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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

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

The USACA award was sponsored by CQ Magazine, which unfortunately has gone the way of the dinosaurs. However, like other CQ Awards, they are still available. CQ awards require confirmation of all claimed contacts.

Rules and information are here:

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

MARAC sponsors the US Counties Award which can be earned in increments of 500 counties. The rules for this award are at:

<http://marac.org/documents/usa-ca-rules.pdf>

This award requires log data only to earn.

For general information FAQ on County Hunting, check out:

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

MARAC sponsors an award program for many other county hunting awards. You can find information on these awards and the rules at:

<http://marac.org/awards.pdf>

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De N4CD, Bob Voss, Editor (email: telegraphy@verizon.net)

Notes from the Editor

1) Sunspots – Still have them. 10M not great – lots of noise most of the time other than FT-8. Still good numbers of sunspots and solar activity. However, sunspot activity is declining. Now Sunspot numbers are under 100, with days of 60 and 70 for the count. We are likely post peak now but the decline will be slow. The sun is still very active with large flares. You can follow weekly reports by Tamitha Skov, the Space Weather Lady, on YouTube each week with predictions of activity.

2) MARAC US Counties Contest – some late reports in this issue.

3) Reports on QSO Parties – Hawaii, Ohio, Maryland/DC

North American QSO Party CW

Wow – there was a ton of activity. If you wanted to make contacts, you could whip off a few hundred easily. A good fixed station could work a thousand in half a day! A very small number of contacts were made on 10m.

This is a fun contest that runs 12 hours on a Saturday. .SSB follows 2 weeks later. The exchange is your name and state.

Some notes from the 3830 contest reflector:

N5OT 1357 cw 276 multipliers
operators KD9LSV NØAX N5ot

Wow! This started out as a possible troubleshooting effort due to some wideband noise interference that cropped up during IARU last month. Luckily, N5OT and I were able to trace it to an evil switchmode wall wart that was getting RF into it and destabilizing the controller. Replaced it with a well-behaved dc supply connection and the problem was toast. So with Connor joining the parade, we decided to make a competitive effort.

Propagation was better than it might have been if the K index had been a bit higher. The predictions were cautious with some solar stuff (technical term) possibly impacting us about half-way through. But it was not to be - solar flux was modest and the geomagnetic field was well-enough behaved not to cause too many problems. We worked some JA and EU on 20, PY and CE on 15 which was a lot of fun, even though not a multiplier. Storms that were very bad to our south and east moved off to the Atlantic, as well. All in all, we got lucky.

Rate was steady on all bands, even 10 meters showed up with some sporadic E around 2300 UTC and a basket of unexpected mults. Speaking of mults - it's a lot of fun to

work mults! The bells were ringing almost to the end - we were calling CA on 160 at 0559 UTC but no joy on that one. 80 was surprisingly good in the multiplier department and 160 wasn't bad neither. Unusual for August, this was a 6-band contest!

Watching the scoreboard was fun and kept us focused on the radios until the end. It was great competing with the other M2 teams and we'll just have to see how the log checking turns out. It will be a while before we have so much fun again - even with the different name (Ken is K5KA-SK) and using Mark's call from MO just to spice things up! Have fun in the next one!

73, Ward N0AX

W4WF fixed FL 1498 CW 243 mults

Opr: K1MM N4GI N4WW W4WF

Thanks to N4WW and Sandi for hosting our crew for the summer NAQP. Welcome to N4GI, who was operating his first post-pandemic NAQP after relocating from eastern Hillsborough county to Orlando.

We used Tripp in memory of N4NTO, whom I've known since I was about 17 years old. Tripp and I were from the same small (population ~10,000) town in Eastern NC. When I got my first license, Tripp was my third QSO ever on the local repeater. Tripp was the "young gun" of that area; he learned CW as a teenager and was much in demand for Field Day in his 20's and 30's (he was probably 35 when I met him). In the early 2000's when I was away at college in Winston-Salem, I rescued a small 3-element tribander that someone was discarding. Tripp erected it on a TV mast strapped to the deck of his bachelor pad and turned it with a set of visegrips; his first (and probably only) directional antenna.

