

# Results, August 2000

## NAQP CW Contest

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Participation was higher than normal for an August running of the CW NAQP Contest. There were approximately 220 participants submitting logs, about 25% more than usual. Electronic log submission continues to gain in popularity with better than 80% sent in via e-mail this time around.

Taking Top Single Op honors this time was Dave Mueller, N2NL. Dave had fewer QSOs than the second, third and fourth place finishers, but did a bang-up job on multipliers with 20 more than second place finisher Dan, N6MJ. Multiplier totals for most Western US stations were lower than those of Midwest and Eastern US stations. The scores of second place N6MJ, third place W6EEN (operated by N6RT) and fourth place N5RZ were all quite close. Doug, N6RT, fared well in the log checking department and climbed two positions in the final standings due to the FB accuracy (better than 99%) of his log.

In the Multi-Two category, the gang at W5NN came out on top again with a respectable lead over second and third place finishers W0UO and K4NO. I still receive a significant number of Multi-Two log submissions in which the QSOs are not identified according to which transmitter made them. Please remember, as per the rules (5/b/iii.), Multi-Two stations are required to submit a log for each of the two transmitters or identify which transmitter made the QSO in the case of a merged log.

Team competition is still a popular aspect of the NAQP contests. This running saw 27 registered teams in the fray with the Southern California Contest Club ending up on the top of the heap. The Tennessee Contest Group did well again—as usual—placing second, and the Potomac Valley Radio Club took third. The Society of Midwest Contesters managed to get 6 teams together; and most of the members operated and submitted their logs! The Tennessee Contest Group did likewise with 4 teams. Both clubs are to be commended on their excellent efforts to bolster participation.

As we wrap up Y2K and enter this new year of NAQP contests, I would like to thank everyone for supporting and promoting the NAQP. NAQP participation and scores have grown nearly 100% over the last 7 years and hopefully the trend will continue. Soap Box comments frequently include the words, "this is a fun and friendly contest." I'm hopeful

### Team Scores

1. Southern California Contest Club #1		2. Tennessee Contest Group #1		3. Potomac Valley Radio Club #1	
N6MJ @W6KP	166,740	N4ZZ	133,318	VP5Y (KD4D)	134,820
W6EEN (N6RT)	165,572	K0EJ	127,488	K3MM	133,238
N6ZZ	156,434	K1KY	122,202	N4AF	122,486
K6LL	136,756	K4RO	120,384	N4CW	84,364
XE2MX (N6KI)	72,712	WO4O	89,813	K4QPL	73,794
<i>Total</i>	698,214	<i>Total</i>	593,205	<i>Total</i>	548,702

  

4. Northern California Contest Club #1 (N6RO, K6AW, AE6Y, K6TA, K5RC) .....	535,437
5. Society of Midwest Contesters #1 (WE9V, N0AV, N9FH, KJ9C, K9XD) .....	494,829
6. North Texas Contest Club (N5RZ, K5RX, W5FO, WQ5W) .....	415,052
7. Texas DX Society (K5WA, N7FO, W5ASP, KG5U) .....	409,295
8. Mad River Radio Club #1 (W8MJ, N8EA, KU8E, K5IID, K8JM) .....	384,546
9. CANDU (VE3EJ, VA3UZ, VE3KZ, VE3FU, VE5MX) .....	358,487
10. Society of Midwest Contesters #2 (K9IG, K0OU, K9MMS, WT9U) .....	344,596
11. Florida Contest Group (N2NL, K4LQ, WD4AHZ, KB4N) .....	344,428
12. South East Contest Club #1 (W4OC, K9AY, AA4S, W4NTI, AA4LR) .....	340,793
13. Minnesota Wireless Association #1 (KT0R, K0OB, K0AD, NA0N) .....	330,146
14. Tennessee Contest Group #2 (N4VI, K4LTA, K4AO, K3WU) .....	320,444
15. Potomac Valley Radio Club #2 (K7SV, WJ9B, W2CS, K2YWE) .....	314,143
16. Southern California Contest Club #2 (K6AM, W6TK, WN6K, N6BM) .....	268,906
17. Society of Midwest Contesters #3 (WO9S, N9RV, NT1N) .....	233,536
18. Tennessee Contest Group #3 (NA4K, K4BEV, N4KN, N4PQV, W4TYU) .....	150,896
19. South East Contest Club #2 (K4BAI, K4OGG, K2UFT) .....	146,876
20. Mad River Radio Club #2 (K8MR, NU8Z, AA8U, KC8FXR) .....	132,593
21. Society of Midwest Contesters #5 (N9CK, K9WX, N9JF) .....	95,009
22. Society of Midwest Contesters #4 (K9ZO, K9BG, N9IJ, K9GY) .....	83,408
23. Northern California Contest Club #2 (K6III, N6ZFO, W6ISO) .....	48,753
24. Rush Drake Orchestra (K17Y, K7NT) .....	36,271
25. Minnesota Wireless Association #2 (N0AT, K0RC) .....	32,578
26. Tennessee Contest Group #4 (W4PA, N4ZI, KE4OAR) .....	31,353
27. Society of Midwest Contesters #6 (N9BOR, W9LYA, KG9PQ) .....	25,050

