

Stanislaus W6SFI

Callsign: W6SFI

County: Stanislaus

Number of stations: 1

List of operators: me, myself, and I

Antenna: Outbacker 500 on a camera tripod

Saturday location: CM97qp northwest shore of Turlock Lake

Sunday location: CM97nu west shore of Woodward Reservoir

The Saturday location was not very good, and I couldn't effectively shield the rig from the gasoline generator, so contacts were slow. Set up and tear down were difficult because of poor inventory planning the night before. Still, 30 contacts in about 4 hours.

Despite Sunday being extremely windy, it was by far the better operating day. Wind and local trees kept things cool, picnic tables and flat terrain greatly reduced setup and tear down time and generator noise, and local bushes kept the antenna standing. 55 contacts in about 5.5 hours, most during one hour of running on 15 meters.

For my first solo portable operation, I think it was quite successful, and I'd like to do more portable operations in the future. Possibly even with other people! :-)

