

Results of the 2013 CQ WW VHF Contest

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The 2013 CQ WW VHF Contest provided the 823 entrants some good times and some bad times. Six meters provided nearly everyone at least one good opening and many had a couple. Comments were mixed with some reporting excellent conditions and others the opposite. AC4G commented that he operated 6 hours Saturday and band was hot! Sunday, however, was a different story with only 18 Qs in his log in 10 hours.

The 823 entries are a record for the contest and an increase of 90 from last year. Europe and Asia provided the biggest increase in entries (+75 from 2012). Participation from outside the US is now up to 43% of all logs received. There were at least 350 stations who made 20 or more Qs who chose not to submit a log. Electronic submissions are easy and fairly painless. If you need help, just ask. More logs make log checking more accurate and several of the missing 350 would have been certificate winners. Please send in your log for the 2014 contest.

These results are a month earlier than 2011 and 2012 (the 2012 results are in the Winter 2013 issue of *CQ VHF* magazine.). This is the result of shortening the log deadline and *CQ* readjusting its publication schedule. We should be back in *CQ* now that the dust has settled on the transition. Thanks for your cooperation by getting your logs in earlier. The extra few weeks allowed us to start the log-checking process earlier. The complete line scores, expanded tables, "Scatter" comments, and the operator lists will now be found on the *CQ* magazine website at http://www.cq-amateur-radio.com/cq_contests. See WW VHF Contest and then Results.

Thanks to N2CEI, KG6IYN, and E2IEIC who made contributions to this article as well. Steve gives a rundown on his winning rover operation, Bruce has a great description of his portable operation, and Champ gives us some insight into VHF contesting in Thailand. If you have an interesting story about your 2014 contest operation and would like to share it, please contact me. Pictures are always appreciated as well.

USA

Jeff, K1TEO moved up from fourth in 2012

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This is Jaliya, 4S7JL on 6 meters. Jaliya promises to be back and make more contacts in 2014.

to win the All Band title, with Bob, K2DRH, dropping down one spot to second. Jeff had an 85 Q advantage (mostly on 2 meters) while Bob had a slight grid advantage. Third place went to Jim, W4RX, with Bob, N4BP fourth and John, W1XX fifth.

George, NR5M and Chuck, W5PR ran a close race for the 6-meter title. In the end, George finished with 25 more Qs and 5 more grids to claim the top spot. Tom, WD5K, Dan, K1TO, and Hud, K5ZG all topped 60K to round out the top five.

Two-meter activity in the US was pretty sparse compared to Europe and Asia. Only four logs were received in this category. John, KN2GSP took the top spot, with N7LKL second and W8DPK third. Don't forget 2 meters. There are lots of potential contacts on the FM simplex frequencies. Try some pre-contest advertising. Especially in larger population centers, there could be plenty of FM simplex contacts to be made.

In his first try at VHF contesting, Dick, AB0CD came away with the top spot in the Hilltopper category. Dick had a blast: "First time VHF contesting. Stuck with QRP Hilltopper class. I am an HF QRPer. Arrow beam on 2 meters. Makeshift rotatable dipole—50 cents worth of hookup wire and a piece of PVC—on 6 meters.

FT-817. Sat on the ground in the hills above Denver. What an absolute blast!" Sounds like a new VHF contester has been hooked. Jon, N0JK finished second, losing two hours to a thunderstorm. W12W, K5TED, and K2ZC rounded out the top five.

Steve, N2CEI led the rovers with an impressive 105K score. His grid total of 234 (216 on 6m) was only surpassed by K5QE's 235. Steve's original plans were to operate from eight grids, but Mother Nature changed her mind on Saturday night. Read more about Steve's trip in a sidebar elsewhere in the article. Mark, K2QO with Dick, K2ZR took second, with 2012 winner Darryl, WW7D third (see <http://tinyurl.com/ww7dCQWW13> for details), K9JK fourth (comments from his "Illinonly" rove can be found in the scatter comments on the web), and Mike, WB8BZK fifth. If my math is right, the rovers activated 35 unique grids worldwide.

The team at K5QE (K5QE, K5MQ, N5NU, N1XS, N5YA, N5KDA, KE5VKZ) were the Multi-Op champs with 185K. Marshall and crew started slowly but propagation got better as the contest went on. The K2LIM crew (KA2LIM, KB2YCC, WA3CSP, N2IK) made the most 2-meter contacts (198) on their way to second

place. KB0HH with KA0KCI and KD5EKX finished in third, with W4MW fourth, and W3SO fifth.

