



The ARRL EME Contest




**Please Don't Throw
Tomatoes!**

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
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VHF and EME Contest and Activities 2016

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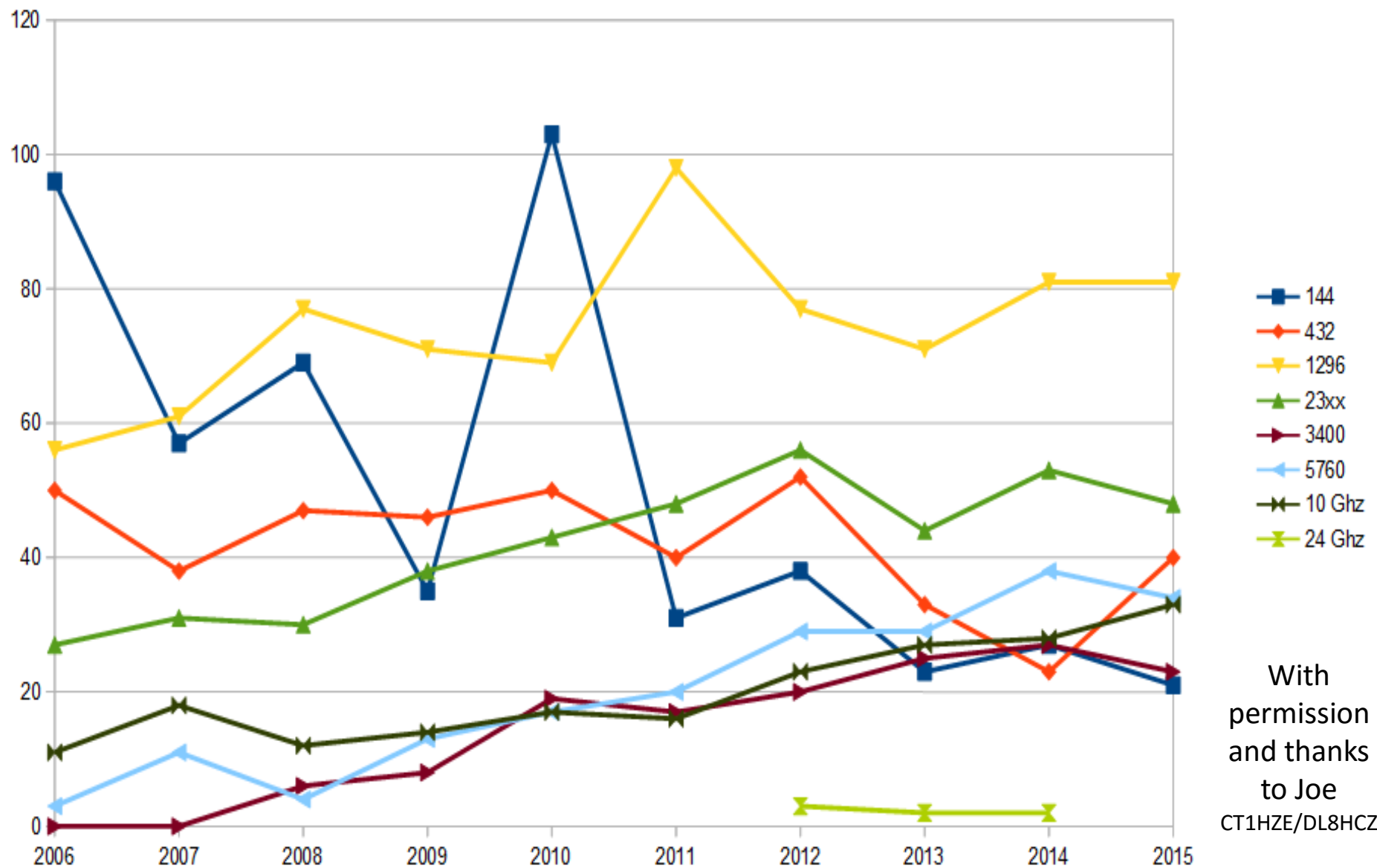
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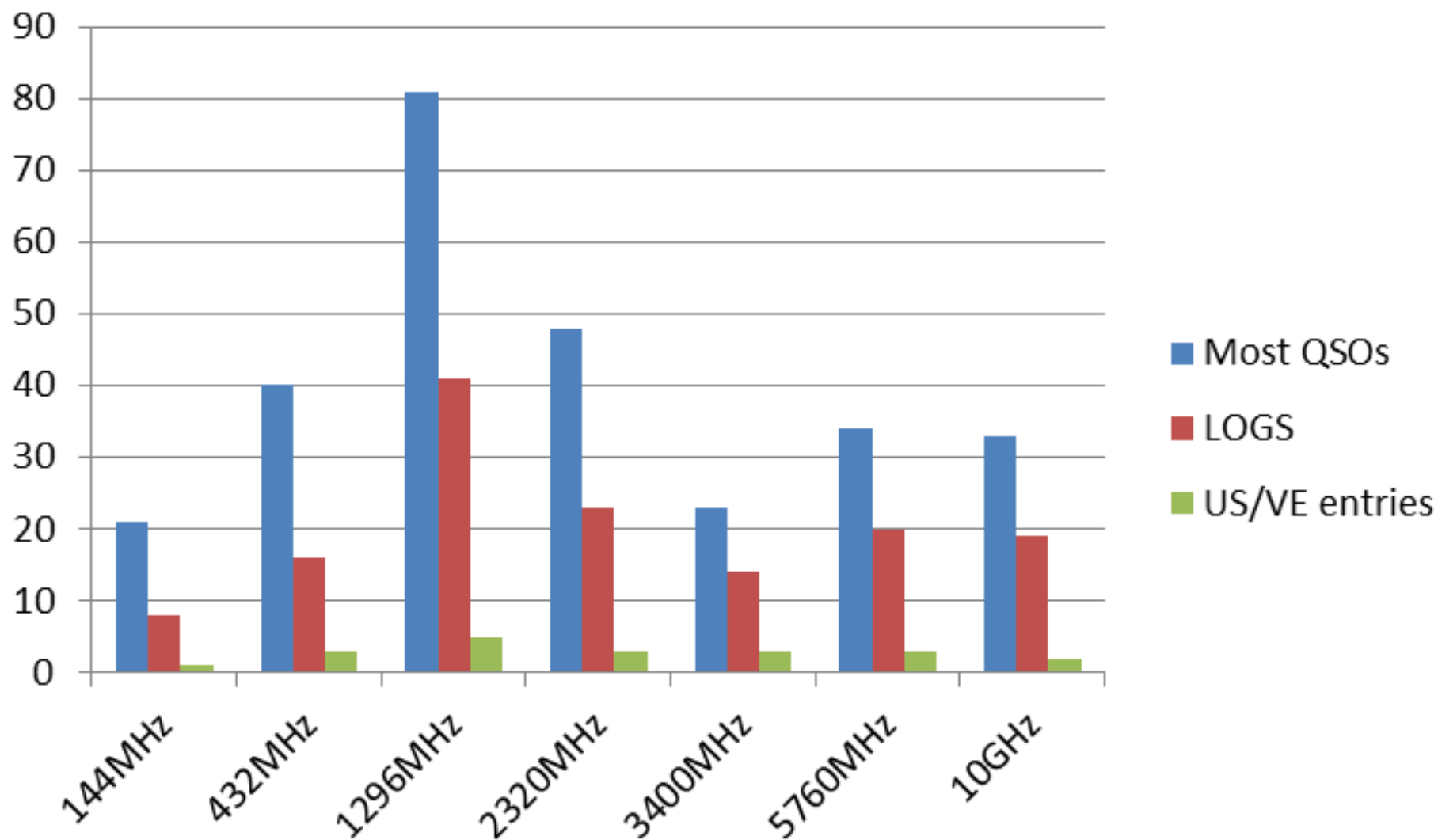
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DUBUS Log Submissions by Band



