

CQP 2018 Soapbox Comments

AA2VG

Not many contacts but had fun.

AA5DX

Once again had a great time working the CQP. Look forward to next year!!!

AA6MU

My second CQP, also up in Sierras, but this time cabin instead of tent.OK, first - let's put excuses aside :) there is always something, right? In my case it was power in the cabin that was not able to keep up with my gear and heater and I sincerely apologies to everybody who had to deal with me dropping out of the air mid dit or dot. At the end urge to have 100W won and I put all my clothes on.A lot of wires and rope this year, and I mean a LOT :) Spend Thursday and Friday putting up 6 different wire antennas to cover all bands, some bands had two separate antennas for SSB and CW. 40, 20 and 15m were 3 elements ones on the pines around the cabin. And thanks creator for those tallll trees!Strategy to put emphasis on good antennas seemed to work well, almost everyone was getting my exchange from the first time despite quite steep hill right at 70 degrees from me.Automated antenna switch didn?t materialized this year, so switching cables was a chore each time :)Magical opening on 10m Sunday, like back to 80's?See you next year.AA6MU

AA6SF

I do not know what "there are no QSO lines detected", so I copy pasted the N3FJP Cabrillo file

AA8TA

There was a great opening to CQ on 10 meters Sunday afternoon. Made the most 10 meter contacts in about 2 years. 15 meters was decent around then as well. After a while, things seemed to cool off a lot so it was fun while it lasted. Nice to have an active QSO party with a lot of operators around. Makes things fun. Thanks for the Qs.

AB2TC

Conditions better than they have been in recent months. cqp is always enjoyable.ab2tc - Knut

AC0RL

It was a fun and very active QSO party

AC8WC

Thanks for the fun

AC9QM

Wish I could have made more contacts it was fun 73 Rik

AD0BI

How refreshing for 15 meters to open up Sunday afternoon :)Almost everyone could hear my 5W on 15, but only a few on 20. How refreshing for 15 meters to open up Sunday afternoon :) Almost everyone could hear my 5W on 15, but only a few on 20.

AD5NL

Was fun thanks. 2 (SSB) x 11 (QSOs) x 11 (uniq mult) = 242 pts.

AD6RF

Got my t-shirt! And K5TR got his last county.

AD8B

Sure was good to hear 15 meters come alive for CQP this time.

AE6XC

started out slow on sat. sunday was much better

AE6Y

I found it difficult going in LP. How does JTI do it QRP? I found this hard going in LP. How does JTI do it QRP??

AF6ND

instead of PDT or visa versa. I stopped when my UTC time app indicated 2200 UTC. Subtracted 1 hour from each time stamp to correct the times. This my personal best (unassisted) and it is still under 100 QSOs so I think I qualify for this category.

AF8A

Great fun...it was good to see decent activity on 15 meters.

AI4DB

Had a good time as usual. I sure was happy to see 15 open up on Sunday.

AI6IN

Didn't hear much on 15 Saturday, but opened up Sunday. Always worth a try to see what's on; you might be surprised. Had a lot of fun, and looking forward to next year! Thanks!

AI6V

Operators: AI6V, KF6UQW, KM6VTU

AI9K

wow...10M???...then it rolled up like a scroll...

AK7G/6

Fun contest. Thank you!

DL4JLM

No good conditions. Looking for sun activity in the next years.

EI5DI

SD WinKey K3

I4VEQ

Poor conditions to Europe this year. Few signals and very difficult to work. So no cq but only S&P. 73 de Claudio I4VEQ

K0AD

With dreary WX outside, I ended up putting in more hours that I thought (about 8). One goal was to work a CA county sweep which I have never done before. Completed the sweep when I finally worked GLEN about 5 minutes before kickoff of the Vikings football game on Sunday, Nice to see 15 M open on Sunday.

K0EA

nice contest,had fun,but wish we had btr band condxno sig hr 15 or 10 mtrs

K0EJ

Some dear friends from back in my submariner days recently moved from the hustle/bustle of Livermore to Groveland and invited my wife and I to visit their new digs. I asked if I could bring along a few items to play in the CQP and they said "well, sure!!". I figured I would celebrate 50 years as a ham and the TCG 25th anniversary and embrace the TCG Prime Directive and activate TUOL. Setup was simple using an 80M OCF inverted vee about 30' up and a Yaesu FT897D/LDG tuner. I also recently purchased a

30' SOTAPole and fashioned a 40M GP. Didn't seem to make a difference on 40M but helped on 10/15M. QTH was in a bit of a ravine and antenna ended up oriented E/W so I know I wasn't very loud. Never could get anything going on SSB but keep the BIC and CW usually gets through!! Post-contest RBN didn't show many spots so thanks to all who found me!! 20M was a slow steady slog on Saturday but 80/40 played OK. LDG tuner even got the OCF to work on 160 - mostly locals but the super ears of NO3M found me as well! A few sigs on 15M but nothing on 10M. Sunday was different with some good signals on 15 and a smattering on 10M. Played Saturday straight til 11PM minus some time off for meals. Got up around 5AM for 3 hours then joined the family for church and brunch. Finished up the last few hours - happy to hear the 15M signals. During the days prior, we did go to Murphys, CA and checked out the Twisted Oak tasting room...bought a few bottles in case I didn't earn a bottle on my own (based on scores, probably a wise decision!). Had a great time - plenty of TCG in the log along with plenty of CCO vying for the club trophies. Missed ND, SC, MS, MAR, and BC - Thanks to NCCC for sponsoring the event. Though we lived in Monterey back in 84-86, never played the CQP from in-state before -but got an invite to return to TUOL next year. 73, Mark K0EJ

K0EU

Was hoping to get Madera county, but never heard N6TCE. Maybe there were other stations on from that county but never heard any. Only a few stations could hear my 100 watts on 15 meter backscatter. N6O (N6RO) was the only station worked on top band. Spent maybe 5 hours total and had a lot of fun. Many good ops and high activity. 73 Randy K0EU.

