

# County Hunter News OnLine

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Welcome to the On-Line County Hunter News, a monthly publication for those interested in ham radio county hunting, with an orientation toward CW operation. We also cover some park chasing activities these days. Contributions of articles, stories, letters, and pictures to the editor are welcomed, and may be included in future issues at the editor's discretion.

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CW County Hunter Frequencies are 14.0565, 10.124.5, and 7056.5, with activity occasionally on 3556.5 KHz. There is .SSB activity now occasionally on 7188, 14336., 18136, 21336, 28336 . The CW folks are now pioneering 17M operation on 18.0915. (21.0565, 24.9155, and 28.0565 ). Look around 18136 or for occasional 17M .SSB runs usually after the run on 20M .SSB . (21.336 and 28.336)

You can see live spots of county hunter activity at [ch.W6RK.com](http://ch.W6RK.com)

For information on county hunting, check out the following resources:

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Rules and information are here:

<http://countyhunter.com/cq.htm>

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For general information FAQ on County Hunting, check out:

<http://countyhunter.com/whatis.htm>

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## Notes from the Editor

**1 ) Sunspots** – Still have them. A few days of horrible K index, but most of month nice and clear with propagation good on 15m and sometimes on 10m. Still good times although overall sunspots numbers are far below last year. We're on the post peak now.

**2 ) State QSO Parties.** Lots of great QSO parties this month with hundreds of counties up for grab. Reports on all of them in this issue, focused on the mobiles. October has some good state QSO Parties with another possible several hundred up for grabs.

# Kansas QSO Party

There are 105 counties in Kansas. At least 3 people, N6MU, OM2VL, and N8II worked all the counties – clean sweep! There were mobiles running left and right, rovers, and fixed stations usually covering both SSB and CW in every county. If you put in the time, you'd rack up a good score. This is one of the best state QSO parties with every county usually represented at least once and sometimes 3 or 4 times in rare counties with little population 'out in the boonies'.

**K0T County Expedition 1136 CW**  
KD8RTT opr

Another fun Kansas QSO Party! I had a great time operating Saturday at Kanapolis Lake State Park where I was able to rack up a lot of contacts on 20m and 40m. My plans for Sunday were affected by the downpour I woke up to; I planned for Marion, Morris, and Chase county corner, but when I got there, the minimum maintenance road that covers the last ~2 miles there was way to muddy and wet for my little Honda Accord to fight this year. So I pivoted to just the Marion/Morris county line a few miles away and had a blast! Band conditions were up and down but was able to run pileups on 20m for quite awhile. See you all next year!

**K0Y County Expedition 245 cw 113 SSB**  
NJ8M Opr

I set up on Clinton state park shelter #2. Everything went great right up until it started to rain and it turned into a torrential down pour. I was out of there in 15 minutes.

Rig: FT710  
Ant: HB 40-10 vertical

Thanks for the Qs.

Vy 73, Morgan NJ8M

**N0R - N5NA opr Mobile 1326 CW QSO**

Thanks to everyone who gave me a call! Big congrats to N6MU, N8II, and especially OM2VL on the county sweeps! Great job!

Murphy visited me early this year. I had everything set up and working on Friday evening. Saturday morning I started with a CQ on 40m in Meade and worked W5LXS. Then I noticed the K3 RF meter was showing only one segment. Was I really only transmitting with about 10 watts? I twiddled with the power control and turned the rig off and on but that didn't help. Guess I lost the PA in my trusty K3. So the first county or two I was only running 10 watts. Then I decided to try the whack repair method. A few whacks above the PA and I had 100 watts again. Had to do that several times throughout the weekend. Sunday evening I found a post from someone with the same problem. Apparently it's a grounding problem if the three screws with the lock washers on the bottom of the K3 aren't tight. So I loosened and tightened those. Did a POTA on Monday with no problems but the real test will be the TQP in a few weeks.

Equipment: Elecraft K3, Dell Latitude 5420 Rugged running CQ/X de NO5W, Scorpion SA-680 antenna, Ford F250 Superduty antenna support.

A special thanks to my wife, K5AKS, for driving all weekend and to Magnus for being a good boy in the back seat.

Thanks to the following stations for contributing more than half the QSOs: N5RZ(41), OM2VL(35), DL3DXX(34), N0HJZ(31), W5LXS(29), VE3YT(26), N6MU(26), W8PI(21), N5MI(21), K9CW(19), WB9HFK(16), N5TJ(16), N7US(16), N8II(16), W0ELT(16), VE3CT(15), N7EPD(14), W9RE(14), N4RS(14), K8MV(13), K7SS(12), AA8R(12), NE8P(12), SP6JOE(11), K4EJ(11), WQ6X(11), W0PI(10), NT5EE(10), AA5JF(10), K9PW(10), DL5AXX(9), WN6W(9), VE7ZO(9), N8KR(9), LY5A(8), W0MU(8), W7GF(8), W9DC(8), SP5SA(8), K5TIA(8), KG9X(7), K4YFH(7), N4OX(7), N0KV(7), K3TW(7), VE3CWU(7)

I'm always amazed at the DX stations I'm able to work mobile. DX stations worked include: OM2VL, DL3DXX, SP6JOE, DL5AXX, LY5A, SP5SA, F8PDR, UA3AGW, RZ1OA, HA9RE, JE7JDL, DL3IAC, F4EUG, EA1AT, M0TTQ, OH3GD, DL7HU, DJ4GJ, F5SHN, and OK1XC.

73, Alan N0R / N5NA

**K0A - K5CM opr 2146 cw 857 SSB**

Pam and I each operated single-op, although she will tell you I hogged the radio most of the time hi hi. (See her separate write-up and score under K0O).

The solar flux was high and the K-index was low. This made for some very good conditions. Some of the pile-ups were amazing, and that is what it is all about for me. My combined CW/SSB Q total was 3003, a little more than last year

Congrats to OM2VL, N6MU, and N8II for sweeps.

## **K0S (W0BH opr) 1170 CW 508 SSB**

The 2025 Kansas QSO Party by W0BH as K0S/m

Putting together the Kansas QSO Party puzzle of moving pieces is one of my favorite things to do. With mobiles coming in from Idaho, Minnesota, Oklahoma (3), Texas (2), Arizona and New Mexico along with the six Kansas mobiles, two out-of-state portable/expedition stations (California and Missouri) and seven more from Kansas, it was shaping up to be quite a year.

Once I got the fixed stations on the map and a number of early routes in, it was obvious that eastern Kansas was well covered. The hard part of the puzzle was activating the western states, both CW and SSB. Thanks to mobiles being willing to modify their routes, the entire Map by Mode finally turned green. All 105 counties were covered by at least two operators during the weekend except Logan county (which I covered).

If you haven't had a chance to check out the maps, go to the Mobile Routes page of the KSQP web site. You'll find links to Map by Mode, Map by Day, and Rare Counties as well as maps of each of the mobile routes. The maps help Kansas stations figure out route planning to optimize the talent we have, and you can use them to optimize a Sweep attempt. Some years, we have all the counties active on Saturday, but this year we were four short, so no Saturday Sweep.

We also had all 57 1x1 Spelling calls active once again, plus 6 additional 1x1 Challenge calls for a total of 62, our second most in seventeen years. Another one of my duties is to assign 1x1 calls so they're available both CW and SSB in order to spell KANSAS, QSOPARTY, SUNFLOWER and YELLOWBRICKROAD. The double letters A and S in KANSAS and L and O in YELLOWBRICKROAD take extra work to find ops who can do mixed mode since two different calls are required to spell those words.

XYL Lorna/K0WHY drove once again. We put out K0S and N0B for the Spelling challenge, and I ran N0L on CW from three counties during slow stretches on Saturday to get that letter out on CW. We had one emergency cancellation, so I found help to put that call on the air as well (thanks Ron/KB0DTI). We use the ARRL as our 1x1 VEC coordinator. They do a terrific job of handling last-minute changes including several changes late Friday afternoon!

The plan this year was to drive to Colby in northwestern Kansas on Friday night, then activate counties enroute back to my home QTH in south-central Kansas. If all went well, we would host Dragon/K0AP, operating K0W/r at our home QTH overnight before going west a shorter distance on Sunday. The trip to Colby was uneventful, but we kept watching the rain shower forecast for the next day. Fortunately, no severe weather forecast, but rain can make the county lines a challenge.

## Saturday

Saturday morning came with low clouds, very light sprinkles and cool 60s, a pleasant change from 100 degree temps in the past. We decided to drive to our first three-county line and then put on antennas. The sprinkles stopped, it was dry, and it was a perfect three-county line location at LOG/GOV/THO. W0PI, K9CW and N5RZ found me on 40m CW and we were off and running. Band conditions started great and just got better. I had scheduled a full hour there to make sure everyone got Logan county. Even 15m was open. Near the end of the hour, OM2VL came through as my first DX station.

Our Saturday route continued with several more line stops. Another major stop was RAW/DEC/THO. The band was on fire and I was running well over 200/hr (x3 = 600+/hr). I usually start on 40m, go to 20m then 15m, then SSB. By this time of the day, 20 was long for some western states, but 15 worked great. I had just finished a run on 20 when someone switched me to SSB for a quick contact which turned into a pileup. I had yet to go to 15 for stations like N6MU/John, who I knew was going for a Sweep.

It started to sprinkle, then rain, then dump. I mean downpour dump. We just happened to be under a cloud that likes three-county lines, I guess. I kept the run going but was worried that my Hustler resonators would get water in them and short out like they sometimes do. The electrical tape job helps, but this was really something. Then the first drip started INSIDE the Astro van. And more drips, bigger drips, faster drips. We had the windshield replaced a few months ago and apparently it didn't seal. Since the van is garaged, it hadn't been in the rain, so this was the first stress test and it failed. Water came down on my IC-7000 control head and MFJ voicekeyer and soaked the overhead

padding. I threw my KSQP sweatshirt over the equipment to soak up some water and we decided we had to leave. Lorna drove us out from under the downpour about three miles later, but we couldn't get back to Rawlins county without getting wetter. It wasn't until 15 or 20 minutes later that I realized I hadn't worked 15. Since I was the only CW station in RAW, no sweep for CA CW stations like N6MU. I felt really bad about that, but we continued on to make the rest of our route.

