

The 2008 ARRL Phone Sweepstakes - PVRC Completes Quest for the Gavel

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Following a great performance in the CW Sweepstakes weekend, PVRC members geared up two weeks later for the ARRL Phone Sweepstakes. Encouraged by the results of the CW weekend, everyone knew that a solid showing in the phone contest could bring PVRC victory in the highly-competitive club competition.

The weekend resulted in huge 80-meter totals and record-breaking scores for members. There were 175 PVRC entries, resulting in 12,376,702 points.

Was that enough to win the club competition? It sure was! PVRC took the gavel in the 75th anniversary running of the ARRL Sweepstakes!!! Final totals were:

PVRC – 317 Entries, 22,415,934 Points

NCCC – 278 Entries, 20,369,120 Points

See all the details below. Congratulations to the following operators for their record breaking scores:

N8II – New B-Class WV Section Record.

NX9T – New Q-Class NC Section and Roanoke Division Record.

K3MM (as W3GRF) – New U-Class MDC Section and Atlantic Division Record.

AA4NC (as W4MR) – New U-Class NC Section Record.

The top scorers by section and category are listed below:

TOP TEN PVRC SCORES REGARDLESS OF CATEGORY

Ty, K3MM (operating as W3GRF), gets credit for the largest single PVRC score contributed, regardless of category, and a 5th place national finish in the unlimited class. Finishing in an exact photo finish, N8II (with a new WV section record) and NN3W (@N4RV) posted identical superb scores only 41 QSO's behind Ty. AA4NC's excellent score, as W4MR, earned him an 8th place national finish in the unlimited category.

Call	Score	QSOs	Mult	Class	Section	CK	HRS	160	80	40	20	15	10	Ops
W3GRF (K3MM, op)	270560	1691	80	U	MDC	36	24	0	1187	86	415	3	0	
NN3W (@N4RV)	264000	1650	80	B	VA	86	24	0	824	411	409	6	0	
N8II	264000	1650	80	B	WV	70	22	1	860	239	523	27	0	
W4MR (AA4NC, op)	261760	1636	80	U	NC	76	24	0	773	809	40	14	0	
KD4D (@N3HBX)	244640	1529	80	B	MDC	71	24	0	605	617	292	15	0	
W4NF	242240	1514	80	U	VA	75	24	0	914	164	429	7	0	
KA1ARB	238880	1493	80	M	NC	78	24	0	664	501	312	16	0	+ WB1ADR
WX3B	235840	1474	80	M	MDC	76	22	0	881	120	472	1	0	
N3OC	222400	1390	80	M	MDC	73	21	0	471	547	294	78	0	+ WR3Z, N1SZ
W3IDT (@W3LPL)	219758	1427	77	B	MDC	57	24	0	387	783	257	0	0	

TOP TEN MDC SINGLE-OP HIGH-POWER (CATEGORY B)

In MDC, KD4D took home top honors with an excellent 1529 QSO effort from N3HBX. W3IDT and his daughter, K3MIM, operated from separate positions at W3LPL and placed second and third with big 1400+ QSO totals. Thanks to Frank, W3LPL, for opening his station for the CW and Phone SS and creating 4 valuable entries. K2PLF took top honors in the "owner-operator" category.

Call	Score	QSOs	Mult	Class	Section	CK	HRS	160	80	40	20	15	10
KD4D (@N3HBX)	244640	1529	80	B	MDC	71	24	0	605	617	292	15	0
W3IDT (@W3LPL)	219758	1427	77	B	MDC	57	24	0	387	783	257	0	0
K3MIM (@W3LPL)	217448	1412	77	B	MDC	89	24	0	476	660	276	0	0
K2PLF	217280	1358	80	B	MDC	55	24	0	776	524	41	17	0
K3ZO	183840	1149	80	B	MDC	52	18	0	297	693	159	0	0
W3LL	151364	958	79	B	MDC	61	22	0	54	767	113	24	0
N3UM	126204	809	78	B	MDC	52	20	0	478	105	218	8	0
KJ3X (K1DQV, op)	106860	685	78	B	MDC	57	18	0	591	8	71	15	0
WB4FDT	94896	659	72	B	MDC	67	24	0	327	314	18	0	0
K3TM	62160	420	74	B	MDC	55	12	0	225	63	55	77	0

TOP TEN MDC UNLIMITED (CATEGORY U)

In MDC, K3MM put Lenny's old call on the air for a 5th-Place national finish in the category and first place overall in PVRC. N3KS took only 14 hours to take second place and a sweep. N1WR, with good BIC, rounded out the top 3 U-Class in MDC.