K0HC

$(93*3 + 431*2) = 1141 * 58 = 66,178$ in 13:34 Sweep DELN W7YAQ at 0258Z Student ops: Payne, Gavin, Jessica, Ellie, Grace, Tom, Justus, Wyatt.

K0JV

Didn't spend as much time as I would have liked but made a few happy with SD :-) Fund contest. CU next year

K000

LOTS OF FUN.GREAT 10 AND 15 METER OPENING.LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT ONE.THANKS 73PAT K000

K0TC

Enjoyed the contest. Nice to see 15M and 10M open up for a bit.

K0WRY

Tnx for sponsoring contest. Great fun !73K0wry

K1AUS

Thanks for the contest.

K1DJ

Had only a few hours due to other obligations, but enjoyed working familiar places in my native state!

K1JB

Always a great contest! Thanks to all the CA stations -- competitors and casual operators alike -- that make it fun to operate. One of these days I'm going to get a clean sweep. Maybe when we get some sunspots! Joe, K1JB (Maine)

K1SO

Did not have much time, but enjoyed playing in the Contest

K2KR

Nice contest, a little rough conditions on 40 and 80.

K3TN

Wasn't home until late Saturday night, just a few times S&P to give the CA QSOs the rare MD mult.

K3TW

"It's always nice to hear so many strong California stations on the air." "It's always nice to hear so many strong California stations on the air."

K4RO

Best QSO was W3FF bicycle mobile with a great signal.

K4VBM

Sunday the bands opened up. Learning CW sure helps your score. This was my best score ever! Thanks for the great fun!

K4WI

not much time for this one but fun otherwise! nothing heard on 10! 73's Cort

K5CKS

58 more that I could not get into a Cabrillo format.

K5KJ

Good contest. It was slow at times, but fast at other times. Glad to see 15m open Sunday afternoon. Missed only two counties, neither of which did I ever hear. Decided to change to assisted after a very, very slow Sunday morning. 73, Sam - K5KJ

K5LGX

Good event with high participation.

K5TR

Another fine CQP. I was trying to get a multiop together for this one but ended up single op. This is a great contest to get in practice for the fall contests and is also really good for working on your SO2R skills. I got some new to me amps so it was also a great chance to give them a good workout. Everything worked! The bands were a bit tough and at the start the only band other than 20 meters was 40 so I worked a few stations on 40 in the first hour. But once I had worked those it was slim pickings. 15 meters opened up well later on Saturday but almost everyone had written it off or forgotten their radios had 15 meters - so even though the opening was good there were just not many folks to work. I moved people there as best I could but the casual guys were not on the band. Sunday was a bit better for the more casual ops on 15m. It was a good thing that 15 opened some on Sunday because after working over 400 stations on 20 SSB I was planning for a very long slow Sunday. Usually the sweep takes me a long time but this year was my fastest ever finishing it up at 20:57z Saturday. My last 8 counties were: 1751 Mend 1800 Fres 1801 Inyo 1805 Humb 1857 Stan 1908 Glen 1935 Lass 2057 Marp

K6AO

Must have been a great contest as we blew up 2 amplifiers! The antennas work flawless, but the lightning static at times was a bit rough. New 160 inverted "L" worked out well. Thanks Doug, WE6Z for your help getting it installed. 73, Steve, Doug & Mike.

K6BA

Wanted to give QRP a shot. Used a wire antenna at about 25'. I was surprised at how many stations across the country heard me! It was hard to work many close by stations though! Overall it was a fun party!!!

K6CQP

Murphy's law as usually happens: baluns on the new X-beam, rated for well over 2kW from the antenna manufacturer fried during a nice pile-up on 20 meter while using a SPE 2K-FA linear. Had to stop and reconfigure the whole station set up and run the rest of the contest without a beam on the higher bands (back to my slanted Delta). Thanks To NCCC for letting us use the K6CQP call and to all the stations that answered our CQs.

K6CSL

FUN FUN FUN! About 10 Q's short of last year's CQP. The most enjoyable event of the year. 73's to all, Bert, K6CSL

K6DGW

K3 and WOOF Antenna [Wire On Organic Fence] QTH Sparks NV

K6FA

HAD TO GO TO A LOCAL PARK SINCE I LIVE IN AN APARTMENT AND NOISE LEVEL VERY HIGH AND NO OUTSIDE ANTENNA ALLOWED. WITH SET UP AND TAKE DOWN AND STAYING THE NIGHT AS CAMPING REQUIRES A FEE I DID NOT GET TO OPERATE AS LONG AS I WANTED. RIG WAS A K2 AT 5 WATTS AND A VERTICAL ANTENNA WITH A 4X50 FOOT PIECE OF CHICKEN WIRE FOR THE GROUND PLANE.

K6III

First 6 QSOs were from SIER county, the remainder were from NEVA county.

K6JS

Great participation for CQP! It was nice to see 10M open on Sunday afternoon. New tower and DB18 at 50'. Used BigIR vertical for 80M

K6KQV

Nice contest. Could not participate as much as I would have liked, but it was fun just the same. Tnx to all who participated.

K6LRN

Thanks to CQP administration, helpers and all for putting on event. Thanks to participants for Qs & support.

