

Results: August 1996 NAQP SSB

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This was a very strong showing for the August NA QSO Party. Scores were way up over last August and also were higher than the January '96 numbers. We had good log submissions, many via the Internet, and we were able to snag a few last minute logs using Internet Nagging. There were several first-time NAQP and first-time-ever entries, and strong evidence that lots of new folks are getting introduced to contesting by operating at a multi-op station (see the KC4ZV and WA5DWX listings).

Don, N4ZZ, had a great contest, beating his nearest competitor by over 50k points and demolishing his Tennessee All-Time record from January '95. Don also earned the #9 berth in the All-Time Top 10 Single Op scorecard. Once again the TACO bunch (led by #2 single op NM5M) took the top team score. The multi-op status quo was upset by the NC0P team who convincingly knocked off perennial winner WB5VZL.

Soapbox

Stayed on 10 too long hoping for the West Coast, but I still managed a personal best...WA3HAE

Went to the YCCC BBQ so missed all but the last 4 hours. But 140+ Qs in the 1st hour helped to make up for it. As usual, this is a very fun test, and I enjoy it more each time...KD1NG

I really enjoyed this one! Giving out the MS multiplier was at times exhilarating. I'll be back for more!...KA5GJU

Great activity. Didn't even plan on operating, now wish I could have put in full time. Had to do football concession duty at high school...W9RE

Great contest, see y'all in the Spring!...NM5M

My first effort in this contest and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I'll be back...NG9J

This was my first NA QSO Party. I really enjoyed the contest! It was much more fun than searching and pouncing from The Black Hole with 100 watts and a tribander during CQWW or ARRL DX! The weenie tribander was killer to the coasts at 48 feet! It was fun to be called by Jose, CT1BOH, it inspired me to reach for the Minnesota record! See you again!...AA0SQ

This is the first time I've sent in a log for a contest. I hope it's okay. This was a new experience for me and the first time I operated portable. After getting a few bugs worked out I will be ready to attack the next contest...N7VPN

It was fun using this olympic-size call sign!...KB400GID

Who turned 10 meters on?...AA0OB

Too many pig farmers on 75, too many BC stations on 40, but lots of fun on 20! I guess the Canadians had something else to do this weekend, and so did my fellow

Ohioans!...N9AG

My first NAQP! Nice for S&P to turn into runs. Hope to place well. See you in next one...KO4MM

Over 20% of my QSOs were with Texas! No QSOs with the 3 bordering states (OR, NV, AZ)! My first NAQP. Interesting propagation and lots of fun...KQ6ES

Ten was actually open! What a surprise!...KC4URW

Great NAQP SSB as always. Wish I had a few more than 4.5 of 12 hours to operate, but family took me away. See you in '97!...VE3STT

I got a late start and was getting OJT on a brand new radio, but great fun as always. (Let's see, this button will take me to 80m —oops, how did I erase that memory?)...KE4OAR

The Death of Contesting is Greatly Exaggerated!

If you scan the soapbox comments, you'll find no fewer than 10 entries from people for whom this was either their very first NAQP or their very first contest entry EVER! Keep encouraging your friends and club members to get on in January.

I had a swell time with my whopping 90 Qs!...AB7GM

Thanks for a great contest, I really enjoy the short operating time as compared to some of the DX contests. These QSO parties are fun and I'll be back...W3BBO

Hit a new QSO/hr record for K3MD of 334! 10 and 15 opened! A father and son team...K3MD(+N3PUR)

Had a great time operating. Even when the computer crashed, had a run going so just kept logging by hand. Got computer going but had to reenter the first 216 contacts by hand as the file was out of format, luckily all the information was still there...VE3WIB

I worked the January NAQP and 40 meters seemed to be the hot spot, but this time it was 20 meters. Better scheduling of my off times might have produced a better score...KB8IBS

Rig was a 10-meter AEA 2-watt HT with a pull-up whip!...KA3SDP

In spite of the QRM and QRN that crushed my QRP signal, I still had fun...WD9IAB

I don't usually enter phone contests but made an exception here...K9BG

This was my first time to actively participate in this contest. I especially appreciate the 150 W rule, as this gives us "little" guys a bit of a chance...KB5ENP