### 2000 NAQP Award Winners and Sponsors

The following plaques were awarded to the winners of the 2000 NAQP CW and SSB Contests. Congratulations to the winners and a special thanks to the FB contest clubs that made these awards possible.

#### January 2000

Award	Winner	Sponsor
Top Single Operator CW Score	Doug Brandon, N6RT (@W6EEN)	Florida Contest Group
Top Multi-Two CW Score	K0RF (K0RF, N0HF)	Texas DX Society
Top Single Operator SSB Score	Dave Hachadorian, K6LL	South East Contest Club
Top Multi-Two SSB Score	K5KA (K5KA, N5RZ)	Tennessee Contest Group
Top Combined CW/SSB Score	Dave Hachadorian, K6LL	Southern California Contest Club

#### August 2000

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Top Single Operator CW Score	Dave Mueller, N2NL	Florida Contest Group
Top Multi-Two CW Score	W5NN (K1OJ, K5GA, K5NZ)	Texas DX Society
Top Single Operator SSB Score	Doug Brandon, N6RT (@W6EEN)	Southern California Contest Club
Top Multi-Two SSB Score	N6RO (K6AW, K3EST, K2KW)	Northern California Contest Club
Top Combined CW/SSB Score	Doug Brandon, N6RT (@W6EEN)	Southern California Contest Club

that the NAQPs will continue to grow and that they will always be fun for everyone. With your help, I'm confident that they will!

73, Bob, K6ZZ

### Soap Box

While I still don't have my tower up yet, I managed to improve my "personal best" score. Caught K9AY in the first 10 minutes, and he moved me through all 6 bands. That's a first for me. (Of course, Gary is only about 2 miles from me, so it's almost cheating.) Later I remembered that I forgot to change antennas during the move. The "Golden Ears" award goes to AA4S. Ron pulled my 160-meter signal out of the mud for my only other top band QSO. Mostly S & P, but I did manage to do a lot of CQing. My apologies for my grotty, error-laden sending—I'm out of practice with the paddles. My keyer also appeared to randomly speed up and slow down by a couple of WPM—I'm not sure why. Ten meters was disappointing, and things were slow early on, so I took a break at 2030Z. With the obligatory dinner break at 2330Z, and not being able to keep my eyes open past 0400Z, I only managed 7.7 total hours. Looking forward to the January NAQP with a tower and decent antennas.—AA4LR. Just a short effort again because of our radio club picnic. But we handed out a few from there also, using the club call.—AA1SU. Did not get as much time as I anticipated, only about 7 hours. Still had fun.—K3WU. I keep learning by mistakes—not to save most of my OFF time for the end, to move more mults, and not to operate on 40 meters with my 10-meter antenna. My one-day-old 160-meter inverted-L worked pretty well "out of the box" both on 80 and 160 meters.—K2YWE. Thanks to W5KFT for use of the station and to K5TR for help on several fronts. This was my second NAQP—first as a single op—and my first SO2R effort. Great contest—CU in the next one.—K5PI. The normal Floridian 2 hour thunderstorm shut me down in the early evening, but I got back in action later and was able to operate for 9.25 hours. NAQP is always a fun contest, and makes a nice break