Fortunately, the rest of the day was rain-free with only a few minor sprinkles along the way. One problem with working lines is that sometimes you have to drive back through a county that you just worked from the line to get to the next one. That slows things down, so during those times, I put N0L on the air on CW for Aaron/N0QD with his permission, and looked for Kansas and Colorado QSO party stations to work. I must have been too close to work Jim/KN6VTC, who came in from California to sit on the KS/CO border and work both parties on Saturday!

Lorna's goal was to get to our farm at the 9:00pm stop time and she did just that. We ended the day with 936 QSO lines in my log. Remember that some of those lines represent multiple contacts, so I really had no idea how many contacts I'd made. Last year it was 771 QSO lines and the year before 800, so a very successful Saturday.

Dragan/K0AP came in later and we really enjoyed getting reacquainted with him. The last time I saw him in person was at a contest at the former K5GO superstation in Arkansas. John/N6MU also checked in. He saw a path to a Sweep except for Rawlins county. Laci/OM2VL had 96 counties at the end of the day. He said he missed N0Q in Cheyenne county, with no one scheduled there on Sunday. With the batteries on the chargers, we all got to sleep after midnight.

## Sunday

We had parked the van outside overnight not expecting rain but then not really looking at the forecast, either. About 5 am, I woke up to the sound of lots of rain coming down. It took a few seconds for the implications of that to sink in, but then I shot up in bed and realized the van would be leaking once again. Without really dressing for it, I rushed outside and it was indeed leaking. I threw a tarp over the front of the van, took the Hustler antennas off the roof to dry out, and got thoroughly wet. At least it was a warm rain!

Back to sleep, but it was still raining when we got up at 7, so I decided to try to help N6MU and OM2VL get their Sweeps. I knew Randy/K7TQ and Jay/WA0WWW operating N0Q/m were heading back to Idaho and would end up near Cheyenne county,

the furthest northwest county in Kansas. I called and asked whether they could skip two of their counties heading north and make it to Cheyenne (CHY) before the end of the party. They thought they could and decided to try. It was only later on the air that Jeff/N8II told me he needed Cheyenne and Morton counties for the Sweep. I knew Duffey/KK6MC operating W0P/r would end his Sunday run at the STN/MRT county line, so if we could get Randy and Jay to Cheyenne, it would really be a party!

Lorna and I couldn't go until the rain stopped, so we cooked breakfast for Dragan and sent him on to the three-county line a few miles from our house. Just for fun, I listened to him work the instant pileup and even gave him a call from my home station using W0BH. The rain stopped about 10:45 and we were finally off.

John let me know by text that Laci had also missed Rush county (RUS), and John needed Stafford (STA) since that was one of the ones N0Q gave up. Another op requested Pawnee. I thought I could get to all three and spent time rerouting us to make sure could. Since Harvey and Reno were both well-covered CW and SSB, I worked on the route instead of operating and let ops know what I was doing on the KSQP Spotting site. My first Sunday contact from well into Reno county came at 12:06 pm, three hours late. We were still hoping to do some real damage the last three hours.

We did. With fantastic band conditions, we made all our counties and heard John/N6MU in CA, Laci/OM2VL in Slovakia and Jeff/N8II in WV all claim Sweeps! If they hold up with log checking, that will be a record, and Laci will be able to claim the first ever DX Sweep of all 105 Kansas counties. John has the longest Sweep streak record with confirmed Sweeps ten years in a row (2011-2020). Vic/VE3YT almost added Canada to the list with 104 counties, Rich/N0HJZ in MN claimed 102, and Richard/W0ELT in WI claimed 100. An amazing year and some amazing ops. If you get close next time, let me know and perhaps we can reroute for you, too. It's a real team effort and one of the funnest parts of working with you all. Congratulations from all of us here in Kansas!

## Stats

We operated 12.8 hours, 970 miles, 1715 K0S/m Qs, 50 mults, 3030 combined Qs, 356 unique calls, 37 K0S/m dupes, one radio.

States not worked ----- : VT DE HI AK ID ND SD

VE worked ----- : QC ON MB SK AB BC

KS worked (9 counties) -- : CHE JOH THO LEA KIN BUT RIL WAB WYA

DX worked (9 countries) - : OM HA F SP DL UA LY LZ G



## AFTERWARDS

Logs are coming into the log repository from the Log Submission page on the KSQP web site. Remember to email me a separate FT4/8 log since we score FT4/8 logs separately. They can be in any format and only need to include grid square. Also remember to log county line contacts on one line per county.

Special thanks to Chip/N3IW for hosting the QSO Party Hub Spotting Site! Chip makes free spotting available to all QSO parties. Chip reported 1700 spots over the two-day period, a new record for ANY QSO party! We do allow self-spotting because the whole idea is to help you work our Kansas counties.

Another big, BIG THANKS to Bruce/WA7BNM and Trey/N5KO for making log submission available to us. It saves me a tremendous amount of time by letting me return emails instead of collect logs. Bruce is also the one in charge of the 3830 pages we're all using to post our scores and comments. Be sure to post yours!

THANKS to the sponsors including the ARRL, ops, clubs, KS0KS bonus station crew, and support teams (log-checking/AD0DX, web/KB0RWI and stamps/KI5TE) who made this seventeenth Kansas QSO Party so much fun. You are all much appreciated and we couldn't do it without you!

Next year, there are again five full weekends in August. The Kansas QSO Party is always the last weekend in August. This year and next, we share(d) the weekend with the COQP. Mark your calendars for August 29-30, 2026. We hope to see you all again ..

73, Bob/w0bh K0S/m  
2025 KSQP Coordinator

## **W0W - NR0P Opr 860 SSB**

Lots of fun and no troubles on the road. My wife does a great job navigating. The truck needs a wash though.

Thanks for all of the QSOs.

Rig: Kenwood TS-480

Antennas: Tarheel screwdrivers

### **N0T mobile (N5OT opr) 1539 CW**

Thanks to Bob and the whole KSQP bunch! This was my first time entering the Kansas event. I live 12 miles south of Kansas so I thought maybe THIS WAS THE YEAR.

Boy did I have a good time. I was using an amp in the mobile - running 300-700 watts depending on the band. I think the only mobile category I can enter is "UNLIMITED" because of the amp.

Works for me. This year I could only do it on Day 1. Next year I will do a better job of clearing the calendar.

Thanks to everyone who got on for the Kansas QSO Party. That was really fun.

73 - Mark N5OT

### **N0B multi op mobile (W0BH, K0WHY ) 694 cw 508 SSB**

We were running the 1x1 call to put the B in YELLOWBRICKROAD on the air for the KSQP 1x1 Spelling Challenge. We do not consider ourselves eligible for the actual award. Thanks for all the Qs!

See the K0S post for additional details.

73, Bob/w0bh and Lorna/k0why

### **N0Q multi op mobile ( K7TQ WA0WWW opr) 1051 CW**

First of all a big THANK YOU to W0BH, Bob, for all the work he puts into making the KSQP one of the best QSO Parties. Jay, WA0WWW, and I, K7TQ, travel a long way, about 1,300 miles one way, from our homes in Spokane, WA and Moscow, ID to participate and we have a great time.

In the contest we made 1,051 Qs with 45 mults for a claimed score of 141,885. We started on the Cheyenne/Sherman county line where in 30 minutes we collected 76 Qs. From there, the northwest corner of KS, we headed south to the southwest corner. Counties in that area are about 30 miles on a side which makes for a handy 30 minute time in each of them. After heading east along the bottom row of counties, we stopped on the Barber/Harper county line where Jay collected another 78 Qs in 35 minutes. By

the end of Saturday in Pratt, we had 644 Qs.

As we were leaving Pratt on Sunday morning I got a call from organizer Bob. He asked if we could modify our route to include Rawlins and Cheyenne counties so that N6MU and OM2VL would have a chance for a sweep. We shortened our start on the Kiowa/Edwards line from 30 minutes to 15 minutes and made 57 Qs there. Next we dropped Stafford and Barton plus cut out the planned lunch stop in Great Bend so we could add RAW and CHY. With an hour and half to the end of the Party, we hit RAW and N6MU found us 10 minutes later for his sweep. With 40 minutes to the end of the Party, we hit CHY and OM2VL found us two minutes later for his sweep. N8II got us in both RAW and CHY for his sweep. It was very pleasing to be able to provide the last needed counties for those fellas.

Our most frequent customer was N5RZ, Gator, in TX who got us in 22 of our 26 counties. John, N6MU, in CA, one of the sweepers, was next up with 21 counties. Others with 15 or more were K9CW, Andy, in IL; K9PW, Peter, in IL; and OM2VL, Laci, one of the sweepers, in the Slovak Republic with 20 Qs; N8II, Jeff, one of the sweepers, in WV and WB9HFK, Mark, in IL with 18; VE3YT, Vic, in ON and N7US, Jim in IL, with 17; and DL3DXX, Dietmar, in Germany with 15 Qs. A total of 26 folks worked us 10 or more times.

The mobile was a 2002 Ford Ranger with a KX2 and KXPA amp at just 50 Watts this year to a Scorpion 680 antenna mounted in the center of the truck's bed. Logging was done with a 14" screen HP laptop running N1MM+.

Jay and I thank everyone who worked us and those who tried, but we didn't get you in the log.

**K0I portable (KI0I opr ) 1321 cw 604 ssb 3 digi**

I started a little late Saturday morning, the first spot I looked at was on the frontage road along I70. When I rolled the window down the highway noise was way too loud. I'd seen on maps another location about a mile or so north on a dead end path to a cell tower site. This location was ideal and I sat there all day with only crickets and cows for company. The weather was awesome with a nice breeze and overcast skies, only a light sprinkle for rain.

Without spotting I called CQ on 15m and immediately got a reply , after another caller or two someones spot hit the cluster and all hell broke loose! I was logging as fast as I

could for an hour or more. It finally slowed a bit and I noticed I was only logging one county , RIL not RIL?WAB for the two. I fixed that and went back to work. With constant band and mode changes and spotting my call on the spotter, I stayed pretty busy most of the time. Watching the spot page, I could see a lot of action on there. Saturday ended and I drove to Topeka to stay the night at a hotel.