K6M

Conditions were strange on 40m - it went long early. We made more on 80. hard time coming home, but that's another story. Weather was passable -- all the rain and wind came on Sat night. Sunday was BEAUTIFUL. Another great outing for the CODXC in the CQP!

K6MI

K6MI NI6G WB6HYD

K6MM

Please split my points as follows: 50% to Redwood Empire DX Association and 50% to Mother Lode DX/Contest Club Please split my points as follows: 50% to Redwood Empire DX Association and 50% to Mother Lode DX/Contest Club

K6NPS

Wish we on the air more, lots of fun...

K6RB

Very good conditions on 15 meters, thank goodness.

K6RM

Good fun. Nice to see the 10 meter opening (for me, only to SoCal) on Sunday pm. Thanks to those who remembered me and said hi. I'm loving retired life in NC but I DO miss the NCCC gang!

K6S

Great fun!

K6ST

Fun county expedition to Sierra County. Wild weather with rain and cold. Also wild propagation with atmospheric noise and Sunday good openings on 15m that was closed on Saturday. Thanks to the team, Bill WB6CZG, Mike K7MS + Kat & Loosie, Barry K6ST

K6VO

Didn't do a multi-op this year, it was just me. I was distracted by a non-essential antenna project that I wanted to finish while I was out at the station. Biggest problem was my QRN, it is very bad. If anyone knows a commercial provider that helps track down and work with neighbors to fix noise issues, let me know! Glad to work all 58 mults; had all but WY by 0000 Saturday. Didn't work Wyoming until the next morning. I totally missed the 10 meter opening due to my antenna project. Oh Well. Thanks for the contacts. Dana

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K6VVA/6

Tnx to a root canal on Oct. 3rd, I operated briefly/limited again this year with my LAP-STATION sitting inside (or standing outside) my Tahoe along the fence of one of my favorite Locust FOOD Places down in neighboring SBEN. The very nice folks at the Dunneville Cafe & Market in rural Northern SBEN let me run several heavy duty extension cords over their back patio fence for A/C power. A weenie Vertical-Dipole is set up near the far backside with 100 feet of RG8X coax to it. I start off with YUGE Breakfast Burrito, and then comes the AWESOME Tri-Tip sandwich on a soft garlic Milani roll for lunch (plus an extra one to bring home :^) Diet coke, Starbucks Frappuccino & water are an arm's length away in my cooler. Over 700 CQ's to yield 104 QSOs on mostly 20m CW was NOT fun. My headset QRT'd so no XXB mode this year. Only a few QSOs on 15m CW. 73 & KB, Rick - K 6 V V A * The Locust

K6W

I considered a County Expedition to Ventura County, but could not find any willing SSB ops to share the expenses of a great location. Maybe next year. So, it was back to Borrego Springs. Things did not start well. The internal tuner of the IC-7300 would not match 15m on the DX-CC dipole. Not wanting to repeat the 7QP expedition near hard disk crash, I got a new solid-state drive computer which worked fine at home. During station checkout, the function keys switched computer hardware instead of being responsive to N1MM. I eventually found the control for that. A friend from San Diego met me there and we had an enjoyable dinner Friday night. At the start of the contest, it took two contacts before the serial number got incremented from 1 for some reason. There was a wind warning Saturday night and some very strong local gusts. The dipole did not blow

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K7II

GREAT CONTEST Great contest. It is tough making contacts on 20M from Washington State because many of the CA stations have their beam nulls aimed at Washington, but 40, 80 and 160 works great.

K7NG

I enter the CQP as a test of my station; I try to get all 58 Counties just as a challenge, new antenna test, etc.

K7RL

Great contest!

K7SS

Thanks for the great fun HUNTING SIXES... nicely timed 10 and 15m openings for you guys, and nil up here in PNW, except perfect timing to be able to watch the Seahawks.73de Dan K&SS

K7SV

No cigar with county sweep again. Heard a weak W6 in SJOA who as S&P. not a peep from GLEN or MADE. Line noise made it a problem with weaker stations on several bands. CU next year!

K7ZKM

This should be ok now as I had entered a wrong date.

K8BF

This year propagation was not so good from NE Ohio. But, we had fun - as always.

K8TR

First timer participating in the CQP contest and really enjoyed it! Great contest!

K9GDF

Antenna is rain gutter and downspouts.

KA3DRR/6

Fun weekend, but I'm looking forward too our next solar cycle! 73. Thanks for a fun Saturday! I'm looking forward too next year!! 73.

KA6BIM

Had not expected to get on but got back from out of state trip about midnight, allowing a few hours of operation

KB0LF

Enjoyed my first semi serious effort in the Cal QP. 100w and a dipole on 20m and a homebrew vertical on 40m. Thanks to all who organize and run the QP, great effort! Fred, KB0LF. Note. Had one serial number, #59, for which I had no qso.

KB2URI

Great Fun, See you again in 2019! 73

KB9BVL

Great contest, Keep up the good work!

KC0M

Thanks for all you do in making this a great contest.

KC4TEO

Conditions not so hot, lots of QSB and repeats. Certainly not the place to be for a LP station at this time but always fun to work. Glad to see that 15 and 10 opened up a bit on Sunday afternoon.

KC5LL

THANKS FOR THE QSO PARTY

KD4QMY

In Memory of Phoenix the DX Dog.

KD5ILA

Fantastic QSO Party. Could only work some of Saturday, but had a blast. Thanks to all the stations on the air. Worked everyone I heard. Looking forward to next year. Thanks. Worked all that I heard. Could only operate for a while on Saturday. Looking forward to next year.

KD6EUG

I love CQP. Lot's of fun.

