

W9GKA VHF Historical Data File

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Introductory Notes

This file is intended as a summary reference document of data on VHF contests conducted in the United States between 1927 and current time frames, and is based on more extensive data contained in Excel files maintained by the author. The purpose of this document is to collect relevant data on all VHF contests, and to place it in one central place. It is hoped that further research on the topic of VHF contests can be conducted more readily through the publication of this file.

Most of the information contained herein is based on manual log counts done by the author, although data references taken directly from the Results Write-Ups are used wherever possible. Curt Roseman, K9AKS, provided manual counts on some of the data of the January VHF Sweepstakes and the September VHF Party. John, K9JK, provided most of the manual counts on the VHF Spring Sprints. Since manual counts are subject to human error as well as some interpretation as to what actually is counted, the information contained herein should be considered an estimate of actual contest activity.

On the ARRL contests, data from 2002 forward on January VHF Sweepstakes, June VHF QSO Party, August UHF, September VHF QSO Party, and the 10G is available from a data-base maintained at the ARRL web-site. Thus, information on these contests from that time frame forward is generally not available through this document, and reference should be made to ARRL sources. Prior years of those contests are limited to the *QST* Write-Ups. All years of the EME Competition are also limited to *QST* Write-Ups. All ARRL contests pre-dating 1948 come from *QST* Write-Ups. Club data is provided through current time frames, as various percentages and other calculations are not commonly available through the contest Write-Ups.

Information on the *CQ* related events, the SBMS 2G+, the Spring Sprints, and the Fall Sprints generally come from the contest sponsors. Please refer to notes on the individual contests for more details.

Little or no quantifiable information is available on the SMIRK 6 Meter contest, the Microwave Activity Days, or other VHF events, so no data is contained in this document. Any information on these events or any other contests or activities would be greatly appreciated, and can be sent to w9gka@arrl.net.

Contest sponsors (especially ARRL and CQ) generally maintain information on contest socitng records of specific events. Please refer to sponsor sources for details on various contest records and standings.

Lastly, the historical information contained in this file is generally limited to log counts. Given the ability of computer data-bases to process vast quantities of information, it is hoped that data in the future can also include total QSO's, total grids activated, total stations worked, and total non-unique stations worked. Such information would generate a broader understanding of contest activity than the traditional reliance on log data.

January VHF Sweepstakes

Jan	VHF SS	Score	QSOs	Mult	Entries	SOL	PSO	HPT	TTL	SO	QRP	M-U	M-L	TTL	M	Rover
2002		15,864,244	123,319	31,101	802	439	192	631	20	23	56	79	72			
2001					799	420	232	652	14	23	44	67	66			
2000					820	309	376	685	18	27	44	71	48			
1999					963			774	25	40	50	90	74			
1998					1088				32							
1997					1206				41							
1996					1250				33							
1995					1195				48							77
1994					1150				24							66
1993					1037				29							
1992					958			778	15	31	46	77	79			
1991					912			786	47			76				
1990					971				29							
1989					930				16							
1988					845											
1987					840											
1986					889											
1985					880											
1984					782											
1983					950											
1982					942											
1981					969											
1980					987											
1979					861											
1978					838											
1977					742											
1976					640											
1975		2,406,545	60,880	3,713	573			515				58				
1974					580											
1973					648											
1972					851			764				87				
1971					963											
1970		2,602,451	70,533	4,376	856			790				66				
1969					899											
1968					968											
1967		3,437,484			1123											
1966		2,897,947			1104											
1965		3,443,685	110,686	4,926	1382			1,271				111				
1964					1280											
1963					1500											
1962					1506											
1961					1561											
1960					1446											
1959					1129											
1958					1183			1,131				52				

1957	588,030	51,946	3,525	839	806	33
1956	416,292	40,151	2,829	753	718	35
1955				747	719	28
1954				610	598	12
1953				385	377	8
1952				365	363	2
1951				298	294	4
1950				360	353	7
1949				317	317	
1948	67,885	9,831	897	347	347	

