



Wireless Institute of Australia

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.
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- E: Home station, 24 hours.

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Contest Exchange

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

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Scoring

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6 m	2 m	70 cm	23 cm	Higher
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Then total the scores for all bands.

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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 yhf-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

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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 District 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.



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INAUGURAL WINTER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2008

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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.

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WINTER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2008: RESULTS

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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.

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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
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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
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VK3BG	Ed Roache	QF24	-	249	-	-	-	-	-	-	249
VK2CZ	David Burger	QF56	22	78	120	-	-	-	-	-	220
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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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2 m	10	+	40	+	30	x	3	=	240
70 cm	10	+	40	+	20	x	5	=	350
etc.									
Overall Total								=	680

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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
VK5FUN	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	Colin 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

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- (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
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- (17) Hornsby & Districts Amateur Radio Club: Steve VK2BCD, Rosa VK2ANG, Rod VK2DAY, Dave VK2HSS, Tomas VK2CCC, Mark VK2BMW, Mike VK2FNBA, Peter VK2TTP
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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.

Entrants may enter more than one section.

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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

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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.

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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

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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
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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

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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 Brown	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
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VK2KTC	Tom Clifford	QF56	59	117	130	-	-	-	-	-	-	306
VK4JAZ	Grant McDuling	QG62	54	138	105	-	-	-	-	-	-	297
VK5NY	Roger Bowman	Check log										

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- (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
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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.
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- 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.

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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 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
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
VK2FUJEL	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.
- (2) City of Brisbane Radio Society: R. Meiring VK4DD, J. Morris VK4MJF, R. Croucher VK4CRO
- (3) A. Devlin VK3XPD, P. Roberts VK3TPR, M. Coleman VK3KH.
- (4) Western and Northern Suburbs ARC: W. Bruce VK3VCL, V. Mong VK3DKM, J. Karr VK3FMPB.
- (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.

FIELD DAY WEB SITE

<http://www.wia.org.au/members/contests/vhfuhf/>

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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.

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

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											
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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

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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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- (9) Andy Sayers VK2AES, Dale Hughes VK1DSH
- (10) Ted Garnett VK1BL, Greg Parkhurst VK1AI
- (11) Hornsby and District ARC: VK2DAY, VK2FMAM, VK2ANG, VK2BCD, VK2HRX, VK2TTP, VK2MTX
- (12) Kirk Mercer VK2MER, Stuart Bayliss VK2LSB
- (13) Bill Day VK3LY, Jim Bywaters VK5OM, Brian Farmers VK3AQX
- (14) City of Brisbane Radio Society: R. Croucher VK4CRO, J. Morris VK4MJF, D. Bumpstead VK4DJB, K. Myers VK4GC
- (15) Blue Mountains ARC: VK2ZIW, VK2AOR, VK2BOS, VK2FTTP, VK2FACW, VK2FTMA, VK2FMJB
- (16) Gippsland Gate Radio and Electronics Club: Phil VK3YB, Geoff VK3ZGW, Chris VK3QB, Albert VK3BQO, Megan VK3HOP, Helmut VK3DHI, Max VK3TMK

VHF-UHF FIELD DAY NEWS

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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!

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SUMMER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2010

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KM

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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.

Dates: Saturday and Sunday 16 and 17 January 2010.

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.

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.

Sections

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

Entrants may enter more than one section.

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General Rules

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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.									
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SUMMER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2010: RESULTS

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KM

The Summer VHF-UHF Field Day attracted 86 logs this time, which is another new record. Congratulations to all. See you again in June. Remember that stations entering all three 2010 Field Days will receive a special certificate in December. The certificates will be based on callsign, so to be eligible you must operate under the same callsign each time.

A change for the Winter Field Day will be the introduction of a new Rover section. Full details will be published in Amateur Radio magazine and on the WIA web site.