Sunday morning, after coffee and breakfast, I drove to the 3-county line of AND COF FRA. I wanted to start on 80m for local guys , but that didn't go so well, as the passenger window the amp was sitting next to , would raise about a half inch with a dit and an inch with a dah. I'd heard a buzzing in the door on Friday as I was setting up the radio and amp and tuning hustler resonators.

So, 80m required reducing power greatly. You just never know what will surface on a vehicle installation!! I managed to log 56 q's on 80m CW. Oh yeah, and once with the engine running, I hit the key on CW and the engine died. I quickly tried a restart and to my joy , I hadn't fried the trucks brain.

Altogether, the station played pretty good throughout the weekend, Saturday being better for DX than Sunday.

I looked up and saw a Ford pickup pass by with a Big screwdriver on the rear hitch , I think It was Dragan, K0AP.

Thanks to so many of you that follow the spots and make multiple qso's with the mobiles, rovers and portable ops. It's so much more fun when we have plenty of callers to stay busy. My only slack time was Sunday the last half hour was all CQ and no takers. I figured either the bands had fell out or I'd worked almost everyone. I will echo what so many have commented, Bob W0BH, does an absolutely wonderful job of getting the word out on the QSO party, hyping up the 1x1's, giving setup instructions for all that goes with 1x1 activation, thinking up an award program unequaled by anyone, and handling the aftermath of the weekends mayhem. Congrats Bob ! you did it again !

I'd like to see all QSO parties being ran like Kansas QSO Party !

Thank you all for making it another fun weekend in Kansas, it was a Blast. Radio-Icom 7300 to a 500w SS amp hooked to two 150ah batteries in the rear floorboards. power level abt 300w. Antennas- Tarheel 100-HP with a 4' solid mast above and a homebrew large tophat on a mount I built to place the antenna on the rear driver corner making it possible to see the antenna and access the bed with camper shell

on it. The tophat really makes it work well.

on top of the crew cab roof was a triple magnet mount holding a hustler mast and KW resonators for 10-15 and 20m. Another battery, an 80Ah SLA , powered the radio the entire weekend, tho drive level on CW was only 6-8w.

N1mm+ for logging on a HP Probook.

And a tip of the hat to N6MU, John for coming back from illness to make the sweep again! Way to go John! Also Jeff, N8II swept 105! and Laci, OM2VL, doing the seemingly impossible feat of a 105 county sweep from Eastern Europe!!! Congrats guys! I'll say 73 and thank once more ,I hope to be involved somehow next year, it's a must do QSO party.

Mark KI0I/K0I

### **N0L Portable (N0QD Opr) 268 SSB**

Thanks to everyone for another great KS QSO Party! This weekend was my 50th birthday, so I spent time with family as well as on the radio. It was a lot of fun to set up portable for a couple of county line operations (HPR/KIN and CLO/REP,) plus my own front yard in HVY. My last-minute antenna experiment worked out pretty well and didn't cause any problems, so I'll count that as a win. 15m was great, and OM2VL, RZ1OA, F4EUG, and HA9RE had solid signals. It was a great weekend, and I'm looking forward to next year!

### **N0J (N0JK opr) 87 CW 3 ssb**

I was able to only operate Saturday due to caring for special needs grandson. A more limited effort than 2024. To maximize my impact, I decided at the last minute to operate portable in Chase County Saturday. It is rarer than Douglas or Jefferson where I did my portable operation last year. I also wanted to evaluate the site I use for the VHF contest coming up in a couple of weeks. I operated at the Bazaar Cattle Pens off I-35. It is a great radio spot, up high, clear horizons and no electrical noise. Unfortunately, it has turned into a "tourist attraction" with an advertised "scenic view spot." In the past I usually had the Pens to myself. So I had to drive a short ways from the best place to set up. Ran about 50 watts with my old TS-850 to a MFJ long whip, tuner. Hand key & paper log. 20 M was good. I made a few contacts on 15M as well including some Es to Texas. The DX ops OM2VL, DL3DXX and DL5AXX are amazing. OM2VL found me on 15, 20 & 40M. I operated for about an hour, then no replies to CQs. I went to 6M. Copied XE2JS DL68. I was going to call it good for the

contest. Once home and rested decided to do a short portable op in Douglas Co. I first worked some of my fellow KS QP ops on 40 Meters including a nice YL at W0T on SSB, then found a clear spot and called CQ on CW. Had a nice run of stations until 0030 UTC. It started to rain hard and I shut down.

### **K0DVP portable 111 SSB**

Portable in Johnson county Kansas

### **K0W rover (K0AP opr) 2042**

My 2025 route was similar to the one from last year 2024. No problems with the setup, everything worked fine for the most part. Huge pileups so sometimes had to crank it up to 38 WPM. Many stations worked me from each county. Tried 80m at the beginning on Saturday but could not work anyone. 40,20,15m kept me busy all the time. This time I have activated 25 counties. Saturday night stayed at W0BH QTH (TNX Lorna and Bob for your hospitality). Last time I saw Bob was 15 years ago when we ran together in the ARRL Contest from K5GO's. Heavy rain on Sunday morning at the HVY/MCP/MRN county line but did not impact my operation. Luckily there was no lightning, just heavy downpour. When many people are calling you it's hard to decide whether to shut it down and drive to next county line or continue until the pileups dry out. I think I did OK with the time management although I could not get in time to Reno on Saturday and to Geary on Sunday. These two counties were already covered by other mobiles/rovers so no damage was done. Special thanks to Bob and Lorna for the very successful organization as usual. Also, big thanks to the many stations who fatefully followed me around both days... I've had a BLAST!

RIG: IC7300

ANT: Hustler resonators

LOG: N1MM+

73 Dragan K0W (K0AP)

### **W0O (W0ZQ opr) 1899 CW**

A fun time in Kansas with cool temperatures and hot bands. As a Minnesota guy I'll take 65 degrees and that drizzle stuff all day long over past KSQP years of 104. I did see my first cold air funnel cloud on the drive back home on Sunday, that was interesting.

Mpls to Kansas is about 450 to 550 miles depending on where your coming from or going too. I ran my usual 21 county route this year covering most of those counties that are located the closest to MN. I had just one minor detour due to bridge construction south of Maple Hill. You are not really a rover anyway until you get on a gravel road.

In past years I ran my old trusty FT897 with just a 500 Hz CW filter, so this year I was glad that I installed my 300 Hz filter before leaving, it was a big help. Some day I'll upgrade to newer 1990 technology, but for now the FT897 works well with many many Qs on it.

As a rover who stops to operate (no Qs while in motion) its really nice when 15m cooperates as it give us basically three bands to work at each stop. Saturday's propagation was pretty good except for a brief midday lull, but Sunday was terrific. It is always amazing what can be worked with 100 watts from a mobile. Of my 1899 Q's, 146 were with DX stations. Many thanks to the Minnesota Wireless Assoc gang who were out in force giving me 234 Qs.

A tip of the hat to Dragan who looks like he bested me in the Rover category for a second straight year, a great score and a great effort for sure. I worked as hard as I could on my 21 county route and I cannot think of anything I could have done any better, I think I maxed this route out. Next year, if I'm back, maybe a different route to optimize the county line concept better, or, maybe spend an extra day or two to venture west towards those more rare counties just for the love of the game.

Thanks for all the Qs and your patience with me in the pile ups and of course to Bob, W0BH, for his hard work in pulling this together.

73, Jon  
W0ZQ/W0O/m

**W0P Rover ( KK6MC Opr) 1036 cw 328 ssb**

It is always a happy occasion to get Bob's invitation to rove in the KS QSO Party and his offer of a 1x1 callsign. I have had a conflict with my grandson's birthday some years, so it is nice to have it a week later than his birthday this year. This is one of the premier QSO parties for rovers/mobiles and it is always a good time.

I activated 16 counties this year. I stop on one county line to operate and then travel to the next without without operating while driving. Bob called me up a few days before

the contest to see if I could cover WIC, SCO, LAN, NES, and HOG counties as they had no CW coverage. I was still in the middle of planning my route, so I agreed, even if it meant my route was probably less than optimum in terms of travel time. Part of that was due to planning a circle route beginning and ending at Liberal. Still, if anyone got a clean sweep in CW, it went through me I think. I worked all three stations that had a clean sweep, N6MU, N8II, and OM2VL, so that was rewarding.

This year, I missed my goal of 1500 Qs and/or equaling W0ZQ's score. Dragan's scores are out of reach. I need to operate this contest one year with an optimum route to maximize the number of counties visited in the time allocated, but I am pretty sure even then I could not gain much on those two. I spent half of the contest time traveling from one spot to another. For me, the contest seems to be more about handing out rare counties rather than maximizing my score.

I spent more time on SSB than I have in the past and that was productive when CW activity petered out and, I think, benefits those ops who can't do CW. Rate is higher for SSB, but the points are fewer, so it is a bit of a wash, but I think an all CW operation is probably the way to maximize scores.

I hit most of my marks on time and N5RZ or N6MU were usually there to greet me first thing. I have helped N6MU get his clean sweep for most of the time he has made it.

I agree with Jon, that if you don't travel on gravel roads, you ain't really roving, but I would add one needs to travel on dirt roads or two tracks as well. Rain on the days preceding the QSO party and on the morning of the first day made many of the county roads I used muddy and rutted. I didn't get stuck, thanks to Subaru, but the car got muddy. I like roving in the midwest, the county lines are well marked and in most cases have a county road that runs along them. Most of the spots I stopped at were good operating spots, even without much pre-scouting of them on my part. Only one had some line noise, and the one next to a railroad crossing was noisy, both RF and audio wise, when the train came by. The Hamilton cemetery was a nice quiet spot on small rise on the HAM/KEA county line. I did brush the antenna on the ornate gate going in and coming out though. I managed to brush the antenna on three occasions this rove, more than usual, but that is one of the hazards of having a tall antenna and driving while a bit tired. The antenna was detuned by rain or mud once on Saturday morning, but I got that fixed right away.

