

Results, August 1995 SSB North American QSO Party

By Steve Merchant, N4TQO

This running of the NAQP SSB contest was quieter than usual, mainly because the Sultans of Shwing were off helping Scott, KA9FOX, get married. There was a team entry for Fox's Wedding Party (nee Sultans), but only N0AXL showed up to operate the contest. This put a very large dent in the otherwise staunch showing from the Black Hole. Usually the guys from W9-land are out in force—this time it was the W5 call area that really came through. Quite a few commented on the poor conditions and the hard work involved in a mid-summer contest during the sunspot minimum.

George Schultz, W0UA, a veteran Sweepstakes winner, won this year's August running of the NAQP SSB in the single-op category. We're glad to see George, and hope he will return in January to liven things up again.

There was quite a lot of multioperator competition this time. WA5DWX had a group of 13 first-time testers and did very well indeed—this was a very interesting and commendable exercise Billy put on to promote contesting among hams who had never done it before.

Team-wise, the Texans from TACO won first place, followed by SCCC #1, the TDXS #1 and the Florida Contest Group, represented only by AC1O/4, who scored enough by himself to take fourth in team competition. Generally speaking, team competition was down in proportion to overall participation.

Our apologies to the following people whose January 95 NAQP SSB logs were lost in the dreaded mail mix-up at N4TQO's. K1VUT in Massachusetts would have placed second in the W1 call area with a score of 60,500 points; AB5SE was the Arkansas winner with 82,164 points; and NAQP regular K4BAI scored 38,081 points from the state of Georgia. The entire team of the Motely Crew was also affected by Murphy's visit. Apologies to the Crew: NU8Z, K8AQM, KG8CO, AA8HZ and KG8EF. Congrats to you all on the FB job, and thanks for bringing the omissions to our attention!

From the housekeepers: many logs did not contain a statement of hours worked. This information is mandatory, and is the responsibility of the operator submitting the log. Future logs omitting this information risk being DQed.

Soapbox Comments

Well it was a fun experience, thanks for the opportunity; keep the contests going, I will

AB6FO Goes Native

This trip came about when my wife and her sister decided our families should take a joint summer vacation. To interest her 17-year-old son, my sister-in-law chose St Martin. She also chose the dates. When I looked at the contest calendar, I saw that NAQP Phone fit the bill! In a very neat usage of the Internet, I got the name of the Hotel Chatelaine (which sports an A3S and HF2V) from Scott, KA9FOX, and looked at pictures of the place on his Web site. The rest was easy.

"Papa Japan Seven Stroke Alpha Bravo Six Foxtrot Oscar" is a mouthful, but the Landsradio office wouldn't issue a PJ7 call since the NAQP is not a "major contest." Bummer. But not as much of a bummer as my plugging my TS-950 into what I thought was a 100-V outlet, only to find with a flash of light it was 220 V. The names I called myself couldn't be said on the air. Fortunately, my brother-in-law had a 10-amp fuse, so I was back in business.

I couldn't get anything going in the first hour, even with the PJ7 prefix. In the second and most of the third hour, I made up my own contest and ran Europe. No mults but plenty of points. Getting the names slowed me down to an 88 rate. That was my first experience with a phone pileup and I have a newfound respect for DXpeditioners.

15 meters opened for the 2100 hour and the rate hit 98. Alas, 10 never opened. I finally found a spot in the 2300 hour on 20 and had a good run, with a rate of 104. In the middle of the run I had a disconcerting experience. I was on 14244.8 when a guy came on and told me that I was interfering with a DX net on 14247. Now I'm 2000 miles away, running 150 W into an A3S at 20 feet, and 2.2 kHz away from his frequency. He is the loudest signal on the band, obviously running full power. The band is jam-packed and I finally have a run frequency. What do I do? I decided to tell him I was 2.2 kHz away and he should use his filters. Boy, did I get harangued. If I had been only 1 kHz away, well, that would be different.

