

Results - Rookie Roundup - 2010 August (SSB)

19 August 2010 - FINAL

The second edition of the Rookie Roundup is in the books! Activity was up from April's initial version of the contest, in spite of ho-hum summer propagation across North America. We had 125 Rookies and 48 Non-Rookies – a big increase from April, nearly double!

The most entries were again received from the 4th district with a whopping 39 scores – well done, W4's! The 5th and 6th districts both generated 16 scores and the 10th district was right behind with 13.

From the table of scores, you can see that the best conditions must have been found on the coasts. Our top score this time was 13,552 points by KJ6ELO operating at the Stanford University club station, W6YX, high above San Francisco Bay in northern California. Jumping across the continent, K4HIN was in hot pursuit with 11,952 points from Virginia. How about that photo finish in the 1st district? W1MSW's 6,460 points, KA1RON's 6,346 points from the station of WB1ADR, and NG1R's 6,270 points didn't leave much room between stations in this 1-2-3 finish.

Scores	Call Area
1	VE3
13	WØ
11	W1
3	W2
4	W3
39	W4
16	W5
16	W6
8	W7
7	W8
7	W9

For this second running of the contest, a new on-line logging service – In The Log (www.inthelog.com) was used by a number of the participants. Following the contest, scores from In The Log were added to those submitted via the official Score Submission page provided by the ARRL. (No Rookie/Non-Rookie QSO totals were available for those scores.) In The Log will be adding new features and new contests, so keep an eye on this interesting and exciting new service – available to any Web browser-enabled device. Imagine logging QSOs with your smart phone from a portable station!

Downloadable PDF certificates for all stations are being prepared – the Rookie Roundup Blog (www.arrl.org/rookie-roundup) will announce when they are ready.

The December Rookie Roundup (19 December) will be the first CW (Morse code) version of the contest. We encourage all of your Rookies to start polishing up your Morse skills and get ready to “pound brass” this winter. You'll enjoy it!

With this contest experience in your log, how about trying some of the events listed in QST's “Contest Corral”? An on-line version is available at www.arrl.org/contest-corral-calendar with the latest information.

Once again – thanks for giving the contest a try. We hope to see you in the next contest!

73, Sean Kutzko KX9X, ARRL Contest Branch Manager

[For those readers unfamiliar with the contest, Rookies (hams licensed during the past three years) work each other as well as non-Rookies while the Non-Rookies may only work Rookies. That format makes it very similar to the old ARRL Novice Roundup and the Rookie Roundup has a similar mission – to give new hams a contest just for them and encourage them to operate on the HF bands.]