Call	Score	QSOs	Mult	Class	Section	CK	HRS	160	80	40	20	15	10
W3GRF (K3MM, op)	270560	1691	80	U	MDC	36	24	0	1187	86	415	3	0
N3KS	172160	1076	80	U	MDC	75	14	0	779	21	268	8	0
N1WR	150880	943	80	U	MDC	61	22	0	506	157	225	55	0
W3KL	126080	788	80	U	MDC	71	15	0	400	120	223	45	0
K3DNE	124346	787	79	U	MDC	71	16	0	339	234	146	68	0
N3AM	114234	723	79	U	MDC	62	14	0	310	195	178	40	0
K3ZQ (W9GE, op)	100960	631	80	U	MDC	67	14	0	384	60	171	16	0
N3II	100480	628	80	U	MDC	57	17	0	357	72	128	71	0
WM3O	99996	641	78	U	MDC	3	20	0	424	138	76	3	0
K1RH	92800	580	80	U	MDC	1	17	0	255	37	246	42	0

TOP TEN MDC SINGLE-OP LOW-POWER (CATEGORY A)

In MDC, KA3JLW took the top honors in this category with W3CB and NS3T in second and third place.

Call	Score	QSOs	Mult	Class	Section	CK	HRS	160	80	40	20	15	10
KA3JLW	54720	360	76	A	MDC	82	22	0	211	69	57	23	0
W3CB	46008	324	71	A	MDC	62	15	0	214	29	61	20	0
NS3T	31552	232	68	A	MDC	81	7	4	78	104	35	11	0
W3ZZ	24570	189	65	A	MDC	56	6	0	94	40	31	24	0
NG3K	21008	202	52	A	MDC	57	12	0	108	68	25	1	0
W3IUU	16642	157	53	A	MDC	55	4	0	108	13	36	0	0
K3HH (K3YDX, op)	15000	125	60	A	MDC	63	6	0	7	47	61	10	0
K3KU	12540	114	55	A	MDC	60	5	0	22	43	43	6	0
K3PG	11880	110	54	A	MDC	62	6	0	10	39	44	17	0
K4EET	11270	115	49	A	MDC	74	10	0	0	62	53	0	0

TOP TEN VA SINGLE-OP HIGH-POWER (CATEGORY B)

In VA, NN3W (@N4RV) put in a great effort from Jack's station to take first place in VA and an exact tie with N8II in WVA! These were also the top Class B scores in PVRC! Ken, K4ZW, put Vic's old call on the air and came in second. W3YY tried to follow the old rule about "just run them and mults will call you". It didn't work. Ken's sweep put W3YY in third.

Call	Score	QSOs	Mult	Class	Section	CK	HRS	160	80	40	20	15	10
NN3W (@N4RV)	264000	1650	80	B	VA	86	24	0	824	411	409	6	0
W4KFC (K4ZW, op)	188160	1176	80	B	VA	33	21	0	548	408	220	0	0
W3YY	186494	1211	77	B	VA	58	22	0	467	617	123	4	0
N4RR (@WA2BCK)	144924	929	78	B	VA	65	23	0	549	222	144	14	0
K4EU	140480	878	80	B	VA	64	15	0	587	95	98	98	0
N3JT	102542	649	79	B	VA	60	15	0	78	414	125	32	0
N4MM	60800	380	80	B	VA	52	18	0	203	37	80	60	0
W4AU	47952	324	74	B	VA	56	7	0	231	0	77	16	0
N3BM	47580	305	78	B	VA	70	14	0	177	24	104	0	0
N2YO	14112	147	48	B	VA	91	3	0	122	10	15	0	0

TOP TEN VA UNLIMITED (CATEGORY U)

In VA, W4NF's FB 1514 QSO effort put him in first place. N2QT did 1K+ QSO's and a sweep for second. With only 12 hours of operation, W4MYA took third place.

