

2024 FQP Results Writeup



The K4OJ/m crew before FQP 2024. L-R Driver extraordinaire NX4N, 10m/40m op W4WF, 20m op N4KM, 15m op NK4O.

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Overall Recap & QSOs by State/Province

Recent FQP writeups have all begun with a recap of conditions. Though Cycle 25 was near its peak in April 2024, the FQP takes place more than a month after the equinox, so summertime conditions predominate. 10m and 15m are unpredictable and rarely the same two days in a row. In 2024, the flux was 153 on Saturday and 140 on Sunday, though 10m opened to the northwest (including several KL7 and JA QSOs with K4OJ/m on 10m) in the last few hours of the contest. Weirdly enough, 15m SSB showed the opposite phenomenon, with 131 QSOs across the log checking database in MI alone on Saturday, and only 3 all day on Sunday.

DX-wise, KH6 had only 18 QSOs all weekend, but KL7 had 122 (all after 1500z on Sunday). A new analysis of the results shows several propagation edges. FQP participants logged three ZLs, all on 10m. 10m was also excellent from NM north to CO and west to CA, OR, and WA. However, MN had almost no 10m QSOs. On 15m, the advantage was with WI and MI in W9 and W8, as IN and OH had relatively fewer 15m QSOs. Closer in, SC was the only state with more QSOs on 40m than 20m.

STATE	7	14	21	28	CALL AREA
CO	10	338	324	84	0
IA	18	237	117	0	0
KS	23	769	421	5	0
MN	287	2163	1294	4	0
MO	56	1017	220	1	0
ND	0	90	72	7	0
NE	41	214	117	1	0
SD	30	143	82	2	0
CT	85	723	202	3	1
MA	340	1831	711	2	1
ME	49	440	115	0	1
NH	59	411	192	1	1
RI	47	240	65	0	1
VT	21	209	59	0	1
NJ	416	2061	276	3	2
NY	753	4211	1000	16	2
DC	0	25	0	0	3
DE	35	183	29	0	3
MD	330	1490	142	0	3
PA	668	2936	469	21	3
AL	191	514	2	1	4
GA	414	628	4	0	4
KY	112	837	7	1	4

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NC	743	2067	28	1	4
SC	850	836	8	1	4
TN	742	2103	36	8	4
VA	1080	4120	152	13	4
AR	157	1097	164	0	5
LA	153	716	7	0	5
MS	56	330	0	0	5
NM	0	123	190	55	5
OK	96	954	360	8	5
TX	486	3692	1130	10	5
CA	43	777	1052	522	6
HI	0	2	8	8	6
AK	0	24	77	21	7
AZ	64	827	787	441	7
ID	16	175	130	107	7
MT	16	245	109	37	7
NV	0	130	125	104	7
OR	40	410	352	132	7
UT	22	117	133	59	7
WA	21	400	413	178	7
WY	6	51	64	11	7
MI	291	2603	410	0	8
OH	285	2521	167	0	8
WV	83	642	32	0	8
IL	313	3134	432	24	9
IN	286	1524	150	7	9
WI	131	1179	423	1	9
ON	953	4581	1447	13	VE
QC	21	391	104	4	VE

Logs Received & Silent Keys

The logs received trend continues to perform well. The FQP is still chasing the high water marks set during COVID, as with many contests, but 2024 marked the post-COVID highs in mobile and expedition logs, and the fixed station logs from the US and VE were at their highest in 2-3 years, contributing to the third-highest total logs received count ever.

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Historical Log Breakdown by Area

Area	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
FL-Fixed	140	150	150	168	214	123	113	108	103	81
FL-Mobiles + Virtual	258	229	230	248	78	327	445	395	468	406
FL-Expeditions	37	27	24	35	0	53				
USA	583	547	582	661	766	451	379	396	320	315
VE	72	65	66	71	75	59	42	42	36	36
DX	32	35	49	41	53	16	24	30	51	78
TOTAL	1122	1053	1101	1224	1186	1029	1003	971	978	916

Earlier Years:

2014-881 2013-1059 (89 DX) 2012-1093 2011-866 2010-903 2009-987 2008-826 2007-778 2006-755 2005-589
2004-706 2003-662 2002-450 2001-403 2000-294 1999-215 1998-229

On a somber note, there were a number of FQP enthusiasts who became silent keys since the 2024 FQP. Most prominently was Paul Antos NS2N (ex. WB2ABD). Paul was a member of Niagara Frontier Radiosport and was such an enthusiastic backer of FQP that his club sponsored a new W2-area FQP plaque in his memory. Paul made 300 QSOs in the 2024 FQP.

WA1UJU made over 100 QSOs in the 2024 FQP and had been a frequent entrant in the FQP for more than 20 years.

In Florida, we lost NX4TT, K4MM, and NP2B in the past year. NX4TT had sponsored the FQP Expedition plaque since its inception, and we expect his call to remain on the plaque in memory going forward. K4MM had been a member of the FCG for > 20 years and was well-known for his low-power DXing and contesting efforts from the Port St. Lucie area, including a very respectable DXCC and VUCC total on 6m. NP2B was the longtime USVI section manager, and was very involved in bringing new hams into the hobby and hosting DXPeditions at his home in KP2. In recent years, he and his wife had retired to the Villages in Central Florida where he was active as W4MRJ.

In addition to the above FQP-centric SKs, we were saddened to lose W5OV and W3EP in 2024. RIP to all.

Valid QSOs By Band-Mode

The breakdown of QSOs by band-mode shows that conditions remained good on 15m. At the bottom of the cycle, we'll be counting 10m QSOs on one hand for the entire contest.

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Non Florida											
40 CW		20 CW		15 CW		10 CW		CW QSOS		CW COUNTIES	
WN4AFP	123	K7SV	322	N7IR	143	N7IR	71	K9CT	490	15 TIED WITH	67
K7SV	111	K9CT	316	N5RZ	121	KA6BIM	59	K7SV	473		
N3RD	98	WB9HFK	280	KA6BIM	117	NP2X	56	N5RZ	438		
W4NZ	96	N9CK	277	AA7V	98	KN7Y	54	N7IR	436		
K3WW	92	K3WW	260	OM2VL	98	WJ9B	54	N9CK	436		
K4BSK	92			VE7ZO	98						
40 SSB		20 SSB		15 SSB		10 SSB		SSB QSOS		SSB COUNTIES	
KA2G	42	NX3A	326	W6AFA	106	W6AFA	73	NX3A	373	N8II	54
NX3A	35	N8II	187	K1JB	72	N9RV	33	W6AFA	236	NX3A	54
AC5O	27	AB1F	179	W1KDA	65	NN6U	10	K1JB	219	W6AFA	54
WN4AFP	26	K1JB	138	N0GJW	55	W7RN	8	N8II	199	K1JB	53
N2OG	22	K8BF	109	VE7ZO	51	NP2X	7	AB1F	188	OM2VL	53
		TOTAL QSOS				TOTAL COUNTIES					
		N8II	522			N8II	120				
		NP2X	514			OM2VL	120				
		OM2VL	508			K1JB	116				
		K9CT	490			WA5SOG	116				
		K3WW	482			K3WW	111				
FL Fixed (excl. 1x1s)											
40 CW		20 CW		15 CW		10 CW		CW QSOS		CW MULTS	
N4KS	354	W4SPR	550	N4BP	360	W4SO	58	N4KS	1215	N4TB	82
N4BP	329	N4KS	530	N4KS	315	WF4DX	54	N4BP	1209	N4KS	75
KQ4R	273	KQ4R	513	W4DXM	313	N4EF	46	W4SO	1092	N4BP	73
W4SPR	259	W4SO	504	W4SO	283	WB4TDH	46	W4SPR	1052	W4SPR	73
W4SO	247	N4TB	502	WB4TDH	264	W4LT	42	N4TB	1035	WC4E	72
40 SSB		20 SSB		15 SSB		10 SSB		SSB QSOS		SSB MULTS	
KG2MM	236	NL7WA	1091	W4GAC	220	N4II	187	NE8P	1165	K4JC	82
NE8P	206	NE8P	861	K4JC	161	W4GAC	97	NL7WA	1091	W4SVI	80
N4II	186	W3US	777	NA4DC	154	W4MLB	38	K4JC	949	W3US	79
W4GAC	137	K4JC	768	WX4E	137	WF4DX	33	W4GAC	873	NE8P	71
WF4DX	91	W4SVI	754	W4OX	135	KO4DN	22	W3US	859	N1KSC	67
										W4GAC	67

