

California QSO Party

2021 CQP Soapbox

AA0AJ

Been QRT for all of my working life so this is fun to get back up to speed!

AA0CL

Operated from Lakeland, FL (WCF) while on vacation.

AA2IL/6

Well that was a whole lot of fun! Many thanks to all, especially the contest organizers!

AA4TI

Enjoyed the CQP again this year. My puny antenna just is not conducive to working the mobiles, but I still managed to snag a few of them. Next to FQP (my home state) this is my favorite SQP. Constant activity for the entire contest.

AA8TA

As expected, nice showing from 6-Land. 40 meters noisy here Saturday evening due to storms in the area so most activity in the afternoons. 15 meters was in pretty good shape. Tnx fer the Qs.

AB1A

Operated POTA in PA. Some CA stations had some massive pile ups that couldn't bust through so went back to do CQ POTA. That is how I got the few CA stations I did get.

AB5XM

Enjoyed the contest! Thanks for putting it on! Elevated 19' wire vertical @ 26' with 3 counterpoise wires.



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AC0E

Fun time with good signals and good turnout.

AC2YD

Many thanks to the good ears and antennas copying my 1-watt QRP signal from NJ, using homebrew 1/4-wave 20m vertical with 32 radials ... Caught the last 40 minutes of CQP, and was happy to have 7 CA stations copy my sig ... tried a number of others without success, but that's okay! Grateful for the ones that heard me! Thanks!

AC4G

Out of town guest pushed me to cease operating after a few hours into the QSO party.

AC7A

First CQP from new QTH in Tucson. Operated K2 at 5 W CW, with temporary 39' vertical force fed on 80 through 20 meters. Propagation was too long for AZ to CA path on 15 meters and above so mostly relied on 40 and then 20 meters. I hope to have better antennas in place for the 2022 CQP so that CA QSOs are a bit easier to come by.

AD4EB/M

I was mobile traveling thru KS, MO, IL and KY. Thanks, and great contest.

AD6AD

FIRST TIME ENTRY. Thanks!

AE1T

Great signals after 21:00Z. Why do conditions "always" improve at the last minute? :-) CQP is always fun. CU next year.

AE6JV

Getting a CA station to 58 multipliers was a neat achievement. Getting AE6Y his 58th multiplier was a kick.



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AE6Y

Another fine CQP. Thanks to Dean and the organizers for an FB effort. Nice to have 15 back. Another fine CQP.

AF6TF

McClure Point Campground, HexBeam & EFHW to KX3 with HLA-300-Plus, 100W max PEP

AG7XQ

Thank you for running the CA QSO Party.

AI6DO

Put in my most significant CQP effort ever this year, logging over 200 QSOs, more than I've ever done in a contest when operating my own substandard station. Missed the sweep by only 19 mults. So close! I'm not a big fan of CQP since a California station really needs to run to have anyone to work on the high bands, and I feel like an alligator even at QRP, especially on 20. Thanks to everyone who called, and my apologies to those I couldn't hear. My station is weak and my copying skills at very low S/N are even weaker. Started out on Saturday with a fan dipole for 10 and 15. Found only one workable station on 10, and 15 was slow going. After lunch, I took down the fan dipole and put up the vertical for 20. Noise was pretty high, with intermittent invading electronic QRM and rampant fade. Tried using the two elevated radials as a 20 meter dipole but the noise was just as high and signals were an S unit down, so I stuck with the vertical configuration. Runs were particularly unproductive. Eventually gave up on 20 at 2230z, taking down the vertical and putting up the fan dipole for 20, 40, and 80, which provided good action with a nice low noise floor on 40 and decent conditions on 80 until I had to go QRT at 0500z. Did a lot of search and pounce on 40 and 80 picking up local stations and few mults but with a much faster QSO rate than I get running while QRP. Oddly, a few stations with higher QSO numbers earlier in the contest sent much lower numbers later. I asked for repeats and got back the same thing I copied the first time so that's what I logged. Not sure what was up with that. Spent a total of 7 hours operating on Saturday, plus about an hour of antenna setup

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and changes. Didn't get out of bed until after 1400z on Sunday so I skipped 80 and 40 and put up the vertical for 20. Still had a lot of noise and electronic QRM. Ran on 20 for about 90 minutes until lunch, only picking up 8 mults, then took down the vertical and put up the fan dipole for 10 and 15. Mostly running for an hour netted a whopping total of 7 contacts. Went QRT at 2000z after the magic smoke had escaped from my head. Total of about 2 hours operating on Sunday, which felt a lot longer, plus about half an hour of antenna changes. This old Dell laptop was really bogged down running nothing but N1MM Logger+. Reloading the bandmap seemed to be the biggest culprit. I had to kill the bandmap, telnet, and all other windows save the Entry and Log windows to minimize the lag. As a result, my "assistance" ended up being just using the Reverse Beacon Network website to see how the other bands were doing and to avoid running on occupied frequencies too weak for me to hear. Despite all that, I still had the computer lock up a couple of times in the middle of a QSO, leaving the radio inoperable even by paddle. KX3 and PX3 at 5 W. Inverted-vee fan dipoles for 10, 15, 20, 40, 80. MFJ-1979 vertical for 20.