With
permission
and thanks
to Joe
CT1HZE/DL8HCZ

DUBUS 2015 CW EME Contest



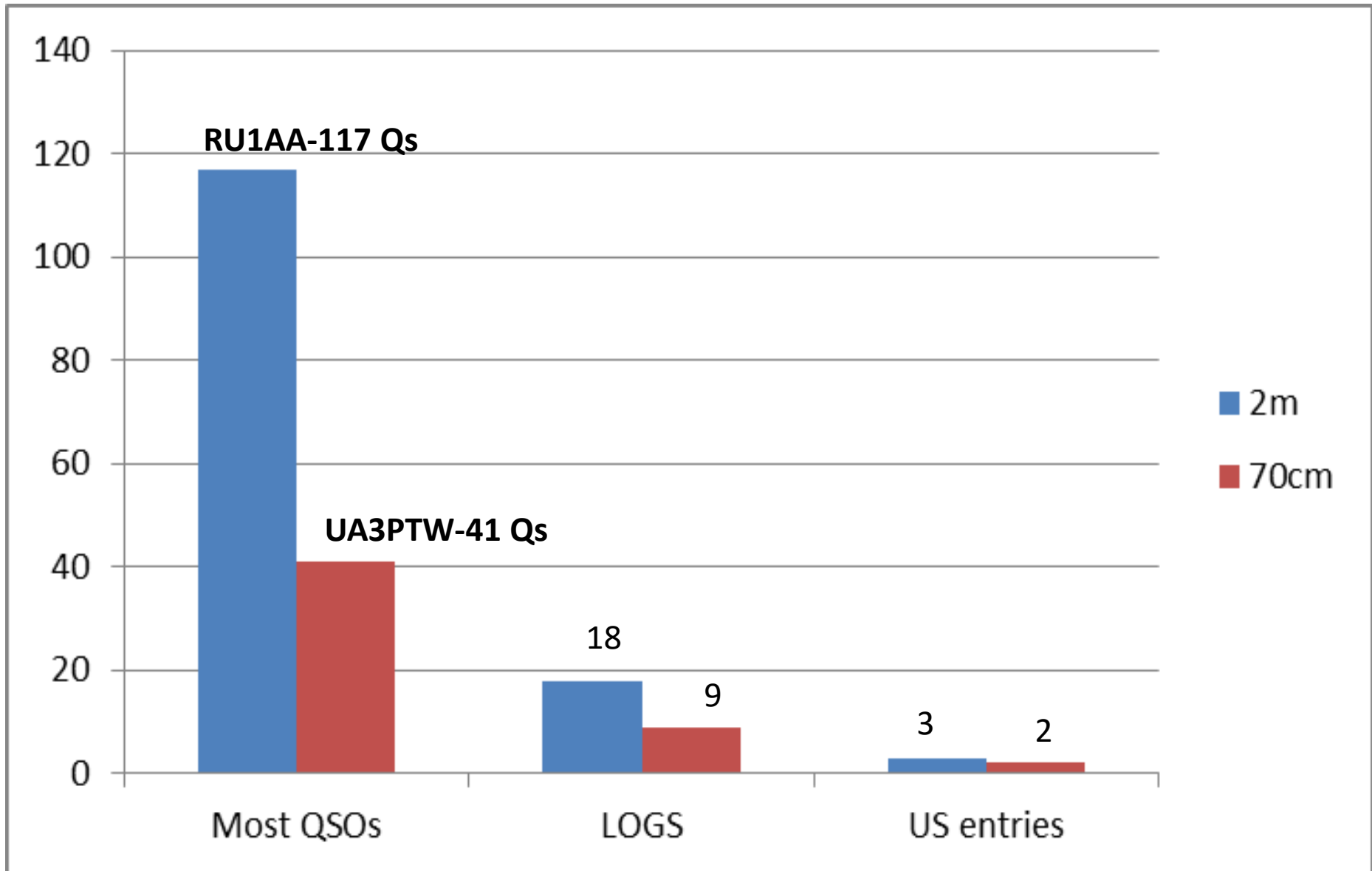
Comments on the DUBUS 2015 European CW Contest

“Activity was poor on 2m but better on 70cm compared to 2014. 23cm is still **THE** band, but 10GHz becomes very popular now too. At least 34 stations were active in the contest, that seems to be an all time high. Activity and entries on 13, 9 and 6cm were about the same as last year, maybe slightly less. ”

73 Joe, DL8HCZ/CT1HZE



DUBUS 2015 Digital EME Championship



DUBUS 2m Digital EME 2015

“Thanks to all who sent an entry. Entries are down 50% vs 2015. This is a clear vote. There are just a few EME Ops left who like to invest some time into a contest, most operators nowadays just hunt for new DXCCs and initials which is totally ok. The effort to promote and evaluate such a contest and send out awards is simply too big for this low level of participation. So, this was the last 2m Digital EME Championship. Maybe we will be back with another contest concept in the future.”