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	TOTAL QSOS			TOTAL MULTS					
	W4GAC	1640		W3US	146				
	W3US	1577		W4GAC	135				
	WF4DX	1326		WF4DX	126				
	N4KS	1215		W4OX	119				
	N4BP	1209		KO4DN	116				

N4BP, N4KS, and W4DXM all exceeded 300 QSOs on 15m CW. The multi-op team at W4GAC logged 220 QSOs on 15m SSB. Similar performance on 10m remains elusive for FQP entrants, as the top CW score was only 58 QSOs. Breaking the trend, N4II in the panhandle ran off 187 QSOs on 10m SSB. Buoyed by QSOs with K4OJ/m and other multi-band mobiles, N7IR, N5RZ, and KA6BIM (in AZ, TX, and OR, respectively) exceeded 100 QSOs on 15m CW. W6AFA logged 106 QSOs on 15m SSB and 73 QSOs on 10m SSB. Congratulations are also in order for OM2VL, who placed in the top-5 for overall QSOs with > 500 and tied for tops in total multipliers with 120 (67 on CW, 53 on SSB).

Florida Results

KEYS 1x1s

Congratulations and thanks to all our 1x1 hosts for 2024. We had 12 stations on the air whose suffixes spelled out "KEYS" three times each. All were mixed mode except for K4Y @ K3QH in PAL, who chose to operate SSB-only. With a short word, there were 993 sweeps in 2024, with another 584 missing only one letter. The first sweep was AA0FO in KS, who took only 10 minutes to find four different 1x1s. The second sweeper was K9OM from WI, and the third was WN4AFP from SC. The first in-state sweeper was KB4EE/OKE who finished the sweep at 1904z.

The 1x1 stations represent steady beacons on the band, which benefits everyone. The serious out-of-state entrants clearly prioritize the mobile windows, however, as N8II, K9CT, and N7IR were #38, #78, and #100 to sweep, respectively. The rarest station to sweep the 1x1s was T77LA. The first EU was SV1RUX, who beat OM2VL by three minutes. We had a rare Asian sweeper in 2024, as JO7WXN found his last QSO at 2206z on Saturday on 15m CW.

With the lineup of 1x1 hosts, there were a total of 92 QSOs possible, and NP2X worked 70 of the possible band-mode slots to reach top of the table. KP2 is close to FL, but it's certainly not in a favored direction, so kudos to Fred for finding the 1x1s in such numbers.

As we had one 1x1 that was SSB-only, only mixed-mode or SSB-only entrants could log all 12 1x1s. The first to do so was WA5SOG in AR at 1830z. The second was KY7M in AZ at 1851z.

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CALL	HOST/OP	CTY	40 CW	20 CW	15 CW	10 CW	40 SSB	20 SSB	15 SSB	10 SSB	TOTAL	OPERATOR(S)
K4K	AI4WW	BRO	236	384	235	19	88	389	164		1515	
K4E	K4EJ	PAS	55	412	124	15		655			1261	
K4Y	K3QH	PAL					57	834	114	12	1017	
K4S	K2SG	HER	234	402	218	33	185	683	81		1836	
N4K	N4WW	ORA	213	533	265	31	59	357	43		1501	+ K0LUZ
N4E	N1TO	IDR	290	430	155	6	2	962	209	4	2058	
N4Y	N4UU	ALC	276	467	209	38	136	826	38		1990	
N4S	N4SVC	SUW	310	545	281	82	78	597	147	74	2114	K0DI K1UHF K4SME KD4AMP N2CEI W9MC
W4K	N4OX	ESC	235	446	114	7	84	904	71	113	1974	
W4E	NF4A	BAY	212	407	172	49	248	530	112	64	1794	
W4Y	WO4O	LAK	202	327	212	33		371	148	32	1325	
W4S	NN7CW	LAK	246	458	255	41	296	754	120	1	2171	
			2509	4811	2240	354	1233	7862	1247	300	20556	
					MODE:	9914				10642	20556	
						BAND:	3742	12673	3487	654	20556	

For 2025, the 1x1 Spelling Bee word will be “PIRATES” with two stations per letter. All stations are expected to run mixed mode. Hoist the Jolly Roger and chase the FQP PIRATES around the bands!

As a reminder, we do not score the 1x1 entries against in-state stations. They are scored against one another only on the basis of raw QSOs with no multipliers available. This is to incentivize the 1x1 stations to run for essentially the entire 20-hour event, or as close to it as they possibly can.

County Sweeps

2024 saw eight unique mobile stations scatter throughout the state. While the 1x1 sweep is a relatively new phenomenon in the FQP, the county sweep is a common goal in most state QSO parties. Despite being the third or fourth most-populated state in the country (depending on which edition of the census you follow), many of the counties in Florida, particularly in interior Florida, do not have significant fixed station activity. We rely on our fleet of mobiles and expeditions to put rare counties like HAR, DIX, GUL, and WAL on the air. This year, the earliest sweeps were courtesy of K8MR, who activated CLR. K9CT used assistance to find K8MR/CLR at 2307z; barely 7 hours into the FQP. K7SV was pipped at the post, as he worked K8MR/CLR for his sweep two minutes later without the benefit of assistance. Low power sweeps in 2024 exceeded HP sweeps, and included the first two sweeps (congrats again to K9CT and K7SV)!

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K4QS, N9CK, and K9CW also finished their sweeps in the same hour. N9CK had worked K8MR/CLR two minutes before K9CT, but he needed WAL, having missed K4A/WAL earlier in the contest. Fortunately N4TO was in WAL soon after. These five stations were all CW-only and achieved the only sweeps for 5.5 FQP hours.

