Tales from the Swamp

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We welcome a new member to the fold, Joe Avampato, W8DKR, of Fort Mill. Welcome aboard !

Alan W4ANT presented his contest presentation at the Chas hamfest. I understand it went over very well. I haven't had the pleasure of viewing it, but hope to soon one day.

Kevan N4XL and Dave NJ4F have started working on lesson plan for a beginners contesting class.

Dave WN4AFP has a new rig, an ICOM 751. Must be doing great, he's tearing up the airwaves ! Of course, we won't mention the stacked monobanders on the stealth cell tower in his back yard....

A number of the members are actively pursuing the NPOTA event: KS4YX, W1TEF

Dave WB5NHL is to be commended for his work with students at Schofield Middle School during the School Club Roundup.

QSO's 1.051 22 hours, 52 minutes QSO rate: 46/hour States: 49 missed HI Provinces: 10 DX: 23 Other clubs: 36 (count x2) Other schools: 58 (count x5) Total score: 428,808 They believe this to be a top score. Odd call signs received by Dave WN4AFP: SN0B, OM0M, LZ8E, AF5RK, W7WHY, SN0W, SP1T.

Dave WN4AFP still talking about adding a room onto his house to accommodate all the awards, plaques, and certificates he gets.

From Dave, WN4AFP: A few interesting 2016 SCQP facts....

- Received a record high of 183 logs within 3 days of the contest.
- 45 of our 46 counties were on the air! (missing McCormick).
- SC stations worked 49 states (missing Hawaii)
- Over 7,000 contacts were made during the 11 hour event
- 40m was the most active band with almost 5,000 contacts
- Phone was the most active mode by a 2 to 1 margin over CW
- The top five counties based upon number of QSOs were Spartanburg, Greenville, Edgefield, Aiken and York.

It's on!! The class for introduction to contesting will be held in Columbia on April 30, a Saturday. It will start at 9, and we expect to conclude by lunch time. We could linger after lunch if there is any interest in digging deeper.

Discussions:

There was a short discussion about blown calls, and how to minimize. Options were to make more Q's, enter more contests so your call becomes more well known, sending you call multiple times, and another is to make sure you send your logs in for the Super Check Partial File. In CW (N1MM+) I find that if I put the tilde between the letters in my call, it makes copy better. The tilde inserts like about a half space. When I send the call that way, they seem to always get it.

Regarding using "K" or "KW" when power is part of the exchange: you don't have to convert to "1000", using "K" or "KW" is OK for the log.

Awards & Certificates Received:





W4ANT KS4YX





KS4YX

W4SLT



Contests: (Number Q's - score)

The following information is derived only from the club's Yahoo group. That is our official site of information exchange, and hope everyone continues to post their contest activity there.

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Feb 17 CWT ops Mini-CWT 1900

W4IX 100 - 7,900

Feb 18 CWT ops Mini-CWT 0300

W4IX 111 - 9,324

Feb 21 ARRL DX CW

NJ4F	275 - 141,900	S&P only
W4IX	2311 - 3,069,99	0
N4XL	1410 - 1,803,64	8
KS4YX	27 - 1,296	10M only
WN4AFP	80 - 11,040	

Feb 24 CWT ops Mini-CWT 1300

WN4AFP 10 - 100

Feb 24 CWT ops Mini-CWT 1900

W4IX 90 - 6,120

Feb 27 SC QSO Party

N4XL	132 - 22,687	
KS4YX	251 - 52,797	
KV4TH	231 - 23,744	
W4LVH	271 - 32,530	
W4IX	568 - 194,320	(WW4SF)
NJ4F	89 - 12,876	RTTY only
KM4RK	78 - 5289	
KG6MC	588 - 134,522	
N4IQ	457 - 141,777	

Feb 28 NC QSO Party

AJ5E	71 - 6,206	QRP
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WN4AFP	61 - 26,520	
AJ4UQ		poor results due to XYL probation
KS4YX	46 - 4,270	

Feb 28 CQ 160M SSB

WB5NHL	240 - 25,568	
NJ4F	136 - 12,520	S&P only
K7OM	130 - 11,666	S&P only

Feb 28 NAQP RTTY		
K7OM	60 - 2,100	S&P only