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# 1996 ARRL June VHF QSO Party Results

“Band conditions that you dream about, but only experience on a rare occasion!”—*Joel, WB5IGF*

**W**hat a contest! You couldn't have asked for better band conditions—tropo, E-skip, meteor scatter, and possibly aurora. It has been a long time since we enjoyed propagation like this during the contest.

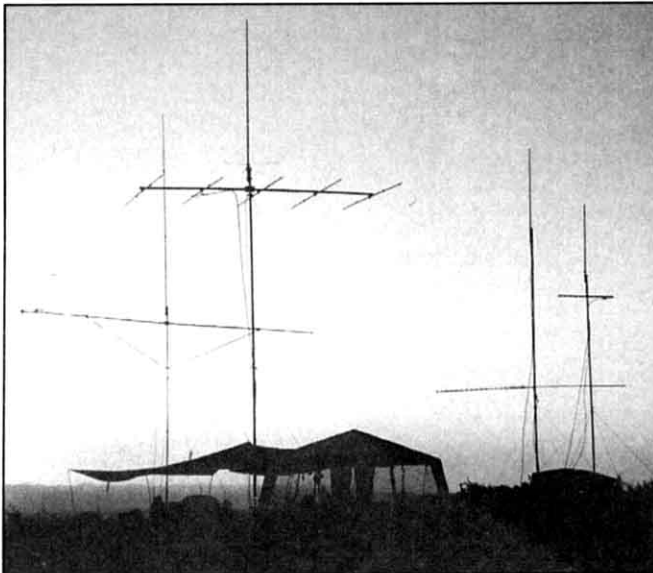
If you weren't on 6 meters, you missed out on the best darned contest we have had in about a decade. The band was wide open

to just about everywhere. In fact, 6 meters was so productive that most people didn't take time to work the other bands.

E skip was especially good on 6 meters. You couldn't have asked for much better conditions. Multiplier totals on 6 were incredible! Seventeen (that's right, 17!) stations worked more than 200 grid squares on 6 meters alone! East Coast stations were

effortlessly working stations in the South and the Midwest and as far south as Texas. Stations in Southwestern California were working stations all across the USA and Canada. This was a very exciting contest! The Century Club Branch will surely be getting a run of new VUCC Award applications and endorsements.

We usually receive several complaints



The sunset on Bald Mountain at the KD6PUD contest team position, with the contest just about to begin.



N6OPR and KA3DSE traveled to Roundtop Mountain in Southern California (6300 feet above sea level). They operated Field Day style from DM04.

## Plaque Winners

### Single Operator

1st	WB5IGF	563,528	Mt Greylock Expeditionary Force, W2SZ/1
2nd	WA8WZG	429,040	Bald Knob VHF Contest Group, AA9D
3rd	WA2TEO	417,186	Ed Parsons, K1TR
4th	N5HHS	279,102	Eastern VHF/UHF Society
5th	N0LL	240,536	Wellesley ARS, Mt Equinox Contest Crew
6th	N2WK	229,362	KS VHF/UHF OPs Annual on the Hill Get Together
7th	W5UWB	224,120	South Mountain Contest Team, K3MQH
8th	KE8FD	219,700	
9th	KD1DU	203,797	
10th	WD5K	195,657	

### QRP Portable

1st	KH6CP/1	129,213	K2OVS & K2RIW
2nd	WB2DNE/3	98,438	West Coast VHFer
3rd	W2XL	92,178	
4th	NO0Y	45,600	
5th	KB5ZFO	41,148	

### Rover

1st	ND3F	96,074	W2SZ/1, In Memory of Dick Goodman, WB1HIH
2nd	WA8NJR	89,919	Wayne King, N2WK
3rd	W2HPF	83,490	
4th	VE4ZK	67,760	
5th	WB9SNR	66,465	

### Multioperator

1st	W2SZ/1	1,562,880	Randy Stegemeyer, W7HR
2nd	N8FMD	861,678	N2LIV, N2GHR, N2BFJ Contest Team
3rd	AA9D	855,111	Mt Airy VHF Club
4th	W3CCX	795,062	Rochester VHF Group
5th	W3ZZ	671,580	Northern Lights Radio Society & W0UC
6th	K3YTL	669,460	Flagpole Knob Contest Group, W4IY
7th	W4IY	579,768	Schenectady ARA, K2AE
8th	W0UC/9	524,407	In Memory of Sid Krauss, WA2VNC
9th	N0HJZ	472,500	
10th	K1WHS	407,836	