AI6IN

Another great year of fun! Looking forward to next year!

AJ1DM

Nice to qso my CA friends - thanks for the q's!

AJ6NB

First time participating in a QSO Party. It was a fun experience.

AJ6RX

1st CA QSO 1st CA QSO - was fun 'till XYL shut me down.

AK6Y

Great contest, reached a goal. Thanks for the fun!



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DL3DXX

Unfortunately only 3 hours time for this well visited QSO party. However at least I worked the last 4 needed CA counties.

DL4FN

IC-7610, 200W, 2EL

DL4JLM

Conditions were better than last year. Weak signals anyway but it was fun like every year.

EA4MY

Nice to work the CQP one more year.

G4LPP

A brief entry. Conditions on 20M good the West Coast USA all afternoon and evening.

I4VEQ

Just a few hours on saturday. Conditions were very good on 20.

JA3JM

RIG:IC-706 50W

ANT:Vertical

JR0BQD

This was my first participation since 1998.

K0AV

I could hear lots of California stations running on 15 meters - but skip was too long - and I just couldn't get through - except 1 QSO.



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K0EJ/6

Great to be back in TUOL for CQP. Maybe another record? Located in Groveland near Pine Mountain Lake in somewhat of a hole. Setup similar to previous (FT857D->80M OCF and 15M delta loop). Plagued by high local noise at QTH but still much fun. Not sure about next year but might be back! Thanks to organizers and participants for a real good time!

K0EU

Only had time for a few hours on Saturday. Missed six counties. Great activity from CA stations.

K0MPH

Good to hear and work so many familiar calls and discover new ones.

K1AUS

Lot of QSB. Many stations only heard for a few seconds and then gone. See you next year.

K1GQ

SkookumLogger K3S KPA1500 2el 40 + tribander + wires

K1LOK

Got QSOs on 20, 40 and 80 this year, all on battery power. The 20meter path to Los Angeles from Utah opened up for a while.

K2AES

This was my 1st contest and although I only had 10 contacts I learned alot about how a contest works. Thank you.

K2KR

Gave up fighting the dupes and just started working them. Had a lot of fun. A little bummed that I missed Imperial County. Best I have ever done. 15 meters never opened for me, tried multiple antennas and still nothing.



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K2UPD

15m was good!

K3NM

Tuff contest with antenna stuck south.

K3TN

Wasn't home much for the weekend, great fun while I was on.

K3TW

"Greetings from warm and sunny Florida!"

K3UA

Love the CQP every year!

K3YDX

Fun time over a busy weekend. Thanks for the Q's.

K3ZGA

Great QSO Party. See you next year.

K4BAI

Bad QRN on 80M. Missed: DELN, MERC, SBEN.

K4DR

Thanks for a fun event with many CA stations participating. See you on the air next year!

K4QQG

Great contest.

K4WWP

Fun contest. Even though I only had 8 QSOs, I was pleased that my 100w rig through an 80/40 dipole (running East to West) was able to complete any QSOs on 20m!



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K5GQ

NO need to slow down sending SN for repeat; QSB would take a readable Serial Number and produce parts of it.

K5KJ

Good contest again. However, I could not use my normal antenna because it is stuck northeast. Instead I used a 2 element section (driven element and director) of a TA-33 side mounted on the tower at about 40 feet and pointed WNW. 15m was fair to good this year, but as usual, 20m was my main band, although 40m was very good during the little time I was on it.

Rig: Elecraft K3 with KPA-500

Antenna: 2 element section of a TA-33 at 40 feet and inverted vees for 40 and 80m with the feeds at 58 feet. Shunt fed tower on 160m.

K5TY

Thank you for putting it on! FWIW, it seemed that sometimes people rushed the Qs and/or used verbal shortcuts which actually took more time with needing to repeat things or a failed Q. There may be a couple of stations that listed me but I didn't list them because I didn't get all of their sequence number. But, it was a good learning experience. I was happy with my 20 meter dipole sloping to the west with 90 watts here in Central Texas.

Thanks again. Enjoyed contest.

K5ZD

Nice activity.

K5ZE

Used Elecraft K2 at 5 watts and a 2 element yagi. Thanks for the CW contacts.

K6AJA

Very enjoyable!

K6AQL/M

Mobile operation from 24 counties; K0DI operator



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K6CSL

Wow! Biggest score I've seen for a long time!

K6DF

Haven't had this much fun since the Nov SS last year! Tnx to all who QSO'ed with me.

K6DGW

CQP is a lot more fun from CA than NV! Very limited time, 40/80 only

K6F

Attic stealth antennas. Wish I had a tower!

K6FA

Good time; even did some SSB contacts. Out performed last year's results. Was able to do Runs in place of Search and Pounce. Amazing what 5 watts can do in a contest.

