

2016 North Carolina QSO Party Soapbox

N5FPW DIDN'T GET TO OPERATE BUT LAST 3 HOURS BUT BOY WHAT A RUN I HAD. DIDN'T REALIZE THAT CLAY COUNTY WOULD BE THAT POPULAR. MAY HAVE TO MOUNT A MAJOR EFFORT NEXT YEAR

NC4ML PLEASE MOVE BACK TO SATURDAY

N4PRS Great opportunity to get the newbees in front of the radio.

W4MGT Once again, a great time was had by all.

K4REB I accomplish my goal to work Frank WA6KHK in Hertford, Gates and Hyde counties.

K5CM/M $3429 + 48 = 3477 * 74 = 257298 + 50 + 2300 = 259648$. My Daughter (N5KK) and I had such a good time with this QP Already making plans for next year. Thanks Marty!!!

KJ4OAP Glad to work several stations in the NCQP this year and this time from North Carolina! This served as a good tuneup for getting ready for the Virginia QSO party in a few weeks. The rig in my truck seems to be working well again. Glad to hear several stations on! Thanks goes to my friend, KJ4OAQ, and the XYL for riding along with me and logging things down.

WD4E Great contest. Thanks for organizing it.

AD8J Worked all 5 bonus stations for 450 extra points.

KA4TLC Had fun after church. Missed W4DW.

N4NTO Wow! What fun! Bands seemed good except for 10 and 15. Having SC and NC on the same weekend is great! I might have to plan a SC and NC mobile adventure next year! Great to hear some familiar, as well as new ones!

K4VRI Enjoy every year.

KM4APN Great contest.

WG8Y Played QRP again. Slowed down in the middle of the day. Wonder how many were outside playing in the nice weather.

W1END Rig was FTdx5000 and Butternut HF6V all-band vertical. Lots of activity again this year. Tnx to everyone.
N6MA OPERATING FROM TENNESSEE.

KV8Q Conditions were not nearly as good as last year. 20 was too long and it really showed. I heard lots of stations on 20 but was usually beat out by the EU's and W6/W7's. Forty was the band from here. Special thanks to the mobiles/rovers for all the Q's & counties: K5CW - 21/20 WA4PGM - 20/20 K3TD - 10/10 W4MPS - 3/3 W4TMO - 2/2 Thanks to all for the ten hours of fun. I'm glad my schedule allowed it. Next year? 73

KN4Y Band condition fair, good signals, CW activity not the greatest.

N4KW C U next year. 73 Pete

N1NN 5TH NORTH CAROLINA QSO PARTY

DL3DXX Thank you for the party. I operated high power. If I understand the rules correct my entry must be "Mixed". I found no power separation for CW category. However I only made CW QSOs. Good propagation on 80m with huge signals. Never tried 15m. Stations worked most: K5CM (24x), WA4PGM (16x), K3TD (9x). Result includes 450 bonus points for working all 5 bonus stations/counties.

WA6KHK Thanks to all who were willing to help me out here on the west coast. Special shout out to Joe, K4REB, who went out of his way to get 3 of my last 6 counties in NC! Also to KM4APN who got me Tyrell county (thanks

Allen and Marc for getting Tyrrell again later!). Still a lot of guys running AND STAYING on 40 and 80 meters early. I saw N5FPW spotted early on 40 meters in Clay county and he NEVER came up to 20 meters to help out the west coast!!! That is now one of my last 2 counties in NC and 21 counties for all of the U.S.!!! Come on guys! Do some calls on 20 meters! I am sure someone will spot you on the clusters! Thanks again to those who went out of their way to help us out with emails and phone calls. You guys were great!

N8II Score includes 200 bonus points for NI4BK, W1VOA, SWA, WAR

WB4DCM Expeditioning with the NCQP All of my family is from Hyde County, NC. It is not the end of the world, however, you can see the end from there. Look on your NC highway map at 264E near Englehard.

So, when the NCQP was coming up, I began to make plans to operate portable from Hyde County. My sister and her husband purchased my grandparents old home place which my grandparents had purchased in 1904. The house is so old that the original construction date is unknown. My father said that the small windows were to keep the Indians from coming in at night.

