



Wireless Institute of Australia

VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 1998

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KWA

The annual VHF/UHF Field Day will be run on the weekend of **January 10/11, 1998**. The Ross Hull Contest will be in progress at this time and all contacts can be counted for both contests.

The overall duration of the Field Day is 28 hours, but operation is for any 6 or 24 consecutive hours within this period. The reason for the extra hours is to make it possible for 6 hour entrants to operate on the Sunday without having to be set up and ready by daybreak. Please feel free to give numbers to any station that asks, even if your 6 or 24 hour period has finished!

The 6 metre band was dropped last year, and there has been a strong demand for it to be reinstated. This has been done, but please note the frequency restriction: there must be no contest activity on 50.110 MHz or any other frequency below 50.150 MHz. The usual rule about DX calling frequencies on other bands still applies. A contest calling frequency of .150 on each band is suggested.

A further change is to allow contacts between home stations. Why not? The more activity the merrier.

Finally, two requests. To organisers of club stations: please don't forget to include the names and call signs of all operators! And to all entrants, please enclose any comments and suggestions with your log.

Oh yes, now that I think of it, a third request. Head for the hills that weekend and have fun! Or stay at home if you prefer, but just get on the air and have fun.

Duration

VK6 only: 0300 UTC Saturday January 10 to 0700 UTC Sunday January 11.
All other call areas: 0000 UTC Saturday to 0400 UTC Sunday.

Sections and Awards

Entrants may submit logs for one of the following sections:

- A: Portable station, single operator, 24 hours.
- B: Portable station, single operator, 6 hours.
- C: Portable station, multiple operator, 24 hours.
- D: Home station, 24 hours.

The overall winner will be the highest all-band scorer in Section A. Awards will also be made to the highest scorer on each band in Section A, and the highest scorers in Sections B, C and D.

General Rules

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Contest Exchange

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Scoring

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etc.							-----
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Entries

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VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 1998: RESULTS

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This year there were 31 logs from 29 entrants, the biggest turnout yet. It looks like the Field Day has established itself as a regular feature of the year's activity, and I hope that there will be even more activity next year.

Logs were received from most call areas. VK7 missed out this time, and VK6 was represented by only one station. But VK2 only managed three logs, in spite of having a larger amateur population than any other call area. Come on fellows - you may never be able to beat us Victorians, but you must be able to beat the crow-eaters and banana benders!

Four logs had to be rescored, but three of them ended up with an increased score. Check those sums! And don't forget to claim the grid square you are operating from.

Results

In the scoring table, the scores are given for each band with the QSO points first, followed in brackets by the number of locator squares worked.

In the 24 hour section, the winner this year is Ralph Edgar VK3WRE, and second place goes to Doug Friend VK4OE.

The winner of Section B is Steve Hutcheon VK4ZSH, who activated three different grid squares in the 6 hour period. Second and fifth places go to Barry Miller VK3TBM, who activated different squares on the two days.

There was a close tussle in the multi-operator section. First place again goes to the Geelong Amateur Radio Club, operating this year under the special callsign VI50G to mark the club's fiftieth anniversary. The GARC was followed closely by VK4IF, the Brisbane VHF Group, and VK1ACA, operated by Chris and Andrew Davis.

The results for Section D were even closer, with a narrow win to Charlie Kahwagi VK3KLO, closely followed by Max Pickering VK3TMP.

Congratulations to all entrants, especially to those who went out in the field for the first time this year. Special congratulations are also due to Wal Howse VK6KZ, for setting a new national 24 GHz record of 142.7 km during the Field Day.

Special Award

From time to time I make special awards to entrants who have braved the elements and continued operating in spite of being blown away, flooded out, sandblasted or otherwise tormented by the weather. This year's endurance award goes to Norm McMillan VK2XCI, who had to cut his operation short in the face of lightning strikes. This may have been due to the fact that he was perched on top of a disused copper mine!

Comments

The scores give some useful pointers for those wishing to work up a bigger score next time. The two best options are to add an extra band, or to go "roving" - i.e. to operate from more than one square. If you only have equipment for a couple of bands, roving is the obvious way to boost your score. If you operate on a number of different bands, roving is more difficult but you will boost your score with the extra bands instead.

Another point to comment on is 6 metres. This band was dropped from the Field Day in 1997 and reinstated for 1998. I kept a close eye on 50 MHz and did not hear any contest activity or exchanges below 50.150 MHz, and neither was any reported to me. Thanks to all participants for their considerate operating habits. It looks like the revised band plan has been accepted and the QRM problems of the past have hopefully been solved.

As for next year: the current rules are working well and there does not seem to be a need for major changes. But any suggestions or comments will be most gratefully received.

VHF-UHF Field Day 1998: Results

Call	Name	Location	Grid	50 MHz	144 MHz	432 MHz	1.2 GHz	2.4 GHz	10 GHz	24 GHz	TOTAL
SECTION A - PORTABLE, SINGLE OPERATOR, 24 HOURS											
VK3WRE	R. Edgar	Mt Skene	QF32	174 (10)	992 (14)	1071 (8)	1040 (5)	-	-	-	3277
VK4OE	D. Friend	Herries Range	QG51	110 (8)	536 (8)	686 (6)	710 (4)	507 (2)	-	-	2549
VK2TWR	R. Collman	Eucumbene	QF43	64 (3)	680 (10)	847 (7)	-	-	-	-	1591
VK6KZ	W. Howse	(1)	OF79	33 (2)	236 (4)	245 (2)	330 (2)	-	368 (1)	336 (1)	1548
VK4IS	K. Hanby	Caloundra	QG63	-	272 (2)	427 (2)	-	-	-	-	699
VK5XY	C. Luke	Skye	PF95	22 (1)	304 (5)	364 (3)	-	-	-	-	690
VK3DQW	K. Asplin	Mt Thackeray	QF12	96 (7)	464 (7)	-	-	-	-	-	560
VK2XCI	N. McMillan	Mt Hope	QF27	Check log							

SECTION B - PORTABLE, SINGLE OPERATOR, 6 HOURS

VK4ZSH	S. Hutcheon	(2)	(2)	-	212 (5)	595 (7)	740 (6)	-	-	-	1547
VK3TBM	B. Miller	Mt Hoogly	QF31	77 (5)	340 (5)	553 (5)	510 (3)	-	-	-	1480
VK3AFW	R. Cook	Mt Donna Buang	QF22	90 (6)	512 (9)	581 (6)	-	-	-	-	1183
VK6KZ	W. Howse	(1)	OF79	33 (2)	136 (2)	238 (2)	320 (2)	-	336 (1)	-	1063
VK3TBM	B. Miller	Mt Oberon	QF30	21 (1)	240 (4)	392 (4)	210 (1)	-	-	-	863
VK3KTO	M. Ide	Arthurs Seat	QF21	72 (4)	376 (6)	322 (3)	-	-	-	-	770
VK5AJS	J. Smedley	McLaren Vale	PF94	74 (5)	228 (3)	301 (2)	-	-	-	-	603
VK2ANK	N. Kefford	near Bigga	QF45	-	276 (4)	147 (1)	-	-	-	-	423
VK1PK	P. Parker	Davidson Trig	QF44	-	224 (3)	-	-	-	-	-	224

SECTION C - PORTABLE, MULTI OPERATOR, 24 HOURS

VI50G	GARC (3)	Blue Mountain	QF22	334 (20)	1248 (16)	1372 (11)	860 (4)	-	-	-	3814
VK4IF	BVHFG (4)	Mt. Mee	QG62	423 (30)	1064 (7)	959 (3)	710 (4)	377 (1)	-	-	3533
VK1ACA	(5)	Mt Ginini	QF44	139 (10)	1064 (16)	1533 (15)	380 (2)	-	-	-	3116
VK5ARC	SCARC (6)	Louds Hill	PF94	174 (11)	960 (11)	924 (6)	-	-	-	-	2058
VK5AR	(7)	Kuitpo Forest	PF94	114 (8)	836 (14)	623 (6)	350 (2)	-	-	-	1923
VK3ER	EMDRC (8)	Mt Hotham	QF33	209 (14)	740 (12)	728 (7)	240 (1)	-	-	-	1917