K6G

YL, Expedition Sisk near Condrey Mt

Thanks for another great year camping in Siskiyou County! de AG7GP/K6G

K6GHA

Thanks! A lot of fun.

K6KLY

15 and 20 meters only. Not the greatest CQP on SSB.

K6KQV

Fun contest. Enjoyed it a lot.

K6KR

Great running into so many friends!



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K6L

Thank you for sponsoring the contest! It was a fun experience.

K6MI

Nothing on 10, 15 was better.

K6O

Mostly Seek and Squeak with 5 watts and dipoles up 30 feet. In 2015 I used the call W6C without issues. However, this year I used the call K6O with issues. I thought it would be kind of neat to use the short version of my K6OO call. It turns out that I would find myself accidentally sending and saying my K6OO call at times. Also, many would ask for the last letter of my call not realizing it was just three digits. CQP sure has changed over the years, since my brother (ex-WB6KBK/N6MG (sk), both calls have been reissued), had the high score back in 1967 and 1972. I (ex-WA6PGB) had the high score in the last year (1973), prior to the NCCC takeover. However, I still use paper logging. What never changes is KB.

K6P

K2RP OPERATOR

First time for QRP in CQP. Hard to run, but had fun with S&P. Limited rigs and antenna.

CW: Heathkit HW-9, circa 1985

SSB: uBIT transceiver for 40 SSB

Antenna: G5RV

K6PGH

Great weekend of Amateur Radio as usual with the CAQP. Thank you to the organizers.

K6QLF

OPERATORS: WQ6X, W6QLF and 1st-time CQP Operators.

This was a first-ever CQP operation by the Amateur Radio Club of Alameda (ARCA) - K6QLF - from the grounds of the California Historical Radio Society (CHRS) in Alameda, CA. As club president, I



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spearheaded a Field Day like operation from the picnic tables on the back patio behind the California Historical Radio Society's museum grounds on Central Avenue in Alameda California. While they were unpacking and categorizing surplus military equipment on Saturday, we running CW & SSB from the front table. Our goal was to break the M/S (LP) 25.2k point all-time high score for Alameda county, which we certainly accomplished. The event served to strengthen the operational bond between ARCA & CHRS, as well as expose newer club members to the insane-pandemonium we call Radiosport (in General) and CQP in particular. Some CHRS workers found time to sit down and chit-chat with us to more-understand our insanity - I think we infected a couple of them for next year. This CQP event will eventually produce several Blog posts for the WQ6X Contest Blog: <http://WQ6X.Blogspot.com>.

K6RB

As always, lots of out-of-state ops to work. Great fun.

K6TD

First time to get on 160m. Remote to K6MTU

K6TLH

Not much time to play this year. Be back next year!

K6TOR

Mount Davidson in San Francisco

K6VO

Excellent contest as always. Good conditions, glad to see 15meters open. I was hoping for 10 meters as well given the higher solar flux but that didn't happen. No clean sweep for me, I missed NT who I didn't hear on at all. This is the second contest I've used the K4 in, it worked pretty well, but I sure missed having a voice keyer (not implemented yet). Fortunately my focus was CW. Thanks for all the QSOs, especially so many folks who worked me on many band/modes.



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K6VVA/6

Tnx to all for the QSOs. It got up to 90+ Degrees (F) sitting in the passenger seat of my Tahoe with my CQP "Lap Station" platform. I hope there will be cooler WX in SBEN next year !!!

K6WI

NEW CONTESTER

Thanks for all your work!

K6WK

Enjoyed the contest. This is a valuable experience in developing skills.

K6WSC

EXPEDITION

This was my fourth California County Expedition from the Anza Borrego Desert in eastern San Diego County, this time in a Vrbo vacation rental. When I reserved the house, I told the host what I was going to be doing, so there were no issues. Operating assisted in-state is primarily useful for monitoring band openings and one's own skimmer spots. (I wish I could have figured out how to change the reported state from AZ to CA in my own skimmer spots ? something I need to figure out.) In a contest that demands running almost 100% of the time, traditional assisted S&P was only useful for a handful of Qs, and then only for finding CA stations on the low bands at night.

Rig: Yaesu FTdx10

Amp: KPA-500

Antennas:

- 1) Shortened-80 40 20 fan inverted-V on a 25-foot mast.
- 2) 15 & 10 fan inverted-V a little lower on the same mast.
- 3) 20m full size quarter wave elevated vertical with the base at 16 feet with four resonant radials.

Thanks to everyone involved with running the great CA QSO Party. Hope to see everyone in the AZQP next!



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K7ELH

NEW CONTESTER

First time doing a contest. Had a blast!

K7JA/6

Was away for much of the weekend, so regrettably could only put in a few hours, CW only. Missed VY1 despite many CQs up that direction. Thanks to the Committee for another great contest.

K7SS

Always fun thanks CQP !

K7SV

Tks for another great weekend!

