

1976 CQ World-Wide DX Contest

C.W. Results

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CQ's yearly Thanksgiving present to c.w. DXers and contesters alike seems to have been welcomed with the usual overwhelming enthusiasm. A record 2060 logs were received for this years event, up 6% over last year. Even more astounding, a phenomenal 2 world records, 17 continental records, and 6 USA records were set, more than twice the number set last year, despite generally mediocre band conditions. As one competitor wrote to us, "The contest seems to open the bands each year". Indeed it does, and even the ten meter band showed signs of real life, as evidenced in C5AZ's 28 MHz log. Although an all band entry, Ville racked up 293 contacts and 49 countries on the band everyone thought was dead. We all better take a careful look down there next year to catch those fleeting openings and elusive multipliers.

All Band Honors

The 3.7M top world-wide single operator effort by KP4AST (operated by Chip, K7VPF), set a new world record in one of the hottest competitions in WW test history. Breathing right down his neck were C5AZ, operated by Ville, OH2MM, at 3.6 M, and 9Y4VT, operated by Dick, W6DGH (now N6AA) at 3.45M. But cheer up Ville, a consolation prize awaits—the new African continental record, and the knowledge that your score also bested the old world record, one set by your old friend OH2BH at ZD3X.

Even closer was the battle for this years Multi-Single top honors, with the three top stations finishing within only 46,000 points out of almost 4 Million. By just a whisker (15,000 points) PJ9MM, operated by W1GNC, W3ZZ, WB3GSV, and W8FAW, a joint venture of the PVRC and Murphy's Marauders, edged 9Y4A, operated by W2DXL, W2AX, W2ER,

W2GC, W2GGE, and K2LE representing the Royal Order of Boiled Owls. Third in the competition was ZD8W, operated by WA4 TLB, KP4EAJ, and KP4EKI, who trailed second place by just 31,000 points. PJ9MM pulled it out with a few extra contacts, as 9Y4A had the multiplier edge by virtue of their 160 Meter band score. ZD8W's incredible 15 meter contact total (1808 contacts) wasn't enough to compensate for the overall balance in the other two efforts.

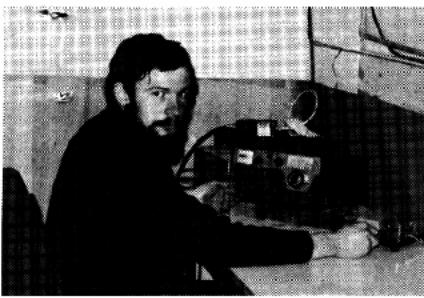
Our congratulations to UK9AAN, operated by Sam, UA9AN, and fellow Chelyabinsk Institute Club members UA9ABA, UA9ACZ, UA9AEN, UV9AX, and UW9BY, in their first ever officially sanctioned USSR Multi-Multi effort. The boys from the Urals racked up a new Asian Multi-Multi record of 4.9M to top a close pack of US entrants led by W3WJD, W3AU, and W4BVV in that order. It looks like the stage is now set for some fierce but friendly East/West Multi-Multi competitions in the future.

The USA top all band score was that of W3LPL, Frank, who did it for the second year in a row. This time PVRC club member Frank captured the all time USA record from arch-rival Frankford Radio Club member W3WJD. Could this entice Sigge to abandon the Multi-Multi category for a new try at his old record?

One of the up and coming superstations, AA5LES, operated by WA5LES, K5LWL, WB5IZN, WB5OOW WA5ZNY, WA5WCT and KL7IDH, captured this year's USA Multi-Single category with a fine 2.2 M point score, an all time USA record. Multi-Multi honors went to W3WJD, operated by Sigge himself and K3YUA, WA3LRU, and W3IFG.

The Frankford Radio Clubs joy over this victory was no consolation in the face of the club competition results. This year the PVRC ran away with it with a whopping 58 M points, an 18 M point edge over the runner up Frankford contingent. In the DX Club category the Rhein-Ruhr Club finished first once again with 23 million points.

