

# California QSO Party

## 2024 CQP US/VE/DX Soapbox

This file contains comments made by stations outside California who participated in CQP 2024. Comments are from SOAPBOX: lines inside Cabrillo log files as well as comments made on the CQP log submission web form. It does not include comments made on 3830scores.com. Specific comments intended for the log checking team have been omitted from this file.

### **AA9WP**

I was hoping to get more time on the air but it was a wonderful weekend in Wisconsin; Oktoberfest going on in town. Thanks for the contest.

### **AC6ZM (TN)**

Great conditions on 10 & 15 meters. Many QP stations available on every band. My best score to date.  
signed...former CA resident...de AC6ZM

### **AC7A**

CQP is my favorite state QSO party to operate. Lots of great CA CW operators. I enjoy working as many California counties as I can with my K2 QRP setup. Operated my 25-year old Elecraft K2 running 5W, to a Hy-gain 18HT Hy-tower jr. and an 80-10m inverted-V. The band conditions were excellent on Saturday, and just the opposite on Sunday. Fortunately the activity level of CA stations was high on Saturday. Hope to be there again next year!



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## **AD4GG**

This is my first time entering this QSO party and I really enjoyed my time! 10 and 15 were really good this weekend and I made the majority of my contacts there. Thanks to everyone who made this possible and to all the California stations that were on.

## **AG7QH**

First time trying this contest. Only QP I had worked was 7QP twice. Been licensed since 1979 and just getting into contesting a bit. Thanks, it was fun.

## **AI6O (MO)**

My first SWEEP...SWEET! Thanks, CQP team, for the best and the biggest QP!

## **AJ6T (TN)**

Decided to make a few QSOs in CQP as a personal remembrance of my years in California. I still recall the days when Andy, AE6Y, used to hand out his own CQP software. It was nice to see some familiar callsigns.

Rig: FT857D 100W

Antenna: W8JI OCFD at 50 feet

## **DF7C**

First participation in a US state QSO party. 15m worked best, along with 10m. 20m was too difficult.

## **DK8ZZ**

Fantastic CONDX, missed 20m opening due to some other duties. 200 Qs in CQP from EU, amazing...



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## **DL1NKB**

Many Thanks for the CQP. I had a lot of fun over this long distance. Hope I copied all well.

## **DL4JLM**

Nice Contest, nice conditions especially on 10m. That was fun. See you all next year.

## **F5NBX**

Good propagation. All contacts only on the 10 Meter band. Thanks to all California stations.

## **F5NKX**

Very good propagation on ten meters.

## **F6EPO**

Pleasant participation with strong RST on the 15m band.

## **F6KRK**

AMAZING PROPAGATION!! I was not supposed to participate but signals were super loud!! See you next year.

## **G3LHJ**

Enjoyed finding the stations I could work. Both 10 & 15M were good. Nil W6 heard on 20M.

## **I4VEQ**

Finally nice conditions on 10. Amazing signals from CAL. I spent most of the time on this band.



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## **IX1CKN**

Longtime POTA addicted, I went to IT-0120 - Riserva Naturale Tsatelet, in Aosta Valley, north-western Italy (loc. JN35ps), for a Sunday 6th Oct activation. Set-up was the usual Xiegu G90, with a vertical 1/4 wave in the ground. It was "light", but I strongly hoped to score a QSO with a station taking part in the California QSO party, as I really wanted to enter the POTA challenge. I made it, thanks to the patience of N6O, managing to hear my call in the noise, and I couldn't be happier.

I wish more contests would acknowledge, with such a layer or category, the POTA world. Thanks everybody. 73!

## **JA8RWU**

Worked two contests (all part-times) this weekend. Last year three contests included one of the big JA domestic contest, but not this year (next weekend).

Almost everybody did not point toward us. So, it was hard to make them aware, but very nice to be picked up! VY TNX!

Mni tnx for the QSOs and noticing me. Cu all in this fall contest season and GL!

## **JR0BQD**

Fun party. I'm already looking forward to next year.

## **K0CN**

First time in this QSO party.

## **K0EJ**

Thanks to the organizers..great party!



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## **K0JV**

Got in late but hope to see you all in 2025 for a better effort.

