

RAC CANADA DAY CONTEST – 2005 RESULTS

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The 2005 running of the RAC Canada Day contest continued our increased level of activity we have been enjoying over the last few years. We had 334 entrants from 26 countries this year, an increase of about 20% over last year. Although participation was up, the effects of the continuing slide down the lower part of the sunspot cycle evident in the lack of 10 and 15 meter activity and the increase in single band entries.

Canadian participation was up only slightly with the bulk of the increase coming from the 102 US stations and 63 DX stations submitting logs. It's nice to see that other from around the world take some time to help us celebrate Canada's birthday. THANKS to all those who participated and made the event a success!

We were not expecting any new records to be set with the declining sun spot cycle, but there were two. The team at VE3MIS edged up the MOSTLP record from 2004 to a new high of 217,422. Don Grazian, VE3VZ set a new 2 meter record with a 10 percent improvement over the old 1996 record. Great effort! Look for a complete records listing in the published results.

The RAC Contest Management team has a few contests under our belt now and we continue to strive to get the results out as quickly as possible with as much accuracy as we can. In the event we have let any errors in, please accept our apologies and be assured we will be happy to correct any problems that are identified and publish any updates on the RAC web site.

SINGLE OP ALL BANDS HIGH POWER

Bart Ritchie, VE5CPU came from third last year to top spot this year to capture the first place SO-AB-HP plaque sponsored by Radioworld with a score of 304,668. Last years top finisher, Ken Widelitz, K6LA scooped

up second place from his home QTH with a score of 252,724 as well as capturing the Larry Kayser, VA3LK Memorial plaque sponsored by Alan Goodacre VE3HX. Dave Tucker, KA6BIM finished 3rd with 235,984, Garry Hammond, VE3XN lands in 4th place this year and Richard Grantham rounds out the list with a 5th place showing.

SINGLE OP ALL BANDS LOW POWER

Sam Ferris, VE5SF returns to top spot this year with a score of 553,224 to take 1st place and the plaque sponsored by Durham Radio Sales and Service in the SO-AB-LP category. I think Sam could build a garage with the "wood" he has collected over the years from his contesting efforts. Great job Sam! Sylvan Katz, VE5ZX makes the list this year with a score of 363,312 to take 2nd place. The new antennas are working well! Ralph Parker, VE7XF takes 3rd place. Paul Newberry, N4PN and Rich Pieniaszek, VA1CHP round out the list with 4th and 5th places this year. SOABLP continues to be our most popular category with 133 entries or 40% of all entrants.

SINGLE OP SINGLE BAND

Bob Nash, VE3KZ chose single band this year and takes the 1st place plaque sponsored by Elkel Products for his 20-metre high power entry with 104,790 pts. Bob had lots of company this year as SOSB was very popular, almost matching SOABLP with its 31% share of participants. 20 meters was once again the main band for SOSB entrants.

We would like to acknowledge the single band efforts and list the high score band by band in this category. Alfred Raguz, 9A5KV was the 15m high score with 3,072 pts, our category winner Bob Nash, VE3KZ had high score on 20m, John Posthumus, and VA3POS was top score on 40m with 26,680 pts. Ken

Keeler, N6RO was our 80m leader with 12,648 pts. and Brian Campbell VE3MGY took the 160m spot with 1128 pts. Pierre Jolin, VE2PIJ represented 6 meters with a 60 point count and Don Graziano, VE3VZ set a new Canada Day record for 2 meters with his 2,046 point effort. We did not have any entries on 10m this year. The complete listing also shows power levels for those who like to keep track of that element of SOSB even though it is not an official part of the contest format.

SINGLE OP – QRP

Bruce Rattray running his VE5QRP call captured the first place plaque sponsored by QRP Canada in the SO-AB-QRP category with a score of 45,318. Second place honors go to Jeff Hetherington, VA3JFF with a score of 23,088 and 3rd place goes to Bruce Robertson, VE9QRP with his 23,026 point score. John Sexton, KO1H takes 4th place with 23,000 and 5th place was taken by Paul Kirley, W8TM with 9,930 points.

