

2018 Lassen County CA CQP Expedition

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## NEW MS LP RECORD

Operators: Jevon, KE6YLH, and Larry, KF6NCX

QTH: An Airbnb home in Westwood, near Lassen Peak. We set up antennas in the back yard and operated from the kitchen table.

Antennas: 1) Buddipole tuned for 40 meters and 2) home-brew wire vertical supported by 25-foot Army surplus portable mast.

Radio: FT-450D with a Z100Plus autotuner and N1MM+ on the laptop. Ran 100 watts.

This was a father-son operation. The biggest obstacles we faced were 1) finding a suitable place to stay that was in Lassen County and within reasonable driving distance from Larry's QTH in Chico and 2) tuning up the Buddipole in the rain and dark Friday night.

This was the first time either of us had tried to operate the full length of a contest and we weren't sure we could manage it. But we did the full 30 hours, each taking a four-hour break to sleep. As for the results: we did better than we expected, making 337 contacts (324 CW and 13 SSB). And we had a lot of fun.