SECTION D - HOME STATION, 24 HOURS

VK3KLO	C. Kahwagi	Malvern	QF22	119 (7)	772 (11)	1078 (9)	820 (4)	-	-	-	2789
VK3TMP	M. Pickering	Somerville	QF21	93 (5)	972 (15)	1029 (9)	690 (3)	-	-	-	2784
VK3BDL	M. Goode	Black Rock	QF22	88 (5)	732 (13)	679 (6)	430 (2)	-	-	-	1929
VK3CY	D. Clarke	Wedderburn	QF13	-	800 (13)	910 (8)	-	-	-	-	1710
VK1WJ	W. Jurgens	Melba	QF44	91 (7)	192 (3)	245 (2)	-	-	-	-	528
VK5NY	R. Bowman	McLaren Vale	PF94	116 (9)	240 (4)	168 (1)	-	-	-	-	524
VK4PJ	P. Brown	Balmoral	QG62	-	244 (3)	203 (1)	-	-	-	-	447
VK3JK	C. Gliddon	Dandenong	QF22	58 (4)	276 (4)	-	-	-	-	-	334

Notes

- (1) Jurien Bay Lookout; Pt Louise near Green Head
- (2) Kilcoy QG63; Bunya Mtns QG53; Wutul QG52
- (3) Geelong Amateur Radio Club: B. Gnaccarini VK3TU, C. Osborn VK3TUH, K. Jewell VK3AKK, L. de Vries VK3PK, J. Barrand K3DFL, C. Leone VK3BCL, L. Sim VK3ZLS, D. Learmonth VK3XLD, C. Gnaccarini VK3BRZ, G. Day VK3XGD.
- (4) Brisbane VHF Group: M. McIntosh VK4ZMM, P. Richens VK4FSD, E. Fittock VK4NEF, G. Ryan VK4AR, J. Morris VK4YOL.
- (5) C. Davis VK1DO, A. Davis VK1DA.
- (6) South Coast Amateur Radio Club: B. Bates VK5UBJ, S. Callow VK5HAP, M. Cook VK5ZMC, A. Fisher VK5HEY, T. Bates (SWL), S. Bates (SWL).
- (7) A. Raftery VK5AR, A. Russell VK5ZUC, J. Brayley VK5AJQ.
- (8) Eastern & Mountain District Radio Club: M. Chadwick VK3WT, C. Platt VK3KCP, A. Tubb VK3BF, B. Ackerley VK3YNG, A. Scammell VK3HDF, K. Bedford VK3HKB, J. Adams VK3PJA, J. Bramham VK3WWW, V. Punch VK3CKD



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SPRING VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 1998

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Some months ago Rod Collman, VK2TWR, suggested that there should be a VHF-UHF Field Day in the springtime. There seems to be plenty of interest in the idea: certainly enough to justify running it as a trial. If it is a success, it could become a regular event in the contest calendar.

So this year there will be a Spring VHF-UHF Field Day on the weekend of November 14 and 15. It will be an ideal time to dust off that equipment, blow the earwigs out of your portable antennas, and spend a nice warm spring day on a hilltop.

The rules will be much the same as for the regular VHF-UHF Field Day which is held in January. Any comments on the rules or timing of this new Field Day would be most welcome.

Duration

VK6 only: 0400 UTC Saturday November 14 to 0400 UTC Sunday November 15, 1998.
All other call areas: 0200 UTC Saturday to 0200 UTC Sunday.

Sections and Awards

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- B: Portable station, single operator, any 6 consecutive hours.
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Entries

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SPRING VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 1998: RESULTS

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The inaugural Spring Field Day went very well, especially considering that it was announced at very short notice. There were no multi-operator entries, probably for this reason. Once again VK3 dominated the logs, and again VK6 was conspicuous by its absence.

The logs reveal a number of contacts over 600 km, both on 2 metres and 70 cm. There were also some interstate contacts on 1296 MHz, and a total of 18 stations active on this band.

Half of the logs had to be re-scored, in most cases because entrants forgot to claim credit for the grid square they were operating in. Something to remember for next time!

Results

Speaking of remembering, Rod VK2TWR almost forgot to send his log in - strange because it was due to his efforts that the Spring Field Day became a reality! It is just as well that he eventually got around to it, because he is the overall winner. Congratulations Rod.

Coming a close second in Section A was Barry VK3BJM. The winner of Section B was Ralph VK3WRE by a big margin, and Max VK3TMP came first in Section D with an equally big margin. Congratulations all round, and also to all other entrants for making this inaugural Spring Field Day a success.

Comments

Some comments and suggestions from the logs:

"I found it harder to work stations on 6 than on 2. The multiplier should be the same for both bands".

"I did not hear anyone on FM".

"A good contest. Should be repeated, possibly a week earlier to avoid clashing with the ALARA contest".

"Early December might be a more reliable time for both weather and propagation".

Other suggestions were that the repeat contact limit should be two hours rather than three; that the duration should be any 24 consecutive hours out of 26; and that 6 metres should be dropped (here we go again)! Any comments on these points would be much appreciated.

Finally, here's nine months' advance notice of the next Spring Field Day. Mark your calendar now! Don't forget!

Spring VHF-UHF Field Day 1998: Results

Call	Name	Grid	50 MHz	144 MHz	432 MHz	1.2 GHz	2.4 GHz	TOTAL
SECTION A - PORTABLE, SINGLE OPERATOR, 24 HOURS								
VK2TWR	R. Collman	QF43	117 (8)	832 (14)	994 (9)	430 (2)	-	2373
VK3BJM	B. Miller	QF23	85 (6)	940 (16)	777 (8)	500 (3)	-	2302
VK4OE	D. Friend	QG50, QF59	-	-	336 (2)	-	429 (1)	765
VK2XCI	N. McMillan	QF27	-	536 (10)	-	-	-	536
SECTION B - PORTABLE, SINGLE OPERATOR, 6 HOURS								
VK3WRE	R. Edgar	QF31	88 (6)	432 (6)	651 (6)	770 (5)	299 (1)	1720
VK3AFW	R. Cook	QF33	80 (6)	632 (12)	-	-	-	712
VK3KAI	P. Freeman	QF31	-	-	147 (1)	220 (1)	286 (1)	653
VK5ZUC	A. Russell	PF95	21 (1)	172 (3)	147 (1)	-	-	340
VK3YE	P. Parker	QF22	-	280 (4)	-	-	-	280
SECTION D - HOME STATION, 24 HOURS								
VK3TMP	M. Pickering	QF21	35 (2)	544 (11)	791 (9)	330 (2)	-	1700
VK7JG	J. Gelston	QE38	36 (2)	356 (4)	252 (2)	220 (1)	-	864
VK1WJ	W. Jirgens	QF44	51 (3)	252 (4)	371 (3)	-	-	674
VK3CAT	T. Middleditch	QF22	58 (4)	388 (6)	-	-	-	446
VK4PJ/3	P. Brown	QF22	-	184 (3)	-	-	-	184

Numbers in brackets are the numbers of locator squares worked on each band.



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SUMMER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 1999

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Now that we also have a Spring VHF - UHF Field Day, I suppose we had better refer to the January event as the Summer VHF/UHF Field Day. The dates for the next one are the weekend of January 9 and 10, 1999. This corresponds to the last weekend of the Ross Hull Contest, and all contacts can be counted for both contests.

There are a couple of minor rule changes which have already been applied to the Spring Field Day. The duration used to be 28 hours, with operation for any 24 hours within that period. It is now a straight 24 hours. The starting time has been changed to allow more time for setting up and to reduce the difference between the starting times for VK6 and the eastern states.

To add some extra interest, there is another possibility for making some good contacts. The NZART has a summer field day - the Cliff Betson Memorial Contest - and this year it will take place on the same weekend as our Field Day.

Any comments on the rules would be welcome - either with your log or in the mail.

I hope you will be able to head for the hills for the Field Day. If not, you can still join in as a home station and make plenty of contacts. Don't forget! Mark those dates on your calendar now!

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SUMMER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 1999: RESULTS

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The Summer Field Day was well supported again this year, although it is disappointing that there were no logs from VK2. There was only one log from VK6, but it has taken the prize.

Results

The winner this year is Wal Howse VK6KZ, who took out equipment for eight different bands and operated it from four locations. That is a lot of packing and unpacking.

And speaking of which, the top score in section B went to Peter Freeman VK3KAI, who activated three grid squares on four bands and also found time over the weekend to enter the home station section as well.

There were only two multi-operator entrants this time. The Geelong Amateur Radio Club has done it yet again, but VK5AR was not far behind. And in Section D, Des Clarke VK3CY has taken first place again.

Congratulations to those who won their sections, and to all entrants. It was good to see some new callsigns in the list this year. I hope you had a good time and I look forward to seeing your logs again next time.

