

On May 30, 2020 the MVARA reinvented the Lou Malice Memorial contest as The Mahoning Valley Two Meter Contest. Coronavirus concerns caused us to reschedule the the contest from March to May and to eliminate rover stations but even the worst pandemic since the 1918 Spanish Flu, couldn't stop us from getting on the air and having fun.

There were 17 unique call signs in the logs and 7 different club members participated. 12 different grids were activated and 7 logs were received. The High power category was won by the K8GQB, the Lisbon Area Amateur Radio Association club call, with KD8XB Scott Dunn as the operator. There were no QRP power entries.

Everyone enjoyed the relaxed pace with plenty of time to chat. Next year should be even better with rover stations being able to activate more grids.

Here are the results:

High Power Stations

Rank	Call	Power	Qso's	Grids	Score
1	K8GQB	High	13	9	117
2	AC8GU	High	9	7	63
2	KD8QNY	High	9	7	63
3	KD8NZF	High	5	5	25
3	K8WAM	High	5	5	25
4	KD8ODF	High	6	4	24

There were no QRP power entries

Check Logs

Call	Power	Qso's	Grids	Score
KB8GAE	High	7	6	42

This years contest was dedicated to the memory of pioneer Valley ham Lou Malice WA8PKN whose dedication to amateur radio touched the lives of all of us. Even if you never had the pleasure of knowing Lou you are still part of his legacy. Chances are good that the hams who inspired and encouraged you to become part of amateur radio were, themselves, inspired, encouraged, and trained by Lou.

Hope to hear you all in next years contest.