

Tales from the Swamp

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Contest Group



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Dave WN4AFP has received more logs than last September for the SCQP. And has received some gud reports and remarks about the contest. Seems there was some gud 80M activity. And appears there is a need for more rovers and CW ops for next year.

I have already received and responded to 22 QSL requests. Most came in within a week of the contest.

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The contest class is still on, and we need more attendance ! We have enough signed up to make it worthwhile, but hoping for a lot of last minute shows, which is fine with me.

We lost 3 members last month: AK4IC David Collins, KB9WHV Andrew Chaloupka (*mustering out of the Navy, moving*), W4IX John Colyard. I am sorry to see them go, and hope they change their mind later and rejoin.

Also seems a number of members have been active in the NPOTA event: Tom W1TEF, ?? I heard there were others, but didn't get who they were.

There are 5,943 Q's in the club's logger.

Radio repairman Paul Hansen from Anderson has relocated to the Atlanta area, and no longer limits his work to ICOM radios. Thanks for this Alan. Per Ted, he will move back in a few years.

The Anderson Amateur Radio Club is having their 50th celebration on April 23, and I (NJ4F) have been invited to say a few words, which is a first for me. Frank KG4IGC will riding up with me. Dr Jim Boehner N2ZZ (Roanoke Div Dir) and club member Marc Tarplee N4UFP (SC Section Mgr) will also be present to speak, along with other radio guests. The event is open, so come watch me try and speak to a crowd !!

Bob KG6MC wants others to join him in setting up for Field Day in Greer.

From Tom W4DAX: The Trident Amateur Radio Club will celebrate it's 43rd anniversary this month. Weren't you the first President, Tom ??

ARRL Int DX SSB/CW 2015:

Ted K7OM took 1st Place SC CW
Dave WN4AFP took 1st Place SC 40M CW
Dave NJ4F took 1st Place SC 80M CW
Alan W4ANT took 1st Place SC 20M SSB
Kevan N4XL took 1st Place SC Low Pwr CW
Frank KG4IGC took 1st Place SC SO Assisted Low Power CW

Seems we cleaned up here a bit !!

Ya'll are aware that LoTW tracks WPX, right ??

Discussions:

Using cut numbers was brought up.

ARRL says their software will convert almost anything to an integer:

1. Any instance of W or WATTS are removed from the string.
2. If the string is one character long containing K, it is transformed to 1000
3. Similarly, 1K and KILO become 1000
4. All characters are removed which are not a numeral (0-9), A, E, N, T, or O
5. Replacements are then made: 'A' with '1', 'E' with '5', 'N' with '9', 'T' with '0', and 'O' with '0'
6. If the result is 000, it is replaced with 1000
7. Finally, the resulting set of characters are converted to an integer value for checking against other logs.

But **CQ** says: The log checking software is expecting to see a log with sent and received serial numbers. No matter what someone sends you, it is your responsibility to convert it into the number you thought they were trying to communicate.

Also, in contests where the power level is sent, a lot of stations are sending unusual numbers: 99, 73, 40, etc. Bottom line, there isn't a "standard" like "599" to enter, gotta pay attention !!

Another item to remember per a short discussion read on the reflector: for the Swamp Fox Contest Group to get credit for a contest entry, make sure you list the club in the Cabrillo file, spelled exactly as underlined.

Awards & Certificates Received:

WN4AFP



NJ4F



WN4AFP



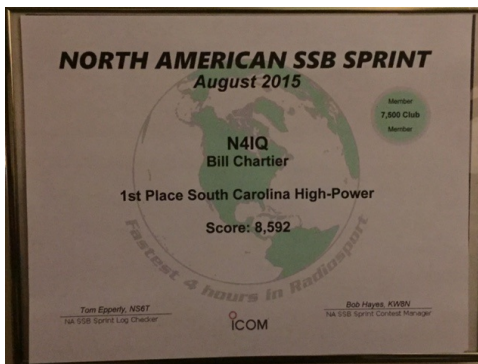
W4ANT



KG4IGC



N4IQ



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.

Mar 3 **CWT ops Mini-CWT 1300**

WN4AFP 36 - 1,116

Mar 9 **CWT ops Mini-CWT 1300**

WN4AFP 34 - 1,156

Mar 23 **CWT ops Mini-CWT 1300**

WN4AFP 44 - 1,936

Mar 30 **CWT ops Mini-CWT 1300**

WN4AFP 58 - 3,364

Mar 5 **ARRL Int DX - SSB**

N4XL 66 - 8,712

WN4AFP 94 - 13,536

W4ANT 38 - 4,104

W4SLT 221 - 232,050

K7OM 275 - 117,150

W4LVH 530 - 413,400

KV4TH 123 - 30,627

KG6MC 543 - 369,783

Mar 12 **Stew Perry Top Band 160M CW**

K7OM 70 - 206

Mar 14 **OK QSO Party**

WN4AFP 110 - 18,810

Mar 21 **VA QSO Party**

WN4AFP 53 - 20,025

W4ANT 219 - 33,306

Mar 26 **CQ WPX SSB**

N4VZ 72 - 14,352

WN4AFP 400 - 271,737 *and his antenna is 10' off the ground*

N4XL 593 - 646,804