Conditions were, for the most parts, good both days, although there was a time on Saturday afternoon when the bands dropped out for a while. ns. oEarly in the morning there was aurora buzz and distortion on the European stations. DX was good on both



days with many QSOs into Europe.

Weather was nice; there was some drizzle on Saturday morning, but otherwise temps were in the 70s.

I did pick up a windshield ding from a rock thrown up by a passing agricultural vehicle, but those are the hazards of traveling in the land of gravel roads in farm country. Need to go tone of those chip repair places soon to keep it from spreading.

Hats off to Bob W0BH for honchoing this contest and making it enjoyable for all participants, both in and out of Kansas, both fixed and mobile.

### **K0O rover (N5KW opr) 177 cw    693 ssb**

Connie(K5CM/K0A) & I left home on Friday afternoon for a leisurely drive to Kansas to rest and relax before hitting the back roads and the county lines. All was going as planned until Saturday morning when we apparently picked up a hitchhiker named Murphy! It started on SSB when I told Connie I had a problem with the rig cutting out. After his troubleshooting and some lost operating time it turned out to be the headphones. He "engineered" a temporary fix and off we went again. The next issue was with one of the magnetic mounts for the 20 meter hamstick. More "engineering" and down time and back to the pile ups. Sunday was nice as far as a good rain and cloudy skys perfect for seeing the computer screen etc. About an hour in we developed a "leak" in the operating positions right leg! Once again the "whatever it takes" to get back on the air guy had the screwdriver out popping off one of the plugs in the door and the water poured out. Thankfully he had tied a trash bag under the plug first! All in all murphy couldn't keep us from having a good laugh and a lot of q's. 870 for just over 3 hours was a lot of fun. Even more fun for me however was enjoying watching Connie go over 3000 Qs. The pileups were insane at times.

Thanks to Bob and his crew for a fun contest and to all the operators around the world looking for Kansas! As always thanks to Connie for doing whatever it takes to keep us on the air.

### **K0V rover (KI5MM Opr) 659 SSB**

First time doing in state. Did Rover as K0V. Did 9 POTA parks along the way. XYZL did geocache as well so not very serious effort. Good conditions and great

organization by Bob (W0BH) and crew. Thanks for all the Q's.

**K0Z rover (K5ZZR opr) 131 SSB**

Roved in my van in the western counties and got a late start. Also spent 4 hours travel to get to and from Wichita county to catch the last uncovered county. Murphy visited and I have 4 extra warning lights on my dash to address when I get home to Oklahoma. Hi. Almost forgot, a steady leak developed directly above the bed which I couldn't fix till the next morning. Other than those issues it went pretty smooth...

**DL3DXX 321cw Mults97**

Thank you for a well organized party. Lot of mobiles also visiting 15m. Band showed much better propagation to Europe than 20m did with weak signals during day time.  
73 Dietmar

**N6MU fixed CA 320 Mults105 CLEAN SWEEP !**

Got the CW Sweep thanks to the merry band of eight seasoned mobiles doing their KS CW thing along with all the fixed stations. My last five were JAC/STA/CLO/CLY/RAW. N0Q made a course correction Sunday to get to RAW. He also provided the last counties for N8II and OM2VL who claim a Sweep as well. It's that kind of camaraderie that makes these things fun. Thanks Randy/Jay!!

I must congratulate Laci, OM2VL. For a EU DX station to get a Sweep is truly outstanding. Bravo Laci!

Top mobile for me was K0W with 45 Qs followed by W0O(37), K0S(31), K0A/N0R(25), N0Q(23), N0T(22) and W0P(20).

Kudos to Bob, W0BH, who consistently puts on one of the best Parties each year. 73...

John, N6MU TS-570 & 5BTv

**OM2VL fixed DX 380 cw 236 Mults105 CLEAN SWEEP!**

First I can thanks to Bob for organizing again excellent QP!

Usually OH and KSQP are on the same weekend and I lost some KS QSO's when hunting OH stations, but this year both was on the different weekend.

Sometimes I was really close to SWEP, but never reach it.

I prepare my notes with mobile routes, and make notes which counties "I must" worked when I can reach SWEEP.

N0Q start his route on CHY/SMN county line, but when I worked him at 14:53Z I got only SMN. After 1 hours it seemed no SWEEP again this year

The bands:

10m: I checked many times, but don't heard any KS stations.

20m: very low signals and big EU QRM and I had big problems to break US wall (or I don't hrd when station back to me)

15m: my best band with easy QSO's with big signals. It was interesting, that in afternoon I had 1-2 hours when every station was on the noise level (Dietmar during this time make QSOs without any problems), but later band again opened and was open till 23:58Z (my last QSO on 15m)

40m: my first QSO at 23:39Z (also big EU QRM, but as usually in every QP my big handicap is, that I can transmit only below 7.200 and very few stations are QRV for EU. I made only 1 SSB QSO.

80m: during the last hour I was often checked band, and heard 4-5 stations (K0A also called, but no luck), but only W0K back to my call.

I tried many times SSB CQ on 15/20m (and short also on 40m) but very few callers. I had nice pile-up but not from KS.

I ended first day with 96 multipliers. Missed: CHY, STN, KEA, GRT, STE, GRY, EDW, PAW, RUS.

Worked:

EDW - N0Q 14:05Z, GRT/STE - W0P 14:46Z, GRY - N0R 15:11Z, PAW - N0I 15:20Z, KEA

- N0R 17:03Z, STN - N0R 18:05Z, RUS - K0S 18:24Z, CHY - N0Q 19:20Z.

It is unbelievable, but I can make SWEEP!!!

My big thanks to Dragan K0AP, Bob W0BH, Randy K7TQ for their big help!!!

Of course big thanks to ALL mobile for nice activity and so many QSO's!

Most QSO's:

K0A 65/19  
K0S 50/22  
N0B 48/22  
K0W 47/25  
W0O 37/22  
W0P 36/16  
N0R 35/23  
N0T 31/16  
N0Q 23/18  
K0I 22/5  
N0W 20/14  
W0W 19/15  
K0D 15/11  
K0O 14/11  
K0V 14/10  
N0I 13/13  
N0L 9/7  
K0Z 7/5  
K0C 5/2

(6): W0K, W0S

(5): K0P, N0P, W0R

1x1 stations: I missed only K0L and N0E.

Counties worked:

SSB: 86

15m: 90

MIX: 105

CW: 105

20m: 105

BIG THANKS again to all worked stations!!!

73, Laci

**N8II fixed WV 324 cw 258 ssb      Mults105 CLEAN SWEEP!**

Another excellent turnout in the KQP thanks to the organizing and operating of Bob, W0BH. I feel Bob has very persuasive ability getting all of the mobiles/rovers from out of state to travel and operate and even change their routes to ensure all counties were available most all twice. It is very safe to say that no one would have even come close to a sweep without the distant travels from Arlene, N0I/KE6GFI and driver Tina who traveled from NW of Phoenix, AZ, Randy, N0Q/K7TQ and Jay WA0WWW who traveled from Spokane, WA, Alan, N5NA from SW TX, and Jon, W0O/W0ZQ who traveled from MN. Also Duffy, W0P/KK6MC from NM, Con, K5CM/K0A and XYL Pam, N5KW from OK, Mark, N0T/N5OT from OK, and SSB mobiles K0V/KI5MM from TX, Russ K0Z/K5ZZR from OK among others. Home grown talent Dragan, K0W/K0AP who looks like the overall mobile winner even without driver help. Dragan heard me twice on scatter on 15 CW when I could barely copy him, definitely the "best ears" of the KQP this year. Of course Bob, K0S and XYL Lorna provided a massive number of Q's and some needed mults. Mark, K0I/KI0I I would guess will win the expedition award, heard him many times. Jim, KN6VTC from near Oakland, CA did something new I believe by operating on the KS/CO line and working both QP's for over 1000 QSO's Saturday, then moved to WIC on Sunday. Heartfelt thanks to all of the portable/mobile operators.

Without the all of the mobiles/rovers/portables my sweep would not have happened for sure. #104 was W0P/R in Morton and the completed sweep was N0Q/M from Cheyenne at 1920Z with 40 minutes to go. They started in CHY Saturday.

My rate was decent most all of the day Saturday with highest of 61Q's/hr at 14Z. 18Z was the worst at 22/hr. 01Z was 28 Q's in only 41 minutes, about the best last hour Saturday I can remember. Best hours Sunday were 14Z and 18Z. There was a huge drop in activity from about 1545-1645Z. Most of the mobiles were just not there. A decent number of ops tried 80 CW, most signals were easy copy. 40 was in great shape the last 3 evening hours but only good for 5 QSO's the first 2 hours, then nothing until 22Z hour. Sunday 40 was dead as well after 15Z. 20 was in decent to good shape most all of the time, but I was getting my butt kicked the first 2 hours by closer in stations even as close as MO and OK. 15 was worth more Q's than 40 but could have been better and was rarely open to the Eastern 1/4 of KS. Both afternoons on 15 only western KS ops were workable and most of the population is in the eastern 1/3.

FYI, run QSO's were about 8-12 only, a lot of S&P. I lost some motivation in the last hour and when condx/activity dropped earlier. I waited for N0Q to cross into CHY while working spots quitting at 1948Z. Many thanks again to all of the active stations, some booming signals from home stations on 20 for sure. There were a healthy number of portable/expedition stations. It will be interesting to see how many QSO's OM2VL made

with a big advantage on 15 and 10(10 not open for long to EU). Many times Sunday I heard him work stations on 15 too weak to hear or work here. Next year may be the year I cut back. This one was fun and challenging.

73, Jeff

## Colorado QSO Party

There are 64 counties in Colorado. It was a non event this year with few participating, no mobiles, Held same weekend as VERY busy KS QP.

### **K0XF - fixed El Paso County 259 CW**

Another tough Colorado QSO Party. Band conditions not so good despite the excellent solar numbers. S9 static on 40 limited QSO's in the evening, but at least I was finally able to work club member K0UK in a contest.