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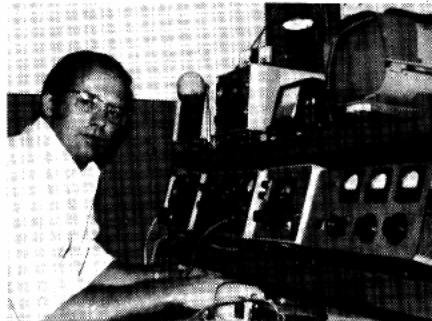
FB8XO's QSL manager Bob, F6CRT sends along this photo of one of the juiciest multipliers to show up in the contest.



K5LWL and AA5LES, the brand new owners of the USA Multi-Single record are seen here seated at the operating position of the station they jointly own (right) with their antennas shown on the left.



Low power enthusiast OA8V shows us how he relaxes after the contest deep in the Peruvian jungles.



Luis Matho, CX1EK/W4 operating CW3BR during the CQ WW CW Contest.



Dave Goldstein, 4X4UH, decides to do a little SSB operation after that single band 14 MHz entry in the CW contest.



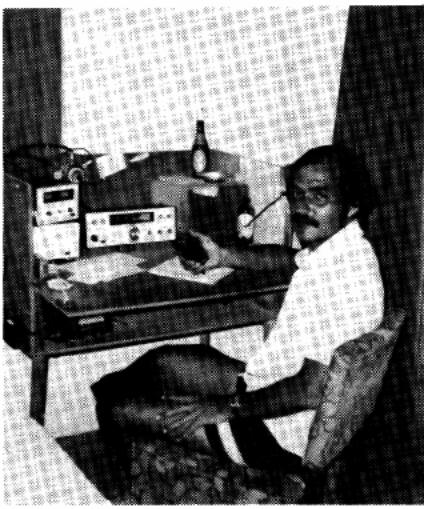
Charlie (6W8FP) and Ville (C5AZ) are shown in the shack of 6W8A discussing propagation from West Africa.



Some of K6BCE's antennas are shown here but shortly before the big wind of November, 1976.



The crew at HB0AZD shows why the alpine location can help on propagation.



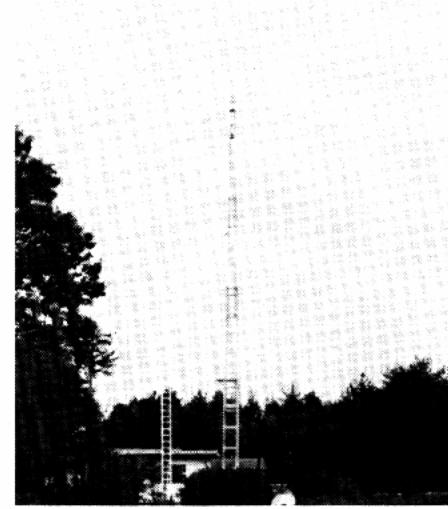
QRP competitor WA6VNR put VP2MNR on this year, and ZF1JH in 1974.



One of the most active South American contestants, OA4AHA, shown at his rig.



The QTH used by Ville at C5AZ- what a score on 28MHz with that setup, Ville.



JA2HLX used this fine 5 element yagi to take 14 MHz honors in Japan.

BAND-BY-BAND BREAKDOWN — TOP ALL BAND SCORES

Number groups indicate: QSO's//Countries on each band.

| WORLD TOP SINGLE OPERATOR — ALL BAND | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|---------|------------|-----------|
| Station | 160 | 80 | 40 | 20 | 15 | 10 |
| KP4AST | 66/11/21 | 331/16/59 | 814/27/ | 75 | 1083/27/ | 81 |
| C5AZ | 27/ 8/ 15 | 110/12/37 | 464/16/ | 44 | 859/21/ | 70 |
| 9Y4VT | 71/ 5/ 6 | 340/15/52 | 606/16/ | 49 | 1163/26/ | 65 |
| CT4AT | 421/16/61 | 1045/26/ | 81 | 686/25/ | 86 | 712/22/74 |
| VP2M | 60/ 6/ 8 | 34/12/36 | 871/10/ | 50 | 1057/22/ | 62 |
| OA4AHA | 50/11/11 | 237/16/ | 26 | 790/24/ | 56 | 958/22/58 |
| W3LPL | 20/ 8/ 17 | 111/18/58 | 273/27/ | 70 | 475/30/108 | 248/23/81 |
| JA1KSO | 97/19/31 | 562/32/ | 73 | 700/32/ | 79 | 120/26/42 |
| EA2IA | 694/11/48 | 636/14/ | 41 | 996/22/ | 61 | 509/16/45 |
| ZE1JV | 7/ 4/ 6 | 123/14/ | 27 | 495/27/ | 67 | 921/23/68 |
| | | | | | | 97/13/34 |