CLR is the largest county by total area in FL (2,305 square miles, larger than Rhode Island). The population is quite large, over 300,000 people, but apparently includes no fixed stations active on CW in FQP. There were at least five very active SSB stations on from CLR before 2300z on Saturday. I75 runs through CLR (and as the K4OJ/m team can testify, it takes a long time to get through CLR on the way to and from MON). We're often asked by prospective expedition and mobile ops which counties are rarest in FL, and CLR is a good example of a county that should not be rare by all rights (there are a lot of people and a major interstate highway there). The rarest counties are usually the sparsely-populated counties in the panhandle (OKA, WAL, HOL, SAN, and MAD all were #66 and #67 for at least one station on Sunday in 2024).

Congratulations to OM2VL for a sweep from EU and to N7IR, AA7V, KA6BIM, and VE7ZO for sweeps from the western part of North America, as well as many first-time sweepers.

SWEEP	CALL	QTH	CATEGORY	PWR	TIME	QSO WITH	CTY	#66	QSO WITH	CTY	DAY 1
CW	K9CT	IL	SINGLE OP (A) CW	LOW	2307	K8MR	CLR	2212	W4AN	TAY	67
CW	K7SV	VA	SINGLE OP CW	LOW	2309	K8MR	CLR	2248	W4AN	TAY	67
CW	K4QS	VA	SINGLE OP (A) CW	HIGH	2310	K8MR	CLR	2214	W4AN	TAY	67
CW	K9CW	IL	SINGLE OP (A) CW	LOW	2325	K8MR	CLR	2250	N4FP	DIX	67
CW	N9CK	WI	SINGLE OP (A) CW	HIGH	2346	N4TO	WAL	2304	K8MR	CLR	67
MIXED	N8II	WV	SINGLE OP MIXED	LOW	1519	N4FP	BRA	1432	AD4ES	GIL	65
CW	K3WW	PA	SINGLE OP (A) MIXED	HIGH	1644	AD4EB	MAD	1616	AD4EB	HAM	62
MIXED	K3WW	PA	SINGLE OP (A) MIXED	HIGH	1644	AD4EB	MAD	1616	AD4EB	HAM	63
CW	N7IR	AZ	SINGLE OP CW	LOW	1645	AD4EB	MAD	1602	AD4EB	HAM	64
MIXED	OM2VL	OM	SINGLE OP (A) MIXED	HIGH	1906	N4SAX	OKA	1647	K4PV	SAN	63
MIXED	W1FM	MA	MULTI OP MIXED	LOW	1919	N4SAX	OKA	1827	KJ4JAH	WAL	59
CW	W1TO	MA	SINGLE OP CW	HIGH	1958	AD4EB	HOL	1746	AD4EB	GAD	60
MIXED	WA5SOG	AR	SINGLE OP (A) MIXED	LOW	2003	K9JHR	SAN	1327	W4WOX	OKA	65
CW	KA6BIM	OR	SINGLE OP (A) CW	HIGH	2012	AD4EB	HOL	1924	N4SAX	OKA	57
MIXED	K9PW	IL	SINGLE OP (A) MIXED	LOW	2051	W4AN	JEF	1637	W4AN	BAK	57
CW	OM2VL	OM	SINGLE OP (A) MIXED	HIGH	2102	AD4EB	OKA	1647	K4PV	SAN	62
CW	AA7V	AZ	SINGLE OP CW	HIGH	2104	AD4EB	OKA	1953	AD4EB	WAG	61
CW	VE7ZO	BC	SINGLE OP (A) MIXED	HIGH	2110	AD4EB	OKA	1651	AD4EB	MAD	63
MIXED	VE7ZO	BC	SINGLE OP (A) MIXED	HIGH	2110	AD4EB	OKA	1651	AD4EB	MAD	63

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CW	WB9HFK	IL	SINGLE OP (A) MIXED	LOW	2112	AD4EB	OKA	1545	K4PV	SAN	64
MIXED	WB9HFK	IL	SINGLE OP (A) MIXED	LOW	2112	AD4EB	OKA	1545	K4PV	SAN	64
CW	NW0M	MO	SINGLE OP CW	LOW	2120	AD4EB	SAN	2058	AD4EB	OKA	62
CW	WA5SOG	AR	SINGLE OP (A) MIXED	LOW	2133	AD4EB	SAN	2118	AD4EB	OKA	65

FL Fixed Stations

Single Op Mixed

Congratulations to W4EE in BRE for his big win in SO Mixed in 2024! Jim ran up big numbers on CW (803 QSOs) to go with a very competitive number on SSB. Jim's strength was on 15m CW, where he outclassed all competitors in his category with 236 QSOs (the nearest competitor in the category was K0CIE in 6th place, who finished with exactly 100 fewer QSOs on that band-mode). It was a comprehensive victory for Jim, as his 416 QSOs on 20m CW was second only to W3US and his 419 QSOs on that band-mode. Rusty used high power though, so Jim got a 2.0x score multiplier for his trouble. Jim's log was also exceptionally clean, as he finished with a 1.0% error rate, just barely outside of the log checking honor roll.

Finishing second in SO Mixed was perennial competitor K3TW, who ran QRP from his FB station in CIT. Tom had a very respectable 116 SSB QSOs, particularly impressive for 5w! Impressively, Tom's SSB multiplier total was the same as W4EE's in 38 fewer QSOs, showing Tom's ability to tune the big knob effectively.

In third place in the category (by 0.2%!) was W3US, who left his amplifier on for the weekend and ran off huge numbers on SSB, where he had 859 QSOs on SSB, with 777 on 20m. As expected with such large numbers, Rusty's multiplier was the class of the category (or indeed of any category, including the SSB-only entrants). FB!

Single-Op Assisted Mixed

WA1S operated from CIT (which was crowded in 2024 and will be even more crowded with the addition of WA1BXY/NM4AA in 2025!) and was the class of the Mixed Assisted category. Ann made an outstanding effort on CW with 771 QSOs, nearly as many as unassisted winner W4EE. Curiously, her multiplier total was slightly less than Jim's, perhaps owing to the times that she was on CW vs. SSB. Ann's SSB totals were very efficient, as she finished with 47 multipliers on 262 QSOs. Ann's log was also very clean, as she finished on the log checking honor roll with a sub-1.0% error rate.

In second place, operating about half-time from his home station was W4LT, who also had a very clean log with an error rate of < 1.0%. Lu made more of an emphasis on CW, where he made 60% of his QSOs.

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In third place in a category dominated by WCF stations was NN4NN operated by K3SV. Bill chose to operate high power from his station in PAS and turned in a very impressive score. His log was even more tilted toward CW than Lu's, with about 16% of his 973 valid QSOs on SSB. Bill had 69 CW multipliers, the most in the category, but his relatively smaller emphasis on SSB meant his SSB multiplier was a more pedestrian 38.

Single-Op CW

In this most popular category within Florida, N4BP put together a dominant performance in 2024. Bob used his normal tribander + wires station in BRO to log a very impressive 1209 QSOs and 73 multipliers, tied with W4SPR for most among the 100w stations (only exceeded by N4KS and N4TB who both used a KW). Bob's multiplier total exceeded all of the Mixed-mode entrants as well, whether unassisted or assisted. His log was extremely accurate also, as he easily made the log checking honor roll with a sub-1.0% error rate.

