## **2023 CQP CA Soapbox**

This file contains the SOAPBOX: comments from 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.

### AA2IL/6

FB contest as usual. Excellent propagation made for numerous QSOs with the EU. Many thanks to the organizers for all of their efforts. 73!

#### **AA6MU**

It was a tent setup this year! I finally put my dawn sleeping bag to good use. :) This time I also tried something new to me, Assisted mode. I brought a small cellular hotspot and hoisted it up to the trees to get some reception. Well, it was super slow but enough to get a constant stream of spots into N1MM. Not sure it helped me in any way. My "amplifier" was a HEX beam at 6-7m height, hoisted between the trees. 40, 80, 160 were served by trapped multiband dipole/Invee with apex at 8-9m. My limitation is as always super rusty CW, especially when I was called by more than 1.5 stations:) Need to practice more, maybe some big gun multi station needs a junior operator?

Full two days allotted for setup paid off. I was able to set up everything and had time to tweak things and chase the ghosts. After all the fun, there was a bit of a mad rush to tear down antennas and leave before dark, since I had a 6am flight on Monday to go see a client on the East coast. :)



#### **AD6NR**

I REALLY like the new format. That really increased my enjoyment of the contest this year. Adding those extra Canadian sections didn't make it a lot easier to get to max mults, but it did make a lot more possible. Thanks for the reminders to submit my log! See you next year - 73 - John AD6NR

#### AE6Y

Great conditions and lots of activity. I like the new mult structure. Thanks Dean!

#### AF6TF

Stuck at home due to knee injury.

#### AI6IN

Slow start due to technical difficulties, but had a blast!

## KODTJ/6

A really good QSO party once again. Thanks to the organizers and staff for a job well done. Conditions were excellent and I enjoyed getting calls from EU. Worked too many dupes, though. 'Til next year ....

#### **K6AAN**

Enjoyed the contest!

#### **K6ALF**

Was interesting.

#### K6CMM

Youth operator - age 9. 4th grade ham!



#### **K6CSL**

Great Conditions. Joy, Joy, Joy!!!!

#### K6DF

CQP - ALWAYS LOTS OF FUN!

## K6F (AK7G op)

Always a fun event. My attic antennas worked well. My typing skills, not so much. Thanks Dean and the CQP team! 73,Al - K6F/AK7G

#### K6FA

Well, that was fun. Ran QRP single band this time (15 meters). Was able to run a frequency this time. Trying to improve my computer input during a contest so I used paper only a couple of times so if I screwed up any inputs it is my fault.

## K6G (AG7GP op)

Shack in the pack expedition to Medicine Lake Volcano, hiking and activating 4 SOTA summits. Several miles hiked and traveled. A few thousand feet climbed during the expedition. Beautiful area of Modoc NF in Siskiyou Co.

#### **K6GHA**

Fun being called and working DX when running QRP.

## K6K (N6AJ op)

Great time with 10 and 15 meters open. Nice to hear new people on. Until next year, 73.

### K6KQV

Good contest. 20 meters daytime was not too good this year.



# K6M (K4XU, AA5TL, WB7WHG, K7PTC, N7GND, KI7IOC ops)

This was our 25th consecutive trip to the fire lookout in the Modoc NF. This is the best result we have had since 2011 when we had a crew of 11 ops. It is a 200 mile trip from our home in Bend. The lookout tower was all locked up but the toilet was open ;-).

Two trailers provided shelter for the CW and SSB stations, with three ops each. The weather was very nice but windy. There was no interstation interference even when running on the same band. 10m was HOT. K7PTC ran 28400 for the last 4 hours. The SSB station used a TH3 on the 45' tower trailer and a 80m OCF at 60'. The CW station used a TH3jr on a 35' falling derrick tower and a 40m GP - also loaded up on 80m with the tuner (and 130' of RG8X). Both stations used K3s/KPA500/KAT500.