| USA TOP SINGLE OPERATOR — ALL BAND | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|----------|-----------|---------|----|------------|-----------|
| Station | 160 | 80 | 40 | 20 | 15 | 10 |
| W3PL | 20/ 8/17 | 111/18/58 | 273/27/ | 70 | 475/30/108 | 248/23/81 |
| W17M | 18/ 7/11 | 224/19/67 | 185/19/ | 55 | 509/26/ | 72 |
| W2GXD | 13/ 4/ 8 | 124/17/54 | 204/25/ | 69 | 562/27/ | 81 |
| W6OUN | 5/ 4/ 4 | 67/14/22 | 512/27/ | 44 | 334/27/ | 61 |
| K1QG | 10/ 4/ 7 | 82/14/43 | 288/24/ | 68 | 542/25/ | 83 |
| K4VX | 6/ 5/ 4 | 118/18/52 | 207/26/ | 67 | 401/28/ | 88 |
| K6NA | 11/ 7/ 9 | 74/14/20 | 487/26/ | 55 | 316/24/ | 57 |
| W4RX | 11/ 7/ 9 | 135/19/58 | 156/27/ | 68 | 439/30/ | 90 |
| K3ZQ | 4/ 3/ 3 | 158/13/53 | 214/22/ | 59 | 528/27/ | 83 |
| W1YK | | 113/15/50 | 188/23/ | 64 | 506/26/ | 76 |
| | | | | | 209/18/61 | 5/ 4/ 4 |

| WORLD TOP MULTI-OPERATOR — SINGLE TRANSMITTER | | | | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|---------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Station | 160 | 80 | 40 | 20 | 15 | 10 |
| PJ9MM | 412/13/52 | 814/19/ | 55 | 1047/27/ | 77 | 994/21/66 |
| 9Y4A | 46/ 7/12 | 390/14/48 | 673/21/ | 58 | 1121/24/ | 75 |
| ZD8W | 13/ 5/ 5 | 140/16/28 | 508/10/ | 44 | 805/26/ | 89 |
| 5W1AZ | 3/ 3/ 3 | 135/12/13 | 577/24/ | 29 | 961/31/ | 68 |
| GC4DAA | 84/ 4/14 | 580/13/55 | 321/16/ | 59 | 1120/25/ | 72 |
| PJ1AA | 15/ 4/ 6 | 247/11/37 | 396/14/ | 43 | 952/23/ | 58 |
| | | | | | 945/20/58 | 107/ 7/ 8 |

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|---|----------|-----------|---------|----|------------|--------------|
| Station | 160 | 80 | 40 | 20 | 15 | 10 |
| AA5LES | 20/ 9/20 | 130/19/50 | 633/30/ | 80 | 566/30/ | 96 |
| WA8ZDF | 15/ 8/14 | 101/18/60 | 222/27/ | 79 | 711/29/102 | 181/23/73 |
| W1ZA | 10/ 6/10 | 219/15/62 | 110/23/ | 55 | 809/27/ | 91 279/22/78 |
| W2YD | 3/ 2/ 2 | 178/14/55 | 262/26/ | 70 | 726/27/ | 92 218/20/57 |
| W7FEU | 17/ 9/11 | 129/13/20 | 613/24/ | 46 | 635/31/ | 83 229/19/40 |
| W3BWZ | 15/ 7/13 | 109/18/57 | 173/27/ | 74 | 607/32/103 | 117/24/73 |
| | | | | | | 14/11/13 |