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											
VK5ZD	Iain Crawford	PF95, PF96	85	378	485	680	540	650	-	-	2818
VK4OE	Doug Friend	QG61, QG62	83	363	555	648	530	210	-	360	2749
VK5ZT	Tim Dixon	PF84, 85, 95, 96	54	258	405	744	540	650	-	-	2651
VK3LY	Bill Day	QF04	158	480	710	704	-	-	-	-	2052
VK5LD	Dale Loffler	PF96	78	378	515	648	-	-	-	-	1619
VK2DAG	Matt Hetherington	QF57, 58, 67, 68	55	396	425	528	-	-	-	-	1404
VK5AKH	Andrew Hall	PF85, PF95	89	318	390	480	-	-	-	-	1277
VK3VCL	Wayne Bruce	QF12	-	258	415	472	-	-	-	-	1145
VK5OQ	Keith Gooley	PF95	49	231	330	464	-	-	-	-	1074
VK3FEMT	Stewart Wilson	QF22	-	378	270	-	-	-	-	-	648
VK2YJS	Julian Sortland	QF56	-	75	115	-	-	-	-	-	190
Section B: Single Operator, 8 Hours											
VK5ZT	Tim Dixon	PF84, 85, 95, 96	21	216	270	544	420	530	-	-	2001
VK3HY	Gavin Brain	QF32	159	441	640	688	-	-	-	-	1928
VK3BJM	Barry Miller	QF23	21	330	490	592	210	-	-	-	1643
VK3YFL	Bryon Dunkley-Smith	QF22	70	288	300	592	-	-	-	-	1250
VK2DAG	Matt Hetherington	QF57, 58, 67, 68	44	309	350	528	-	-	-	-	1231
VK5LD	Dale Loffler	PF96	58	288	340	544	-	-	-	-	1230
VK4ADC	Doug Hunter	QG61	186	312	320	392	-	-	-	-	1210
VK2HRX	Compton Allen	QF56	50	411	260	320	-	-	-	-	1041
VK5AKH	Andrew Hall	PF85, PF95	54	225	305	448	-	-	-	-	1032
VK2TDN	Dave Nelson	QF56	-	171	260	296	-	-	-	230	957
VK1AGP	Greg Parkhurst	QF44	39	390	320	-	-	-	-	-	749
VK2TRF	Jack Swart	QF56	-	72	110	-	-	-	-	230	412
VK5HZ	Darryl Ross	PF95	-	174	235	-	-	-	-	-	409
VK5FXYL	Jade Ross	PF95	-	102	165	-	-	-	-	-	267
VK4NA	Alan Wills	QG62	-	96	160	-	-	-	-	-	256
VK3TOM	Tom Steadman	QF31	21	72	120	-	-	-	-	-	213
VK5KLV	Les Virgo	PF87	32	165	-	-	-	-	-	-	197
VK3SF	Ross Sargent	QF22	-	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	63
VK4JAZ	Grant McDuling	QG62	-	63	-	-	-	-	-	-	63
VK5FPAW/2	Paul Schultz	QF56	-	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	36
VK2GX	Paul Howarth	QF57	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
Section C: Multi Operator, 24 Hours											
VK3UHF	LUMEG (1)	QF21	106	780	1030	1352	1030	470	740	860	6368
VK3ER	EMDRC (2)	QF22	264	969	1245	1416	1050	230	230	-	5404
VK3ALB	(3)	QF11	-	684	850	1192	840	-	360	770	4696
VK4WIS	(4)	QG63	193	657	730	752	630	-	-	460	3422
VK3TU	(5)	QF01	-	366	555	600	590	230	460	500	3301
VK3JTM	(6)	QF12	56	342	465	696	620	-	-	360	2539
VK5ARC	SCARC (7)	PF94	203	672	790	680	-	-	-	-	2345
VK1DA	(8)	QF44	39	696	760	392	210	-	-	230	2327
VK4WR	(9)	QG61	137	546	635	792	210	-	-	-	2320
VK5SR	SERG (10)	QF02	-	243	355	352	430	-	320	440	2140
VK3ATL	GARC (11)	QF11	32	381	615	560	-	-	-	470	2058
VK3APC	MDRC (12)	QF22	160	348	535	688	-	-	-	-	1731
VK2MA	HADARC (13)	QF56	189	582	440	176	-	-	-	220	1607
VK2HZ	BMARC (14)	QF56	151	270	290	-	-	-	-	-	711
VK5LZ	Elizabeth ARC (15)	PF94	40	288	340	-	-	-	-	-	668