73 de Joe CT1HZE/DL8HCZ (18 logs)

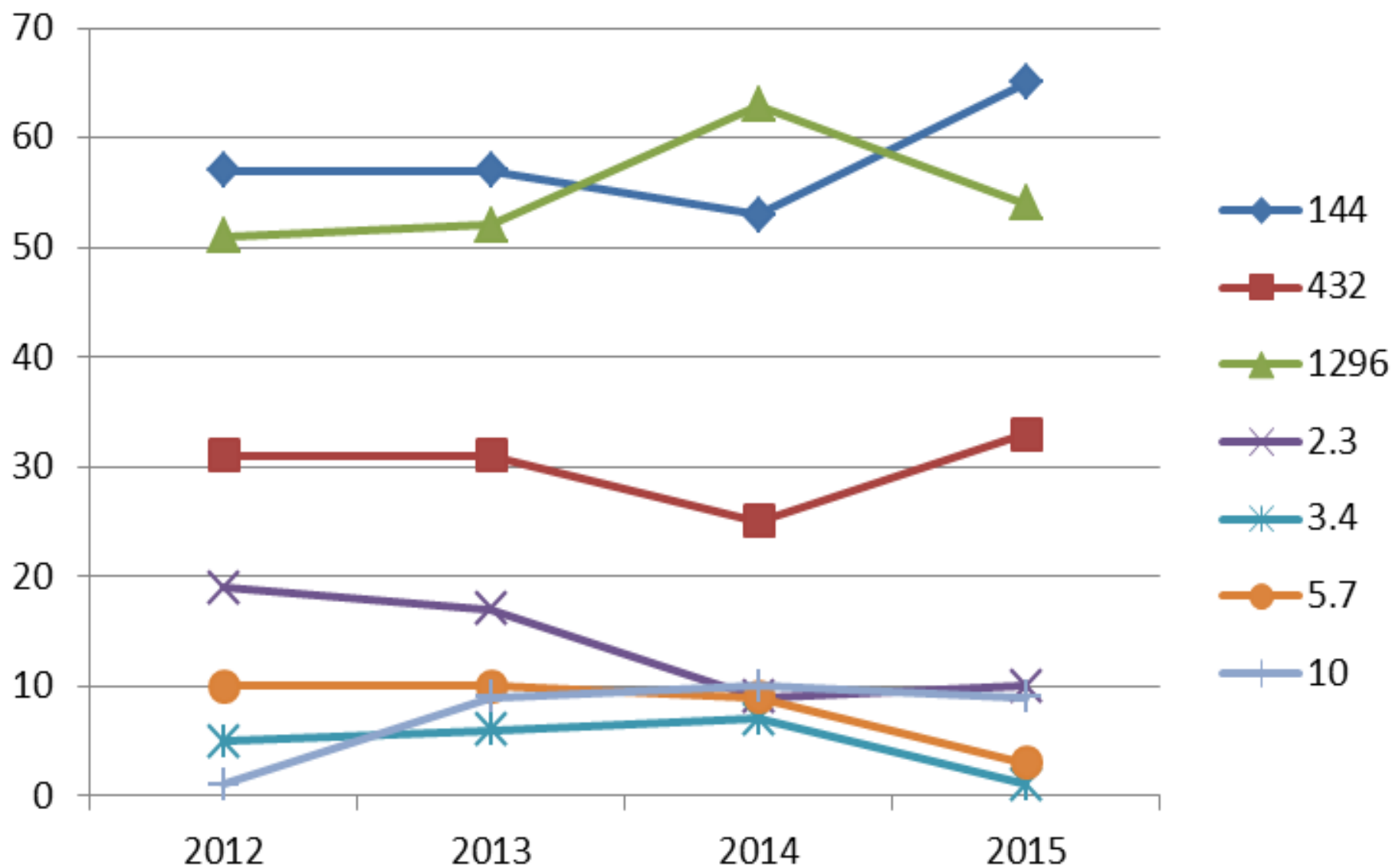
DUBUS 70cm Digital EME 2015

“Thanks to all who sent an entry. Over 40 stations were active on the band, but just 9 sending an entry. This is the reason why this is the last 70cm Digital EME Championship. We think there are enough other EME contests (ARRL, ARI) which cover 70cm digital.”