from the summer contest inactivity. Unusually high noise levels on the low bands, even for the summertime in Florida, but I was still able to copy a few weak stations.—K4LQ. Good show TCG!—K4RO. The rules of this particular contest enable it to be a busy one, which I think is one of the prime ingredients of its popularity. My thanks to the NCJ for their continued support and sponsorship of the NAQP.—K8KFJ. First full-time effort for me in the August NAQP. I might do it again.—K5RX. My personal best for an August NAQP CW. I've got to get a 160-meter antenna!—KA8OKH. Conditions were poor, activity was fair. This was my first SO2R HF effort—I think it went pretty well with only a few moments of confusion. Early on the second band was 20 using a dipole at 25 feet, which worked for the big guns but not for the scatter level QSOs. My most amazing QSO was when WE9V successfully passed me from 160 to 15 meters at 0430Z.—K8MR. Made some Qs between TWO wedding receptions.—K9GY. On vacation again this year and operated from a campground. Lots of fun as usual.—K9LU. No 160 antenna (windstorms), 80-meter dipole just doesn't cut it on 160, and there are a lot of mults there. Poor conditions, especially on 10. Rain from the thunderstorms eliminated the local line noise but replaced it with lightning QRN. There was competition for a time from the Brickyard 400. I considered using BRICK for a name (see W9RE). Great minds! My score was down from January, but better than my prior August scores. Lot of good INDIANA competition this time (W9RE, K9IG, N9RV, WT9U). K9BG is now there too. The first place IN certificate should go to SMCer.—KJ9C. I had to go with the XYL to the Mother-in-law's, but I got to take a radio and antenna for a few hours of fun. I even got the 20-meter ground-mounted vertical to tune on 40 for another few contacts on that band.—KE4OAR. This is one of my favorites because of the length and the leisurely way I work it. I always manage to get a Saturday afternoon nap during this one!—KJ5WX. Tried to plan op time around predicted heavy thunderstorms but they never came so I spent too much time on the high bands. Ten was not very productive but 80 and 160 were

quite good, despite the QRN.—N0AV. Conditions were bad on 10, 15 and 20. But 40 and 80 picked up the slack. Had a great time. Look forward to the next NAQP.—NU8Z. I really screwed this one up, figuring 160 and 10 would be no good (thunderstorms and propagation, respectively). Well, I heard LOTS of sigs on 10, and the S/N on 160 was WONDERFUL. I even devoted a 1/2-hour break trying to hook up an old, low 160 dipole to some new coax. Might have worked, too, if I hadn't forgotten that the lawn mower ate one end early this year! Not even the old TS-830S (which kinda loaded up whatever that wire looked like) could be heard! The antenna analyzer showed a sorta-match at around 2.3MHz! Wish we had a band there. Activity seemed to be down. The 80- and 40-meter band were short, with the left coast the longest worked (no pacific). One of these days I really need to get some antennas! 73, All.—W2CS. No 160-meter antenna. I tried to load an 80-meter dipole with almost no luck. Thanks to everybody who agreed to move for me.—VA3UZ. As usual the NAQP is a great mid-summer tune up session. Very unusual conditions this year. Lots of fluttery low band signals.—VE3EJ. Conditions on 15 started out good but died later. Twenty was the best band for me. Worked one on 10 and 5 on 40. Only operated 5 hours and 50 minutes due to other activities. Thanks to all for the QSOs and to the sponsors for a good contest. See you in the SSB shuffle.—VE7QO. This was my first participation in this contest—it was really fun. I look forward to the next one!—XE1RGL. All was going great until the computer started to crash with 90 minutes of operating time left! Couldn't get it to stop crashing after every few calls. Thanks for everyone's patience and sorry to my SCCC Team #2 teammates. Hope I can do better next time.—W6TK. Not a great score, but I enjoyed the contest. I operated in "search and pounce" mode exclusively to help the more serious contenders. There was plenty of activity to keep me busy.—W8IDM. I kind of set the tone for this one early (and a bad tone it was) when I connected the computer interface to the new (MARK V) rig about 20 minutes before the start of the