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VK3BJM	B. Miller	QF33	73	968	952	720	-	-	-	-	2713
VK3EK	R. Ashlin	QF31,32,42	34	276	462	430	273	336	-	336	2147
VK4OE	D. Friend	QG61	-	316	259	-	299	-	-	352	1226
SECTION B - PORTABLE, SINGLE OPERATOR, 6 HOURS											
VK3KAI	P. Freeman	QF21,30,31	85	496	539	210	-	-	-	-	1330
VK5UE	C. Low	PF95	39	180	301	-	-	-	-	-	520
VK5AIM	S. Mahony	PF95	39	180	294	-	-	-	-	-	513
VK4LP	J. Lemura	QG62	-	458	-	-	-	-	-	-	458
VK3YE	P. Parker	QF22	-	272	-	-	-	-	-	-	272
VK4EV	R. Everingham	QG62	-	192	-	-	-	-	-	-	192
SECTION C - PORTABLE, MULTI OPERATOR, 24 HOURS											
VK3ATL	GARC (1)	QF21	78	992	1169	990	-	-	-	-	3229
VK5AR	(2)	PF94	196	964	924	490	-	-	-	352	2926
SECTION D - HOME STATION, 24 HOURS											
VK3CY	D. Clarke	QF13	-	832	595	-	-	-	-	-	1427
VK3KAI	P. Freeman	QF31	57	232	392	230	-	-	-	-	911
VK3CAT	T. Middleditch	QF22	82	708	-	-	-	-	-	-	790
VK5LP	E. Jamieson	PF94	47	232	231	220	-	-	-	-	730

- (1) Geelong Amateur Radio Club: J. Barrand VK3DFL, C. Gnaccarini VK3BRZ, D. Learmonth VK3XLD, L. Sim VK3ZLS, M. Trickett VK3ASQ.
- (2) A. Raftery VK5AR, A. Russell VK5ZUC.

Comments

Looking at the logs for the last few years, it is clear that the growth area is the 6 hour section. It is ideal if you don't have portable beams or can't get away for the 24 hours. You can still get a good score by going mobile and spending time at several different locations.

The rules have stayed much the same for some years, but I feel that it is time for some adjustments to the band multipliers. The aim of the scoring is to provide reasonably equal scoring potential for all bands. If the band multipliers are too steep they can make it very hard for people who do not have microwave gear. That seems to be happening now, so I feel that some trimming of the band multipliers is in order.

As usual I would be grateful for any comments or suggestions.



Wireless Institute of Australia

SPRING VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 1999

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KWA

The next Spring VHF-UHF Field Day will take place on November 13 and 14, 1999.

The contest rules are much the same as for previous VHF-UHF Field Days, but there are two changes. The times have been changed to take daylight savings time into account - something which I overlooked last year! The starting time will now be midday local time in most call areas.

The other change is an adjustment to the band multipliers to increase the incentive for stations operating only on the lower bands. The same band multipliers will also be applied to the Summer VHF-UHF Field Day and the Ross Hull Contest.

Please check the log requirements and make sure that you supply all the necessary information. Club stations, please note that I need the names and callsigns of operators, printed legibly so that I can include them in the results lists and certificates. Signatures are not much help if I can't read them!

I hope you will be able to head for the hills for at least part of the Field Day weekend. If you can't manage to mount a full expedition, you might even consider just going for a nice long drive and activating a few grid squares on the way.

Duration

VK6 only: 0400 UTC Saturday November 13 to 0400 UTC Sunday November 14, 1999. All other call areas: 0100 UTC Saturday to 0100 UTC Sunday.

Sections

- A: Portable station, single operator, 24 hours.
- B: Portable station, single operator, any 6 consecutive hours.
- C: Portable station, multiple operator, 24 hours.
- D: Home station, 24 hours.

Single operator stations may enter both Section A and Section B. If the winner of Section A has also entered Section B, his log will be excluded from Section B.

If two operators set up a joint station, they may enter Section C under a single callsign, or sections A/B under separate callsigns. Stations with more than two operators must enter Section C.

General Rules

One callsign per station. Operators of stations in Section C may not make contest exchanges using their own callsigns. Operation may be from any location, or from more than one location. You may work stations within your own locator square. A station is portable only if its equipment, including antennas, is transported to a location other than the normal home location of its operator.

Repeater, satellite and crossband contacts are not permitted. No contest operation is allowed below 50.150 MHz. Recognised DX calling frequencies must not be used for any contest activity. Suggested procedure is to call on .150 on each band, and QSY up.

Contest Exchange

RS (or RST) reports, a serial number, and your four digit Maidenhead locator.

Repeat Contacts

Stations may be worked again on each band after three hours. If the station is moved to a new locator square, repeat contacts may be made immediately. If the station moves back into the previous locator square, the three hour limit still applies to stations worked from that square.

Scoring

For each band, score 10 points for each square in which your station operates, plus 10 points for each locator square worked, plus 1 point per contact. Multiply the total by the band multiplier as follows:

6 m	2 m	70 cm	23 cm	Higher
x 1	x 3	x 5	x 8	x 10

Then total the scores for all bands.

Sample Scoring Table

Band	QSO Points		Locator Points		Multiplier		Total
6 m	100	+	200	x	1	=	300
2 m	60	+	120	X	3	=	540
etc.							-----
Overall Total							840

Logs

For each contact: UTC time, frequency, station worked, serial numbers and locator numbers exchanged, points claimed.

The front sheet should contain the names and callsigns of all operators; postal address; station location and Maidenhead locator; the section entered; a scoring table; and a signed declaration that the contest manager's decision will be accepted as final.

Entries

Please post logs to the Manager, Spring VHF-UHF Field Day, PO Box 2175, Caulfield Junction, Vic 3161. Logs must be received by Wednesday, December 1. Early logs would be appreciated.



Wireless Institute of Australia

SPRING VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 1999: RESULTS

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KWA

The Spring Field Day went off quite well. It is interesting that the six hour section is gaining support and this time it was much more popular than the full 24 hours.

It was good to see entries from three multi-operator stations that have not competed before.

Propagation was very ordinary. Knowing that the American Indians used to do rain dances, I tried to help things along by doing a propagation dance. Unfortunately it didn't seem to work - maybe I need dancing lessons.

The results show that the key to getting high scores is to use as many different bands as possible, or to operate from more than one square. This was demonstrated by Wal VK6KZ, who worked up the highest overall score by hopping between seven bands and four grid squares in only six hours.

A couple of comments from the logs:

"I tried to get a CW contact, but no luck".

Yes, CW doesn't seem to be the preferred mode for most VHF stations. The normal habit is to only use it when the going is tough. If more stations used CW they could probably pick up more of those distant grid squares.

"No-one we made contact with knew their grid locator."

The best way around this is to find a map with latitudes and longitudes marked on it. You can write in the grid squares and have it on hand when you go portable. There is nothing in the rules to prevent you from telling the other chap which square he is in.

Speaking of logs: I had a few problems this time with logs that needed to be re-scored, and one that had to be fully scored from scratch. I know the scoring isn't as simple as it could be - I'll try to find a way of simplifying it - but it is a great help if you can provide a scoring table along the lines of the sample that is included with the rules.

There is one other point that needs looking at. There were no logs from VK4, and I understand that the date of the Field Day clashes with the hamfest run by the Gold Coast Amateur Radio Club. It might help if the Field Day were shifted to the first weekend in November, rather than the second. Any other suggestions would be appreciated.

In conclusion, thanks and congratulations to the winners of each section, and to everyone who sent in a log. See you next time.

SPRING FIELD DAY 1999: RESULTS

Numbers in brackets show the number of locator squares worked on each band.

