

2018 NCQSO PARTY SOAPBOX

SPELLING BEE SOAPBOX

Beautiful certificate. Thanks. Brian **AC4WO**

Thanks for the Spelling Bee certificate. It looks great, and will have a place on my shack wall. I am a bit surprised only 32 stations made it. I had to do some searching during the NC QSO party to get the last two letters. It was a good challenge. Thanks again. See you next year. 73, Paul **KA3CZY**

Nice looking certificate, thanks! I understand that 40 meters was long, so in-state contacts were difficult except on 80 meters. That probably hurt some folks looking for the certificate.

It was fun chasing the counties,. Nice turnout, and I really like the 1 day per state format. I think you have a winner here! 73, Mark **K1RO**

Thanks, I love doing qso parties and had to wait for NC qso party to get my 2nd A. I will display this certificate proudly. 73, Salli **K2RYD**

Thanks for the nice certificate, Join us in the Oklahoma QSO Party 3/10/18. 73, Ed, **W5TM**

Thanks, great certificate. Art - **VE3UTT / W1AJT**

Thanks. I will go over to the Office Depot and have a nice color copy made suitable for framing. Great contest, had fun again, and thanks for the BEE, nice design. Louis **K4BYN**

Thanks for the certificate. I actually had all the letters except I in both states, but only listed the first instance of each letter (hence, all except Iredell from the SC QP). The activity in Iredell was surprising, given past experience. I had 12 QSOs with Iredell, including 3 with you. I think K8YC was a bit disappointed late in the NC QP to hear that he wasn't my first Iredell. 73, Paul **W8TM**

FYI. I had all letters except I and N before the ncqp. I also worked all the letters during my 3 hours in the ncqp. I never heard the NI4BK because they were on during the morning and early afternoon. They were in New Hanover.

Florida does something interesting with their spelling contests.... They create all of the missing logs... that is, if you worked enough stations to qualify for the spelling award but didn't send in your log, you will have a certificate on the website that you can download.

The scoring system we use for scqp allows us the same ability. It creates logs based upon all calls in all of the logs. So i could have a log for WW4SC without WW4SC sending in a log. I'm not saying that we'd use it, but it's an interesting system feature. I think that the spelling contest was challenging, but doable.

Dave **WN4AFP**

Between SC and NC QSO parties, we activated CAROLINA, yet we didn't work "CAROLINA". So I guess we lose out on eligibilty... Bert, **N4CW**

Hi Marc, Boy that was quick. I just sent it in a couple hrs ago. I didn't do much this year. I left QRP alone this year. Not being big headed but won it 3 times. Thought it would be gud to stand aside. Probably would have got skunked anyway. HI HI. I just roamed the bands hunting counties mostly. Hope you did well. Heard you several times. 73, Mark **WG8Y**

LOG SOAPBOX

I enjoyed the QP on both days! I have in all QP big handicaps but I LOVE this game so much! thanks for organizing and pse QSP my big thanks to all SC+NC HAMs who made QSO with me. regards, Laci **OM2VL**

Thank you! I lived in Greensboro for 21 years and two years ago moved to The Villages, Fl. The Carolinas hold a special place with me and the yearly QSO Party is my favorite. Great job organizing a wonderful contest. I especially appreciate the folks who support my CW passion. Bob, **K3ZGA**

I had a lot of fun in both Parties. Don't forget to get on for the ILQP in October! This is a special year as we'll be celebrating the IL Bicentennial. 73, Mark Prather - **WB9HFK**

It was a great time! Very busy. All that talking on Phone sure is energy sapping hi. But what fun it was. 73 Dick **N4HAY (NC4QP)**

We made approximately 450 contacts, and when you multiply that number by 4 counties per contact, the total QSO count shoots up pretty dramatically! Digital didn't pan out for us very well, either. We tried, but condx on 20 and 40M were not that good until later in the afternoon, and 80M was so good that we didn't want to abandon the SSB and CW crowds. Our county line location was a very interesting site, and we will tell you more abt that after the dust settles from last Sunday's adventure. 73 for now, Paul **AA4XX (NC4QP)**

WB4OBF Great contest this year! Lots of activity all across the band.

KE8EAS Fun time, very active state!

N5PHT Total contacts with bonus station WW4SF = 2 X 250 = 500

AA8TA There was some nice activity here. Signals were fairly good for most of the stations I worked. Nice to work several mobiles. I think there were many newer contesters participating, too.

N4NTO Always great fun! Not as many Qs as usual, but very enjoyable! Only 40/80 effort this year. Worked several SC stations this year! I think the partnership with SC is great! I am considering hitting the road for the weekend next year!

