

## W7 results, 2007

Single operator high score went to K6LL operating as K7L in Arizona, ahead of second place K7RL in Washington.

Low power winner, by considerable margin, was Riki, K7NJ in Nevada. His new antennas are apparently working very well.

The QRP champ is K7TQ, a home station, edging out FD-style W7QC - both in Idaho.

The multi-op winner is NK7U. Joe's local Oregon crew beat out the eclectic group assembled at W7RN in Nevada.

K7BG, Matt has done it again -- blown the mobile competition away from the wilds of Montana. Ten mobile logs were submitted, from six states. To these operators we owe thanks for the high total county showing. The 7th call area is very large and nearly a third of the 259 counties have no HF-active amateur population.

**The county expedition category was schooled by the N7GP group operating low power FD-style on the eastern AZ border. They showed up in almost every log submitted, and would have finished on top in the fixed-station multi-op unlimited category as well. This was simply an amazing performance.**

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## 2008 -- 7th Area Results

**Single op mixed mode** -- Dave (K6LL) in AZ took top high power honors as K7L, followed closely by NN7AA (N5LZ) in UT. Low Power was led by Steve, W7QC, in his tent up in the northern wilds of ID. He decided to pass on QEP this year, as did everyone else.

**Single op CW** -- Rex, K7QQ in WA took the high power spot, followed by K7K in AZ and W7UT in, what else, Utah. Rikki, K7NJ in UT just squeaked by KN7T in WA for the first place Low Power CW spot. QRP CW was led by Paul, N6MA, in AZ followed by WC7S in WY.

**Single op SSB** -- The high power honors go to Jerry, K0JJ, in OR followed closely by W7WW in AZ and WA7AR in OR. The low power phone champ is Ron, WA0KDS, in AZ Followed by NX7TT in ID and WY7LL in WY.

**Multi-Single mixed** -- High Power assisted went to K7GT in OR. Low power honors go to the team at K7LED in QA. They were followed closely by the K7DPS group in AZ. We like these multi-op training events! The QRP entrant was W0KP.

**Mobile** -- There were more than a dozen mobiles going around. The addition of new mode and power categories fragmented the results. The high power mixed slot was crushed by K7UT whose score would have placed well in a fixed category. High Cw was taken by N7EIE. Low power mixed was led by Matt, K7BG(again, third year in a row). Low power Cw was cleaned up by Walt, W7SE in WY followed by K4XU who went through 21 counties in ID and OR. Nobody was game for the QRP mobile spot.

**Multi-Multi** -- Four entrants in the MM category, missing NK7U who was still moving his huge station --"Just put it down over there, Jeeves." Top honors go to the group at K7ZSD in OR but they had better watch out for W7RN next year. Tom (K5RC) is working on some BIG antennas.

**County Expeditions** -- **The 7QP and the CQP are among the few parties who support these Field Day type operations on a county boundary. Last year the MM expedition category was schooled by the group led by N5IA and they did it again this year as K7EAR. Running Low Power, this AZ group beat all the high power fixed MM stations.**

The MS category was headed by K7XV in UT. The single op category was taken by KE7DX in AZ who barely edged out W7YOW in ID. Try a little CW next year, Ron!!

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## 2009 – RESULTS inside the W7 area

**Single op high power mixed** went to K7L (K6LL in disguise), followed by NN7ZZ (K5LZ). **Top High CW** went to Quack, K7QQ. **SO high phone** honors went to W7VO while the top high power digital entry was W7NNN.

In the **SO low power** bracket, W3CP (check of 32) took the **mixed** honors followed by WA0KDS. The **CW bracket** was a close battle between K7CA and WC7CW (K7BG) with 'CA winning by just a hair. **Low power phone** was won by N7NKO and digital honors went to W7MEW.

In the **SO QRP** race, WC7S wins **mixed** again, KB7LJP wins **CW** and K7MTH took **phone**.

The **Multi-single high power** race was captured by N7CW. **MS low power** honors go to K7LED and **MS QRP** went to W0KP.

K7ZSD was off cruising in the Aegean so the **Multi-Multi category** turned into a fight between NK7U and W7RN. The final difference between them was just 5 CW and 11 phone QSOs or 0.6%. Tom had a stellar crew visiting his Virginia City aerie while celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> year on the air. It helped.

The **County Expedition category** is essential for lighting up the darker corners of our realm. This year there were nine logs received in the **single operator category**, headed by K7JJ. The **Multi-Single category** was led by W7AC, followed closely by the low power K7PX group.

Saving the best for last, we have the Multi-Multi County Expedition Category. Once again, the boys from the Eastern Arizona ARS using K7EAR with LOW POWER, made almost twice as many contacts as any other entry – including MM fixed High Power.

It seems they like our cooler early May date so much they have moved their traditional mammoth Field Day effort to the 7QP. **Major hardware, crack operators, and a well-organized support crew make it happen.** Check out their YouTube video at <http://www.youtube.com/user/n7scl>.

# 2010 – RESULTS inside the W7 area

## **High power Single-op:**

Dave, K6LL, masquerading as K7L, did it again for the fifth time – winning the mixed category, followed closely by N7TT. Washingtonian Rex, K7QQ squeaked past K7J in AZ for the top CW spot. K7LY garnered the Phone honors and W7WW was the HP digital winner.