Call	Name	Locator(s)	6 m	2 m	70 cm	23 cm	12 cm	6 cm	3 cm	TOTAL
Section A: Single Operator, 24 Hours										
VK5AR	A. Raftery	PF96	22 (1)	396 (9)	430 (6)	-	-	-	-	848
VK5UE	C. Low	PF85.86,95,96	91 (7)	273 (7)	465 (7)	-	-	-	-	829
VK5AIM	S. Mahony	PF85.86,95,96	91 (7)	273 (7)	465 (7)	-	-	-	-	829
Section B: Single Operator, 6 Hours										
VK6KZ	W. Howse	OF77,78,87,88	73 (5)	324 (7)	520 (7)	592 (5)	660 (5)	530 (4)	650 (5)	3349
VK3KAI	P. Freeman	QF21,22,31,32	66 (5)	294 (7)	485 (7)	520 (5)	550 (4)	-	-	1555
VK3WRE	R. Edgar	QF31	59 (4)	354 (8)	455 (6)	472 (4)	550 (4)	-	-	1477
VK3JED	T. Langdon	QF22	29 (1)	213 (4)	260 (3)	368 (3)	-	-	-	870
VK3CAT	T. Middleditch	QF22	42 (2)	270 (6)	315 (4)	-	-	-	-	627
VK3YE	P. Parker	QF22	39 (2)	210 (3)	230 (2)	-	-	-	-	479
VK7JG	J. Gelston	QE39	47 (3)	201 (6)	112 (2)	-	-	-	-	360
Section C: Multi Operator, 24 Hours										
VK3ATL	GARC (1)	QF21	33 (2)	672 (17)	860 (13)	624 (5)	-	-	-	2189
VK5SR	SERG (2)	QF02	34 (2)	351 (8)	310 (4)	272 (2)	-	-	-	967
VK3AEF	(3)	QF03	32 (2)	474 (10)	425 (6)	-	-	-	-	931
VK3EM	(4)	QF23	58 (3)	336 (7)	345 (4)	-	-	-	-	739
VK2IBT	(5)	QF56	42 (2)	243 (3)	220 (2)	-	-	-	-	505
VK2FSC	FSC ARC (6)	QF43	-	363 (9)	-	-	-	-	-	363
Section D: Home Station, 24 Hours										
VK3BDL	M. Goode	QF22	39 (2)	585 (15)	615 (9)	408 (3)	-	-	-	1647
VK3BJM	B. Miller	QF22	63 (3)	501 (10)	535 (6)	432 (3)	-	-	-	1531
VK2TWR	R. Collman	QF43	-	390 (11)	590 (9)	147 (1)	-	-	-	1127
VK3GK	L. Moyle	QF22	39 (2)	312 (7)	245 (2)	328 (2)	-	-	-	924
VK3CY	D. Clarke	QF13	-	498 (12)	375 (5)	-	-	-	-	873
VK3AL	A. Elliott	QF22	-	99 (2)	180 (2)	368 (3)	-	-	-	647
VK3CAT	T. Middleditch	QF22	45 (2)	285 (6)	270 (3)	-	-	-	-	600
VK5LP	E. Jamieson	PF94	-	165 (4)	165 (2)	-	-	-	-	330
VK3DID	I. Godsil	QF22	27 (1)	84 (1)	-	-	-	-	-	111

(1) Geelong Amateur Radio Club: C. Gnaccarini VK3BRZ, L. Sim VK3ZLS, D. Learmonth VK3XLD, A. Gnaccarini (SWL).

(2) South East Radio Group: C. Hutchesson VK5DK, T. Niven VK5NC, T. Aubrey VK5EE.

(3) J. Bywaters VK3AEF, W. Day VK3SWD.

(4) L. Enriquez VK3EM, G. Sneddon VK3YY, C. Goetze VK3TXA.

(5) K. Standen VK2IBT, N. Bowden VK2HT, W. Thompson VK2MGE.

(6) Far South Coast ARC: P. Thomas VK2WPT, K. Bell VK2US, G. McDonald VK2FGM, C. Bell (SWL).



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SUMMER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2000

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KWA

The next Summer VHF-UHF Field Day will take place on January 15 and 16, 2000. The contest rules are the same as for the 1999 Spring Field Day. Please note the couple of minor changes that were discussed in more detail on page 48 of October 1999 "Amateur Radio".

The next Field Day should provide plenty of opportunities. It will take place over the last weekend of the Ross Hull Contest, so there will be extra home stations there to work. And if you live in Tasmania or anywhere within reach of it, remember that any Field Day contacts can be counted for the new George Bass Diploma offered by WIA Victoria.

I would like to briefly repeat my request to club stations for the names and callsigns of operators, printed legibly so that I can read them!

I hope you will enjoy the next Field Day. I can guarantee that the weather will be good or bad, but either way you will still have a great time.

Duration

VK6 only: 0400 UTC Saturday January 15 to 0400 UTC Sunday January 16, 2000.
All other call areas: 0100 UTC Saturday to 0100 UTC Sunday.

Sections

- A: Portable station, single operator, 24 hours.
- B: Portable station, single operator, any 6 consecutive hours.
- C: Portable station, multiple operator, 24 hours.
- D: Home station, 24 hours.

Single operator stations may enter both Section A and Section B. If the winner of Section A has also entered Section B, his log will be excluded from Section B.

If two operators set up a joint station, they may enter Section C under a single callsign, or sections A/B under separate callsigns. Stations with more than two operators must enter Section C.

General Rules

One callsign per station. Operators of stations in Section C may not make contest exchanges using callsigns other than the club or group callsign. Operation may be from any location, or from more than one location. You may work stations within your own locator square. A station is portable only if its equipment, including antennas, is transported to a location other than the normal home location of its operator.

Repeater, satellite and crossband contacts are not permitted. No contest operation is allowed below 50.150 MHz. Recognised DX calling frequencies must not be used for any contest activity. Suggested procedure is to call on .150 on each band, and QSY up.

Contest Exchange

RS (or RST) reports, a serial number, and your four digit Maidenhead locator.

Repeat Contacts

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Scoring

For each band, score 10 points for each square in which your station operates, plus 10 points for each locator square worked, plus 1 point per contact. Multiply the total by the band multiplier as follows:

6 m	2 m	70 cm	23 cm	Higher
x 1	x 3	x 5	x 8	x 10

Then total the scores for all bands.

Sample Scoring Table

Band	QSO Points		Locator Points		Multiplier		Total
6 m	100	+	200	x	1	=	300
2 m	60	+	120	x	3	=	540
etc.							----
Overall Total							840

Logs

For each contact: UTC time, frequency, station worked, serial numbers and locator numbers exchanged, points claimed.

The front sheet should contain the names and callsigns of all operators; postal address; station location and Maidenhead locator; the section entered; a scoring table; and a signed declaration that the contest manager's decision will be accepted as final.

Deadline

Logs must be received by Monday, February 14, 2000. Early logs would be appreciated. Logs may be posted to: WIA VHF-UHF Field Day Manager, 3 Vernal Avenue, Mitcham, Vic 3132. Logs may also be e-mailed (in ASCII text form ONLY) to jmartin@xcel.net.au.



Wireless Institute of Australia

SUMMER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2000: RESULTS

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KWA

The Summer Field Day was well supported, especially in Victoria where the number of logs equalled those in all other states combined. It is disappointing that three call areas were not represented at all this time.

In the single operator category, the six hour section continues to gain popularity at the expense of the 24 hour section. Several entrants commented that activity on Sunday morning was much lower than on Saturday.

It could be that people don't have as much spare time as they used to, or maybe it just gets lonely doing a full 24 hour stretch on your own. It could be worthwhile to change Section A to allow two operators to under under a single callsign.

One entrant pointed out that the definition of a portable station seems to allow mains powered operation as long as the location is away from home. In other words, it could be possible to operate portable from the convenience of someone else's shack. Good point. Some changes to the wording could be in order.

Several entrants raised the question of 6 metre scoring. One suggested that the scoring should be the same as for 2 metres, but another supported the existing scoring on the grounds that it is nearly as good as not having 6 metres at all. There is not much chance of reconciling these two extremes.

Most of the logs were well presented as usual, but I had a few problems. Some logs had to be scored from scratch because they did not include a scoring table as shown in the rules. Please try to provide this table, because it helps me to get the job done far more quickly.

Finally, congratulations are in order to st run by the Gold Coast Amateur Radio Club. It might help if the Field Day were shifted to the first weekend in November, rather than the second. Any other suggestions would be appreciated.

In conclusion, some congratulations are in order. First is Ralph VK3WRE, who won Section A and even managed to outscore all of the multi-operator stations.

Competition was very strong in Section B, with Peter VK3KAI winning by a neck. he must have been very busy, with five grid squares activated on five bands.

In Section C, the Geelong Amateur Radio Club won yet again. Are they invincible? Who will knock them off their perch?

In Section D, Charlie VK3KLO entered for the first time and marched straight into first place.

Congratulations to all other entrants for achieving very solid scores, even if they didn't come out on top.

SUMMER FIELD DAY 2000: RESULTS

Numbers in brackets show the number of locator squares worked on each band.

