

2014 School Club Roundup Results

The joy, wonder, and magic of ham radio is alive and well. — WD1W

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The good band conditions of the 2013 – 2014 School Club Roundup's first session on October 21 – 25 brought out quite a few more operators, just as they did for most ham radio events! As for many other activities throughout the country, however, the snow and ice storms during the February 10 – 14 session made operating a lot more challenging. Nevertheless, the Roundup rules! (For the full results including all scores and many comments from the participating clubs and operators, see www.arri.org/contest-results-articles.)

Entries from October were up from 48 to 54, with QSOs increasing from about 7600 to more than 8200, and operators up more than 20% to 551. KB3BRT at Cowanesque Valley School repeated a leading performance in the Elementary School category. The Middle School category was again led by KF5CRF (Viking Radio Club, Eisenhower Middle School) with a 50-state sweep and more than a 50% increase in school contacts. K9SOU (Bloomington High School South ARC) increased their previous score by 68% to lead the Senior High School group. University of Florida club W4DFU repeated as the leader in the College/University category. Retired teacher Marvin, N4NY, once again had the Individual top score with 43 school contacts.

In February 2014, entries were impacted by the winter weather, with schools reporting closings or reduced hours. Total entries were down by three from 70 last year and QSOs were down almost 800 to 10,088. The number of operators increased to more than 930, thanks to 300 reported by W3NCS (North Clarion County Elementary School ARC). KD8NOM (Dresden Elementary Amateur Radio Station), W3NCS, and KB3BRT continued to lead the Elementary School category with KD8NOM passing W3NCS. The top four schools in the Middle/Intermediate schools were K5LMS (Lampasas Middle School Youth ARC), KF5CRF, K7BZN (Chief Joseph Middle School), and K4WBM (William Byrd Middle School). K5LMS and KF5CRF swapped places from the October session.

Stations in the High School category were led by K1BBS (Burr and Burton Amateur Radio Club). All four leading stations repeated from

Category Winners

	Call	Club or School	Location	Score
Elementary/Primary School — W/VE				
Oct 2013	KB3BRT	Cowanesque Valley School ARC	PA	31,080
Feb 2014	KD8NOM	DEARS / Dresden Elementary ARS	OH	61,773
Middle/Intermed/JR High School — W/VE				
Oct 2013	KF5CRF	Viking Radio Club, Eisenhower MS	OK	213,556
Feb 2014	K5LMS	Lampasas Middle School Youth ARC	TX	220,458
Senior High School — W/VE				
Oct 2013	K9SOU	Bloomington High School South ARC	IN	194,142
Feb 2014	K1BBS	Burr and Burton Amateur Radio Club	VT	237,084
College/University — W/VE				
Oct 2013	W4DFU	University of Florida	FL	260,640
Feb 2014	W9NAA	Rose Tech Radio Club	IN	132,435
College/University — DX				
Oct 2013	ON4HTI	STARCom/Vives	DX	28,800
Feb 2014	ON4HTI	STARCom/Vives	DX	46,041
Club/Multi-Op — W/VE				
Oct 2013	WM3PEN	Holmesburg Amateur Radio Club	PA	704
Feb 2014	W5KS	Lawton Fort Sill ARC	OK	16,445
Individual — W/VE				
Oct 2013	N4NY		SC	16,860
Feb 2014	N4NY		SC	23,240

October, with three of the four increasing their scores. The College/University category had a new leader (W9NAA, Rose Tech Radio Club) and many new entries.

Non-school clubs also surged from one to four entries. We always like to recognize and thank all who sent in scores — thank you! There were 17 out of 118 with fewer than 10 QSOs.

Improved Reporting

After a most challenging 2012 – 2013, the School Club Roundup has experienced significant changes in support. Bruce Horn, WA7BNM, has provided an online reporting utility at www.b4h.net/arriocr so entries and comments can be uploaded and posted or corrected immediately. Thank you, Bruce!

In order to help process results quickly, be sure your log is in Cabrillo format. A list of logging programs that produce the correct format as well as a sample log are provided on the ARRL's School Club Roundup web page at www.arri.org/school-club-roundup.

Maintaining a Club

There is a persistent problem to deal with, not only for the SCR, but for school-based Amateur Radio activities overall. What happens when a teacher or club advisor leaves? Too often it means the end of the club. A number of teachers/mentors we have known for

years are nearing retirement. We need to find ways to keep their successful programs going. If you have ideas, share them with us.

School Club Roundup — 2014/2015

During the 2014 – 2015 school year, the School Club Roundup sessions will be held on the third full school week of October and the second full school week of February. Those dates are Monday, October 20 at 1300Z through Friday, October 24 at 2359Z and February 9 – 13, 2015. Students may also be interested in other winter contests: ARRL November Sweepstakes Phone (Nov 15 – 17), the ARRL 10 Meter Contest (Dec 13 – 14), and the SSB edition of the North American QSO Party (Jan 17 – 18). These are great ways to foster student interest. See you on the air!

School Club Roundup — Faster Results!

In order to quickly publish final results, the log submission deadline is changing to 15 days. For the October session (Oct 20 – 24), entries must be submitted by November 8. The February session (Feb 9 – 13) log deadline is February 28th.