Jan VHF SSScore QSOs Mult Entries SOLPSOHP TTL SOQRPM-U M-L TTL MRover

Club Competition Data - January VHF SS

Jan VHF SS	# clubs	tll clb pts	club logs	% clb pts	% entry
2010	40	11,883,203	429		52.32
2009	31	5,535,926	333		51.31
2008	37	7,093,475	350		49.30
2007	35	7,954,180	384	55.48	49.36
2006	40	9,390,686	393	59.36	49.56
2005	29	5,637,324	351	38.65	49.30
2004	32	11,208,887	401	61.85	48.14
2003	31	13,342,569	393	72.74	49.25
2002	30	11,155,642	326	70.32	40.65
2001	29	7,651,517	338		42.30
2000	27	9,498,684	329		40.12
1999	29	9,658,370	397		41.23
1998	29	10,593,000	519		47.70
1997	39	9,234,113	558		46.27
1996	44	8,841,402	581		48.62
1995	38	7,134,894	551		47.91
1994	35	5,964,624	496		47.83
1993	29	14,307,657	548		57.20
1992	25	4,958,172	490		53.73
1991	24	4,200,169	517		53.24
1990	30	4,491,369	531		57.10
1989	31	6,100,891	403		47.69
1988	31	5,328,475	410		48.81
1987	28	3,610,749	406		45.67
1986	26	4,016,989	395		44.43
1985	26	6,049,662	470		53.41
1984	29	3,765,917	451		57.67
1983	32	4,437,032	557		58.63
1982	32	3,708,748	614		65.18
1981	28	3,689,559	588		60.68
1980	23	3,584,466	538		54.51
1979	24	3,064,768	530		61.56

1978	26	2,247,432	499		59.55
1977	27	1,851,495	446		60.11
1976	21	1,552,144	398		62.19
1975	21	1,481,636	464	61.57	80.98
1974	20	1,426,499	362		62.41
1973	23	1,461,884	388		59.88
1972	38	1,849,001	541		63.57
1971	36	2,326,102	709		73.62
1970	27	1,701,095	595	65.37	69.51
1969	31	1,906,296	622		69.19
1968	33	1,838,364	598		61.78
1967	52	2,496,820	804	72.64	71.59
1966	56	2,047,132	792	70.64	71.74
1965	65	2,378,083	965	69.06	69.83
1964	55	2,278,174	864		67.50
1963	69	3,012,291	971		64.73
1962	69	2,808,661	1,082		71.85
1961	66	2,779,658	1,042		66.75
1960	58	2,837,652			
1959	50	1,700,952			
1958	41	1,842,629			
1957	41	415,709		70.70	
1956	29	259,198		62.26	
1955	30	225,153			
1954	27	154,002			
1953	18	86,492			
1952	16	85,675			
1951	13	71,143			
1950	19	132,581			
1949	15	66,639			
1948	16	34,776		51.23	

Jan VHF SS # clubs ttl clb pts club logs % clb pts % entry

Spring Sprints

Data Sources: for 1983 – 1986, *QST* Write-Ups; For 1987 through 1997, *NCJ* Write-Ups; For 1998, ARRL Contest Bureau; for 1999, VE2PIJ and NEWS web-sites, as well as the 902, 1296 and 2304 Sprints from K9JK, who obtained Results from Badgers Contesters; For 2000 through 2006, K9JK who obtained Results from the East Tennessee DX Assn; For 2007 – current, Spring Sprints web-site and / or K9JK.

Year	Logs	Stations	Lg / Call	QSO	6	2	222	432	902	Micro	2304
2010	269	136	1.98	4350	55	86	59	23		46	
2009	248	128	1.94	4930	59	71	43	58		17	
2008	273	126	2.17		68	83	41	61		20	
2007	238	122	1.95		60	67	44	54		13	
2006	152	85	1.79		35	49	28	30		10	
2005	191	110	1.74		42	52	37	37		23	
2004	195	103	1.89		52	53	34	37		19	
2003	221	125	1.77		60	59	41	49		12	
2002	149	76	1.96		27	47	33	31		11	
2001	256	136	1.88		54	76	50	59		17	
2000	294	135	2.18		43	97	62	62	12	15	3
1999	549	279	1.97		88	174	108	113	19	36	11
1998	352	196	1.80		73	129	48	76	10	13	3
1997	249										
1996	312										
1995	323					130		59			
1994	323										
1993	272				52	102	33	45	8	19	13
1992	268				66	101	28	36	3	21	10
1991	177	102	1.74		42	59	25	29	6	13	1
1990	197	105	1.88		41	67	27	36	8	17	2
1989	210	116	1.81		36	63	35	52	5	15	4
1988	438				91	139	59	84	17	37	11
1987	433				79	168	56	89	16	25	
1986	449	259	1.73		122	161	37	95		34	
1985	393	207			67	153	51	86		35	
1984	301				79	109	34	62		17	
1983	446	250	1.78		97	184	52	77		36	

SBMS 2G + Contest

Data Sources: For all years, San Bernardino Microwave Society web-site and newsletters are the sources of information. . Anyone having results of 2005, 2008, and 2009, please send information to w9gka@arrl.net.