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Call Used	Operator Call	QTH	Rookie QSOs	Non-Rookie QSOs	QSO Pts	Multipliers	Score	Place	Call Area
VE3IKT	VE3IKT	VE3	13	3	29	13	377	1	VE3
KDØIZL	KDØIZL	MO	23	50	96	28	2688	1	WØ
WØAVE	WØAVE	KS	37	29	103	23	2369	2	WØ
KDØJMD	KDØJMD	KS	24	23	71	24	1704	3	WØ
KDØJLE	KDØJLE	KS	23	11	57	17	969	4	WØ
KDØMBL	KDØMBL	CO	17	19	53	17	901	5	WØ
KDØIOL	KDØIOL	IA	13	5	31	13	403	6	WØ
KDØHXE	KDØHXE	MO	9	5	23	9	207	7	WØ
WØPRS		CO			18	9	162	8	WØ
KDØETE	KDØETE	ND	4	3	11	6	66	9	WØ
KDØKXS	KDØKXS	NE	2		4	2	8	10	WØ
KØBAM	KØBAM	CO	1	2	4	2	6	11	WØ
NØLWF	NØLWF	NE	1	1	3	2	6	12	WØ
KDØMLQ	KDØMLQ	MN	1	1	1	1	3	13	WØ
W1MSW	W1MSW	MA	61	68	190	34	6460	1	W1
WB1ADR	KA1RON	NH	43	81	167	38	6346	2	W1
NG1R	NG1R	CT	63	83	209	30	6270	3	W1
KB1REQ	KB1REQ	MA	20	36	76	23	1748	4	W1
KB1RSA	KB1RSA	CT	17	6	40	17	680	5	W1
W1CPS	W1CPS	ME	7	17	31	15	465	6	W1
W1DLA	W1DLA	MA	11	6	28	12	336	7	W1
KB1THU	KB1THU	NH	13	3	29	11	319	8	W1
KC2WQO	KC2WQO	CT	11	6	28	10	280	9	W1
AJ4KE	AJ4KE	MA	3	2	8	4	32	10	W1
KB1SUA	KB1SUA	MA	3		6	3	18	11	W1
KC2YGG	KC2YGG	NY	29	56	85	22	1,870	1	W2
AD2AM	AD2AM	NY	10	15	35	13	455	2	W2
K2EFG	K2EFG	ME	1	2	4	3	12	3	W2
W2WOE	W2WOE	DE	17	1	35	13	455	1	W3
W3RBX		PA			30	13	390	2	W3
KB3TIF	KB3TIF	PA	10	7	27	10	270	3	W3
W3RBX	W3RBX	PA	12	6	30	13	3	4	W3
K4HIN	K4HIN	VA	78	93	249	48	11952	1	W4
W4LEW	W4LEW	VA	46	53	145	32	4640	2	W4
W4ATX	W4ATX	TN	35	31	101	27	2727	3	W4
KØNWT	KØNWT	GA	23	33	79	25	1975	4	W4
AJ4LN	AJ4LN	VA	32	25	89	19	1691	5	W4
KJ4KTG	KJ4KTG	NC	26	12	64	24	1536	6	W4
W4BSD	W4BSD	GA	18	20	56	22	1232	7	W4
AJ4UG		GA			58	17	986	8	W4
KB3RUR	KB3RUR	VA	14	22	50	17	850	9	W4
AJ4JD	AJ4JD	TN	14	19	47	16	752	10	W4
KJ4LQX	KJ4LQX	FL	20	9	49	14	686	11	W4

W4WCQ	W4WCQ	FL	16	13	45	15	675	12	W4
KJ4LQX	KJ4LQX	FL	20	9	49	14	560	13	W4
KJ4ERJ	KJ4ERJ	FL	21	3	45	12	540	14	W4
K4ETY	K4ETY	GA	14	7	35	14	490	15	W4
KJ4ERZ	KJ4ERZ	FL	18	2	38	12	456	16	W4
W4IOW		VA			39	10	390	17	W4
KJ4VWW	KJ4VWW	GA	11	19	41	9	369	18	W4
WB8SKP	KJ4TKH	KY	11	6	28	12	336	19	W4
KJ4RRZ	KJ4RRZ	TN	14	5	33	13	329	20	W4
KJ4RAQ	KJ4RAQ	AL	10	6	26	10	260	21	W4
AJ4QR	AJ4QR	TN	9	18	20	9	180	22	W4
KJ4ECA	KJ4ECA	GA	4	4	12	7	84	23	W4
KJ4FFP	KJ4FFP	GA	4	4	12	7	84	24	W4
AJ4SB	AJ4SB	FL	7	1	15	5	75	25	W4
N4YT	KJ4UMX	GA	5	2	12	5	60	26	W4
KJ4SRE/ AJ4SB	KJ4SRE	FL	6	1	13	3	39	27	W4
W5MGZ	W5MGZ	SC	6	4	8	4	32	28	W4
WO4MW		GA			7	4	28	29	W4
KJ4SAG	KJ4SAG	AL	1	4	6	4	24	30	W4
KJ4TFA	KJ4TFA	FL	1	4	6	4 (LU)	18	31	W4
K4MTX		GA			4	2	8	32	W4
KJ4QEB	KJ4QEB	AL	1	1	3	2	6	33	W4
KJ4VVR	KJ4VVR	GA	1		1	2	6	34	W4
WB8SKP		KY			3	2	6	35	W4
W4BRT	W4BRT	SC	1	2	4	1	4	36	W4
KJ4DXK	KJ4DXK	FL	1		2	1	2	37	W4
KJ4RCU		NC			2	1	2	38	W4
K4LDC		GA			1	1	1	39	W4
KF1HBJ	KF1HBJ	LA	73	94	240	31	7440	1	W5
W5MRM	W5MRM	TX	39	42	120	31	3720	2	W5
KE5VLX	KE5VLX	AR	32	45	109	29	3,161	3	W5
KF5DQZ	KF5DQZ	LA	28	16	72	19	1368	4	W5
W5MWT	W5MWT	TX	23	6	52	17	884	5	W5
K5STZ		TX			40	14	560	6	W5
KF5FDA	KF5FDA	TX	12	3	27	11	297	7	W5
KF5GDJ/ W5WZ	KF5GDJ	LA	23		46	11	253	8	W5
KF5ELK	KF5ELK	MS	18	30	66	16	72	9	W5
KE5SIC	KE5SIC	AR	6		12	4	48	10	W5
K5HDE	K5HDE	LA	4	2	10	4	40	11	W5
KF5HJK	KF5HJK	AR	4	2	10	4	40	12	W5
N5LTR	N5LTR	TX	2	3	7	4	28	13	W5
KE5SIC		AR			6	4	24	14	W5
KE5VLX		AR			6	3	18	15	W5
KB5RUM	KF5IEO	AR	1	1	1	1	1	16	W5
KJ6ELO	W6YX	CA	93	122	308	44	13552	1	W6
KE1BYL	KE1BYL	CA	46	87	179	40	7160	2	W6