Then I took my first break at 0000Z and couldn't do anything the rest of the contest. Don't ever complain about 40-meter phone until you try to work it from the Caribbean. Ouch! I did have a 10-minute run on 40 before a broadcast station opened up on me.—73, Ken, PJ7/AB6FO

get the hang of things sooner or later...XE2MXZ. CW contest had better conditions and activity! Took me 8:20 to work my 200, (but only 4:05 in CW). Frustrating—at one time noise was +20 dB...KJ9C. Operators John, Andrew, and Mike Thompson K3MD, N3NAV and N3PUR ages 46, 18 and 13! Lots of fun!...K3MD. Great time—too bad East Coast was like working European DX! But conditions got better as time went by. 73 and thanks again for a fun weekend...W6TKF. Many of these 13 operators were first-time ops on HF...WA5DWX (multi). In spite of poor antennas, still a fun test...WD9IAB. Nowhere to go but UP! Next time—maybe!...W5NR. This was the first time for me in this contest. Won't miss another one and will put in some more time as well...XE2DV. Thought 10 would be OK when a FLA station answered my first CQ. Turned out to be my only QSO on 10!...KE2VB. This is the first time I have entered in the Phone NAQP. Operated mobile on my mother-in-law's farm in Ohio. Couldn't operate very long as was babysitting the grandsons in the evening. Will look forward to the next one, maybe from my fixed station here in Virginia...K4UK/8. What a difference a fortnight makes! I believe conditions for CW

NAQP were much better than for phone. Oh well. I wonder if those stations on 20 meters who asked me to QSY to 15 actually did so. However, 15 did sound pretty dead except for a few very weak Spanish-speaking stations...AA0CY/7. First time in NAQP-SSB. Got a late start but had a great time!...NA5Q I saw this contest in QST and decided to participate at the last minute. It was a lot of fun and I picked up five new states on 40 meters for my 5-band WAS. I think the shorter contests like this are better for me, since I'm very busy and can't devote an entire weekend to contesting...WB4IUY. Only had a couple of hours to play...N7LOX. Propagation was pretty good on 160-20 meters. But the noise was a real killer on the low bands. At times it exceeded 40 dB over S9 on 80 meters...AA4RX. Conditions were just good enough to save this contest from those early-season tropical storms, so noisily evident on all bands from out here. Thanks to Chuck, K0RF, for the opportunity to operate this fun contest from his super-station...W0UA. Made 112 band changes—hope that was the right strategy...KJ6HO. This effort was way below my expectations but band conditions were marginal here late in the contest. Virtually no

August 1995 Single-Op Combined Scores

Call	CW	SSB	Total Points
K6LL	343	446	789
AC1O	393	376	769
N6NF	283	439	722
AB6FO	380	249	629
WB5B	314	252	566

January 1995 Single-Op Combined Scores

(These were accidentally omitted from the previously published results)

Call	CW	SSB	Total Points
N4ZZ	500	412	912
WB5VZL	321	432	753
WD0T	382	332	714
W5FO	369	317	686
AB6FO	396	260	656

activity on 20 meters late, with 10 and 15 meters not even showing a sign of an opening...AD4NM. I had a great time working my first NA QSO Party. I don't anticipate being anywhere near an award, but it was still fun...N3TUA. This contest was a blast! 40 and 80 were hot!...KB3AFT. I expected 10 to be dead, but 15 too? Noise on 80 was abysmal here; couldn't get anything going. The voice keyer caused the computer to crash, so I operated the whole test the old fashioned way: I did all of my own talking! Still, had great fun...KD1NG. My first try at the NAQP. I had a great time and learned A LOT. Really need to plan my off times better!...AA5RB, op of N3BB/5. Thanks for a great time even if I could only work five hours. Conditions were pretty tough also, although a friend of mine five miles away was running them like a marathoner!...AC5BR. Working multi-operator; it was fun hearing the startled responses to a male voice saying the name Diane. Wish conditions on 20 meters had been better. Had fun even though one non-contest participant who was calling CQ did not want to give me his name when he found out we were in the contest (but we got it anyway!)...KA2GWM. Had company stay the weekend and was initially sorry I couldn't do the whole contest. But, after hearing how poor the bands were I wasn't sorry after all!...AA0OB. It was my first full-blown effort at a contest and I had lots of fun...KE4OAR. Thanks for the contest. My best contest performance ever despite not-so-good condx!...KD6GRM. I heard static in my ears all day Sunday, too...WB5B. A severe hearing loss is very frustrating. My thanks to the many patient operators for their repeats...W7HS. This contest is great! I will apologize now for slashing my finger with the sledge hammer and copper ground rod while trying to install a 160 antenna the day before NAQP—five stitches; for not being able to computer log until after the contest and then with borrowed software; for the log submission as it did not keep track of separate band multipliers; and for the last two 20-meter QSOs being out of order. Did have a wonderful time and was contacted by