Call	Score	QSOs	Mult	Class	Section	CK	HRS	160	80	40	20	15	10
W4NF	242240	1514	80	U	VA	75	24	0	914	164	429	7	0
N2QT	160960	1006	80	U	VA	70	23	0	466	396	113	31	0
W4MYA	119040	744	80	U	VA	58	12	0	305	320	74	45	0
N4FX	89232	572	78	U	VA	62	18	0	231	161	149	31	0
W4V	85576	563	76	U	VA	58	11	0	563	0	0	0	0
AJ3G	81212	514	79	U	VA	89	13	0	294	22	185	13	0
W8RJL	78560	491	80	U	VA	54	16	0	322	34	129	6	0
K4RG	72480	453	80	U	VA	93	12	0	341	51	43	18	0
N3UA	61620	390	79	U	VA	4	12	0	293	30	59	8	0
W4ML (K2WK, op)	57828	474	61	U	VA	66	9	0	0	344	0	130	0

TOP TEN VA SINGLE-OP LOW-POWER (CATEGORY A)

KG4W took top honors in VA and PVRC overall with a nice 759 QSO effort. W4TMN and WA3OFC took second and third place with very nice contributions to the club score. W4YE found his microphone and placed 10th!

Call	Score	QSOs	Mult	Class	Section	CK	HRS	160	80	40	20	15	10
KG4W	115368	759	76	A	VA	77	20	0	438	223	82	16	0
W4TMN	89836	607	74	A	VA	93	22	0	436	83	66	22	0
WA3OFC	82500	550	75	A	VA	70	14	0	348	119	83	0	0
K7SV	64320	402	80	A	VA	63	12	0	128	127	103	44	0
KI3C	53332	398	67	A	VA	90	17	0	144	237	17	0	0
K48Q	41472	288	72	A	VA	98	18	0	123	78	53	34	0
WA3RGH	35072	274	64	A	VA	72	9	0	178	64	32	0	0
KC9LC	34790	245	71	A	VA	81	8	0	117	93	28	7	0
W4PFM	34680	255	68	A	VA	54	11	0	149	72	31	3	0
W4YE	29088	202	72	A	VA	52	6	3	114	37	40	8	0

TOP TEN NC SINGLE-OP HIGH-POWER (CATEGORY B)

N4GU took first place, earning a sweep that is not easy in this class. Congrats to N4XD and WB4MSG for second and third place from NC in this class.

Call	Score	QSOs	Mult	Class	Section	CK	HRS	160	80	40	20	15	10
N4GU	125920	787	80	B	NC	77	17	0	526	146	100	15	0
N4XD	51060	345	74	B	NC	72	7	0	227	60	44	14	0
WB4MSG	47104	368	64	B	NC	65	6	0	292	67	9	0	0
AE4EC	20650	175	59	B	NC	77	12	0	61	69	35	10	0
N4CW	8232	98	42	B	NC	56	4	0	8	25	44	21	0

TOP TEN NC UNLIMITED (CATEGORY U)

AA4NC, using the call sign W4MR, put in a super effort and took first place in NC with 1636 QSO's, while also finishing 8th nationally in the unlimited category. N1LN put in 18 hours and a 1209 QSO effort to take 2nd place. K4XD rounded out the top-three with another solid performance. Seems that this was the order of finish in the CW weekend as well.

Call	Score	QSOs	Mult	Class	Section	CK	HRS	160	80	40	20	15	10
W4MR (AA4NC, op)	261760	1636	80	U	NC	76	24	0	773	809	40	14	0
N1LN	193440	1209	80	U	NC	64	18	0	629	224	334	22	0
K4XD	156800	980	80	U	NC	6	24	0	424	349	137	70	0
K4QPL	122080	763	80	U	NC	57	18	0	364	208	161	30	0
K4CZ	114900	766	75	U	NC	4	16	0	499	160	107	0	0
K2AV	85848	588	73	U	NC	58	11	0	376	144	24	44	0
W4KAZ	78900	526	75	U	NC	76	19	0	333	136	32	25	0
NT4D	55200	345	80	U	NC	68	12	0	115	105	69	56	0
NT4Q	36480	228	80	U	NC	3	14	0	146	12	67	3	0
N4TL	32900	235	70	U	NC	65	6	0	89	59	49	38	0

TOP TEN NC SINGLE-OP LOW-POWER (CATEGORY A)

Congrats to K4WES, N4IOZ, and KJ4IC for taking one, two, and three, respectively. Thanks for your contribution.

Call	Score	QSOs	Mult	Class	Section	CK	HRS	160	80	40	20	15	10
K4WES	32412	219	74	A	NC	90	11	0	127	8	54	30	0
N4IOZ	29512	217	68	A	NC	83	19	0	39	101	47	30	0
KJ4IC	19140	165	58	A	NC	83	7	0	0	122	36	7	0
NI4S	3328	52	32	A	NC	92	2	0	1	47	3	1	0
K4TMC	196	14	7	A	NC	76	2	0	0	14	0	0	0

WV ALL CATEGORIES

We can thank our WV guys for putting a rare section on the air for PVRC. This year Jeff, N8II, set a new WV section record in Class B and tied with NN3W (@N4RV) for the top Class B score in PVRC. 80-meters would just not dry up for him and he wound up with more than 50% of his QSO's on that band! Congrats to Pete, N4ZR, for a nice U-Class effort and AJ1M for a third place WV finish and a sweep. Enjoy your mug and broom!