Year	Logs	Points	Clubs
2010			
2009			
2008			
2007	32	238,583	5
2006	48	244,924	4
2005			5
2004	43	124,038	4
2003	32	46,402	4

2007	Logs	Pts	Place
NLRS	12	129,156	1
Front Range Micro of Colorado	11	72,025	2
SBMS	5	23,293	3
San Diego Microwave	3	11,028	4
Mich VHF / UHF	1	3,080	5

2006	Logs	Pts	Place
Front Range Micro of Colorado	18	140,296	1
SBMS	13	50,227	2
NLRS	13	28,564	3
San Diego Microwave	4	25,837	4

2004	Logs	Pts	Place
SBMS	16	48,275	1
Front Range Micro of Colorado	10	32,375	2
Mt. Airy	10	25,714	3
San Diego Microwave	7	17,674	4

2003	Logs	Pts	Place
SBMS	16	21,468	1
Mt. Airy	8	12,510	2
Midwest VHF/UHF	4	6,316	3
San Diego Microwave	4	6,108	4

June VHF QSO Party

June VHF	Score	QSOs	Mult	Entries	SOL	PSO	HPTTL	SOQR	RPM-UM-LTTL	MRover		
2002	23,060,857	116,956	41,371	672	319	157	476	27	36	49	85	84
2001				680	243	253	496	26	33	62	95	61
2000				749	329	244	573	29	26	59	85	62
1999				701			513	22	39	52	91	75
1998				865				29				
1997				837				36				
1996				923				38				
1995				837				38				
1994				781				30				
1993				818				34				
1992				610				31				
1991				480				33	38	88	126	50
1990				600				48				
1989				650				31				
1988				650				38				
1987				691			574	15			102	
1986				630								
1985				530								
1984				495								
1983				510								
1982				590								
1981				547								
1980				506							126	
1979				520							104	
1978				464								
1977				487								
1976				406								
1975				348								
1974				358								
1973				345			259				86	
1972				378			288				90	
1971				387								
1970				412								
1969				410			298				112	
1968				431			305				126	
1967				406								
1966				366								
1965				451								
1964				500								
1963				563								
1962				569								
1961				558								
1960				423								
1959				358								
1958				427			347				80	
1957				443			385				58	

1956				400	353	47
1955				455	408	47
1954				370	341	29
1953				276	265	11
1952				210	203	7
1951				198	191	7
1950				167	163	4
1949				119	117	2
1948 May	37,436	5,615	780	162	162	
1947 May	4,846	710		26	26	

June VHF Score QSOs Mult Entries SOLPSOHPPTTL SOQRPM-UM-LTTL MRover

Club Competition – June VHF QSO Party

June	# clubs	tll clb pts	clb logs	% clb	% entry
2010			508		42.26
2009	46	16,086,925	452		39.75
2008	42	17,909,293	435		40.47
2007	30	11,539,295	316	53.26	36.66
2006	39	21,372,677	382	52.19	36.45
2005	31	12,471,109	293	50.46	34.84
2004	25	10,429,132	246	40.74	32.20
2003	31	14,683,101	240	41.62	29.34

CQ VHF

Data Sources: For all years, *CQ* magazine is the source of information. More recent years are also available on *CQ / CQ VHF* web-site. Since classes varied considerably over the years, separate headings are listed in different time periods.

Data for some years are not available (highlighted in yellow). In 1999 and 1998, the contests were conducted, but results were never published. In 1991, the contest was “suspended” in a reorganizational effort and was never conducted. In 1988, a contest was conducted, but no results could be found. No contests were conducted between 1968 and 1984.

A Spring, 1967 contest evidently was held, but no results may have been published. In the Summer 1966 contest, the results may or may not have been published, but the author did not have access to the 1967 *CQ* issues to verify. No contest was conducted in either the Summer of 1962 or the Summer, 1960. In the Spring, 1960 contest, the event was conducted but the results possibly were never published. In the States and Stations (SSW) contests of 1955, monthly events were held between July and December, but no results were published in November or December. In the CQ YL VHF, results were only published in the first year in 1961, with no results published 1962 through 1964.

The author would greatly appreciate any information on these contests, and especially any published results on missing data. Send information to w9gka@arrl.net.