## **K0MD**

Congratulations on another well done CA QSP.

## **K0SIX**

Fun QSO Party!

## **K0TC**

Enjoyed the QSO party. Great conditions. Lots of fun. Thanks for your efforts!

## **K0VG**

Fun Contest, Limited Time

## **K0VH**

10m SSB only with limited time this year. N1MM quit on my radio PC. Wasted a lot of time debugging. No luck so I used a non attached laptop.

## **K1EP**

Just played around for a couple of hours. Lots of activity. Some stations didn't read the rules and sent the wrong county abbreviation...Grrr. Conditions were good on the high bands.

## **K1RX**

Late start, limited time operation - another good one! Thanks.

## **K2AL**

Portable operation from Cape May, NJ.



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## **K2KR**

I seem to have been in a 10 meter hole this year. I knew you were there but could not be worked.

## **K2MN**

Used two indoor fan dipoles and 90 Watts.

## **K2RD**

Nice to work old friends again.

## **K2ZR**

Lots of activity from California... TU

## **K3GWK**

IC-7610; G5RV and a 3 element tri-band beam.

## **K3TS**

From my new QTH in WPA.

## **K3TW**

Many thanks for another very enjoyable California QSO Party.

## **K3ZA**

Always look forward to the annual QSO party.

Lots of great OP from CA.

## **K4FT**

Thanks!

## **K4KYN**

Lots of great contacts. This was a wonderful QSO party. Had lots of fun this weekend.



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## **K4NMR**

Conditions from my station here in Dade City FL were marginal to fair through the day Saturday and without much improvement Sunday until I shut down at around 11am my time. That said, it's always great fun working the many fine CA operators. A contest to look forward to each year. Thank all you guys for all the work you put into setting up this QSO party.

## **K4TMC**

Elecraft K3+ with Heil HC4 mic element  
Sigma 5 mounted horizontal; both at 26 ft in attic

## **K5ENS**

I find these QSO Parties helpful in adding more counties to my master log. This was a casual effort so I'm Okay with the small score.

## **K5OY**

Took a new KPA500 through its paces during this test. QSOs anywhere from 20 to 500 Watts. What a fun contest. A really good time. Thanks for the Qs.

## **K5QQ**

First time back after 10 years of another event always happening on the first weekend. Forgot how much fun this contest is. 100 watts to triband dipole up 30 feet - at the lowest point in the neighborhood (next to the retention pond for all the water runoff in the neighborhood!)

Used N3FJP software like I used years ago and found a lot of new features had been added to the program. Thanks to you volunteers for all the work you are about to do to process all this info!!



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## **K5TR**

Another fine CQP. I really enjoy this contest and find it is a good way to find out issues with my station and myself before the big fall contests in the next coming weeks. I learned some things and found a few issues some of which I was fixing in the minutes before the start. In the end nothing that was too bad but some very annoying things in the first six hours was really trying my patience.

Great efforts by many folks. K9CT and K7RAT(N6TR) have some great scores. And NR4L seems to be doing well in this new hobby and in contesting in a short period of time.

K9CT was making me work to catch up with him. I am glad he decided to take time off to go eat. I am pretty sure if he did the whole contest he would have a higher score than me. All day today - 10m was mostly not open to Southern California. Making moves from 10 to 15 did not work very well for the closer stations. There were a number that I kept seeing on CW that I could not hear or barely hear all day. Many of them I never did work. Being just a bit further away sure helps with that signal footprint into all of California.

In the months and weeks and even in the last few days and really hours before this contest I was not sure if I would do assisted or unassisted. Not sure when I decided to do it - but it was really in the hour or so before the contest. All of my efforts in the CQP have been unassisted. The assisted category is fairly new to the CQP. But I figured I would give it a go. Being out of state in this contest you have to call CQ on SSB to put in a big score - and you just do not get much in the way of answers on CW. Also one of the ways to increase your score is to move all the casual folks that call in to one or more additional bands because there are a





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limited number (even if it is large) of stations to work in California. As an unassisted op you have to call CQ on SSB on two bands and move folks between them. This makes it really hard to also tune the CW bands and work folks - there is always this tension between SSB on both radios or one on CW looking for new stations - and after you work the bulk of them on CW your rate for tuning CW is never going to match your rate of just moving every person you work on SSB to at least one other band so your CW totals suffer. What I found as assisted is that I could 'monitor' the CW bands for new stations because anyone that calls CQ on CW gets spotted by the CW skimmers and so you never miss anyone - and it is a quick trip to go pick them off all day Sunday - this did wonders for my CW totals that are usually in the ~300 range at most as an unassisted op. It was interesting.