In second place in the CW-only category was W4SPR, who operated from his all-wire antenna farm in MRT. Spray made a lot of hay on 20m as his 550 QSOs there were the most of all the 100w CW-only entrants. Impressively, Spray's error rate was below Bob's, but it wasn't enough to overcome the QSO deficit.

KQ4R operated from his station in VOL and turned in a very impressive score, also making the log checking honor roll (which is a theme at the top of this category in particular). Ed broke 500 QSOs on 20m, along with W4SPR, which enabled him to hold off WB4TDH for third place.

WB4TDH deserves a special shout-out for his outstanding logging accuracy and FB effort in 2024. Out of 925 QSOs, we were able to find only a single verifiable error in Andy's log, for an outstanding error rate of 0.1%. Had that error not crept in, Andy would have easily won the Golden Log plaque with perhaps the largest golden log in the history of the FQP! Andy won the Golden Log plaque in 2021 with 767 QSOs.

Also deserving special shout-outs in this category were HP (and W1CW/W1YL/K4OJ memorial plaque winner) N4KS who paced everyone with 1215 QSOs and 75 multipliers, tops in the category. Thanks to the 1.0 score multiplier on HP entries, Ken's score ended up 8th place in the category.

Just behind N4KS was W4CI. Dave operates a modest station in SEM and is totally blind. Notably, Dave sends with a bug for almost the entire contest, and logged 576 QSOs and 52 multipliers QRP! FB!

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Single-Op Assisted CW

As popular as Single-Op CW was, it was relatively less popular to turn on the packet spotting for the contest. Perhaps that makes sense given the ability of even modest stations in FL to run pileups for FQP. Pacing the CW-only assisted group was AA4NP from his stealth antenna station in BRE. Jim used 100w and put together a very impressive score, particularly on 40m where his 222 QSOs were by far the most in the category.

Behind Jim was former M/M station owner (and former American League All-Star) Joe Rudi NK7U who chose to use HP from his stealth antenna farm in SUM and logged over 400 QSOs and 57 multipliers (notably, three more multipliers than AA4NP found to win the category).

Single-Op SSB

Perennial winner N4WZ sat out the FQP this year, clearing the way for a new winner. Congratulations to NL7WA, who ended up with a dominant win in the category thanks to the 2.0x LP multiplier. John made QSOs exclusively on 20m, and kept his log exceptionally clean, as he made the log checking honor roll.

Behind John was NE8P, who chose what is usually the winning strategy for SSB-only of operating HP and being a beacon on all bands. Mike left his amplifier on from his modest station in VOL (rotatable dipole and vertical) and ran off 1165 valid QSOs to go with 71 SSB multipliers.

In third place and just bumping up against the 1000-QSO mark was K4JC, who also left his amplifier on from BRE. Vince had another very clean log with an error rate of less than 1.0%. He also set the pace on 15m with 162 QSOs, most in the category on that band-mode. Thanks in part to his greater emphasis on 15m, Vince had the most SSB multipliers of any entrant, with 82. FB!

Single-Op Assisted SSB

The utility of the PacketCluster network and its successors is less on SSB without automated spotting for stations as on the RBN, but it is a way to find some additional multipliers. The assisted SSB-only crowd was fewer in number than the assisted CW-only, but there were still some very FB scores achieved.

Congratulations to WS4AM, who activated rare LEV to the tune of a round 700 QSOs after log checking. Since N4UU moved to ALC, LEV has been relatively rare; it's great to see some fixed station activity from there, particularly on SSB. The SSB sweep has been elusive in the recent decade or so, but SSB activity from fixed stations is building, and we're hopeful that we'll turn the tide soon!

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In second place was AJ4HP from SEM. Similar to NL7WA in the Unassisted SSB-only category, AJ4HP logged all of his 609 QSos on 20m. Excellent job!

Florida Multi-Ops

We had more multi-op entries in 2024 than have been active in a while. Thanks to everyone for putting together a multi-op effort, whether it involves just two operators or a cast of dozens. We appreciate the time you invest in the contest, and many hands make light work of shoveling those QSos!

Multi-Op Single Transmitter Mixed

NV9L and WB9Z have been wintering in CIT, and we appreciate them extending their stay to operate the FQP with their club call, WF4DX. Their LP effort was characterized by their accuracy, as they finished just a whisker above the cutoff for the log checking honor roll. Val and Jerry ran up big numbers on CW, but their SSB effort was more than nominal. They have agreed to host a 1x1 in 2025, so we look forward to big numbers from the pair of them in a few weeks!

Multi-Op Single Transmitter CW

DX Marathon manager WC3W operated his remote station in OSC alongside K2CIB as W4DXM (W4 DX Marathon...get it?). They chose to operate only CW and managed over 1000 QSos and 70 multipliers.

Multi-Op Single Transmitter SSB

This was a crowded category in 2024, with multiple entrants from around the state. All appear to be club entries...we thank these general-interest clubs for investing their time and effort into the FQP, and we hope your operators had a great time being DX for the weekend!

Congratulations to the PCARS club in BRE. Their club effort included six operators. Thanks to the 2.0x score multiplier, they finished at the top of the heap with almost 700 QSos after log checking to go with 61 multipliers.

DAD county, despite being the most-populated county in Florida (2.7M people as of the 2020 census) can be rare in FQP as it is heavily urbanized. We thank the operators from the Everglades ARC for activating W4SVI from DAD in 2024. They used high power and had more QSos and a very competitive multiplier total compared with the W4MLB crew, with a very impressive 80 multipliers.

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Across BRE from W4MLB, near Titusville, the Kennedy Space Center ARC was also active as N1KSC with six operators. They used high power and had almost 500 QSOs and a very competitive 67 multipliers, more than category winner W4MLB.

Multi-Op Multi-Transmitter Mixed

Due to the limited number of bands possible in the FQP, we do not have a separate M/2 and M/M classification. There were several clubs who chose to operate multiple stations during FQP, led by the SPARC in PIN, who operated W4GAC and posted a final score of 638K thanks to the low power 2.0x multiplier. They had more QSOs on SSB than on CW and an almost even split of multipliers, with 68 on CW and 67 on SSB. There was a large group of SPARC members active...we thank the leadership in the club for ensuring that many locals from St. Petersburg have a good experience in the FQP each year.

In second place behind W4GAC was the Davie/Cooper City ARC operating NA4DC from BRO. They had six operators and had slightly more QSOs on CW than on SSB.

Close behind NA4DC was the Charlotte ARC, operating as WX4E. They had six operators and finished in third place by about 3% in the final score. The team in CHA had a larger proportion of their QSOs on SSB than on CW. They handily outpaced NA4DC in SSB QSOs, but crucially both teams had the same number of SSB multipliers. Just a few more CW QSOs and multipliers might have made the difference in an extremely close race!

Florida School Club

K4WTL, from the W. Travis Loftin High School in Gainesville, turned in their normal very impressive log featuring secret weapon Eliza, who is unlicensed yet has mastered CW, to the tune of 512 QSOs and 63 multipliers. Thanks to the hard work by W4GJ, who acts as the trustee for the K4WTL license and ensures that the students are able to get on the air each year for the FQP.