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Section D: Multi Operator, 8 Hours											
VK3ALB	(3)	QF11	-	381	500	616	690	-	220	570	2977
VK4WIE	CBRS (16)	QG62	246	384	175	496	-	-	-	210	1511
VK2AWA	Contest Group (17)	QF56	248	513	340	264	-	-	-	-	1365
VK4SN	(18)	QG62	223	285	300	-	-	-	-	-	808
VK5OM	(19)	QF02	-	165	215	-	-	-	-	-	380
VK2AWI	ARNSW (20)	QF43	-	198	160	-	-	-	-	-	358
Section E: Home Station, 24 Hours											
VK3MY	Ross Keogh	QF22	73	537	875	1176	880	-	-	-	3541
VK3KH	Michael Coleman	QF21	44	282	410	568	460	-	-	-	1764
VK3ZQB	Russell Lemke	QF11	-	228	365	560	-	-	-	570	1723
VK4ZDP	David Purkis	QH32	179	429	670	256	-	-	-	-	1534
VK3XPD	Alan Devlin	QF22	-	207	400	560	-	-	-	220	1387
VK2AMS	Mark Swannack	QF68	51	450	415	144	160	-	-	-	1220
VK3PF	Peter Freeman	QF31	106	258	300	448	-	-	-	-	1112
VK2EI	Neil Sandford	QF68	50	411	220	168	250	-	-	-	1099
VK2JDS	David Scott	QF46	34	480	230	352	-	-	-	-	1096
VK3VFO	Nick Kraehe	QF31	73	450	360	176	-	-	-	-	1059
VK2KRR	Leigh Rainbird	QF34	-	339	285	368	-	-	-	-	992
VK4TJ	John Kirk	QG52	44	282	290	304	-	-	-	-	920
VK2MER	Kirk Mercer	QF55	38	429	235	208	-	-	-	-	910
VK5NE	Paul Roehrs	PF95	63	402	445	-	-	-	-	-	910
VK5LSB	Simon Brandenburg	PF94	39	363	480	-	-	-	-	-	882
VK4DMC	Dale McCarthy	QH22	120	327	315	-	-	-	-	-	762
VK5ALX	Alex Gliński	PF86	69	249	200	192	-	-	-	-	710
VK2TG	Robert Demkiw	QF55	69	198	390	-	-	-	-	-	657
VK4AR	Gary Ryan	QG62	55	207	330	-	-	-	-	-	592
VK3KIS	Andrew Kayton	QF22	38	117	165	216	-	-	-	-	536
VK5NY	Roger Bowman	PF94	34	99	165	168	-	-	-	-	466
VK2BHO	John Hodgkinson	QF55	47	168	190	-	-	-	-	-	405
VK4FNQ	John Goldfinch	QG29	64	192	135	-	-	-	-	-	391
VK3HV	George Francis	QF31	83	111	170	-	-	-	-	-	364
VK1PAR	Al Long	QF44	26	192	135	-	-	-	-	-	353
VK2NR	David Porter	QF56	-	105	170	-	-	-	-	-	275
VK2JTV	Peter Mahoney	QF56	-	153	120	-	-	-	-	-	273
VK3TOM	Tom Steadman	QF31	23	81	125	-	-	-	-	-	229
VK5FANA	Adrian Addison	PF85	-	225	-	-	-	-	-	-	225
VK4MHZ	Brendan Cannon	QG62	-	96	105	-	-	-	-	-	201
VK3BG	Ed Roache	QF24	21	63	105	-	-	-	-	-	189
VK4EKA	Dougal Johnson	QG62	21	168	-	-	-	-	-	-	189
VK3FZ	Roger Stafford	QF22	21	39	110	-	-	-	-	-	170
VK5FMPJ	Patrick Morgan	PF94	-	150	-	-	-	-	-	-	150