It meant a lot of repeats and fills, and slower than normal S&P, but I was pleased to honor Tripp with a big effort, and I was equally pleased to hear N4CWZ, K4QPL, and N4AF (at least) also sending TRIPP for the contest.

The contest was a good time. We enjoyed watching the scoreboard. N6RO ran up a big lead early on, but I thought we'd pass them when it came to low band time. ZF5T surged ahead for a time. I'm not sure if we were ever in the pole position for any length of time. N5OT/0 ended up on top, though we're all pretty close. Without the big guns at W2FU on the air, it was anybody's game. Congratulations to everyone for their hard work. If you want a laugh sometime, dig out your archival copies of the NCJ and read the

winning scores in the early-90's NAQPs. The single-op category was yours for the taking if you could put together 800-900 QSOs. The contest is officially no longer activity-limited; we were fairly busy until the very end of the contest on 40m and 80m.

K4BAI fixed GA 722 CW 162 mults

TS590SG, 100W. 140; cf zepp inverted vee in the trees. Had the setting on the antenna tuner maximized for each band before the contest started, but after about an hour we had a thunderstorm. That caused an early off period and also all the tuner settings had to be re-determined and recorded. Couldn't get the SWR flat on 15M and had to use the internal tuner also for taht purpose after the off time was over. Had QRN for the whole contest, worse on 80 that elsewhere, of course. Seemed to get out OK and QSOs and mults seemed OK on 15, 20, and 40. No QSOs on 10. No antenna for 160. 80M was a big disappointment. Except for AA7V, the western and north western stations couldn't hear me calling them. Very frustrating to hear everything I needed but not be heard by them. Thanks for all QSOs. Good participation from neighboring state of AL. Thanks guys. Very late in the afternoon I heard K9OM working someone on 10M. Dick was 599, but couldn't get his attention.73, John, K4BAI.

N8II fixed WV 462 cw 152 mults

A decent score for 4-1/4 hours. The XYL had a family reunion at 2130Z which ended up putting me off the air for 5 hours (almost an hour drive each way).

Number of WV QSO's = zero. I tried to spend a decent amount of my time available on each band to hand out the WV mult, mission accomplished.

10M was not worth much of any time, only non-local Q's were KP2M and Ralph, K8RYU in Eastern OH worked groundwave over 195 extremely rugged miles, all of the Allegheny mountains plus many more large hills.

The only loud signals on 15 were mostly from CO and TX, but 15 was open well enough to work 23 mults over under an hour. No prop closer than LA, MO, and Dub, VE2FK who is so far NE that he is 823 miles away (probable Es).

When I went to 20 at 19Z with 66 minutes until QRT, the activity was quite low. 20 minutes later was much better. Condx were better than expected with some apparent

Es in most directions. I S&P'ed for about 12 minutes until the activity built up and I found quite a few mults. All New England states were worked by QRT except RI, much better condx than NEQP.

After party at 0118Z a CQ on 40 produced an almost instant pile up. Very strange that many ops don't TX away from zero beat or time their calls. Others seemed to feel why not call during a QSO. Despite that behavior 116 Q's were in the log in 41 minutes. Good signal levels out to western W0, a few CA called.

On 80 the pile up was tamer, managed 2 QSO's less than 40M in another 41 minute stint (fewer callers). From 0309-0325Z I worked 37 Q's 160 with best distance ZF5T (weak) and MO, pretty range limited but decent Eastern NA signals.

Many thanks for the QSO's and hope you enjoyed the NAQP.

73, Jeff

N4CD was over in the local POTA park and filled up two pages in log quickly. I poop out after 100Q with paper logs.

MARAC US Counties Contest – II

More reports:

Looks like Dave, KA6BIM had lots of fun – mostly on.SSB where you could easily ask for others person;s county.

AC6ZM mobile 203 CW 105 counties

Was trying a few new routes through South East TN for the TNQP in Sept. Traffic can be a bear around Chattanooga. Thanks for the Q's.