It was windy - SWR on the 40m GP suddenly went high and we discovered that some of the fiberglass sections had collapsed. No big deal to fix but in the dark. The OCF (Palomar KW) developed an arc in the balun and was replaced in the dark with a huskier 80m OCF.

#### K6MI

South of Tehachapi, Kern county at 7,000 feet, with high winds.

## K6OAU (KE6VRL, AK6DH ops)

Thanks for all of your hard work.

## K6QK (N7CW, K6ZH, N6ERD, N6EEG, N6CW ops)

Great contest! Thanks NCCC.



#### K6RB

Great conditions. Great participation.

#### **K6TOR**

Mount Davidson in San Francisco. SOTA W6/NC-423 80W for first 3 hours. Then off and on with 35W due to battery issues. Great fun - watched the Blue Angels fly for Fleet Week over San Francisco Bay from the summit.

#### **K6UFO**

Got on remotely to the K6MTU station for 2 dozen QSOs. I didn't have sidetone, sorry for my keying flubs. Station is fine. Operator without sidetone is a lid. 10m: 5el at 95 ft. Flex 6700 at 5 watts. Writelog.

### K6VO (K6NR op)

Great contest as always, further enhanced by the excellent conditions. 10 meters was open most of the day to much of the United States and to Europe. Some Eu stations were stronger than stateside. Downside of the good DX conditions was coming across folks that did not know how to provide a serial number. I ended up working them and marking them as unclaimed. 10 and 15 were great, 20 and 40 were good, and 80 and 160 were not too noisy.

I worked more SSB than usual, with some good runs on 10 and 15 that were a lot of fun. However, I have the vocal apparatus of a CW operator and tired easy. I have never enjoyed finding an open spot to call CQ on 20 or 40 SSB. Great to return to CW after each SSB attempt.

138 DX stations in the log this time, at least twice the norm. Topping the list of most active states/provinces were Ontario(106



contacts), Tennessee(95), Minnesota(87), Pennsylvania(74) and Florida(68). I worked 895 unique stations, 62 five or more times each. KL7RA, NR4L and W7WA topped the list at 8 QSOs each.

To beat the traffic, I left my desert station before the contest was over and drove home. I operated the last hour remotely. Thanks to everyone for the QSOs. 73, Dana

Station: Elecraft K4, KPA1500, running about 700 Watts Antennas: 160m inverted L over 70 radials, 80m top loaded vertical over those same radials, 40 meter 4 square, 20 meter 4 element yagi at 55', 5 element 15 meter yagi at 49', 5 element 10 meter yagi at 48', A3 tribander at 40' for quick direction changes.

### K6VVA/6

A short QRV again for a few hours in the heat outside one of my favorite places to eat in SBEN :^)

#### K6WK

This was my best year of operation, due to familiarity with transmission and reception with the huge number of excellent operators, who are willing to help, be patient, be understanding, and happy to be friendly and encouraging to me. I am grateful to the Redding Veterans Amateur Radio Club for allowing me to grow by operating from the Club Station. This year has been a banner year for DX contacts on the CQP. I appreciate my DX contacts.

I learned the most this year than any previous year, mainly due to being ready to communicate with other stations without fear. This year I am happy to have participated as well as I have.



#### **K6WSC**

This was my sixth California County Expedition from the Anza Borrego Desert in eastern San Diego County, and the fourth outing with my new expedition antenna system. Experience dictated numerous revisions to the antenna support system and its installation instructions, resulting in a much easier set-up. However, heat again made set-up and take-down challenging. I was well prepared for biting flies this time. A new solar installation on the rental house proved to be a non-issue. I found the bands to be very quiet.

Tons of run fun is a good CQP bet and produced my best CQP result yet.

Rig: Yaesu FTdx10

Amp: KPA-500

Antennas:

1) 80 (full size) & 40 fan dipole suspended on a 32 ft center & two 28 ft end masts.

2) 20/15/10 fan dipole suspended below the 80/40 fan dipole.