Call	Name	Locator(s)	6 m	2 m	70 cm	23 cm	12 cm	9 cm	6 cm	3 cm	TOTAL
Section A: Single Operator, 24 Hours											
VK3WRE	R. Edgar	QF31	-	822 (17)	990 (12)	984 (7)	670 (5)	220 (1)	330 (2)	-	4016
VK2TWR	R. Collman	QF44	112 (7)	390 (7)	585 (7)	504 (4)	-	-	-	-	1591
VK3EK	R. Ashlin	QF42	82 (6)	507 (11)	510 (7)	352 (3)	-	-	-	-	1451
VK5AR	A. Raftery	PF97	Check log								
Section B: Single Operator, 6 Hours											
VK3KAI	P. Freeman	QF21,22,30,31,32	21 (1)	372 (5)	590 (5)	816 (4)	650 (1)	-	-	-	2449
VK3XPD	A. Devlin	QF21	-	336 (8)	430 (6)	568 (5)	210 (1)	330 (2)	330 (2)	210 (1)	2414
VK3KAB	D. Williams	QF21	-	336 (8)	435 (6)	560 (5)	210 (1)	330 (2)	330 (2)	210 (1)	2411
VK3AFW	R. Cook	QF22	80 (5)	567 (13)	480 (6)	-	-	-	-	-	1127
VK4OE	D. Friend	QG62	-	156 (3)	250 (3)	344 (3)	210 (1)	-	-	-	960
VK3YE	P. Parker	QF22	34 (1)	300 (4)	365 (3)	-	-	-	-	-	699
VK2KU	G. Fletcher	QF56	-	297 (7)	300 (4)	-	-	-	-	-	597
VK4EV	R. Everingham	QG62	-	186 (4)	176 (1)	-	-	-	-	-	362
VK5UE	C. Low	PF95	36 (2)	120 (2)	190 (2)	-	-	-	-	-	346
VK5AIM	S. Mahony	PF95	36 (2)	120 (2)	190 (2)	-	-	-	-	-	346
VK4LP	J. Lemura	QG62	-	186 (4)	115 (1)	-	-	-	-	-	301
VK2YJS	J. Sortland	QF56	-	102 (2)	-	-	-	-	-	-	102
Section C: Multi Operator, 24 Hours											
VK3ATL	GARC (1)	QF22	214 (14)	843 (17)	1120 (14)	1128 (8)	-	-	210 (1)	210 (1)	3725
VK5SR	SERG (2)	QF02	-	327 (8)	405 (6)	560 (5)	-	330 (2)	580 (4)	550 (4)	2752
VK5ARC	SCARC (3)	PF94	61 (3)	516 (9)	490 (6)	-	-	-	-	-	1067
Section D: Home Station, 24 Hours											
VK3KLO	C. Kahwagi	QF22	99 (5)	609 (11)	900 (10)	784 (5)	-	-	-	-	2392
VK3BJM	B. Miller	QF22	82 (4)	480 (9)	625 (7)	720 (5)	-	-	-	-	1917
VK3GK	L. Moyle	QF22	39 (1)	324 (6)	400 (4)	472 (3)	-	-	-	-	1235
VK3CAT	T. Middleditch	QF22	89 (5)	390 (7)	370 (3)	-	-	-	-	-	849
VK2CZ	D. Burger	QF56	-	165 (3)	250 (3)	184 (1)	-	-	-	-	599
VK3CY	D. Clarke	QF13	-	180 (3)	230 (2)	176 (1)	-	-	-	-	586

(1) Geelong Amateur Radio Club: M. Trickett VK3ASQ, L. Sim VK3ZLS, G. Noss VK3HQ, C. Gnaccarini VK3BRZ, J. Barrand VK3DFL, D. Learmonth VK3XLD, C. Leone VK3BCL, P. Hapgood VK3ATI, A. Gnaccarini (SWL).

(2) South East Radio Group: T. Niven VK5NC, C. Hutchesson VK5DK, T. Aubrey VK5EE.

(3) South Coast ARC: S. Callow VK5PCY, B. Bates VK5KBJ, S. Bates (SWL).



Wireless Institute of Australia

SPRING VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2000

John Martin (VK3KWA), contest manager

The next Spring VHF-UHF Field Day will take place on November 4 and 5, 2000. The date is a week earlier than in past years, in order to avoid clashes with other events including the Leonids meteor shower. There are no rule changes this time.

There are several ways of getting a good score in the Field Day. The first three are - as estate agents say - location, location and location. Adding an extra band will increase your number of contacts and your grid square total. Alternatively you can make significant scoring gains if you are able to hop between grid squares.

Please check the log requirements carefully. Every year some entrants forget to claim points for the grid squares they operated from, and some logs do not show clearly whether the grid square total includes the squares activated as well as the squares worked. It could be helpful to include a list of squares activated and worked for each band, as a reminder to claim the full score that you are entitled to.

A computer program is available which will convert between map co-ordinates and Maidenhead locator squares, and calculate the distance between stations. It can be obtained from the addresses given below.

Please also note the dates for the next Summer Field Day - January 13 and 14, with the same rules as below.

Duration

VK6 only: 0400 UTC Saturday November 4 to 0400 UTC Sunday November 5, 2000.

All other call areas: 0100 UTC Saturday to 0100 UTC Sunday.

Sections

A: Portable station, single operator, 24 hours.

B: Portable station, single operator, any 6 consecutive hours.

C: Portable station, multiple operator, 24 hours.

D: Home station, 24 hours.

Single operator stations may enter both Section A and Section B. If the winner of Section A has also entered Section B, his log will be excluded from Section B.

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General Rules

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Contest Exchange

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Then total the scores for all bands.

Sample Scoring Table

Band	QSO Points	Locator Pts	Multiplier	Total
6 m	100	+ 200	x 1	= 300
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etc.				
Overall Total				= 840

Logs

For each contact: UTC time, frequency, station worked, serial numbers and locator numbers exchanged, points claimed.

The front sheet should contain the names and callsigns of all operators; postal address; station location and Maidenhead locator; the section entered; a scoring table; and a signed declaration that the contest manager's decision will be accepted as final.

Entries

Paper logs may be posted to the Manager, Spring VHF-UHF Field Day, 3 Vernal Avenue, Mitcham, Vic 3132. Electronic logs can be e-mailed to jmartin@xcel.net.au.

The following formats are acceptable: ASCII text, Office 97 RTF, DOC, XLS, MDB, or PUB, or Works 99 WKS. If you use Office 2000, please save the files in Office 97 format.

Logs must be received by Friday, December 1, 2000. Early logs would be appreciated.

Reminder: Summer Field Day, January 2001

The next Summer VHF-UHF Field Day will be held on January 13 and 14, 2001 and the deadline for logs will be Friday, February 9. The rules will be the same as for the November Field Day.



Wireless Institute of Australia

SPRING VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2000: RESULTS

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KWA

The Spring Field Day was quite well supported, with a total of 26 logs. VK4 is back in the reckoning again, no doubt due to the change of dates to avoid the clash with the Gold Coast hamfest. The number of logs from VK5 has also increased, and VK5 stations are the winners in two of the four sections. It is also encouraging to see several new callsigns in the list this time.

On the disappointing side, there was only log from VK7 and none from VK1 or VK6. But the most disappointing was VK2 - more amateurs than any other call area, but only one log!

All bands except 2.4 GHz were represented in the logs, and again the scores show that an extra band - or moving to another square - can boost the total by a very worthwhile amount.

The winners this time are **David Minchin VK5KK** in section A, **Colwyn Low VK5UE** in Section B, the **Geelong Amateur Radio Club** in Section C, and **Charlie Kahwagi VK3FMD** in Section D. Congratulations to all.