CQ VHF

Year	Entries	S/S QRO	Multi	SO - All	SO - 6	SO - 2	QRP	QRP-Hill	Rover
2010									
2009	594								
2008	532								
2007	447		34	163	109	30	46	25	24
2006	565								
2005	303	305	36	100	75	46	15	12	21
2004	262	262	35	109	46	39	10	6	17
2003	296	298	26	133	72	26	20		21
2002	122	122	10	58	17	20	6		11
2001	153	153	12	56	42	12	21		10
2000	111	111	11	55	22	6	10		7
1999									
1998									

Year	Entries	SO Fixed	SO, Port	MO I	MO II	MO I Port	MO II Port	QRP	Rover
1997	84	42	7	1	10		9	12	3
1996	106	49	10	2	7		7	28	3

1995	106	65	8		2	1	4	15	11
1994	119	73	10	1	1		4	22	8
1993	93	53	10	1	2	3	7	12	5
1992	96	59	10	0	6	1	12		8
1991									

Year	Entries	S/S QRO	S/M QRO	S/S lo	S/M Lo	Port	FM	M/S	M/M
1990	64	29	17	5		3		4	6
1989	87	31	16	2	4	12	3	9	10
1988									
1987	185	52	42	40	10	19	8	8	6
1986	238	65	57	55	14	15	4	9	19
1985	492	103	28	182	90	20	40	17	12

CQ VHF Spring									
Year	Entries	50 Mc	144 Mc	144 Aero	220 Mc	432 Mc	1215 Mc	10,000	
1967									
1966	211	105	103			3			
1965	142	67	74			1			
1964	0								
1963	0								
1962	113	61	52						
1961	128	81	47						
1960									
1959	227	156	65	5	1				
1958	230	150	80		5				
1957	188	92	89		5		1	1	
1956	324	111	210	3	6				

CQ VHF Summer										
Year	Entries	SO-50 Mc	SO-144	222	432	1296	Novice	SO-M	MO-6	M-M
1966										
1965	164	92	61	1	1		9			
1964	174	86	69	2		1	16			
1963	180	99	64	2	2		13			
1962										
1961	185	88	55					16	16	10
1960										
1959	189	110	75	4						
1958	238	150	78	4	2			4		
1957	161	77	60	15				9		
1956	0	85	119	6	4			8		

SSW**Year** **Entries**

Dec-55	
Nov-55	
Oct-55	18
Sep-55	20
Aug-55	22
Jul-55	30

YL VHF**Year** **Entries**

1964	
1963	
1962	
1961	20

VHF **Amateur**

Year	Entries	50 Mc	144 Mc	Multi-band	220 Mc	432 Mc	Novice
1963	341	180	140		4	2	15
1962	60	34	16	10			

August UHF

Aug UHF Score	QSOs	Mult	Entries	SOLP	SOHP	TTL SO	Multi	Rover	
2002	4,285,971	10,216	4,871	156	79	44	123	9	24
2001				149	82	36	118	5	26
2000				170	77	52	129	13	28
1999				249			210	17	22
1998				164					
1997				191					
1996				199					16
1995				202					15
1994				249					
1993				223					
1992				108			91	17	
1991				132			119	13	
1990				121					
1989				108					
1988				126					
1987				132					
1986				173					
1985				119					
1984				120					
1983				126					
1982				128					
1981				156					
1980				120					
1979				159					
1978				118			104	14	

Club Competition – August UHF

Aug	# clubs	tll clb pts	clb logs	% clb	% entry
2010	15		137		61.71
2009	11	5,760,453	108		44.26

September VHF QSO Party

Sept VHF	Score	QSOs	Mult	Entries	SOL	PSO	HTTL	SO	QRP	M-U	M-L	TTL	M	Rover
2002	16,272,101	190,730	27,814	535	275	114	389	19	25	40	65	62		
2001				553	299	110	409	27	18	47	65	52		
2000				582	269	148	417	20	22	58	80	65		
1999				606			456	21	21	44	65	64		
1998				610				19						
1997				752				22						68
1996				717				23						54
1995				695				22						
1994				715				32						
1993				621				26						
1992				591			443	28	16	58	74	46		
1991				415			299	18	20	46	66	30		
1990				439				22						
1989				425				29						
1988				400				11						
1987		46,183	14,746	386			306	17				63		
1986				460				12						
1985				434										
1984				450										
1983				436										
1982				442										
1981				392										
1980				372										
1979				422										
1978				338										
1977				343										
1976				223										
1975				282										
1974				231										
1973				245										
1972				282			224					58		
1971				259										
1970				308										
1969				307			240					67		
1968				335										
1967				344										
1966				310										
1965				350										
1964				371			282					89		
1963				461										
1962				450										
1961				360										
1960				494										
1959				366										
1958				438			364					74		