Top Ten

Call	Score	Qs	Mult	10	15	20	40	80	160	Team
N4ZZ	244404	1116	219	144/31	147/37	562/55	124/38	106/41	33/17	TCG#1
NM5M	193725	945	205	201/27	115/32	283/52	197/46	119/35	30/13	TACO
K0EJ	184625	875	211	177/35	119/32	262/48	180/42	83/30	54/24	TCG#1
AA8AV	184080	885	208	51/17	96/29	274/52	292/49	135/39	37/22	
W9RE	166410	774	215	93/26	113/33	294/51	121/41	96/38	57/26	
NG9J	165186	874	189	69/21	40/14	465/57	128/38	150/43	22/16	
KF3P	160776	812	198	59/22	74/23	254/46	249/46	135/39	41/22	TIKS
AC1O	150002	838	179	92/24	142/32	409/57	169/49	25/16	1/1	FCG
WX0B	145530	770	189	181/28	69/25	211/47	189/43	78/30	42/16	TACO
NA5Q	143592	772	186	209/24	35/20	224/50	210/49	64/30	30/13	TACO

Team Scores

TACO		Tennessee Contest Group		SCCC #1		Kentucky Contest Group	
NM5M	193725	N4ZZ	244404	WA7BNM	95776	W4CN(KI4DC)	121089
WX0B	145530	K0EJ	184625	KJ6HO	92796	WB4OSS	118400
NA5Q	143592	KQ4HC	99968	N6HC	92400	N4UL	53053
W5FO	122304	WA6KUI	87584	KN6DV	76956	KR4KL	50715
WB5B	91676	KC4URW	2760	AB6FO	67298		
	696827		619341		425226		343257
#5	289,180	Florida Contest Group - AC1O,N4BP,AD4VH					
#6	277,098	Texas DX Society - KZ8E,W5ASP,K5DX,W5HNS					
#7	230,309	Weekend Warriors - KB3AFT,WA3HAE,N3IXR					
#8	169,306	Big Blue Contesters - N1PBT,WQ5G,WA1PRY,N1GPY					
#9	160,997	Trexletown Int'l Xmtg Society - KF3P, WN3K					
#10	140,812	Team Alabama #1 - K4JYO					
#11	138,934	SCCC #2 - N6KI,W6TKF					
#12	136,556	Carbon ARC - K3II(WB3ESS),N3BDA,KB3AGZ,WB2VBR					
#13	14,928	LIMARC - N2JIX, KS2G					
#14	7,056	Tennessee Contest Group #2 - KE4OAR					

This is the first QSO Party I have ever entered...KA1YDH

Wow! What a contest! Got all of the bugs from the logging program and RFI from antenna switching network fixed and everything else fell into place except for little or no propagation to the West Coast on 10 and 15 meters. Great fun, I'll be back!...N4JYO

Conditions were not good in the Caribbean...WP4LNY

Conditions terrible here in Washington. 160m was a total loss in the PM...WB9ZPK

My second year. Liked it last year, loved it this year. First time on 160-meter phone. Not much activity but condx not bad. Seems like I hand out a lot of CT mults. Hopefully will be able to put in full 10 hour effort next year...N1OPZ

Good opening on 10 for the first several hours brought back memories. Lots of QRN on 80 and 160...KE2VB

Fun time, a good shakedown before the Fall contest season begins. Found out the station needs a lot of work in the meantime...K5MR

The contest was a lot of enjoyment. I hope to have a better antenna system next year...KB4AJ

I guess nobody needed Nevada because there were very few answers to my CQs (which included my state)...AA0CY

I enjoyed this, my first NAQP (power output 15W)...AB7PX

I am a fairly new ham and have never contested before...KT4RG

I got so caught up hearing the East Coast run on 15 that I kept trying 15 and it never happened. I kept trying to pass multipliers, but if this had been Monopoly, I would never have collected \$200...AB6FO

Best personal score! W4CN must sound better than K14DC!...W4CN(K14DC)

I started out just making a few Qs...then it became a full blown effort...AA8AV

Five minutes before the start of the contest, my computer crashed. I had to take the first thirty minutes of the contest as an off time while I performed damage control. I spent too much time on 10 and 15 looking for mults and not enough attention to keeping the rate up. My 40/80 sloper was non-resonant in the phone bands. It was



Cort, K4JYO, was a one-man team beating-up on the competition from Alabama!

fun anyway...KR4DL

I almost quadrupled my score from last August! All the bands were awesome! I didn't want to stop when my 10 hours was up!...KB3AFT

I love this contest. It really is a challenge deciding when to change bands to make the most Qs and increase your mult total. I was surprised at how good conditions were. We had a thunderstorm 1/2 hour before the contest began so static was a problem but otherwise everything worked flawlessly...AB5SE

First time in NA QSO Party. Had a blast. I will definitely score better next time around. Thanks for the fun contest...WB2NYM

I enjoyed the contest and hope I helped the TACO team. Conditions were unusual and 10 and 15 were better than expected...W5FO

I was on vacation (also gawking at W0AIH's towers) when (I thought) the deadline passed. Thanks for allowing my score in the final results...KD4HA