SPRING FIELD DAY 2000: RESULTS

Call	Name	Locator(s)	6 m	2 m	70 cm	1.2 GHz	3.4 GHz	5.7 GHz	10 GHz	TOTAL
Section A: Single Operator, 24 Hours										
VK5KK	D. Minchin	PF85/86/95/96	126	411	590	800	970	-	-	2897
VK5AIM	S. Mahony	PF85/86/95/96	121	399	580	800	930	-	-	2830
VK3BJM	B. Miller	QF56/46/45/35/34	11	414	505	344	-	-	-	1274
VK5AR	A. Raftery	PF94	57	297	290	-	-	-	-	644
VK5ZUC	A. Russell	PF94	57	264	230	-	-	-	-	551
Section B: Single Operator, 6 Hours										
VK5UE	C. Low	PF95/96/85/86	94	330	485	760	920	-	-	2589
VK3DQW	K. Asplin	QF21	-	348	490	-	-	-	-	838
VK4OE	D. Friend	QG63	33	150	200	192	-	-	230	805
VK4AR	G. Ryan	QG62	-	108	105	168	-	--	320	701
VK4KZR	R. Preston	QG62	-	-	160	-	-	-	320	480
VK2TWO	A. Scott	QF56	21	171	215	-	-	-	-	407
VK3ANP	D. Waring	QF33	21	96	215	-	-	-	-	332
VK7MO	R. Moncur	QE37	33	99	55	-	-	-	-	187
Section C: Multi Operator, 24 Hours										
VK3ATL	GARC (1)	QF21	-	564	825	768	-	-	-	2157
VK3AEF	(2)	QF03/04	61	750	680	264	-	-	-	1755
VK5AFO	(3)	PF95	68	291	275	-	-	-	-	634
Section D: Home Station, 24 Hours										
VK3FMD	C. Kahwagi	QF22	83	549	845	712	-	210	-	2399
VK3BDL	M. Goode	QF22	96	492	570	328	-	-	-	1486
VK3EK	R. Ashlin	QF32	66	261	365	384	-	-	-	1076
VK3YB	P. Pavey	QF21	51	249	195	176	-	-	-	671
VK3CY	D. Clarke	QF13	-	270	390	-	-	-	-	660
VK4KZR	R. Preston	QG62	-	99	160	248	-	-	-	507
VK4AR	G. Ryan	QG62	21	66	165	168	-	-	-	420
VK3YE	P. Parker	QF22	24	273	115	-	-	-	-	412
VK4DFE	C. Lowe	QG63	23	183	135	-	-	-	-	341
VK3TRD	D. Rolfe	QF21	Check log							

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SUMMER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2001

.John Martin (VK3KWA). contest manager

The next Summer VHF-UHF Field Day will take place on January 13 and 14, 2001. The rules are the same as for the Spring Field Day in November 2000.

Duration

VK6 only: 0400 UTC Saturday January 13 to 0400 UTC Sunday January 14, 2001. All other call areas: 0100 UTC Saturday to 0100 UTC Sunday.

Sections

- A: Portable station, single operator, 24 hours.
- B: Portable station, single operator, any 6 consecutive hours.
- C: Portable station, multiple operator, 24 hours.
- D: Home station, 24 hours.

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General Rules

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Contest Exchange

RS (or RST) reports, a serial number, and your four digit Maidenhead locator.

Repeat Contacts

Stations may be worked again on each band after three hours. If the station is moved to a new locator square, repeat contacts may be made immediately. If the station moves back into the previous locator square, the three hour limit still applies to stations worked from that square.

Scoring

For each band, score 10 points for each square in which your station operates, plus 10 points for each locator square worked, plus 1 point per contact. Multiply the total by the band multiplier as follows:

6 m	2 m	70 cm	23 cm	Higher
x 1	x 3	x 5	x 8	x 10

Then total the scores for all bands.

Sample Scoring Table

Band	QSO Points	Locator Pts	Multiplier	Total
6 m	100	+ 200	x 1	= 300
2 m	60	+ 120	x 3	= 540
etc.				
Overall Total				= 840

Logs

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Logs must be received by **Friday, February 9, 2001**. Early logs would be appreciated.



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SUMMER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2001: RESULTS

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KWA

The Field Day went well, with a total of 27 logs. Of those logs, 17 were from VK3, so it looks like the dominance of VK3 is increasing! I think we need a major effort in other call areas to knock the VK3s off their perch.

It is interesting to see that the six hour section continues to grow at the expense of the 24 hour section. This raises the question of whether a change is needed. One suggestion was to have only one section for single operator stations, and to make the duration 8 or 12 hours.

This is worth considering, but it would have an impact on the 24-hour multi operator and home station sections, with far fewer stations available to work after the single operator stations had finished their time period.

Another suggestion was to introduce a six hour section for multi-operator stations. This sounds like a good idea. But putting it together with the suggestions above, another option could be eight hour sections for single and multi operator stations, plus the existing 24 hour multi operator and home station sections.

There were also a couple of suggestions for increasing the six metre scoring. I will think about it but I cannot see an easy solution. As with the Ross Hull Contest, this is a perennial problem. For everyone who wants higher 6 metre scores, there

are others who would rather see the band dropped altogether.

Now to the logs. Some needed re-scoring because the grid square totals were incorrect. Remember that you get ten points for each square you activate, plus ten for each square you work on each band.

One log contained contacts made with only one other station. This is within the rules but I wonder whether it needs changing.

Finally, on to the results. **Ralph Edgar VK3WRE** has taken out Section A again, and the top score in Section B goes to **Ken Brown, VK3DMW**. (See the benefits to be gained from using extra band or doing some grid hopping.)

In Section C, the **Geelong Amateur Radio Club** has done it again, and **Michael Goode VK3BDL** wins the home station section.

Congratulations to these winners, and to all entrants. I look forward to receiving your logs for the Spring Field Day in November, and the next Summer Field Day in mid-January next year.

In the meantime I would be grateful for any comments on the possible changes discussed above.

SUMMER FIELD DAY 2001: RESULTS

Call	Name	Locator(s)	6 m	2 m	70 cm	23 cm	12 cm	6 cm	TOTAL
Section A: Single Operator, 24 Hours									
VK3WRE	R. Edgar	QF31	-	849	950	1008	890	320	4017
VK3KAI	P. Freeman	QF42, 52, 53, 54	-	363	460	360	-	-	1183
VK4OE	D. Friend	QG61	-	408	380	296	-	-	1084
VK3AFW	R. Cook	QF11, 12, 21, 22	70	402	570	-	-	-	1042
Section B: Single Operator, 6 Hours									
VK3DMW	K. Brown	QF21, 22, 31, 32	-	162	270	432	540	-	1404
VK3BJM	B. Miller	QF23	24	381	540	192	-	-	1137
VK3BRZ	C. Gnaccarini	QF21	-	447	630	-	-	-	1077
VK3AFW	R. Cook	QF11, 12, 21, 22	70	369	570	-	-	-	1009
VK7MO	R. Moncur	QE37	23	273	340	244	-	-	880
VK3YE	P. Parker	QF21	-	357	275	-	-	-	632
VK4LP	J. Lemura	QG62	-	207	310	-	-	-	517
VK4EV	R. Everingham	QG62	-	204	310	-	-	-	514
VK5AIM	S. Mahony	PF95	33	99	160	168	-	-	460
VK5AR	A. Raftery	PF97	-	105	175	168	-	-	448
VK3DQW	K. Asplin	QF12	-	330	-	-	-	-	330
VK5UE	C. Low	PF95	22	99	105	-	-	-	226
VK2EI	N. Sandford	QF68	-	132	-	-	-	-	132
Section C: Multi Operator, 24 Hours									
VK3ATL	Geelong ARC (1)	QF22	125	675	705	1000	-	-	2505
VK3YY	(2)	QF22	108	420	550	448	-	-	1526
VK5ARC	SCARC (3)	PF94	55	507	465	-	-	-	1027
VK4IZ	Redcliffe ARC	QG63	48	171	225	-	-	-	444
Section D: Home Station, 24 Hours									
VK3BDL	M. Goode	QF22	79	519	640	704	-	-	1942
VK3FMD	C. Kahwagi	QF22	-	279	410	464	220	-	1373
VK3GK	L. Moyle	QF22	41	309	480	328	-	-	1158
VK3AEF	J. Bywaters	QF03	27	330	500	168	-	-	1025
VK3YB	P. Pavey	QF21	46	291	320	-	-	-	657
VK3CY	D. Clarke	QF13	-	123	115	-	-	-	238

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- (2) G. Sneddon VK3YY, L. Enriquez VK3EM, S. Wood VK3TSW, J. Bramham VK3WWW.
- (3) South Coast Amateur Radio Club: S. Callow VK5PCY, B. Bates VK5KBJ.
- (4) Redcliffe & District Amateur Radio Club: C. Strong VK4YZ, L. Pritchard VK4BLE, J. Maudsley VK4YJV, S. Harris VK4HRS, A. Lund VK4HBR, S. Smee VK4TMS, L. Pearse, A. Smee.



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SPRING VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2001

John Martin (VK3KWA), contest manager

The next Spring VHF-UHF Field Day will take place on the weekend of November 3 and 4, 2001.