W5QLF Claimed Score includes 2688 pts for QSOs plus 100 points for working W4DW & NC4QP

K4BYN had a great time again this year. Lots of activity. Thanks to all.

KA4TLC LONG DAY

AD4XX A lot of fun for QRP CW, Fixed operations! Hope I can do it again next year, with more contacts.

WG8Y Hi all, Only put a partial effort this year. Ran app.500 watts on 40 & 80M. 40m was too long for me again this year.

N2COP Ran Portable - Bald Head Island

K4SHF Needed to lower antenna for NVIS

AJ6T THE RELATIVELY SHORT DURATION OF THIS CONTEST MAKES IT MORE ENJOYABLE.

KM4SII 15 year old operator... fun contest for the 2nd year!

KI4PW Rookie

AB4TT Short time but still fun. thanks

W4BFB Our club operated from our club room at the Red Cross. We had a total of 5 operators who ran, multiple modes of digital, and phone. We did have issues with one of our radios after the start of the contest, however we were able to use our spare radio and continue operations. We enjoy the opportunity to teach

not only members of our club but also the community about radio operations not only during a contest but also during normal day to day use

N4ARO 40M really poor all day. Really hated to miss ALL county for bonus credit. Never heard them on either band or mode. Really appreciated the mobiles: K3TD - 9 Q's, K5CM - 5 Q's, N0C - 5 Q's.

W4DUK Things started out slow, but picked up a bit later in the day. Another good time. 73 de Dave

W4SDJ I just got ready in time for the contest with help from Kevin Heyboer.

KI4PW Rookie

KF3G Portable QTH - FM29jw 3520 Total Points
Thank you for the North Carolina QSO Party.

N1NN 7TH NORTH CAROLINA QSO PARTY

KD4UYR 40 NC Counties 13 States 1 Province 1 Bonus Station NC4QP
1 Bonus County ALLagheny

N4GF Contest well organized; for us, a fun adventure.

K1EEE Fun event good ops in NC

KN4Y Lot of CW activity, fun QSO party.

KE0TT K3/10 at 5 watts to wire antennas up about 45 - 50'. Thanks for the fun ! and you copy of my QRP sigs. C U next time. 73, Dan ke0tt MN

K8LL Only had about 1 hour to participate, the last hour. Just 2 contacts, but it was fun. Thank you KD4RLD and K4REB for your patience in working a weak one from Ohio.

KA4AQM Had a good time. NC stations tough to pull in since 40m is long now. Thanks to all. Please join in with us during next month's VA QSOP! Got all the letters except "N". Tried repeatedly to get NOR/NEW/NAS to come out and play on 40m SSB....oh well. maybe next year...and I thought the "I" was gonna be tuff to get....HA!

OM2VL Congrats to Mark K1RO. I know he was QRV limited time, but our score was close I can't concurate his 44 80m QSO (all stations are higher than 3.800) Unfortunately 20m closed so early and many stations preferd 40m when

I can work only on 20m. I am really appreciated all QSOs with mobiles who came also on 20m and give chance me to work him from many counties. On 40m unfortunately KD4CB was only over 7200 and I missed many his counties. Thanks a lot for so many QSOs and excellent job of mobile stations. N4CW 40/23 (QSO/CTY), K5CM 28/15, NC4QP 16/4, K3TD 10/9, N0C 9/8 , W4MGT 6/2 73!
Laci OM2VL

WN8Y Natchez Trace ST.PK, Henderson Co. Portable

K3ZGA Great Contest.Thanks to all who worked so hard to make this contest possible. I picked up balance of the Carolina Spelling Bee with Richmond, Orange and Iredell Counties. The rest I got in the SCQP.

W1END Rig was FTdx5000 and Butternut vertical. Good activity; better than expected.

KA3CZY A good time with lots of activity. Will look forward to next year!

N4JRI/M Sorry, but this year was a bust for me. Had hoped to activate more counties but a late start and rainy weather combined with the usual bad bands. Am still interested in covering these counties east of I-95 and north of Albemarle Sound. Would appreciate any suggestions of locations where I might pursue setting up an expedition station with a better antenna setup. My home station is rack mounted and can travel. Hoping to try it again in 2019.

DL3DXX 40 CW QSOs = 120 Pts x 30 Mults + 50 Bonus (COL)

W1QK Thank you for sponsoring the contest.

VA3RKM Another enjoyable party!

N4CE Couldn't hear any NC stations

K3TW "Many thanks for another enjoyable North Carolina QSO Party. Activity was excellent, as usual, and band conditions were favorable for QRP (5 watts)."