Sure, I'll be glad to submit my log; thanks for prompting me. I had a lot of fun operating in my first SSB contest in a long, long time...W3GOI

Best score ever in this contest for me, so you know I had fun! Got a long way to go before I break the top ten though. ("Honey, all I need is this one extra antenna to cover this one situation plus buy just one more radio so I can do this two radio contesting thing" It just might work!) First two hours I hopped between 15 and 10 like a mad man!. Third hour I started in on 20 mtrs. Kept checking 40, but no activity until late. Should have stayed on 20 instead of wasting my time! I need to get my NA logger to control my radio. Hard to remember to switch both in the heat of battle!...WA8YRS

Wish I could have done more of this contest. Really great sporadic E on 10 and 15 meters made it fun to sit up there and call or S&P either way. Started the contest at 2030 after golfing 18 holes in the first day of the local club tournament. As it turns out I should have skipped the golf and done radio. Didn't get to the low bands as I needed to get some sleep for the Sunday round of golf to finish out the tournament. Usually, I don't do any summer contesting, so this was a treat! Thanks for the fun and hope to work you all this fall in upcoming events...WD0T

Scores

Call	Score	QSOs	Mults	State	Team	Call	Score	QSOs	Mults	State	Team
WA1LNP	109350	675	162	NH	Big Blue	KE2VB	105270	605	174	NY	LIMARC
K1PLX	77996	527	148	RI		N2JIX	10220	146	70	NY	
N1PBT	77770	505	154	VT		N2LQQ	7881	111	71	NY	
KC1WH	48906	429	114	VT		KS2G	4708	107	44	NY	LIMARC
AA1EY	37401	273	137	MA							
KD1NG	35844	348	103	RI	Big Blue	KF3P	160776	812	198	MD	TIKS
N1OPZ	10742	131	82	CT		KB3AFT	94112	544	173	PA	Weekend Warriors
K5ZD	9516	156	61	MA		WA3HAE	86013	503	171	PA	Weekend Warriors
N1GPY	8760	120	73	VT		K3II(WB3ESS)	77520	570	136	PA	Carbon ARC
WA1QVM	3337	71	47	MA		N3IXR	50184	369	136	PA	Weekend Warriors
KA1YDH	792	44	18	MA	Big Blue	N3BDA	49440	412	120	PA	Carbon ARC
W1EWN	198	18	11	MA		W3BBO	20670	195	106	PA	