Call	Score	QSOs	Mult	Class	Section	CK	HRS	160	80	40	20	15	10
N8II	264000	1650	80	B	WV	70	22	1	860	239	523	27	0
N4ZR	132878	841	79	U	WV	54	12	0	144	503	182	12	0
AJ1M	90880	568	80	U	WV	2	12	0	397	134	27	10	0
W8OHT	64800	432	75	B	WV	53	14	0	185	148	50	49	0
W8AKS	43654	299	73	A	WV	55	13	0	164	67	49	19	0
W8IVF	42504	276	77	A	WV	74	15	0	212	41	6	17	0

DE ALL CATEGORIES

Once again, Dallas, led the way with a first place finish in DE. Thanks to K3MQ and N3ME for their second and third place finishes and the opportunity for many to put the rare DE mult in their log!

Call	Score	QSOs	Mult	Class	Section	CK	HRS	160	80	40	20	15	10
W3PP	180480	1128	80	U	DE	63	16	0	582	290	133	123	0
K3MQ	67940	430	79	U	DE	4	16	0	274	42	65	49	0
N3ME	64780	410	79	B	DE	76	17	0	182	1	206	21	0
K1RY	43540	311	70	A	DE	58	13	0	177	92	27	15	0
W3GNQ	27448	188	73	U	DE	56	9	0	17	26	119	26	0

EPA ALL CATEGORIES

We had two EPA entries. Thanks for your scores from the far north!

Call	Score	QSOs	Mult	Class	Section	CK	HRS	160	80	40	20	15	10
NY3A	29362	277	53	B	EPA	73	5	0	190	62	25	0	0
N3ST	58788	414	71	U	EPA	75	7	0	167	175	72	0	0

QRP – All PVRC Sections

QRP is the most challenging category in the SS, especially on the phone weekend. NX9T still managed to make 600 QSO's and finish 3rd place nationally in this difficult category!

Call	Score	QSOs	Mult	Class	Section	CK	HRS	160	80	40	20	15	10
NX9T	92400	600	77	Q	NC	85	23	0	339	117	78	66	0
KI3O	18240	160	57	Q	VA	68	13	0	0	160	0	0	0

Multi-Ops

Lots of competition in this category! KA1ARB took top honors with a great 1493 QSO effort with WX3B and N3OC nipping at their heels.

Call	Score	QSOs	Mult	Class	Section	CK	HRS	160	80	40	20	15	10	Ops
KA1ARB	238880	1493	80	M	NC	78	24	0	664	501	312	16	0	+ WB1ADR
WX3B	235840	1474	80	M	MDC	76	22	0	881	120	472	1	0	
N3OC	222400	1390	80	M	MDC	73	21	0	471	547	294	78	0	+ WR3Z, N1SZ
WA3EKL	206880	1294	80	M	MDC	64	24	1	481	623	150	38	0	+ K3ZZ
K4HR	185280	1158	80	M	VA	65	22	0	530	365	215	48	0	+ N4NW, N4JOW
K4TS	181920	1137	80	M	VA	97	24	0	667	136	334	0	0	(See Below)
W4MY	135248	856	79	M	NC	76	22	0	524	180	126	26	0	(See Below)
K4IX	95520	597	80	M	VA	36	22	0	139	350	101	7	0	(See Below)
W2CDO	86584	548	79	M	MDC	60	19	0	276	189	75	8	0	+ N6CY
KN4KL	58080	363	80	M	VA	86	16	0	215	11	84	53	0	+ N4ZBE, KO4SJ

Operators

K4TS +W4IM, AF4UU, K4GMH
W4MY +W4ALI, WA4WPD, KC4HDI
K4IX +WB4DNL, W4WV, AG4JT, W0CN, W4TVG, K4MIL, W4PRO

Final Thoughts –

Well, PVRC members, we did it. The gavel is in our hands. It was a glorious effort in 2008 and soon the challenge of 2009 will be before us. Good luck and let's try to do it again!

Congratulations to everyone who was part of the winning team in 2008. To those who didn't participate, please plan on joining the team in 2009. PVRC has an incredible history and tradition as a contesting club. Let's keep that tradition alive in November 2009!