

While host Bob Preston (W7TSQ) looked on, Will Roberts (AA4NC) of Raleigh, NC, seated, and Jim Sullivan (W7EJ) of Portland, OR, began checking equipment early in the morning of July 20 in preparation for the Goodwill Games ham operators competition later in the day. (Photo by Harry Reinert)

Local resident "hams" it up for Goodwill competition

The sign above the desk in the small paneled upstairs room in Bob Preston's Edmonds home identified this as an official station for "The World Radiosport Team Competition 1990."

As two of the 45 ham operators from around the world entering the competition from 22 sites in the greater

Seattle area, Will Roberts (AA4NC) of Raleigh, NC, and Jim Sullivan (W7EJ) of Portland, OR, began checking the equipment early in the morning of July 20 in preparation for the day's competition.

The presence in the Seattle area at the same time of amateur radio operators from all parts of the globe created

a unique opportunity to stage a competition in which no competitors had a built in advantage, for all of them used identical equipment furnished by ICOM America of Bellevue, they were all located within the same geographical area, and they all operated between 2 p.m. and midnight

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Although the competition among ham operators that day may not have required the quick burst of physical energy needed for other Goodwill Games events taking place in Seattle and eastern Washington, the teams needed agility and stamina to handle the ten hours of uninterrupted competition.

Preston (W7TSQ) reported that his team completed just under 1100 contacts to 50 countries during that ten hour period. On the other hand, the winning team made more than 1300 contacts in 70 countries.

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had received widespread publicity for at least six months in advance, Preston says, so operators around the world "were ready."

Another test of the stamina of the competitors came the next morning, when—after the marathon competitive session—they boarded buses at 8 a.m. to travel to Portland for the Northwest DX Convention.

Following the Portland convention, the whole group returned to Seattle for a ban-

quet on Blake Island, sightseeing and an opportunity to see some of the other games—the ones in Husky Stadium.

Roberts and Sullivan broadcasting from Edmonds were one of only four United States teams entered in the competition. The Soviet Union also fielded four teams, Japan two teams, and single teams came from Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, England, West Germany, Finland, France, Hungary, Italy, Spain and Yugoslavia.

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