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KB3AGZ	5916	102	58	PA	Carbon ARC	K7C	60060	455	132	UT	
WB2VBR	3680	80	46	PA	Carbon ARC	KA7PNH	43055	395	109	WY	
WN3K	221	17	13	PA	TIXS	WB9ZPK	12150	162	75	WA	
KA3SDP	110	11	10	PA		KI7Y	4860	108	45	OR	
						KB7SLK	4800	100	48	UT	
N4ZZ	244404	1116	219	TN	TN Contest Grp #1	WA6HXE	4606	94	49	UT	
K0EJ	184625	875	211	TN	TN Contest Grp #1	N7VPN	3360	70	48	WA	
AC1O	150002	838	179	FL	FLA Contest Grp	AA0CY	3003	77	39	NV	
K4JYO	140812	749	188	AL	Team Alabama #1	AB7GM	2790	90	31	UT	
W4CN (KI4DC)	121089	669	181	KY	KY Contest Grp	AB7PX	1764	49	36	WA	
N4BP	119250	750	159	FL	FLA Contest Grp	KK7A	1118	43	26	ID	
WB4OSS	118400	640	185	KY	KY Contest Grp	KC7FDP	130	13	10	UT	
KB400GID	113022	598	189	GA							
KQ4HC	99968	568	176	GA	TN Contest Grp #1	AA8AV	184080	885	208	MI	
WA6KUI	87584	544	161	TN	TN Contest Grp #1	N9AG	137396	701	196	OH	
KR4UJ	86289	587	147	GA		WA8YRS	103572	548	189	OH	
KR4DL	62205	429	145	GA		N8QVP	30583	257	119	MI	
AA4UF	61962	449	138	AL		KB8IBS	29412	342	86	MI	
KD3GC	57323	431	133	GA		AL7PT	23548	203	116	WV	
N4UL	53053	371	143	KY	KY Contest Grp	K8CV	18326	187	98	MI	
KR4KL	50715	345	147	KY	KY Contest Grp	KG8QT	14833	163	91	MI	
KD4HA	46854	342	137	AL							
KD4LHA	40992	366	112	KY		W9RE	166410	774	215	IN	
KO4MM	34125	273	125	NC		NG9J	165186	874	189	IN	
AE4EY	32336	344	94	KY		N4OGW	123386	646	191	IL	
KS4XG	25764	226	114	NC		K9BG	93225	565	165	IL	
K96BAI	24479	269	91	GA		KO9Y	65700	450	146	IN	
WA4ZXA	21840	260	84	NC		WB0OLA	52785	391	135	IN	
AD4VH	19928	212	94	FL	FLA Contest Grp	WD9IAB	5841	99	59	WI	
W3GOI	13167	231	57	VA		KB9JIF	5568	174	32	WI	
KE4OAR	7056	112	63	TN		KB9NMU	1058	46	23	IN	
WB2NYM	3456	72	48	GA		K9UQN	770	35	22	IL	
KC4URW	2760	60	46	TN	TN Contest Grp #1						
KT4RG	2583	63	41	FL		AA0SQ	125388	774	162	MN	
W4YDD	450	30	15	SC		AA0OB	110840	652	170	MN	
						K9WIE	52326	342	153	MN	
NM5M	193725	945	205	TX	TACO	W0CEM	35955	423	85	KS	
WX0B	145530	770	189	TX	TACO	WB0UBW	26675	275	97	SD	
NA5Q	143592	772	186	TX	TACO	WD0T	25935	273	95	SD	
W5FO	122304	672	182	TX	TACO	KB4AJ	3510	78	45	KS	
AB5SE	111931	647	173	AR		KB0RFA	2759	89	31	CO	
N5FG(WQ5L)	103887	679	153	MS							
KZ8E	92872	611	152	TX	TDXS	WP4LNY	1904	68	28	PR	
WB5B	91676	559	164	TX	TACO						
W5ASP	91256	488	187	TX	TDXS	VE7CFD	38720	440	88	BC	
N5OZB	79332	601	132	LA		VA3SWG	37878	321	118	ON	
K5DX	69795	517	135	TX	TDXS	VE3WIB	36036	364	99	ON	
WQ5G	55440	420	132	TX	Big Blue	VE7TLK	33538	409	82	BC	
KA5GJU	34542	303	114	MS		VE6JY	14430	185	78	AB	
WA1PRY	27336	268	102	TX	Big Blue	VE2AWR	7425	225	33	PQ	
W5HNS	23175	225	103	TX	TDXS	VE5SF	7056	144	49	SK	
N7US	19596	213	92	NM		VE3STT	6720	105	64	ON	
AC5BR	15566	181	86	AR							
WA5SAJ	10074	138	73	TX							
W5NR	4802	98	49	TX							
KB5FET	4700	100	47	MS							
KB5ENP	4592	82	56	OK							
K5YRZ	3200	80	40	AR							
K6AZA	2580	60	43	TX							
KK5KX	286	22	13	TX							
WA7BNM	95776	656	146	CA	SCCC #1						
KJ6HO	92796	703	132	CA	SCCC #1						
N6HC	92400	700	132	CA	SCCC #1						
N6KI	80470	619	130	CA	SCCC #2						
KN6DV	76956	636	121	CA	SCCC #1						
AB6FO	67298	506	133	CA	SCCC #1						
W6TKF	58464	522	112	CA	SCCC #2						
AB6YL	31066	317	98	CA							
AE0M	18375	245	75	CA							
KQ6ES	8174	134	61	CA							
KO6OO	5060	110	46	CA							
N6SMW	4949	101	49	CA							
W6EMS	2730	78	35	CA							
WA6UFY	1150	50	23	CA							
W7ZRC	98552	776	127	ID							

Multi-Operator

NC0P	IA	1769	241	426329	+WD0GVY,WA0ETC, WA0FLS,W00V
WB5VZL	TX	1423	233	331559	+AA5RB
W5WMU	LA	1335	236	315060	+K25D
KF9YT	IL	1138	223	253774	+N9VVV
K5MR	TX	1251	198	247698	+KI5JC,N5MTS
K3MD	PA	1167	203	236901	+N3PUR
WA5DWX	TX	934	173	161582	+WA1YIA, KJ5IP, N5KEW, KK5LO, KK5LD, KB5ZXO, KB5SGV,KC5IKL,K5ZTY, KM5AO,WA5MLT,K8CSG
KC4ZV	AL	697	201	140097	+Brian Peacock
AC4ZO	NC	389	139	54071	+AD4ZE, KE4DRJ, KE4OQO KF4KBM, KF4EAH, N4YTO, KT4OC
W5EHM	TX	403	117	47151	N1PVB,SQ9DDZ,KA5WSS
KD4HA	AL	342	137	46854	+KA9EKJ
N2LSK	NY	274	88	24112	+KA2GWM
VE3EJ	ON	74	38	2812	+NJ2L