

Tales from the Swamp

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Swamp Fox
Contest Group



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Despite the low activity on the Yahoo site, if you look at the awards received and contests worked, you can see that club members have not been sitting still. Congrats to all !!

Again:

Yearly meeting:

January 28 (Sat), 3 pm
Lizards Thicket
4616 Augusta Road (US 1)
Lexington, SC

Per Frank, KG4IGC: If typos occur from the keyboard, could be it is out of warranty.

From Dave, WN4AFP:

Hello Swamp Foxes,

The SFCG is excited to announce an on-air competition only for SFCG members. It's called the "Swamp Foxes On The Air" or SFOTA. It will run during the 2017 calendar year. The goal for this competition is to encourage SF on-air contest activity. This competition will begin on January 1, 2017.

K4AMA Tony, NJ4F Dave, KG4IGC Frank and I took the idea and created this fun opportunity for our contest group. Tony, K4AMA has spent many hours creating our 'on-line' reporting system. This system allows you to add your QSO numbers to the system and track the Leaders. Thanks Tony!

*The SFOTA Leaderboard is currently Located at
<http://www.k4ama.com/sfcg/index.pl>*

*If you have problems Logging into the SFOTA Leaderboard system or
using the SFOTA Leaderboard, please email Tony, K4AMA at
mail2016@k4ama.com*

73s Dave WN4AFP

Frank KG4IGC got a heated, vibrating seat cushion for his radio chair.
Not sure what to say.

Bill N4IQ was out of commission because of a tornado early December.
A 70' pine tree took out most of his wire antennas. I suspect he has
them back up now because he whupped me bad in the RTTY RU contest.

Discussions:

FYI

from Tom AJ4UQ, from QRZ.NET

What is a "UBN report"?

It is a report from the contest committee showing errors and possible errors in the log you submitted for a contest. The main errors are abbreviated as follows:

U (Unique callsign) - you claimed credit for a callsign which nobody else claimed credit for. This may indicate that you made a mistake with the callsign. However since it is also possible that you did really work a unique station, you generally won't lose any points for this.

B (Bad callsign) - you claimed credit for a callsign that definitely wasn't in the contest. This may mean that the callsign is illegal or has not been allocated, although there are many other possible reasons as well. You will lose credit for this contact and will probably also be penalized some further points.

N (Not in log) - you claimed credit for a callsign which was active in the contest, but you are not in his or her log. You will lose the points for this contact and will probably also be penalized some further points. (This is why it is so important to report all the QSOs you make during a contest.

The report get its name from the abbreviations U, B and N used for these errors.

Awards & Certificates Received:

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| KG4IGC Frank | Washington State Salmon Run Participation certificate |
| | ARRL 160M CW 2015, 1 st Place, SO SC Unlimited QRP |
| | ARRL RU 2016, 1 st Place, SC, SO, LP |
| | TN QSO Party 2016, SC winner, SO QRP CW |
| W4SLT Steve | ARRL 10M SSB 2015, 1 st Place, SO, HP, SC |
| WN4AFP Dave | Ohio State Parks On The Air 2 nd Place, Outside Ohio |
| KM4RK Mark | ARRL 10M 2015, 1 st Place SC |
| N4IQ Bill | ARRL RTTY RU, 2015, 1 st Place SC, SO, HP |
| K7OM Ted | ARRL RTTY RU, 2016, 1 st Place SC, SO, HP |

Contests: (Number Q's - score)

CW Ops

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|------|------------|--------------|
| N4IQ | 86 - 6,794 | Dec 7 1300z |
| N4IQ | 74 - 5,106 | Dec 14 1300z |
| N4IQ | 75 - 5,475 | Dec 28 1900z |

ARRL 160M CW

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|--------|--------------|------------------|
| NJ4F | 231 - 28,080 | SO, HP, S&P only |
| WB5NHL | 207 - 23,100 | SO, LP |
| KG6MC | 261 - 32,574 | |
| WN4AFP | 62 - 2,540 | |

TARA RTTY

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| K7OM | 103 - 5047 |
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10M RTTY

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| NJ4F | 2 -4 | <i>(isn't anything better than nothing ?)</i> |
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ARRL 10M

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|--------|--------------|-----------------------------------|
| W4SLT | 202 - 16,968 | SSB, HP, non-assisted |
| KS4YX | 80 - 9,280 | CW, QRP |
| NJ4F | 18 - 504 | CW, HP, S&P, gone most of the day |
| K7OM | 64 - 7,168 | CW |
| W4STR | 10 - 160 | QRP, SSB |
| WN4AFP | 102 - 12,648 | CW, LP |
| KG4IGC | 41 - 2,898 | QRP, Mixed |
| WU0B | 29 - 696 | SSB, LP |
| W4ANT | 28 - 928 | SSB, LP |
| KM4RK | 19 - 380 | |

Stew Perry Top Band 160M CW

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| N4IQ | 130 - 302 |
| K7OM | 91 - 275 |
| NJ4F | 75 - 191 |

OK DX RTTY

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| K7OM | 125 - 28,733 | HP |
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RAC

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| NJ4F | 5 - 200 | sick that weekend |
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