Florida Mobiles

Like most of the state QSO parties (at least in the Eastern US where counties are relatively compact) mobile stations are the lifeblood of the FQP. Without a comprehensive mobile effort, it would be very difficult for out-of-state entrants to find a county sweep, and the fixed station activity would not be enough to justify a 20-hour event. With gas prices rising and road construction its usual epidemic in Florida, we thank all the mobiles who sacrificed to get on the road and operate, and we hope that you all had a great time.

Rather than breaking down the mobiles by category, because there was only one category with more than one entrant, I'll talk about the mobiles collectively.

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At the top of the heap in 2024 was the K4OJ/m team of NX4N, NK4O, N4KM, and W4WF. Their route took them to 45 counties, including stops in MON and CLR (for those who missed it on Saturday). Thanks to having a full-time station on 15m, they blew away the competition on 15m with 1171 valid QSOs on that band, most of any of the mobiles by a significant margin. With the third station splitting time between 40m and 10m, they had another 179 QSOs on 10m, again tops for any of the mobile teams. Highlights included WAS (tnx to WH7W and KL7SB on 15m) and working JO7WXN on both 10m and 15m from several counties on Sunday.\

Close behind K4OJ was the husband and wife team of AD4EB and Melanie, who drove down from TN as they have for several years and again set the standard in SO Mobile + Driver. Melanie drives and plans the route, and they covered 49 counties, most of any of the mobile entrants. Even with only one station QRV, they had the most QSOs of any mobile station on 20m (2970). Curiously, with 1200 fewer QSOs than K4OJ, AD4EB had 8 more multipliers.

Close behind AD4EB came the experienced M/S team of KU8E and K4BAI, who signed W4AN in memory of Bill Fisher. As is typical for Jeff and John, their error rate was exemplary as they were the only mobile team on the log checking honor roll. Jeff and John also took some time to get on SSB to hand out rare counties on that mode as well, finishing with 117 QSOs and 36 multipliers there. Thanks to the extra multipliers, they nearly broke 1M points as well, finishing with 928K.

Taking on both driving and operating duties was K8MR, who navigated his way through 19 counties, some multiple times to give the deserving extra chances. Because he's operating without a driver, Jim operates part of the contest while driving and records and transcribes those portions of his log after the contest. While we cannot endorse this practice for everyone, it seems to work for Jim, as he finished with a very impressive 2224 QSOs across both modes. Jim also found some time to work SSB, to the tune of 141 QSOs.

The mysterious white van with "FQP" on the side in 24" letters was on the road again in 2024, with team AD4ES behind the key. Congratulations to the operators, AD4ES, K4QD, K5LD, and KE4YGT for another big score. They made a lot of hay on SSB with 333 QSOs and 42 multipliers, both tops among all the mobiles regardless of category. They weren't quiet on CW either, with more than 2000 QSOs there (2104 to be precise) in 35 counties.

With his usual partner out of the game for 2024, W4TMO operated solo as K4A in 28 counties. Jim chose to use high power, so he didn't get the advantage of the 2.0x LP score multiplier. We understand that father-in-law N4CW is expected to be operating with Jim again in 2025, so we look forward to continued great scores from this team going forward.

The quintessential FQP category for many who have gone mobile in the past is M/S Mobile CW. This year, we had two teams in this category, the only category with competition. Team N4TO (N4EEB and K1TO) had equipment problems and operated all day on Saturday but only a couple of hours on Sunday, but still pulled out the win over team N4FP (+ K2PS). Team N4TO operated from 29 counties and team N4FP operated from 19 counties. Wayne and Pete were in

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the right place at the right time to provide the penultimate in-state multiplier for K9CW and the final multiplier for N8II. N4FP and his wife Marty N4GL have relocated to NC since the 2024 FQP, but sources suggest that K2PS will be back in 2025, perhaps as an expedition!

Florida Expedition

We added the Expedition category to better separate those who operated away from permanent stations but who weren't saddled with the handicaps or advantages of mobile operation (namely, small and inefficient antennas but frequent and seamless county changes). As time has passed, we've worked hard to refine the Expedition category rules and restrictions in order to make the category work best for everyone. In 2024, we had nine Expeditions who covered a total of 32 counties, both high-water marks in the FQP. Some of the expeditions spent the entire FQP period in one rare county with temporary antennas. Others move from county to county...AA4TI in particular targets county lines to maximize QSOs per stop.

Congratulations to K5KG, K4NMR, K2ZR, and WB2AMN for their winning Expedition effort from the Coast Guard Cutter *Ingham*, berthed in Key West in MON. The *Ingham* has a permanent ham radio station in the radio room of the cutter, but George and his team set up temporary antennas and did not use any of the permanent antennas in order to qualify for the Expedition category. They used the *Ingham*'s club callsign NR4DL and finished with just over 1000 CW QSOs to go with just over 500 SSB QSOs.

Previous winner AA4TI used his new IC7610 (won at the Orlando Contest Dinner) to set the pace in the single-op Expedition category. Steve covered 10 counties, several on county lines. His portable antennas, which must be small enough to be erected and lowered by one op, lacked the oomph available to the NR4DL team, so his SSB totals were lacking. He made up for it on CW, with 1515 QSOs (a 500-QSO advantage). However, NR4DL found more multipliers on both CW and SSB.

Next in the table was NC visitor W4MY, who traveled down to FL with W4TTX and operated from LIB in the panhandle. Marty and Robert operated from a campground with temporary antennas. Their SSB totals were particularly impressive, as they exceeded the NR4DL totals despite having only one station QRV (NR4DL had two).

The N4DAB team operated in memory of their stalwart leader WB4OMM (SK) and managed seven counties in a Saturday-only operation. Thanks to KB4T and K8SR for activating some relatively uncommon central FL counties, and kudos for your logging accuracy as well, as they ended up with a < 1.0% error rate!

Non-Florida Results

Our thanks again to the non-Florida entrants without whom we couldn't have a successful QSO Party. The bulk of our QSOs comes from our longtime supporters in the USA and Canada, and

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we appreciate their time and attention as they turn their beams south to chase the mobiles and fixed stations around the bands. We also extend our thanks to the DX stations who take time away from "being the DX" to chase Floridians around the bands for a weekend.

Single-Op Mixed Mode

Congratulations to N8II for his big win in 2024 from rare WV and for the hat trick...three FQP wins in a row (and five wins overall). Only W8MJ (10) and WA3HAE (8) have as many. Jeff made a big score on SSB with 199 QSOs after log checking, and a very impressive 54 SSB multipliers (the same number as the SSB-only winner) to go along with 66 CW multipliers. Jeff missed PUT on CW but worked it on SSB. Jeff's log was exceptionally clean, as he finished with a sub-1.0% error rate to land on the log checking honor roll. FB!

W2LC finished behind Jeff, though he used his more northerly location to his advantage to work a lot of QSOs on 15m (52 on CW + 26 on SSB). Scott finished just a shade below the 100K club at 98,700.

Just 3.4% behind Scott was his fellow 2-lander, K2YG, who used 5w and the 3.0x score multiplier to post an excellent score. Impressively with 5w, Dave managed 38 SSB QSOs and 23 multipliers. Dave also had an exceptionally clean log with an error rate of only 0.5%. Kudos!