### Limited Multioperator

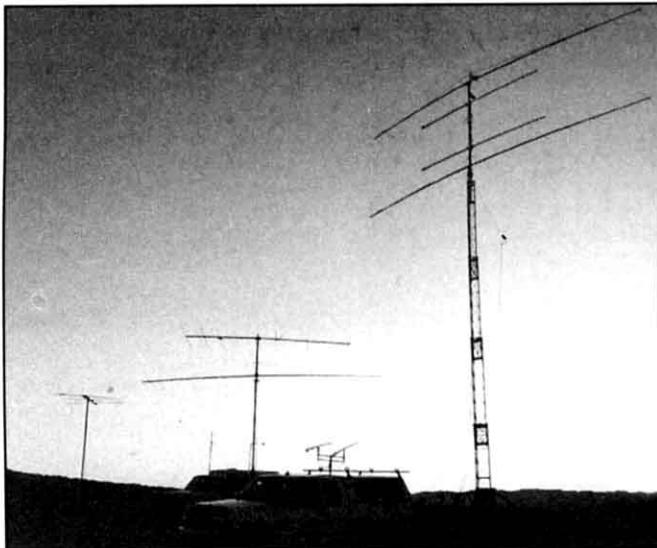
1st	K3MQH	873,579	W3EP/K9AKS/W9IP
2nd	W5KFT	376,893	Northeast Weak Signal Group
3rd	W4AQL	281,280	WA2TEO, W2GKR, W2GKO, KA1FVG
4th	N2XTX	241,902	
5th	N2HLT	235,290	

### DX Single Operator

1st	C6AIE (WZ8D,op)	104,304	Bill Tynan, W3XO
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### DX Multioperator

1st	C6AFR	130,500	Robert J Carpenter, W3OTC
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NC7K and NR6E set up this antenna farm in Nevada. They worked ABCD from DM18, scoring 176,310 points.



The K3MQH team, limited category, made 1973 QSOs and 873,579 points for their first-place finish.

about people piling up around the call frequencies, but this year, with all the activity and the bands being wide open, contestants seemed to be spreading out across the bands. It was like trying to find a clear frequency on 20 meters.

Two meters was another hot spot! The band openings on 2 meters didn't last quite as long as they did on 6 meters, but there were plenty of sporadic-E conditions reported from just about everywhere. Melvin, WR0I, reports from Kansas, "The 2-meter skip was just as strong as it was on 6 meters." Phil, K3EW, took advantage of the openings and topped the QSO leader box for 144 MHz with an impressive 536 contacts.

All bands were in good shape with lots of activity. Good band conditions were the key. Good conditions always bring people out of the woodwork. The Contest Branch received

921 entries for this year's contest. This represents a 10% increase in entries over last year's 837 entries. This is the most contest entries that we have ever received for the June VHF QSO Party! Can this trend continue? Let's hope so. The more people there are to work, the more fun the contest is.

Joel, WB5IGF, has been waiting in the wings for years for his time to shine, and this year was surely his year. Joel put together what could be called a letter-perfect operation, and best of all, he had no equipment failures. Not to take anything away from Joel's effort, but I'm pretty sure the great band conditions played a major factor in his win. Whatever the case, hats off to Joel!

Tom, WA8WZG, put in a tremendous effort from his Ohio location overlooking Lake Erie. Tom finished second place with 429k points, with Connecticut's Jeff,

WA2TEO, right on his heels, in third place with 417k.

Headquarters' own Senior Lab Engineer Zack Lau, KH6CP/1, took to the hills of southern Vermont with 11 bands (50 MHz through 24 GHz) to mount a serious QRP Portable effort. Zack's efforts earned a first-place plaque. He claims that he "wasn't in the right spot for E skip," but you can't tell it from his score. Zack has been traveling to Mt Equinox in Vermont for a number of years for just about every VHF/UHF contest. (I wonder if Zack has his own reserved parking space!) Ed, WB2DNE/3, finished in second place QRP Portable with 98k points, and Bob, W2XL, was third with 92k.