Seems that the contest organizers still can't get it right. The move to the same weekend as the Kansas QSO Party was not good - the Kansas QSO Party is an excellent example of how a state QSO party should be and with excellent participation. Many thought I was another "0" in the KS QSO Party but were very confused when I sent my exchange. In fact, the exchange with Name & County is awful! Should be the standard RST & county. I had to ask a station answering my CQ maybe 30% of the time to give me his name. And many stations were so confused when I sent the exchange "Max ELP" that they remained silent for a few seconds, and then either asked me to repeat several times or just disappeared in confusion. I started out early Saturday morning with a decent run on 20, but all was so frustrating, I decided to give up after less than an hour. I was going to put in a good effort, but it was too frustrating, so I just played around off and on for the rest of the contest.

### **K4BAI fixed GA 15 CW 14 SSB 10 counties**

Thanks for all QSOs. One very interesting one was with K0C pm a county line between

CO and KS and participating in both QSO parties. It is disappointing that the in state Colorado stations do not support their state's QSO party. There must be some history here that I don't understand. Maybe it can be better next year. 73, John, K4BAI.

**N8II fixed WV 18      17      CW Mults 10      Ph Mults 11**

I spent a few minutes before start of KQP looking for CO, not many on usable band (20M). Then I worked the KS QP seriously, so just worked a CO station as I found one. Activity seemed lower on 20 SSB than in past years. I called CQ CO and KS a few times on 20 SSB and only got 1 or 2 CO replies. PPRAA is located in the Colorado Springs area; it would help if they got some of their members to operate. I worked many fewer in Laramie also this year than last. I also heard no mobiles.

Thanks for the QSO's and 73, Jeff

## Tennessee QSO Party

The way multipliers are figured in this contest doesn't allow scores to be indicative of how many counties were actually worked. You got a multiplier per band/county.

From the 3830 contest reflector:

**AD4EB multi-op mobile 1785      cw QSO**

Operator(s): AD4EB K4R

25 counties activated

This was the 13th time that an AD4EB mobile team has run in the TNQP. The team was comprised of Kirk, K4RO, and Jim, AD4EB. Don, N4ZZ, did not make it this year, and Melody was given a driving rest in preparation of the upcoming TXQP in 2 weeks. We drove thru 25 counties over the 381 mile loop in perfect weather, and everything went

off without a hitch. The pileups were tough at times, but so much fun.

Our goal was to beat last year's score, but we came up a hair short. Last year we had 8 more QSOs (1,793) and 2 more mults (154). Guess we will just have to try harder next year. Band conditions were not bad, but certainly could have been better especially on 15 and 10m. It seemed at times, especially on 80m, that we were not being well heard. We found we had to make a lot of repeats. Unfortunately the CWOps CW Open was this same weekend, which certainly did not help the TNQP. The average rate was just shy of 180/hour and we had 3 hours of over 200 QSOs. Kirk had the best hour of 215, which was during the last hour of the contest.

The top 20 operators based on the number of QSOs were:

N5TJ (51)  
VE3NNT (44)  
OM2VL (42)  
WO4O (33)  
DL3DXX (32)  
KR2AA (26)  
W0ELT (26)  
WA0MHJ (26)  
WB9HFK (26)  
VE6RST (25)  
AA3R (24)  
AF5J (24)  
KA6BIM (24)  
VE3YT (23)  
N8II (22)  
NE8P (22)  
VE3CT (22)  
F4EUG (21)  
K3TW (20)  
W2RQ (20)

Jeff, N5TJ, was at the top of his game and seemed to have ESP. A few times when switching bands, he would call me on frequency before I even sent a dit. Les, VE3NNT ('NNT' is so easy to copy), was one of the loudest station worked. And Laci, OM2VL, did a fine job as usual and thanks for moving us.

One good thing is we worked 285 unique callsigns, more than the 260 last year. These



QSO parties are getting more popular each year.

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Kirk wrote the following:

AD4EB did virtually all of the heavy lifting for this operation. All I did was drive his excellent vehicle around Tennessee during a gorgeous day and then shoveled through intense pileups at night. Jim prepared the station, planned the route, created a plan simple enough that even I could follow it, and even drove up here a couple of days beforehand to help me understand our strategy. I continue to be impressed with Jim's planning and execution. His attention to detail is reflected in his consistent top results.

The pileups, as always, were amazing. There was some great operating skill demonstrated. We are grateful for all of the super ops who show up to make this such an exciting event. Finally, HUGE thanks to Jim for allowing me to join him for another mobile QSO party adventure. Nobody does it better!

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Kirk and I want to thank everyone for all the QSOs, and for spending their time to work us.

Next up for AD4EB/m is the TXQP and then the ILQP , both with Melody driving and navigating. See my QRZ page for details and the APRS tracking links.

73 - Jim AD4EB, and Kirk K4RO

**OM2VL fixed DX 208 cw 64 ssb**

Thanks for the QSO's, great party! Mobiles did FB job as usually.

Thanks for the QSYs to 15m - my best band till 20m not open really.

On 20m i had problems during first few hours to break the USA wall and missed here some QSO's. Fortunately 15m was so long open (last QSO at 22:40Z), but 10m almost dead. I worked here only 2 QSO on the noise level.

First QSO on 40m at 22:33Z.

80m was good, but missed here +-10 stations, who don't heard me.

I heard several stations on RTTY, but something happened with setup and TX don't work, only RX.

Unfortunately W4ETA/M I found only 2 times and missed many his counties.

Worked:

74 different counties

K4TCG (8 QSO): CW 80-10m, SSB 40-15m.TCG

AD4EB/M 45/25

AC6ZM/M 35/18

AA5JF/M 20/9

KE0L/M 19/7

K1GU 10/5

W4ETA 2/2

W4JHO 2/2

(8): K4TCG

(7): W4NZ

(5): KT4O, N4DW, NS4X

For my US Counties 2nd time Award need 11 counties. Unfortunately I worked only 4.

73, Laci

**KA6BIM fixed OR 130 cw 31 SSB 2 data**

Pretty good conditions this year. Lots of stations to chase. I found 2 of the 6 counties I still need , leaving 4 left to find. I ended up with about 50% increase over last year. This contest goes late enough that I can get a little 40 and 80 meter action. Thanks for the QSO's Dave ka6bim

**N8II fixed WV 102 cw 48 ssb**

An effort doomed from the start from poor 20M prop and low energy from virus. AD4EB/M was barely readable at the start on 20 and the same on 40. I also had high local QRN on 40 throughout the QP. It was not a problem after 22Z, but enough to wipe

out AC6ZM/M and others during the afternoon. There were many spots, thanks to all who spotted for sure. If only I could have copied the stations spotted especially on 20 where almost the whole contest the Eastern 3/5 of TN was skipping over on 20. Stations out west were booming at times. By 21Z 40 was open well and most mobiles were readable, but the afternoon was awful from here. AD4EB started really getting loud on 20 about 19Z as they moved farther west. They had some lulls in callers in counties where they stayed long, but mostly big pile ups. Condx on 80 after 24Z were quite good but not much activity especially on SSB like many other QP's this year.

I worked K4TCG on 80-10M CW and 80-20 SSB. The use of synthesized audio files caused the phone ops to be very slow at responding to callers and sending exchanges for all 3 QSO's; you have gotta know how to use it or just go back to actually talking in my opinion. W4NZ was also worked on 80-10M CW and 80-40+10M phone. Both stations had good scatter signals on 10M.

Thanks especially to the mobiles and portables for their efforts: AD4EB(of course the most Q's), AC6ZM, AA5JF, WB0CJB, K1GU, and KN6VTC. Where was W4ETA? Thanks for all of the QSO's, not many run QSO's on SSB but pretty much all were easy work.

73, Jeff

**K1GU ran mobile in 5 counties with 494 CW qso**

**K3IE QRP Rover 94 CW QSO**

Abbreviated Rover effort to 2 counties in lower TN.

Thank you for your patience - my 5W KX2 and EFHW were all I had but OM2VL (Laci) and DL3DXX (Dietmar) still managed to hear/work me on 15/20. I was running a MORTTY interface with N1MM so I didn't have external paddles to say "hi" to those fellow TCGers and CWOP members during our Q's.

My first stop was MOORE county (Lynchburg TN) - posted up in a little roadside picnic area directly across from the Jack Daniel's Distillery :). Got a couple of stares from the JD employees manning the front gate but they quickly determined I was only a threat to myself. Was ready to hit the gift shop when my laptop starting acting up but was able to persevere.

Second stop was LINColn county (Fayetteville TN). Found a quiet spot in back of a school and had my best run of the day.

Had a lot of fun - look forward to Roving again sometime.

Thanks for the Q's - Hunter K3IE

### **AC6ZM mobile 823 CW 3 SSB**

I experienced challenging propagation conditions in North-East TN counties. Several accidents on the road made me skip on 2 additional counties. The second half of the contest yielded better rates and my best rate was 174/hr. I had trouble with SSB so only made a few Q's in that mode. Participation by the usual mobile QP hunters was lacking probably due to the CWOPs Open. Thanks for all the Qs. This is high water mark for me as a single-op mobile in TNQP. See you folks next year.

### **AA5JF rover 541 cw 151 SSB**

Rover category--operated only while stationary.

What a fun way to spend a Sunday, in the mountain counties of eastern TN. Went to 9 counties, with three locations qualifying as countyline operations. First time really trying to use antennas on the car to make State QSO party contacts -- in GA and SC parties this category requires truly portable antennas, which I only used at the first location. The mobile setup basically worked, but unfortunately spent precious time learning which antenna goes where and how, and I never was able to change bands quickly, which had been my intention. But when I finally figured out my mobile 80M antenna (with 90 minutes left to go), it turned out to work pretty well. Wish I had had it 2 hours earlier.

Beautiful Sunday weather. My favorite spot was the SULL/JOHN county line, on the Appalachian Trail, trying to focus on the bands, while distracted by the unending numbers of motorcycle riders racing the mountain curves of "The Snake" on US-421.

Score includes 6 extra multipliers for counties activated which I didn't otherwise work during the contest. Plus K4TCG and mobile/rover bonuses.

