



SUMMER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2008

John Martin (VK3KWA), contest manager

The SUMMER VHF-UHF Field Day will be held over the weekend of January 12 and 13. The rules are very little changed from last year. Please note two rule changes that were first adopted for the Spring VHF-UHF Field Day in November 2007:

1. Stations may enter both the 24 hour and 8 hour sections, but only if the station actually operates for more than 8 hours.
2. Changing locations: It is not in the spirit of the contest for grid-hoppers to set up more than one station and move between them. The rules now make it clear that not only the operator but also the station must be moved when operating locations are changed.

Please note also the rule on the use of DX calling frequencies. Where possible, contest activity should focus on the recommended contest calling frequency.

Dates

Saturday and Sunday January 12 and 13, 2008.

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, 8 hours.
- C: Portable station, multiple operator, 24 hours.
- D: Portable station, multiple operator, 8 hours.
- E: Home station, 24 hours.

If a single operator station operates for more than 8 hours, the station 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 multiple operator stations entering Sections C and 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. Stations may change location during the Field Day provided the station is dismantled and reassembled each time it moves. 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 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 callsigns 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 |
| etc. | | | | | | | | | |
| Overall Total | | | | | | | | = | 680 |

A sample cover sheet and scoring table is available on the WIA web site. Copies can also be obtained from the e-mail address given below.

Entries

Paper logs may be posted to the Manager, VHF-UHF Field Day, 3 Vernal Avenue, Mitcham, Vic 3132. Electronic logs can be e-mailed to vhf-contests@wia.org.au. The following log formats are acceptable: ASCII text, MS Office 2000 (or earlier) RTF, DOC, XLS or MDB.

Logs must be received by **Monday, January 28, 2008**. Early logs would be appreciated.



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SUMMER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2008: RESULTS

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KM

The Summer Field Day went well. Propagation was better than usual, and there was a particularly good sporadic E opening on 6 and 2 metres that gave both portable and home stations large numbers of contacts and a bigger than usual list of grid squares.

The winners of the five sections were: Doug Friend VK4OE, Ralph Edgar VK3WRE, the Lara group VK3UHF, Alan VK3XPD, and Matt VK2DAG. Congratulations to all.

I was interesting to note that with one exception, the top scorers on each band were not the top scorers overall in their sections. It is good to draw attention to the very high scores that some entrants were able to achieve. These top scorers were: David VK4ZDP on 6 metres, Andrew VK1DA and the EMDRC VK3ER on 2 metres, Andrew VK1DA again on 70 cm, and the LUMEG group VK3UHF on 1296.

The next VHF-UHF Field Day will be the spring event next November. The dates will be confirmed a little later in the year. Please check the VHF-UHF Field Day page on the WIA web site for further details.

| Call | Name | Location | 50 | 144 | 432 | 1296 | 2.4 GHz | 3.4 GHz | 5.7 GHz | 10 GHz | 24 GHz | TOTAL |
|---|-----------------|------------|-----|-----|-----|------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|-------|
| Section A: Single Operator, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK4OE | Doug Friend | QG63, QG62 | 75 | 582 | 505 | 640 | 470 | - | - | 460 | - | 2732 |
| VK1DA | Andrew Davis | QF44 | 79 | 930 | 890 | 552 | - | - | - | - | - | 2451 |
| VK3BJM | Barry Miller | QF15 | 156 | 639 | 535 | 272 | - | - | - | - | - | 1602 |
| VK3BBB | Brian Young | QF31 | 147 | 615 | 435 | 168 | - | - | - | - | - | 1365 |
| VK2FRBS | Russell Simon | QF57 | - | 492 | 525 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1017 |
| VK5XE | Ian Northeast | PF96 | 140 | 231 | 315 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 686 |
| VK2RS | Don Haberecht | QF33 | 71 | 330 | 120 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 521 |
| VK5AR | Alan Raftery | PF94 | 30 | 195 | 180 | 96 | - | - | - | - | - | 501 |
| VK1AI | Greg Parkhurst | QF44 | 165 | 228 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 393 |
| VK5FAAF | Robert Allen | PF96 | - | 178 | 212 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 390 |
| VK2ZSZ | Steve Zoneff | QF44 | - | 66 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 66 |
| Section B: Single Operator, 8 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3WRE | Ralph Edgar | QF31 | - | 366 | 450 | 536 | 470 | 340 | 220 | 360 | - | 2742 |
| VK3HY | Gavin Brain | QF32 | 172 | 474 | 455 | 408 | - | - | - | - | - | 1509 |
| VK5OQ | Keith Gooley | PF95 | 65 | 324 | 240 | 168 | - | - | - | - | - | 797 |
| VK5AR | Alan Raftery | PF94 | 27 | 171 | 150 | 96 | - | - | - | - | - | 444 |
| VK3KAN | Rik Head | QF22 | 23 | 108 | 165 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 296 |
| VK3DCQ | Trevor Haines | QF22 | - | 153 | 120 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 273 |
| VK2YJS | Julian Sortland | QF56 | 66 | 132 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 198 |
| VK4EV | Ron Everingham | QG62 | 30 | 60 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 90 |
| Section C: Multi Operator, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3UHF | LUMEG (1) | QF21 | 207 | 666 | 805 | 960 | 960 | 590 | 360 | 840 | 220 | 5608 |
| VK3ER | EMDRC (2) | QF22 | 239 | 930 | 865 | 792 | - | - | - | - | - | 2826 |
| VK4WAT | TREC (3) | QH22 | 474 | 630 | 420 | 360 | - | - | - | 260 | - | 2144 |
| VK2MA | HADARC (4) | QF46 | 268 | 585 | 605 | 584 | - | - | - | - | - | 2060 |
| VK5ARC | SCARC (5) | PF94 | 223 | 798 | 530 | 168 | - | - | - | - | - | 1716 |
| Section D: Multi Operator, 8 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3XPD | (6) | QF21, 22 | - | 504 | 510 | 600 | 460 | 450 | - | 460 | 220 | 3204 |
| VK3FRC | FAMPARC (7) | QF21 | 161 | 552 | 515 | 304 | - | - | - | - | - | 1532 |
| VK2MA | HADARC (4) | QF46 | 170 | 384 | 420 | 464 | - | - | - | - | - | 1438 |
| VK3BJA | GGREC (8) | QF21 | - | 325 | 335 | 344 | - | - | - | - | - | 994 |
| VK1WJ | (9) | QF44 | 120 | 252 | 250 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 622 |

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| Section E: Home Station, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK2DAG | Matt Hetherington | QF56 | 206 | 858 | 640 | 504 | 210 | - | - | 210 | - | 2628 |
| VK3HZ | David Smith | QF22 | - | 609 | 715 | 720 | - | - | - | - | - | 2044 |
| VK3BDL | Michael Goode | QF22 | 177 | 657 | 630 | 528 | - | - | - | - | - | 1992 |
| VK4BEG | Russell Norton | QH22 | 477 | 594 | 285 | 216 | - | - | - | - | - | 1572 |
| VK4DMC | Dale McCarthy | QH22 | 400 | 396 | 240 | 216 | - | - | - | - | - | 1252 |
| VK4ZDP | David Purkis | QH32 | 530 | 420 | 255 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1205 |
| VK4AR | Gary Ryan | QG62 | - | 501 | 160 | - | 320 | - | - | 210 | - | 1191 |
| VK3TPR | Peter Roberts | QF22 | 91 | 456 | 500 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1047 |
| VK4ADC | Doug Hunter | QG62 | 373 | 564 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 937 |
| VK3YXC | Ken Church | QF22 | 35 | 177 | 320 | 368 | - | - | - | - | - | 900 |
| VK2EI | Neil Sandford | QF68 | 63 | 396 | 430 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 889 |
| VK4AQ | Ross Anderson | QH32 | 374 | 252 | 255 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 881 |
| VK2TG | Robert Demkiw | QF55 | 35 | 345 | 440 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 820 |
| VK5MCB | Michael Baldock | PF86 | 43 | 492 | 270 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 805 |
| VK5FIVE | Rick Cybul | PF94 | - | 393 | 270 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 663 |
| VK3ACA | John Adcock | QF22 | - | 381 | 235 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 616 |
| VK2EAH | Andy Hood | QF56 | - | 282 | 330 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 612 |
| VK3HV | George Francis | QF31 | 50 | 159 | 210 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 419 |
| VK2ZQX | John Watson | QF58 | 146 | 270 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 416 |
| VK4AAT | Terry Stewart | QG62 | 187 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 187 |
| VK3YFL | Bryon Dunkley-Smith | Check log | | | | | | | | | | |