I did manage to make one error - and that was that it appears that I set up filters on the DX node I was using to just show me skimmer spots. I was thinking that there sure were not any SSB spots and that either my logging software or something was just not working right. DUH. I feel stupid - but I am not sure it hurt me much - maybe I would have worked more SSB on 80 and 160. Who knows.

I had a good time but I think I like doing unassisted better in this contest and in most contests so I am not sure I will do this again in the CQP. I like having to tune the bands. And I did a fair amount of that on SSB this weekend anyway.

## **K5ZD**

Always fun. I never seem to be able to work all of the counties.



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## **K8MR**

Fun what showed up when I typed a county into the QSO # field in N1MM !

## **K8MRT**

Favorite QSO party. Try to enter each year. Thanks for another great outing.

## **K8SYH**

Sorry I didn't have more time BIC. Great activity.

## **KA0PQW**

Fun contest.

## **KA2G**

My first CQP was cut short thanks to hurricane Helene. Majority of my weekend was spent helping friends clean up from the storm. This was a very fun contest and I'm looking forward to a more dedicated effort next year.

Yaesu FTDX5000, Ameritron ALS-600, 136' doublet at 40 feet.

## **KA5USN**

Fun event!

## **KA6BIM (OR)**

I am too close to CA to be competitive, but I do try to pass out the Oregon multiplier and work towards a sweep. I only worked an hour or so on Saturday, but did 5 to 6 hrs on Sunday. I missed Glen, King, & Sierra for the sweep. My last new county worked was Modoc. KB & thanks for the qso's.



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## **KA7RRA**

I had a lot of fun. I got to work 2 of my favorite stations W6AFA, K6MMM on 3 bands. I did better this year than LAST YEAR. I think I would have been able to contact all the counties, except I had to go to a treasure club meeting and had to leave about 11am PST.

## **KA9OZP**

Tnx for the work you do.

## **KB2URI**

See you in NYQP!

## **KB4CG**

Enjoyed it!

## **KCODMF**

My first CQP! : )

## **KC3C**

Just a casual effort with 100 watts and a dipole at 45 feet.

## **KC3M**

100W to 132' end fed wire at 25' - Orion 2

## **KC4TEO**

Great contest as usual!

## **KC5LL**

Here you go sir. Thanks for all you do.

## **KD2YXS**

Thank you!



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## **KD5ILA**

Thanks for hosting the QSO party. Had a great time and enjoyed talking to all the operators.

## **KD7KDO**

Love the contest. Great practice for my keying hand. Got to work on my numbers!!

## **KD7MT**

15 m was the band from my QTH. A lot of short skip on 20/15. Most counties I have been able to get in this contest. Happy to hand out the MT multiplier! See you next year.

Station: FTDX101MP 100W, Windom ant with remote tuner  
Bands: 40-20-15, No space for 160/80 and 10 just skips over CA from my QTH.

## **KE0TT**

5 Watts to a 90' dipole up 60' fed with window line and tuner.  
Lots of activity - Lots of fun!

## **KE0UNV**

Thank you.

## **KE0WPA**

I had very limited time due to other commitments, but I really enjoy this contest.

## **KE2D**

Portable operation from Cape May, NJ. Grid square FM28nw.  
IC-7300 with 40/20m fan dipole up 25 ft.



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## **KF3G**

Operated from FM29jw. Thank you for the 2024 California QSO Party.

## **KH6AQ**

Thanks everyone for helping to make this a great contest! My only suggestion is to add a line in the rules asking ops to identify at least every minute (like ARRL) or every three QSOs (like CQ).

## **KI4BXU**

Mostly CW from Smith Mountain SP outside Huddleston VA in Bedford County VA.