N1QY mobile 38 CW 19 counties

Activity has plummeted.

KA6BIM fixed OR 20 CW 1283.SSB CW Mults 18 Ph Mults 653

Sitting at @95% of worked all counties I decided to give this a full effort. Had difficulty in finding counties on CW, but had continuous callers on.SSB for the weekend. Found 10 of the 150 I am missing, and worked final counties in Utah & Pennsylvania. Worked over 20% of all USA counties in one weekend. Managed to work 74 mobile contacts. Met some interesting people. I would encourage more people to participate. Thanks for the QSO's and Counties!

Dave ka6bim

Mobile Activity in August

Several Mobiles were out on long trips including K6YEK, KB6UF, N8MD.

As of Aug 1, KB6UF was in MS putting out counties. Did that several days.

K6YEK was in Montana, then ID for several days Then into ND and SD running there for several days. On SSB. Then into NE and IA. OK to TX. Then NM, AZ

W8MP spotted in MO. Into IL and IN

N8MD popped up in SD, WY into MT, Over to WA. Later in OR. UT. CO

Around mid-month, KB6UF took off on long trip headed to Northwest. Thru OK, CO, moving fast – ID, OR, northern CA hitting counties he needed to finish running all counties other than HI. Finished. Only HI left to run to finish all 3077 Transmit.

AI5P popped up in AL, GA,, SC, TN, VA , often at a POTA – Parks on the Air location.

N8HAM took a flight to MT to run the last there for 3rd time. Rental car. Put out

Counties there.

NF0N spotted in IA

There were a dozen POTA parks spotted during the month. Hundreds are 'activated' each weekend, and dozens each weekend day.

End date 8 /25

Maryland/DC QSO Party

There are 23 counties in Maryland. Looks like top scorer out of state worked 9 of them. Band conditions were horrible with K up at 4 and 5. At the same time, there was a very popular WAE (Work all Europe) contest underway – occupying all of the CW band end to end for much of the day on 20m. No mobiles (or rovers) were out this year. Usually not many, if any, in this contest.

From the 3830 contest reflector:

N8II fixed WV 19 CW 13.SSB 8 counties

Tough conditions on the bands and chores/care at the QTH sum it up pretty well. In addition to usual jobs I was dog sitting daughter's 2 black labs including Saturday AM pick up and walk. I think WV has this QP beat for in state activity hands down. No mobiles? I never saw one spotted; very few spots as well. The rules need to be changed to allow self spotting to make finding the few active ops easier to find; it can only increase activity. Condx were very disturbed all day, not only was MD always skipping over my QTH 1 mile from the MD border, but sometimes even W1's! All of the QSO's I made except 80M were ground wave unaided by the ionosphere. Jim, KN6VTC way over in Cecil County, NE MD was decent copy on 20, even louder on 10M. Thanks to him, John, K3TN (CW only), and Tim, N3QE for moves up the bands. N3QE was worked both modes 40-10 and 80 CW. It took a long time for him to hear me on 40 SSB. I tried hard to scare some QSO's calling CQ on both 80 and 75 and I think only got one.SSB op I would not have found otherwise. By 0130Z it seemed that everyone had

quit, about 01Z on 75M.

Thanks for the moves and QSO's, pretty tough without 40. Local clubs need to get more involved in getting ops on the air.

73, Jeff

N3QE fixed MD 219 CW 533.SSB

hanks for the QSO's. Seemed to be more CW activity than many recent years.

My AI Op, TINA, did the voicing for all.SSB QSOs. Learn more about the AI tech I use with TINA from my 2025 Dayton Hamvention Contesting Forum talk:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=inTCCYNLOeo&t=20100s>

N1EK fixed MD 59.SSB

Bad solar storm and low participation due to simultaneous WAE CW contest.