KD6HOF

This is my first try at the California QSO Party and is my personal best for any contest. 100w with dipole @ 18' in tree

KD6WKY

Worked CQP from home this year due to work schedule demands. Fun contest as usual. Only had a vertical and dipole antenna to work with this year; the beam is waiting on a replacement part. No DX this year. I look forward to working from a County Expedition again next year.

KD9GY

Bands were terrible - but always fun! Fun to have 10 & 15 meters open up for a while on Sunday! Otherwise, bands were - as expected - TERRIBLE! But as always, fun to work the CA folks.73,jim / kd9gy

KD9MS

Fun Contest! Thank goodness 10 and 15 opened on Sunday. Saturday was horrible. Sunday was AWESOME!

KE0TT

K3/10 at 5 watts to wire antennas fed with ladder lines and vintage Johnson Matchbox tuners. Thanks for the fun, and for your copy of my QRP. After some wispy band condx Saturday, enjoyed solid openings on 20 and 15M Sunday. Enjoy the activity level CQP generates. Thanks for all the Q's. C U next time, 73, Dan ke0tt

KE6PLA

Fun contest, had things to do but did ok. Will be ready to break my own record next year!

KE6ZSN

Club-Redwood Empire DX Assoc. Thank You 73&KB! 73&KB John

KF3G

Operated from FM29jw CW Contacts: 43 SOAPBOX: CW Multiplier: 3 SOAPBOX: Counties Multiplier: 28 SOAPBOX: 43 QSOs x 3 CW Multiplier = 129 QSO Points 129 QSO Points x 28 Multipliers = 3612 Total Score Thank you for the California QSO Party.

KF6I

Only had a few moments to operate this year. Single band, single mode with homebrew 40 meter vertical and steppIR 40-30 loop counterpoise.

KF7KTC

First time California QSO. I am down in a valley, and most of my signals can't make it into California.

KG5OIB

All contacts at 90 watts

KG6PO

Single-op, _not_ assisted.
My first contest. Thanks for the opportunity.

KI6OY

100 watts and a wire. 100 watts and a wire.
NVIS is a myth.

KI7TIG

This was my very first contest to try and compete in. Just got my HAM License in January 2018 and Updated to General in June 2018.

KJ6TSX

Lots of Fun, will do more contests

KJ9C

Good turnout. Hope to work a number of CA in INQP in May Hope to work a lot of you guys in the 2019 Indiana QSO party

KK0DJ

Even though conditions were a bit rough, was able to work all 10 for a check log on SSB. Will try to be prepared next year and see if I can snag all the counties and sections. Thank you for a very well put together submission form online!

KK4BZ

power=80 W, grid=FM18eu, antenna=dipole, equipment=TS570S, comment=antenna is G5RV at 10 m in trees, Thanks for the fun!

KK4R

Had a great time working the CW folks. There are some good operators out there, and nobody gave up on me when I was weak or fading. Thanks for some fun time between Honey Do's! Rob

KK6RAO

Both new testers, MS-LP, KK6QXQ control operator for KK6RAO

KM4F

Not a lot of time to play, but glad to hear lots of activity!

KM6KAV

Mobile

KM6TVJ

This was my first CA QSO party, and my first Cabrillo file.

KN4DXT

Thanks for a fun contest.

KN4EWI

Barrels of fun!! Thanks for the contest, and catch ya next year CA!

KQ6CS

I tried both drag and drop and cut and paste. not sure if either worked.

KW5KW

I apologize for non valid county names. I didn't know where to get the correct abbreviation. I made a manual pen/paper log during the contest and found one dupe later.

N0KOE

One of the best QSP parties this year. This was the best state QSO Party of 2018

N0MMA

Good fun, lots of excellent operators in the contest. Its a great gear warm up for WWDX. This was my first time using Skookum Logger and since I didn't interface the logging software with the radio, I couldn't find a way to document the bands I worked. I worked on the 20 meter band up until 0056 on 7 October, 2018 at which time I switched to the 80 meter band. Thank you in advance for your consideration of my incomplete documentation. - Erik, N0RX

N1LN

Thanks for another fun CQP. Wish the conditions from NC could have been better.73,Bruce N1LN

N1NN

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N3KN

Thanks for another fun contest.

N3RD

Fun as always. Very FB 10m opening on Sunday afternoon really livened things up!

N3TG

I have had some problems with the N1MM logging program. Hope this comes to you o.k.N3TG

N4ARO

Most enjoyable contest. This was my 39th participation in the CQP. SOAPBOX: Most enjoyable contest. This was my 39th participation in the CQP. Missed the following multipliers; GLEN,MADE,MARP,SFRA,SJOA,TUOL. It is a difficult challenge from the other side of the USA to find and work all of the counties. Don't think I have ever gotten them all, but it is fun trying. Thanks to all the hams who make this contest happen each year, and special thanks to the expedition and mobile guys who put the rare counties on the air.

N4OPX

I didn't know about this contest until I stumbled upon it. I'll be sure to plan more time for it next year! One contact (K6AO) had a lot of QRM, so not completely sure of the details, but I did work him! :-)

N4OX

First Cabrillo file had High Power and I entered Low Power.

N4PN

WHO COULD HAVE GUESSED THAT CONDX WOULD BE THIS GREAT. THE REAL SUR-PRIZE WAS FINDING 15 AND 10 WIDE OPEN WITH INCREDIBLE SIGNALS FROM THE WEST COAST. THANKS TO ALL WHO MADE IT OUT..IT WAS A FUN WEEKEND. Band condx were outstanding..thanks to all the great operators who showed up for a fun weekend.