### Single Op Top Ten Breakdowns

Call	Score	QSOs	Mults	160	80	40	20	15	10	Team
N2NL	169,510	737	230	28/20	76/34	197/49	196/48	151/47	89/32	FCG
N6MJ	166,740	794	210	10/5	60/29	213/45	277/53	183/45	51/33	SCCC #1
@W6KP										
W6EEN	165,572	781	212	15/8	100/37	195/49	264/53	179/47	28/18	SCCC #1
(N6RT)										
N5RZ	164,590	755	218	26/13	80/32	182/45	256/49	119/44	92/35	NTCC
W0UA	161,993	733	221	56/24	110/40	157/47	200/48	176/40	34/22	
@K0RF										
N6ZZ	156,434	731	214	33/18	78/32	141/40	249/50	166/48	64/26	SCCC #1
K5WA	147,662	731	202	26/15	96/35	213/49	176/43	165/39	55/21	TDXS
VE3EJ	140,335	635	221	71/34	145/44	203/51	114/48	81/31	21/13	CANDU
K5RX	136,920	652	210	51/24	69/31	152/42	227/48	98/37	55/28	NTCC
K6LL	136,756	716	191	9/6	40/23	130/41	310/54	198/49	29/18	SCCC #1

### Multi-Two Breakdowns

Call	Score	QSOs	Mults	160	80	40	20	15	10
W5NN	254,584	1052	242	39/20	156/44	295/48	318/53	183/46	61/31
W0UO	150,733	781	193	30/16	107/33	284/49	238/47	104/38	18/10
K4NO	119,822	662	181	43/24	110/36	315/50	136/41	44/19	14/11

contest. I couldn't get the keying interface to work, so 17 minutes into the contest, with 3 QSO's in the log, I decided to go to the '940. I finally got going at 1835Z, but my spirit or desire—or whatever—was shot. Not being able to put the MARK V "through its paces" was disappointing. Putzed around on the radio a little, watched the Brickyard 400 a little, back on the radio a little, watched the Pittsburgh Steelers in a pre-season game, then back on the radio. By then—0100Z—40 was already going long; spent an hour or so

there, and then went to 80, which was also already long. By 0245Z, I decided I'd chalk this one up to experience.—*WA3SES*. I really enjoy the pace and gentlemanly atmosphere of this contest. I still have lots to learn about strategy!—*WO9S*. Conditions were not very good. I had high hopes after wonderful sounding bands on the Thursday before the contest. My score is 20% less than last year. Signal paths seemed skewed even on 15 and 20. Ten meters never produced much despite the occasional strong signal.

My "Field Day" 80-meter dipole, which I strung up on Friday, was worth 5.5k more points. I experienced a peculiar RF problem on 15, which made my CW paddles useless. To send anything not already programmed I had to switch to keyboard mode. My high school typing class really paid off at times! One of these years my work schedule will permit me to operate the January party. Seems the conditions are much better then. 73 and thanks to all for the QSOs.—*XE1/AA6RX*.