Top Ten

Call	Score	Qs	Mults	10	15	20	40	80	160	Team
W0UA	139087	823	169	5/5	26/11	498/53	150/44	108/39	36/20	TACO
NM5M	130986	766	171	14/3	47/25	423/55	153/40	104/37	25/11	
N3BB/5 (AA5RB)	126650	745	170	8/3	31/18	401/57	180/50	107/35	17/7	
K6LL/7	124083	811	153	50/9	70/21	417/51	210/47	57/20	7/5	SCCC
N6NF	122256	849	144	1/1	52/18	556/58	185/47	52/17	3/3	TDXS #1
K7UP/5	109074	742	147	1/1	25/12	386/55	256/53	67/22	7/4	
WX0B/5	104805	685	153	17/8	39/21	413/51	154/49	52/21	10/3	TACO
AC1O/4	104580	747	140	5/3	56/21	526/60	120/38	40/18	0/0	FCG
KJ6HO	82194	618	133	21/3	52/17	350/55	122/38	64/16	9/4	SCCC
AA4RX	79350	575	138	2/2	13/6	188/37	202/45	154/38	16/10	

Team Scores

TACO

NM5M	130,986
WX0B/5	104,805
WB5B	70,200
NA5Q	62,424
Total	368,415

SCCC #1

K6LL/7	124,083
KJ6HO	82,194
PJ7/AB6FO	69,273
W9NQ/6	11,492
Total	287,042

Texas DX Society #1

K7UP/5	109,074
K5DX	58,496
W5ASP	53,318
N5DU	7452
Total	228,340

Kentucky Contest Group A

AA4RX	79,350
KI4DC	43,290
AD4NM	14,196
KR4KL	7,290
Total	144,126

Florida Contest Group (AC1O/4)	104,580
Big Blue (WQ5G, N1PBT)	59,996
Weekend Warriors (KB3AFT, WA3HAE, N3BGV)	59,951
SMC & Associates (KK9V, KO9Y, W9RE)	54,836
Fox's Wedding Party (N0AXL)	41,040
Texas DX Society #2 (AA5NK)	29,715
SCCC #2 (WA7BNM/6)	11,842
NOIDS (WN3K, NY3C)	6,236

five Boy Scouts who were trying ham radio for the first time—do they count as Qs or mults?...AC6DQ. Five-watt QRP battery powered, using wire up 10 feet...WN3K. Operated 20 and 40 only...K4ZGB. Operated from a campground in northern Minnesota...WB9HRO/0. Thursday before the contest I managed to string up a 40-meter dipole just barely above the roof, but with a good drop off to the north. I took a listen

around 1800Z and was unimpressed with conditions, just hearing a few signals on 20. A few hours later I had some time to spare and gave a shout on 15 and away I went! I think I spent 5 hours operating. I finally gave 20 a try and was surprised to get out with the wrong antenna. Once again my living situation is changing, but the new location is up high with a superb dropoff to the north. Hope to be potent from there!...XE1/AA6RX. ■