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- (18) VK4SN, VK4TI, VK4HAM
- (19) Jim Bywaters VK5OM, Den Sharp VK3FDAS
- (20) Amateur Radio NSW: VK2JDH, VK2JDD, VK2KCM



Wireless Institute of Australia

WINTER VHF-UHF FIELD DAY 2010

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KM

There has been one major rule change for the next Field Day: the introduction of a separate section for rover stations. This new section will allow portable and rover stations to compete against other stations that have similar scoring potential.

The rover section will apply to all stations that operate from more than two grids, or change location more than twice. This allows stations in the regular Portable sections to change location once, and return to the original grid square, without being required to enter the Rover section.

Dates: Saturday and Sunday 19 and 20 June 2010

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

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

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VK4WIS	SCARC (3)	QG63	136	324	445	480	500	340	-	460	-	2685
VK5LZ	Elizabeth ARC (4)	PF85	100	462	565	488	-	-	-	-	-	1615
VK4WIE	CBRS (5)	QG62	121	402	450	616	-	-	-	-	-	1589
VK3ER	EMDRC (6)	QF21, QF22	58	207	300	352	-	-	-	-	-	917
VK2FIL	(7)	QF46	24	456	320	-	-	-	-	-	-	800
Section D: Multi Operator, 8 Hours												
VK3XPD	(8)	QF21	-	309	355	456	430	210	210	320	-	2290
VK4CZ	(9)	QG63	88	189	295	376	210	-	-	210	-	1368
VK2EH	CCARC (10)	QF56	47	213	185	288	-	-	-	-	-	733
VK1DSH	(11)	QF45	23	81	140	-	210	-	-	210	-	664
VK2MA	HADARC (12)	QF56	42	159	230	-	-	-	-	-	-	431
VK3BJA	GGREC (13)	QF21	-	141	105	-	-	-	-	-	-	246
Section E: Home Station, 24 Hours												
VK3MY	Ross Keogh	QF22	22	510	620	904	450	-	-	-	-	2506
VK5NE	Paul Roehrs	PF95	62	471	500	344	-	-	-	210	-	1587
VK3VFO	Nick Kraehe	QF31	39	618	625	240	-	-	-	-	-	1522
VK3PF	Peter Freeman	QF31	21	495	515	280	-	-	-	-	-	1311
VK5VCO	Paul Mullins	PF95	42	447	645	-	-	-	-	-	-	1134
VK4TJ	John Kirk	QG52	47	285	345	400	-	-	-	-	-	1077
VK3TPR	Peter Roberts	QF22	-	294	305	472	-	-	-	-	-	1071
VK4ZDP	David Purkis	QH32	102	339	395	184	-	-	-	-	-	1020
VK3KH	Michael Coleman	QF21	-	249	350	376	-	-	-	-	-	975
VK2MER	Kirk Mercer	QF55	44	276	305	344	-	-	-	-	-	969
VK2EI	Neil Sandford	QF68	52	171	155	240	250	-	-	-	-	868
VK5LSB	Simon Brandenburg	PF94	32	195	310	168	-	-	-	-	-	705
VK4KZR	Rod Preston	QG62	-	216	-	-	460	-	-	-	-	676
VK5MEF	Matthias Fresacher	PF95	-	297	350	-	-	-	-	-	-	647
VK3HV	George Francis	QF31	52	354	180	-	-	-	-	-	-	586
VK4NA	Alan Wills	QG62	54	237	270	-	-	-	-	-	-	561
VK5FD	Allen Dunn	PF95	38	189	305	-	-	-	-	-	-	532
VK5FXYL	Jade Ross	PF95	-	195	305	-	-	-	-	-	-	500
VK3FDNO	Dean Webster	QF31	-	213	200	-	-	-	-	-	-	413
VK3TOM	Tom Steadman	QF31	29	165	195	-	-	-	-	-	-	389
VK2NR	David Porter	QF56	-	147	240	-	-	-	-	-	-	387
VK3BG	Ed Roache	QF24	21	63	105	-	-	-	-	-	-	189
Section F: Rover Station, 24 Hours												
VK5ZT	Tim Dixon	PF85,86,87,95,96,97	142	483	785	1144	640	1400	640	640	640	6514
VK5AGZ	Derek Reuther	PF85,86,87,94,95,96,97	165	534	860	1088	-	1360	-	-	-	4007
VK2VVV	Ross Masterson	QF45, QF55, QF56	67	276	405	536	-	-	-	-	-	1284