- (1) Lara UHF-Microwave Experimenters' Group: Chas Gnaccarini VK3PY, David Learmonth VK3QM, Charlie Kahwagi VK3NX.
- (2) Eastern and Mountain Duistrict Radio Club: Steve VK3AMY, Jim VK3AMN, Mike VK3AVV, David VK3DLR, John VK3PZ, Peter VK3QI, Damien VK3SOX, Jonas VK3VF, Max VK3WT, Jack VK3WWW.
- (3) Tablelands Radio & Electronics Club: John Roberts VK4TL, Trevor Gregory VK4ZFC, Dave West VK4ADW.
- (4) Hornsby & District Amateur Radio Club: Mick VK2HMS, Dave VK2FDIW, Rose VK2ANG, Steve VK2BCD, Rod VK2DAY, Compton VK2HRX, Taylor VK2FTEC, Rod VK2FDRW, Josh VK2ZJG, Mal VK2STG, Paul VK2FMAM, Peter VK2TTP, Dave VK2HSS, Pete VK2TPK, Bob VK2BMU.
- (5) South Coast Amateur Radio Club: Barry Bates VK5KBJ, Andrew Willis VK5LA, Stef Daniels VK5HSX, Peter Patterson VK5FPGP.
- (6) Alan Devlin VK3XPD, Michael Coleman VK3AAK.
- (7) Frankston & Mornington Peninsula ARC: Roy VK3GB, Gerard VK3GER, Andrew VK3AEJ, Stjepan VK3TSN.
- (8) Gippsland Gate Radio & Electronics Club: Phil Pavey VK3YB, Kerri-May Pavey VK3FDSD, Bruno Tonizzo VK3BFT, Doug Rowe VK3KMN, Helmut Inhoven VK3DHI, Ivan Blezard VK3ARV, Ian Jackson VK3BUF, Ross Jackson VK3ZAP, Megan Woods.
- (9) VK1YBQ: Hauke Wunderlich, VK1PAR: Al Long, VK1WJ: Waldis Jirgens.



INAUGURAL WINTER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2008

John Martin (VK3KM), contest manager

The first VHF-UHF Field Day was run as a trial in January 1989. The response was good, so the Field Day became a permanent event. Then in 1998 Rod VK2TWR suggested that it would be a good idea to have a Spring Field Day as well. This also went well, and activity has continued to increase since then, especially over the last few years.

Now Michael VK3AAK has suggested the idea of a Winter Field Day. This is certainly worth a try, and if it goes well it could become another regular feature of the contest calendar.

This Field Day is being arranged at short notice, so please spread the word. Polling has indicated majority support for a date in early winter, and the date has also been chosen to avoid clashes with major events such as Gipstech.

The rules are quite straightforward. The wording of the details relating to the contest sections has been rearranged for the sake of clarity, but the rules themselves are the same as for previous events. A sample scoring sheet is included with the rules on the WIA web site.

I hope you will be able to participate in the Field Day, and I look forward to receiving plenty of logs.

Dates - Saturday and Sunday June 21 and 22, 2008

Duration in all call areas other than VK6: 0200 UTC Saturday to 0200 UTC Sunday.

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

Please note these times carefully, because this is the first VHF-UHF Field Day to be run at a time of the year when daylight saving time does not apply.

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Multi-operator stations: Stations with more than two operators must enter Section C or D. If the winners of Section C have also entered Section D, their log will be excluded from Section D. Operators of stations in Section C or D may not make contest exchanges using callsigns other than the club or group callsign.

Operating periods: Stations entering the 8 hour sections may operate for more than 8 hours – please include details in your cover sheet of which 8 hour period should be used for scoring purposes.

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| 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.

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|---------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------|---|------------|---|------------|
| 6 m | 10 | + | 40 | + | 40 | x | 1 | = | 90 |
| 2 m | 10 | + | 40 | + | 30 | x | 3 | = | 240 |
| 70 cm | 10 | + | 40 | + | 20 | x | 5 | = | 350 |
| etc. | | | | | | | | | |
| Overall Total | | | | | | | | = | 680 |

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WINTER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2008: RESULTS

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KM

Here are the results for the inaugural Winter Field Day. Not surprisingly, activity was not at the same level as the spring and summer contests, but for first off event at a chilly time of year, it went extremely well. The winners of the five sections were: Doug Friend VK4OE; Michael Coleman VK3AAK; the crew of VK4WIE; the Geelong group VK3UHF; and Leigh Rainbird VK2KRR. Congratulations to these winners and to all who braved the elements to make this first Winter Field Day a success.

| Call | Name | Location | 50 | 144 | 432 | 1296 | 2.4 GHz | 3.4 GHz | 5.7 GHz | 10 GHz | TOTAL |
|---|-------------------|------------------|----|-----|-----|------|---------|---------|---------|--------|-------|
| Section A: Single Operator, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK4OE | Doug Friend | QG61, QG62 | 50 | 330 | 450 | 424 | 630 | - | - | 470 | 2354 |
| VK1DA | Andrew Davis | QF44 | 34 | 465 | 400 | 312 | - | - | - | - | 1211 |
| VK3CT | Damien Wright | QF31 | - | 459 | 270 | 168 | - | - | - | - | 897 |
| VK2AMS | Mark Swannack | QF68 | 40 | 324 | 350 | - | - | - | - | - | 714 |
| VK5AR | Alan Raftery | PF94, PF95 | 36 | 231 | 330 | - | - | - | - | - | 597 |
| VK4HEC | Ewen Cameron | QG62 | - | 228 | 270 | - | - | - | - | - | 498 |
| VK1FOTO | Ian Stevenson | QF44 | - | 171 | 145 | - | - | - | - | - | 316 |
| Section B: Single Operator, 8 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3AAK | Michael Coleman | QF21, 22, 31, 32 | - | 402 | 565 | 536 | - | - | - | - | 1503 |
| VK3WRE | Ralph Edgar | QF31 | - | 195 | 270 | 392 | - | - | - | - | 857 |
| VK3HV | George Francis | QF31 | - | 144 | 300 | - | - | - | - | - | 440 |
| VK5AR | Alan Raftery | PF94, PF95 | 31 | 150 | 210 | - | - | - | - | - | 391 |
| VK5OM | Jim Bywaters | QF03 | - | 132 | 220 | - | - | - | - | - | 352 |
| VK4EV | Ron Everingham | QG62 | 32 | 132 | 165 | - | - | - | - | - | 329 |
| VK4DFG | Harry Debnam | QG62 | 32 | 66 | 105 | - | - | - | - | - | 203 |
| VK6ZYX | Mike Beall | OF76, OF86 | 35 | 141 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 176 |
| Section C: Multi Operator, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK4WIE | (1) | QG61 | 72 | 603 | 495 | 416 | - | - | - | - | 1586 |
| VK3JTM | (2) | QF12 | 39 | 450 | 500 | 576 | - | - | - | - | 1565 |
| VK2BTW | Tamworth RC (3) | QF58 | 21 | 390 | 510 | - | - | - | - | - | 921 |
| Section D: Multi Operator, 8 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3UHF | LUMEG (4) | QF22 | - | 402 | 440 | 472 | 320 | - | 210 | 210 | 2054 |
| VK2HRX | (5) | QF46 | - | 321 | 300 | 184 | - | - | - | - | 805 |
| VK3FRC | FAMPARC (6) | QF22 | 37 | 393 | 370 | - | - | - | - | - | 800 |
| VK5SR | SERG (7) | QF02 | - | 168 | - | - | 210 | - | 210 | - | 588 |
| VK1BL | (8) | QF45, QF55 | - | 99 | 170 | - | - | - | - | 210 | 479 |
| VK3WT | (9) | QF22 | - | 207 | 240 | - | - | - | - | - | 447 |
| VK1WJ | (10) | QF44 | 27 | 174 | 225 | - | - | - | - | - | 426 |
| Section E: Home Station, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK2KRR | Leigh Rainbird | QF34 | 21 | 477 | 430 | 576 | - | - | - | - | 1504 |
| VK3AAK | Michael Coleman | QF21 | - | 309 | 300 | 376 | - | - | - | - | 985 |
| VK4KZR | Rod Preston | QG62 | - | 153 | - | 272 | 210 | - | - | - | 635 |
| VK2EI | Neil Sandford | QF68 | 26 | 264 | 315 | - | - | - | - | - | 605 |
| VK3YLV | David Timms | QF13 | 24 | 111 | 180 | 192 | - | - | - | - | 507 |
| VK5LSB | Simon Brandenburg | PF94 | - | 195 | 265 | - | - | - | - | - | 460 |
| VK3ECH | Rob George | QF23 | - | 288 | 170 | - | - | - | - | - | 458 |
| VK4TJ | John Kirk | QG52 | - | 237 | 180 | - | - | - | - | - | 417 |
| VK2ZTY | Nick Repin | QG61 | 21 | 63 | 105 | 168 | - | - | - | - | 357 |
| VK4FJON | John Cockinos | QG62 | - | 141 | 130 | - | - | - | - | - | 271 |
| VK3BG | Ed Roache | QF24 | - | 249 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 249 |
| VK2CZ | David Burger | QF56 | 22 | 78 | 120 | - | - | - | - | - | 220 |
| VK1PAR | Al Long | QF44 | - | 153 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 153 |
| VK2ZQX | John Watson | QF58 | - | 141 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 141 |