## **KI5ZNS**

Thanks!

## **KK0U**

Just making a few QRP contacts.

## **KK1L**

Unassisted very casual operation helping to get VT on the air for y'all.

## **KK7PZE**

1st CA QSO Party

## **KM4IAJ**

Always a good event.



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## **KP3J**

Thanks for the event. Many more participants than expected. I used PR as my home QTH versus DX. This is always confusing and varies from QSO party to QSO party. PR is an ARRL section and a USA territory. I noticed the system remapped PR for DX. Note that the QTH used was PR, not DX.

## **KW4JAM**

Age: 14

## **LA9OI**

Excellent 10 m condx on Saturday, many W6 stations with S9 signals on my window at 15 meters. On Sunday condx were more "normal."

## **LY5W**

My best score ever.

## **NOBUI**

Thanks to the California ops for a fun contest.

## **NOHJZ**

Great activity and lots of fun!

## **NOXMD**

Good times for a Sunday afternoon!

## **N1DC**

Great QSO Party !



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## **N1LN**

Another fun one. Not sure if I like the new "time limit" categories. I will miss the excellent bottle of red wine this year! ;-)

## **N1NN**

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## **N2PTF**

Fun time working CA stations from here in NY, mostly on 10 meters!

## **N4CW**

VERY enjoyable QSO party. Thanks.

## **N4CWZ**

A ton of activity. Worked the qso party from my apartment. Majority was mc 750 in backyard.

## **N4GO**

Need more Cali ops to send their call after QSO.

## **N4HB**

The conditions on 20-10 meters were very good to the East Coast and there was good participation by the CA stations! Great job. Hopefully, I'll see you next year.

## **N4IJ**

10 meters worked well for me using QRP.

## **N4KH**

Very enjoyable QSO party.



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## **N4ZZ**

Number one best QSO party by a long shot. Thanks!

## **N5AW/O**

Just a short time for fun.

## **N6AR (FL)**

Had to attend a conference Saturday morning and didn't get started till around 19:30 GMT. Missed Yuba. Always get 57 counties year after year - just never seem to be able to get them all!!

## **N6FD (TX)**

Propagation was terrible both days.

## **N7EPD**

Working backscatter all day is tiring.

## **N7GND**

Operated portable from Echo Canyon State Park, NV, POTA Park # US-2630.

## **N7MZW**

My favorite state contest! Broke my Heil Headset Y-Adapter, and had to "Red Neck" my way thru 12 Hrs of Op Time, using a Hand Mic. BUMMER! I did work every county! Thanks for hearing my "100 Watts and a Wire" signal.

ICOM IC-7300, Vectronics HFT-1500 Manual Tuner, Half Size (No 80 MTRS) G5RV Flattop up 50 ft., running N-S at 6,053 feet elevation in Laramie Co. WY.

November Seven Many Zebras Walking





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## **N7SE**

Thanks for great QSO party!

## **N7VS**

Thanks for hosting another interesting contest. Having once lived in California, this is one of my favorite contests. I would be interested in seeing "after action" reports from some of these expeditions. I hope to be back next year.

## **N8II**

Signals at peak of cycle are almost always louder from the Midwest to CA than from here. Activity was quite low 18-22Z Sunday, but I still kept at it most of that time.

Thanks to all of the expedition stations, more than ever? And many on county lines this year too. Yuba County seemed to be the only rare one, only worked N9BD x 2. Sweep with K6R/M in COLU at 0213Z on 20 SSB. All counties worked at least twice.

## **N9CO**

Always a fun contest. Thanks to the sponsors and all the CA stations for getting on!

## **N9TF**

Very busy weekend here. Glad there were lots of CA ops to work during my brief visits into the shack. Needed to make sure I made some noise and a contribution to the TCG! Thanks for a fun QSO PARTY! Wish I had more time this weekend.

K3S 100 watts to 6BTV ground mounted, modified w/160m parallel inverted L wire at 6btv feed point.



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## **ND0C**

Sorry I couldn't effectively defend my title this year - too many other commitments. Bummer!