Thanks to everyone involved with running the great CA QSO Party! 73, Bill

### **K9KJ/6**

First Time CaQP Operation - Los Angeles with a wire in a tree.

#### **KB6NTW**

CQP 2023 was a great time and a terrific learning experience!

#### **KB60DH**

Thanks for the great contest. DX was fun. Worked Australia and Slovakia.

### **KD0FNR (SFRA)**

Oh my gosh! This was so much fun! Thanks for putting this on. Making more than 30 QSOs in one day is unheard of for the kids and I from our home station in San Francisco. We called QRP and the 20 m waterfall cleared a bit for us to fit in and off we went! Everyone was a delight to operate with. This was a great first time big contest experience.

#### **KD6H0F**

I traveled the day before and set up in the forest.

In the morning I activated the first county-line location Butte/Plumas (peaceful void of RFI & people).

Noontime, I broke down camp and traveled towards my second county-line location.

Quick stop-over in Yuba (5th rarest county) to log a handful of contacts before continuing to next destination, Placer/Sacramento/Sutter. Operated all evening and in the morning/afternoon.

#### **KE6GLA**

100 watts and a wire.

#### **KE6ZSN**

Thank You to all the NCCC contest workers!!! Many Thanks!

#### KF6JS

Not a real contester BUT really fun to operate! THANKS!

## KG5LRB (IMPE)

Fun time had at K-3532, Picacho SRA.



#### KG6BXW

Sorry for everyone that wanted Madera, I had to take care of my parents unexpectedly so I missed the first half of the contest. On 40m and 80m I had +10 noise floor which was unexpected. Next year I'm going to try and go somewhere else in Madera without the noise floor issues.

#### KG6LHW

Humboldt-Trinity County Line. I haven't found how to have N3FJP reflect a multiple county activation. I had a great time. Thanks for all your efforts.

#### **KJ6TSX**

Good time. Ready for next year.

#### KK6L

Had a great time getting back into CW contesting for the first time in a long time. I'm looking forward to doing more in the upcoming contesting season! Yaesu FT-450D running 100 watts into OCF dipole at 25 feet. 10 hours radio time. 73's and KB!

#### KK6VF

Operating from Fort Funston (NIKE Missile Site) CM87rr. One day expedition (6 hours). Last contest participated in was CQP 2022 with 13 contacts.

#### **KK6YAM**

My first contest, single log entry! Seems like it's fun to do.



### KK9TT (SDIE)

My first contest! Great fun, hope I didn't screw anything up. We travel fulltime in a motorhome (see QRZ) but parked for a week in Chula Vista so Expedition seemed the best category. Thanks! 73 KK9TT Joe

#### KM6SJO

First 4 QSOs from POTA K-7379 King Range National Conservation Area. Last 4 QSOs from POTA K-3582 Trinidad State Beach.

#### **KN6EZF**

Fun time! Better than last year.

#### **KN6IPE**

10M was OPEN!

#### **KN6OKY**

73 and wholehearted gratefulness to everyone that responded to my calls. This was the first time entering the CQP and while it was all SSB for me, in a shack with a EFHW with QRP, I was so happy to get out and reach many this past weekend. I have still lots to learn, and I now have another QRP radio to work into the use for future events. See you all next year.

#### **KN6TZK**

I intended to run more SSB than CW but it went the other way. CW was a lot more fun :)



#### **KN6VRM**

My first CA QSO Party was lots of fun! It was an honor to be the center of attention for two days! The materials on the CQP website are helpful and user-friendly for newbies. Thanks to the organizers and to all who called out to CA stations. I will look for this event again next year. Apologies if some of my contacts were rejected for the learning curve.

### **KN6VVQ**

Had a blast calling CQ in a contest for the first time. Can't wait for next year!

#### **KN6ZHJ**

This is my first contest submission ever, first licensed 4/2023.

### KQ6DI

Good band conditions.