The first step was to take a quick trip to Hyde to measure the distance between trees to ensure that we could hang the G5RV antenna. Sure enough, just right. Since my sister and her husband close up the house in the winter and come to Raleigh, we needed shelter and a source of electricity. My buddy Ted had a camper trailer and also a Honda 2000 watt generator. Things are coming together. My wife's cousin John, a dentist, is interested in amateur radio and expressed a desire to join the expedition. Great. Now I have a camper to operate out of, a generator, and a relief operator/logger. Life is good.

Believe it or not, but Englehard has a motel. Well, a motel of sorts. They are little cabins up about 8 feet off the ground. Reserved a cabin for the 3 of us for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of the NCQP weekend. Friday was getting there and setting up the camper and generator. We also got the G5RV up in the air. Had loads of fun untangling the rope. Wind was blowing and it was plenty cold. Saturday AM could not get my IC-7410 to operate at normal power. I will deal with it later as Marty, W4MY in Greenville wanted us to come over and help with his antennas.

While at Greenville, Marty asked if the power settings on my Astron VS-35M was full setting. When we got back to Hyde that evening sure enough, that was it. Have you ever felt dumb?

Sunday was rock and roll. It was like being my own DX station. We had so many stations calling us that it was impossible to work them all. Got 34 counties, 12 states and one Canadian province. Unfortunately, John had patients coming in Monday AM so we had to QRT about 2:00 PM and get started home. In spite of the wind and cold, it was a great time. Glad we did it.

KC4YBO Fun Contest with super folks. Thanks.

W2UDT Good activity! Could not hear anything on 20M. 40M seemed to be the band.

KJ9C Not much heard from this end. Dozens of calling CQ NC with no replies

VE3PQ Bonus points 450.. Thanks for another great event..

N4ARO Thanks to mobile operators for many counties. Great bonus station performance, each worked several times. Found more CW stations this year then last resulting in better score.

W8KNO COMPUTER LOGGING PROGRAM CRASHED, DID IT THE OLD WAY, PAPER AND PENCIL!

K0BAK Casual player also chasing NPOTA and DX. Thanks for organizing, good having SC and NC QPs back to back. See you next year, maybe mobile.

W8DW Thanks for the invite to your party 73's Dave

KC0HPM 200 Bonus points added for W1VOA, W4DW, NI4BK and WZ4M in (SWA) Swain County.

KG2AF I only made a couple of contacts but was glad to help out.

K5ZZR Great party....

K4VBM (15 Phone QSOs * 2) * (14 multipliers) + Bonus W1VOA 50 and NC4AR 50. Enjoyed my 1st NCQP!

K4OAC Most Enjoyable = Great Contest - John

KD2BME Thank you for the reminder card.

K3TW It's always fun to participate in the North Carolina QSO Party!

K4NK I am a pastor so I only had a few hours to operate. Enjoyed picking off NC counties with my 'lil rig. 73 Les

KE0TT K3/10 at 5 watts to a pair of dipoles, mainly used an 88' NE by SW up about 45' fed with ladder line and tuner. Had a lot of activity, thanks mobiles for your efforts. Sigs were good most of the time today, at times, very good. Enjoyed the Party! C U next time, 73, Dan

AJ5E First time trying QRP.

K3KNL 5th year in contest. Beats PA QSO Party! Best score I ever had. Even skipped church to make sure I was there for the first 2 hours. My son in Marines at Cherry Point. Visit NC about 4 or 5 times a year - my second home. Tnx for having the contest! Only worked 80 and 40 and 1 on 20, 20-15-10 meters bad up here. 73 Mike

W4MPS Perfect WX for a Lone Ranger effort. Started at Currituck Lighthouse, then on to the Wright Memorial. Worked our way west back toward home in Johnston County. Watched the sun rise over the Atlantic and were still going strong when it set. 11 counties activated plus a Bonus sweep made the day a memorable event. On Saturday we had a great run activating NM29 (Wright memorial) for NPOTA. This was a good learning experience, as you have to balance active operating time with inactive driving time (roughly 5050). Hats off to our German NCQP supporters. I had 4 of them chase me across the state. Well done. Also a tip of the brim to our western partners, several of whom did the same. Great fun to log European chasers followed by calls from Idaho and Montana, all while sitting in the car running 70 watts to a hamstick. This wasn't our typical patented "low stress" expedition, but a really enjoyable diversion. A special day with great memories. 73Marc, W4MPS