## **NE1C @K1TTT (W0EAS, N2KW, N4XTT, WA2BOT, KR3E ops)**

Thanks to David, K1TTT.NET for the use of his super station!

## **NF4A**

Part time effort.....plenty of CA activity !!

## **NG0C**

Thanks for a fun QSO Party!

## **NJ3K**

I did not have a lot of time, but it was fun.

## **NK4O**

No shortage of CA stations to work !!! Great activity ;-)

## **NM5G**

Great fun!

## **NO2D**

Thanks for making the California QSO Party a very interesting event.

## **NQ2W**

Fun QSO party! Thanks for the Qs!

## **NS0R**

Great time.



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## **NS80**

Came in at the last few hours and bands were weak. 20 very low sigs, 15 was the go to band from Ohio and got a few on 10 meters. Thanks for the QSO party!

## **NX4N**

Post-back surgery limited BIC but still enjoyed getting on-air; tnx for the QSO's!

K3/KPA500 to attic doublet at 18ft.

## **PA3AAV**

Great to see 10m open again into W6, last CQP for me was in 2014...

## **PY2NY**

Coming back to CQP after six years. Nice to see a lot of people and make more than 60 QSO's in a part-time effort. See you next one!!

## **RV1CC**

Thanks a lot for the good activity! Condition was not good second day ... See You on 2025!

## **RV3DBK**

TX 5 W, ANT MAGLOOP INDOOR

## **SO5CW**

Fantastic conditions.

IC7100, 100W, tribander @ 8m - remote operated from Munich.



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## **VA3PC**

Meant to operate Sunday, but woke to thunderstorms, oh well, maybe next year.

## **VA6RCN**

First time trying out ASSISTED mode in contesting! WOW. However, got the sweep accidentally by S&P.

## **VA6TI**

Thanks.

## **VA7EU**

Used WW2 antique ARC-5 transmitters T19 for 80m and BC-458-A for 40m. Power was about 55W on both bands, to an inverted-L antenna.

## **VA7RN**

EFHW 80-10M  
ICOM 7610

## **VA7ST**

Fabulous job by the NCCC! 10M was water-weak to W6 from VE7, but 15M was solid both days. Missed four rare mults, but it would have been a lot more without K6AQL on the road in so many counties. Thanks for a fun weekend!

## **VE3GFN**

Great to have 15M and 10M so hot, but the contest pooped out in the last 2 hours, and I missed my "personal best" score!



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## **VE3LRL**

Had a blast but missed 2 counties for the sweep, so super disappointed! SSB is a slog when penalized 33% score per QSO! When higher activity on CW than SSB, an adjustment is needed! Just saying. Had a blast nonetheless! Big thanks to the CA mobiles and expedition stations! Much appreciated what a great State QSO Party!

## **VE3VY**

Single-element wire antennas only.

## **VE5KO**

I was unable to go back home to Alberta to participate in CQP from my home call VE6TN. So I decided to operate from my cottage location in Saskatchewan and participate with my VE5KO callsign. It was a lot harder since I had to use a keyer with no computer CW and log with a handheld microphone. I have a list of things I need to get to have the cottage station more readily support contesting. It was fun. Thank you to everyone in California-land for a fun weekend !

## **VE5SF**

Fairly good conditions this time, but limited time to join in.

## **VE6IVN**

Had a blast. Thank you.

## **VE7SK**

150 foot random wire at 30 feet, IC756III



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## **VE9DXC**

Fun contest, first time participating. I found all bands excellent except for 80, only managed 1 QSO with NX6T who was patient enough to pull me out of the noise. Thanks and see you next year.

## **VY1CO**

Thank you to the organizers and those with good hearing pulling me out!

## **VY1JA**

Had to use backup station. No remote operation. Not used to N1MM. Did my best to be there for you. Did H&P patiently. Please thank all the CA guys for their patience with my on the air confusion. If the station can be made ready for remote operation in SS it will be remotely operated by Gerry, W1VE, and if the station is still NG for remote, another SHORT contest operation is possible by myself.

## **VY2LI**

Thanks for the party!

## **WOPMO**

Fun contest!

## **W1BOY**

I'm new to QSO Parties this year, but this has to be one of the best. The only "problem" is waiting in pileups for my QRP signal from Maine to be heard. Next year will be either 100w or high power.