Single Band Honors

The world wide high single band score was contributed by CW3BR, a great 753K 14 MHZ effort. Yet some of the thunder was stolen away by Herb, KV4FZ, who set a new World High 1.8 MHZ record of 42,800, almost doubling his own previous record. Our congratulations to runnerups VE3BMV and K1PBW who also broke the old 1.8 MHZ world record. A fierce competition developed for top 7 MHZ world honors between W5WZQ and WB5DTX (operated by W5BJA), who both smashed the old USA record held by Dave, W5WZQ. Dave came out on top by 40K with a fine 322K score. Other top world wide single band scores were YV4CB—28 MHZ, 5Z4NI—21 MHz, and VR3AH—3.5 MHz. In the USA competition, single band winners included K5FVA—28 MHZ; W4WSF (now N4MM)—21 MHZ; K3MBF—14 MHZ; and W1MX—3.5 MHZ. W1MX, K1PBW and W5WZQ all broke old USA high single band records which they themselves previously held.

Continental Records

Besides those records already cited, many new continental records were set: EA8CR—African 1.8 MHZ record; UA9DN — Asian 14 MHZ record; PA0IHP—European 1.8 MHZ record; UA6LO—European 7 MHZ record; DJ6RX—European 14 MHZ record; KH6CHC—Oceania 1.8 MHZ record; VR3AH—Oceania 3.5 MHZ record; VK6HD—Oceania 7 MHZ record; 9Y4VT—South American single-op all band record; CT4AT—European single-op all band record; ZD8W—African multi-single record; GC4DAA—European multi-single record; and 5W1AZ—Oceania multi-single record. He who says that the sun-spots have to be at peak to put in a record effort better look twice at this impressive list.

Low Point Record

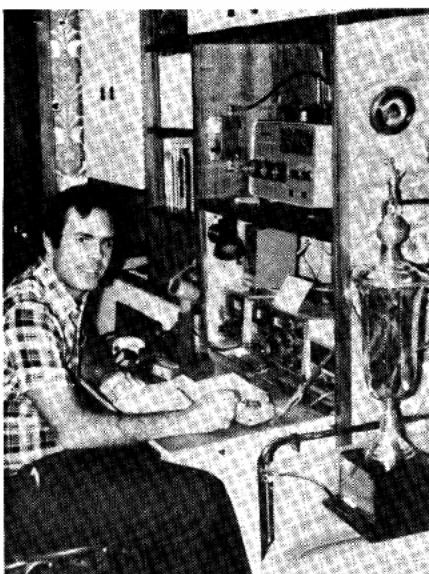
Our heart goes out to those devoted operators who send in their scores each year knowing they

fall well down in the competition. Without those operations, the high scores wouldn't be possible. Yet this year in both the Phone and CW Contest, this devotion seems to have reached a new high. Two zero, yes zero, point logs were received by the committee—to our knowledge the first such entrants ever. A special word of thanks to EA2LY, CW and OX3AB, Phone who now share the record for lowest ever score for honest competition participants with 5 contacts each, but zero points.