K4BAI fixed BA 17 CW 1.SSB 8 counties

Didn't seem to be as much activity this year. Band conditions were very poor, but skip on 80, 40, and 20 from GA to MDC was pretty good. 50 bonus points for a QSO with W3VPR. Thanks for the QSOs. 73, Jon, K4BAI

George Washington – A Tidbit

No Pox On Our Revolution

Washington's big gamble to vaccinate his entire army from smallpox paid off.
By Carl LaVO

For the Bucks County Herald, July 3, 2025

I've always admired medical wizards who, in dire circumstances like the recent COVID-19 epidemic, somehow come up with vaccines to save us. That wasn't the case on the eve of the American Revolution 250 years ago.

I thought of this on a visit a few years ago to a Revolutionary War burial ground in Washington Crossing Historical Park in Upper Makefield, PA. A young woman sat by herself on a bench, head bowed. Before her there was a single line of two dozen alabaster gravestones.

The only sound was the flutter of small American flags floating beside each marker. It was a profoundly solemn moment. That scene remains with me on this, the 249th anniversary of the revolution. I know the story of the veterans buried in the park. One of them is James Monroe, a 24-year-old artillery captain from New York. Flanking his grave are those of unknown foot soldiers.

They died and were interred a few days before George Washington and his Continental Army made their legendary crossing of the Delaware River at Christmas 1776 to defeat Hessian mercenaries holding Trenton (NJ) for the British.

What I didn't know on my visit is what caused the deaths of Monroe and his men. Were they gunned down? No, it was disease. Camp fever, possibly typhus. Worse was smallpox, the real scourge of war. Washington knew it well. At age 19, he survived the virus on the island of Barbados, giving him lifelong immunity. But many others died.

Twenty-five years later, he was commander-in-chief of Colonial forces and feared a smallpox epidemic among his troops could doom the revolution. The illness was particularly insidious. Victims normally had no symptoms of the airborne virus for the first week. A rash, high fever and disfiguring poxes finally revealed the illness, causing death in about 30% of cases. British troops in the Revolution largely were immune, coming from Europe where smallpox outbreaks had long persisted. England recruited those who had recovered from the disease to fight in America.

In doing so, the occupying army spread the disease. When armed conflict with Britain erupted in 1775 and 1776, smallpox contagions broke out everywhere in the Colonies - from Virginia to Boston. That included suspected cases in Newtown in January 1777,

requiring Continental Army Physician John Cochran to tend to soldiers quartered there.

The fear was the contagion came from the nearly 1,000 Hessians taken prisoner and imprisoned in Newtown and Langhorne. What was George to do? He decided to take a bold gamble. He was aware of a treatment known as “variolation” to immunize citizens from smallpox

Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin and George Washington’s wife Martha had undergone inoculation. It required taking powdered smallpox scabs or fluid from someone with a mild case of smallpox and injecting it into superficial scratches in the skin of a healthy individual. What resulted in most cases was a mild bout of smallpox.

Still, it was risky. Occasionally, a patient died. Because so many of his soldiers were nativeborn and never exposed to smallpox, Washington in February 1777 ordered mandatory immunization of his entire army. The directive made the Continental Army the first in world history with an immunization program. It was conducted in secrecy to prevent the enemy from taking advantage with so many troops out of commission for several weeks in special quarantine camps.

The men emerged immunized and ready to fight. Deaths from smallpox dropped from 1 in 5 cases to 1 in 100. “Washington’s unheralded and little-recognized resolution to inoculate the Continental forces must surely rank with the most important decisions of the war,” according to smallpox historian Elizabeth Fenn.

British physician Edward Jenner developed the first vaccine 20 years later. The physician had to overcome public fear the medicine would create cowlike appendages on humans. Efforts around the world over the next two centuries slowly brought the disease under control. The last known person to die from smallpox was British medical photographer Janet Parker in 1978. Two years later, the World Health Organization declared smallpox was no more.

Source:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/624f0f6348a24f307d1f3417/t/68a0ceflf687aa7c1ed2e9d1/1755369201596/August+2025+Update+%28Large+Print%29.pdf>

Ohio QSO Party

There are 88 counties in OH. The way the scoring happens is by multipliers for CW and multipliers for SSB, so there is no way to tell if anyone worked all the counties or came close.