1957				368		311		57
1956				290		245		45
1955				407		371		36
1954				373		346		27
1953				286		269		17
1952				208		201		7
1951				172		168		4
1950				136		129		7
1949				117		113		4
1948	19,915	3,168	416	98		97		1

Sept VHF Score QSOs Mult Entries SOLP SOHP TTL SO QRP M-U M-L TTL M Rover

Club Competition – September VHF QSO Party

Sept	# clubs	tll clb pts	clb logs	% pts	% entry
2010					
2009	30	9,430,465	261		43.79
2008	23	6,481,072	193		40.04
2007	22	8,485,949	213	49.85	37.83
2006	23	5,816,518	210	44.49	39.55
2005	28	12,000,854	262	54.59	41.72
2004	20	8,819,992	227	52.96	40.11
2003	21	8,319,193	191	46.67	36.73
2002	18	8,112,559	167	49.86	31.21
2001	13	10,421,761	143		25.86
2000	16	6,314,490	127		21.82
1999	14	5,548,559	116		19.14

Fall Sprints

Data Sources: for 1983, *QST* Write-Up; No contests were scheduled between 1984 through 1998; For 1999, VE2PIJ and NEWS web-sites; For 2005, 2006, and partial 2007, W4KXY; 2008 and 2009, South East VHF Society web-site. Results from 2000 forward may be printed in the South East VHF Society Conference Proceedings of the following year, but there is no immediate access to those Proceedings.

Anyone having Results for 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2007, please send information to w9gka@arrl.net.

Year	Logs	Stations	lg/station	QSO	logs ---								
					6	2	222	432	902	1296	2304	3456	
2010													
2009	180	99	1.82		26	61	45	34		14			
2008	132	65	2.03		21	45	31	25		10			
2007						41		40					
2006	138	79	1.75		21	38	41	29		9			
2005	118	68	1.74		17	30	33	28		10			
2004													
2003													
2002													
2001													
2000													
1999	180	79	2.28		24	41	34	33	16	17	9	6	
1983	355	201	1.77		69	163	45	59		19			

10 G and Up

10 G & Up	QSOs	Mult	Entries	10 G	10 G & Up
2002	2,245,484	10,584	138	106	32
2001			120	86	34
2000			92	66	26
1999			76	49	27
1998			74		
1997			80	60	20
1996			78	65	13
1995			75		
1994			80		
1993			83		
1992			71		
1991	650		68		
1990			77		
1989			49		
1988			54		
1987			56		
1986			52		

1927 – 1947 VHF Events

Data Sources: All events are detailed in *QST*. For a more descriptive rendition of these early contests, Relays, and Marathons, see “Contesting on the Ultra-Highs”, 2007 CSVHF Conference Proceedings. Also see, “Early Contacts on the Ultra-High Frequencies”, SMC VHF web-page, 2005.

Year	Event	Logs	56 / 50	112/144	224/235	400/420	2400
1927	5 Meter Tests & Parties	Reports					
1928	10 Meter Tests & Parties	Report					
1930	28 Mc Tests	Report					
1932-33	QSO Parties & Tests	Reports					
1934-41	Field Days	Reports					
1935	28 Meter Contest	Report					
1936	28 Meter Contest	Report					
1936	56 Mc Contest	Incomplete					
1938	RSGB 56 Mc	Report					
1939	UHF FD & Relay	28	28				
1939	UHF Relay #2	94					
1940	3rd UHF Relay	83					
1940	4th UHF Contest	60	44	21	2		
1940	5th UHF Contest	52	37	21			
1940	6th UHF Contest	41	34	16	1		
1940	UHF Marathon	61	52	35	12		
1941	7th UHF Contest	Report					
1941	8th UHF Contest	21	17	12	1		
1941	9th UHF Round-Up	Report					
1941	UHF Marathon	70	58	50	6	1	
WW II							
1945	CT QSO Party	132					
1946	Band Warming Party	352		12			
1946	Field Day	8					1
1946	VHF Marathon	35	24	20	2		
1947	VHF Relay & QSO	28	10	28	2		
1947	Field Day	Report					
1947	VHF Marathon	41	30	30	5		
1948	Field Day	Report					
1948	All States	Report					