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- (3) Sunshine Coast Amateur Radio Club: Harvey Wickes VK4AHW, Leicester Hibbert VK4ALH, Trevor Humphrey VK4FGTS, Cec Tysoe VK4FMOZ, Wayne Shaw VK4WS, Mike Little VK4YFL, Kirsty Golder
- (4) Elizabeth ARC: Bruce Gauci VK5VAB, John Ross VK5NI, Wayne Rankin VK5LWR
- (5) City of Brisbane Radio Society: John Morris VK4MJF, Miles Colledge VK4FUST, James Young VK4FJLY, David Noble VK4KSY, David Colledge VK4WRC, Ian Melville VK4FABD
- (6) Eastern & Mountain District Radio Club: M. Subocz VK3AVV, M. Chadwick VK3WT, J. Bramham VK3WWW
- (7) Phil Derbyshire VK2FIL, Colin Sibraa VK2FABV, Paul Thomas VK2WPT
- (8) Alan Devlin VK3XPD, Michael Coleman VK3KH
- (9) Scott Watson VK4CZ, Alan Meek VK4WR, Campbell Watson
- (10) Central Coast ARC: VK2JDH, VK2KCM, VK2JDD, VK2ARE
- (11) Dale Hughes VK1DSH, Dimitris Tsifakis VK1SV
- (12) Hornsby & District ARC: VK2DAY, VK2TTP, VK2FDIW, VK2FMAM
- (13) Gippsland Gate Radio & Electronics Club: Mike Ide VK3KTO, Albert Hubbard VK3BQO

Summer Field Day: Score Correction

In the published results for the Summer Field Day, Matt Hetherington VK2DAG entered two sections, but his score was accidentally omitted from one of them. His scores should have been 1404 points for Section A and 1231 points for Section B.

SPECIAL 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. The certificates will be based on callsign, so to be eligible you must operate under the same callsign each time.

MICROWAVE CHALLENGE – JANUARY 2011

The Summer Field Day for 2011 (January 15/16) 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!



Wireless Institute of Australia
**SPRING VHF-UHF FIELD DAY
2010**

Contest manager: John Martin VK3KM

The rules for this Field Day are the same as for the Winter Field Day last June.

I have received a query about the right contest category for club station operating from its clubrooms (i.e. from the "home" location of the club callsign). Does this qualify as a portable station?

According to the 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. But this would disallow anyone from setting up a portable station at club premises, even if they did not make use of equipment that was already installed at the site. So I think the most suitable ruling is this: if a station makes any use of equipment or antennas that were previously installed at the site, that station would have to enter the home station section. If the equipment and antennas used for the Field Day are brought to the site, the station qualifies as being portable.

Dates: Saturday and Sunday 20 and 21 November 2010

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.
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.