## KN6TVC operated SSB mobile with 221 QSO

no comments

## W4NZ Multi Op - Hamilton County TN

Operator(s): KØEJ K4VIG KE4CMA W4NZ W4XK WA

| Band   | CW Qs | Ph Qs | Mults |
|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| 160:   | 21    | 16    |       |
| 80:    | 156   | 37    | 56    |
| 40:    | 227   | 303   | 98    |
| 20:    | 286   | 207   | 77    |
| 15:    | 90    | 16    | 55    |
| 10:    | 30    | 88    | 29    |
| 6:     |       |       |       |
| 2:     | 4     | 2     |       |
| 222:   |       |       |       |
| 432:   |       |       |       |
| Total: | 810   | 655   | 333   |

Thanks to Mark K0EJ for hosting our multi/multi operation from his contest station in Soddy-Daisy north of Chattanooga. High bands were a bit disappointing given the recent good solar numbers. But the lower bands were quiet after this week's thunder storms. Activity was good and we had fun passing out Hamilton County QSO's. We hope you had fun too. Thank you for all the QSOs.

The score includes 7 bonus QSOs with K4TCG.

For the team,  
73, Ted W4NZ

## Mobile Activity in September

At the beginning of the month

KB6UF was in AZ. Then a TX county. Later in the month he was running counties in AL.

K6YEK was in CA putting out counties there, then into OR to WA

AI5P put out counties in PA, NJ, NY, CT for many days. Then NH, VT. Later spotted in IA. NE.

W4SIG took a trip to KY running many counties there. Then into IN, IL, then more IN,

KA9JAC/KB9YVT noted in WI.

There were a few days of no CH activity.

Then N8MD was busy in WI.

W0GXQ and N0KV took a trip to KS running many there. Then back to CO.

NU0Q was busy in the IA QSO Party

N4CD put out a few counties for the TX QP.

WY0A took a trip to KY running many there.

End date 9/25

## On the Road with N4CD

The Texas QSO Party was coming up. In the past, I've made some big trips to put out the counties, but this year I didn't feel inspired to do that again. I looked at the TX QSO site. The bottom half of TX had no mobiles listed – but those counties are big and you have to usually drive a hundred miles to hit 2 or 3 of them as there are not a lot of roads to zip around and hit corners of counties. In east TX, you can hit a dozen counties in

200 miles of driving.

Maybe close to 15 or 18 if you use the 'you can run a C/L in the event you can't park on the line from a safe position where you can see the county line". That allows you to run wet lines, and others where there is no access to 3 and 4 way lines – hi hi. In south TX, 200 miles might get you 3 or 4, there are no 3-way lines, and many C/L have horrendous QRN from power lines as that's the only place they exist – along the few roads!

Meanwhile, the panhandle, often run by W0BH, was empty of planned activities. It's 400-500 miles from my home. Nope. To the west, planned counties filled in not leaving any within 300 miles that were unplanned. So I elected just to put out a few around the home QTH.

On Saturday morning, I ran Collin (COLN) at a town park. Then zipped over to Rockwall (ROCK) at a new place I found in my Mapbook of TX. Nice spot by the lake – a small park area at the end of a road. Couldn't run a C/L there – in the middle of developed area. Well, I could actually see the county line 400 feet out in the water, but I'm not going to use that rule – hi hi After an hour at each location, moved to US-4423 in Dallas (DAL) and put it out. Whew....after 4 hours, head was ringing with giant pile-ups of CW. Once folks found you, it was a madhouse. 20 calling at once. Work 30 or 35, then not much of anything. Changed from 20 to 15 for another 2 dozen. Headed home for a late lunch. :Band seemed to start well, then sort of poop out mid day, yet conditions good. Many state QSO folks show up for few hours to get contacts, then disappear – maybe half of them.

Sunday decided to head to Bonham State Park in Fannin (FANN) county – about an hour northeast at 60 mph. Got there just before start time at 9am. Worked a few park to park contacts- then put out the county. After an hour, decided to head to Grayson (GRSN) county. Found a nice C/L using the map book for FANN/GRSN and sat there for hour and half - 20M then 15m. OM2VL was barely a whisper on 20M but 599 on 15m. Put LY5A, DL3DXX, DL5AXX in log on 15m.

Worked a handful of TX stations – never heard a fixed station in Collin County. Geez, there are well over 1500 hams in the county. Just worked 3 in Dallas – there are another 1000 plus hams in Dallas County. Strange. Maybe they were on SSB. The Richardson Club at Field Day has no problems getting a dozen SSB and digital ops, but there are just 3 or 4 out of a membership of 250+ who show up for CW operation! Hi hi.

After 3-4 hours of cw, decided to head home. Guess I'm not used to hours of 25 wpm

CW contesting. About all I do is search and pounce on the weekly CWT on Wednesdays for a hour at a time. Don't find it so much fun these days doing hours and hours of CW pileups! The ICOM 7100 did a good job, but my ears didn't handle the pileups that well – hi hi. Used full size Hamstick on 20m, Hustler 54 inch mast with 15m resonator on top - and a 4 magnet mag mount on top of the 2025 Chevy Malibu. Good car. Very low noise. No flakeys from RF to car. (the car will shut itself off after an hour of idle – guess safety measure – got to restart it).

Note: The 'short' hamsticks seem to work for a while, they die after 3 months of heavy CW use. Have 'killed' 2 of them in past year. Probably OK for SSB but they are rated at 300w. Don't believe them. Probably OK for county hunting on SSB.

## Texas QSO Party

There are 254 counties in TX. A lot of them. Planned activity included 164 counties. Most of south TX was empty along with some panhandle stations and west TX ones. It's been a long time now from days when over 200 were on the air. We need a few more mobiles, but have 8 or 10 active ones that like the eastern part of TX!

### **KI5MM mobile 938 SSB QSO**

This one was trouble free for the most part. Good conditions except for 20M SAT. because of the amount of activity with all the QP's going.

I ran the Yaesu 991 with ham stick and Hustler Resonators. Sat I was not able to hit many TX counties on the 40M antenna so swapped things around for Sun. which helped grab some TX counties.

It was a noise pit from the mobile. I had a lot of repeat customers. OM2VL-25 WA2OAU-16 N8II-15 N5DN-13 N0HJZ-11 W6AFA-11 VE3RGO-10.

This year I had Micah (K5MEC) as my driver and spotter. Never could have done it without him.

We activated 7 POTA parks along the way. Thanks to the many very patient operators. The power line noise at places made it difficult.



Thanks to the folks who put this together and for the folks that chased me around.

(Someone needs to come up with one logging program that will parse out all of the QP's and POTA logs for weekends like this)

73

Lee

KI5MM

### **K5ZZR mobile 179 SSB QSO**

Was in East Texas and appreciated everyone's patience and operating skills. Can't wait for next year... Russ K5ZZR

### **N5OT multi op mobile 1852 CW QSO**

Steve and I had a great time activating the 20 counties we had planned on activating on CW, but because our route and schedule were somewhat sketchy we actually found the time to put on 5 other counties on the "maybe" list plus 11 more counties we had no idea we would ever get to, for a total of 36 counties. We're not sure if our plan was the most optimized but we sure had a good time!

Huge kudos and congratulations to Jim AD4EB for his excellent result! We have so much to learn from the master, still, obviously :-)

Thanks everyone for the contacts!

73,

Mark N5OT (+ Steve KG5VK)

### **N5TM multi op mobile 2257 cw 4 ssb**

Operator(s): K5GJ N5TM

Had a good time roving this year. A big thank you to all the stations who followed us around.

20 was up and down on Saturday, but good on Sunday.

40 was really good on Saturday evening after about 5pm local time.

### **N5OT fixed TX 1107 CW**

Always a fun one. Thanks again to all those who hit the road to give us all those counties to chase. Backscatter condx were pretty good most of the weekend so could work many of the mobiles on 20M and 15M as well as the usual 40M QSOs. Even a couple on 10M!

Had to miss the last two hours, so left a few counties and QSOs on the table.

The bonus points aren't included in the posted score, but I think it will be 4500. AD4EB (29 counties), N5NA (22), N5OT (23), K5CM (10) and N5TM (8)

Got all states except KL7 - never heard one. 34 DXCC.  
Five Canadian Provinces (2,3,4,6,7) and 114 TX counties.  
309 QSOs with Texas stations.

Thanks also to the other QSO parties: WA, NH, IA and NJ for contributing many QSOs.

And Thanks to TDXS for sponsoring the party.

Thanks to all for the QSOs.

73, Gator

### **WB0TEV Mobile 1139 SSB QSO**

Last year I was certain I had recaptured the top spot for Texas Mobile Single OP Phone only, even though I'd only put in 13 hours, with just one hour on Sunday. However, I had made a fundamental miscalculation when posting my score. Somehow I had it in my head that N1MM+ didn't automatically include the bonus points for the 32 counties I activated and so manually added 32,000 points to my score which had already been included. DOH! I should know better! I didn't discover my error until NO5W published last years results this summer.

Last year was the first year I had a driver, my then fiancée, now my XYL. She volunteered to drive again this year and urged me to take another crack it, so for 2025 I dug up my 46 county route plan, and dusted off my antenna festooned 1986 Pontiac

Parisienne which usually just sits in the garage most of the year. A full 18 hour effort was planned with antennas for 40/20/15, (the Hustler with the 3 way adapter on top).

In years past, the radio has always been an old Yaesu FT-757GXII, of roughly the same vintage as the Pontiac. Not having a built in antenna tuner, I was always limited in bandwidth on 40m unless I brought along an external antenna tuner which I did a couple of times when I did a joint mobile effort with K5PS doing CW only under his call.