From out of state stations - Looks like top scorers on CW were in the 70s range, while on SSB about 65 counties worked. Some might have come close to working them all counting both modes. As usual, at least half of all contacts happened on 40M as the contest goes well into the evening hours, plus folks in OH try to work the other stations. Skip was short on 40m during the day.

From the 3830 contest reflector:

K1LT - fixed OH - 727 cw 3.SSB

Here is the list of planned operations scraped from the Ohio QSO Party planned operations web page

KV8Q 32: ALLE, AUGL, CHAM, CLAR, CLIN, CRAW, DEFI, DELA, FAYE, FRAN, GREE, HANC, HARD, HENR, KNOX, LICK, LOGA, MADI, MARI, MERC, MIAM, MONT, MORR, PAUL, PICK, PUTN, SHEL, UNIO, VANW, WARR, WOOD, WYAN

K8MR 27: ASHT, ATHE, BELM, CARR, CLAR, CLIN, COLU, FAIR, FAYE, GEAU, GREE, GUER, HARR, HIGH, HOCK, MADI, MAHO, MONR, MORG, MUSK, NOBL, PERR, PICK, ROSS, STAR, TRUM, TUSC

K8O 10: CRAW, ERIE, HANC, HARD, HURO, OTTA, RICH, SAND, SENE, WOOD

K8MFO 8: ASHL, COSH, HOLM, KNOX, RICH, STAR, TUSC, WAYN

K8RYU 7: ATHE, GALL, JACK, LAWR, MEIG, SCIO, VINT

N8KR 4: DEFI, FULT, HENR, PAUL

K8RR 3: ADAM, BROW, PIKE

W8RU 3: FULT, LUCA, WILL

Here are the mobiles I worked:

Mobile Station	Counties Scheduled	Counties Worked	Counties Missed	QSOs
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K8RYU	7	5	9	GALL, JACK, MEIG
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KV8Q	32	22	24	ALLE, AUGL, CHAM, CRAW, DEFI, HARD, MERC, MORR, PUTN, WYAN
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K8MFO	8	8	10	None!
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K8O	10	7	10	HANC, HARD, OTTA
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K8MR	27	17	22	ASHT, CLAR, CLIN, COLU, GEAU, GREE, MADI, MAHO, TRUM, TUSC
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N8KR	4	3	3	HENR
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K8RR	3	2	3	ADAM, BROW
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total: 81 11% of total QSOs

Missed 11 counties: ASHT, AUGL, BROW, CHAM, GALL, HARD, JACK, MERC, MORR, PUTN, and WILL which is especially painful because all of these were visited by the mobiles and rovers. At the start of the party there was no short hop 40 meter propagation. Later, I could not always hear the mobiles and rovers when they operated 20 meters.

Missed 8 states: AK, DE, NM, ND, SD, UT, VT, and WY and worked only ON, AB, and BC in Canada.

Half my QSOs were on 40 meters and most of the rest were split between 80 and 20. Made 31 QSOs on 15 and worked 2 Hawaiians on 10 meters.

Worked W1NN, DL3DXX, K5ZD, N5RZ, W5TM, N3ZZ, OM2VL, and W8KTQ on 4 bands. I made 3 phone QSOs when requested to move.

I worked 46 dupes! This number is growing every year. I CQ using 'CW OQP K1LT/8' to suggest I am in-state but otherwise identify as K1LT. Everyone knows the district identifier is just a decoration and does not alter one's callsign. Right??? I need a better way to CQ as an in-state station.

I didn't count the phone QSOs in the score. Better than last year!

Equipment: K4D, KPA1500, K3S, ETO 91B, both at around 300 watts. The KPA1500 is very whiny, even at very low power while the 91B has just a constant rumble. Antennas: 40 meter dipole up 25 feet, 80 meter vertical, tribander at 60 feet.

K8O rover (W8CAR opr) 480 cw 47 ssb

no comments

N8KR rover 258 cw 156 ssb

Ran - Defiance, Henry, Fulton, Paulding counties.