K7ZOO/6

EXPEDITION: IMPERIAL COUNTY

The location chosen in IMPERIAL County was absolutely PERFECT! I operated from "Valley of the Names," about 10 miles north of Yuma AZ (yes, it's in California!). It's a desert mesa, absolutely NO RFI, with a large flat open space for antennas. For antennas I used: 160 meters - inverted L; 80/40 meters - 135 ft doublet at 28 ft flat top; 20 meters - 1/4 vertical w/ elevated radials; 15 meters - 1/4 vertical w/ elevated radials; 10 meters - same 135 ft doublet. I finished constructing the 160m inverted L this past week and tuned it (trimmed it) at the operating location... it worked like a dream!! Also notable was the new radio... a Yaesu FTdx10; absolutely the best radio I've ever used (and I've used many). Thanks to all the people that I worked this past weekend, and thanks to Dean for managing a first-rate contest.

K8LF

Fun to hear all the CA stations on.

K8MRT

Lots of fun as always. Someday I will find all the counties!



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K8TS

Very Pleased, Great Contest. First time using a beam, ecstatic to hear "you are 20 over 9", only missed 6 counties!

K8ZT

Worked during rest stops on Amtrak CA Zephyr train platforms. 3 QSOs from CO. 2 QSOs from SACR, CA.

K9GDF

Antenna is rain gutter and downspouts.

K9JM

Saturday night band conditions were fantastic!!!

K9UIY

I was not able to get in on the CQP this year until five hours after the start because there was a virtual celebration of life (via ZOOM) for my younger sister who passed away very suddenly and unexpectedly early in July of this year. I always enjoy this state QSO party and the activity is always great. I was able to put in an effort of 8.5 hours ... many thanks for all the Q's. C U again next year!

KA0PQW

Fun contest; just didn't have as much time this year. Thanks for having it.

KA3D

Thank You!

KA6BIM

Only got on for an hour during break from another contest to pass out the OR multiplier. I live too close to CA to effectively play in this one. My signal goes right over the state most of the day.



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KA6KEN

I was only able to operate for less than an hour, but CQing had great results and I got Alaska this year!

KB0KFH

Thanks for the QSO Party.

KB4CG

Due to other commitments, I was only able to operate in the last 2 1/2 hours of the event, but I nonetheless enjoyed it! Great to hear 15 meters open again!

KC2JRQ

Great Contest. Great band conditions on 20m to west coast.

KC6AWX

No luck with Vertical this year - need beam - next year will do better

KC8ZKI

Great contest! I will try to spend more time on it next year. 73 from Ohio

KD7HU

Was able to put in about 6.5 hours . Always fun to add the MT multiplier to state QSO parties. Only 1 taker when called CQ CA on SSB who was surprised and happy to get MT.

KD7WNV

First time in the CQP, could only get on for a couple hours but a lot of fun. If only it weren't during football season.

KD9GY

short time to operate, but fun as always! Happy to hear stations on 15 meters on Saturday! Always fun to participate in CAQP. Thanks!



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KE0TT

K3/10 at 5 watts to 2 selectable dipoles, or a vertical for 10 and 15M.

Thanks for the fun and your copy of my QRP signals! Bands were good at times, and bad at times, it took a lot of listening to figure out where to QRV. C U next time.

KE6JAC

A lot of CA stations on the air. Happy with the number of Qs.

KE6PLA

Great with no propagation and lots of noise.

KE6PY

A great contest, my favorite. I always look forward to it.

KE6ZSN

Thank You to all the CQP organizers 73&KB

KE8QCC

Only 9 contacts, but I'm happy. IC7300, EFHW about 12' above ground.

Happy to know I can reach the west coast with my set-up. I'm new at this. Can ya tell?

KE9EX

Just a few quick QSOs. Had to work the rest of the weekend.

KF5RUW

Thank you to everyone involved!

KG6BXW

Vastly improved score over last year, lots of fun. Air quality kept me inside all weekend. Did a lot better this year than last year. Was surprised to be able to get a few contacts on 160m. 10m was dead, I only heard one station on 10m and he was very weak. I had planned to go on an



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expedition to the Kings/Fresno county line but it fell through at the last minute. Glad I didn't go, the air quality outside is really bad with the fires.

KG6MWI

Lots of fun this year!

KG7D

Another fun CQP! Thank you to all that help put this on. Hope no one confused NV with NEVA. As hard as I tried. I just couldn't find all the counties, and I only was able to hear one county line expedition. Good news is, everyone loves the Trifecta! Hope to work you all again next weekend in the Nevada QSO Party. LISTEN for KG7D and KI7OAL at NVNYE/NVCHU/NVLAN, and please spot us when you hear us.

KI4BXU

Fairy Stone State Park outside Stuart, VA (Partick County.)
IC-7300, 100 watts, Carolina Windom 40 for 40 and (some) 20 meters, telescopic dipole for (many) 20 and (all) 15 meters

KI5PED

First ever contest, sending so the other can get points. Hope I did it right.

