

2009 ARRL International EME Competition Results

An experiment in the art of “no assistance required” EME contesting.

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2009 — A Slightly Different Event

The 31st annual ARRL International EME Competition scores are in. The first weekend of the competition was October 10-11 for participants in the 50 through 1296 MHz categories. The second weekend was November 7-8 for the serious and technical operator involved in 2304 MHz and up EME contesting. The final segment of the competition was the 5-6 of December, the second weekend for 50 through 1296 MHz operation.

There were just four entry categories this year: Single or Multioperator category operating either as CW-only or All Mode. You could enter as All Band or a Single Band. The Assisted categories of years past were deleted in 2009.

Top Score Winners

The overall highest score of the ARRL International EME Competition for 2009 and the first place winner of the Multioperator, All Mode, All Band category went to Team K1JT with a total of 5,376,000 points. The first place winner of the Single Operator, All Mode, All Band was Kozlov, UA3PTW, who also produced the second highest overall score at 2,925,000 points. Very closely trailing Kozlov in the same category was Viljo, ES5PC, with 2,917,200 total points. Turning in a huge score in the Single Operator, CW Only, All Band was the big Greek signal of Dimitris, SV1BTR, with 2,516,800 total points.

There were five entrants in 2009 in the Single Operator, CW Only, All Band category scoring over a million points. The largest Single Band score was again on 144 MHz. It goes

to the team effort at RU1AA. Their Multioperator, All Mode, 144 MHz participation brought a total of 2,216,100 contest points. There are some marvels of score comparisons between 2008 and 2009; online results are temporarily hosted at aptos.arrl.org/contests until the new ARRL Web site is completed.

EME Contesting Without Intervention

Participants in the 2009 competition were the familiar savvy bunch who could once be found in the pre-2005 ARRL EME International Competitions. Most every station that submitted a log in 2009 is known for their

ability to capture a weak signal for contact points. EME contesting was conducted with only the use of one’s creative system design ability and stamina. The 2009 competition offered the more substantial stations and the experienced operators an opportunity to compete without the intervention of real time Internet correspondence between participants.

EME from a Small Station? Yes!

EME contesting can be frustrating for the small station. To promote your operation before the contest start is a great way to ensure a higher random contact point count in an EME contest. This is done through the normal e-mail reflectors, posting on the chat rooms in days leading up to the contest and the use of advance e-mails. This will alert others that the small station will be on the air at a certain place and time. It is not the same as saying so in real time as one has no way of really knowing if the station is really on the air without going there, listening and calling.

What Will 2010 Offer?

The ARRL VUAC is once again taking input on refinement of the ARRL International EME Competition. Everyone who enjoys this contest, or would like to, is encouraged to submit input. Please keep your emotions out of your correspondence. State the reasons why you feel the event should or should not continue as it is. Whatever your feelings about Assisted EME competition should not change the way you feel about EME. Join the contest, have fun!

Top Scores by Category

Category	Winner	Score	QSOs	Mults
Single Operator, CW Only, All Band	SV1BTR	2,516,800	208	121
Single Operator, All Mode, All Band	UA3PTW	2,925,000	250	117
Single Operator, All Mode, 50 MHz	K2ZD	41,400	23	18
Single Operator, CW Only, 144 MHz	LA8YB	191,400	66	29
Single Operator, All Mode, 144 MHz	W3SZ	990,000	150	66
Single Operator, CW Only, 432 MHz	DL7APV	250,800	66	38
Single Operator, All Mode, 432 MHz	K3MF	115,000	46	25
Single Operator, CW Only, 1.2 GHz	K5JL	494,000	95	52
Single Operator, All Mode, 1.2 GHz	RD3YA	198,400	62	32
Multi-Operator, CW Only, All Band	OK1KIR	1,381,800	147	94
Multi-Operator, All Mode, All Band	K1JT	5,376,000	320	168
Multi-Operator, All Mode, 144 MHz	RU1AA	2,216,100	267	83
Multi-Operator, CW Only, 1.2 GHz	W6YX	331,800	79	42
Multi-Operator, All Mode, 2.4 GHz	SP6OPN	97,200	36	27

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The antenna farm of Petros, SV3AAF. He made 125 contacts, enough to earn him fifth place in the Single Operator, CW Only, All Band category.