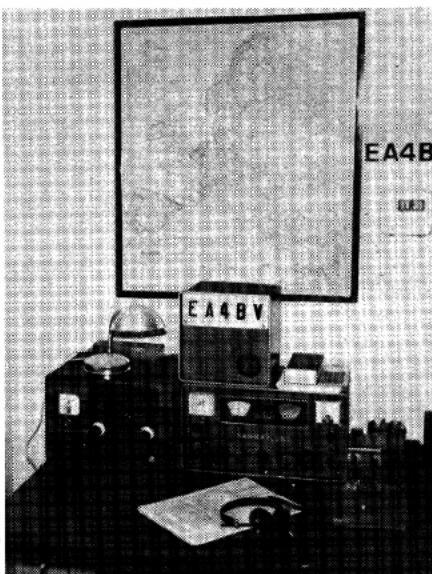
Duplicates and Busted Callsigns

As mentioned in last month's issue with the phone results, some new rule changes are being made effective this year, the most important of which is a requirement for check sheets (dupe sheets) from all entrants for each band on which they make 200 or more QSO's. This change is a result of continued problems with busted callsigns and duplicates in the logs received by the committee—not by everyone, but by enough of the entrants to slow down log checking to a halt at times. One entrant and an incredible unremoved 20% dupe rate last year, with as many as 3 appearances of the same call on the same page! Some have suggested that we allow entrants the option of submitting their logs without dupe checking with the understanding that they are to be assessed a fixed 10% or so reduction in score to compensate. But this places the burden on the committee of checking to see who's dupe rate exceeds the fixed percent, which would still require a lot of extra work by the committee. It would also lead to ambiguities about who really won when some scores are close.

The committee feels that the burden for removing dupes rests with the entrant himself, and that to be eligible for an award, the log should be carefully checked accordingly. If one can find the time to operate the contest, surely enough time exists to check the log for dupes. It astounds us that some



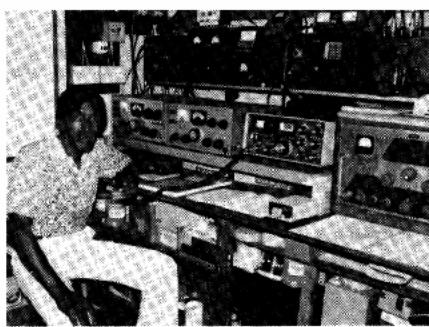
One of Europe's most active contestants, Inaki, EA2IA, shows his fine shack and one of the trophies from a previous contest.



Here's the operating position at EA4BV, an all band entry from Spain this year.



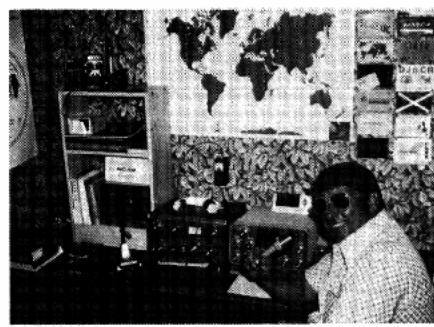
G3MXJ and G3FXB helped put the GC4DAA activity together and racked up a new European Multi-Single record.



Living proof that the 9M2's are still active, Eshee, 9M2FK proudly displays his shack.



New European 14MHz single band record holder Klaus, DJ6RX, takes a quick look at the camera during the contest.



Fourth in the all band category for Sweden, SM5VB displays a neat rig and resolves to move up in the standings next year.

entrants will carefully take the time to rewrite their entire log or to computerize it, yet they do not take the time to check the log. The new dupe sheet rule becomes more and more important in the face of the significant increase in log submissions each year and in light of recent changes in the CQ publication schedule.

Requests to the CQ WW Contest Committee

We urge all of you who plan to submit requests to the committee for logs, summary sheets, and rules to do so well in advance of the contest each year—the earlier the better. Delays in response to your requests are inevitable, due to the procedure used. The requests are first bundled up and then sent to the contest directors for a response. One way to shortcut some of the delay is to mail your requests regarding the WW contest directly to one of the directors (N6AR or K3EST). Lastly, all requests must be accompanied by an adequate amount of return postage. On this last point, we urge the overseas requesters to think twice before marking their SASE's "Airmail", because not very many log sheets (only about 3 or so) can be sent overseas for the first unit air mail rate.

Credit Where Credit Is Due

The tireless efforts of the 12 CQ WW Contest Committee members should not go unrecognized. Burning the midnight oil this year over heaps of logs of all sizes, shapes and shades were: K3ZO, Fred Laun; K6NA, Glen Rattmann; N2AA, Gene Walsh; N4MM, John Kanode; N6ZZ, Phil Goetz; W3GRF, Len Chertock; N6CW, Terry Baxter; W3ZZ, Gene Zimmerman; W6BHY, Jim Neiger; W6PVB, Fred Morris; W6JPH, Larry Weaver; and WB2SQN, Dave Donnelly. Again, thanks for a job well done. A word of thanks also to our CQ Contest Chairman, Frank Anzalone, who kept us on the straight and narrow this year and provided excellent suggestions and guidance.

