## 2010 CQ WW VHF Contest Results "Scatter" Comments

Meteor scatter on 6 meters filled in a few new grids ... AJ6T. Antenna for 6 meters was an 80-meter delta loop which because of the band opening worked quite well. Output power on 2 meters was 1 KW with all digital mode QSOs via JT65 EME ... ES5EC. This was my first time in this contest on a very hot summer afternoon ... IT9BLB. Slow going but there was a good east-west opening Saturday night. Highlight was working VP5OV ... KOPK. Congrats to KA2LIM for hearing my 2.5 watts on 2 meters. I got set up late Sunday morning but the opening on 6 was great ... K1ZE. Conditions were wild with deep fast QSB taking away many QSOs that were almost in the log. At times it was hard to determine in which direction to point the antenna ... K2QO. My 13-year-old son got his license in May. This was the first chance we had to operate multi using his call. He is learning fast and seems to enjoy operating the contest. Our puny signal managed to work into LA, FL, SC, and MN ... KD8NZG. Antenna was a "wet noodle" in the attic ... KE4PT. Operated in the hilltopper category at 500-foot elevation from Cap Sante, WA with 5 watts into an 11-element CC Yagi on 2 meters and 2-element Buddipole on 6 ... KG7HQ. Overall this was a fun contest with some tropo openings to the north. I worked CN65 for grid #99 ... KI7JA. I enjoyed the contest very much. Roving requires a lot more planning than I anticipated ... KJ6GZF. I had three EME 2-meter QSOs with a single Yagi with no elevation control ... KN4SM. This was my first 6-meter contest and I had a great time ... KS4YX. First contest ever in my life ...LU1UBJ. Since we didn't have any type of propagation, all the contacts were local. I'm glad to see Argentina on for CQ WW VHF ... LU2UF. After visiting the Zero-Beaters Hamfest on Sunday, it was time to hunt for any high spots in EM49. Sure enough I spotted a microwave tower—a good sign. After making a couple of QSOs, it turned out I was in the driveway of KF9NY! He was not active but very interested in my little lash-up. East Coast signals were weak but we made some local and regional Qs. I'll be back ... NØAX. I had a blast activating 6 grids and all New England states except Maine ... N1KPW. This was my career best score with a great 6-meter band opening on Sunday ... N2SLO. In ten years of doing the CQ VHF Contest at this QTH, this was my 2nd highest score, exceeded only by 2006, a year remembered by many for E-skip of a lifetime. Unlike '06 which was frantic with openings in all directions, this year's contest was open on 6 to the west to one or two grids, then to another couple separated by several grids not heard at all. Sunday

morning a strong opening to the south included nearly all the Florida grids. Activity on 6-meter CW continues to grow. Two-thirds of my 39 skip grids were worked on CW. With 6 meters hot, 2 meters took a back seat ... N3UM. Great contest but now I have to work on my antennas ... N4IJS. I had a great time QRP at 18 feet above sea level with my new homebrew 6meter quad ... N6LB. FM only broadcasting live and direct from a caboose at the AC&J Railroad's "Steam Weekend" ... **N8OFS/P.** First time in this contest from Europe ... OM9ACA. Saturday was a dud, but Sunday was pure chaos ... K4RFT. Six meters was very spotty so were unable to ever get a real good run going. Two-meter EME was poor with signals vertically polarized and I am horizontally polarized. This is the best VHF contest, so keep it up ... K5QE. I managed to work two new grids on 2 meters: K6EU/R in CM86 and KS7S in DN71 ... K6EL. I operated portable in DN18 near Elioka Lake, WA ... K7TJ. It was fun to operate from 3,550 feet in the Shenandoah National Park ... K9GY. This was my second rover operation in New Brunswick ... VE2PIJ/VE9. This was my first VHF contest ever. I used my Elecraft K3 and ran 100 watts to my 80/40-meter inverted-V antenna and caught a nice opening on Sunday morning. Next year we'll have a Yagi for 6 meters ... VE3GFN. I operated rover on a family trip to the US. My wife did a great job of logging for the first time ... VE3ZV/W. I operated the contest while camping at Jones Lake, outside of Hope, BC in LOC CN99eg with only a single 6-meter loop on top of the camper and 5 watts QRP ... VE7HLW. First time rover, using halo antennas ... WØBL. It was fun to participate from my mobile for a couple of hours on a trip to Missouri. Most QSOs were with stations on the East Coast which I don't hear often from the home QTH ... WØETT. Best DX was XE2NS and worked 17 new grids ... W2JCN. Nice to once again hear CW on 6 meters ... K9JU. I'm just getting back into radio after about 10 years. Borrowed an FT-950 and had fun on 6 meters with a 40-meter loop in the attic due to antenna restrictions ... K9KJ. Worked Mexico for the first time on 6 meters ... KB1JDX. I just got on to hand out a QSO to those I could hear. This was my first entry in this one and managed a few new grids along the way ... KB9OWD. Six meters was pretty good with some decent openings in various directions. Two-meter propagation was mostly flat. Adding the club competition seemed to get some new signals on the air ... KC9BQA. This was my first time to enter a contest. I was on vacation at my uncle Sid's (NH7C) house in Maryland. He encouraged me to

make a few contacts during the contest from his station. My best DX was Florida. I am 11 years old ... KC9QJR. Had fun catching part of a band opening ... KD5IKG. Wow! My first VHF contest on 6 meters. I'll be back ... KD7DCR. There was a great wide-area 6-meter E-skip opening Saturday evening with VE1, VE2, VE3, W1, W2, W5, W7 and WØ worked one right after another ... N9LB. Nice E-skip opening and nice contest ... OH3DP. We were looking to this year with anticipation. Six meters looked promising and the 2-meter antenna farm was in decent shape. But the propagation gods were not very kind to us. Six meters started nicely with E-skip to LY and YL but soon the band died. Sunday afternoon we had some short openings to put a few stations in the log. It will probably not be enough this year for the top spot ...OK1KIM. The station was running on generator power Saturday evening due to a local power outage. It felt like Field Day in my own backyard ... W2YR. This is still my favorite contest ... W4FRA. Plagued with equipment failures, including burned out relays, bad coax, faulty 2-meter sequencer, and logging program problems all cost several hours during the 6-meter openings. We hung in there with clip leads and patch cords all over the place ... W4RX. Enjoyed operating from 3200 foot elevation in southwestern Virginia ... W4VHF. Everyone is encouraged to look up W6SAI on QRZ.com ... W6SAI. Thunderstorms over the Blue Ridge Mountains on Saturday and Murphy did not stop my dualband 6-hour hilltopper operation from Groundhog Mountain in Virginia. Running 5 watts to 4 elements on 50 and 10 elements on 144 worked pretty well when the bands peaked. Best 6-meter DX was DM07 and FN21 on 2 meters. It was a nice contest afternoon and I was back home by midnight. Thanks to all who made the effort to work my QRP signals ... WA4A. This was my first VHF contest in 48 years of hamming. Had a lot of fun running QRP to a rotatable dipole ... WA5BUC. With generally good conditions, I did better this year than the two previous years. There was two-hop E-skip into Utah, Wyoming, and Colorado Saturday night. I found CW very useful to make the contacts ... WB2AMU. It was a great Saturday night that got even better on Sunday with all the West Coast stations rolling into northern New Jersey ... **WB2LEB.** After a week of preparation I made my first contact on 6 meters and I felt fantastic ... XE2WK. This was my first time entering this contest. Had a blast. Looking forward to the next one ... W9DLN. What a great contest! ... W9YOY.