be had!

Please get the word out and encourage your fellow local club members to help blanket the state with activity on both modes.

If you haven't already, please sign up for the FQP e-mail reflector at [www.kkn.net/mailman/listinfo/fqp](http://www.kkn.net/mailman/listinfo/fqp). Use of the reflector is encouraged during the 10-hour midpoint off period, even for single ops, as long as QSO schedules are not being set up.

A reminder for stations in Florida: Please log the /CTY for mobiles to allow multiple QSOs with them. At least one mobile station was (unfairly) reduced in the past 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. Remember, it's OK for you to work mobiles in each county, too.

We encourage all participants to submit a log. E-mail to [logs@floridaqsoparty.org](mailto:logs@floridaqsoparty.org) within a month afterward, please. Your local competition in your category is often minimal and you could win a nice certificate as a result. Also, we want to verify as many claimed contacts as possible. See [www.floridaqsoparty.org/records.html](http://www.floridaqsoparty.org/records.html) for an idea of what past participants in your area have accomplished. If you made most of your contacts on one mode and a few on the other mode, we can take your full log and enter only your desired single-mode entry as a competitive entry and the contacts on the other mode as a check log. Please do not make contacts on the other mode and NOT submit at least a check log, though, as you run the risk of causing a not-in-log entry for the folks you contacted on the other mode.

See you on April 27-28 for the 2013 FQP! Full rules, records, mobile routes, "logs received" and more can be found at [www.floridaqsoparty.org](http://www.floridaqsoparty.org). Please check the "logs received" page at [www.floridaqsoparty.org/logs.html](http://www.floridaqsoparty.org/logs.html) before resubmitting or asking whether your log made it. The automated robot usually acknowledges entries promptly within minutes of receipt.

## THANKS

The Florida QSO Party is only possible due to a terrific corps of volunteers.

- Dan, K1TO helps to get logs accepted by the robot, then does all of the log checking and produces the raw line score data, charts and write-up.
- Ron, WD4AHZ, handles the FQP web site and mailing list, and once again keyed in all of the paper logs, while assisting with getting logs through the robot.
- Chris, WF3C organized the 1x1 assortment and produced the .PDF file that you are reading now, based on Dan's output plus photographs submitted by you.
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- George, K5TR handles many IT tasks related to the web hosting and log repository.
- Jim, K4OJ (SK) continues to watch over us and remains our chief cheerleader!

Thanks also to the folks who included cash with their mailed entries to help defray expenses. The vast majority of the expenses are covered by the Florida Contest Group, although the plaque program is self-funded.

Plaque sponsors are a big part of the success of the FQP, so again, thanks to each of you sponsors for giving the participants some meaningful goals to shoot towards.

Last but not least, thanks to you, the participants. Without you, the show would not go on. Thanks very much for your support of the Florida QSO Party! Hope to see you on the air on April 27-28!

73, Dan, K1TO

President, Florida Contest Group



**2012 FQP Logs  
Received**

CATEGORY	HIGH	LOW	QRP	TOT
CW	37	365	16	418
MIXED	43	128	11	182
SSB	22	126	23	171
CW-Assisted	13	20	1	34
MIXED-Assisted	11	18	0	29
SSB-Assisted	3	6	0	9
M/S	34	179	0	213
M/M	0	8	0	8
School	2	0	0	2
Technician		1	0	1
1x1 FL Stations	14	1	0	15
SWL				1
Checklogs				10
TOTALS	179	852	51	1093

**Historical Log Breakdown by Area**

Area	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
FL-Mobiles	519	435	470	514	398	428	418	231	356
FL-Fixed	117	84	99	105	90	92	98	81	110
USA	343	253	270	287	280	197	189	217	187
VE	43	41	36	48	37	37	31	31	25
DX	71	53	28	33	21	24	19	29	28
TOTAL	1093	866	903	987	826	778	755	589	706

Earlier Years: 2003-662 2002-450 2001-403 2000-294 1999-215 1998-229