- (1) Ron Croucher VK4CRO, Ron Meiring VK4KDD, John Morris VK4MJF, Eric Fittock VK4NEF
- (2) Tim Morgan VK3JTM, Dylan Cator VK3JWC, G. Richards VK3FIQ
- (3) Tamworth Radio Club Inc - John Hams VK2JH, Cris Perrett VK2FBOZ
- (4) Lara UHF - Microwave Experimenters Group: Chas Gnaccarini VK3PY, David Learmonth VK3QM, Ken Jewell VK3NW
- (5) Compton Allen VK2HRX, David Sims VK2HSS, Taylor Allen VK2FTEC
- (6) Frankston and Mornington Peninsula Amateur Radio Club: Stjepan Nikolic VK3TSN, Andrew Stewart VK3AEJ, David Roitman VK3LDR
- (7) South East Radio Group: Chris Skeer VK5MC, Trevor Niven VK5NC, Andrew McKinnis VK5KET, Colin Hutchesson VK5DK
- (8) Ted Garnett VK1BL, Owen Duffy VK1OD
- (9) Max Chadwick VK3WT, Jack Bramham VK3WWW
- (10) Al Long VK1PAR, Waldis Jirgens VK1WJ



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SPRING VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2008

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Dates

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Multi-operator stations: Stations with more than two operators must enter Section C or D. If the winners of Section C have also entered Section D, their log will be excluded from Section D. Operators of stations in Section C or D may not make contest exchanges using callsigns other than the club or group callsign.

Operating periods: Stations entering the 8 hour sections may operate for more than 8 hours – please include details in your cover sheet of which 8 hour period should be used for scoring purposes.

General Rules

One callsign per station. Operation may be from any location. 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. Stations may change location during the Field Day provided the station is dismantled and reassembled each time it moves. You may work stations within your own locator square. 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 contest activity. Suggested procedure is to call on .150 on each band, and QSY up to make the contest exchange.

Contest Exchange

RS (or RST) reports, a serial number, and your four digit Maidenhead locator. The Maidenhead locator is optional if it has already been exchanged in a previous contact during the Field Day and neither station has moved since then.

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.

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.

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.

Cover Sheet

The cover sheet should contain the names and callsigns 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 |
| etc. | | | | | | | | | |
| Overall Total | | | | | | | | = | 680 |

A blank cover sheet, with scoring table, is available on the Field Day page of the WIA web site.

Entries

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| Call | Name | Location | 50 MHz | 144 MHz | 432 MHz | 1296 MHz | 2.4 GHz | 3.4 GHz | 5.7 GHz | 10 GHz | 47 GHz | TOTAL |
|--|-------------------|------------------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| Section C: Multi Operator, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3UHF | LUMEG (1) | QF21 | 121 | 849 | 1130 | 1152 | 1060 | 440 | 560 | 700 | - | 6012 |
| VK3ER | EMDRC (2) | QF22 | 243 | 987 | 1340 | 1360 | - | - | - | - | - | 3930 |
| VK5LZ | Elizabeth ARC (3) | PF85, 86, 95, 96 | 115 | 489 | 785 | 1016 | - | - | - | 1000 | - | 3405 |
| VK5OM | (4) | QF03 | 131 | 696 | 800 | 1200 | 210 | - | - | - | - | 3037 |
| VK1BL | (5) | QF44 | 40 | 768 | 605 | 536 | 410 | - | - | 350 | - | 2709 |
| VK4WAT | Tableland REC (6) | QH22 | 220 | 432 | 510 | 496 | - | - | - | 260 | - | 1918 |
| VK3JTM | (7) | QF12 | - | 432 | 635 | 808 | - | - | - | - | - | 1875 |
| VK2BTW | Tamworth RC (8) | QF58 | 58 | 471 | 430 | 224 | - | - | - | - | - | 1163 |
| VK2AWX | Hunter RG (9) | QF56 | 165 | 588 | 400 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1153 |
| VK3III | Wimmera ARG (10) | QF13 | 48 | 297 | 435 | 296 | - | - | - | - | - | 1076 |
| VK3LCD | (11) | QF01 | - | 372 | 415 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 787 |
| VK4WIE | CBRS (12) | QG62 | - | 417 | 320 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 737 |

Section D: Multi Operator, 8 Hours

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------|-------------------|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|------|
| VK3XPD | (13) | QF21, QF22 | 82 | 363 | 410 | 624 | 450 | 440 | 450 | 450 | - | 3269 |
| VK5LZ | Elizabeth ARC (3) | PF85, 86, 95, 96 | 104 | 387 | 635 | 912 | - | - | - | 960 | - | 2998 |
| VK3AIG | (14) | QF12 | 104 | 348 | 520 | 432 | 370 | - | - | - | - | 1774 |
| VK3FRC | FAMPARC (15) | QF21 | 104 | 453 | 365 | 400 | - | - | - | - | - | 1322 |
| VK3APC | MDRC (16) | QF21 | 79 | 135 | 255 | 304 | - | - | - | - | - | 773 |
| VK2MA | HADARC (17) | QF46 | 38 | 216 | 190 | 256 | - | - | - | - | - | 700 |
| VK2EH | CCARC (18) | QF56 | - | 234 | 305 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 539 |

Section E: Home Station, 24 Hours

| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|-------------------|------|----|-----|-----|-----|---|---|---|---|---|------|
| VK2DAG | Matt Hetherington | QF56 | 86 | 666 | 640 | 688 | - | - | - | - | - | 2080 |
| VK4ZDP | David Purkis | QH32 | 71 | 294 | 360 | 264 | - | - | - | - | - | 989 |
| VK3KIS | Andrew Kayton | QF22 | 48 | 192 | 355 | 320 | - | - | - | - | - | 915 |
| VK5LSB | Simon Brandenburg | PF94 | 72 | 348 | 470 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 890 |
| VK2EI | Neil Sandford | QF68 | 37 | 516 | 315 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 868 |
| VK5FUNE | Darryl Ross | PF95 | - | 300 | 425 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 725 |
| VK3CT | Damien Wright | QF31 | - | 372 | 340 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 712 |
| VK3TPR | Peter Roberts | QF22 | 51 | 249 | 350 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 650 |
| VK4TJ | John Kirk | QG52 | 22 | 186 | 245 | 168 | - | - | - | - | - | 621 |
| VK1PAR | Alistair Long | QF44 | 52 | 312 | 255 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 619 |
| VK3DMW | Ken Brown | QF31 | - | 246 | 105 | 264 | - | - | - | - | - | 615 |
| VK2EAH | Andy Hood | QF56 | - | 360 | 250 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 610 |
| VK4FJON | John Cockinos | QG62 | - | 261 | 210 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 471 |
| VK3FMCQ | Nick Kraehe | QF31 | - | 261 | 165 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 426 |
| VK3BLE | Collin Pomroy | QF31 | - | 174 | 220 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 394 |
| VK3XOR | Craig White | QF22 | 40 | 123 | 205 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 368 |
| VK1WJ | Waldis Jirgens | QF44 | 26 | 114 | 140 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 280 |
| VK2KTC | Tom Clifford | QF56 | 38 | 81 | 125 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 244 |
| VK3DAG | Steven Hamer | QF23 | 45 | 69 | 115 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 229 |
| VK4JAZ | Grant McDuling | QG62 | 35 | - | 105 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 140 |
| VK2ZQX | John Watson | QF58 | 21 | 104 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 125 |
| VK3KST | Tom Steadman | QF31 | - | 120 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 120 |

