

PVRC 48th Annual Reunion-On-The-Air

The 2012 PVRC reunion is now history. This marked the 48th ROTA, with the first occurring in 1964.

Thanks to Jack/W3TMZ for heading up the effort this year !

Charter member W7YS(SK) was sorely missed this year, but W2RS stepped in to hand out Az.

Twenty seven PVRC calls were noted to be active :

EA5DFV
K2AV
K3RV
K8OZ
KC3VO
KE3X
KM7DX
N3CW
N3RR
N4AF
N4CW
N4YDU
W0UCE
W2CDO
W2RS
W3GRF
W3IKE
W3KC
W3TMZ
W3YY
W4MYA
W4NRS
W4YE
W6UM
W8OHT
WB4FDT
WB4FDT/4

Some of the sections represented were:

Spain, DC, Md, Me, Va, NC, Ca, Fl, WV, Az, NM, and Ut.

The award for Highly Motivated Operator (HMO) goes to WB4FDT. Pip not only activated his home station but also operated from Chris/N4YE's station as WB4FDT/4 in the reunion.

We decided to score simply based on QSOs this year. Typically multipliers correlate anyway but those using NA Sprint logging do not get multipliers by band/mode identified and it is difficultw/o the logging.

The final results show W3TMZ with the top QSO count:

CALL,QSOS

W3TMZ,64
N4AF,51
W4YE,40
K3RV,27
WB4FDT,25
N3JT,22
KE3X,20
W3GRF(W3MC),20
W4MYA,19
N3AM,18
W2RS,16
WB4FDT/4,16
WX3B,15
EA5DFV,14
N3RR,14
W2CDO,13
W4AGI,10
W8OHT,10
W3YY,9
N4YDU,8
K3DI,5
K2AV,2
KM7DX,2
K8OZ,1

SOAPBOX:

No many PVRCs for me in the bands. The conditions in sunday early were excelent on any band. Jim WX3B and me can do the QSO on 8 band/mode 10-40m with huge signals and... yes! the last contact on 10m CW at 00:54z (six minutes to 03:00 in the morning here!).

*Few QSO more: W3TMZ, K3RV and Howie N4AF
And a lot of /P and submarines :-)*

-EA5DFV

I did manage to get on a couple of times for the reunion, and was delighted to sweep the bands 10 - 40, both modes with Jose, EA5DFV.

I also worked Ray, a "2" station (ed- W2RS in AZ). I hadn't worked in the reunion before....and a few others.

I remember working Buddy, W4YE and Peter W2CDO as well.

Also fished up Norm, W4NRS on 20m SSB Saturday.

It was fun hearing W3GRF calling for EA5DFV, hopefully they made the QSO.

-WX3B

***Reunion score for K3DI 100w all CW.
Worked were WB4FDT, K3RV, W3TMZ, and WOUCE.*

5 QSO x 4 states = 20

73, Dick

Not much activity, but then the weather was just so great this past weekend. Saw you spotted on 40 and 20 but never heard you.

73, Peter W2CDO

Conditions and lack of time combined to limit my participation this year.

I only heard/worked N4AF and W3TMZ on 20 meter CW.

Hope for better times next year.

73

Mark

KM7DX

Hi Howie,

Glad we could work on 20 and 15, but no copy on 10. Here's my report:

- 1. Low power (Orion II, 100 W)*
- 2. CW*
- 3. 6 mults, 16 Qs*
- 4. 96 points*

Sorry to hear about Gene. RIP.

73 Ray W2RS

1. 99 watts
2. All CW except 1 SSB
3. 22 QSOs
4. 7 multipliers
5. If total score is 22×7 then score is 154.

Stations worked:

W6UM
W2CDO
W0UCE
KC3VO
W4NRS
N4AF
W2RS
W3TMZ
W4MYA
W4YE
W3YY
WB4FDT

Next year I think a more concerted marketing campaign might be in order to create more activity, though I recognize folks are distracted by the weather that is typically lovely that weekend and by the need to avoid contesting after WPX the weekend before (and the upcoming VHF contest)! I called a lot of unanswered CQs, as did you!

Still, always fun to hear guys I haven't talked to in a while. Just that I will miss W3ZZ going forward.