At about 2.5% behind K2YG was W0PI, who used 100w from his station in MN to finish in fourth place in the category. Being further north and west helped him on 15m, as he made 89 QSOs on 15m CW and 41 on 15m SSB, tops in the category.

Single Op Assisted Mixed Mode

We had a new winner in this category this year, as WA5SOG brought home the title to Arkansas for 2024. Ed did great work on SSB, as his CW QSO total was a little lackluster compared with competitors VE3YT and WB9HFK. However, his big numbers on SSB, particularly a very healthy SSB multiplier total of 49 counties to go with a county sweep on CW set him up for success.

Just behind WA5SOG was longtime FQP entrant VE3YT. Operating from his FB station in Ontario, Vic turned in a very credible log with 100w. His emphasis was on CW, which cost him a few SSB multipliers compared with WA5SOG. Vic missed WAK for the mixed sweep. Maybe next year!

The next three finishers were separated by a total of about 4%, but they arrived at their final scores in slightly different ways. WB9HFK had a big number on CW and a relatively small SSB effort, but his log was exceptionally clean (a single error on CW for a final error rate of 0.3%). He found all 67 counties on CW and 20 on SSB in only 27 QSOs, and thanks to his low error rate he finished at the top of the cluster of three.

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In the middle of this group was K0RC, who does a great deal of analysis of planned mobile activity each year to help out of state entrants track the mobiles and expeditions around the state to maximize fun. Bob made a bigger effort on SSB than Mark, and he found 42 SSB multipliers, significantly more than WB9HFK.

Barely behind WB9HFK and K0RC was AA3R, who lives in DE but operated remote from NJ for the FQP. Fred finished with more QSOs than K0RC overall, but with two fewer multipliers on SSB, which turned out to be the difference. AA3R won the new NY/NJ FQP plaque sponsored by Niagara Frontier Radiosport for 2024; we look forward to a renewed battle among these three gentlemen (and among all the single-op stations in W2) in the 2025 FQP.

Another 4% behind AA3R was K9PW, who also used 100w from his station in IL. Paul earned a mixed mode county sweep when he found W4AN/JEF after working W4AN/BAK for #66. Paul was very efficient on SSB, with 27 multipliers in only 61 QSOs after log checking.

Just behind K9PW overall but in the lead for all DX stations was OM2VL @ OM8A. Laci put together another outstanding effort from the DX side. He is working on USA-CA, the award for working all US counties, which requires physical QSL cards, so if you've worked Laci (and who hasn't?) please send him a QSL card via bureau or direct. Laci finished with 396 CW QSOs to go with a county sweep, but his effort really shone on SSB where he made 112 QSOs and 53 multipliers. Amazingly, of the SO Mixed entrants, Laci's SSB multiplier total was matched only by K1JB, who needed 219 QSOs, almost 2x OM2VL's total. Laci's CW totals were only exceeded by K3WW, who operated HP from PA and had 407 CW QSOs. FB!

Single-Op CW

Single-op CW Unassisted is generally the most popular category for our non-Florida entrants. Congratulations to the high finishers in this very competitive category for 2024.

K7SV set the pace in this category from his simple station in VA, featuring a tribander and wires for 40m. Lar had a county sweep and even managed 11 QSOs on 10m...very impressive from northern W4! As expected, he had big numbers on 40m, exceeding 100 QSOs on that band-mode, the only non-Floridian to do so in this category. Lar's error rate was also exemplary at 0.6%, easily enough to land him on the log checking honor roll. Lar is a recent (2021) SO Mixed winner (edging N8II by a whisker) but he left his microphone in the drawer in 2024.

Not far behind Lar was N7IR. Despite both Gary and Lar having 7-land calls, their disparate geography made their band breakdowns look like they were in two different contests. Gary had 143 QSOs on 15m and 71 QSOs on 10m from his location in AZ, to go with a county sweep as well.

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Single-Op Assisted CW

Illinois was well-represented at the top of this category as K9CT and K9CW paced the rest of the entrants at the top of the table. As expected for the assisted category, sweeps were relatively more common in this category than in the unassisted ranks.

Congratulations to K9CT for another category win in 2024. Craig turned his big antennas south for the weekend again and was the class of the FQP, with a very impressive 490 QSOs and 67 counties. Craig had 316 QSOs on 20m, most in the category and more than some in-state stations managed. Very impressive!

K9CW is probably sympathizing with Avis these days, as he finishes bridesmaid to K9CT's blushing bride again in 2024. Andrew also found a sweep to go with 307 QSOs after log checking. A valiant effort, but it wasn't enough to beat out Craig.

Nipping at K9CW's heels was VE3CT operated by W1AJT. Art put together a strong effort with 299 QSOs to K9CW's 307 after log checking. Art's log was exceptionally clean with only two errors...a 0.7% error rate! However, he missed three counties, combined with a small QSO deficit which left him just behind K9CW by the thinnest of margins.

Single-Op SSB

Congratulations to NX3A for a convincing win from VA, a hot spot for FQP activity in 2024. Carl used 100w and really milked 20m to the tune of 326 QSOs to secure his victory. His 54 multipliers were tops of anyone in the category and tied for the most of any non-FL entrant on SSB.

AB1F put together a very credible entry to finish in 2nd place in the category from MD, with 51 multipliers, only three short of NX3A's total, in only 188 QSOs after log checking, a very impressive ratio! Somewhat counterintuitively for a station relatively close to Florida, Alex made all of his QSOs on 20m and 15m and eschewed 40m entirely.

Multi-Op

If you can't spend all of FQP weekend in front of the radio yourself, why not consider inviting a friend or two over to pool your efforts and operate?

Congratulations to W1FM (+ N1SOH) for their winning effort in M/S Mixed in 2024. Jake and Ethan found a mixed sweep and a very impressive 290 valid CW QSOs. Their error rate was exceptional, as they had a single error on CW and an otherwise-perfect log.

VE3UZ and wife VE3GYL came in a close second in the category from their station in ON. They also had an outstanding error rate, with a single error on CW and another pesky error on SSB.

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No worries...they were easily on the log checking honor roll. Kudos to SSB operator VE3GYL at VE3UZ, who found a very efficient 45 SSB multipliers in only 99 QSOs!

Club Competition

Congratulations to PVRC for their FB effort in the club competition table for 2025. CCO made a big push to increase their QSO totals to 5819 (PVRC had 5361 in 2023). However, PVRC pushed their winning total even higher, to 6487, the most since we started counting QSOs only. With a traditional cumulative score competition, smaller logs are not material to the final result. However, we believe that having a good population of smaller logs submitted is beneficial to activity levels as well as good for the health of the contest to enable us to cross-check more QSOs. Accordingly, we base club competition on total QSOs. So, PVRC had more entries and slightly more QSOs submitted than CCO, but had a slightly lower cumulative score. However, PVRC's larger number of more modest logs pushed them over the top. PVRC's score was up 21% YOY, and they had logs from their club circle as well as ID, ME, NY, and FL.

Kudos also to MWA, AOCC, and SFCG for big growth from 2023 to 2024 in the over-9 entries group, and thanks to year-in, year-out solid efforts from SMC, YCCC, FRC, NFR, TCG, and NCCC members. Thanks to all!