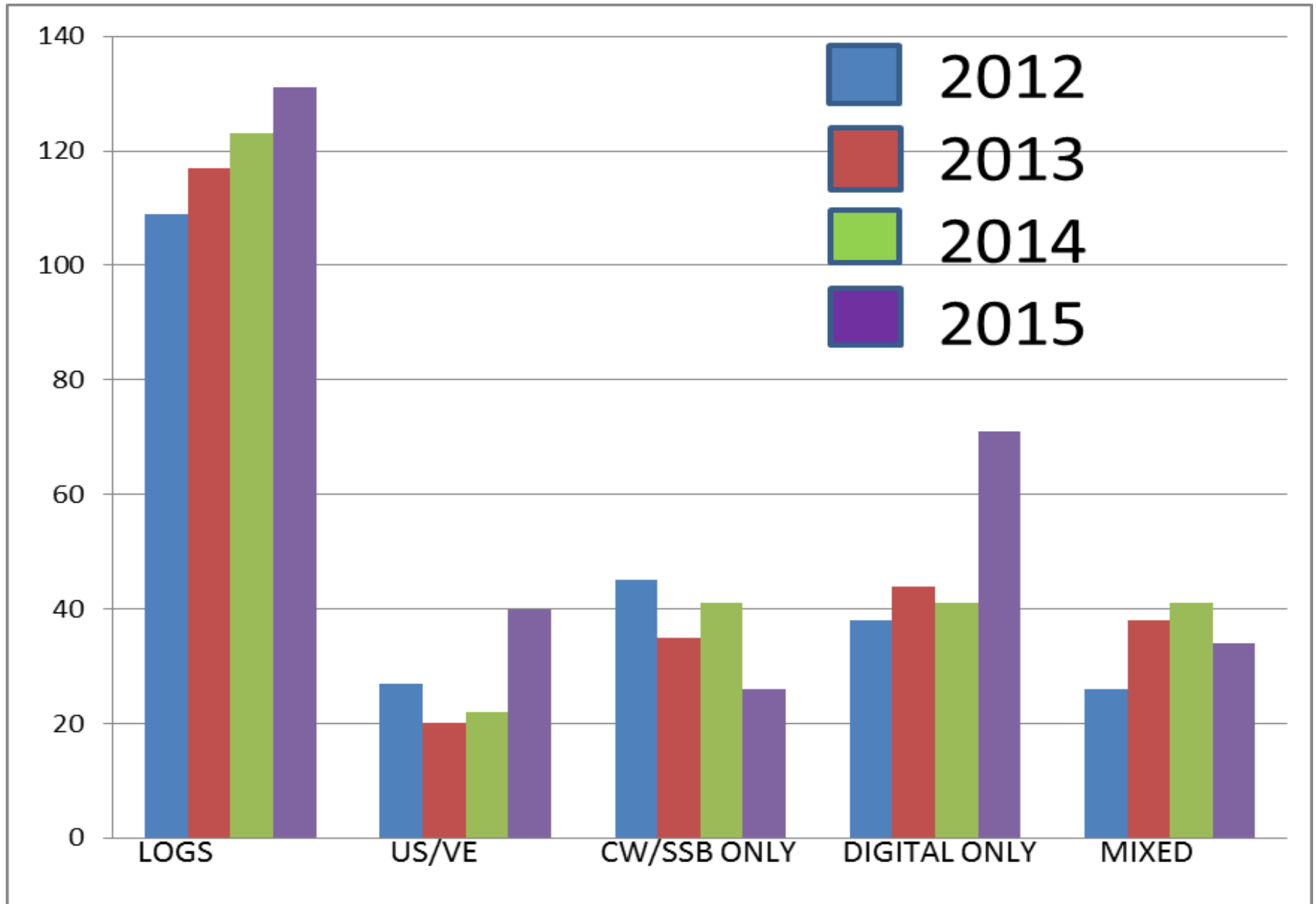
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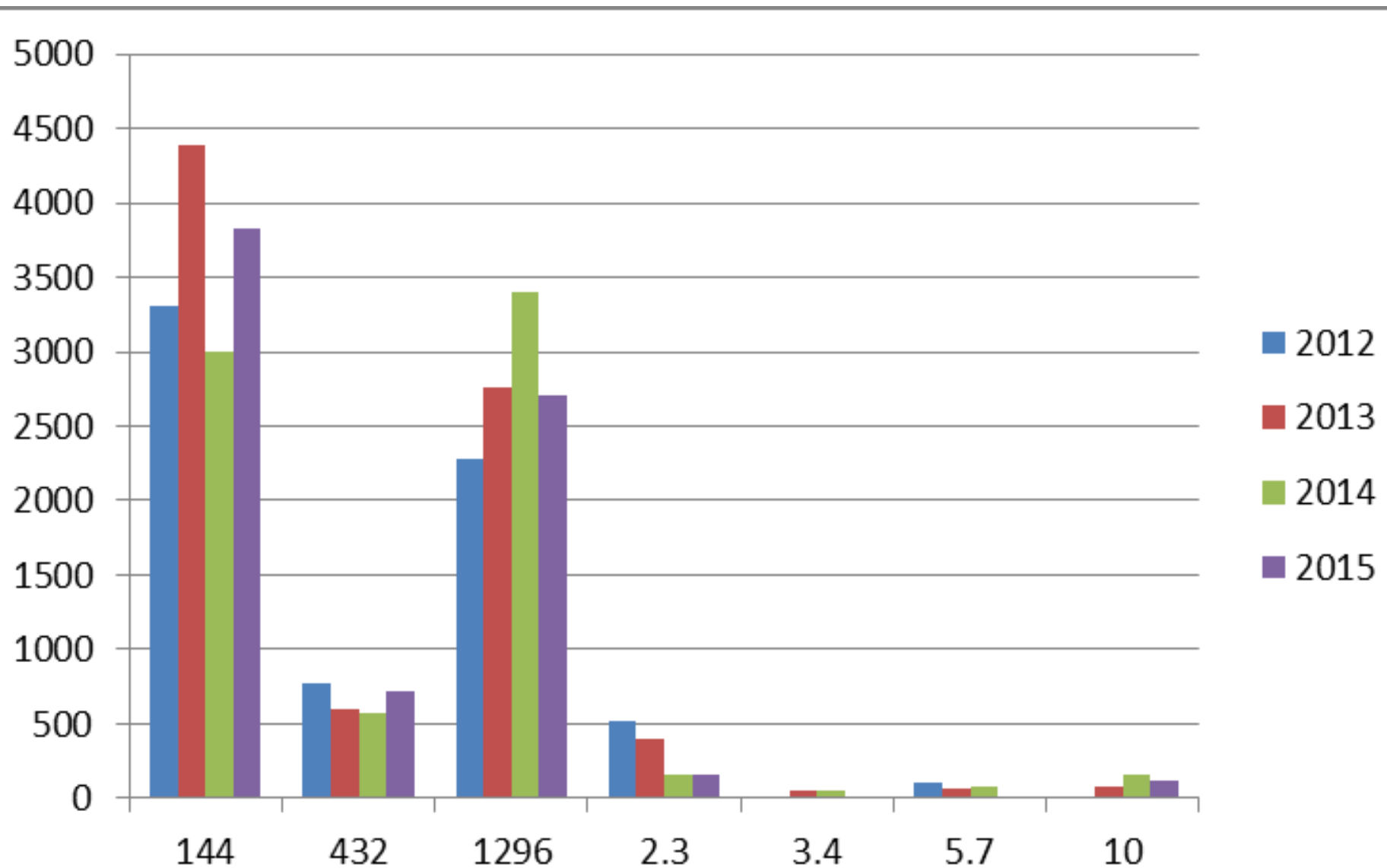
ARRL EME Log Submissions by Band