Chris, W1MR and Curt, K9AKS again were the QRP leaders. While most scores went down a bit in 2013, Chris was able to increase his score by about 7,500 points. The battle for third was extremely close, with John, W4IX edging out Tom, K3TW by 10 points. John, W0PV finished in fifth, only 136 points ahead of Lisa, N6LB.

DX

While most US scores went down slightly, DX scores increased considerably in many areas and categories. Some of the increase is likely due to the increased interest and participation from Europe and Asia. The All Band race was hotly contested with the top four separated by less than 2,500 points and all five besting the top score last year. Antonio, CR5A end-

ing up number one at 26.7K with Dusan, OK1DC edging Janos, HA3UU by 90 points for second. Nikolay, UX0FF was fourth and IW2NOD/4 fifth. All five beat the 2012 top score.

Six-meter scores were also up considerably from last year. Drago, S59A was the 2013 champ with a very fine 63K. 9A5Y was second, with 2012 champion

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Single Op 50 MHz	Multi Op 50 MHz
S59A158	HA6W111
EA8DBM156	UT5B90
9A5Y141	EE5SR81
E70T136	YU7W81
CR5A115	HG7T76
144 MHz	144 MHz
OK1OUE58	HG1Z57
UX0FF53	HA6W55
UR3EE38	HG6Z43
US3ITU/M37	9A5G38
UT5DV31	UT5B31

USA

Single Op 50 MHz	Multi Op 50 MHz
NR5M192	K5QE181
W5PR187	W4MW160
K2DRH152	KB0HH156
N0URW145	N0MA133
K5ZG145	KO3T131
144 MHz	144 MHz
K1TEO41	K5QE54
W4RX39	K2LIM48
K2DRH37	W3SO46
K2OS30	KB0HH23
KG6IYN24	KO3T18

QSO LEADERS BY BAND WORLD

Single Op 50 MHz	Multi Op 50 MHz
S59A401	HA6W297
E70T333	VE7JH273
9A5Y328	UT5B243
VE7XF305	YU7W212
E1A279	HG7T163
144 MHz	144 MHz
HS1EFA499	HA6W240
E29RZQ444	HG1Z224
E29AD417	HS4AK176
E22FFJ391	HG6Z171
E21GJC382	9A5G123

USA

Single Op 50 MHz	MULTI OP 50 MHz
NR5M764	K5QE606
W5PR739	K2LIM371
N4BP572	KB0HH520
WD5K511	W4MW421
K1TO497	W3SO309
144 MHz	144 MHz
K1TEO170	K2LIM198
KG6IYN144	W3SO144
W4RX123	K5QE92
K2DRH103	W4MW90
K2OS68	KB0HH46

TOP SCORES WORLD

All Band	HS8JNF/P468
CR5A26,760	HS8XKL/P246
OK1DC24,892	
HA3UU24,804	
UX0FF24,265	
IW2NOD/419,976	
6 Meters	
S59A63,358	
9A5Y46,248	
E70T45,288	
EA8DBM41,028	
E1A29,853	
2 Meters	
OK1OUE28,536	
US11Y6,344	
UT5DV4,898	
HG5BVK/P4,806	
US4IEK2,484	
Hilltopper	
HA2VR/P6,765	
UW4I/P6,028	
HS9XDF/P520	

USA

All Band	K5TED350
K1TEO135,372	K2ZC126
K2DRH118,314	
W4RX101,378	
N4BP79,508	
W1XX65,076	
6 Meters	
NR5M146,688	
W5PR138,567	
WD5K69,496	
K1TO68,226	
K5ZG60,755	
2 Meters	
KN2GSP266	
N7LKL190	
W8DPK120	
KB3VSP2	
Hilltopper	
AB0CD2,640	
N0JK1,665	
WI2W780	

QRP

W1MR19,500
K9AKS9,045
W4IX4,794
K3TW4,784
W0PV4,312

Rover

N2CEI/R105,768
K2QO/R61,663
WW7D/R52,771
K9JK/R36,530
WB8BZK/R32,096

Multi-Op

K5QE185,885
K2LIM129,192
KB0HH109,548
W4MW106,377
W3SO97,908

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