FQP has somewhat unique rules for club competition in order to encourage and reward part-time participation by out-of-state entrants. While this posture has had the desired effect on non-FL club scores, it has had the unintended side effect of squelching the in-state club competition. So, to that end we have decided to reinstate mobile and expedition scores for in-state club scores as needed in 2025. 1x1 activity is still separate and is not always a club activity, so 1x1 scores will remain excluded.

	1x1, Mobile, Expeditions Excluded					
<u>NON-FLORIDA CLUB</u>	<u>QSOs</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>ENTRIES</u>	<u>HIGHEST QSOs</u>	<u>QTH(s)</u>	<u>+ % and NEW</u>
Potomac Valley Radio Club (PVRC)	6487	1,096,970	46	N8II	VA MD NC WV ID ME NY FL	+ 21%
Contest Club Ontario (CCO)	5819	1,156,699	40	VE3YT	ON AB TI	+ 24%
Minnesota Wireless Assn (MWA)	3516	727,347	31	K0RC	MN WI ND IA	+ 60%
Society of Midwest Contesters (SMC)	3183	688,913	21	K9CT	IL IN WI MO	+ 9%
Yankee Clipper Contest Club (YCCC)	3113	548,496	23	W1FM	MA CT NH VT NY QC	
Frankford Radio Club (FRC)	2881	503,138	15	K3WW	PA NJ NY	
Niagara Frontier Radiosport (NFR)	2828	500,628	17	W2TB	NY	
Arizona Outlaws Contest Club (AOCC)	1764	268,977	12	N7IR	AZ UT	+ 100%
Tennessee Contest Group (TCG)	1548	161,619	19	W4NZ	TN AR	
Swamp Fox CG (SFCG)	1063	159,545	15	WN4AFP	SC	+ 79%
Northern California Contest Club (NCCC)	1026	109,029	10	KA6BIM	CA NV OR	
DFW CG	766	107,264	6	NM5M	TX	+ 55%

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Kansas City Contest Club (KCCC)	759	137,329	6	NW0M	KS MO	+ 166%
Texas DX Society (TDXS)	740	86,812	4	K5TIA	TX	+ 36%
Central Texas DX/Contest Club (CTDXCC)	731	93,368	2	N5RZ	TX	+ 387%
Hudson Valley Contesters and Dxers (HVCDX)	668	98,361	5	K4RUM	NY	
Southern California Contest Club (SCCC)	638	103,790	3	WA6KHK	CA	
Lake Area AR Klub	609	115,358	6	KD2KW	TX	+ 216%
Central VA CC (CVCC)	580	87,292	3	W4PM	VA	+ 160%
Mad River Radio Club (MRRC)	550	72,392	7	K9NW	MI IN	
Alabama Contest Group (ACG)	548	56,882	3	K4PV	AL FL	
Bavarian Contest Club (BCC)	464	36,846	8	DL5XJ	DL	+ 480%
Willamette Valley DXC (WVDXC)	443	67,431	3	WU8T	OR WA	
Orca DX and CC	442	80,044	2	VE7ZO	BC	+ 94%
New Providence ARC	408	138,268	3	K2YG	NJ	+ 5%
Bristol ARC	400	65,339	3	K4DR	TN	NEW
KWARC	374	57,040	4	VE3HZ	ON	NEW
Heartland DXA	349	30,932	2	KV0I	NE IA	+ 5%
Big Sky Contesters	298	41,410	3	N9RV	MT	
Bay Area Dxers	279	37,914	2	WB8ASI	MI	
NAQCC	270	51,810	5	KU4A	KY OH MD PA WI	+ 5%
Carolina DXA (CDXA)	266	44,868	4	N4IJ	NC	+ 16%
Kentucky Contest Group (KCG)	250	30,728	5	NU4N	KY	
Western Washington DX Club (WWDXC)	240	25,821	4	N7EPD	WA	
Contest Group du Quebec	238	18,517	3	VE2FK	QC	+ 107%
Metro DX Club	231	21,483	4	W9ILY	IL	
South Jersey RA	224	34,028	2	W2CN	NJ	NEW
Grand Mesa Contesters of Colorado (GMCC)	218	51,788	2	K0XF	CO WY	+ 142%
Rhein Ruhr DXA	158	23,060	2	DK5DQ	DL	NEW
Noth Fulton ARL	129	9,352	3	KO4VW	GA	
Rochester DXA	116	8,586	2	K2UA	NY	NEW
North Coast Contesters (NCC)	111	17,259	2	NJ3K	PA OH	
Oklahoma DX Assn (OK DXA)	103	6,277	2	N5OHL	OK	NEW
Maritime CC (MCC)	96	6,412	3	VE9AA	NB PE	
South Jersey DX Assn (SJDXA)	90	9,170	2	WA2ACV	NJ	NEW
South East Contest Club (SECC)	79	6,948	2	KY4GS	SC GA	
Gateway ARC	47	4,956	2	KR4AE	GA	NEW
Ellsworth AWA	23	984	2	K3PW	ME	NEW
FLORIDA CLUB	<u>QSOs</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>ENTRIES</u>	<u>HIGHEST QSOs</u>		
The Villages ARC	2954	541,842	4	W3US		
St Petersburg ARC (SPARC)	1794	649,980	2	W4GAC		
Amateur Radio SW FL (ARASWF)	412	36,878	2	K9DY		NEW

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The following Clubs had one entry, so they were not included in the Club listing:

ADXA, ARCA, Arrow Communication Assn, AVRA, Baltic CC, Bloomington ARC, Blue Springs ARC, Boca Raton ARA, Bolingbrook ARS, Bowie Wireless Assn, BSARC, Candlewood ARA, Cantareira DX Group, Charlotte ARS, Columbia ARES, Cornwall Ranger Station ARC, CRAO, Cuyahoga ARS, CWOPS, DARA, DARC, Davie/Cooper City ARC, DE Lehigh ARC, Deep Dixie CC, DeSoto ARC, Dickson County ARC, Dupage ARC, EKO, Everglades ARC, Fairfield Lancaster ARC, Fort Myers ARC, Fort Smith Area ARC, Fox Cities ARC, Gainesville ARS, GKCC, Goshen ARC, Greer ARC, Hazel Park ARC, Hendricks County ARS, Holmesburg ARC, Island HF RA, Jefferson ARC, JH7YES, Jupiter Remote, K5LRK, KARO ECHO, Kennedy Space Center ARC, Keowee Toxiway ARC, Keweenaw County Repeater Assn, KY4ARC, LA CC, Lake Monroe ARS, Larkfield, Livonia ARC, McHenry County WA, MSU ARC, Monroe County RCA, Motherload DX/CC, MSOE ARC, NIARA, Panama City ARC, Patoka Valley ARC, Portage County ARS, Radio Experimentadores de Occidente/DXXE/CRH, Radiosport Manitoba, Randolph County, Rappahannock ARA, Redwood Empire DXA, Remote CC, Rochester VHF Group, San Diego CC, Seneca RC, Shenandoah Valley ARC, Silver Comet ARS, Silver Springs RC, Skywide, Slovak CG, Snohomish County Hams Club, Socorro ARA, South Mountain Radio Amateurs, SP DXC, Spirit Valley Amateurs, Spokane DXA, Sterling Park ARC, Sun City Center ARC, Sunday Creek ARF, Tallahassee ARS, Tamiami ARC, Thibodaux ARC, Tiki DX & CC, Upper Pinellas ARC, Utah CC, VE2UMS, W.T.Loften HS ARC, West Allis RAC, West Chester ARA, Wilderness Road ARC

Golden Logs and Log Checking Honor Roll

The competition for the top golden log was tight in 2024, with W1TO edging out N0HJZ by a bare six QSOs to take the plaque. Congratulations also to W4NZ for exceeding 200 QSOs without an error. Ted won the Golden Log plaque in 2019.