N6EY

Operating from Cambria, San Luis Obispo County, California. New ham Genny Church, N6BZE made her first HF contacts and operated in her first contest. Operated from Cambria, San Luis Obispo County, CM95. Operators Jason N6EY, Genny N6BZE, and Carole W6TTF. This was N6BZE's first contest and first time on HF. 100W from an FT-857 into a balanced-line fed dipole at approximately 50' up, supported by a tree. Contacts were made on all 5 bands.

N6GEO

Operated at Sonora Pass Trailhead on 108 which is at the southeastern corner of Alpine county. Late start since I had a crew available on Saturday to work on my new house in Twain Harte. Quite literally threw the expedition together early Sunday morning and drove the 54 miles up 108. Original location was to be north of 108 into the Clarks Fork region but those roads are still closed from recent Donnel fire. FT857 driving a SuperAntennas YP2 yagi at 20ft. Failure to bring USB cable for my Winkeyer caused numbering errors in N1MM. These creep in somewhere in the 40s when I began to mentally add a number to correct for duplicate numbers in my log because it wasn't incrementing. ANY ERRORS NOTED IN QSO NUMBER ARE MINE, please give the other station the benefit of the doubt! Temperature was 45F at 3PM and the wind was 20-

30 mph which made the windchill cold! Still, the high sierras above 9000 ft are beautiful and I was glad to get out. And for about 60 other hams, they got a chance at a sweep!

N6HE

Had a blast! Highlights:1. Had a pileup when running (rare for me), so what happens? Shack dog goes nuts - there's a bird that's somehow gotten into the shack...what to do? Rescue bird or work the pileup? Well, I goody-twoshoes me captured the bird and released him. When I got back at the shack of course, my frequency was occupied!2. Wife's unattended computer keeps making "you've got mail" loud sounds from the next room when I'm on 20M CW. After 5 minutes, I finally accept that it's me causing it. 3 toroids on the computer cables later, all is well. What next?73, Ray N6HE

N6KZW

?? I believe my club category is correct...Sunday afternoon high voltage line in my back yard blew down.. GRRR I was off the air for 4 hours...

N6MI

N6MI and K6VCR operated a county expedition from Frazier Peak (DM04ms) in Ventura County. A fog bank rolled in on Saturday evening and the temperature dropped below freezing on our mountain. The compressor sprung a leak, so the pneumatic mast would not stay up; thus our operating time was limited to Saturday day and evening. But we enjoyed our arm wrestle with Murphy. (Next year, perhaps we should use standard ARRL abbreviations for out of state contacts and add digital modes.) 73.

N6NHI

Manually entered -- e-mail if problems and I'll fix

N6NUL

County Expedition with a K-line station and dipole.

N6OO

Been a long time since trying this one. Thanks all, for your calls and patience. CW was very rusty, so I stuck with SSB for the most part.

N6QD

My second CA QSO Party! Had a slow start due to some other activities I had for school. Next year I hope to get more time in!!!

N6TCE

Correction: Mariposa Co Expedition, (I Forgot to add one of the new ops to the team KM6VDQ). Poor conditions early Saturday Morning but improved slightly during the day. I missed the 10-meter opening. one less multiplier than last year.N6TCE

N6TQ

Hi ~ Had very limited time to participate in CQP this weekend, so tried just 100w. Thank you for your patience and the Qs. 73 from MARN.Jim Colletto N6TQ

N6TV

Had about 125 more QSOs than last year. Very surprising to have no 10m on Saturday when the K-index was 1 or 0, but a pretty good 10m opening Sunday, when the K-index rose to 4 or 5!

N6US

Good activity, 20 meters was great to EU Sunday morning, a very nice opening on 10 meters when I got home from church...Flex 6500OM 2000+4 element SteppIRwires73, Fred K6IJ ** KH7Y

N6XI

QJP

N6YEU

spilling 2-3 gallons of gas on way up into the mountains, then discovering I left the power cord to my IC7300 HOME!!!, then using my backup FT450 could not get my logging program to key the rig in CW so was forced to send everything manually ll weekend,ugh! Murphy really showed up for CQP. I did manage to do a descent job giving out Trinity for the deserving but it was a challenge! Missed VT and MS for mults.73,Fred-N6YEU

N7MZW

IC-706MKIIG, Vectronics HFT-1500 Manual Tuner for 20 and 80 meters, Heil Pro Micro Headset using VOX, and ZS6BKW (modified G5RV) up 50 feet, running N-S at 6,053 feet elevation, from DN-71 in Laramie County, Wyoming. I beat my 2017 CQP score, but still missed Del Norte, and Madera for a clean sweep. Nothing heard on 10, and none of the two dozen stations that I heard on 15 Meters could hear me well enough for a contact. A few short runs on 40 and 20 were fun, but lots of CQing with no joy. Always enjoy the CQP, and working many familiar calls. Had a few non-CAL drivebys that heard me calling CQ California, CQ California only, that still wanted me for a WAS contact! Another Boy and his Wire, 100 watt effort is in the books. Thanks to all that heard me calling from my "Caught 'em on a Corn Dog" station.

N7VS

Conflicts limited my operating time. Hope to be more active next year.

N7ZZ

Between family time and Football game only 15.5 hours but good fun. The last CQP I entered was over 20 years ago when I was living in Washington State.

N8II

Much more bad audio and very wide signals than expected on phone! Time to get act together before SS. I was entertaining Jack, WB8FSV licensed same year as me (1970) while visiting from OH, so a big effort was just not to be. The 10M opening was awesome Sunday afternoon, many missed the opportunity! SOCAL signals were as high as 35-35db over S9, but heard next to nothing north of bay area on 10. 2nd time a beginning solar storm has significantly enhanced QSO party condx in past 5 months! 15 phone activity was definitely poor compared to what was possible to work.