K6RAF	K6RAF	CA	26	32	84	16	1344	3	W6
KI6NUL	KI6NUL	CA	23	10	56	16	896	4	W6
WT6H	WT6H	CA	15	14	44	17	748	5	W6
KI6ZLW	KI6ZLW	CA	13	3	29	13	377	6	W6
W6JWP	W6JWP	CA	14	6	33	11	363	7	W6
K6FI	K6FI	CA	8	17	33	10	330	8	W6
K6YRU	K6YRU	CA	8	18	34	8	272	9	W6
KI6QDH	KI6QDH	CA	5	11	22	10	220	10	W6
KJ6CEZ	KJ6CEZ	CA	8	9	28	6	168	11	W6
K6GMR	K6GMR	CA	6	9	21	6	126	12	W6
NF6A	KJ6GKF	CA	7	4	10	5	50	13	W6
N7JAK	N7JAK	CA	5	3	13	2	26	14	W6
KJ6HAR	KJ6HAR	CA	4		8	2	16	15	W6
KJ6HZC	KJ6HZC	CA	2	1	5	2	10	16	W6
K7MKL	K7MKL	NV	25	49	99	25	2475	1	W7
AD7UZ	AD7UZ	WA	19	18	56	10	560	2	W7
WA7SLH	WA7SLH	AZ	7	9	23	7	161	3	W7
WE7P	WE7P	WA	6	2	14	5	70	4	W7
KE7TQS	KE7TQS	WA	6	1	13	3	39	5	W7
WB7ENX	WB7ENX	AZ	4	1	9	4	36	6	W7
KF7MAX	KF7MAX	OR	4	1	9	3	27	7	W7
KF7FAM	KF7FAM	AZ	3		6	3	18	8	W7
KD8JDC	KD8JDC	MI	25	34	84	19	1596	1	W8
KD8KBU	KD8KBU	OH	20	34	74	18	1332	2	W8
KD8TS	KD8TS	MI	25	20	30	11	330	3	W8
KD8OAC	KD8OAC	OH	3	4	10	5	50	4	W8
KD8NJZ	KD8NJZ	OH	2	2	6	4	24	5	W8
KD8MSZ	KD8MSZ	OH	3		6	3	18	6	W8
KD8LLT	KD8LLT	MI	1		2	1	2	7	W8
KC9OUT	KC9OUT	IN	13	6	32	13	416	1	W9
KC9REL	KC9REL	WI	7	4	18	11	198	2	W9
KC9NEX	KC9NEX	IL	10	1	21	9	189	3	W9
N9WLW	N9WLW	IN	8	1	17	5	85	4	W9
AB9WJ	AB9WJ	IN	6	1	13	6	78	5	W9
KA7BSA	KA7BSA	IN	9	11	29	17	46	6	W9
K9EJS	K9EJS	IN	2	1	5	3	15	7	W9

