



Monthly Activity Newsletter – December 2011

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Merry Christmas and I hope that Santa brought you all the new gear on your most wanted list. I'm just getting back to a normal routine once again after a busy month of new work duties and three full contest weekends in a row. The CQ WW CW team at NQ4I's made a new 4 land record (and beat the old US record), the ARRL 160M was an enjoyable outing with Dan K1TO at W8JI and last weekend it was single op at Rick's NQ4I in the 10M contest. All scores naturally to SECC.

It is great to be back to the halcyon days of sunspots and 10M. The ARRL 10M contest is still foremost in my mind and I've been reliving the contest the last couple of days as I scanned the log and did some analysis. It was remarkable the regional openings, especially to the west and the lack of openings to the north. The numbers of Q's with various states were as follows: GA – 60 Q's, AL – 16, SC – 7, FL – 25, TN – 15, and CA – 227. The number of SK stations worked equaled the number of ON stations (11) with the only phone Q with ON being VE3EJ. I hope that you had as much fun as I did on the high bands and look forward to the spring contests coming up. Personal committed plans are for the CQ 160 at W8JI and ARRL DX CW at NQ4I. Afterwards, WPX, GQP and FQP.

GQP Activities:

Well, Norm WA4ZXV, our new GQP chairman has hit the ground running. In addition, he will be hosting TechFest 2012 on January 14th in Lawrenceville from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. I will be manning the SECC table at the event and if any member wants to keep me company, they would be more than welcome. See GARS.org for more details.

Thanks to Rick NQ4I for volunteering again to host activity at his contest station during the GQP. This is a terrific chance to operate one of the best stations in the country for new ops or seasoned veterans. Let Rick know if you are interested at NQ4I@contesting.com.

Station Activities:

Premier contests for next month will include the CW and SSB NaQP's on January 14/15 and January 21/22 respectively. The last weekend is the CQ 160M.

Please drop me a note if you have any event/activity that you would like to share with the club. My contact information is ve7zo@hotmail.com or I'm also available at 608-346-2193.

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