The log checking honor roll had a number of big scores, including the mobile log of W4AN with KU8E and K4BAI operating and the SO SSB winner NL7WA

BOLD = also Golden Log or on Honor Roll in 2024			
HONOR ROLL <1% errors, >99 QSOs			
GOLDEN LOGS 2024	QSOs		QSOs
W1TO	264	AA2IL	113
N0HJZ	258	KT4O	113
W4NZ	230	N4DW	112
KG9X	187	NS4X	110
K5ZD	172	KC2GOW	109
W9RE	163	W9ILY	107

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K0TC	162	NQ2W	103
K2AL	160	KI7Y	102
VE3GFN	146	N3KN	101
K3YP	142	N3WR	100
W4ZTH	141	VA6RCN	100
N7EPD	140		
WA0MHJ	125		
HONOR ROLL 2024			
AA3S		N4TB	
AC5O		N6GP	
AF5J		N8II	
K0SM		N9CK	
K1VUT		NJ3K	
K2YG		NL7WA	
K3QP		NS2N	
K3TN		NW0M	
K4AMC		VA3SP	
K4BAI (ONE OP AT W4AN)		VE3CT	
K4BSK		VE3FH	
K4DR		VE3GYL (OP AT VE3UZ)	
K4JC		VE3JM	
K4RUM		VE3MV	
K5CM		VE3NNT	
K5VV		VE3SST	
K7SV		VE3UZ (MULTI OP)	
K8SR (ONE OP AT N4DAB)		VE7ZO	
K9NW		W0VX	
KA0PQW		W1FM (MULTI OP)	
KB4T (ONE OP AT N4DAB)		W1GD	
KF8MZ		W1QK	
KM5G		W2CS	
KN7Y		W2FU	
KQ4R		W4LT	
KU8E (ONE OP AT W4AN)		W4SPR	
KY7M		W7LG	
N0AT		W8RZ	

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N1IBM		WA1S	
N1SOH (OP AT W1FM)		WA8ZBT	
N2RC		WB4TDH	
N3CW		WB9HFK	
N4BP		WO4O (OP OF W4Y)	
N4EK		WX8C	
N4KHI			
N4OX (W4K)			

Log Checking Comments

Both in-state and out-of-state entrants have calls and exchanges that can trip them up. SAR vs. HAR has caused problems in the past (and they're not very far apart geographically, though they do not border one another). For in-state stations, they had to watch out for VE3NNT and VE3CT on CW, and VE3MM and VE3TM.

For each busted call, busted QTH and not-in-log in your FQP log, a one QSO penalty is assessed. Duplicates, out-of-state to out-of-state, and QSOs outside the 20 FQP hours are removed without penalty. We at the FQP will continue to adhere to high standards of log checking, as it remains a high priority to us to fully certify our results. Each line score reflects the total number of valid QSOs. Penalties are subtracted before calculating the final score. Don't worry about logging stations in various formats. K4OJ, K4OJ/m, K4OJ/LAF, K4OJ/m/LAF, and K4OJ/r are all equivalent, provided the received QTH field shows LAF for the QSO in question.

While some sponsors remove all uniques from logs, the FQP and most other contest sponsors take a different view -- if a callsign appears in only your log, it cannot be assumed to be busted. There are many casual participants on the air in a given weekend and in an event like the FQP there are many valid reasons why a callsign might appear in only one log. Unique QSOs are not removed from your FQP log if they are deemed to be a valid and workable callsign/QTH combination.

Cheerleading is somewhat related to unique calls. Cheerleading is the practice of working exclusively (or almost so) one station that weekend in hopes of benefiting them because the cheerleader is not also working their competitors. In the FQP, with many mobiles hitting 30+ counties, the impact of a cheerleader is markedly amplified over a traditional contest where only a few QSOs can be made between two stations. A sophisticated cheerleader might try to work a nominal number of other QSOs so their call does not appear to be a unique, but the vast majority of their QSOs will be with their target station. We consider cheerleading to be a form of poor sportsmanship and we strongly discourage it.

Similarly, if you hold a club callsign, please do not make contacts with both your regular and your club callsign to artificially inflate the score of one team or entrant.

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Any attempt to spot yourself will result in your entry being reclassified as a Checklog. While self-spotting is now permitted for some contests, we believe it gives the spotter an unfair advantage in contesting over those who wait for others to randomly spot them. One exception we make to this rule is for the 1x1s. Since we want to maximize exposure of every 1x1, we permit reasonable levels of self-spotting to increase the number of folks who can sweep the 1x1 letters.

As a reminder, there is no 10-minute rule or band change restriction in the FQP. Entrants in all categories may change bands and modes as often as they wish. Just don't transmit at the same time on multiple frequencies if you are single-op.

Please pay close attention to the mobile windows. If you are a fixed station and you call CQ there, you will be detected and may be given a warning.

We support and encourage maximum contest activity from inside and outside Florida. If you're operating with a multi-op team and you also want to operate from home, that's great! Please submit both logs as they'll both be eligible for awards and you might just get a prime spot in the results write-up!

In Conclusion

Our friends in Switzerland have had a long-time event called the Helvetia Contest running on the same weekend as the FQP. Please follow this link and support their terrific contest as we co-exist peacefully and constructively.

<http://www.uska.ch/amateurfunkpraxis/wettbewerbe-und-diplome/schweizer-contest-kw/>

Thanks as always to all the volunteers that make the FQP happen. KU8E has done great work managing our website and making changes and updates as needed. K8NZ has served as paper log czar for many years but is stepping down for 2025. WA7BNM has stepped up to handle log uploads and certificate processing.

NX4N has continued to serve as chief FQP cheerleader in the spirit of K4OJ, whose frequent posts to the CQ-Contest mailing list often ended with "...only xxx days until the FQP!" Chris works tirelessly behind the scenes to answer questions, solicit activity, recruit new clubs and organizations to activate rare counties, and on top of that, is planning a serious SO+Driver entry in the FQP, to the extent that his sore back will permit him to operate.

Last but certainly not least, K1TO is the reason that the FQP is the success it is. Dan puts in countless hours analyzing logs and computing results, serves as the rules guru resolving problems and clearing up inconsistencies in the rules from year to year, handles the plaque distribution, and dedicates a lot of time to the contest to ensure that it is successful for everyone. Without his effort, it is not an exaggeration to say that we wouldn't have an FQP.

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Finally, we want to thank all of the FQP entrants who take time away from other obligations for the weekend to operate the contest and make Floridians feel like DX for the weekend. Your most important and appreciated contribution is your time...we look forward to seeing you on the bands for the 2025 FQP on April 26 and 27!