N9RV

Skip never got closer than Santa Barbara on 20. I didn't understand what Category to indicate?

NC6K

Murphy visited big time this year. First, my SteppIR wouldn't tune to 40 M, so had to use the dipole and let the beam sit unused at night. Then, I took a sleep break, and when I came into the shack, the PC had rebooted and N1MM+ opened up with all default settings as if it were a new installation. I spent 30 minutes just getting everything back to where it had been - there just isn't enough coffee! As usual, family obligations cut the rest of my time a bit short, but I managed to get 18 hours in, and may have just edged out my former

#2 high score from 2012. On the bright side, both 15 and 10 M opened up on Sunday, and I was able to get a bunch of nice CW runs going. I managed almost 200 QSOs on the two bands combined, and that was about 200 more than I had expected going into the contest. DX participation was very good on Sunday, and many NW European stations called with fluttery signals on CW. As always, my sincere thanks to all the stations who patiently corrected their calls after I mangled them. This contest has great participation from all over - that's what makes it the #1 state QSO party.

NC6V

Great contest again as usual. Nice to have 15 and 10 meters open up on Sunday, what a surprise. I only ran a vertical again as I missed getting up my beam before the contest. I can't wait until next year's contest.

NE1C

Entering as a checklog since a whole bunch of CA stations worked me while I was in the Oceania DX contest. I was in MA.

NE1RD

One of my favorite events. I really only heard CA on 20m, nothing higher here in my small station.

NE6I

FB (and surprising) openings on 15 and 10 meters on Sunday! Always a FB contest. Great turn out!

NF4A

Hurricane Michael cut me short...no Sunday operation....my last HF operation for quite a while since all of my antennas were destroyed Hurricane Michael kept me from operating on Sunday since I had to prepare for the storm.....last HF operation for several months since I lost all my antennas during the storm.

NG4V

Thanks for a great contest!!!

NG7M

Utah is tough on 20 and 15! So frustrating when the East Coast is pounding out the QSO's. :) It comes with the territory. Thanks for the fun and for administering / keeping the CQ QSO party going year after year. It's a good one for a change of pace. 73 de Max NG7M in Utah

NN6DX

Never thought 10 m would be open. Great surprise. Where was MS? I got stuck at 57 mults; never heard MS.

NO2C

Lots of fun

NO6T

We worked few VK and ZL stations on SSB who gave us number from Oceania DX contest, but I guess that is OK, we got their number !

NS2N

attended the 50th anniv. MARA County Hunters convention in Kansas City, and got an all too brief chance to operate the contest,

NS7U

Enjoyed the short time I was able to operate.

NW6P

WX5S and NW6P are not WVARA members, so please give 1/3 points to WVARA, and the other two are unaffiliated (only with NCCC)W6BG definitely qualifies as a new contester (See 3830), but perhaps not under the rules that they need to be a single op?

NY3C

Fun as always. Score was wrong on first sub. correct now 5735. tnx Gene NY3C

NZ6Q

conditions were tough this year but we are proud of the team effort - bigger plans for next year Tough band conditions this year and we lost an antenna - very proud of the team who rallied together and made it a great QSO party. Already thinking about next year's expedition!

OH1RX

Hi, Cannot do anything to N1MM+ Cabrillo config. I hope this will do.73JoukoOH1RX

PY2NY

Coming back to the CQP after a while.Thanks !!

VA7KBM

My first small attempt at contesting - thank you! Thank you California!

VA7UNX

Thanks for a fun contest!

VE2CVN

correction from the other log... miss some fields.. please consider this one instead

VE2JCW

tnx

VE3DQN

Always fun. Love it that all counties are active, though I can only dream of working them all. My biggest thrill was my final QSO, with my home county of STAN, though I left there 50 yrs ago.

VE3TW

Just a little operation from the cottage in central Ontario. Just a little operation from the cottage in central Ontario.Happy Canadian Thanksgiving all!

VE5GC

Twenty seemed to be the band this year. Twenty seemed to be the band this year.

VE6EX

NC

VE6TN

I wish I had more time on the 2nd day to be able to have a clean sweep of counties. It was Thanksgiving Weekend here in Canada and I had to do Turkey duty with the family. I had a lot of fun doing CQP! Thank you.

W0ECC

Sandy DL1QQ and I had a great time chasing the counties - only missed two, as far as I can tell: Glenn (well, okay) and San Mateo (whaaaaaaat?!?!). 58 is a perfect number of multipliers - within reason to work 'em all but no so many as to think "there is NO way!" Glad to see them active and handing out QSOs. We had to take a thunderstorm break at 2030 for a couple of hours and could only operate for a couple of hours on Sunday morning. Thanks for a great state QSO party! 73, Ward N0AX and Sandy DL1QQ

W0JAY

Just giving out numbers

W0YJT

At one point it seemed like I could not work out of the back yard 73 John When first started conditions were real poor but was much better Sunday

W1CTN

Always a fun time no matter what the conditions are !

W1END

Rig was FTdx5000 and Butternut vertical.I can always find lots of activity in the CA party. Thanks. Always lots of activity in CA qso party.

W1QK

Thank you for sponsoring the contest. Thank you for sponsoring the contest. It was fun, as usual. 73 - Dan - W1QK

W1UE

Got the sweep at 2111Z. Found being assisted didn't help with the sweep, but it did help with the QSOs. Made it easy to find K6AQL for 23 QSOs!Another fun CQP!Dennis
W1UE

W1WIU

Limited time and poor band conditions but still had another fun year ! Icom 7600, ZS6BKW antenna up 50'.and 400 watts. Thanks to a fine group of operators ! See you next year.