AA5JF - fixed GA 174 cw 49 ssb CW Mults 68 Ph Mults 38

DL3DXX fixed Germany 232 0 CW Mults 72

Fun contest! While working CW only there is no chance to win DX class when Laci OM2VL is on - and he is always on - because there is only a MIXED category. Nethertheless a good chance to collect new Ohio counties on 15, 40 and 80 meters. Propagation has been fair. Only ten meters was unusable with the exception of K5ZD pretty late around midnight from BELM.

It was fun hunting the mobiles KV8Q, K8MFO, K8MR, K8O and K8RYU and to take care of the POTA and fixed stations on different bands.

40m was good open and on 80m the new 2 element vertical did a good job.
Thank you to all and hope cu agn next year

K7SV fixed VA 190 112 CW Mults 75 Ph Mults 65

I knew my shot to OH on the high bands was almost no existent, but got on to chase several pals around as they mobled the state. Tks for the Qs!

K8MR mobile 1262 CW 133.SSB

Operator(s): K3LA K8MR

Another great ride around Ohio with my long time friend K3LA. Conditions and activity were great. It was very nice that August 2025 had five full weekends, so we weren't sharing time with Kansas and other contests.

A few minor glitches. I've been helping with the estate of Silent Key friend W8KEN. At 9 am I got a call from the woman executor that the crew had come to drop the towers at his QTH. So I got K3LA to show up early to be able to stop by and check thigs out, including saving a good Tailtwister from the junk yard. Ended up starting about five minutes late after working there.

Then at a stop in Ashtabula the computer stopped talking the the WinKey. Fooled around and finally replaced the USB cable to get things working.

We then found a road closure that prompted us to change our route, getting an unplanned county (Portage) but taking more time than planned.

In Morgan we lost CW sidetone from the K3. That had happened in last year's OhQP. So while thinking to swap out the K3 for the spare IC-7300 I had brought, I went to 40.SSB and had a FB 30 QSO run with lots of multipliers. While doing the sidetone returned. Not sure why, but somehow it seemed it may have been related to the Bose QC headphones.

We followed up on Sunday with a FB 50 mile bike ride around Columbus on the Alum Creek and Ohio To Erie trails.

Thanks to all who followed around Ohio, and to KV8Q and AD4EB for a very close race!

73 - Jim K8MR

KV8Q Mobile 1321 cw 108.SSB

Ops KV8Q, AD4EB

It was another wonderful Ohio QSO Party, with decent weather and propagation conditions, and spending the time with a great friend, Jim, AD4EB, who once again agreed to have me partner up with him. Without the KS QSO Party on the same weekend this year, we knew there was a chance of setting a new Ohio record.

Jim did his magic with the route from back home in TN. Using Google Earth and the Garmin BaseCamp program, he developed the route which took us through 32 different counties. For more details on his route planning methodology, watch his 2025 Dayton CTU presentation (see link on his AD4EB QRZ.com webpage). He mailed me his Garmin GPS early on, pre-loaded with the proposed route. This allowed me to drive the proposed route to make sure that there were no road closures, bridges out, etc. At one point during my preliminary drive, I found myself going in a circle. A quick phone call to Jim allowed him to identify the issue and make fixes to the final route. It was nice to have this and other issues, like multiple bridge outages, corrected early. Imagine if something like that happening on the day of the contest. We would have lost a ton of QSO's trying to figure it out in real-time. The time spent test driving the route ahead of time has really paid off the past two years.

We figured that we needed to get at least 40 multipliers on.SSB this year to really be competitive. Rus, K2UA, recently loaned Jim a TarHeel Model 40A to experiment with. This allowed us to cover 40 CW &.SSB with one antenna that would be easy to utilize. 20 meters was not such a big problem with the Hustlers. It all worked and we got 108.SSB Q's in the log with 48 mults, 16 of those in OH counties. He did all of the.SSB operating, while we shared the CW operating and the driving.