ARRL EME Contest Logs

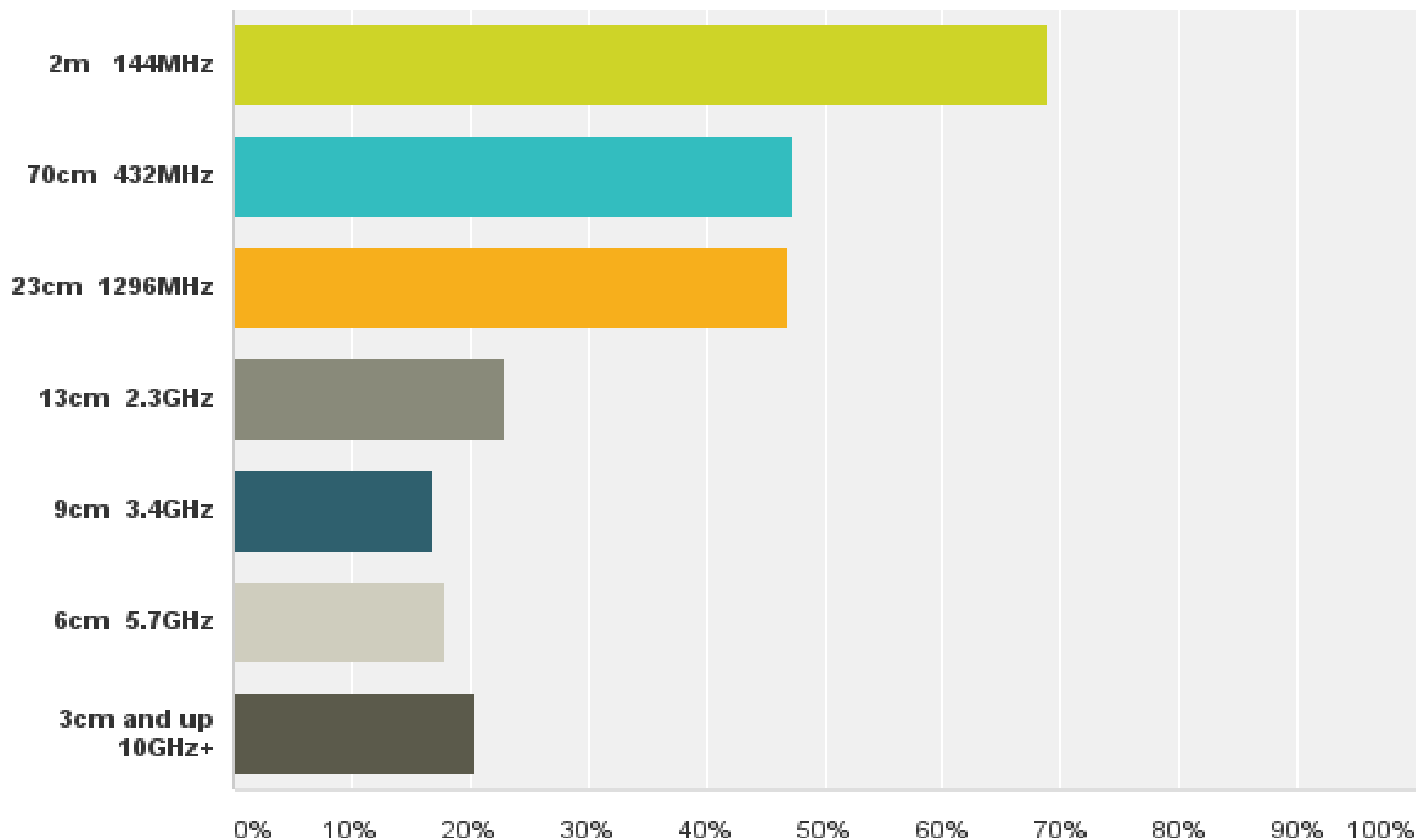


ARRL EME QSOs by Band



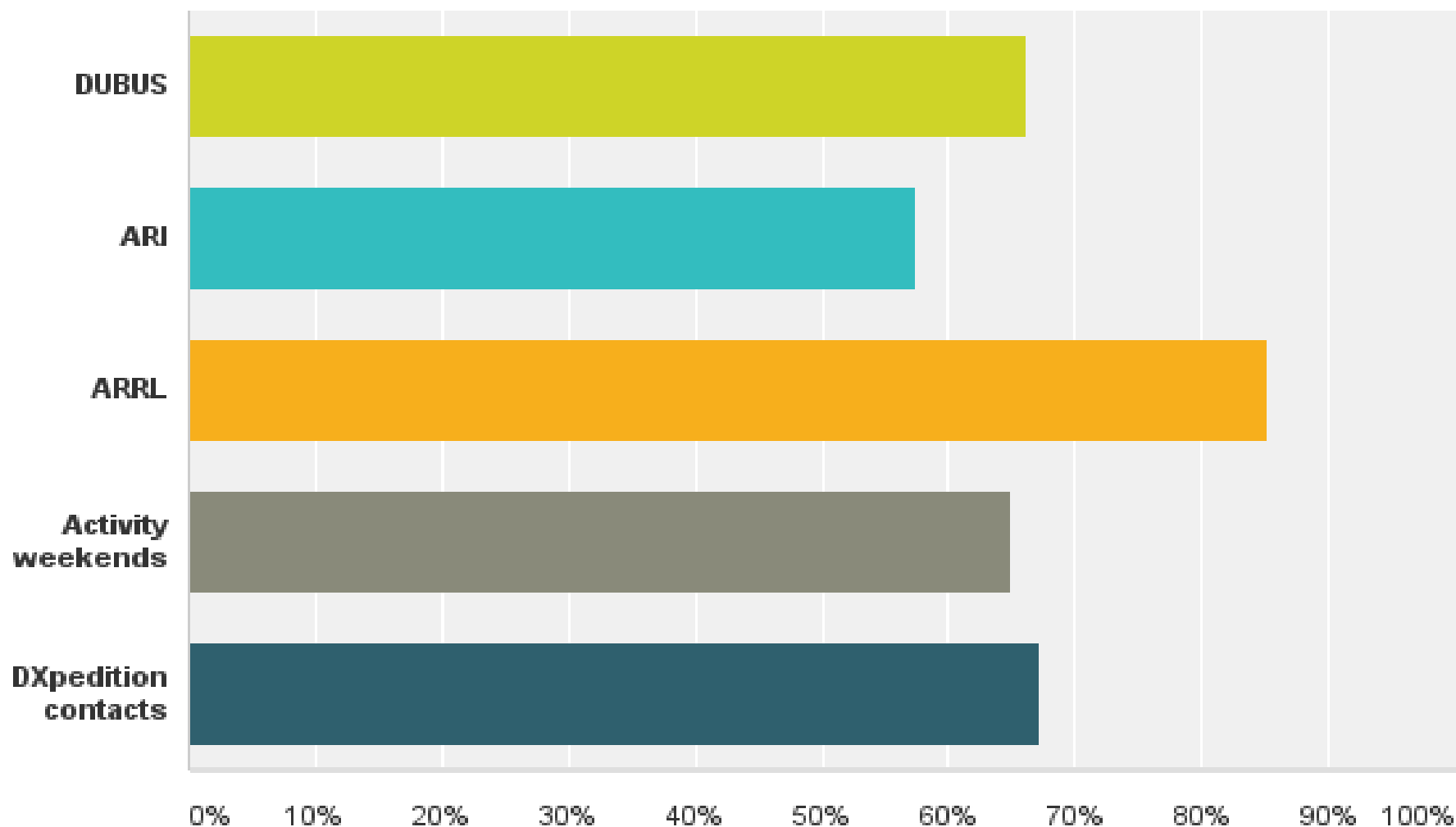
Q1 I have active capability on