Non-Rookie Participants:

VE7BGP, NDØC, WØRAA, KA8HDE, NØAX, KX9X (W1AW operator), KK1W, KB1HNZ, W1WBB, K1BG, KK1X, KB1HNZ, K2DSL, AJ4JD, W4JDS, N3KN, W4BK, WA4NOT, K5PBR, W5MWT, N1FBI, W5ESE, K5BZH, WØVX, AD8B, W5QLF, N5KO, K6GEP, KG6YPH, K3SFG, WN6K, K6CSL, AL9A, KC7ZO, WE7P, N7VS, WA7DHQ, W8TM, KD8OAC, KA8LMZ, KC9REL, W9KVR

Thank you to all of the experienced testers that either made it into a Rookie's log or made a station available to them for the contest!

Soapbox

Why are the comments from entrants called "Soapbox"? The term comes from the phrase "standing on a soapbox" when giving an opinion. As used in contesting, "soapbox" means any comment or discussion about the contest that is submitted with your score or contest log.

You can submit your own comments and pictures for Rookie Roundup at the ARRL's on-line Soapbox page - www.arrl.org/contests/soapbox. Here's how!

- 1) Choose "2010 ARRL Rookie Roundup" in the drop-down menu, *Select An Event*
- 2) Click the *Submit* button
- 3) Click the link that says "*Add Your 2010 ARRL Rookie Roundup Soapbox Comment*"
- 4) Read the Soapbox guidelines then click "*Next*"
- 5) Enter the call you used in the Rookie Roundup, your own call (if different), and tell your story!
You can be as detailed as you like
- 6) Click the "*Next*" button when finished
- 7) You can upload photos if you want; if not, that's okay.
- 8) Click the "*Browse*" button to search your computer for photos to upload of you having fun in the Rookie Roundup.
- 9) When finished, click the "*Submit*" button. You're done!

Soapbox Comments

This is a great chance to learn to contest.... A ton of fun.... Great chance to get my feet wet....so to speak... K6RAF

Hello, this is KC9REL, and my name is Mike. I'm a rookie, having just gotten my license in January of this year (2010). This was my first attempt at contesting, and I had a lot of fun with it. I knew going in that I wasn't going to go for the top spot, I just wanted to participate and see how well my old used Kenwood TS-120S, powered by a repurposed computer power supply that can put out a maximum of 11amps, and my home brew 10 and 20 meter inverted Vees would do. I stuck with the contest pretty much the whole 6 hours, taking a couple of short breaks to answer the phone a couple of times. I had a great time, having contacted 10 states, and having one DX contact with Chris (G5KC) in York, England. I only had one contact in each of the 10 states I made contact with, and missed a couple of others I started to contact but lost due to shifting band conditions, but I had expected that, having worked a little bit on 10 and 20 meters since I got my HF rig up and running in May. I'm looking forward to the April and August contests next year, and maybe my 6 year old granddaughter will teach me enough CW to try that mode before I no longer qualify as a rookie!

It was a great event, and I also want to say thanks to Sean (KX9X) for manning W1AW as that contact, along with my first DX contact ever, really made my day!

-- KC9REL

This was my first go at mentoring a contest newbie in the Rookie Round-up. I must say, it sure felt like Field Day with so much variety in the signals and exchanges.

The solar activity did not help matters much, we received a bulletin from NOAA #10-2 an hour before the event that we have experienced our first Solar Radiation Storm of Cycle 24, I thought to myself this is going to be interesting. The bulletin reported the storm had subsided, but they were predicting oscillations for the next few hours.

Phil KJ6ELO rookie of '09 and I met at the W6YX club shack about 45 minutes early to make sure we had all systems up and running, things were looking real good.

I briefed Phil on the operation of the radio and the antennas, we went over setting the starting frequencies in the FT-1000MP MkV rig so when we decided to QSY, we'd land at the recommended band and starting frequency for this event. You might say we were optimistic with 40m from the Pacific coast... Anyhow, Phil got on the air a bit before the event to warm up his vocals, get a feel for the controls and receive signal checks from various stations worked.