Jim, N3JT

Here's my PVRC Reunion score. Amazing to work several guys who joined PVRC before I was born! 73,

Ken KE3X

Power: LP
Mode: CW
QSO's: 20
Sections: 6 (unique sections, regardless of band)
Score: 120

I used 'SPRINTSSB' mode in N1MM Logger to log it, which only counts multipliers once, regardless of band. (If Mults were counted, there would have been 12 mults - not sure how the scoring works)

WB4FDT MARYLAND CW 100 WATTS

25 QSO'S X 6 MULTS (MD, CA, VA, NC, DC, FL) = 150 points

I WORKED THE FOLLOWING DIFFERENT STATIONS: N3RR, W4YE, W6UM, N4CW, N3AM, KE3X, W3TMZ, W3GRF (5 BANDS), K3RV, N4AF, N3JT, W3KC. QSO'S ON BANDS: 10M-2Q'S, 15M-1, 20M-4, 40M-9, 80M-9

WB4FDT/4 VIRGINIA CW 100 WATTS

16 QSO'S X 6 MULTS (MD CA VA NC FL WVA) = 96 POINTS

I WORKED THE FOLLOWING DIFFERENT STATIONS: K3DI, W3TMZ(4 BANDS), W6UM, K3RV, N4AF, W3YY, N3AM, W8OHT, K3DI, W4AGI, W3KC. I OPERATED FOR ABOUT 75 MINUTES FROM N4YE'S QTH IN FAIRFAX. QSO'S ON BANDS: 160M-2 Q'S, 80M-8, 40M-3, 20M-2, 15M-1, ACTIVITY VERY LOW. PIP

Hi, Howie -

Well, I was surprised at how little I heard from PVRC members this weekend. I was only able to get on for about 4 hrs, total, (sometimes, in only 15 or 20 minute "spurts") but expected more activity than what I heard. I tried 15 meters (dead) - through 80 meters, using mostly SSB, but tried RTTY on 40 and 80 meters, too. I had 30 contacts, but only ONE PVRC QSO. It was with Ike, W3IKE, {W2EOS, 1995, MD} on 20 meters SSB. I was running 500 Watts with a 3-element quad at ~47 feet, so my signal should have been strong enough to be heard back there. On 40 and 80 meters, I was using a base-loaded 45 foot vertical. I had calls from all over the east coast - from NY to FL - with several calls from MD. And, even though, propagation seemed fairly good, Ike was the only PVRC station I heard. I couldn't spend much time on the air, so I tried sticking to the suggested frequencies and the "high activity" periods, but sometimes had to deviate slightly in frequency (+/- 5kHz) due to QRM. I had hoped that the flooding in Montgomery County, and the high winds in the general area, hadn't impacted the PVRC area too much, but maybe the storms caused more trouble than reported by the local news stations, here in Albuquerque. I'll try again next year, and will try to set aside more time so I have a better chance of working more PVRC members. Hope you did well and had a good time!

73,

Jim, K8OZ

Reunion Results - K3RV (Virginia)

High Power

CW Only

27 QSOs x 8 mults = 216 pts

Stations worked: N3AM, N4AF, W3TMZ, WB4FDT, EA5DFV, W3GRF, W4YE, W2CDO, W4MYA, WOUCE, WB4FDT/4, W6UM, K3DI, W3KC, W8OHT.

Operated sporadically CW only. Activity was very low; it seems to get worse every year. Nevertheless, I have always enjoyed this event and hope it can be revived in future years.

73,

Carl K3RV

9 QSO's - 3 States

Worked N4AF, WB4FDT/4, N3AM, W3KC, W4AGI, and N3JT.

Totally exhausted, I had to take Monday off at work.

--W3YY

I was in there but made less than a dozen contacts...and most of those were from NON-PVRC'ers who just wanted to give me a Q!

*73 from Maine,
Bert N4CW*

My poorest results in any reunion over the years. I had little time on Saturday and Sunday was slim pickins...

For once however I tied N4AF in a contest for SSB and RTTY Q Count.

WOUCE Single Op Low Power:

Total Qs 25

Total Mults 4 (NC, MD, VA, FL)

Total Score 100

Tnx to Howie, N4AF for a sixer! Bob W4MYA fiver & Jack W3TMZ fiver.

How do we get more PVRCers to participate?

Tnx to Howie and Jack for their promotion of the Reunion and keeping it alive.

I believe the first one was (1972) in celebration of our 25th anniversary of the PVRC founding (1947). In the early years it was a much more popular and active event with a number of PVRCers in

DX areas on the air as well as the MD-VA-DC PVRC core group. There were no out of the metro area clubs in the early years. My late father W4YE joined PVRC in 1952 and hardly ever missed a reunion until his passing in 2004. He signed W5KL in his late years in Arkansas (a good multiplier!) 73, Buddy, W4YE

Thanks to all who took the time to get on !

Vy 73,

Jack W3TMZ and Howie N4AF