Superstation W2SZ/1 on Mt. Greylock does it again! Led by Dick, WA2AAU, the crew made their annual trek to the highest peak in Massachusetts to again win first-

**Region Box**

**Northeast Region  
(New England, Hudson and Atlantic Divisions; Maritime and Quebec Sections)**

WA2TEO	417,186	S
N2WK	229,362	S
KD1DU	203,797	S
K3ZO	123,327	S
WB3ARZ	116,926	S

KH6CP/1	129,213	Q
WB2DNE/3	98,438	Q
W2XL	92,178	Q
VE2PIJ	5,712	Q
KB3AFT	1,400	Q

W2SZ/1	1,562,880	M
W3CCX	795,062	M
K3YTL	669,460	M
K1WHS	407,836	M
N2NCU	393,907	M

K3MQH	873,579	L
N2XTX	241,902	L
N2HLT	235,290	L
K1TR	224,517	L
W1TKZ	173,313	L

W2HPF	83,490	R
K1DS	53,955	R
AA7QZ	44,405	R
WA3WJD	34,290	R
WB1GQR	28,203	R

**Southeast Region  
(Delta, Roanoke and Southeastern Divisions)**

WB5IGF	563,528	S
AA4ZZ	193,200	S
WA4CQG	192,080	S
N8UM	139,275	S
W2YV	137,712	S

N8TLZ/4	40,098	Q
KE4LVQ	13,542	Q
AE4BK	468	Q
KE4VCS	315	Q

N8FMD	861,678	M
W3ZZ	671,580	M
W4IY	579,768	M

W4AOL	281,280	L
K3LNZ/8	159,963	L
AD4QR	67,936	L
N4GKE	62,100	L
KD4ZMR	44,730	L

ND3F	96,074	R
WA8NJR	89,919	R
KC4ZRH	37,128	R
AD4DY	16,082	R
KS4S	8,246	R

**Central Region  
(Central and Great Lakes Divisions; Ontario Section)**

WA8WZG	429,040	S
KE8FD	219,700	S
KU8U	105,444	S
K8MD	103,305	S
K8MFO	100,656	S

N8AXA	8,970	Q
N8LGP	2,516	Q
KE4PZT	90	Q

AA9D	855,111	M
W0UC/9	524,407	M
WW8M	241,080	M
KU8Y	136,728	M
N8KOL	73,006	M

W9UI/8	164,498	L
N9LAG	120,056	L
AA8BC	83,520	L
N9MWB	44,403	L
KJ4VH	23,718	L

WB9SNR	66,465	R
K9JK	42,874	R
KF9US	23,760	R
WB9UAI	12,192	R
KF9VZ	7,560	R

**Midwest Region  
(Dakota, Midwest, Rocky Mountain and West Gulf Divisions; Manitoba and Saskatchewan Sections)**

N5HHS	279,102	S
N0LL	240,536	S
W5UWB	224,120	S
WD5K	195,657	S
K0GU	187,812	S

NO0Y	45,600	Q
KB5ZFO	41,148	Q
KI7NG	1,000	Q
AA0PB	288	Q

N0HJZ	472,500	M
KB5IUA	116,216	M
N0QJM	95,480	M
WB9CEP	82,058	M
N5UYI	75,026	M

W5KFT	376,893	L
WROG	226,778	L
W0RRY	203,040	L
W1XE	165,184	L
WV0H	112,682	L

VE4ZK	67,760	R
KK5RH	48,620	R
KE9QT	46,656	R
N0BEL	29,440	R
KK5DK	11,285	R

**West Coast Region  
(Pacific, Northwestern and Southwestern Divisions; Alberta, British Columbia and NWT/Yukon Sections)**