- (1) Lara UHF-Microwave Experimenters Group: Chas Gnaccarini VK3PY, David Learmonth VK3QM
- (2) Eastern and Mountain District Radio Club: Mike VK3AVV, Doug VK3FSNO, John VK3PZ, Jonas VK3VF, Hannah VK3GNU, Ivy VK3LNX, Peter VK3QI, Max VK3WT, Jack VK3WWW
- (3) Elizabeth Amateur Radio Club: Iain Crawford VK5ZDB, John Ross VK5NI, Steve Mahony VK5AIM
- (4) Jim Bywaters VK5OM, Bill Day VK3LY, Brian Farmers VK3AQX
- (5) Ted Garnett VK1BL, Greg Parkhurst VK1AI, Andy Sayers VK2AES
- (6) Tableland Radio & Electronics Club: John Roberts VK4TL, Dale McCarthy VK4DMC, Stuart Dunk VK4SDD, Jeff Cochrane VK4BOF
- (7) Tim Morgan VK3JTM, Dylan Cator VK3JWC
- (8) Tamworth Radio Club: John Hams VK2JH, Cris Perrett VK2FBOZ, Robert Duck VK2VRD, Alan Alderson VK2HQD, Brenda Taylor
- (9) Hunter Radio Group: T. Easlea VK2COE, G. Wrightson VK2SH, G. O'Brien VK2FA, M. Clarke VK2MJC, W. Lawrence VK2FWJL, P. White VK2YPW
- (10) Wimmera Amateur Radio Group: David Timms VK3YLV, Andy Squires VK3AS, Doug Kay VK3KAY, Neil O'Shannassy VK3UCO
- (11) Gary Smith VK3LCD, Paul Brown VK3HJV
- (12) City of Brisbane Radio Society: Miles Colledge VK4FUST, Ross Colledge VK4WRC, John Morris VK4MJF
- (13) Alan Devlin VK3XPD, Michael Coleman VK3KH
- (14) John Kennedy VK3AIG, Ian Lloyd VK3IDL, Ian McDonald VK3AXH
- (15) Frankston and Mornington Peninsula ARC: Ed VK3GD, David VK3EW, Roy VK3GB, Stjepan VK3WF, David VK3LDR
- (16) Moorabbin & District Radio Club: Ian Morris VK3IFM, Lee Moyle VK3GK, Gerard Werner VK3GER
- (17) Hornsby & Districts Amateur Radio Club: Steve VK2BCD, Rosa VK2ANG, Rod VK2DAY, Dave VK2HSS, Tomas VK2CCC, Mark VK2BMW, Mike VK2FNBA, Peter VK2TTP
- (18) Central Coast ARC: Dave Hardy VK2JDH, Col Matten VK2KCM

FIELD DAY WEB SITE - <http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/vhfuhf/>

This site includes the rules for the next Field Day, rules and results of all past VHF-UHF Field Days, cover sheets and scoring tables, plus other information.



Wireless Institute of Australia

SUMMER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2009

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KM

Dates

Saturday and Sunday 17 and 18 January 2009.

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

Duration in VK6 only: 0300 UTC Saturday to 0300 UTC Sunday.

Please note that the UTC times differ from those of the Winter Field Day because daylight saving time will apply in most states.

Sections

- A: Portable station, single operator, 24 hours.
- B: Portable station, single operator, 8 hours.
- C: Portable station, multiple operator, 24 hours.
- D: Portable station, multiple operator, 8 hours.
- E: Home station, 24 hours.

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| | | | | |
|-----|-----|-------|-------|--------|
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| x 1 | x 3 | x 5 | x 8 | x 10 |

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|---------------|---|----------|--|----------|-------------------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|
| 6 m | 10 | + | 40 | + | 40 | x | 1 | = | 90 |
| 2 m | 10 | + | 40 | + | 30 | x | 3 | = | 240 |
| 70 cm | 10 | + | 40 | + | 20 | x | 5 | = | 350 |
| etc. | | | | | | | | | |
| Overall Total | | | | | | | | = | 680 |

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Wireless Institute of Australia

SUMMER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2009: RESULTS

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KM

The Summer Field Day saw a total of 68 logs – not quite equal to the record, but very close. Propagation was variable: some operators reported ordinary conditions but others found that conditions were much better than usual. And many entrants reported high levels of activity. It was also good to see a number of logs from stations entering the contest for the first time.

This time the most unusual feature of the results is two enormous scores by Tim Dixon VK5ZT in Section A and the Elizabeth club VK5LZ in Section C. Their operation could best be described as “extreme grid-hopping”. Hats off to them for the enormous effort it would have taken for them to activate so many squares. The runner-up for Section A was Ralph VK3WRE, and in Section C it was the Lara group VK3UHF.

In the eight hour sections, Ralph complemented his second place in Section A with a win in Section B, and the runner-up was Bill VK3LY. In Section D, the winners were the VK3XPD crew, with second place going to the family station VK3ALB, who entered the Field Day for the first time.

In the home station section, top score went to Barry VK3BJM, and the runner-up was Matt VK2DAG.

Congratulations to all. I hope you will all be back for the next event, which will be the second Winter Field Day in late June.

| Call | Name | Location | 50 MHz | 144 MHz | 432 MHz | 1296 MHz | 2.4 GHz | 3.4 GHz | 5.7 GHz | 10 GHz | 24 GHz | TOTAL |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| Section A: Single Operator, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK5ZT | Tim Dixon | PF84,85,86,87,94,95,96,97, QF04,05,06 | 246 | 774 | 1275 | 1976 | 2460 | 1770 | 2460 | 2460 | - | 13421 |
| VK3WRE | Ralph Edgar | QF31 | - | 306 | 495 | 704 | 680 | 550 | 430 | 440 | - | 3605 |
| VK40E | Doug Friend | QG50, QG60 | - | 459 | 740 | 664 | 550 | - | - | 210 | - | 2623 |
| VK3ZQB | Russell Lemke | QF11 | - | 285 | 350 | 648 | - | - | 340 | 490 | - | 2113 |
| VK3LY | Bill Day | QF04 | 137 | 540 | 745 | 672 | - | - | - | - | - | 2104 |
| VK3JTM | Tim Morgan | QF12 | 127 | 402 | 655 | 904 | - | - | - | - | - | 2088 |
| VK3ECH | Rob George | QF23 | 43 | 528 | 655 | 520 | - | - | - | - | - | 1746 |
| VK3BBB | Brian Young | QF32 | 136 | 645 | 740 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1521 |
| VK3DAG | Steven Hamer | QF32 | 110 | 483 | 625 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1218 |
| VK2HRX | Compton Allen | QF44 | 24 | 396 | 345 | 280 | - | - | - | - | - | 1045 |
| VK2FABV | Colin Sibraa | QF36 | - | 735 | 220 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 955 |
| VK5AR | Alan Raftery | PF94 | 62 | 408 | 450 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 920 |
| VK5BC | Brian Cleland | PF85 | 32 | 282 | 175 | 304 | - | - | - | - | - | 793 |
| VK4HEC | Ewen Cameron | QG52 | 21 | 351 | 290 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 662 |
| VK5UE | Colwyn Low | PF95 | - | 147 | 280 | 168 | - | - | - | - | - | 595 |
| VK1AI | Greg Parkhurst | QF44 | 28 | 210 | 140 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 398 |
| VK3FASW | Andre Walker | QF21 | - | 189 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 189 |
| VK2YJS | Julian Sortland | QF56 | - | 81 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 81 |
| Section B: Single Operator, 8 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3WRE | Ralph Edgar | QF31 | - | 306 | 495 | 704 | 670 | 540 | 430 | 430 | - | 3575 |
| VK3LY | Bill Day | QF04 | 81 | 402 | 745 | 472 | - | - | - | - | - | 1700 |
| VK3KVB | Barry Maskell | QF23 | 43 | 348 | 455 | 360 | - | - | - | - | - | 1206 |
| VK3YFL | Bryon Dunkley-Smith | QF22 | 45 | 396 | 515 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 956 |
| VK2CU | Justin Lavery | QF59 | - | 474 | 450 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 924 |
| VK3HHJ | Dean Emmins | QF12 | 57 | 342 | 495 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 894 |
| VK5AGZ | Derek Reuther | PF85, PF95, PF96 | - | 273 | 380 | 168 | - | - | - | - | - | 821 |
| VK4ADC | Doug Hunter | QG61 | 119 | 291 | 370 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 780 |
| VK5BC | Brian Cleland | PF85 | 21 | 237 | 165 | 272 | - | - | - | - | - | 695 |
| VK5AR | Alan Raftery | PF94 | 57 | 291 | 305 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 653 |
| VK5NI | John Ross | PF94 | 47 | 126 | 445 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 618 |
| VK3HV | George Francis | QF31 | 44 | 138 | 400 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 582 |
| VK4WRC | Ross Colledge | QG62 | 33 | 186 | 240 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 459 |

