

## News and Events, August 2024 Edition

### NAQP CW August 2024

Another North American QSO Party has come and gone. TCG made an outstanding showing, obviously a favorite. Here is a list as of this publication of those who put up scores on [3830 Scores Summary](#). Don't forget to submit your log to [North American QSO Party | National Contest Journal \(ncjweb.com\)](#), if you haven't already.

#### Single Op HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
W6UB			105	2	4	5,250	TCG

#### Single Op LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
K4RO	SO2R		1239	230	10	284,970	TCG From Terrapin Stations
W5MX			906	225	10	213,816	TCG From Terrapin Stations
K1GU			648	181	9.9	117,288	TCG From Terrapin Stations
K4EA			516	227	10	117,132	TCG From Terrapin Stations
AC6ZM			635	184	11	116,840	TCG Playing in Uncle John's Band
K3IE	SO2R		600	171	7	106,200	TCG Playing in Uncle John's Band
N8UM			614	141	6	91,486	TCG Playing in Uncle John's Band
KØEJ	SO2R		615	134	6	82,410	TCG Wharf Rats
W3TB			409	126	6:33	51,534	TCG with a Touch of Gray
K4AL		x	359	137	8	49,183	TCG Wharf Rats
W4UT			250	100	6	26,250	TCG Tennessee Jeds
AA4DD			207	101	6	20,907	TCG Wharf Rats
AC4G			105	58	2.5	6,300	TCG
W4SDX			55	40		2,200	TCG
WØAG			58	37	2	2,146	TCG with a Touch of Gray
KA4OTB			40	28	3	1,120	TCG Tennessee Jeds

#### Single Op Assisted LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
AD4EB	SO2R		1147	261	10	299,367	TCG From Terrapin Stations
W4NZ	SO2R		832	233	10	193,856	TCG Playing in Uncle John's Band
N6NT			654	173	10	113,142	TCG
AF4T			393	162	6.90	63,666	TCG with a Touch of Gray
W4CMG			418	143	9:53	59,774	TCG with a Touch of Gray
NJ4P(WV4P)		x	246	242	10	59,532	TCG Playing in Uncle John's Band
WM4Q			342	163	8.5	55,746	TCG Tennessee Jeds
W4SSF			210	109	6:00	22,890	TCG Tennessee Jeds
K3FH			205	78	5	15,990	TCG with a Touch of Gray
NS4X			120	66	2	8,280	TCG
KQ4E			101	53	3	5,555	TCG
K4KO			64	29	1	2,112	TCG Wharf Rats

Didn't see your score listed? Next time, make sure to submit your score summary to 3830scores.com, and use the pull-down menu under "Club" to select "Tennessee Contest Group." Of course, it's also important to make sure that the Cabrillo file that you submit to the contest sponsor contains the following line: **CLUB: Tennessee Contest Group**. This will ensure that your score will contribute to the TCG club aggregate score.

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### LEBANON HAMFEST AND LUNCH



Left to right: Bert W4KW, Jim AD4EB, Ted W3TB, Tom AI4DB, Brad WF7T, Mark K0EJ, Kirk K4RO, Gary K4VIG, Ted W4NZ, Hunter K3IE, Kenny WN8Y, Cathy W4CMG, Jim WA4VGZ.

We all met at Shoney's after Hamquest in Lebanon last month. It was a nice gathering. Special thanks to Bert W4KW for taking the lead on arranging the luncheon.

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### HOW IT ALL STARTED – Cathy W4CMG

Some people are born into Amateur Radio, but just don't realize it right away! My grandfather had a "Radio Room" on the top floor of his 3-story home, and I got to look – and not touch – when I was a kid. It was pretty cool, listening to his "secret code". I thought he must be some sort of a spy. When he became a silent key, I was busy doing the other life stuff – kids, work, etc. – and had no interest in any of the things he had accumulated over the years. Do I wish things had been different!

Fast forward MANY years, to when Jim WA4VGZ and I got married, and I had no idea he was a ham or why anyone would want to be one. A few years after we moved to Nashville from CT in 2007, Jim renewed his interest in ham radio. Something about hearing his callsign over – and over – and over again - made me head for the other room! Then, toward the end of 2011, I went with him to the OHX SKYWARN Appreciation Day, saw what Amateur Radio could be, and earned my Technician, General and Amateur Extra Licenses in 2012 (KK4IWN). I changed to W4CMG (initials in my callsign) in 2017.

I love challenges, so contesting was a great way for me to become active. I gradually recognized that many of the top scorers in TCG were CW operators, and in 2017, I started to learn CW. Work and family circumstances gave me some starts and stops, until I developed renewed enthusiasm for CW when I retired in 2020. My "little pistol" station includes a Yaesu FT-991A that I run at 100 Watts for contests, and 5 Watts

for some fun QRP activities. Jim and I share a G5RV up about 35 feet. Soon to be installed – a Hy-Gain 6-band vertical that will be mounted to a 45-foot mast! Can't wait for the extra height! Waiting for the heat to break before we start the installation.