AA7A	140,360	S
K6KLY	136,136	S
K7ICW	108,570	S
KJ6FP	84,150	S
WB6AAG	78,581	S

WA6FIT	23,240	Q
N3EG	22,784	Q
AC6CM	8,673	Q
KD6RMS	7,712	Q
KE6GFI	1,947	Q

N6MU	258,660	M
K6HXW	167,175	M
KE6UPN	161,968	M
KF7NP	136,850	M
N6MI	124,200	M

WA7JTM	224,077	L
WA6TBO	198,989	L
NC7K	176,310	L
WA6KLK	155,630	L
N6OPR	142,800	L

KE6ILX	65,230	R
W7HAH	25,286	R
K6LMN	20,046	R
KA7YOU	19,564	R
NG0X	18,778	R

**QSO Leaders By Band**

**Single Operator**

50 MHz	144 MHz	222 MHz	432 MHz	902 MHz	1296 MHz
N5HHS 1023	K3EW 536	WA2TEO 87	K1FO 168	WA8WZG 37	WA8WZG 64
WD5K 847	WA2TEO 378	WA8WZG 76	KE6GFF 117	WA2TEO 31	WA2TEO 39
W5UWB 797	WA3HMK 369	KD1DU 69	WA8WZG 115	N2WK 26	KD1DU 32
K0GU 781	KD1DU 356	KE8FD 68	WB5IGF 110	KD1DU 23	W1RIL 31
WA4CQG 751	K2GAL 332	KE6AXJ 61	WA2TEO 108	WB5IGF 23	WB5IGF 31
N5JHV 706	N3OPM 324	KE6HPZ 58	KD1DU 107	WA1MBA 20	N2WK 29
N0LL 682	WB2QOQ 303	WB5IGF 54	KE8FD 101	W1RIL 20	WA1MBA 24
WD4MGB 663	KE8FD 247	WB2WIH 54	KG6EG 96	K2UOP/8 18	KE8FD 24
K5AM 659	WB2CUT 214	WB2VVV 52	N3FUJ 76	WB2VVV 17	K2UOP/8 23
C6AIE (WZ8D,op) 634	KB2RXZ 210	W6GGV 50	K6KLY 76	N1DPM 18	N1DPM 22
N4TWX 608	WB5IGF 201	K6KLY 49	WB2WIH 72	AF1T 16	WA4VHF 22
W2YV 604	WB2VVV 180	N2WK 48	KB4TLH 72	K2AN 12	WB2VVV 22
W2CRS 596	KC6TEU 178	N1DPM 46	N2WK 71	WB2YEH 12	WB2YEH 21
W5OZI 577	KC2TA 177	KD6CML 44	K2UOP/8 65	KB3IB 11	KF6CU 21
KB5OAI 550	N3FUJ 177	AF1T 43	KJ6KO 64	WA0BWE 10	K4QIF 19
		N8UM 43			KB3IB 19
					AF1T 19

**Multioperator**

50 MHz	144 MHz	222 MHz	432 MHz	902 MHz	1296 MHz
W5KFT -L 1161	K3MQH -L 786	W2SZ/1 199	W2SZ/1 320	W2SZ/1 88	W2SZ/1 113
W2SZ/1 798	W2SZ/1 605	K3MQH -L 171	K3MQH -L 303	W3CCX 43	W3CCX 69
W0UC/9 795	N8FMD 581	W3CCX 145	W3CCX 258	N8FMD 37	K3YTL 42
WA7JTM -L 762	K3YTL 573	N8FMD 118	N8FMD 250	KD5RO 29	AA9D 40
W0RRY -L 745	W4IY 531	K3YTL 116	NC11 -L 184	AA9D 25	N2NCU 39
N0HJZ 721	W3CCX 506	N2VOT -L 97	AA9D 181	K3YTL 22	N8FMD 36
K3MQH -L 713	N2WM 452	WB2IEY 93	N2VOT -L 138	K1WHS 21	WW8M 36
W3ZZ 674	AB2I 420	W3ZZ 92	N2NCU 136	W3ZZ 19	WA6YDI 35
W4AQL -L 664	W3ZZ 374	W4IY 87	N2WM 121	N2NCU 18	K1WHS 34
AA9D 663	N2NCU 342	N2HLT -L 79	K1TR -L 120	WW8M 17	KD5RO 34
C6AFR -L 657	AA9D 341	W1TKZ -L 78	N2HLT -L 118	N0HJZ 15	WB2IEY 30
K3YTL 654	W1QK -L 330	K1TR -L 77	K3YTL 115	W4IY 14	WA1HYN 28
K1WHS 646	WB2IEY 322	N2NCU 76	W4IY 113	N2WM 12	N0HJZ 25
W4IY 631	K3UZY -L 319	AA9D 74	N1GPY -L 110	WB2IEY 8	W3ZZ 24
N8FMD 591	K1TR -L 318	WA6YDI 70	W1TKZ -L 108	W0UC/9 8	KE6UPN 24
				KU8Y 8	

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**Multiplier Leaders By Band**