KJ6MBW

IC-7200 at 100w and a roof mounted GP for 10/15/20. No low band antennas this time. Conditions on 15 and 20m were good, nothing worked on 10.

KJ9C

From hotel parking lot in Asheville, NC. Here for a wedding.

KK0SD

Had a great time! Had a great time!

KK0U

Great fun -- Nice to see 15m back



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KK4CS

Great contest

KK6P

This was my first CQP. The conditions were up and down but the Q's just kept coming!

KL7DG

I was able to make one contact this year. I heard a few others but they faded fast before I could get the contact. Hoping for better conditions next year.

KL7DJ

First time in the QSO party and had only an hour. Bands were not awesome when I was able to operate. :)

KM4CH

QRP portable from KY

KM4HI

Great activity from CA, thank you.

KM4QE

Apparently the noise level was high at my end as well as at your end. However I did have a good time.

KN6EVH

Had a great time. Thank you,

KN6IPE

Conditions were tough during the day on 20m. This year's contest favors the night.

KN6IUW

thanks 73



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KN6KOR

NEW CONTESTER

Had a great time in the contest!

KN6NMV

First Contest

KN6XU

It was a fun contest. Only my second one in over 20 years. I more than doubled my last year's score. Not too bad for only using an 80 meter loop at 15 to 20 feet in elevation! Space is limited by power lines but I'm hoping to get a small tri-bander up before next year's contest. Thanks for all the fun!

KN6Y

Next year no paper

KO4SAB

Did not make 100 QSO's but this was my first ever contest that I entered. Antenna is a single Chameleon MPAS 2.0 vertical.

KO6RW

Fun contest!!! Just got the station back on the air after being inactive for almost 25 years. Retirement is great!!!

KO6ST

First time for CQP Lots of fun but...wish I'd had a program to auto-log entries. No computer (Linux) in shack..at that moment so old paper/pencil (that needed sharpening) method. Thanks..it was a hoot!

KQ6NO

Band condx mostly good, operated 3 bands. Happy with score given the relatively few hours I operated.



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KX3H

One of my favorite State QSO Parties! Didn't have much time this weekend but thanks to all the stations on the air from California.

KX4X

only had a short time to operate this year looking forward to next time

N0VLR

Had a great time - good practice for PAQP next weekend - hope to work you as N3ZK (multi -op expedition)

N1DC

Great event. Challenging conditions here in MA and a lot of competition.

N1LN

Many thanks to the QSO Party organizers and all participants, especially the CA mobiles for making this a fun event. This was my first ever sweep of all counties!

N2LDV

Had a great time! Wish I had more time to spend on the contest.

N3KA

What a drive, over 1200 miles, over 200Qs. Super happy overall with the performance, can't wait to plan the route next year. Will put some pictures and a timelapse video up on n3ka.com and qrz.

N4CWZ

Had a really good time. Bands were in great shape.

N4IY

I wanted to get the five remaining counties for the Worked all California Counties award and I succeeded. I am happy about that and will submit data for it.



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N4NTO

Great fun! Hope to break 100 next year!

N4XL

Great in-state participation. Outstanding information on the CQP website. Thank you!

N4ZR

Nice to see 15 open both days. A reminder to me for SS.

N5JB

Fun as always. Did a CW only effort this year from just north of Dallas. Was hoping for a CW sweep, but missed ALPI, DELN, MERC, KING and SIER. UGH!! Were they even on CW? Hey, CQP please consider an award for a CW sweep. That has to be a really serious challenge for outside CA stations.

N5OT

Next year I will really pay attention to all the county activation info presented on the contest web site. My bad.

N6GEO

Pleased with the turnout of TUOL county participants this year!

N6GP

Very fun to be fresh meat for the last 72 minutes of the contest. Just got back from vacation in the nick of time.

N6HE

OMG! Tons of stations on...so good to see so much activity! See ya next year!!!!

N6HI

ONE HALF WATT to a 20-Foot End-Fed Wire. Tnx for the QSOs. GO ARIZONA OUTLAWS!



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N6NFB

First time using a recorder to call CQ. Even with a dipole and 100 watts, calling CQ gets contacts beyond S&P. Great fun working my first pileup!

N6NUL

Low multiband dipole

N6RV

Fun!

N6SMH

Thank you!

N6SPP

Casual operating. 100 watts and a Windom. Wk'd friends NS6T, W7IV(KK6P) & NN6EE

N6TV

First sweep operating only CW in a long time, thanks to VY1CO. Lots of good activity compared to prior years, and 15 meters was much better too.

N6XI

Missed AK (!), ND, NT

N6YEU/8

Portable in WV at daughter's. Inverted vee linked dipole and Ic-7300 barefoot. Still had a good time. Unable to stay home in CA this year so operated a simple station set up under overhang at my daughter's home in Ona, WV. I used a Spider Pole as a support for my home brew linked dipole in inverted vee configuration. It was great fun working many members of home club REDXA and to work the big gun CA stations who can hear a mosquito fart from WV! It was a challenge to operate here but did the best I could. 15 meters was a nice surprise and I spent almost half my time there. I stuck to CW mostly as it can get through. I did better my score from 2017 when I operated from here also.