| Call | Name | Location | 50 MHz | 144 MHz | 432 MHz | 1296 MHz | 2.4 GHz | 3.4 GHz | 5.7 GHz | 10 GHz | 24 GHz | TOTAL |
|--|-------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| Section C: Multi Operator, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK5LZ | Elizabeth ARC (1) | PF84,85,86,87,94,95,96,97, QF04,05,06 | 254 | 810 | 1305 | 1993 | 2460 | 1770 | 2460 | 2460 | - | 13511 |
| VK3UHF | LUMEG (2) | QF21 | 110 | 774 | 1195 | 1432 | 980 | 700 | 800 | 1020 | 240 | 7251 |
| VK5SR | SERG (3) | QF02 | 201 | 1017 | 1320 | 1320 | 620 | 490 | 590 | 660 | - | 6218 |
| VK3ER | EMDRC (4) | QF22 | 300 | 981 | 1565 | 1920 | - | - | - | - | - | 4766 |
| VK3TU | (5) | QF01 | 61 | 594 | 915 | 1088 | 630 | 330 | 330 | 530 | - | 4478 |
| VK1DA | (6) | QF44 | 95 | 762 | 955 | 616 | 320 | - | - | 210 | - | 2958 |
| VK3MV | (7) | QF32 | 130 | 774 | 770 | 736 | - | - | - | - | - | 2410 |
| VK5ARC | (8) | PF94 | 137 | 897 | 1000 | 328 | - | - | - | - | - | 2362 |
| VK4WIE | CBRS (9) | QG63 | 146 | 663 | 915 | 504 | - | - | - | - | - | 2228 |
| VK2LSB | (10) | QF54 | 32 | 1086 | 215 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1333 |
| VK4CZ | (11) | QG51 | 70 | 447 | 420 | 360 | - | - | - | - | - | 1297 |
| VK2BTW | Tamworth RC (12) | QF58 | 66 | 405 | 355 | 184 | - | - | - | - | - | 1010 |
| Section D: Multi Operator, 8 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3XPD | (13) | QF21 | 48 | 354 | 575 | 912 | 660 | 440 | 330 | 550 | 210 | 4079 |
| VK3ALB | (14) | QF11 | - | 489 | 780 | 656 | - | - | - | 340 | - | 2265 |
| VK3APC | MDRC (15) | QF21 | 85 | 264 | 545 | 344 | - | - | - | - | - | 1238 |
| VK3FRC | FAMPARC (16) | QF21 | 116 | 369 | 425 | 304 | - | - | - | - | - | 1214 |
| Section E: Home Station, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3BJM | Barry Miller | QF22 | 99 | 672 | 775 | 984 | - | - | - | - | - | 2530 |
| VK2DAG | Matt Hetherington | QF56 | 124 | 699 | 805 | 712 | - | - | - | - | - | 2340 |
| VK3BDL | Mike Goode | QF22 | 133 | 537 | 820 | 832 | - | - | - | - | - | 2322 |
| VK3MY | Ross Keogh | QF22 | - | 405 | 515 | 728 | 580 | - | - | - | - | 2228 |
| VK4JMC | John McPherson | QG62 | 60 | 693 | 860 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1613 |
| VK4CP | Adam Maurer | QG62 | 79 | 423 | 530 | 480 | - | - | - | - | - | 1512 |
| VK2DVZ | Ross Barlin | QF68 | 24 | 618 | 470 | 392 | - | - | - | - | - | 1504 |
| VK3VFO | Nick Kraehe | QF31 | 64 | 702 | 560 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1326 |
| VK4ZDP | David Purkis | QH32 | 284 | 354 | 455 | 232 | - | - | - | - | - | 1325 |
| VK3DMW | Ken Burkin | QF31 | - | 321 | 330 | 536 | - | - | - | - | - | 1187 |
| VK2EI | Neil Sandford | QF68 | 29 | 510 | 260 | - | 230 | - | - | - | - | 1029 |
| VK5LSB | Simon Brandenburg | PF94 | 65 | 420 | 510 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 995 |
| VK5ALX | Alex Glinski | PF86 | 33 | 249 | 335 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 617 |
| VK3XOR | Craig White | QF22 | 52 | 243 | 260 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 555 |
| VK1PAR | Al Long | QF44 | 47 | 336 | 170 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 553 |
| VK1WJ | Waldis Jirgens | QF44 | 34 | 264 | 245 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 543 |
| VK5OM | Jim Bywaters | QF03 | - | 231 | 275 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 506 |
| VK3KST | Tom Steadman | QF31 | 28 | 210 | 140 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 378 |
| VK2KTC | Tom Clifford | QF56 | 59 | 117 | 130 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 306 |
| VK4JAZ | Grant McDuling | QG62 | 54 | 138 | 105 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 297 |
| VK5NY | Roger Bowman | Check log | | | | | | | | | | |

- (1) Elizabeth ARC: VK5ZDB Iain Crawford, VK5AHV Will Anthony, VK5AKH Andrew Hall
- (2) Lara UHF and Microwave Experimenters' Group: Chas Gnaccarini VK3PY, David Learmonth VK3QM, Charlie Kahwagi VK3NX
- (3) South East Radio Group: VK5DK, VK5HMW, VK5XCP, VK5GL, VK5HCF, VK5EE, VK5NC, VK5HDW, VK5KET
- (4) Eastern and Mountain District Radio Club: VK3AVV Mike Subocz, VK3QI Peter Forbes, VK3WT Max Chadwick, VK3WWW Jack Bramham.
- (5) Bert Gnaccarini VK3TU, Ken Jewell VK3NW/VK3AKK
- (6) Andrew Davis VK1DA, Dale Hughes VK1DSH, Andy Sayers VK2AES
- (7) Peter Young VK3MV, Gavin Brain VK3HY
- (8) South Coast ARC: VK5LA Andy Willis, VK5KBJ Barry Bates, VK5HSX Stef Daniels
- (9) City of Brisbane Radio Society: John Morris VK4MJF, Mike Cooper VK4MX, Colin Cortina VK4MIL
- (10) Stuart Bayliss VK2LSB, Kirk Mercer VK2FKAM
- (11) Scott Watson VK4CZ, Alan Meek VK4WR, Graeme Hope VK4FI, Campbell Watson
- (12) Tamworth Radio Club: VK2WJD Lindsay Murphy, VK2FBOZ Cris Perrett, VK2FOG Brian Pearce, VK2VRD Robert Duck
- (13) Alan Devlin VK3XPD, Peter Roberts VK3TPR, Michael Coleman VK3KH
- (14) Lou Blasco VK3ALB, Nik Presser VK3NJP, Jenni Blasco VK3FJEN, Ingrid Blasco VK3FGRL, Michael Blasco VK3FMIC
- (15) Moorabbin & District Radio Club: Ian Morris VK3IFM, Lee Moyle VK3GK, Gerard Werner VK3GER
- (16) Frankston and Mornington Peninsula ARC: Roy Seabridge VK3GB, David Roitman VK3LDR, Peter Collins VK3BPN, Brian Rich VK3VBJ.