W2UDT

NIL ON 10m. sUNDAY WAS WORSE! aNYWAY, SEE YOU NEXT YEAR. 73,
w2udt

W3AKD

Great party; Glad to provide Maine. CUagn. 73 Bill Great party, lots of action. How about 15 mtrs! Glad to provide Maine. CU next yr. 73, Bill

W3HDH

Surprisingly good propagation on 15 meters. Sorry that I did not have more time. Thanks to all the mobiles/portables. Good Activity.

W3MMM

Lots of fun, lots of activity during the times I was on. Nice 15m openings at times. See you next year!

W3WHK

Thanks!

W4CHI

I enjoyed the contest and finally picked up some counties I needed in California!!

W4KW

Great Contest. Tnx for all the contacts.73'sBertW4KW

W4XK

Tennessee Contest Group--celebrating 25 years of contesting fun in Tennessee!

W5AQY

My first HF contest.

W5CBP

TNX & 73W5CBP

W5LA

Had a great time!

W5TM

Great QSO Party...Thanks!

W6BJB

Second upload. Didn't realized I qualified for the county expedition category. Thanks and 73!

W6C

This was one of the WEIRDEST CQP's EVER. I ran as W6C from W7AYT's Concord QTH in Contra Costa County. I ran the usual configuration from this location: a loaded Yaesu FT-1000mp into the AYT antenna farm which included: a CH-250 Vertical, a pair of Cobra slopers (one tuned and one coax fed) and a 3 element 10-meter yagi which found a Ten meter opening early Sunday afternoon (missing the opening even earlier). My other time was spent running NX6T Station #2 (400+ Cw QSOs) via an Elecraft K3/0. While I didn't make nearly the QSOs from last year (when I set a CCOS county record), I DiD have a LoT of fun making it all work. DiD YOU work W6C or NX6T? Look for a writeup about all this at: <http://WQ6X.Blogspot.Com> 73's until next year with an other WACKY operation. This was one of the WEIRDEST CQP's EVER. I ran as W6C from W7AYT's Concord QTH in Contra Costa County. I ran the usual configuration from this location: a loaded Yaesu FT-1000mp into the AYT antenna farm which included: a CH-250 Vertical, a pair of Cobraslopers (one tuned and one coax fed) and a 3 element 10-meter yagi which found a Ten meter opening early Sunday afternoon (missing the opening even earlier). My other time was spent running NX6T Station #2 (400+ QSOs) via an Elecraft K3/0. While I didn't make nearly the QSOs from last year (when I set a CCOS county record), I DiD have a LoT of fun making it all work. DiD YOU work W6C or NX6T? Look for a writeup about all this at: WQ6X.Blogspot.Com 73's until next year with an other WACKY operation. WQ6X - Ron

W6CQP

Thanks NCCC for use of the club call. Look forward to next year. 73, Todd KH2TJ

W6CWM

Thanks Guys, fun contest. 73, Jim w6cwm

W6DOJ

We operated using solar power, batteries and a small generator from an elevation of 5000 feet in Nevada County in a forest. The closest paved road was over 2 miles away and we heard gun fire a number of times during CQP as it was deer hunting season in our area and we had deer and a few bears as neighbors. We also had rain showers and a lightning storm and the temperature got down to the 50s. We love CQP! Thanks for all the fun and the QSOs. Bob2 (K6ON), Ted (K6XN), Bob1 (K6YN) and Dave (N6SWX)

W6EK

Had another great time this year! Thank you for hosting the contest!! Orion, AI6JB

W6ML

Back in Mono...After operating CQP the last 4 years from my home QTH in LA County, this year I returned to Mammoth Lakes for another Mono county expedition. Since my wife and I both just retired in September we had time to plan an extended High Sierra vacation and fit CQP in the mix too. My antennas consisted of dipoles on 80, 20 & 15M plus a 40M Inverted V all launched to heights of about 60ft in the surrounding pine trees.

I only needed a total of 5 trees to support my wires since I tied the 20 and 15M dipoles end-to-end to share the same 2 trees. It took me only one extra shot with my high-powered slingshot to hit the mark on my 5 trees. All my antennas and equipment worked as expected. After a first blazing hour of 106 QSOs on 20M CW, I averaged about 52 QSOs/hour for the balance of my time. When I quit for the night at about 0600 I had a sweep minus MS. I finally got my sweep on Sunday afternoon when I was tuning on 15M SSB and caught the tail end of KF5K giving his report to a CA station saying his section was MS. I quickly jumped on his frequency and asked if I could work him up 3. I QSY'd and called CQ MS and he came right back giving his number 13 in MS. Lucky 13 for me as that was my only MS QSO. And thanks to Hank, W6SX for helping us share the bands with minor interference between our HP stations about 1/2 mile apart in Mammoth Lakes. 73, Jim W6ML (W6KC) K3S, AL80B Amp, 80M, 20M & 15M Dipoles & 40M Inverted V all at 60Ft plus 8,000ft Above Sea Level

W6MY

If I only knew how to type and use n1mm I could have work many more stations but I need to learn N1MM and how to type.

W6NF

Problems with long-wire antenna forced me to use my mobile antenna and bring the coax into the shack to operate CQP. It actually worked surprisingly well!

W6SAE

100 watts through a lightweight 40-6 meter end-fed antenna in my backyard, between a pair of two-story buildings; at its highest point, it was about 15 feet off the ground.