EME on the following bands

Answered: 196 Skipped: 3



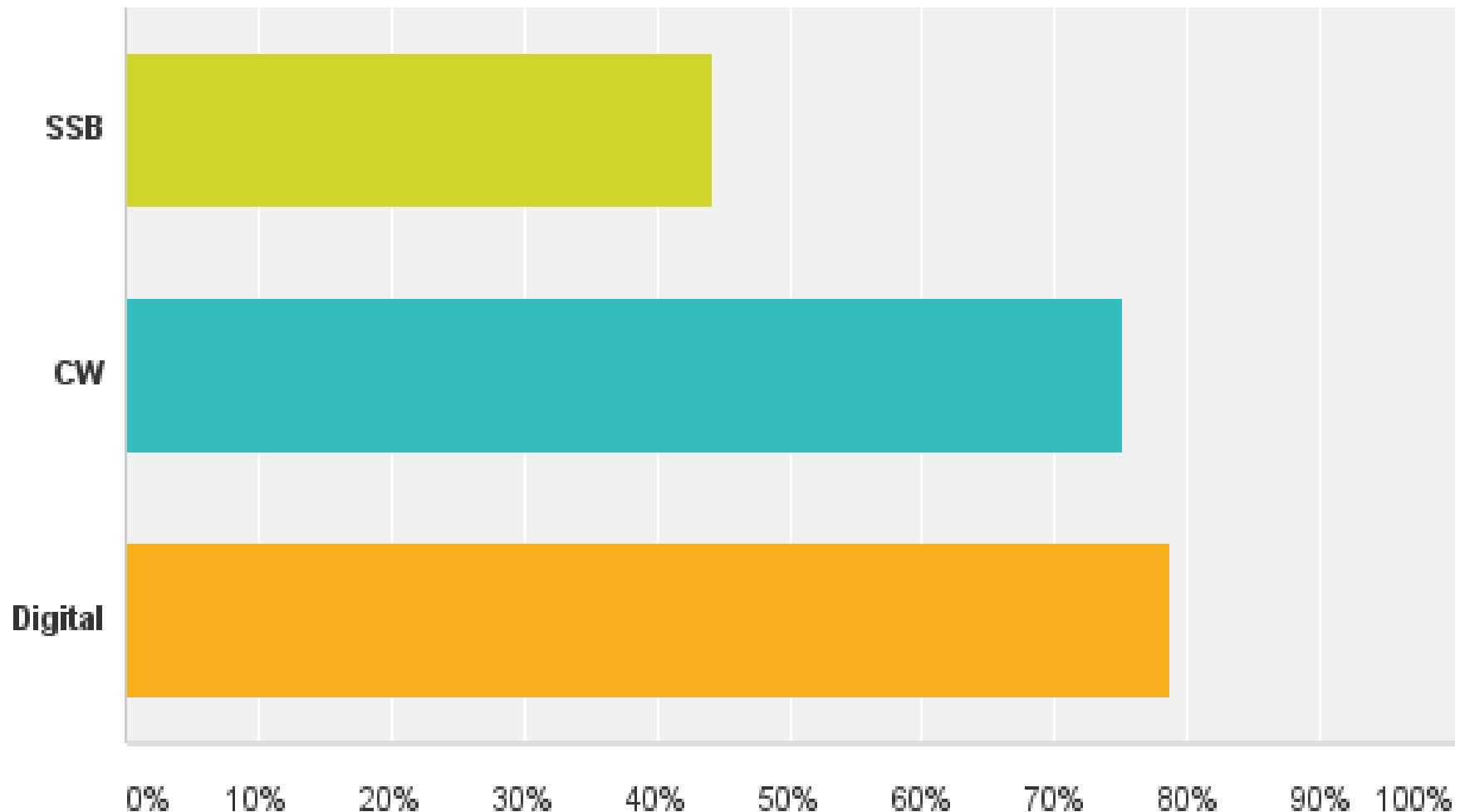
Q2 I have participated in the following EME contests and activities:

Answered: 183 Skipped: 16



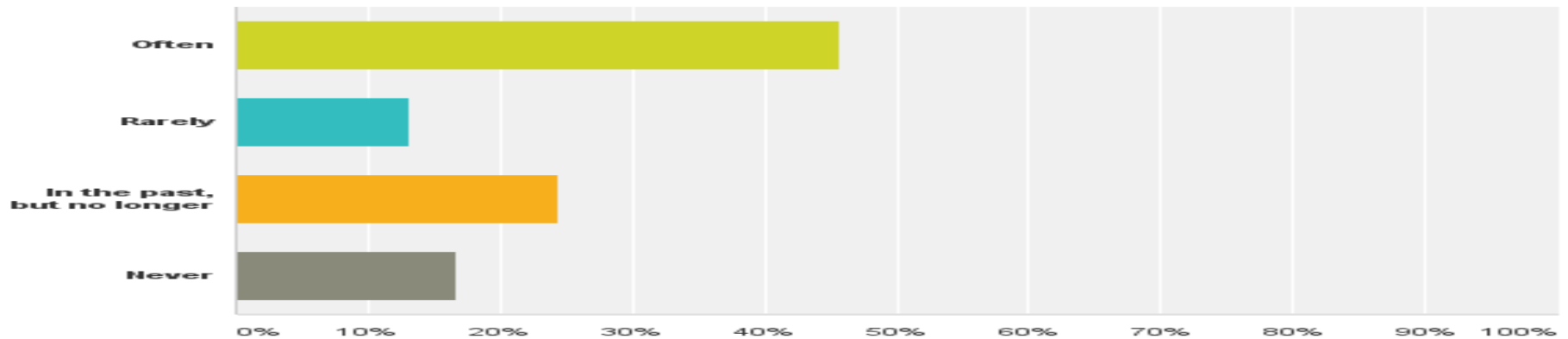
Q3 I have operated the following modes:

Answered: 197 Skipped: 2



Q4 Have you participated in the ARRL EME Contest?

Answered: 197 Skipped: 2

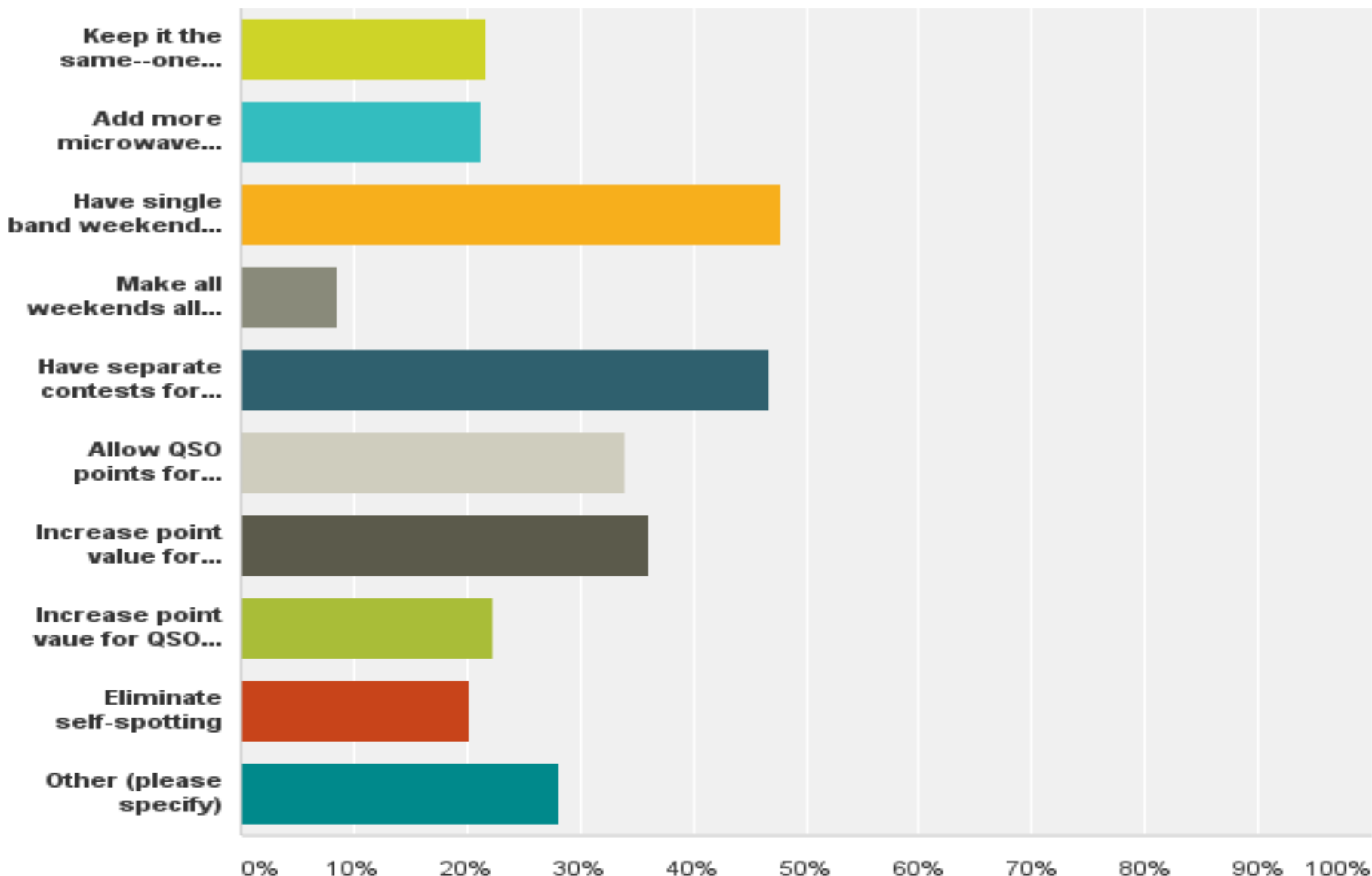


Q5: If you have never or are no longer participating in the ARRL EME contest, please indicate the reason(s):