### **KQ6NO**

Had fun though other activities limited operating time.

## N6A (KO6M, W6JFA ops)

We had a blast up on our Alpine County peak. Thanks to all that answered our calls. We went with expectations and they were crushed. We had a blast, the kids had a blast even if we couldn't get them on the air, and we look forward to the next time. Thanks to our friends at TCARES for the antenna!

#### **N6AJR**

Not bad for an ATAS 100 on a picnic table.



### N6AT (NA6MB, K6GO ops)

Good propagation, mostly stayed on 10, 15, 20. Touched 40 for just a short time. We (NA6MB and wife K6GO) had fun. Broke in the new K4D + KPA1500 for its first contest. It / they work very well.

### N6GK (KD6WKY op)

Excellent propagation this year. Many EU contacts. WAS but did not work NL, NT, NU, or PE. I never heard them or saw any spottings for them. It would be nice if we could encourage stations with a 6 in the call sign that are not in California to ID with a /call area after their call sign. Food for thought.

#### **N6GP**

Fantastic condix on the high bands! We have been waiting for years for bands like this.

## N6J/M (NN6U op)

Had a great time camping out and operating from some great spots in my Jeep, and it was nice to give out some counties people needed. I was only single-op this time, so I did not make any contacts while in motion (XYL appreciates this). I pulled over at a few interesting spots for a few contacts, but operations were mostly while parked at my campsite at Fremont Peak State Park, Pigeon Point Lighthouse (where I stayed overnight at the hostel), or Candlestick Park. I was surprised not to hear more Hawaii stations, especially since this overlapped with OCDX.



#### **N6NFB**

Great Fun! I intended to have my hexbeam up by now but didn't make it. I did discover that running instead of S&P works with only 100 watts and a dipole, at least on 10 meters. One Q every two or three minutes is still faster than S&P, just doesn't feel like it. Still by far my best score on CQP.

### N6RA (AC6T, K6AW, KN6KAX, KN6TGT, W6AAF ops)

A multi-single at UCSB radio club. We used our secondary callsign N6RA, given to us in honor of Tom Gallagher who passed away two years ago. 3 regular ops and 2 new student ops. Hope to get more student involvement in contests this season.

#### **N6RK**

Great condx, lots of EU. Averaged over 100 QSO's per operating hour (13.25 hours).

#### **N6TV**

My first time using N1MM+ software in a contest. I had to practice using it, and practice operating PHONE, which I almost never do. I'm getting ready for an upcoming CQ WW M/M operation at KH6J (@KH6YY). The two K4s and KPA1500s worked flawlessly for the entire contest, and remain a pleasure to use. I had some fumbling with the N1MM+ software, since I'm programmed to using other keys for things, but it worked fine, except for the scoring (already fixed). Conditions were great, with good openings stateside on the high bands, and relatively quiet conditions on the low bands. Congrats to NT6Q and K6XX and the big M/M CQP DXpeditions, but special thanks to CQP Chairman N6DE for all the hard work he puts into making the CQP such a success.



#### **N6YEU**

Absolutely the best radio conditions I have ever experienced! Never a slow period for me. 10 was crazy good. This was a VERY FUN contest. This was my best CQP County Expedition score EVER! I even worked 23 DX stations, most which called me. At 3 p.m. on Sunday I just stopped and said to myself: "Now that was fun!!" I got the 58 mults too. Missed NU, NL, NT and PE.

#### **N6YMK**

I made 23 contacts this year (one up from last year's 22). Plus a station on 10 meters in Scotland (not in the contest). 20 year old Icom and 70' end-fed antenna still keeping up.

#### **NA60**

First time doing any contest QRP!

#### NC6V

Great contest as usual but I wish those running CW would first listen or send QRL on a frequency before they start transmitting on it. There were countless times I had to QSY because of a station doing that exact thing. Two CA stations on the same frequency calling CQ doesn't help either one.