These are operators that worked us the most during the contest:

OM2VL (38)

K7SV (28)
AA5JF (24)
K1LT (23)
KA6BIM (21)
W5TM (21)
DL3DXX (19)
WA5SOG (18)
K8MQP (17)
N5RZ (17)
K5CM (16)
WB9HFK (16)

Congratulations to Laci, OM2VL, for another exceptional performance. Just amazing that a DX station manages to work us the most.

We look forward to next year already. We know that the bar will be a bit higher. It looks like Jim, K8MR, with Barney, K3LA, were neck and neck with us. We have until August 22nd next year to fine tune our efforts and squeeze a few more Q's/mults out of our twelve-hour ride around Ohio. Thanks to all of those who spent part of their Saturday afternoon and evening riding along with us.

73, Tom - KV8Q and Jim - AD4EB

OM2VL fixed DX 241 cw 90.SSB CW Mults 77 Ph Mults 56

Usually OH and KS QP are on the same weekend and I am so busy with KS stations, work only few OH.

This year OH QP was on the different weekend so I can focused 99,9 % to OH stations.

Thanks for the QSOs! Nice activity.

Unfortunately on 40m.SSB many stations are only behind 7.200 where EU cant transmit.

I worked 81 different counties (77 on CW and 56 on SSB), missed only: VANW, MARI, ADAM, SCIO, LAWR (my last missed county on SSB), PIKE, JACK.

K8MR 57/25
KV8Q 39/25
K8O 9/8
K8MFO 7/7

(7): KW8N
(6): K8T, W8HCG
(5): 8x

73, Laci

Hawaii QSO Party

There are five 'county hunter' counties in HI.(Maui, Honolulu, Hawaii, Kauai and Kalawao) In this QSO Party, there are 14 multipliers Band conditions were not optimal as sunspot numbers declined. Reports seemed to indicate one-hop good, mutli-op not so good. West coast did well to HI, east coast struggled.

There are 4 multipliers in Hawaii County, 4 in Honolulu, 3 in Maui, and Kauai and Nihau . The island of Molokai is a multiplier and of course, Kalawao. No one mentioned Kalawao so probably not on the air along with half the others.

For those interested – map here

<https://www.hawaiiqsoparty.org/mult-map/>

The scores total multipliers on all bands, so not included here. No idea how many of the multipliers were on the air. Several big contest type stations in HI racked up 10M QSOs but to few locations. The QSO count is for multiple bands, so I suspect most US stations worked the big guns on several bands to run up the QSO count.

From the 3830 contest reflector:

KH6LC multi op 1400 cw 814.SSB

Operator(s): AH7RF KH6LC KH7BB N6KB

We tried something different this year, a LOW POWER MM..and we're quite pleased with our results...Band conditions seemed fine, lots of loud signals on all bands...What was missing were Hawaii stations...Too many results with single digit contact numbers...Hawaii can and should certainly make a better showing.

Having an Astrophysicist on our team certainly helped us manipulate the atmosphere

and deflect the solar flare that was headed our way on Saturday ...You're welcome...We'd like to thank all of you for your contacts...Hope you had as much fun as we did!!!

Our Team consisted of Heather AH7RF, Ken N6KB, Carl KH7BB and Lloyd KH6LC. From all of us, 73 and Aloha from the Big Island of Hawaii near Hilo.

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note de N4CD - they made almost 300 QSO on 10m but worked only six multipliers on that band.

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WU6P 38 CW 32 ssb 56 digi

Operator(s): N6RO WU6P

Station: N6RO

At N6RO station we have the tradition of running M/M in HiQP, this year is the same, with the change we used WU6P call this time. N6RO and WU6P are the Ops.

One big change this time, is based on previous lessons we learned, we put much more focus on FT8 (results 56 FT8 QSOs this year vs. 17 of that last year).

Band condition is pretty good, no big surprises, HI is a relative easy target for antennas at N6RO/CA. On work load, Ken/N6RO handles low bands while WU6P focus on high bands and FT8.