### Single Operator Scores

Call	Score	QSOs	Mults	Section	Team	Call	Score	QSOs	Mults	Section	Team
K1VUT	114,560	640	179	MA		W4PA	16,461	177	93	TN	TCG #4
WE1USA	92,910	570	163	NH		N4KN	14,965	205	73	TN	TCG #3
NT1N	73,776	464	159	CT	SMC #3	N4ZI	13,662	207	66	TN	TCG #4
AB1BX	28,320	295	96	RI		W4SAA	11,550	150	77	FL	
NY1S	27,604	268	103	ME		N4PQV	10,585	145	73	TN	TCG #3
K1HT	20,800	208	100	MA		K4BX	10,295	145	71	TN	
K1TS	18,270	203	90	MA		W4TYU	9,372	132	71	TN	TCG #3
AA1SU	14,322	186	77	VT		K4WI	7,198	122	59	AL	
W1FJ	13,266	201	66	MA		KG4BIG	6,270	114	55	KY	
N1MD	11,169	153	73	CT		WB4IHI	5,291	143	37	FL	
K1UQE	384	32	12	CT		K4WW	1,650	50	33	KY	
						K4PTT	510	34	15	GA	
W2TKF	7,254	117	62	NY		WD4IFN*	390	26	15	NC	
K3MM	133,238	614	217	MD	PVRC #1	N5RZ	164,590	755	218	TX	NTCC
AA3B	118,482	637	186	PA		N6ZZ	156,434	731	214	NM	SCCC #1
K3WW	80,033	491	163	PA		K5WA	147,662	731	202	TX	TDXS
K2YWE	55,062	399	138	MD	PVRC #2	K5RX	136,920	652	210	TX	NTCC
K3WU	54,264	408	133	PA	TCG #2	W5VX	131,040	720	182	TX	
W3CP	18,860	205	92	MD		K5PI	127,300	670	190	TX	
WA3SES	15,738	183	86	PA		@W5KFT					
KC3QU	11,289	159	71	PA		W5WMU	119,973	609	197	LA	
N3NZ	10,872	151	72	PA		AB5SE	101,421	531	191	AR	
						W5TM	97,704	552	177	OK	
						N5YA	95,804	557	172	TX	
N2NL	169,510	737	230	FL	FCG	(N5UM)					
N4ZZ	133,318	698	191	TN	TCG #1	W5ASP	95,274	603	158	TX	TDXS
K0EJ	127,488	664	192	TN	TCG #1	KZ5D	90,424	508	178	LA	
N4AF	122,486	673	182	NC	PVRC #1	N5RG	89,091	521	171	TX	
K1KY	122,202	657	186	TN	TCG #1	W5FO	80,685	489	165	TX	NTCC
K4RO	120,384	627	192	TN	TCG #1	KG5U*	65,349	411	159	TX	TDXS
K7SV	108,679	569	191	VA	PVRC #2	WA5JWU	55,836	396	141	LA	
K4BAI	105,764	548	193	GA	SECC #2	AF5Z	35,960	290	124	TX	
W4OC	101,384	551	184	SC	SECC #1	N5UE	35,880	312	115	MS	
K9AY	95,930	530	181	GA	SECC #1	WQ5W	32,857	319	103	TX	NTCC
WO4O	89,813	551	163	TN	TCG #1	KG5RM	22,213	229	97	AR	
K4LQ	87,606	471	186	FL	FCG	KJ5WX	14,685	165	89	AR	
N4CW	84,364	524	161	NC	PVRC #1	W3DYA	12,320	160	77	TX	
K4MA	84,335	505	167	NC		NO5W	11,988	162	74	TX	
K4LTA	84,000	525	160	TN	TCG #2	K0GEO	7,812	126	62	TX	
AA4S	82,732	481	172	NC	SECC #1	W5NR	5,096	104	49	TX	
NA4K	82,134	507	162	TN	TCG #3	K5QQ	3,366	102	33	NM	
WJ9B	80,542	523	154	NC	PVRC #2	K5OI*	1,696	53	32	NM	
N2NFG	77,672	532	146	NC		AB5FS	1,000	40	25	OK	
K4AO	74,228	482	154	KY	TCG #2	KJ5CR*	936	36	26	TX	
K4QPL	73,794	502	147	NC	PVRC #1	N5KB	875	35	25	TX	
W2CS	69,860	499	140	NC	PVRC #2						
WD4AHZ	66,912	492	136	FL	FCG						
K4IQJ	52,896	348	152	AL		N6MJ	166,740	794	210	CA	SCCC #1
W4NTI	38,517	347	111	AL	SECC #1	@W6KP					
KA8OKH	38,304	336	114	KY		W6EEN	165,572	781	212	CA	SCCC #1
K4BEV	33,840	282	120	TN	TCG #3	(N6RT)					
K4IU	25,908	254	102	KY		N6RO	130,611	663	197	CA	NCCC #1
AA4LR	22,230	234	95	GA	SECC #1	K6AW	125,364	674	186	CA	NCCC #1
K4OGG	20,910	205	102	GA	SECC #2	@W6NL					
KB4N	20,400	204	100	FL	FCG	AE6Y	99,879	591	169	CA	NCCC #1
K2UFT	20,202	222	91	GA	SECC #2	K6TA	99,129	573	173	CA	NCCC #1
NY4T	19,392	202	96	TN		K6AM	98,832	568	174	CA	SCCC #2
K4BAM	18,746	206	91	KY		W6TK	63,662	458	139	CA	SCCC #2
W4DWS	16,605	205	81	AL		WN6K	58,695	455	129	CA	SCCC #2