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N7EPD

It is unfair that I have to submit as assisted just because I am watching what is happening OUTSIDE of the CA QSO party. I am looking for DX as well as participating in the contest. It is unfair that I have to submit as assisted just because I am watching what is happening OUTSIDE of the CA QSO party. I am looking for DX as well as participating in the contest.

N7SU

Always great fun! 73

N7VS

Thank you for hosting one of the more interesting contests of the year. I used to live in California, and this is one of my favorite events of the year. This represents one of my better scores in several years despite schedule conflicts and strange band conditions. This event does not favor the Pacific Northwest. Perhaps someday, I can return and do a county expedition. I do hope to be back next year. Perhaps band conditions will be more favorable.

N7WY

K3s, 100 watts into antenna made from 200 in MFJ whip over SB-1000 coil

N8BZN

1st time in CQP. Didn't have much time but had a great time.

N8VWY

IC-7100, wire antennas, single paddle, Arduino keyer. GRT Golden State ops. TU all. GL 73.

NA6VJ

I had a hard time trying to figure out the EXCHANGE expected by the N1mm logger for Cabrillo export. After a lot of googling, I added a "001" before the county "ORAN" - and it worked correctly. Please try to add this info as a FAQ or Logger-help for the next contest.



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ND0C

Conditions were mediocre. Relatively mediocre propagation from here. Brief weak openings on 15 and 40 and 80 were a challenge (especially with QRP).

NF6R

NEW CONTESTER

First time contesting. What a hoot!

NF9Z

It should be mandatory to exchange 4 letter county abbreviation. It is very annoying for people just naming the county and the logger has to find the 4 letter code to do a 'valid' log entry like N1MM logger. There is no contact unless a four letter county is exchanged. I wasted a lot of time and low score.

NN5SD

Always a fun weekend but I ran out of stations to work :(CU next year!

NN6DX

Operating time cut down by computer BSOD, corrupted N1MM+ database, keyboard failure but still managed personal best. BIC pays off - hi.

NO2D

Did not do well this year. Had much trouble getting N1MM and my K3 to talk to each other. Butchered serial numbers and counties. Still had a lot of fun. Thanks to those who do the work to make this contest possible.

NO8C

Always a good time!

NR5NN

10 watts, all manual sent, paper logged, transcribed after CQP ended. 15m and 20m were very satisfying.



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NS8O

FB contest 15 meters was open from OH to CA and LOTS OF GOOD CW OPS in CA!

NT6V

Plan for the county expeditions formed on short notice since Napa seemed rare on CW. Operated from a residential location in the city of Napa and set up a fan dipole @ 30 ft overlooking the Napa River. Arrived on site Friday 4 pm and still had to cut and tune all the elements. Had 40,20,15m ready by night fall. Then during Saturday afternoon in a break added and tuned quickly two wires for 80 m. Worked out nicely for how makeshift and untested everything was. Went CW only after SSB seemed to cause issues with the landowners TV set, which we found 2 min before the contest start, and there was no time to troubleshoot. On Sunday morning suddenly high SWR on the antenna. Turned out the coax center pin disconnected at the dipole and had to be resoldered, for which I lost an hour. Overall, I had a blast. My first CQP participation and first county expedition. Station: K3 and Expert 1.3k running at 800-900W. Antenna: Fan dipole 80,40,20,15 m @ 30ft

NU1O

Need more activity from the rarest counties!

NW2P

Remote to RHR Summit NY station.

NZ6Q

Food for thought: when inviting new hams to your expedition, make sure you police their logs before they make 100 QSOs as CW when they were on Phone.

VA1XH

Tough slog to Cali from the far east coast.



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VA3AMX

1st time on CaQP - had some spare time and enjoyed the fun. Lots of station with good copy of my QRP signals - propagation was good on Saturday night.

VA3PAF

Thx for the fun. Wish I could have operated for more than 3 Hrs; but Home duties called.

VA6RCN

Navy business....got on late. Late entry due to NAVY life. Handed out AB just in case no one else was.

VA7KBM

Thanks for the contest! Propagation was poor (for me) from Vancouver, BC to California so quite pleased with ten contacts over the limited time I was operating.

VA7RN

I had difficulty working CA stations on 80M because all the CA stations were working each other!

VE3BFU

Thanks for the contest. Enjoyed

VE3DQN

Love this QSO party with my original home state. Being a virtual tourist to all the counties I wish I'd visited :-)

VE3EL

Great Contest! Look forward to it every year!

VE3JZT

First time working a QSO party. New ham licensed in July 2021.



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VE3KTB/VE8

Didn't expect to be heard with 10W into a low-ish wire

VE3RZ

Always a fun contest and good to see so many participating.

VE3XD

50 watts to attic antennas.

VE4AA

Just giving out a few QSOs in the last hour.