**Single Operator**

50 MHz	144 MHz	222 MHz	432 MHz	902 MHz	1296 MHz
N5JHV 235	KE8FD 69	KE8FD 42	KE8FD 45	WA2TEO 19	WA8WZG 28
W5UWB 234	WA3HMK 65	WB5IGF 39	WB5IGF 43	WA8WZG 19	WB5IGF 24
N5HHS 232	K2GAL 52	W9UD 34	K1FO 36	WB5IGF 18	KE8FD 18
WD5K 231	WB5IGF 50	WA2TEO 32	WA8WZG 35	N2WK 16	WA2TEO 17
WA4CQG 228	WA2TEO 50	KU8U 29	K2UOP/8 33	K2UOP/8 15	N2WK 17
W2YV 228	K2YAZ 47	WA8WZG 27	K4QIF 32	KD1DU 14	K2UOP/8 16
K5AM 218	K4QIF 45	KD1DU 26	WA2TEO 31	WB2VVV 11	KD1DU 15
AA4ZZ 209	WA8WZG 44	N1DPM 23	KD1DU 30	N1DPM 10	K4QIF 15
N0LL 208	K2UOP/8 44	N2WK 23	KU8U 30	W1RIL 10	W1RIL 13
W5OZI 208	VE3FGU 44	N8UM 22	WQ0P 29	WA1MBA 10	WA4VHF 12
K0GU 199	KU8U 44	WF9X 20	N2WK 26	WA8TJL 9	WB2YEH 12
WB5IGF 196	KD1DU 43	K8MR 20	K2YAZ 25	WB2YEH 9	WB2VVV 12
AA7A 190	N2WK 43	AA9AO 20	K8MD 25	K2AN 9	NO3I 12
KF4FL 187	N3OPM 42	KB3PD 19	N1DPM 24	AF1T 8	K2YAZ 12
K5CM 178	VA3ST 42	WA0BWE 19	K9EA 23	N2BJ 8	WA0BWE 11
KB5OAI 178		WB2VVV 19	AA9AO 23	KB3IB 8	KB3PD 11
			KB0PYO 23		WM7A 11
			VA3ST 23		N1DPM 11

**Multioperator**

50 MHz	144 MHz	222 MHz	432 MHz	902 MHz	1296 MHz
W5KFT -L 269	W3ZZ 74	K3MQH -L 49	K3MQH -L 53	W2SZ/1 24	W3CCX 25
W0UC/9 239	N8FMD 69	W3ZZ 45	N8FMD 49	N8FMD 22	W2SZ/1 23
WA7JTM -L 238	K3MQH -L 67	N8FMD 43	AA9D 47	W3CCX 21	K3YTL 21
AA9D 236	WR0G -L 61	AA9D 41	W3ZZ 45	KD5RO 19	KD5RO 20
N0HJZ 234	AA8BC -L 59	W3CCX 36	W2SZ/1 45	AA9D 17	AA9D 20
W3ZZ 219	AA9D 58	W4IY 35	NC11 -L 43	K3YTL 14	WW8M 18
W4AQL -L 218	W0UC/9 57	N2NCU 33	W3CCX 40	W3ZZ 14	N2NCU 18
W4IY 199	K3YTL 57	N2HLT -L 33	N0HJZ 38	N0HJZ 13	N8FMD 18
W0RRY -L 198	W3CCX 56	W2SZ/1 33	N2HLT -L 36	N2NCU 11	N0HJZ 16
VP5H -L 192	N0HJZ 55	K3YTL 33	W4IY 32	K1WHS 11	W3ZZ 16
N8FMD 191	K3UZY -L 55	W0UC/9 29	N0HJZ 33	W4IY 11	WB2IEY 15
NC7K -L 189	NC7K -L 55	N2XTX -L 27	N2XTX -L 31	WW8M 11	K1WHS 15
N6MU 189	W4IY 55	W1TKZ -L 26	W0UC/9 30	N2WM 9	WA6YDI 14
K3MQH -L 188	N2XTX -L 52	KD5RO 26	KD5RO 30	WB2IEY 6	AB2I 13
WR0G -L 188	W2SZ/1 51	N0HJZ 25	K3YTL 30	W0UC/9 6	N6MU 12
		WB2IEY 25	K3LNZ/8 -L 30		WA1HYN 12
					WA6KLK -L 12
					W3IP 12

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place multioperator. They have been winning from this location in Western Massachusetts for decades. N8FMD, tops in the Southeast Region, finished second place overall, with 861k points, and Central Region champs AA9D finished third overall, with 855k.

Dick's crew at K3MQH took top honors with 873k points in the Limited Multioperator category, blowing away all the competition by nearly a half a million

points. Great showing! W5KFT finished in second place, with 376k points, and W4AQL finished third, with 281k.

Last, but not least, are the rovers. The rover category proved to be very competitive, with only a few thousand points separating the top finishers. Brian, ND3F, topped the list with 96k points. Byron, WA8NJR, finished in second place, with 89k points, and Jeff, W2HPF, was third, with 83k. Without these rovers, we

wouldn't have those rare grid squares to work. The rules indicate that a rover must activate at least two grid squares, but some go the extra mile (or the extra many miles!). Hats off to Kelly, VE4ZK, who activated 15 grid squares and Byron, WA8NJR, who activated 13 grids.

This year was an excellent year for the June VHF QSO Party. Let's make 1997 even better! Talk up VHF contesting in your area, help a friend get on the bands,