Answer Choices	Responses	
No current active EME capabilities	4.8%	5
I do not want to send in a paper log, only prefer electronic submission	13.5	14
I am not interested in EME contests	12.5	13
I am concerned about the rules changes allowing digital QSOs	23	24
I am concerned about the rules change allowing self-spotting	23	24
The dates are problematic	9.6	10
Other (please specify)	55	57
Total Respondents:	104	

Q6 My suggestions for the ARRL EME contest (answer as many as needed):

Answered: 188 Skipped: 11

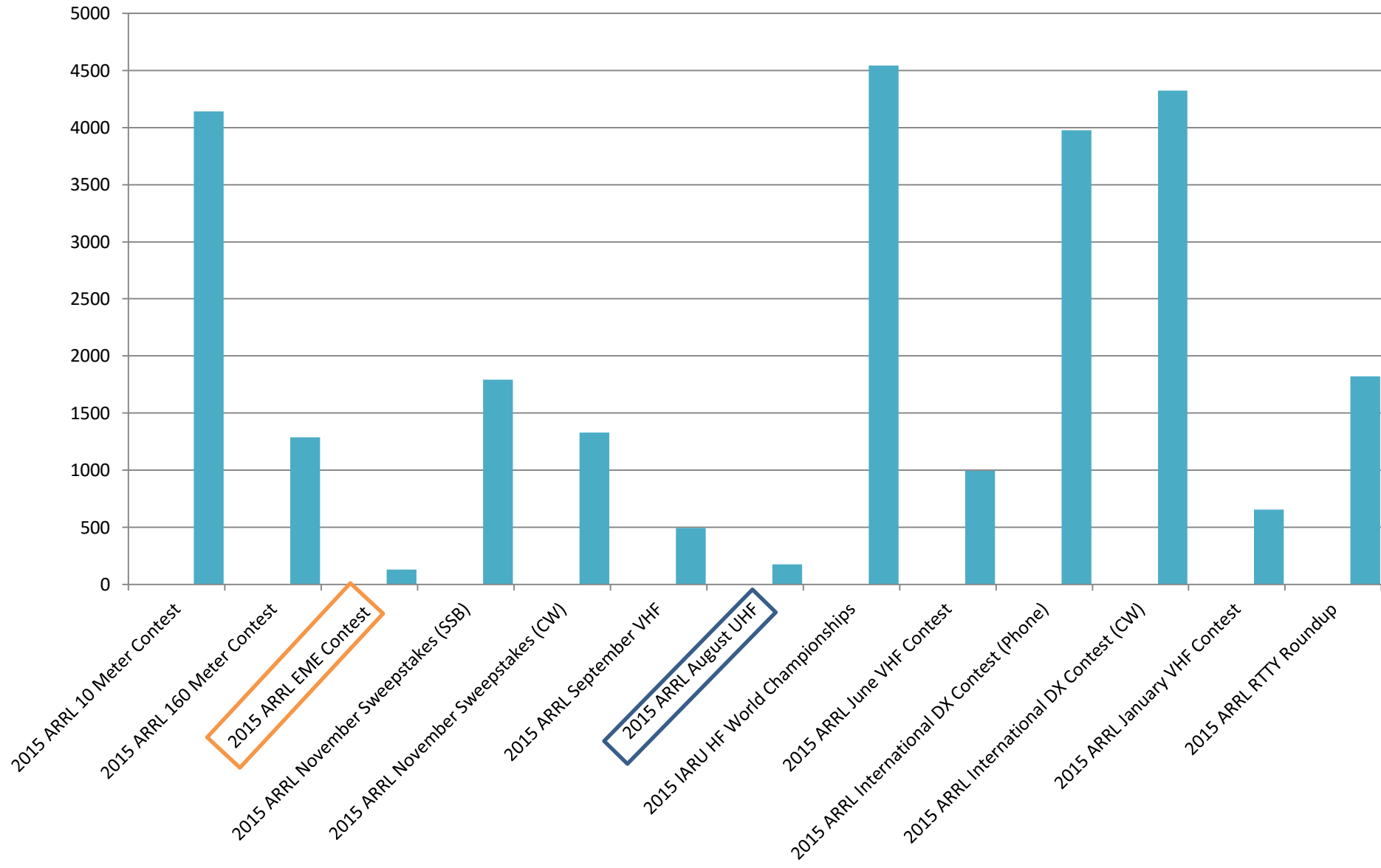


Is Change Needed?

- DUBUS and ARRL EME contest participation is strong and growing.
- Other ARRL VHF contests award higher band QSO points
- QSO information exchange and scoring is problematic
- Mode use has shifted
- More new participants with very modest stations
- Number of logs submitted validates contest support
- Technology has advanced capabilities
- A minority of $\geq 2\text{GHz}$ capable stations participate



2015 ARRL Contest Logs Received



Is Change Possible?

- Participation is measured by log submission
- Contest changes have been responsive to activity trends and technology developments
- Some contests have been eliminated from ARRL sponsorship due to low participation
- ARRL has Ad-Hoc VHF contest committees, Radiosport Manager, Board of Directors
- Independent EME activity sponsors possible



Can We Adapt?

- We are ambassadors for a unique form of radio communication
- We are highly technical and capable
- We are energetic and constantly push the envelope
- We are a diverse group of EME ops representing many diverse interests
- We need to be inclusive
- All voices need to be heard and considered
- EME contesting and activity brings us together