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Some Comments on the 2009 Summer Field Day

VK5ZT

This is a considerable expansion on my Spring field day effort. Preparations for this took nearly 2 weeks working all available time on the project and requiring significant equipment constructions. Lucky I was on leave at the time. Despite better reliability we still lost a receiver by Sunday morning and needed to modify the 5.8 GHz radio to improve audio quality.

I carried a full tool kit in the boot, including a Hitachi 100 MHz oscilloscope. 240V power was available in the car to run one of the receivers (and the CRO if needed). Despite working with 5LZ, there was very little pre-contest testing as I live 150K from the city!

I commandeered my wife's car for the contest. It's a black 2001 Falcon and when it was covered with antenna systems (some attached to the window with double sided tape!) it was often mistaken for a police vehicle on the highway, prompting drivers around me to be very speed conscious... until they saw the pink numberplate covers! I drove and worked alone for the duration of the event. An Engel fridge in the boot kept me supplied with food and cool drinks. Well over 1000kms was travelled.

The most challenging part of the event was activating gridsquare QF06. A quick look at a map will show you it is essentially uninhabited and comprised of mallee scrub. It was dark as we entered it via about 18km of corrugated, bulldust covered tracks with roos, rabbits, owls etc making appearances. Travelling alone over such terrain (the 5LZ team were about 10K away at the time) was rather daunting. It was 4WD country and I was in a family sedan running low profile tyres! I suspect the corrugations contributed to the failure of the 3.5 GHz receiver system.

The planning, preparation, expense (in both time and \$\$\$) and the sheer overall physical effort required mean that this is highly unlikely to be done again (at least not by us). We have decided to stick to a less ambitious program for future contests.

VK3DMW

What a fantastic event for all those who played the 24 hours - good propagation, good weather and plenty of stations. Although my log is very small, I managed to add six new squares to my tally and every contact attempted was successful, even from my meagre 70cm setup (75w to a vertical colinear). The huge signals from the Mt Gambier group on 2m, 70cm and 23cm this morning were a great surprise. I thought 23cm to Mt Gambier from Yarram would be very difficult, but in the end it was easier than falling off a log - and less painful. All in all, a most enjoyable and satisfactory weekend for me, in spite of the many interruptions to radio operations.

VK1DA

This year the field day presented an additional challenge for me because we were scheduled to move house during the week prior to the field day. I managed this by moving the field day equipment to the garage of the new house before moving anything else. It all sat on the side of the garage and we carried everything else past it for the next week. By the 5th consecutive day of moving boxes of household goods between houses I didn't feel too keen on the field day as I was very tired. However Dale 1DSH was keen to participate and my wife encouraged me to go ahead with the plan as she knows how much I enjoy these events.

I made a few equipment changes this year and I had help from Dale 1DSH for the whole event. Also Andy 2AES visited the site from late afternoon Sat through to mid morning on Sunday. Andy brought his 5 year old son Tom, who at various times went walking in the bush with Andy, sat in the tent watching the radios, and for some relaxation, settled down on the floor of the tent with his Lego. It's a long time since I've had a 5 year old on a field day with me.

On the whole I think interest and support for the event is improving but the use of the suggested calling frequency still causes a lot of problems because of people conducting QSOs on that frequency and in some cases, multiple QSOs for minutes at a time.

VK2DAG

This one seems to have more "Bums on Seats" which is great. There appeared to be no 2m Es around and from my QTH there was a little inland troppo. There seems to be a lot more 23cm activity which appears to be a trend. I will have to get 13cm going right if I want to remain competitive. My 70cm and 23cm scores were higher than my 2m score so that show the value of the higher bands.

VK2LSB

We operated from QF54ET on the escarpment above Milton/Ulladulla on the NSW mid south coast. This was our first contest and we had heaps of fun and a decent amount of contacts, some personal best distances and learnt miles of stuff. Looking forward to the winter contest

VK4ZDP

I had a great time with some good openings.

VK5ARC

Conditions were hot, with good conditions in the morning on both days we worked into both Victoria, and also Western Australia on both 2m and 70cm. Very enjoyable.

VK3WRE

One of the best microwave events of recent years at my end of the circuit.

VK3XPD

We added a new member to our team this time, Peter VK3TPR in an endeavour to encourage a new operator into uWaves. He had a ball. We were also visited by members of VK3APC, the Moorabbin club operation which we discovered were positioned within 1 km of us. They observed for over an hour, and became so interested in what we were doing on uW, they have invited us to address their club on the subject of "Working the higher bands." Now that is what a FD is all about.

We would also like to add the anecdotal observation that this would have to be the most participated FD we have been involved in. Lots of new stations. That is exciting.

One final comment. There has been endless hours of chatter on the Reflector about the rules. It is our team's belief that the rules are fine, just as they are. They are easy, and new participants find them readily understood.

VK3BJM

Sadly just a home station - my intention was to finish fitting a new 25w PA to my 2.4 GHz transverter. Then fit the feed horn to the 5.7 GHz dish... then... well, you get the idea - wander between shack and shed, handing out the odd number as time permitted. Ended spending most of the 24 hours in the shack, on the radio.

Loads of activity - conditions variable - seriously good to the SW; not so flash to the NE. Very disappointed not to have managed to work Andrew VK1DA on 23 cm. Best contact - possibly the 23 cm contact with Gavin and the crew at VK3MV on Mt Blue Rag - they had no problems hearing my 60 watts, but I just couldn't get their report and sequence with their 10 watts, on voice. (I got the callsigns on a fluke QSB peak.) Gavin went to the key and even then it took 3 or 4 attempts before I got all the digits. That was mighty satisfying.

Though working VK3TU on 23 cm from QF01 to add a new grid locator to the tally was kinda nice, too!

VK3YFL

It was a great event, with plenty of activity and me choosing yet another new location, but deciding to stay put for 8 hours rather than grid hopping as I've done in the past. My location was at the Frank Thompson Reserve which is part of the Kinglake National Park. It's good for a West through South takeoff, but I found the going hard to the East and North. Unfortunately it also had a disadvantage of being sandwiched between two commercial two way radio towers and I suffered some interference from that.

I think the next step is computer logging in the field, as I found when doing the log for scoring after the event that I had a couple of duplicates.

While there seemed to be plenty of activity for the field day, there does seem to have been a lack of stations wanting to exchange Ross Hull numbers and so it will be interesting to see the level of logs submitted for that.



Wireless Institute of Australia

WINTER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2009

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KM

Dates

Saturday and Sunday 20 and 21 June 2009.

Duration in all call areas other than VK6: 0200 UTC Saturday to 0200 UTC Sunday.

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

Please note that the UTC times differ from those of the previous Field Day because daylight saving time does not apply this time.

Sections

- A: Portable station, single operator, 24 hours.
- B: Portable station, single operator, 8 hours.
- C: Portable station, multiple operator, 24 hours.
- D: Portable station, multiple operator, 8 hours.
- E: Home station, 24 hours.

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Two operators: 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.

Multi-operator stations: Stations with more than two operators must enter Section C or D. If the winners of Section C have also entered Section D, their log will be excluded from Section D. Operators of stations in Section C or D may not make contest exchanges using callsigns other than the club or group callsign.

Operating periods: Stations entering the 8 hour sections may operate for more than 8 hours – please include details in your cover sheet of which 8 hour period should be used for scoring purposes.

General Rules

One callsign per station. Operation may be from any location. 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. Stations may change location during the Field Day provided the station is dismantled and reassembled each time it moves. You may work stations within your own locator square. 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 contest activity. Suggested procedure is to call on .150 on each band, and QSY up to make the contest exchange.

Contest Exchange

RS (or RST) reports, a serial number, and your four digit Maidenhead locator. The Maidenhead locator is optional if it has already been exchanged in a previous contact during the Field Day and neither station has moved since then.

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.

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.

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.