This year, I instead took my 2nd TS590SG after first assembling a power adapter to go from the 4 pin Jones plug type the FT757 used to the more modern one used by the Kenwood. Logger was of course N1MM+ running on a nice small Evolve III netbook. My self-spotting ability got a big improvement by using the XYL's iPhone as a hotspot to my laptop (she has an unlimited data plan) allowing me to run a web browser on the laptop as well and self-spot to the county hunter site at [ch.w6rk.com](http://ch.w6rk.com) along with the QSO party hub at

<http://qsopartyhub.com/txqp-spots.php>

and the regular DX cluster. I wanted to use the self spot macro in N1MM+ but discovered days before the contest that while that capability had been enabled for a number of other state QSO parties, it hadn't been for the Texas one. I sent a link from the TxQP rules at

<https://txqp.net/index.php/rules/spotting>

to the N1MM+ developers and it will be enabled on the next release. I've often wondered what percentage of my callers are brought my way by the 3 different spotting platforms I used.

We started off Saturday at the 3 county intersection of Hunt, Fannin and Delta counties and then we were off to the races. We did a much better job of trying to stay ahead of our planned time line this year which I published on my [qrz.com](http://qrz.com) page and that helped a lot. At the end of Saturday we'd activated all 31 of our planned Saturday counties and managed to make it home in time to get rested up for Sunday.

Sunday we headed west to start off in Collin county and then cover counties to the south of DFW. We fell a little behind schedule but still managed to get to the last county and did a furious run on the Kaufmann/VanZandt county line in the closing minutes of the contest. I think I saw the rate meter go above 400 Qs/hour as I spat out exchanges like a crazed auctioneer hopped up on meth!

When the dust settled, my XYL Mia had driven over 1000 miles through 46 counties in a 39 year old Pontiac that she'd christened Constance Driveswell (HI!). Behind every good mobile op is typically a great driver, often an XYL. To my XYL Mia and AD4EB's outstanding XYL driver Melody, thanks much for supporting your OMs in this crazy hobby. We couldn't be as successful or have as much fun doing this without you.

Total QSOs were 1139, 201 on 40m, 685 on 20m and 253 on 15m. In the mult department, I got 44 states (missed SD, ME, VT, HI, AK and NV) 4 VEs (AB, NL, NB, ON), 4 DX (F, HA, OM, XE) and 54 Texas counties. With the 46,000 bonus points for activating 46 total counties, the final claimed score is 285,190. This year I did NOT count the bonus points twice!!

Kudos to the Texas DX Society for sponsoring this contest, and to Chuck NO5W for all his efforts in posting the routes page info every year. Sadly, Keith Dutson NM5G the organizer of the TxQP the last several years became a Silent Key this year. He is sorely missed.

I've noticed a decline in participation in the TxQP in recent years. I remember when we came close to or actually succeeded in activating all 254 Texas counties. More recently, not so much. NO5W's webpage shows only 164 counties with planned activations. We could especially use some mobile activity in the southern end of the state.

Special thanks to repeat callers who kept an eye on the spots and worked me multiple times including:

OM2VL-47 WA2QAU-43 N8II-35 N8HAM-35 W6AFA-26 WA6KHK-26  
KK5MR-23 K7TM-21 N0HJZ-21

73,  
Victor – WB0TEV

### **K5IZO mobile 75 SSB QSO**

This was my first venture into operating mobile. It was definitely an experiment. For 2026, I will have to set up the arrangement in the car a lot differently plus make about 10 other changes. John Whiteman, K5LKJ did not operate but he drove all the way - Tnx John!

I did SSB @ 100 watts. The "barefoot" power on SSB was definitely a negative. For 2026, I will probably do CW (assuming I will still be barefoot). It was a learning experiment, with some highlights and some very frustrating moments. We had made provisions to make at least 5 Qs in 19 counties, but had problems at the end, so we got 14. C U Next Year!

**DL3DXX fixed DL      345 CW    123 counties worked**

Too many QSO parties on one weekend! NH, NJ, IA, WA and TX QSO party plus watching the activities of KB6UF in Alabama and W0GXQ in Kansas were almost too much to look for. Super propagation on 15m and 10m but 20m was mostly unusable during day time. Good mobile activity made the TQP a pleasant one. The champion of the TQP is AD4EB who QSYd to ten meters from almost every county. Made a quarter of all QSOs only with Jim during TQP.

Hope more super parties with such good propagation and activity may follow. Unfortunately cannot operate in CQP because radio club decided to work M/S in the CQWW-RTTY.

**K1RO fixed NH    296 CW    123 counties worked**

I was mostly planning to look for some new CW counties listed in the routes, but got sucked in for much of the operating period. Thanks to N5NA, N5TM and N5NK for 6 new CW counties. Still need 17 though...huge state!

Running low power was a challenge in some of the mobile pileups, especially Sunday. Not sure how the mobile ops sort it all out and maintain those high rates -- great job!

**AD4EB mobile    3202 CW QSO**

41 Counties Driven

Another TQP is in the books, our 7th, and it was a very good one. Our goal was to make over 3,000 QSOs in this contest, and we finally did it. Extremely good band conditions helped make it possible, along with tons of activity and great operators. Most of the pileups were orderly, but we did have the usual problem with too many folks zero beat on my spotted frequency. Those that knew better got worked quickly. Due to a lack of

multipliers we fell just short of our best total score, which was set in 2023.

Our best 60-minute rate was 285 (helped by a county line stop), and the average rate was around 178/hour (163 on Sat, 206 on Sun). We worked a total of 17 countries, 35 counties, and 49 states/provinces. OM2VL and DL3DXX were in a horse race, and really dominated this contest with skill. They frequently moved me to different bands, and were very quick about it which I appreciated.

Here are the top 10 stations that worked us:

OM2VL (98)  
DL3DXX (88)  
K1RO (64)  
KA6BIM (55)  
W9SN (54)  
N5RZ (53)  
VE3YT (53)  
W8PI (53)  
N5JJ (52)  
NE8P (51)

Melody did her usual fine job of driving, navigating, and keeping us right on schedule. We were hit with some heavy downpours Sunday morning, but she drove thru it like a pro. There were lots of emergency vehicles helping cars that had hydroplaned and wrecked. And the fast cars driving thru Dallas/Fort Worth are still wild and crazy at night, which reminded us of the Daytona 500

Thanks to everyone that worked us, the TQP committee, and to Chuck NO5W for all his help with the contest. And thank you again Melody for being such a good trooper, she is what makes these mobile contests such a pleasure to do.

73 – Jim – AD4EB and Melody – KI4HVV

**N5NA mobile 1596 CW 10 SSB**

Score includes 27000 bonus points for activating 27 counties.

**K5OT mobile 675 CW 392 SSB**

no comments.

**N7MZW fixed UT - 81 SSB QSO 51 counties worked (old timer county hunter!)**

At my 89 year old Dad's QTH, in Morgan County, Utah using my IC-7300, Heil Pro-Micro Headset on VOX, and a Hy-Gain TH-5 Tri-bander at 72 feet. His G5RV was "broke", so no 40 or 80 Meter contacts. Always a fun contest, for a 68 year old "boy", born in San Angelo.

73 de November Seven Many Zebras Walking.

## NJ QSO Party

There are 21 counties in NJ. Looked like top out of state scorer worked 14 of them, while most worked in single digits from western US.

There were a dozen or more NJ stations on. Some activity on 40 and 80m as they tried to work the counties from NJ or nearby. 20M and 15M open.

There were 4 other QSO Parties going on at same time.

From the 3930 contest reflector:

**K4BAI fixed GA 33 CW 8 SSB 14 counties**

Fairly good activity and good conditions. Thanks for all QSOs. 73, John, K4BAI. Fairly good activity and good conditions. Thanks for all QSOs. 73, John, K4BAI.

**KA6BIM fixed OR - 25 CW 8 SSB 11 counties**

Not a lot of NJ stations heard here on the West Coast, but thank you for the QSO's!  
Dave ka6bimIM

## Iowa QSO Party

There are 99 counties in OK.. This year, at least 75 were on the air and worked. A half dozen mobiles were zipping around the state. By far, best activity in quite a while. Most reporting stations worked 30-35 counties, but N6MU and K1RO had top scores of 74 and 75 worked.

### **N0HR mobile 1092 CW**

Over the summer, I was thinking about ways to get a few more QSOs in the log for IAQP. One thing stood out - while I'm driving from county to county I'm not on the air. So, two major changes for me this year 1) bought 2 hamstick-type antennas and a magmount to operate on-the-go and 2) persuaded my dear XYL to drive me from stop to stop. I can't tell you how great it is to have a spouse who's willing to support me in this nonsense.

The weather didn't exactly cooperate - storms in southeast Iowa caused me to rethink activations. Google Maps also routed us to a "level B" road (basically a cow path that was pure mud). We had to wash my wife's car twice this afternoon (it was really bad).

All told, we drove 400 miles and put 18 of Iowa's 99 counties on the air.

My county-line setup remains the same: cheap 17 ft vertical on a tripod with long radials going to each county.

The rest of the setup: FT-891 (50W), CWMorse Paddles, Winkeyer, Bioenno Battery, N1MM

Huge thanks to all who participated this year. I tried to get more Iowans involved in IAQP and hopefully we see the results in the submitted logs - this continues to be a really fun event.



### **NU0Q mobile 359 CW**

Beautiful day to go mobile. 15 meters was great in the afternoon. Started the day with major computer issues, but got them resolved well enough to continue. Counties transmitted from: POL, DAL, GUT, GRE, CAR, CRF, SAC, IDA, CHE, BNV, PAL, HUM, WEB, CAL, BOO, STR. Also ran POTA US-2282.

### **WIØWA mobile 350 CW**

Operator(s): NØAC

Rover operation POTA style.

I had a late start due to rain. It rained all the way from home to our 1st stop then rained some more. Finally after a 30 minutes I decide to setup. I'm glad I brought a tarp along but wish it wouldn't have leaked. About 1600z I stopped to tear down and have lunch. The 2nd stop was much improved and I didn't need the tarp as the rain had passed. I operated until 2015z and headed for home. After pizza with the XYL I finished my operation in Polk county.

The station was a KX3 on 40/15m and LNR Mountain Topper on 20m both at 5w. The KX3 antenna was my screwdriver mobile but the rain stopped it from tuning to 15m. The LNR used a 20m dipole at 20'. Logging was N1MM.

Best DX was a OM and a HA.

N0HR's idea of radials into adjoining counties sure was good.

Bill, N0AC

Thanks for your QSO.