MULTI-OPERATOR SINGLE-TRANSMITTER HIGH POWER

The operators of the Calgary Amateur Radio Association, VE6AO again took the Alfa Radio sponsored plaque with a score of 376,588. Don Dashney and his team at VE3RM secured second place with a score of 339,444 while Fred Archibald, VE1FA piloted the Kings Co. Amateur Radio Club, VE1LD into 3rd place with a score of 236,570, followed by the Avalon Radio Amateur Club crew at VO1CRC in 4th place with 2,508.

MULTI-OPERATOR SINGLE-TRANSMITTER LOW POWER

The VE3MIS team running the Mississauga Amateur Radio Club call captured first place with a score of 217,422 taking the Tony Allsop - VE3FTA memorial plaque; sponsored by the Mississauga ARC. Igor Slakva, VA3YDX and the team running VB3M captured second place with a score of 138,424 followed by

our 3rd place finisher Steve Kavanagh, VE3SMA and the team with 125,700 points.

MULTI-OPERATOR MULTI-TRANSMITTER

The RAC rules do not allow the RAC calls to win plaques or certificates, so the actual top 3 stations in the list will not be shown as official winners, but congratulations to the teams at XM5RAC, VE7RAC & VA2RAC for their great efforts.

David Gervais, VE6KD and the team takes top honors this year capturing the first place plaque sponsored by Radioworld with a score of 154,734. Second place goes to the Hamilton ARC team at VE3DC with their 106,190 point effort and the Orchard City Amateur Radio Club, VE7OGO takes 3rd place with 69,608.

Top Scoring Single operator - Foreign entry

Ken Widelitz, K6LA takes home the honors of being the highest placing single operator from outside Canada with a score of 252,724. This earns him the Larry Kayser, VA3LK Memorial plaque sponsored by Alan Goodacre VE3HX.

A Few Statistics

Logs submitted	334
- Canada	169
- US	102
- other countries	63
Total QSOs	56,103
e-Mail entries	279 or 84%

CANADA DAY CONTEST – 2006

The contest managers look forward to the contest and to hope to see increased participation during the 2006 running of the Canada Day Contest, which is scheduled for July 1, 2006.

The RAC website at <http://www.rac.ca/opsinfo/infocont.htm> has the current version of the RAC contesting software and CT is available at <http://k1ea.com>.

With two free programs to do the logging, we encourage you all to take advantage of this by downloading one

of the programs and learning how to use it to submit electronic entries.

An electronic submission, in a standard format, really helps to manage the work to compile the logs. We will continue to accept paper logs for small entries (less than 200 contacts).

We also ask that entrants include a summary sheet providing the required information and where possible, a breakdown of VE, RAC, and DX contacts as well as the multiplier total. This will make compiling and checking of logs a bit easier and aids to a quicker turnaround of the results.

As a reminder, when submitting e-mail entries, please make the subject line meaningful. Our preference is Call - Category - RAC Canada Day. For example: VE5CPU – SOABHP – RAC Canada Day.

To those who participated in 2005, THANKS for your participation!

Good luck in the 2006 RAC Canada Day contest.

73 ... Bart, VE5CPU
Sam, VE5SF
Bruce, VE5RC/VE5QRP

Multi Op List

CALLSIGN	OPERATORS
MOMT	
XM5RAC	VE5RI, VE5FF, VE5FN, VE5WI, VE6EZ
VE7RAC	VA7AA, VA7AW, VA7PLH, VA7RS, VE7SQ, VE7BGP, VE7BSM, VE7GDE, VE7JLO, VE7RLH
VA2RAC	VA2RC VE2AWR VA2SVP VE2SG
VE6KD	VE6KD, VE6AQ, VE6IVN, VE6AZA, VE6PTL, VE6AVP & VE6ECK
VE3DC	VE3NYX, VE3JAI, VE3RYI, VE3GCP, VE3QEE, VE3CBX
VA3RAC	VE3BBM, VE3BNO, VE3CDA, VE3XK
VE7OGO	VE7MVF, VE7BST, VA7STV, VE7KLX
VE3CTD	VA3UNK, VE3CBJ, VE3UNW, VE3YTZ
MOSTHP	