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## **W1END**

Ten meters was the best band for me. Thanks for all the QSOs. Rig was FTdx101 and Butternut vertical.

## **W1GRL**

It was great to hear so many California stations participating in the party!

## **W1QK**

Thanks for the contacts. Thanks to the portable and mobile stations. Thanks to the NCCC for sponsoring another enjoyable CQP.

## **W1SAV**

I hate cabrillo format.

## **W1WIU**

Thanks for another great year. Not the best conditions. Relied on 10 meters for most QSOs. Tnx to the rovers and organizers!!

## **W2CS**

40 meter dipole severely limited me. K4D, KPA1500 with ATU. Tnx Qs

## **W4BJB**

Had a great time. As someone who lived in CA for 45 years it was great hearing so many people. Especially from the areas I lived (Solano, Del Norte).

## **W4EE**

More 6's on this year...



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## **W4IDX**

My first sweep in the CQP. Worked W6HY for DELN with less than an hour to go for #57 and N6SBC with 9 minutes to go for SBEN and the sweep. I really need to get something up for 80M.

## **W4LEW**

Good conditions. Great participation by the CA Hams.

## **W4LT**

Great participation from CA ops!

## **W4VIC**

Thanks for the Qs.

## **W4YE**

Great condx, CA stations were out in force, lots of fun. 10, 15, 20 opened very well both days.

The best state QSO Party!

## **W5TM**

One of the best QP's, great participation! Thanks!

## **W8RU**

Great conditions and no end of stations to work! Thanks for a great QSO party!





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## **W9TCV**

Nice to make some Cal QSO Party contacts while traveling. Had a bit of a problem when I realized my collapsible vertical was at home in the other vehicle and all I had was the coil...d'oh! Off to the local Ace for some speaker wire and clothesline! Made the contacts on 15 and 20M between a POTA activation and evening activity from the hotel room balcony with the makeshift element and 20W. Thanks to all the California stations that picked my weak signal up and worked with me to make the Qs!

## **WA1FCN**

Well a relaxed low key CQP for the second year in a row. I just had to add one more to my total CQPs..... Would you believe this was my 46 th CQP? I started right at CQP number 1 !

It was nice to work WA6KHK and WA6URY who were in from the beginning also.

## **WA1SAY**

Thanks for QSO party.

## **WA2JQZ**

I worked 61% of my QSOs and more than half the counties on 15-meter CW. I enjoyed the band because it was so open.

## **WA3ENQ**

Good contest, fun time! See you next year.

## **WA4JA**

N3FJP developed numbering errors. Finally just gave up.



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## **WA9YI**

As usual wonderful ops and great data to make search for 58 as easy as possible. Got 55 including one ATNO, still looking for SFRA and MADE, maybe next year! 10 and 15 were hopping. Thanks.

## **WB0SMZ**

Enjoyed using SD software.

## **WB2FUE**

Great contest! My score is better than last year!

## **WB4SQ**

Antennas built last minute functioned poorly.

## **WB5SKM**

Thanks, had a great time this year.

## **WB6JJJ (OR)**

Thanks for the QSOs this weekend.

It was fun to receive a bunch of KBs and HI from friends down in CA. Nice to see Alpine and Nevada Counties well represented. Not much time this year to play radio, we were out and about all day Saturday and had family over on Sunday. I was glad that the bands were quiet. It is a bit tough being so close to get the more northern counties - SDIE was loud and easy. See you next year.



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## **WB8WUA**

I improved my QSO success from last year. I did well on 15 meters, but not so well on 40 meters. I was glad to make 2 contacts on 80 meters. I captured five new counties during this year's event: GLEN, SIER, SBER, ALPI, YOLO. As usual I had fun here and intend to participate in this good contest again next year.

## **WC7S**

Limited time this year.. wait for next year!! See you in the next test too!! Not a bad score for less than two hours.

## **WN7Y**

Great signals from MT to CA on 20 Meters this year.

## **WQ5L**

Thanks for adding the Time Challenge!

## **WU8T**

This year was a blast. My personal best ever in the CQP. Looking forward to next year.