Five watts and Butternut vertical(s)

### **KE0TT QRP Portable 63 CW**

K3/10 at 5 watts to a 40M inv vee up 21' at the apex, and a 20M Hamstick. Thanks for the fun! Lots of QRN at times on 40M, but 20M was working well with several DX from EU. Thanks for your copy of my QRP. 73, Dan ke0tt

**N6MU fixed CA 129 CW 6 ssb Mults74**

I decided to concentrate on IA Saturday as it had lots of CW mobiles lined up (KK6MC/K0AP/K0PC/N0HR/NU0Q) and it was only one day. I'll get enough Qs from the other four QPs for the State QSO Party Challenge. There were lots of four county lines which is always fun. 73...

John, N6MU TS-570 & 5BTW

**K0AP mobile 1220 CW QSO**

The plan was to activate 25 counties but at the MON/CRF/WOO/IDA four county line I noticed one of the tires started leaking air. This was not a good situation since I was in the middle of nowhere. Somehow, I managed to drive to the nearest Casey gas station and used their air compressor. The air was leaking slowly but I had to find a gas station and use the air pump every 30-45 minutes to make sure the tire doesn't run out of air completely so, this situation slowed me down quite a bit. I could have changed the tire with the spare donut but that would have been the end of the IAQP for me since I would not want to drive too far on that spare tire. Luckily, the tire was losing air slowly and although quite risky, I managed to be QRV from total of 20 counties. The worst part was driving back to KS, which was almost 7 hours drive from the northern most part in IA where I finished the operation. I had to overnight in a hotel in the middle of Iowa and got home the next day. I thought the participation was poor compared to other QSO Parties I was mobile recently. Not sure if this is because of the other 3 QP's going on at the same time the same weekend (TX, NH, WA). Even with all the problems I had with the tire, I enjoyed running Rover in the IAQP 2025 and I sure hope to be back again next year. On Sunday I spent good amount of time washing the car from all the mud collected due to driving on dirt roads in IOWA.

Thank you all for the QSO's!

Ant: Hustler resonators

Rig: IC7300

Log: N1MM+

73 Dragan K0AP

**K0PC mobile 561 CW QSO**

A nice day for a drive around Iowa. A couple of spots of rain but nothing that lasted long. I only operated 8 of the 12 hours but that was enough. I had a 90 minute drive on each end so it was a full day.

I had some good friends riding along all day. My Top Five List was

31 - KEØL  
30 - NØHJZ  
21 - WØZQ  
18 - K1RO  
17 - N6MU

Some of these QSO's were unbelievable. There must be some section of Part 97 that outlaws 15M QSOs from MN to a mobile in IA but they went through on Saturday (about a 150 mile path).

Thanks to the Story County ARC for sponsoring the IA QSO Party.

73, Pat KØPC

### **KK6MC mobile 400 CW QSO**

Propagation conditions were good, with EU contacts on 15M, 20M, and 40M. QRN from midwest thunderstorms made working 40M difficult towards the end of the contest. Road conditions, on the other hand were not. I ran into several road closures with and without corresponding detours, and once a detour on the detour. I did end up not visiting 3 counties because of this. Also, coping with the road closures and detours cost me a couple of hours of operating time.

There was not as much activity as I have seen with other recent QSO parties. The pileups when I arrived at a new county were noticeably smaller than in the KS QSO Party. I attribute this to there being 5 state QSO parties on this weekend, which dilutes the participation. Plus, it is getting close to the end of the QSO party season, so some participants may be getting burnt out.

Every QSO party has different rules, especially for mobiles, which makes operating various QSO parties as a mobile interesting. Iowa treats DX QSOs only as QSO points, with no multiplier given. This reduces the incentive to pull weak DX stations out. A mobile with a driver in addition to the operator is treated the same as a mobile with just an operator, and not separate driver, which gives

some advantage to the mobile with a driver.

Thanks to these stations for following me around: N6MU, K1RO, KA6BIM, KE0LWA5SOG, N8II, W0DCX, K5YX, W3US, K2MN, K9CW, and W0ZQ.

**KA6BIM fixed OR 75 cw 5 ssb Mults54**

Fun contest, I worked 2 of the last 3 counties I need to complete Iowa, Now I just need to work Calhoun county. Thanks for the Qso's Dave ka6bim

**K4BAI fixed GA 56 CW 8 ssb Mults38**

Enjoyable QSO Party. Thanks for all QSOs, especially the mobiles. Glad to find some 80M activity near the end of the contest period this year. 73, John, K4BAI.

**K1RO Fixed NH 137 CW Mults75**

Lots of fun with the great mobile activity!

My main goal was working my last few CW counties in Iowa. Thanks to K0AP and WI0WA (N0AC), I worked 6 of the 7 needed. That leaves Harrison for another day.

## New Hampshire QSO Party

There are 10 counties in NH. With the way multipliers are scored, per band, then totaled, there is no way to figure out how many counties were worked from out of state.

From the 3830 reflector:

**K1RX fixed NH 209 cw 1116 SSB**

Wish more NH Stations participated. Tried all kinds of ways to put out the word, and still low numbers. Our local club did a great job doing multiple portable/POTA operations over the weekend for a twofer (NH chasers and POTA). My thanks to that crew - good job!

Thanks to all that chased me (and sometimes I would move you) and the long list of EU stations that called in on 10 M. Wow - what an opening! No meters like 10 meters!

73, Mark, K1RX

### **K4BAI fixed GA 18 cw 13 ssb**

It's always disappointing that more NH stations do not participate in their state QSO party. The state is practically full of good contesters participate each year. Thanks to K1IB for the fine mobile operation. Just in case he doesn't know, his signal had a significant chirp the first few times I heard it and then it was better, but still slightly chirpy, later on. Sometimes you can cure that by reducing power slightly,, but it is hard to know since you can't hear the actually transmitted signal while you are operating mobile. Thanks for all QSOs. 73, John, K4BAI.

### **KA6BIM fixed OR 8 CW 8 SSB**

Not too many NH stations heard here in Oregon, but I kept watching for them the whole weekend. Thanks for the QSO's Dave ka6bim

### **K1RO fixed NH 225 CW 5 SSB**

Gave out a few SUL contacts while playing in the other QSO parties this weekend.

## **Washington Salmon Run**

There are 39 counties in Washington. KA6BIM worked all of them. Most out of state stations reported mid 30s worked. Perhaps some in state stations also worked them all

but impossible to tell.

Didn't see any mobile reports this year. Usually all the counties are covered by fixed and portable stations, but often a mobile or two hits the rarer counties.

From the 3830 contest reflector:

### **K7TQ Portable 195 CW**

Jay, WA0WWW, and I did operate from Columbia county on Saturday then Garfield, Asotin, and Whitman counties on Sunday. 20 m never got decent for us. 15 m was great both days during the daylight hours. 40 m was the place to be. This year seemed like the SR was more of an in-state contest than in previous years.

### **WS7L portable 477 CW QSO**

gain operating from the historic\* Lamberson Cottage in Ocean Park, I worked 44 states and all but 9 Washington counties, plus 7 or 8 DX countries. Too lazy to come up on SSB and hunt counties.

Score includes 500 bonus points for contact with W7DX.

73 & thanks for the Q's  
Carl WS7L

\* (Chilly, damp, rustic, and decrepit.)

### **W7M - Opr K5EM 920 cw 1654 SSB**

Another awesome expedition year - different county line ops Saturday and Sunday. Conditions were great once again!

Setup: IC-7300 + Buddihex + 80-10m EFHW on 12m Spiderbeam Pole

### **K4BAI fixed GA 85 27 Mults28**

Always enjoy the Salmon Run. Activity from within W seemed to be down this year.

Particularly there was very little activity toward the end of the Sunday session. Conditions from GA to WA were pretty good 40M through 10M. Didn't stay up late enough to work WA stations.

**KA6BIM fixed OR 104 175 Mults39**

Lots of activity and was able to work each county at least twice, and all but 4 of them at least 3 times. This is one of the few state QP's that seem to always have all the counties activated. Thanks for all the QSO's Dave ka6bim

## Awards Issued

### **Roadrunner Award:**

W4SIG attained 1375 last counties and received #6

W4SIG attained 1400 last counties and received #6

KB6UF attained 2500 last counties and received #2

### **Single Band Award:**

K8MW attained level 3000 on 30 meters and received #3

### **USA-PA Award:**

KE3VV completed all "W" prefixes and received #17

### **Ran All State Award:**

NU0Q Ran all Iowa a second time and received #3

NU0Q Ran all Kansas a second time and received #2

## **USA-CA Award:**

JH7OUW attained level 500 and was awarded #3896

IK8PGE attained level 500 and was awarded #3897

## **Events for County Hunters**

Oct 4 1600z to 5 2200

1.8-28

### **California QSO Party CW Ph**

Serial, CA county or SPC

[www.cqp.org](http://www.cqp.org)

Oct 11 0300z to 12 2100

1.8-28,VHF/ UHF

### **Nevada QSO Party CW Ph Dig**

RS(T), NV county or ARRL/RAC Section/"DX

[nvqso.com](http://nvqso.com)

Oct 11 1500z to 12 0500

1.8-28

### **Arizona QSO Party CW Ph**

RS(T), AZ county or SPC

[www.azqp.org](http://www.azqp.org)

Oct 11 1600z to 12 2200

No WARC

### **Pennsylvania QSO Party CW Ph**

Serial, PA county or ARRL/RAC Section

[paqso.org](http://paqso.org)



Oct 11 1800z to 12 1800

1.8-28,50,144

**South Dakota QSO Party CW Ph**

RS(T), SD county or SPC

[www.sdqsoparty.com](http://www.sdqsoparty.com)

Oct 18 1400z to 19 0200

No WARC

**New York QSO Party CW Ph Dig**

RS(T), NY county or SPC

[www.nyqp.org](http://www.nyqp.org)

Oct 9 1700z to 20 0100 1

.8-28,50,144

**Illinois QSO Party CW Ph Dig**

RS(T), IL county or SPC

[w9awe.org/ilqp](http://w9awe.org/ilqp)

That's all folks.....