VE6AO	VE6AO
VE3RM	VE3RM, VE3WB
VO1CRC	Sorry, no ops list
VE1LD	VA1YL, VE1FA
VE3BDB	VE3BDB, VE3SUH
MOSTLP	
VE3MIS	VE3IMG, VE3VE & VE3MA VA3YDX, VE3KAO, VE3UKR, VE3SSR, VE3CCN
VB3M	
VE3SMA	VE3SMA, VE3OSZ
VE7UT	VE7WWW, VE7ALN, VE7VGO, VE7TWF, VE7NI
VA3NR	VA3NR
VE9RAC	VE9WH, VE9JW, VE9DSO, VE9MY
VE7TUG	VE7TUG, VE7HGH, VE7YAX, VE7OSO
VA3ARG	VE3UDK, VA3DYF, VA3ADF
VO1RAC	Sorry, no ops list
VE3CRU	VE3CRU, VE3BQR VA3KKZ, VA3MRH, VE3MSZ
VE3UOT	
VE9RM	Sorry, no ops list
VA7C	Sorry, no ops list

Check logs

Thanks also go to:

N1NN, RK4HD & UT4EK

SOAPBOX

Alan, VA2UK: Thanks a lot for all the work you do on our behalf. **Bill, VE7DGM:** Talking to Canadians, it was a great way to spend the holiday. **Bob, VE3BDB:** Great contest, as usual... pity more HF bands weren't open. And where was PE, NU and YT? **Thomas, K3TW:** Thanks for another fun RAC Contest. **Dave, KA6BIM:** Great contest again this year... more activity. Thanks to those operators who listened up on 40 mtrs! 10 and 15 were open but very little activity there, see ya in the Canada Winter. **Dave, W0PQ:** Great fun. **Derrick, G3LHJ:** Condx pretty poor but it was enjoyable what time I could put to the Contest and it was my first time good to hear so many VE's on - did not hear any VE8's. **Don, VE3XD:** Only had 3 hours to operate but enjoyed the Canada Day activity. **Eldon, W1END:** Not a full time effort, heard lots more DX than last year but fewer Canadians. This is always a welcome summer activity.

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PLAQUE WINNERS

Single Operator All Bands High Power

Sponsored by Radioworld
Bart Ritchie, VE5CPU

Single Operator All Bands Low Power

Sponsored by Durham Radio Sales & Service
Sam Ferris, VE5SF

Single Operator Single Band Any Authorized Power Level

Sponsored by Produits Electronique Elkel Ltee
Bob Nash, VE3KZ

Single Operator All Bands - QRP

Sponsored by QRP Canada
Bruce Rattray, VE5QRP

Multi-Operator Single Transmitter High Power

Sponsored by Alfa Radio
Calgary Amateur Radio Association, VE6AO

Multi-Operator Single Transmitter Low Power

Tony Allsop VE3FTA Memorial Sponsored by Mississauga ARC
Mississauga Amateur Radio Club, VE3MIS

Multi-Operator Multi Transmitter Any Authorized Power Level

Sponsored by Radioworld
David Gervais, VE6KD

Top Scoring Single Operator Foreign Entry

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Ken Widelitz, K6LA

RAC Canada Day Contest Records (updated with 2005 results)

Canadian Record Scores

Callsign	Category	QSOs	Mults	Score	Year
VE6JY (op VE5MX)	SOABHP	1692	106	1,115,968	2000
VE5SF	SOABLP	884	95	658,540	1999
VE3KZ	SOABQRP	468	79	309,048	2002
VA7RR	SOSB*	1531	25	233,150	1999
VE6AO	MOSTHP	1115	78	495,612	2004
VE3MIS	MOSTLP	678	47	217,422	2005
VE6JY	MOMT*	2671	119	1,898,764	1999

*The official category does not have a power class designator.

** New record in 2005

Canadian Single Band Record Scores

Callsign	Category	QSOs	Mults	Score	Year
VE3VZ **	SOSB - 144	66	3	2,046	2005
VE3FIT	SOSB - 50	43	6	2,364	1998
VE1CZ	SOSB - 28	183	9	7,128	1997
VE6JY(opVE5MX)	SOSB - 21	957	20	72,800	2001
VA7RR	SOSB - 14	1531	25	233,150	1999
VE6JO	SOSB - 7	353	20	61,320	1996
VE3BY	SOSB - 3.5	447	15	64,800	1997
VE3DO	SOSB - 1.8	82	18	11,412	1996

** New record in 2005