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.
- F: Rover station, 24 hours.

Operating periods: Stations entering the 8 hour sections may operate for more than 8 hours, and nominate which 8 hour period they wish to claim for scoring purposes.

Entering more than one section: If a portable station operates for more than 8 hours, it may enter both the 24 hour and 8 hour sections. If the winner of a 24 hour portable section has also entered the corresponding 8. hour section, his log will be excluded from the 8 hour section.

If a portable or rover station spends part of the contest period operating from his home station, he may also enter the home station section.

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: Portable 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.

Rover stations: The Rover section is for all portable or mobile stations that operate from more than two locator squares or change locator squares more than twice.

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. Portable 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 either 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 4 digit 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

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 yhf-contests@wia.org.au. Acceptable log formats include: ASCII text, RTF, DOC, DOCX, XLS, MDB, PDF, or any Open Document format. Logs must be received by **Monday, 7 December 2010**. Early logs would be appreciated.

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, and other information.

SPECIAL 2010 FIELD DAY CUMULATIVE CERTIFICATE

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- (7) Tableland Radio & Electronics Club: Dale McCarthy VK4DMC, Stu Dunk VK4SDD, Jeff Cochrane VK4BOF, John Roberts VK4TL
- (8) Hunter Radio Group: VK2SH, VK2FA, VK2FERM, VK2FWJL, VK2FBAI, VK2YCJ, VK2CLH
- (9) Hornsby & District ARC: Justin VK2CU, Bob VK2BMU, Peter VK2TTP, Colin VK2JCC, Mike VK2MTX, Dave VK2FDIW
- (10) Moorabbin & District Radio Club: Ian Morris VK3IFM, Gerard Werner VK3GER
- (11) Shane Goodwin VK1MAD, Matthew Bowman VK1MAT
- (12) South East Radio Group: Colin Hutchesson VK5DK, Trevor Niven VK5NC, Steven Smith VK5GL, Andrew McKinnis VK5KET, Tony Hutchison VK5ZAI, Ian Bishop VK3FNBL
- (13) Michael Coleman VK3KH, Peter Roberts VK3TPR
- (14) Eastern Zone ARC: Glenn Reynolds VK3SI, Nick Kraehe VK3VFO, Simon Beeching VK3FCAL, Dean Webster VK3NFI, Molly (The Dog)
- (15) VK5OM: Jim Bywaters VK5OM, Brian Farmers VK3AQX, Peter Sherlock (SWL)
- (16) Colin Matten VK2KCM, Ed Durrant VK2ARE

WIA VHF-UHF FIELD DAY

Date:

Station callsign:

Section entered:

- A** Single operator 24 hours
- B** Single operator 8 hours
- C** Multi operator 24 hours
- D** Multi operator 8 hours
- E** Home station 24 hours
- F** Rover station 24 hours

If entering more than one section, please use a separate copy of this sheet for each section.

For Section B or D, time period to be scored:

The station operated from the following grid locators:

Names and callsigns of all operators:

Postal address for notification of results:

Postcode:

The station was operated in accordance with the rules of the contest and the spirit of fair and friendly competition. I/We agree to accept the Contest Manager's decision as final.

Signed:

SCORING TABLE

Band	Locators Activated <small>10 points each</small>	Locators Worked <small>10 points each</small>	QSOs made <small>1 point each</small>	Total	Band Multiplier	Band Total
50 MHz	+	+	=	x	1	=
144 MHz	+	+	=	x	3	=
432 MHz	+	+	=	x	5	=
1296 MHz	+	+	=	x	8	=
2.4 GHz	+	+	=	x	10	=
3.4 GHz	+	+	=	x	10	=
5.7 GHz	+	+	=	x	10	=
10 GHz	+	+	=	x	10	=
24 GHz	+	+	=	x	10	=
Higher	+	+	=	x	10	=

FINAL TOTAL = _____