

# 2001 ARRL August UHF Contest Results

Because of its small size, the ARRL August UHF Contest features competition and awards on the division level rather than the section level. Outstanding efforts were found in almost every division. The division with the smallest participation rate managed an overall contest category victory. In fact, participants from four different divisions each won one of the overall contest categories. A total of 149 entries were received representing all 15 ARRL divisions and Canada. This represents a 12.4% drop in participation from the year 2000 for this contest.

The overall Single Operator Low Power winner was Bob, K2DRH (Hudson division), who took top honors and set a new category scoring record with 84,252 points. Finishing second was Russell, KB8U (Great Lakes division), with a score of 51,798, which also broke the old category mark. The winner of the Single Operator High Power category was Joel, W5ZN (Delta division), who posted a score of 160,602 to beat back the 145,215 point challenge of Jeff, K1TEO (New England division).

Roving in the August UHF contest is a special challenge, especially since the workhorse 6 and 2 meter bands are not included in the event. Gene, NØDQS (Midwest division) was the only rover in 2001 to break the 100k barrier, and easily held off category runner-up Lloyd, NE8I (Great Lakes division), by a score of 100,800 to 45,000. The final overall winner was the perennial category favorite W2SZ (New England division) multioperator team, working from their FN32 QTH in the WMA section. Their score of 614,394 bested the efforts of the WW8M (Great Lakes division) crew in the MI section.

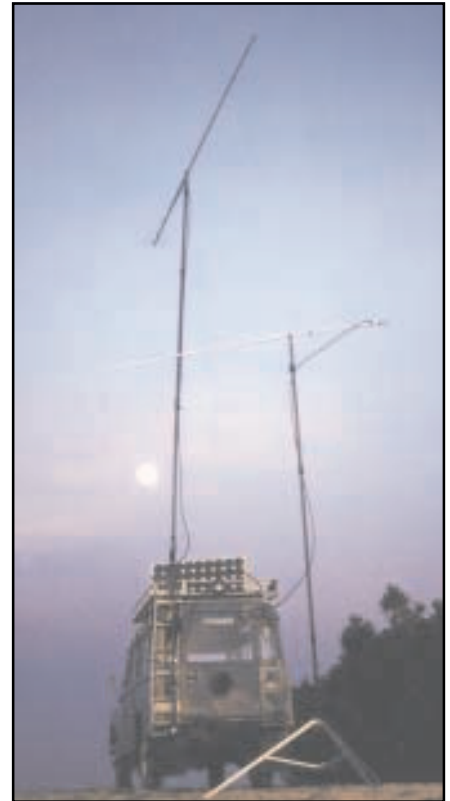
Several close division races highlighted this year's contest. Leonard, N3NGE, and Roger, K2SMN, went head to head in the Atlantic Division Single Operator High Power category. While Roger managed more QSOs and multipliers, Leonard was able to parlay QSOs on the higher-point 3456 and 5760 MHz



The antenna farm of Russ, N3EMF, in White Plains, New York.

bands into a victory by a score of 38,472 to 34,800. As with all VHF/UHF contests, the more bands on which you are active, especially in the microwave spectrum, the better your chances of scoring.

The Central division witnessed a good contest between Steve, N9GH, and Rob, N9LAG, in the Single Op Low Power category, with Steve hanging on by a mere 297 points to win the division. Almost as close a finish was the New England division contest in the same category between Tony, W1PM, and Bob, K2HZN. Seven more QSOs and 3 additional multipliers spelled out a 1962 point cushion of victory for Tony. In the Pacific division, Larry, W6OMF, lost the QSO battle to Norman, KC6ZWT, by 3 but won the multiplier battle by 4 to take a 1002 point win—3186 to 2184. Finally in the Southwestern division, John, KE6GFF, using only 432 MHz, was able to fend off a three-band effort by Jerry, K6DYD (operating as WB6DTA), to win the Single Op Low Power category by 972 points—3564 to 2592. Congratulations to all of



"Red skies at night, Sailor's delight. Red skies in the morning..." Not sure if the old adage held true, but with the sunrise to his back and antennas poised for action, John, KE6GFF, was able to capture this magnificent view of the setting moon and the early morning skies in the Los Angeles area.

the participants in each category.

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