I operate CW only – no microphone on my rig! I am on the air daily for several different activities. I upload daily to ClubLog, LoTW and QRZ Logbook. I love CW Contesting and can be found on the air participating in major contests and State QSO parties (in support of the State QSO Party Challenge). The scores still can't compete with bigger stations, so I compete with myself – with a goal to beat the previous year's scores, and where practical, to double them. THAT gets harder each year 😊

I am involved in several clubs and groups in addition to the Tennessee Contest Group, including CWops, Long Island CW Club (Instructor: Essential Operating Subjects and Kids Classes), SKCC (Vice President, Board Member, Straight Key Sprint Manager), NAQCC and more! I was honored recently to become a member of the First Class C.W. Operators Club (FOC).

I enjoy QRP activities and participate in QRP Foxhunts, operating as a 40M, 80M and 20M “Fox” twice per “season,” as well as being a “hound” in the weekly QRP fox hunts. I also support the Nashville Office of Emergency Management by performing ham radio equipment checks during a monthly state-wide test.

When I am not on the air, I am supporting the American Red Cross as the National Headquarters Humanitarian Services Project Management Competency Team Lead, the TN Region Disaster Action Team Lead and several local Nashville Area Chapter Responsibilities. Local responsibilities often include dispatching teams to home fires and other local disasters, so if you hear me on the air in the middle of the night, I may be playing on the radio to stay awake while waiting for my team to report on their status.

I would like to thank Jim, WA4VGZ, for his patience as I continue to practice and take over our antenna whenever there is a CW event on the calendar (and in between). A deep thanks to Kirk, K4RO, Jim AD4EB, Ted, W3TB and many others who provide inspiration, guidance, support, and goals to meet, and to Robert (aka Pete) WM4Q, who was my first ever CW contact, and who continues to challenge me in some “healthy competition” 😊

All the Best,  
Cathy W4CMG

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### **WRTC-2026 TENT SPONSORSHIP, A REMINDER**

WRTC-2026 is looking for contest clubs to sponsor operator tents. A WRTC tent sponsorship involves a non-trivial amount of funding, well in excess of a thousand dollars. Many TCG members would like to sponsor a tent collectively as a club. While this significant expenditure may not appear to directly provide much benefit to TCG, WRTC is a very high-profile event which has the potential to expose a world-wide audience to the joys of radiosport. TCG has been a supporter of WRTC tents going back to WRTC-2014 in New England. We would like to continue the tradition of supporting WRTC.

As of this writing, we have pledges totaling \$600 towards WRTC-2026 TCG tent sponsorship. If you would like to contribute to TCG WRTC-2026 tent sponsorship, you may send a check to K0EJ, or use the TCG PayPal address: [tcgtreasury53@gmail.com](mailto:tcgtreasury53@gmail.com)

Be sure to memo your check or PayPal transaction with “WRTC-2026 tent contribution.” Thanks for your support of WRTC-2026!

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### **DUES**

Speaking of money, are you up-do-date with your dues? Do you need help navigating the HamClubOnline? Pop us a message via the Google Group (<https://groups.google.com/u/1/g/tcg1>) and we can assist!

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## NEW MEMBERS

No new members joined us this month. TCG membership is open to all with an interest in contesting. There are no geographical limitations. All you need is a sincere interest in contesting, and the willingness to get on the air and operate with us.

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## HUNTSVILLE HAMFEST

Billed as the “Worlds Friendliest Hamfest”, the Huntsville Hamfest will be at the Van Braun Center South Hall on August 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 9AM both days. There are great forums covering many topics, including contesting, along with dealer booths and an inside flea market. The Huntsville Hamfest will host the ARRL Southeastern Division Convention. This one is easy to get to and is always a crowd pleaser. Hope to see you all at this premier amateur radio event!

<https://hamfest.org/>

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## TENNESSEE QSO PARTY 2024

YET Another reminder that the TN QSO Party rules have been re-vamped for 2024. The contest is now *TEN hours long*, and a new Rover category has been added. Now is a good time to review the TQP rules for 2024 and to start planning our operations. The sunspots should provide a boost this year. Let’s hope for some good short skip. Here is a direct link to the 2024 TQP rules: <https://tnqp.org/rules/>

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## UPCOMING CONTESTS

The following table is a list of the upcoming contests which qualify for the TCG Most Radioactive Award. For more information on the MRA, please refer to K4TCG.ORG under the TCG INFO section. Thanks to AD4EB for this list, and to Ted W4NZ for administering the TCG Most Radioactive Award.