W6SFI

Txcvr IC-7200, antenna Outbacker 500 on camera tripod. QTH Saturday Turlock Lake State Recreation Area CM97qp. QTH Sunday Woodward Reservoir County Park CM97nu. Gasoline generator for power. Strategic foliage kept my antenna upright in stiff wind! Enjoyed operating outdoors with moderate power and a proven antenna design. Next time maybe I'll get a battery/solar setup. Will try again next year!

W6SFM

Thank you for the contest, see you next year Thank you for the contest, see you next year!

W6SG

Antenna problems at clubhouse. For that reason operating station relocated. All QSOs made from club member K6BBQ's QTH using W6SG club call.

W6TK

Great contest as usual. Thanks for all the work to make it possible! High noise especially on Sat evening - didn't seem as bad as expected on Sunday. Great opening on 10 and 15 on Sunday! Tnx and 73 - Dick - W6TK

W6US

too close to use 20 meters... not that much activity on 40

W7GKF

Tough contest for WA. Conditions were too good this year!

W7MI

Antenna not working - hope for better showing next year

W7WHY

Thanks for a fun contest. Wish I didn't live so close to the border. Makes it tough on the high bands. 73Tom W7WHY

W7YAQ/6

This was my 6th trip to DELN and 3rd as a single operator. Our (my wife and I) 700-mile round trip from Central Oregon to Del Norte County included two days at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland prior to CQP and a visit to the historic town of Jacksonville on the return home. Finding an ideal QTH in DELN is a challenge. In 2008 the windows of the fire lookout a group of us had rented at Bear Basin Butte blew out in a storm, and a Spiderbeam became pick-up sticks. The house we rented in 2015 was recently sold, and the resort we stayed at in 2016 went out of business. This year we found another house to rent in Smith River. The place looked good on Google Earth, right at the mouth of the Smith River looking west, with an ample parking area to the east, and vacant lot to the south for extra antenna space. Unfortunately, the house was only available Friday and Saturday nights, but we decided a partial activation of DELN was better than no activation. We arrived Friday afternoon in a light rain to discover that there was a web of power line feeds over the parking space, and a 6-foot stone wall between the house and the "vacant lot", which now had some RVs parked on it. So, my available antenna space was reduced to a small lawn directly west of the house. The rain steadily increased so by the time I had erected my R5 and a 33-foot fiberglass pole with a vertical wire for 40 and inverted L for 80 taped to the pole and 8 radials thrown in the bushes and over the bank, I was drenched. The noise level from the wet power lines faded as things dried out on Saturday, but was never as low as I would have liked. I often had to ask for repeats from those I could hear, and I'm sure I was considered an alligator by others who I could never pull out. The good news "signals from KH6 and KL7 rocked! I was pleasantly surprised by having all the VE/VO/VY mults call in the first few hours. But as I had to tear down by 1530 UTC on Sunday, 5 mults went missing. I was sorry to hear that N7MZW missed DELN, as I missed WY. Overall it was a fun adventure and thanks to the CQP organizers for their encouragement to get DELN on the air. 73, Bob W7YAQ/6

W8AT

I only got to operate sporadically during the contest, had fun regardless. Only 355 min on. 42 mults. See everyone in the next one. 73

W8CAR

Lots of activity under no so nice condx!

W8RJL/6

100 watts and wires, computer problems. My first CQP, need to memorize 4 letter designations. My address shows as San Jose but I was operating from a tree house in the hills of Los Gatos. 100 watts and wires with flaky computer plus my first CQP ever so really appreciated the 4 letter exchange.

W9LSE

Fun time with no problems with propagation Fun event; 20m was jammed from edge to edge with stations.

W9RE

Great activity and good openings on 10 and 15 for once.

WA0MHJ

Has it been six years since entering last? Wow. Just enough available time to hand out some QSO's. Thanks for a great event. Mark-WA0MHJ

WA1FCN

My lowest score in several years. Sure hope we are at the bottom of sunspot cycle. Thank you k6aql/6 for many QSO's over many years. A nice surprise Sunday afternoon to find 10 mtrs open. Always a pleasure to hear so many of the same guys year after year. I believe this is CQP # 37 for me !!73 BoB WA1FCN

WA1SAY

Wouldn't you know, QRZ server goes down just as things get started. Just can't wait for next year.

WA5SOG

Band condx not great here, but still had a blast.

WA6KHK

Set new SO QRP record for Riverside county! QRP is tough! I don't think I will do that again. hihi.

WA6LIE

Wish I had more time! Had FUN! CU next year..

WA6OSX

thanks

WA6URY

Operated remote from Tokyo, Japan Operated remote from Tokyo, Japan

WA7YXY

Once again, I would like to offer a big thank you to all who worked to make this contest possible. I always enjoy the California QSO Party!

WB2HLM

Nice opening to NY on 20 and 15 on Sunday. 5 Watts to a vertical so thanks to all the CA ops who dug out my small signal. WB2HLM
My first time doing CQP from home; great fun!

WB6HYH

This was my tenth year operating CQP and it was as enjoyable and fun as any. The bands turned out to be half way decent so that we could make a lot of good contacts. Already looking forward to next year.

WB9TFH

Was on part time. Need more active counties or I didn't hear them in Wis. Enjoy your QP.

WE5TR

Please let me know if I have any obvious errors as this is my first CQP. thanks, 73 WE5TRtod

WN6K

Fun as always...WN6K

WO4O

Wanted to earn another "First to 58" award but failed to sweep due to no QSO w/ Butte and Glenn.

WU6X

QRV in Siskiyou County QRV in Siskiyou County, portable on battery power.

WV4P

As always, Fun contest with Great Participation.

WW9R

Great contest - lots of activity. Well done!Pat WW9R