## **Low power Single-op:**

Montana state 7QP captain, Matt K7BG, walked away with the top mixed spot. He does a fine job of managing 7QP coverage for the Big Sky State. AB7R edged out fellow Washingtonian KK7S for the top CW honors. The top spot in phone went to KK7AC with a handy win. The growing digital field was led by N7WS.

## **Single-op ORP:**

Low power expert WC7S wins the CW crown for the second year, surely helped by a boost from his Wyoming mult. The top phone entry was by WA7PVE.

## **Multi-single:**

The packet-connected N7BV took the top mixed spot, and K7LED led the pack in the low power bracket.

## **Multi-Multi:**

Five entries in this category this year. The 2010 MM crown returns to Oregon with a win by the gang at Brad's K7ZSD super-station.

## **County Expedition Single-Op:**

K7IA was on the top of this 14-entry category. These guys go out Field Day-style and light up the darker corners of our 7-land realm.

## **County Expedition Multi-Single:**

Sometimes it works better with help. KF7P and company lit up sparse parts of Utah to top place.

## **County Expedition Multi-Multi:**

**The task force of K7EAR, led by guru Milt, N5IA, did their thing again this year to the tune of 722K. They run low power but pack some serious antennas, including a pair of 4-squares on 40m...and some serious operators.**

## 2012 – RESULTS inside the W7 area

### Single Operator Results - W7

K6LL, disguised as K7L, takes the **High Mixed** category again with a 30% lead over second place K7NJ. Dave (K7L) was 170 behind Riki in CW Qs but more than doubled him on SSB. This is clearly a well contested category but Dave has won it in six of the seven. He was QRT last year.

**High CW** went to Rex K7QQ, with a strong showing from Washington. He was 300 Qs ahead of AA7V operating as W7A in Arizona. It's a big step up from his close second place finish last year.

The **High Digital** station was K7AWB. This is a steadily growing category. All the major mixed players made a significant effort to ride the digital wave.

**Low Digital** was won by W7SVD.

**QRP Digital** was taken by K7PDW. Sound cards, prepackaged commercial interfaces, and integrated decoding in several logging programs are all helping to make this mode accessible to anyone who wants to add three point contacts to the total.

**High Phone** honors were easily captured by Noel, WS7X. He moves up from a close second place finish last year. K7LY and KT7E finished in second and third.

**Low Mixed** was captured by a big effort by N6NR operating as W7YKM in Yakima. He was 50% ahead of second place N7BAN.

**Low CW** was a real horse race. Rocky, NE7D, nosed out KK7S by just 3%. We had to sharpen our pencil to check the mults and Qs on this one.

AZ Outlaw KK7AC ran away with the **Low Phone** race. Second place was a much closer finish by N7XS over WY7LL.

The **QRP** races were captured by W7YAQ in Mixed, N6MA on CW, WA7PVE on SSB, and K7PDW in Digital.

### **Multi-Single**

The W7 MS **High Power** battle was a very tight contest won by WS7N nosing out N7BV. WA7LNW placed third. The Low Power spot was taken by N7MAL and the QRP spot by KU7Y.

### **Multi-Multi**

Inside W7 we had the closest race ever. N7AT beat out NK7U by the slimmest margin of any race, just 0.4%! W7RN was 10% back in third.

### **Mobile**

The **High Power Mixed** category was represented by a solo effort by Rick, KT7G.

**High Power Phone** was led by Darryl, K7UT.

**Low Mixed** and **Low CW** had a bunch of entries in each.

Matt, K7BG drives out in his back yard a couple miles and activates four rare Montana counties, and wins low mixed. His old bug-catcher really gets out. But he was chased closely by WT7TT in Wyoming and K7TM who did an amazing cross-country trip from Idaho back to Seattle.

Your scribe, operating as N7XU finally topped the pile in the **Low CW** bracket. Driver KI6Y, made it an enjoyable 12 hours in the saddle. Second place K7RE made a foray from his home in SD down the eastern edges of MT and WY, some very rare places indeed!

The **QRP** mobile entry was made by Randy, K7TQ who activated some very rare counties in Northern Idaho.

### **County Expeditions**

These guys go out in the bush, Field Day style. It's a very necessary part of the 7QP, to light up counties that would otherwise be unavailable.

The **Single Op** honors go to NG7M who found a tri-county corner on the Wyoming-Utah border. He was followed by K7IA and AA5TL (running low power). Some of these operations are cushy operations in trailers, others are in tents. All are single operators.

The **Multi-Single** operation of K7AUO to Gilliam County, OR was top dog here. Four guys in a county without a single resident ham. They were followed by first timer AE7IK. We are not sure how to classify Martin's entry. Licensed only two years, he was alone but used skimmer to copy his 110 CW QSOs. Nice job by a

Winner in the **Multi-Multi** Expedition class is **K7EAR**. Was there anyone who didn't work these guys? With 3k QSOs on both CW and SSB, **they set an all-time record score of 1.1M**. This group includes some of the top operators in the country in a well-equipped operation lead by Milt, N5IA. Check out their pictures on the 7QP.org web page.

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