VE5SF

Fun contest. My operation limited to 20M due to other commitments.

VE9OA

I'm from Alberta where the abbreviation is AB and I assumed that New Brunswick would be abbreviated as NB . I was corrected and told on the air that I was not in NB but in MR . At that point I gave up. It should be pointed up that Canada has in fact 13 areas.

VE9VIC

Thanks to all, next year I will try to get all counties.

VK2GR

Some very good signals on 20m long path Great DX conditions. Thanks to all the operators for the contacts.

VY2LI

I struggle with CW but with low power and low wires, it was the best I could do.

W0AAE

17-year-old amateur radio operator.



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W0BH

SWEEP with K6G in SISK at 0204Z

W0JMW

Fun QSO party. There were times 20m looked like Field Day.

W0YJT

I could not find the last 12 counties. Did not even hear them. Bands were up and down. 15 was open a little. 40 meters was very noisy here.

W0ZF

Was on vacation in northern Minnesota - it was rainy on Saturday, so I strung a wire inside the cabin and made a few QSOs with my KX2 at 10 watts, and 4 phone QSOs from my mobile rig at 100w.

W1END

Rig was FTdx101 and Butternut vertical. A lot quieter than last year. But still enjoyed the hunt.

W1NN

Remote from Japan. Good activity as usual. Brings back nice memories of my CQP mobile operation back 20-25 years ago as K8HVT/M.

W1QK

Thank you for sponsoring the contest. Thanks to the mobile and portable stations too.

W1TO

Sorry I didn't have more time to participate.

W1UE

Tough this year. Could never get a run going, try as I might. Seemed propagation was either too short or too long. Could hear the guys in the Midwest running stations that I couldn't hear.



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W2CS

A very limited effort. I have a single wire, for forty meters. Thus, I can operate 40/15 with some 20 meter attempts. Rig: Elecraft K4D, wire.

W2IKN

Lots of QRM....

W3SA

Lots of QSB

W4EE

Fun Contest, hope to see you in the FQP April next year...73/OJ

W4HL

ALWAYS FUN !

W4KW

A Great Contest, as usual. Good 15 Meter openings both days. Heard several ZL's, VK's, KH6's & JA's in the background Saturday. Thanks to the Rovers, especially KI6YYT & WB6BET for finding me several times. Missed Kings for the Sweep. I had several three banders. Great to work our own TCGer K0EJ/6 (Mark) from Tuolumne. Thanks to All for the contacts, looking forward to next year.

W4VG

I tried to work K6CQP CW on 20m with about 5 seconds left in the contest; too late, sure would have liked to log YOLO, haha. See you all next year.

W4YE

Always great fun and thanks to the participants and all involved with CQP!

W5CBP

Thanks for the fun.



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W5GCX

Conditions were great on Sat. afternoon, both CA and VK/ZL stations coming in !

W5NN

I'm going back to Cali, Cali, Cali..... I'm going back to Cali..... I don't think so!

W6AQ

Thanks to Mike, W4EF, for making his station available. My operation honors the memory of Dave Bell, W6AQ, who loved QRP. A logging problem seems to have corrupted QSO #108. All weekend long I felt like I was surfing the conditions, at times on a good wave, at others unable to find the swell. NT was the only multiplier never heard. My other miss, MR, was heard several times, but only answering others. Thanks to the NCCC and CQP committee for another great event. Thanks to N6DE and the CQP team for another superb event.

W6B

A heck of a lot of fun from Stanislaus county. Multi Multi low power 8 hour expedition.

W6C

Thanks to Dean for his hard work. Rick, W6SR and I had a great time. Working VY1CO for number 58 was really great! A first try at MM cat. everything worked well but one of our operators was unable to help. So left two old farts had to man the radios and play hot seat..Aloha from Ca. KH7Y

W6CQP

Thanks to the Northern California Contest Club for the use of the club call. Very much appreciated. 73, Todd KH2TJ

W6CZ

Great time getting back active



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W6DMW

Great contest! Thank you for the support. We hope to activate Alpine again in the future!

W6KAP

Although I've enjoyed many years in CQP, this was the first time I spent any time on CW. Lots of fun after some initial frustration getting used to new keyer and paddle.

W6KSR

Had a blast!

W6MY

Operated unassisted and never heard an NT station. Lots of VE stations, especially Ontario. Had fun but need to plan times to make better +band changes and learn CW to improve score.

W6NKR

First time running. Good times!

W6PH

This was a great contest. The callers were continuous the whole 24 hours. I had the sweep by 1955 UTC. I beat the old Inyo County record by 60K. Thank you NCCC.

W6RFU

UCSB station back on the air after 18 months. Access to engineering building restored + replaced C4 with Skyhawk. Ops: AC6T NF1R

W6SF

Please keep the 8 Hour Expedition next year. New year, I plan on doing the local county with the Stockton club one day and another county with a different call the next day. This short day with the small number of ops was fun, low pressure, and for groups that do not want to stay up all night an ideal venue. As more small groups understand how this type of operation



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works you'll see more of it. Especially if you have an option of picking out an 8 hour night operation as well.