Cover Sheet

The cover sheet should contain the names and callsigns 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 |
| etc. | | | | | | | | | |
| Overall Total | | | | | | | | = | 680 |

A blank cover sheet, with scoring table, is available on the Field Day page of the WIA web site.

Entries

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Wireless Institute of Australia

WINTER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2009: RESULTS

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KM

This year's Winter Field Day saw less than usual activity – except in the home station section. Not a surprise, because the weather was cold, and so was the propagation.

The winner of Section A was Doug Friend VK4OE, and in Section B, Tim Dixon VK5ZT took the honours again. In the multi-operator sections, top scores went to the Elizabeth club VK5LZ, and to the VK3XPD team. In the home station section, the winner was Andrew Martin VK3OE. Congratulations to all, and I hope you will all thaw out soon.

The next event will be the Spring Field Day, to be held on the weekend of November 28 and 29.

| Call | Name | Location | 50 MHz | 144 MHz | 432 MHz | 1296 MHz | 2.4 GHz | 3.4 GHz | 5.7 GHz | 10 GHz | TOTAL |
|---|-------------------|----------------------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------|
| Section A: Single Operator, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK4OE | Doug Friend | QG62, QG63 | 87 | 417 | 530 | 724 | 450 | - | - | 210 | 2418 |
| VK3DAG | Steven Hamer | QF32 | 82 | 498 | 560 | 384 | - | - | - | - | 1524 |
| VK4ALH | Leicester Hibbert | QG63 | 21 | 309 | 255 | 392 | 210 | - | - | 210 | 1397 |
| VK4CP | Adam Maurer | QG61 | 48 | 378 | 355 | 328 | - | - | - | - | 1109 |
| VK4HEC | Ewen Cameron | QG52 | 48 | 390 | 410 | - | - | - | - | - | 848 |
| VK2FABV | Colin Sibraa | QF36 | - | 441 | 225 | - | - | - | - | - | 666 |
| VK3SI | Glenn Reynolds | QF31 | 41 | 228 | 265 | - | - | - | - | - | 534 |
| VK2YJS | Julian Sortland | QF56 | - | 120 | 105 | - | - | - | - | - | 225 |
| Section B: Single Operator, 8 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK5ZT | Tim Dixon | PF85, PF95, PF96 | 87 | 294 | 460 | 376 | - | - | - | - | 1217 |
| VK3HY | Gavin Brain | QF32 | 74 | 267 | 330 | 488 | - | - | - | - | 1159 |
| VK5AGZ | Derek Reuther | PF85, 86, 94, 95, 96 | 33 | 315 | 475 | - | - | - | - | - | 823 |
| VK1DA | Andrew Davis | QF44 | 34 | 399 | 310 | - | - | - | - | - | 743 |
| VK5AR | Alan Raftery | PF94, PF95 | 68 | 258 | 365 | - | - | - | - | - | 691 |
| VK4ADC | Doug Hunter | QG61 | 48 | 294 | 225 | - | - | - | - | - | 567 |
| VK2CU | Justin Lavery | QF59 | - | 252 | 105 | 168 | - | - | - | - | 525 |
| VK1DSH | Dale Hughes | QF45 | - | 210 | 165 | - | - | - | - | - | 375 |
| VK2JH | John Hams | QF58 | - | 141 | 170 | - | - | - | - | - | 311 |
| Section C: Multi Operator, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK5LZ | Elizabeth ARC (1) | PF95 | 77 | 324 | 475 | 368 | - | - | - | - | 1244 |
| VK4WIE | CBRS (2) | QF53, QG62, QG63 | - | 555 | 395 | 168 | - | - | - | - | 1118 |
| Section D: Multi Operator, 8 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3XPD | (3) | QF21 | 41 | 345 | 485 | 448 | 320 | - | - | 210 | 1849 |
| VK5LZ | Elizabeth ARC (1) | PF95 | 77 | 324 | 475 | 368 | - | - | - | - | 1244 |
| VK3AWS | WANSARC (4) | QF22 | 45 | 186 | 175 | 240 | - | - | - | - | 646 |
| VK2HZ | BMARC (5) | QF56 | - | 144 | 185 | - | - | - | - | - | 329 |
| Section E: Home Station, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3OE | Andrew Martin | QF22 | 47 | 357 | 370 | 448 | - | - | - | - | 1222 |
| VK3WT | Max Chadwick | QF22 | - | 285 | 310 | 528 | - | - | - | - | 1123 |
| VK3VFO | Nick Kraehe | QF31 | 49 | 393 | 380 | 176 | - | - | - | - | 998 |
| VK2XTT | Tim Tuck | QF56 | - | 438 | 285 | - | - | - | - | - | 723 |
| VK5LBJ | Darryl Ross | PF95 | 43 | 240 | 395 | - | - | - | - | - | 678 |
| VK4VDX | Roland Lang | QG62 | - | 366 | 295 | - | - | - | - | - | 661 |
| VK5ADC | Dave Carr | PF95 | 61 | 216 | 310 | - | - | - | - | - | 587 |
| VK3ACA | John Adcock | QF22 | - | 303 | 240 | - | - | - | - | - | 543 |
| VK5FXYL | Jade Ross | PF95 | - | 186 | 320 | - | - | - | - | - | 506 |
| VK3HV | George Francis | QF31 | 49 | 192 | 250 | - | - | - | - | - | 491 |
| VK4CZ | Scott Watson | QG62 | 34 | 180 | 160 | - | - | - | - | - | 374 |
| VK5ZD | Iain Crawford | PF95 | 33 | 111 | 175 | - | - | - | - | - | 319 |
| VK3KST | Tom Steadman | QF31 | 28 | 150 | 140 | - | - | - | - | - | 318 |
| VK5NE | Paul Roehrs | PF95 | 24 | 72 | 170 | - | - | - | - | - | 266 |
| VK2FUEL | David Porter | QF56 | - | 132 | 115 | - | - | - | - | - | 247 |
| VK2AMS | Mark Swannack | QF68 | 9 | 96 | 65 | 56 | - | - | - | - | 226 |
| VK5FPAW | Paul Schulz | PF95 | - | 171 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 171 |
| VK1WJ | Waldis Jirgens | QF44 | - | 162 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 162 |

- (1) Elizabeth Amateur Radio Club: Keith Gooley VK5OQ, P. Roehrs VK5NE, I. Crawford VK5ZD, W. Anthony VK5AHV, S. Mahony VK5AIM, A. Hall VK5AKH.
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- (5) Blue Mountains ARC: Richard Neilsen VK2LET, Mark Bryan VK2FMJB, Tracey Bryan VK2FTBH, Felicity Austen VK2FACW, Andrew Vaughan VK2FACV

SPRING VHF-UHF FIELD DAY

This year ballots were taken on the VK-VHF email reflector and the VK Logger, to find the most popular date for the next Spring Field Day. The clear winner was the last weekend in November. See you then.

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SPRING VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2009

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KM

Please note changes to the wording of the rules under "Operating Periods" below.

Dates

Saturday and Sunday 28 and 29 November 2009.

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

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Please note that there is now a 3 hour difference between the eastern states and Western Australia, because daylight saving time no longer applies in WA.

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Wireless Institute of Australia

SPRING VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2009: RESULTS

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KM

When the date of the Spring Field Day was moved later in the month of November, it was expected that this change might provide better weather (and propagation). This was not to be. Much fun was had and many excellent contacts made, but most entrants – especially in VK5 – reported dreadful weather. There were strong winds and rain in areas which only a fortnight before had been suffering a record heat wave!

According to the rules, the winners of Sections A and C are barred from also entering Sections B and D. So, this time the total number of logs was 57. First place in Section A again went to Tim Dixon VK5ZT, with Gavin Brain VK3HY getting top score in Section B. In the multi-operator sections, the winners were VK5LZ, the Elizabeth Radio Club, and VK3ALB, the Blasco family station. The winner of the home station section was Ross Keogh, VK3MY. Congratulations to all, and I hope you will all be back for the Summer Field Day on 16/17 January.

The rules for the January Field Day will be the same as for previous events, but there will be some minor changes for the Winter Field Day in late June. These changes will be publicised by early April.

