

Tales from the Swamp

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Contest Group



WW4SF

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.

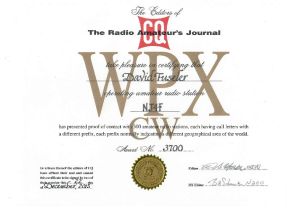
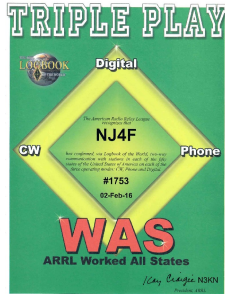
Discussions:

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:

NJ4F



WN4AFP



**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.

Feb 3 CWT ops Mini-CWT 1300

W4IX	90 - 7,020
WN4AFP	49 - 2,303

Feb 3 CWT ops Mini-CWT 1900

WN4AFP	26 - 624
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Feb 4 NS Ladder

W4IX	35 - 980
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Feb 6 NA Sprint CW

W4IX	257 - 12,079
N4IQ	168 - 6,552

Feb 7 Minnesota QSO Party

WN4AFP	65 - 7,200
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Feb 7 Mexico RTTY

K7OM	126 - 16,728
NJ4F	33 - 2,475 <i>S&P only</i>

Feb 13 Dutch PACC

W4IX	235 - 12,455
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Feb 13 CQ WPX RTTY

NJ4F	443 - 292,581	<i>S&P only</i>
K7OM	552 - 376,715	<i>S&P only</i>
KG4IGC	486 - 292,120	
KS4YX	268 - 100,713	
KM4RK	134 - 36,408	
N4VZ	14 - 910	

Feb 17 CWT ops Mini-CWT 1900

W4IX	111 - 9,324
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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 - 3,069,990
N4XL 1410 - 1,803,648
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*
AJ5E 22 - 1,108 *Low power*
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