1977 CQ WW Contest

The rules for the 1977 CQ WW Contest and the official announcement appear in this issue. We are sure that it will prove to be the big contest event of the year. With the sunspot minimum behind us now, conditions will be on the upswing. Hope to see you all in the pileup.

73, Larry, N6AR and Bob, K3EST

C.W. TROPHY WINNERS AND DONORS

Single Operator Single Band

World 14 MHz

CW3BR (Opr. Luis D. Matho, CX1EK/W4)

Donor: No. Jersey DX Assoc. (W2JT Memorial)

Europe 14 MHz

Klaus Heintzenberg, DJ6RX

Donor: G2LB Memorial from Friends

U. S. A.

J. Dawson Ransome, K3MBF (14 MHz)

Donor: No. Illinois DX Club

Single Operator All Band

World

KP4AST (Opr. Charles H. Margelli, K7VPF)

U.S.A.

Francis J. Donovan, Jr. W3LPL

Donor: Frankford Radio Club

Europe

CT4AT (Opr. Carl G. Kratzer, WA3HRV)

Donor: W3AU Operators

Carib./C.A.

John R. Alday, KP4DKX

Donor: Don Wallace, W6AM

Canada

M. W. Muench, VO1KE

Donor: Canadian DX Association

Africa

6W8A (Opr. Charles Jones, 6W8FP)

Donor: Gordon Marshall, W6RR

Asia

Nobuyasu Itoh, JA1KSO

Donor: Japan CQ Magazine

Oceania

Peter W. Watson, ZL3GQ

Donor: Maui Amateur Radio Club

Multi-Operator Single Transmitter

World

PJ9MM (Oprs. W1GNC, W3ZZ, WB3GSV, W8FAW)

Donor: Anthony Susem, W3AOH

Multi-Operator Multi-Transmitter

World

UK9AAN (Oprs. UA9AN, UA9ABA, UA9ACZ, UA9AEN, UV9AX, UW9BY)

Donor: Hazard Reeves, K2GL

Contest Expedition Trophy

World

C5AZ (Opr. Ville Hiilesmaa, OH2MM)

Donor: K2HLB Memorial Trophy
(by Don Miller, W9WNV)

WORLD TOP SCORES

| | | | | |
|------------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| Single-Op. | KP4AST | 3,725,836 | 04AHA | 1,564,250 |
| All Band | C5AZ | 3,580,980 | W3LPL | 1,538,784 |
| | 9Y4VT | 3,438,644 | JA1KSO | 1,473,605 |
| | CT4AT | 2,809,421 | EA2IA | 1,444,560 |
| | YP2M | 2,151,165 | ZE1JV | 1,379,946 |

28 MHz

YV4CB 19,272 W5WZQ 322,383

ZL2ACP 13,432 WB5DTX 284,900

K5FVA 13,052 VK6HD 266,750

AG6JFY 12,474 CX1BBL 212,139

WB4OSN 5,964 UA6LO 205,082

LU3DSI 4,746 4M4NQ 187,180

21 MHz

5Z4NI 474,894 VR36 178,560

VR1AA 252,408 OH1XX 120,365

YU3ZV 184,926 DL6KB 114,240

CX2AO 172,126 W1MX 108,288

W9MGM 151,011 YU4FDE 108,270

UG6GAF 141,930 I3GNQ 107,016

14 MHz

CW3BR 753,228 KV4FZ 42,800

8P7PA 639,756 VE3BMV 30,258

DJ6RX 420,512 K1PBW 22,626

FC9UC 415,740 PA6IHP 14,105

PY7AKQ/8 375,180 G3UBR 11,376

DJ2BW 358,800 OK1ATP 9,792

3.5 MHz

PJ9MM 3,698,545 SW1AZ 2,534,416

9Y4A 3,683,295 GC4DAA 2,300,942

ZD8W 3,652,143 PJ1AA 2,282,233

Multi-Op.