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|---|---------------------|--|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------|
| Section A: Single Operator, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK5ZT | Tim Dixon | PF85, PF86, PF93, PF94, PF95, PF96, QF03, QF04 | 183 | 642 | 1035 | 1448 | 1740 | - | 1740 | 1630 | 8418 |
| VK3JTM | Tim Morgan | QF12 | 66 | 324 | 535 | 624 | 520 | - | - | 350 | 2419 |
| VK4CP | Adam Maurer | QF61, QF62, QF63 | 165 | 441 | 585 | 544 | - | - | - | - | 1735 |
| VK3DAG | Steven Hamer | QF32 | 118 | 435 | 540 | 576 | - | - | - | - | 1669 |
| VK5LA | Andy Williss | PF85, PF95, QF05 | - | 486 | 560 | 352 | - | - | - | - | 1398 |
| VK5ARC | SCARC (1) | PF94 | 179 | 399 | 475 | 288 | - | - | - | - | 1341 |
| VK1DA | Andrew Davis | QF44 | 35 | 246 | 235 | 264 | 340 | 210 | - | - | 1330 |
| VK4OE | Doug Friend | QF59 | 48 | 321 | 225 | 168 | - | 210 | - | 210 | 1182 |
| VK2AMS | Mark Swannack | QF68 | 50 | 282 | 175 | 240 | - | - | - | - | 747 |
| VK4NMC | Bryan Cunnington | QH22 | 52 | 93 | 155 | - | - | - | - | - | 300 |
| VK4NE | Mick Marinkovic | QG62 | 20 | 78 | 105 | - | - | - | - | - | 203 |
| Section B: Single Operator, 8 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3HY | Gavin Brain | QF32 | 95 | 348 | 545 | 424 | - | - | - | - | 1412 |
| VK3YFL | Bryon Dunkley-Smith | QF22 | 68 | 276 | 450 | 560 | - | - | - | - | 1354 |
| VK4ADC | Doug Hunter | QG61 | 137 | 258 | 340 | 392 | - | - | - | - | 1127 |
| VK5LA | Andy Williss | PF85, PF95, QF05 | - | 321 | 450 | 352 | - | - | - | - | 1123 |
| VK5OQ | Keith Gooley | PF95 | 76 | 222 | 290 | 296 | - | - | - | - | 884 |
| VK3DAE | Dean Emmins | QF12 | 73 | 255 | 395 | - | - | - | - | - | 723 |
| VK2JDH | David Hardy | QF57 | - | 210 | 295 | 176 | - | - | - | - | 681 |
| VK4EV | Ron Everingham | QG63 | 58 | 135 | 225 | - | - | - | - | - | 418 |
| VK2YJS | Julian Sortland | QF56 | - | 108 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 108 |
| VK5KPR | P. Banks | PF87 | 56 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 56 |
| Section C: Multi Operator, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK5LZ | Elizabeth ARC (2) | PF85, PF86, PF93, PF94, PF95, PF96, QF03, QF04 | 178 | 582 | 1000 | 1432 | 1740 | - | 1740 | 1740 | 8412 |
| VK3UHF | LUMEG (3) | QF21 | 79 | 645 | 830 | 920 | 780 | 210 | 370 | 610 | 4444 |
| VK3ER | EMDRC (4) | QF22 | 228 | 837 | 1080 | 1144 | 580 | - | - | - | 3869 |
| VK4WAT | TREC (5) | QH22 | 536 | 591 | 790 | 776 | - | - | - | 420 | 3113 |
| VK3ALB | (6) | QF11 | - | 459 | 630 | 832 | - | - | 270 | 390 | 2581 |
| VK4WIS | SCARC (7) | QG63 | 214 | 633 | 725 | 456 | - | - | - | - | 2028 |
| VK3APC | MDRC (8) | QF22 | 113 | 390 | 545 | 720 | - | - | - | - | 1768 |
| VK2AES | (9) | QF45 | 38 | 492 | 415 | 240 | 250 | - | - | 240 | 1675 |
| VK1BL | (10) | QF44 | 35 | 234 | 210 | 304 | 340 | 210 | - | 240 | 1573 |
| VK2MA | HADARC (11) | QF56 | 123 | 459 | 450 | 424 | - | - | - | - | 1456 |
| VK2MER | (12) | QF55 | 42 | 579 | 480 | 224 | - | - | - | - | 1325 |
| VK3LY | (13) | QF03 | 79 | 300 | 415 | 456 | - | - | - | - | 1250 |
| VK4WIE | CBRS (14) | QG62 | 78 | 219 | 135 | - | - | - | - | - | 432 |
| VK2HZ | BMARC (15) | QF56 | - | 171 | 250 | - | - | - | - | - | 421 |

| Call | Name | Location | 50 MHz | 144 MHz | 432 MHz | 1296 MHz | 2.4 GHz | 3.4 GHz | 5.7 GHz | 10 GHz | TOTAL |
|---|--------------------|----------|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-------|
| Section D: Multi Operator, 8 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3ALB | (6) | QF11 | - | 333 | 515 | 608 | - | - | 230 | 340 | 2026 |
| VK3BJA | GGREC (16) | QF21 | 33 | 249 | 260 | 184 | - | - | - | - | 726 |
| Section E: Home Station, 24 Hours | | | | | | | | | | | |
| VK3MY | Ross Keogh | QF22 | 43 | 390 | 590 | 696 | 420 | - | - | - | 2139 |
| VK4ZDP | David Purkis | QH32 | 314 | 438 | 595 | 424 | - | - | - | - | 1771 |
| VK3XPD | Alan Devlin | QF22 | - | 195 | 385 | 568 | 350 | - | - | 210 | 1708 |
| VK3VFO | Nick Kraehe | QF31 | 52 | 399 | 370 | 296 | - | - | - | - | 1117 |
| VK5MWH | Mark Hutchinson | PF94 | 48 | 264 | 400 | 264 | - | - | - | - | 976 |
| VK4FNQ | John Goldfinch | QG39 | 151 | 192 | 240 | 280 | - | - | - | - | 863 |
| VK3KIS | Andrew Kayton | QF22 | 68 | 201 | 245 | 336 | - | - | - | - | 850 |
| VK5NE | Paul Roehrs | PF95 | 70 | 345 | 430 | - | - | - | - | - | 845 |
| VK5LSB | Simon Brandenburg | PF94 | 43 | 261 | 375 | - | - | - | - | - | 679 |
| VK5MEF | Matthias Fresacher | PF95 | - | 240 | 360 | - | - | - | - | - | 600 |
| VK5LD | Dale Loffler | PF96 | 72 | 195 | 300 | - | - | - | - | - | 567 |
| VK2EI | Neil Sandford | QF68 | 33 | 171 | 120 | 192 | - | - | - | - | 516 |
| VK3FZ | Roger Stafford | QF22 | 44 | 138 | 205 | - | - | - | - | - | 387 |
| VK3TOM | Tom Steadman | QF31 | 33 | 150 | 165 | - | - | - | - | - | 348 |
| VK5FPAW | Paul Schulz | PF95 | - | 159 | 165 | - | - | - | - | - | 324 |
| VK1WJ | Waldis Jirgens | QF44 | - | 144 | 115 | - | - | - | - | - | 259 |
| VK3HV | George Francis | QF31 | 33 | 105 | 115 | - | - | - | - | - | 253 |
| VK2ZQX | John Watson | QF58 | - | 135 | 110 | - | - | - | - | - | 245 |
| VK5FMPJ | Patrick Morgan | PF94 | - | 159 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 159 |
| VK4ATH | Tom Hatton | QG62 | 148 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 148 |

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VHF-UHF FIELD DAY NEWS

2010 FIELD DAY CUMULATIVE CERTIFICATE

Do you intend to participate in all three VHF-UHF Field Days in the coming year? Here is an extra incentive for you. Special certificates will be awarded in December 2010 to the entrants who have participated in all three 2010 Field Days.

MICROWAVE CHALLENGE – JANUARY 2011

The Summer Field Day for 2011 will cover all bands as usual. But it will also include a “Microwave Challenge”, with special certificates to be awarded to the participants on microwave bands. So if you have been planning to add microwave gear to your station, now is the time to start preparing!

FIELD DAY WEB SITE

The VHF-UHF Field Day web page is <http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/vhufuh/>

This site includes the rules for the next Field Day, rules and results of all past VHF-UHF Field Days, cover sheets and scoring tables, and other information.