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Scores

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KD1NG	53360	464	115	RI	
WA1LNP	50949	459	111	NH	
K1VUT	45320	440	103	MA	
K1PLX	22796	278	82	RI	
N1PBT	20726	241	86	VT	Big Blue
K8JLF/1	10269	163	63	MA	
N1OPZ	1568	49	32	CT	
AA1MU	558	31	18	MA	
KE2VB	40456	389	104	NY	
AA2VZ	9438	143	66	NY	
KE2PF	6435	117	55	NJ	
W5KI/2	5880	105	56	NJ	
N2LQQ	1479	29	51	NY	
N5OKR/3	40020	345	116	MD	
KB3AFT	25830	315	82	PA	Wknd Warriors
WA3HAE	19992	238	84	PA	Wknd Warriors
N3BGV	14129	199	71	PA	Wknd Warriors
N3BDA	9408	147	64	PA	
WN3K	5772	111	52	DE	NOIDS
N3TUA	3952	104	38	PA	
NY3C	464	29	16	DE	NOIDS
AC1O/4	104580	747	140	FL	FL Contest Grp
AA4RX	79350	575	138	KY	KY Contest Grp A
KI4DC	43290	370	117	KY	KY Contest Grp A
KQ4HC	26772	291	92	GA	
KJ4VG	24696	294	84	VA	
N4UL	20700	230	90	KY	
AD4NM	14196	182	78	KY	KY Contest Grp A
K4BAI	13432	184	73	GA	
K4ZGB	12000	250	48	AL	
AE4EY	11284	217	52	KY	
KE4OAR	8883	141	63	TN	
KR4KL	7290	135	54	KY	KY Contest Grp A
N4OLN	5336	116	46	GA	
W4YDD	2652	78	34	SC	
NM5M	130986	766	171	TX	TACO
N3BB/5 (AA5RB)	126650	745	170	TX	
K7UP/5	109074	742	147	NM	TX DX Soc. #1
WX0B/5	104805	685	153	TX	TACO
NT5D	76728	552	139	TX	
N5NMY	73780	527	140	TX	
WB5B	70200	540	130	TX	TACO
NA5Q	62424	459	136	TX	TACO
K5YAA	59875	479	125	TX	
AB5SE	58564	484	121	AR	
K5DX	58496	457	128	TX	TX DX Soc. #1
W5ASP	53318	503	106	TX	TX DX Soc. #1
WQ5G	39270	330	119	TX	Big Blue
N5OZB	37434	367	102	LA	
AA5NK	29715	283	105	TX	TX DX Soc. #2
KB5IXI	9794	166	59	MS	
N5DU	7452	162	46	TX	TX DX Soc. #1
WD5N	2479	67	37	TX	
W5NR	1674	54	31	TX	
AB5FS	130	13	10	OK	
N6NF	122256	849	144	CA	
KJ6HO	82194	618	133	CA	SCCC #1
N6KI	66978	549	122	CA	
W6TKF	60024	492	122	CA	
KM6YX	46322	437	106	CA	
AC6DQ	38728	412	94	CA	
KD6GRM	18240	228	80	CA	
AB6YL	13320	180	74	CA	
WA7BNM/6	11842	191	62	CA	SCCC #2
W9NQ/6	11492	169	68	CA	SCCC #1
W6MVW	7866	138	57	CA	
W6HAL	5311	113	47	CA	
AE0M/6	5232	109	48	CA	
N4TQO/6	2040	60	34	CA	
K6LL/7	124083	811	153	AZ	SCCC #1
KI7WX	50400	450	112	UT	
KI7Y	10385	155	67	OR	
N7LOX	5508	108	51	WA	
W7HS	5208	93	56	UT	
KB7SLK	4700	100	47	UT	
AA0CY/7	1512	56	27	NV	
KG8PE	15840	220	72	MI	
W8UPH	6750	125	54	OH	
WB8BUQ	5151	101	51	MI	
KG8QT	893	47	19	MI	



Operators of the K3MD multi-op station: John, K3MD; Andrew, N3NAV (18); and Mike, N3PUR (13).

Call	Score	QSOs	Mults	State	Team
K8CV	882	42	21	MI	
K4UK/8	204	17	12	OH	
KK9V	26936	259	104	IN	SMC & Assoc.
KO9Y	22000	275	80	IN	SMC & Assoc.
KJ9C	17400	200	87	IN	
N9XBM	12352	193	64	IN	
W9RE	5900	100	59	IN	SMC & Assoc.
WD9IAB	4335	85	51	WI	
W0UA	139087	823	169	CO	
KF0DJ	71288	536	133	CO	
N0AXL	41040	360	114	IA	Fox's Wedding Prty
KK9W/0	41040	360	114	IA	
AA0OB	18150	242	75	MN	
WB9HRO/0	2166	57	38	MN	
WI0R	500	25	20	KS	
PJ7/AB6FO	69273	537	129	PJ	SCCC #1
XE2DV	36080	328	110	XE	
XJ7CFD	35690	415	86	BC	
(VE7CFD)					
VE7TLK	26811	331	81	BC	
XE1/AA6RX	16302	209	78	XE	
XJ2AWR	2356	76	31	AB	
VE6BMX	672	28	24	SK	
XE2MXZ	208	16	13	XE	
Multioperator					
WB5VZL	318339	1467	217	TX	
(+KA5WSS)					
W5NN	124905	757	165	TX	
(+KC5AMA,KC5HTX,KG5OW,KK5GJ,AD5Q)					
KZ8E/5	116654	799	146	TX	
(+NJ1V, WB5N)					
WA5DWX	82416	816	101	TX	
(+KC5PCC,K5WEQ,K5ZTY,KC5NRR,KJ5IP,N5KEW,KC5JLM,WD5DXL,KC5NVY,WA5SAJ,KC5FOE,WA1YIA)					
K3MD	82401	681	121	PA	
(+N3NAV,N3PUR)					
KE4GY	74296	502	148	AL	
(+KC4ZV)					
N7RU	53148	618	86	UT	
(+AB7GM,KJ7MZ)					
NV6O	52095	453	115	CA	
(+AA6WJ)					
K7NPN	48177	477	101	WA	
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