UK9AAN 4,859,348 W4BVV 3,704,400

W3WJD 4,165,749 K2GM 3,290,688

W3AU 3,796,562 W2PV 3,237,654

USA TOP SCORES

| | | | | |
|------------|-------|-----------|------|-----------|
| Single-Op. | W3LPL | 1,538,284 | K4VX | 1,151,403 |
| All Band | W1ZM | 1,298,388 | K6NA | 1,130,880 |
| | W2GXO | 1,261,764 | W4RX | 1,119,144 |
| | W6OUN | 1,208,966 | K3ZO | 1,107,964 |
| | K1GQ | 1,167,450 | W1YK | 1,000,838 |

28 MHz

K5FVA 13,052 W5WZQ 322,383

WB4OSN 5,964 WB5DTX 284,900

K5EWJ 4,520 WA7WXY 174,225

W8WPC 4,280 W9VNE 144,440

WA4EWX 1,586 K2LWR 115,050

21 MHz

W4WSF 113,634 W1YK 108,288

W5MYA 102,816 W1MX 108,288

WA8KCX 77,900 W7KW 29,580

AC9LT 71,904 WA8JUN 28,471

W4WHK 67,517 K5YMY 25,312

K9BGL 67,465 K9OTB 23,940

K6EBH 21,783

14 MHz

K3MBF 297,084 K1PBW 22,626

WB9LHI 279,342 W8LR 6,660

W8KFL 278,664 W4OCW 3,996

K8HLR 267,150 W5USM 3,420

WA1NKK 235,175 K4YFO 3,344

WB2RWY 230,956 W1BWP/1 2,375

3.5 MHz

AA5LES 2,246,989 W2YD 1,487,250

WA8ZDF 1,616,139 W7FU 1,460,410

W1ZA 1,611,026 W3BWZ 1,328,880

Multi-Op.

W3WJD 4,165,749 K2GM 3,290,688

W3AU 3,796,562 W2PV 3,237,654

W4BVV 3,704,400 W7RM 3,000,380

first JA run on 40—new 3 element beam helped out . . . WA9BWY. Trying to catch the East Coast is tough—may have to move back to Florida . . . K9DX (ex WB4YLG, W9MEM). Heard about 25 JA's, but antenna to the west was not working on 3.5 MHz . . . WA8JUN. Never even heard Europe on 15 . . . WA7HRE. Cobwebs, dust and old boxes of gear dating back to WWII gave the shack an atmosphere which matches the conditions on 80 meters very well. . . . K6EBH

DX QRM

Not as well organized as for the Phone Contest, but watch our smoke next year . . . VE3DU. Enjoyed the first official multi-multi job from the Soviet Union. KP4AST was 10 over 9 on 80 . . . UK9AAN. Eighty meter antenna supported by two 365 ft. towers . . . SK5AJ. Thanks to the JA's and Europeans. Who said it couldn't be done from North America . . . KP4AST (op K7VPF). My first CQ WW CW Contest . . . UC2ABT. Straight key! Ouch! . . . VE1BHA. All I want for Christmas is a two letter call and a ten meter opening . . . WA1RFM/VP9. Worked 6 new countries for a total of 129 countries with 5 watts; worked 20 new band countries! . . . OA8V. Again had a great thrill operating FP0BG, thanks to FP8DX for such wonderful hospitality . . . VE1AIH. Pileups unbelievable—40 watts output sure got out . . . VP2MNR. It was very difficult to work Asia and the Pacific—bad conditions . . . CX2AQ. My first experience on 14 MHz band—W/K signals were very strong, 599 + 60 . . . YV1OB. There was a lot of activity, but very poor conditions for Africa, Europe and Oceania . . . PT2JB. After a few hours my rotor wouldn't work; then a relay in the rig failed; finally, an earthquake on Saturday night. All in all, a great contest . . . OA4AHA. Great opening on 160 to Europe—to bad KV4FZ was around again . . . VE3BMV. Had planned for 40 meters. Chip, K7VPF and Jim, W6BHY helped with the beam, but it failed at the beginning of the contest. As I jumped down to 160 I found Yuri, VE3BMV gobbling up my world record, which he had done the year before on 160 s.s.b. . . . KV4FZ (Look carefully at the results again, Herb—ed.).