It is a slow rate contest, but every QSO counts. It is very true as we only have limited QSO opportunities, even in a relative long time frame. If we missed the contact window (as there are quite a people on air only for a very short period of time, each time), we are not sure we have another chance to work with him/her later. That pushes the urgency of working on spots as quick as you can, even the overall rate is low. Lost one contact opportunity has a big impact as the base is small.

We did about the same on analog modes as last year. We wish HI stations can spend more time and effort on 80m and even try 160m some time, we have 2 nights, if you call CQ, we will try hard to pull you out.

On digital side, the N1MM connection with WSJTX still give us troubles in our settings. We have to manually entered each FT8 contact into N1mm so the onlinescoreboard will show the right progress on real time, even though we know HiQP can accept two

different log files. It is a little bit unfortunate that N1mm can not score correctly FT8 contact automatically yet. (the above score, does not count in the FT8 points/mults).

It is quite fun to be in the contest together with other NCCC members like Dave/WD6T and Chris/N6WM, they are doing great in their categories, and fun to exchange notes and observations. Always good chance to learn something new.

Overall, it is a different but semi-fun contest. For out-of-state players, low rate, requires a lot of BIC time.

For people in HI, thanks for the Qs and thanks for your effort. See you next year.

73

Nian WU6P

N6WM fixed CA 35 cw 27 ssb 20 digi

I love Hawaii, I spent the first years of my life living in Honolulu, and its my happy place still. so nice to work many friends on the islands. thanks to AD6E and others for sponsoring the contest.

On this effort.. having missed the entire contest start, I was just messing around for fun, and conversing with the ro team family members on SLACK while I chiseled away at a perfectly good weekend to work 82 stations and spend more time contesting on ft8 having me begging for the next CW q. I totally missed contest start on Friday no qs till Saturday. was on a fair amount on Saturday, and when I was not visiting my grandson on Sunday.

Contest duration is not commensurate with the activity and stations qrv. this one would be great with lots and lots more participants.

would be great to have some rovers on Oahu and the big island to put all those mults on full bore.

None the less I commend both KH6LC and KH6J for being big consistent sigs.. especially LC. and thanks to all the KH6 hams for putting on this weekends show.

so a big MAHALO for all the qsos, and ALOHA, I set up a sched during.SSB qsos with KH6 friends to be on Oahu soon for a visit..

73 and see ya next time

Chris N6WM

K4BAI fixed GA 13 CW QSO

Listened a lot and heard no phone activity this year. Band conditions were generally pretty bad and signals were mostly weak to moderate, Thanks for all QSOs and for hanging in there when not getting many answers to CQs. 73, John, K4BAI.

WH7T fixed HI 285 CW 33 ssb

Good to see band conditions are improving as we are a short month away from the autumnal equinox. This Spring (after WPX SSB) and Summer seemed to indicate that Cycle 25 had suffered a rapid, untimely, demise. Maybe there is some hope after all.

>>Set the Controls for the Heart of the Sun<<

Tnx Q's.

73/aloha

Mark

Kansas QSO Party

Happening after press date at end of August – report next month.

Awards Issued

None posted as of pub date.

Events for County Hunters

Sept 6 1400z to 6 2200z

3.5-28

Ohio State Parks on the Air

SSB

OH park abbreviation or SPC

<http://ospota.org/>

Sept 7 1700z to 8 0300z

All, no WARC

Tennessee QSO Party CW Ph Dig

RS(T), TN county or SPC

tnqp.org

Sept 20 1400z tp 21 0159z

3.5-28

New Jersey QSO Party CW Ph Dig

RS(T), NJ county or SPC

www.k2td-bcrc.org

Sept 20 1400z to 21 2000z

All, no WARC

Texas QSO Party CW Ph Dig RS(T),

TX county or SPC

www.txqp.net

Sept 20 1400z to 21 0200z

All, no WARC

Iowa QSO Party CW Ph Dig

RS(T), IA county or SPC

www.w0yl.com

Sept 27 1200z to 28 1200z
1.8-28

Maine QSO Party CW Ph
RS(T), ME county or SPC
www.ws1sm.com

That's all folks!