I have not made any rule changes this time but I would appreciate your comments on several questions:

1. The 6 hour single operator section is now far more popular than the 24 hour section. Should the 24 hour section be dropped, reduced to say 12 hours, or left as it is?
2. Should there be a six hour section for multiple operator stations?
3. Lately the biggest scores have gone to grid-hopping ("rover") stations because of the bonus points for each square activated. It is possible to win the contest with a comparatively small number of contacts as long as you stay on the move. Should the locator grid points be reduced, or are you happy with the existing scoring?

I have only received a few comments on these points so far, and they have fallen equally on both sides of the fence. So over to you - please include some comments with your log.

Dates

November 3 and 4, 2001.

Duration in all call areas other than VK6: 0100 UTC Saturday to 0100 UTC Sunday.

Duration in VK6 only: 0400 UTC Saturday to 0400 UTC Sunday.

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Contest Exchange

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Then total the scores for all bands.

Scoring Table

Please use the following format for your table. In this sample the operator has operated from one locator and worked four locators on each band:

Band	Locators Activated (10 points each)	+	Locators Worked (10 points each)	+	QSOs (1 point each)	x	Multiplier	=	Band Total
6 m	10	+	40	+	40	x	1	=	90
2 m	10	+	40	+	30	x	3	=	240
70 cm	10	+	40	+	20	x	5	=	350
Overall Total								=	680

Logs

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Reminder: Summer Field Day, January 2002

The next Summer VHF-UHF Field Day will be held on January 12 and 13, 2002.



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**SPRING VHF-UHF FIELD DAY
 2001: RESULTS**

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KWA

Call	Name	Locator(s)	6 m	2 m	70 cm	23 cm	12 cm	9 cm	6 cm	3 cm	TOTAL
Section A: Single Operator, 24 Hours											
VK5AIM	S. Mahony	PF94, 95	52	171	275	500	-	-	-	-	998
VK5ZUC	A. Russell	PF94	-	171	280	-	-	-	-	-	451
Section B: Single Operator, 6 Hours											
VK3WRE	R. Edgar	QF31	-	189	305	488	330	450	-	320	2082
VK3KAI	P. Freeman	QF21, 22, 31, 32	-	261	405	472	-	440	-	210	1788
VK5ADE	S. Cameron	PF94, 95	51	165	265	376	-	-	-	-	857
VK5UE	C. Low	PF94, 95	47	153	245	376	-	-	-	-	821
VK3YE	P. Parker	QF21	36	300	210	-	-	-	-	-	546
VK3PC	J. Linton	QF22	-	105	-	-	-	-	-	-	105
Section C: Multi Operator, 24 Hours											
VK3ATL	GARC (1)	QF21	-	504	670	848	-	-	-	450	1862
VK3AEF	(2)	QF03	58	417	585	376	-	-	-	-	1436
VK5BAR	AHARC (3)	PF95	-	140	80	-	-	-	-	-	240
Section D: Home Station, 24 Hours											
VK3FMD	C. Kahwagi	QF22	41	474	600	784	340	340	210	210	2999
VK3TMP	M. Pickering	QF21	38	396	455	560	-	-	-	230	1679
VK3YB	P. M. Pavey	QF21	54	297	310	424	-	-	-	-	1085
VK5AR	A. Raftery	PF95	37	117	190	288	-	-	-	-	634
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Two logs were re-scored. One had counted a repeat contact which had been made too soon, and the other claimed some contacts which had been made after the expiry of the six hour operating period.

Sincere thanks to Mark Detering VK3TLW for assistance in checking the logs.



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SUMMER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2002

John Martin (VK3KWA), contest manager

The next Summer VHF-UHF Field Day will take place on the weekend of January 12 and 13, 2002. The rules are the same as for the last Spring Field Day.

Please remember that I would appreciate comments on several questions I raised when publicising the rules for last November's Field Day. There are:

- Should the 24 hour single operator section be shortened?
- Should there be a six hour multi-operator section?
- Is the scoring advantage of "grid hoppers" too high?

I would be grateful to receive comments on these or any other points with your log.

Dates

January 12 and 13, 2002.

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Logs must be received by **Friday, February 8, 2002**. Early logs would be appreciated.



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SUMMER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2002: RESULTS

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KWA

The Summer Field Day is becoming steadily more popular, especially the 6 hour section. The 24 hour single operator section is losing support, although there seems to be agreement that it should not be abolished. Many entrants have commented that 24 hours is too long, but 6 hours is too short.

Two alternatives have been suggested - 8 hours and 12 hours, and I am inclined to prefer 12 hours. An 8 hour stretch isn't much longer than 6 hours, and for most people it would still mean staying overnight, so we might as well make it 12 hours. To make it more flexible, the 12 hours could be in one continuous block or in two six-hour periods. That would allow anyone to do a full Saturday, or they could start late or finish early on the Saturday and make up the other 6 hours on the Sunday.

There is also some support for a 6 hour multi-operator section. I will have to think about this because it would mean that there would be five sections in the contest rather than the existing four.

The other issue is the grid-hopping bonus. It can give a major advantage but could discourage some entrants who don't wish to pull up sticks and keep moving to get a good score. I think the bonus is a good idea but it may need to be reduced a little.

There were also a couple of other suggestions about the 6 metre scoring - some say it is too low, and others would rather see it dropped to zero. There was also a suggestion that there should be a CW section. I think I will pass on this one because it would mean yet another section, and in any case CW provides its own rewards by allowing extra contacts that can't be made with other modes.

If you have comments on any of these ideas, please write or e-mail to jmartin@xcel.net.au.

Turning now to the logs, much of the score checking was done by Mark VK3TLW - thanks Mark. Some logs needed to be re-scored or didn't provide all of the necessary information - for example addresses or postcodes, or the full names of all of the operators. But the main problem is the grid square points. Remember that you can claim ten points for each square you activate, plus ten for each square you work on each band. But each square you work can only be counted once, no matter how many squares you have worked it from.

The scoring system is rather complex, so to make it easier I have prepared a pro-forma scoring table. A copy has been mailed to all entrants, and it will also be posted on the WIA Federal web site.

Finally, the results. The overall winner this year is **Barry VK3BJM**. First place in Section B goes to **Peter VK3KAI**. In the multi-operator section, the **GARC** has done it yet again, and the top home station was **Charlie VK3FMD**. Congratulations to all.

SUMMER FIELD DAY 2002: RESULTS

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VK3AEF	J. Bywaters	QF03	33	483	655	368	-	-	-	1599
VK5KBJ	B. Bates	PF95	39	570	435	-	-	-	-	1044
VK5AR	A. Raftery	PF92, PF93	21	426	570	-	-	-	-	1017
Section B: Single Operator, 6 Hours										
VK3KAI	P. Freeman	QF21, 22, 31, 32	21	237	385	432	320	320	430	1887
VK5MX	M. Millar	PF85, 86, 95, 96	97	333	555	792	-	-	-	1777
VK5UE	C. Low	PF85, 86, 95, 96	95	336	550	784	-	-	-	1765
VK3AXH	I. McDonald	QF12	408	625	384	-	-	-	-	1417
VK3YE	P. Parker	QF22	48	384	560	-	-	-	-	992
VK3UPS	C. Sturgeon	QF22	49	378	565	-	-	-	-	992
VK3HZ	D. Smith	QF22	-	345	430	-	-	-	-	775
VK5AIM	S. Mahony	PF95	25	126	200	192	-	-	-	543
VK4OE	D. Friend	QG53	-	96	160	168	-	-	-	424
VK4LP	J. Lemura	QG62	-	123	195	-	-	-	-	318
VK4EV	R. Everingham	QG62	-	102	195	-	-	-	-	297
VK2EI	N. Sandford	QF68	-	243	-	-	-	-	-	243
Section C: Multi Operator, 24 Hours										
VK3ATL	GARC (1)	QF21	91	888	985	1040	-	-	210	3214
VK3BEZ	EZRC (2)	QF31	33	267	395	424	370	350	470	2309
VK3EK	EGARC (3)	QF32	46	471	565	520	210	-	-	1812
VK5OQ	(4)	PF95	28	123	190	240	-	-	-	581
Section D: Home Station, 24 Hours										
VK3FMD	C. Kahwagi	QF22	75	618	845	944	210	210	-	2902
VK3BDL	M. Goode	QF22	84	639	840	736	-	-	-	2299
VK3AUI	G. Sones	QF22	67	306	460	392	-	-	-	1225
VK5GN	M. Luther	PF95	35	150	180	-	-	-	-	365
VK3VP	I. Godsil	QF21	35	120	-	-	-	-	-	155
VK3TRD	D. Rolfe	Check log								

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 (3) East Gippsland Amateur Radio Club: I. Foster VK3ST, P. Maskrey VK3HBR, D. Pendergast VK3DMP, M. Stanford VK3VLR, R. Ashlin VK3EK
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SPRING VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2002

John Martin (VK3KWA), contest manager

The Spring VHF-UHF Field Day will take place on the weekend of November 2 and 3, 2002.