August 3, 2024	North American QSO Party, CW Aug
August 10, 2024	Maryland-DC QSO Party
August 10, 2024	WAE DX Contest, CW
August 17, 2024	North American QSO Party, SSB Aug
August 17, 2024	SARTG WW RTTY Contest
August 24, 2024	Hawaii QSO Party
August 24, 2024	Kansas QSO Party
August 24, 2024	Ohio QSO Party
August 24, 2024	World Wide Digi DX Contest
August 24, 2024	YO DX HF Contest
August 31, 2024	Colorado QSO Party
September 1, 2024	Tennessee QSO Party
September 7, 2024	All Asian DX Contest, Phone
September 7, 2024	CWOps CW Open
September 8, 2024	North American Sprint, CW Sep
September 14, 2024	ARRL September VHF Contest
September 14, 2024	WAE DX Contest, SSB
September 21, 2024	New Hampshire QSO Party
September 21, 2024	New Jersey QSO Party



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Texas QSO Party  
Washington State Salmon Run  
Scandinavian Activity Contest, CW  
Iowa QSO Party  
North American Sprint, RTTY Sep  
144 MHz Fall Sprint  
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, RTTY  
Maine QSO Party

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### FIELD DAY REDUX



A few more pictures from our members. This first picture is from Bruce, AC4G supporting Lincoln County Amateur Radio Club Field Day in Fayetteville, TN by fabricating a support structure that fits under the vehicle tire to hold a 36 foot high dipole.

Very cool idea Bruce!

From Mike K3FH - TS590S, LiFePO4 batteries and TW2010 vertical dipole, emergency power from his home station



Thanks for sharing these pictures with the group!

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## NU1AW/0

Here are a few pictures the NU1AW/0 multi-distributed operation at Ward N0AX Steelville, MO station as a part of IARU. Your editor and Kirk K4RO were part of the onsite operation, and several other operators SEEMLESSLY remote. You can hear more about some of the technical setup and operation from W1DED's YouTube channel. Contesting is about FUN!



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## PARTIAL EMISSIONS

Well, that's what we got for this month. Some good contests coming up in the remainder of this month. Hope everyone stays healthy and happy, and thanks in advance for the Q's!

73 —Brad WF7T

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## LAGNIAPPE (a little something extra)

### North American QSO Party, RTTY - July

#### Single Op LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
W4GKM	SO2R		526	134	10	70,484	SWACC #2
AF4T			210	108	7.00	22,680	TCG Spaces
K1GU			129	65	4	8,385	TCG
AD4EB	SO2R		100	38	1.5	3,800	TCG Marks
AI4DB			52	32	3.3	1,716	TCG
W3TB			35	29	1:17	1,015	TCG

#### Single Op Assisted LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	QSOs	Mults	Op Time	Score	Team
K4EA	SO2R		356	142	10	50,552	Metro Marks
WK9M			368	125	9:47	46,000	TCG
N4MCC			229	93	11:15	21,984	TCG Marks
W4SSF			149	86	6:30	12,814	TCG
NS4X			175	71	2	12,425	TCG
K4RO	SO2R		185	64	2:39	11,840	TCG Marks
K3FH			142	63	4	8,946	TCG Spaces
KO4DDG			100	63	8	6,300	TCG Spaces
W4SDX			55	40	2	2,200	TCG

### IARU HF World Championship

#### Headquarters HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Zones	HQ	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W1AW/4		x		4635	2970		162		159	24	8,185,821	TCG

#### SOAB(A)CW HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Zones	HQ	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W4NZ	SO2R			1186	0	122		118	18		1,099,200	TCG
AF4T				486	0	83		80	10.70		265,364	TCG
N8UM				486	0	72		75	7		231,966	TCG
K3FH				201	0	47		39	4.5		61,318	TCG
W4SSF				217	0	48		30	6:00		56,620	TCG

#### SOAB(A)CW LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Zones	HQ	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K3IE				603	0	74		82	11		332,124	TCG
VP5A(AC6ZM)				439	0	37		44	14:38		131,625	TCG
W4CMG				226	0	38		35	6.5		56,794	TCG
KQ4E				200	0	33		34	5		43,550	TCG

#### SOAB(A)SSB LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Zones	HQ	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
AI4DB				0	160	32		46	8		40,716	TCG

#### SOABCW HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Zones	HQ	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
W3TB				291	0	54		57	6:29		102,009	TCG
W6UB				113	0	24		15	3.6		13,221	TCG

#### SOABCW LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Zones	HQ	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K4AMC				123	0	24		29	3:43		24,115	TCG
WM4Q				30	0	3		27	.5		1,080	TCG

#### SOABMixed LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Zones	HQ	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
N4MCC				0	122	30		24	13:00		23,220	TCG

#### SOABSSB HP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Zones	HQ	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
K9QJS				0	79	21		31	3.5		13,884	TCG

#### SOABSSB LP

Call	OpMode	Remote	CW	Qs	Ph	Qs	Zones	HQ	Mults	Op Time	Score	Club
WN8Y				0	142	27		30	8		30,210	TCG
WA4JA				0	118	26		35	4		23,184	TCG