The start of the contest went off without a hitch, the online logger appeared to be working correctly and we found our station out in front, then along came Mr. Murphy, locked up the online tool, we fell back to hand-logging and scrambled to bring up a stand-alone logger on the computer. Phil took everything in stride and managed to keep his pace and composure through all of this, I'm sure he was sweating bullets for a bit, until we moved things back to the computer and he could pick up his pace again.

Our original plan was to work the high bands a bit like 15m and see about 10m if it looked promising. Our monitoring rig and some of the packet cluster spots showed activity on 15m, but it did not seem like there were some serious openings and opportunity to have a good run. Our plans for changing bands were put on hold as Phil was able to hold his own amongst a fair amount of natural QRN and man-made QRM noise on the band. The fading QSB signals didn't help much either and the stations we worked were very helpful with providing fills and repeats. I guess since this is a Rookie event, folks were considerate with timing and pile-ups.

We took a few bio breaks during the event which allowed me to provide some feedback to Phil on his style and areas for improvement, he took in those suggestions and by the time the event was winding down he had the rough edges honed down and was getting real good at working and logging stations with a nice rhythm and timing.

I was quite surprised at his stamina and drive to get more contacts in spite of some tough band conditions. A decent roofing filter and a bit of adjustments to the width and shift helped to reduce adjacent station interference. When we moved high in the band where it seemed quieter, the rate was not as good as it was lower even though we were spotted once or twice, Phil wanted back into the fray, fortunately the rig, our location and antennas helped to keep his 100w signal aloft and with a decent amount of punch at the receiving end.

Phil logged over two hundred and twenty contacts, including dupes of which about half were rookies, that's a good showing of rookie stations during this six hour event, he also logged 44 location/QTH multipliers. We did not get any DX outside of North America, nor any stations from Mexico. We pretty much kept the 6el 20m monoband antenna pointed due east. We logged contacts that were running anywhere from 2.5w QRP in CO or ID to probably up to 1.5Kw across the nation.

Some comments from Phil after the event were around things like it was fun to work ladies/YL and young operators during this event because he could hear in their voices the fun they were having by getting a chance to work someone in California who was also a rookie.

Thanks for all the spots and contacts, Phil is looking forward to the next Rookie Event, now that he's been bitten by the bug at Field Day 2010 GOTA and this Round-up event.

73 de N6CCH aka Rebar and Phil KJ6ELO

WOW!! This is all I could say for quite some time on Sunday afternoon August 15th, 2010. Even my wife was curious about the whooping and hollering emanating from my makeshift shack in the breakfast nook. I knew with my somewhat DWreckpedition setup that I would NOT be a top scorer in this Rookie Roundup, but it was my first ever contest AND my first time transmitting, so I was excited to say the least. Imagine my delight when my FIRST EVER QSO was with a fellow named Hiram, licensed in 1938, and operating out of Connecticut as a guest operator at W1AW !!!!!

Seems my 'drooping doublet' drooped a bit too much, but it sure worked for the NE USA. I only nabbed 4 states and 6 total contacts. So I didn't finish in the top 5. But having my 1st ever QSO with W1AW will be something I will never forget, and I'm 55, so forgetfulness is probably just around the corner!

After 45+ years as a short-wave-listener, I finally hunkered down and applied myself to secure my Amateur Radio operators license. I sat for the Tech and General license exams in early June of this year, missing 2 and 4 questions respectively on each. I then engaged upon a 3-week journey into new depths of radio & electronics theory and applications and secured my Extra ticket in early July of this year, getting 48 of 50 correct!

Participating in this contest whetted my competitive streak, so now I have to figure out how to build a hi-gain wide-bandwidth Super Yagi for EME! My wife is a Tech and working on her General ticket, so maybe I'll get to do something about that darned 'drooping dooublet'! LOL!!

73s, Vince KF5HJK

I took a couple hours and activated W1AW for the Rookie Roundup. It was nice to use the name "Hiram" and hand out some QSOs. Get those score reports in! Hope everybody had fun,

Sean KX9X