Responses to my request for comments on the rules indicate majority support for leaving the rules unchanged. There was some support for extending the 6 hour section, but a clear majority preferred it to stay at 6 hours. As for the grid-hopping bonus, nobody suggested that it should be reduced.

The only change that received general support was the idea of a 6 hour multi-operator section, to cater for groups that would like to head for the hills but cannot manage a full 24 hour stretch. So this will be included on a trial basis for the Spring Field Day and for the next Summer Field Day in January. I hope it will allow more operators to join in.

Dates

Saturday and Sunday November 2 and 3, 2002.

Duration in all call areas other than VK6: 0100 UTC Saturday to 0100 UTC Sunday.

Duration in VK6 only: 0400 UTC Saturday to 0400 UTC Sunday.

Sections

A: Portable station, single operator, 24 hours.

B: Portable station, single operator, 6 hours.

C: Portable station, multiple operator, 24 hours.

D: Portable station, multiple operator, 6 hours.

E: Home station, 24 hours.

Single operator stations may enter both Section A and Section B. If the winner of Section A has also entered Section B, his log will be excluded from Section B. The same applies to the winner of Section C if the station has also entered Section D.

General Rules

A station is portable only if all of its equipment is transported to a place which is not the normal location of any amateur station. Operation may be from any location, or from more than one location. You may work stations within your own locator square. Repeater, satellite and crossband contacts are not permitted.

One callsign per station. If two operators set up a joint station with shared equipment, they may choose to enter Section A or B as separate stations under their own callsigns, or Section C or D under a single callsign. If they enter Section A or B, they may not claim contacts with each other. Stations with more than two operators must enter Section C or D. Operators of stations in Section C or D may not make any contest exchanges using callsigns other than the club or group callsign.

No contest operation is allowed below 50.150 MHz. Recognised DX calling frequencies must not be used for any contest activity. Suggested procedure is to call on .150 on each band, and QSY up if necessary.

Contest Exchange

RS (or RST) reports, a serial number, and your four digit Maidenhead locator.

Repeat Contacts

Stations may be worked again on each band after three hours. If the station is moved to a new location in a different locator square, repeat contacts may be made immediately. If the station moves back into the previous locator square, the three hour limit still applies to stations worked from that square.

Scoring

For each band, score 10 points for each locator square in which your station operates, plus 10 points for each locator square worked, plus 1 point per contact. Multiply the total by the band multiplier as follows:

6 m	2 m	70 cm	23 cm	Higher
x 1	x 3	x 5	x 8	x 10

Then total the scores for all bands.

Logs

Logs should cover the entire operating period and include the following for each contact: UTC time, frequency, station worked, serial numbers and locator numbers exchanged, points claimed.

Cover Sheet

The cover sheet should contain the names and call signs of all operators; postal address; station location and Maidenhead locator; the section(s) entered; the scoring table; and a signed declaration that the contest manager's decision will be accepted as final.

Please use the following format for your scoring table. In this example the operator has operated from one locator and worked four locators on each band:

Band	Locators Activated (10 points each)	+	Locators Worked (10 points each)	+	QSOs (1 point each)	x	Multiplier	=	Band Total
6 m	10	+	40	+	40	x	1	=	90
2 m	10	+	40	+	30	x	3	=	240
70 cm	10	+	40	+	20	x	5	=	350
Overall Total								=	680

A sample cover sheet has been posted on the VK-VHF e-mail reflector, and copies can also be obtained from the e-mail address given below.

Entries

Paper logs may be posted to the Manager, Spring VHF-UHF Field Day, 3 Vernal Avenue, Mitcham, Vic 3132. Electronic logs can be e-mailed to jmartin@xcel.net.au. The following log formats are acceptable: ASCII text, MS Office RTF, DOC, XLS or MDB. If you use Office 2000, please save the files in Office 97 format.

Logs must be received by **Monday, November 25, 2002**. Early logs would be appreciated.

Reminder: Summer Field Day, January 2003

The next Summer VHF-UHF Field Day will be held on January 11 and 12, 2003.



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SPRING VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2002: RESULTS

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KWA

Call	Name	Locator(s)	6 m	2 m	70 cm	23 cm	12 cm	9 cm	6 cm	3 cm	TOTAL
Section A:			Single Operator, 24 Hours								
VK3AFW	R. Cook	QF32	45	534	600	-	-	-	-	-	1179
VK4OE	D. Friend	QG50, 51, 60, 61	-	282	455	-	-	-	-	-	737
Section B:			Single Operator, 6 Hours								
VK3KAI	P. Freeman	QF21, 22, 31, 3232		387	455	440	320	320	320	430	2704
VK3AXH	I. McDonald	QF12	-	405	425	280	-	-	-	-	1110
VK7MO	R. Moncur	QE37	-	345	485	160	-	-	-	-	990
VK3KME	C. Morley	QF21, 22, 31, 3243		264	385	256	-	-	-	-	948
VK3AFW	R. Cook	QF32	45	414	365	-	-	-	-	-	824
VK4OE	D. Friend	QG51, 60, 61	-	216	345	-	-	-	-	-	561
VK5ZMH	R. Mitchell	PF94, 95, 96	22	210	295	-	-	-	-	-	527
VK3JS	I. Godsil	QF21	56	183	175	-	-	-	-	-	414
Section C:			Multi Operator, 24 Hours								
VK3ATL	(1)	QF21	49	468	540	904	620	320	210	210	3321
VK3EGC	(2)	QF42	54	606	500	592	-	-	-	-	1752
VK3AEF	(3)	QF04	21	252	225	256	-	-	-	-	754
Section D:			Multi Operator, 6 Hours								
VK3BEZ	(4)	QF31	47	291	415	456	540	540	430	450	3189
VK3XPD	(5)	QF21	34	279	430	536	440	430	430	440	3019
VK3APC	(6)	QF22	38	339	295	-	-	-	-	-	672
Section E:			Home Station, 24 Hours								
VK3FMD	C. Kahwagi	QF22	-	513	705	792	460	330	210	210	3220
VK3RS	A. Sutcliffe	QF32	27	78	130	200	-	-	-	-	435
VK5HKT	K. Thole	PF95	-	126	200	-	-	-	-	-	326
VK3VB	P. Pavey	QF12	22	222	-	-	-	-	-	-	244
VK4EV	R. Everingham	QG62	-	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	32

- (1) Geelong ARC: C. Gnaccarini VK3BRZ, D. Learmonth VK3XLD, L. Sim VK3ZLS.
- (2) East Gippsland ARC: R. Ashlin VK3EK, D. Pendergast VK3DMP, M. Stanford VK3VLR.
- (3) J. Bywaters VK3AEF, B. Farmers VK3AQX, L. Ferris VK3BUN, W. Day VK3SWD.
- (4) Eastern Zone ARC: J. Morrissey VK3ZRX, J. Collins VK3ZYC, R. Edgar VK3WRE.
- (5) A. Devlin VK3XPD, B. Miller VK3BJM, D. Williams VK3KAB.
- (6) Moorabbin & District RC: P. Parker VK3YE, C. Long.

Thanks to all stations who sent in a log, and congratulations to all for their efforts and very good scores. Of particular note this time is the very high score of VK3BEZ - nearly as many points in 6 hours as VK3ATL scored in 24. The 6 hour multi operator didn't attract as many logs as I had expected, and it will be interesting to see what happens with this new section in January.

Now some statistics on participation. To get an idea of the total number of active stations, I added up all of the different callsigns appearing in all of the logs. The figures are below, and I think they speak for themselves!

Call Area	6 m	2 m	70 cm	23 cm	12 cm	9 cm	6 cm	3 cm
VK1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0
VK2	0	9	3	0	0	0	0	0
VK3	24	76	36	20	9	5	5	6
VK4	0	8	5	0	0	0	0	0
VK5	2	15	10	0	0	0	0	0
VK6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VK7	0	6	2	2	0	0	0	0