W6SFI

The perils of contesting on Linux...

W6SFM

www.w6sfm.com

W6TCP

Thank you to all the KB'ers for the points, and to the CQP team for another great party! Thanks to Denny KX7M, Oliver W6NV (who was also kind enough to let me loose at his station)!

W7VC

NEW CONTESTER

Didn't quite make 100 contacts, but did better than in any other contests. I can't believe I logged 42 counties! It was a ton of fun! 20m was brutal, but 40m was fantastic; I wasn't set up for 80m... perhaps next time. See you next year!

W8KNO

Saturday Only. Had fun once again. Saturday only. Sunday operated K8BF.

W8RJL/6

I did slightly better last year. It must be old age catching up with me. Thanks for the Q's and the requests for repeats.

W9RE

Great showing and nice 15 m conditions. Missed YUBA and DELN. Thanks for all the effort to make it fun.



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W9TCV

It's a long way to CA - hope the bands cooperate! Had a fun time contacting California stations from across the country!

W9WE

Had a great weekend and enjoyed all those hard to copy ,too fast for me, Serial #'s. My score will suffer. Yaesu 857d and end fed 80 m 148 ft long at 30ft high..

W9WI

100 watts to a VOFC antenna (VERY off-center-fed) hidden behind the fence. Seemed to be radiating everything straight up on Saturday -- I could hear a pin drop but nobody could hear me. Didn't change a thing before Sunday -- but it worked a whole lot better.

W9YK

Keep on hamming!

WA1FCN

Due to the XYL's and my own health issues I knew I could not enter seriously. So I stuck to CW again. At least that got me one more CQP ! In my case I think this is CQP # 39 for me. This includes operating from the state of N. H. Connecticut and Alabama. It also includes CQP #1 and CQP #2 ! Gosh but this must be some kind of record! To all you California guys who get on year after year Thank You. It sure is nice to meet some real OT at this year after year. With a little help from above, may we meet again next year.

WA1SAY

Thanks for QSO party.

WA1ZYX

It would be very helpful if CA stations would tell the non-CA stations the 4 letter county during the exchange.



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WA2CNV

Lots of Fun! Had a great time - worked many counties!
My CW rag chewing skills have been mostly refreshed in a year, but
contesting (and logging) are very rough. Hi Hi Still, a lot of fun.

WA4DT

Looking forward to next year...maybe a few more of the obscure counties
will show up.

WA4GUD

I appreciate all the pdfs you provide for understanding the contest and best
approaches.

WA4YJB

Always enjoy this contest.

WA6KHK

Nice flurry at the end on 20 SSB. I didn't do so well but it was fun!

WA6URY

Operated remote from Tokyo, Japan

WA7ID

Had lots of fun. We had YL's, youth and new testers.

WA7YXY

TNX for another great CQP!

WA9YI

Very nice work everyone, hope to do it again in 2022.

WB2AWQ

Only a short time to operate but condx on 40 were good. Thanks!



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WB2FUE

Great contest! Many thanks to all very skilled CA operators. Already looking forward to next year.

WB6HYH

Great contest as always. This was my twelfth year doing CQP and I never get tired of it. It is most enjoyable in California because it is like being a rare DX station and everyone outside of California wants to work you! Already looking forward to next year.

WB6JJJ

Fun contest...Unfortunately, I missed seven counties. See you next year.

WB6KDH

Thanks!

WB8JAY

I employed the chirpy Heathkit HW-16 to participate in this year's CQP.

WB8WUA

I had fun here on my first CA QSO Party event. The CA CW contesters were penetrating into our (my) organized frequency space (even on 15meters) of the weekend Straight Key Century Club event activity ; so I decided to join into the CW CA QSO Contest here, and work both contest events. I was happy that the 15 meter band was open so well into California.

WC7S

Great class QP. LOTS of fun for 8 hours... hope to see you all next year too. With a KX3 and a EDZ at 25 ft or a 700 ft loop at 30, lots of stations.

WD4FMG

Thanks for a nice contest. Good participation!



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WE6Z

Lots of fun from this QRP operation.

WJ9B

CQP is always a good one due in part to the time of year. While running qrp I also watched two football games! Great fun!!

WN4AFP

Enjoyed the QP!!!

WO4O

Missed K6AQL/M when in SJOA and YUBA, the last 2 counties needed for my sweep. Later found, worked and logged N9BD/6 in YUBA, followed by N6NFB in SJOA for the CA County Sweep. Thanks for the Qs!

WO9B

Too good to miss. Had to take care of other duties this weekend, but I did get some time in. Hey, 15 was open. Forgot to check 10. Next year I'll get Q's on all 5 bands.

WU6X

Sutter County Had a blast ... again! 100w to 64:1 transformer-fed longwire up 30 feet.

WX6V

Awesome contest as always. It's fun to be a Mult!