## NQ6X

First time trying CQP from Mt. Pinos Campground at 7800 ft and it was a blast. I had a barefoot K3/P3 using a 40/20/15 sloper at 80 ft (angled to the north) and a Chameleon vertical. The sloper was the better antenna this time. Really nice noise floor. Power was a 1000W inverter off the starting battery of my RAV4 Prime (kept in READY mode to recharge automatically as needed). Camp 19 was a nice location for operating and I enjoyed explaining the hobby to interested campers.



#### NS6X

Visiting Big Bear. Decided to put up a HB delta loop and work with a QRP station. Had some fun for a few hours.

## NT6V (NT6V, AF6DR ops)

One-day (Saturday) County Expedition to Napa County operated by Dirk AF6DR and Michael NT6V.

Antennas: Hustler 6-BTV, Fan dipole @ 60 ft. Equipment: IC7300, Elecraft K3, VA6AM filters

QTH: City of Napa, Napa County, right on the Napa River.

It was our first multi-op activity from this location during CQP and we decided to go into the new M/2 category. All worked flawlessly and we had no interstation interference. The bands were in excellent shape and despite low power and simple antennas we logged even a few EUs on 40-10m. All US States were worked and Canadian provinces up to 61 mults (with 58 counting). Initially we had a goal of 500 QSOs which we kept pushing as things went well. 2 years ago I operated with the same antenna at the same location as SO/high power and managed around 1060 QSOs. Clearly we are very happy with almost the same number of QSOs in just 12h and low power. We also had a lot of fun and took a total of 1.5h breaks for lunch and dinner.

Special shoutout to CQP Chair Dean N6DE who brought CQP and lack of CW activity from Napa to my attention. On short notice we made plans to activate. Dean also drove to my home in Kensington to drop off the K3 and filters so we could do more QSOs as M/2. 73, Michael NT6V

#### NU6T

Planned as a County Expedition, reality was a one day expedition.



## NZ6Q (N6ACL, NZ6Q, K5SML, KN6ZJJ, K6QBQ ops)

Best effort ever - most fun. Used BuddiHex antenna for 20-10. What a great antenna for this. Even the vultures were wonder-struck (see pics). Loved seeing our son Shane K5SML get "into it" - see videos. Every year feels like the first year... we learn more and try to improve for next year while giving new hams and non-hams the chance to be contesters.

## W1MVY (SCLA)

Contest was lots of fun. Had a great time with a small station. Fun to hear all the activity!

## W3WRC (WE6Z op)

Difficult with a 3 call. I'll have to use /6 next time. Too many repeats for state.

### W6AF (W7XZ op)

Great band conditions and enjoyable event.

## W6AQ (N6AN op)

Mount Pinos, W6/CC-002, on the KERN/VENT border was my chosen operating location. I ran a KX3@5watts to a 66' doublet made of single twisted pair supported by a 30' mast. An AME Porta Paddle-II bolted to a clipboard with log sheets was my "computer." It took about 90 minutes driving and 35 minutes hiking to arrive at the summit. Despite being very hot in SoCal, it was a sunny very pleasant 60s F at 8800' with a bit of wind. Conditions were quite good. I was able to CQ most of the nine hours I operated, including a run on 40 working the east coast and even OM2VL! 10 and 15 provided the bulk of QSOs, including 8 EU, though the run on 20 during my last hour, 01Z, was one a minute and great fun. Sending two counties by hand was tough, especially with countless repeats. Not the best choice for a QRP

entrant what with QSB, QRM and the "how do I log two counties?" dilemma. My goal was to set a new QRP record from Ventura and that was accomplished. The sunset was spectacular and was happening while I was having the best run of the contest. It made taking pictures challenging, but I managed. Packing up took place in the darkening twilight. I hiked down the dirt road with no light except the last stretch in big trees. It was quite an enjoyable adventure which also taxed this 68 year old's energy reserves. Sunday was a recovery day! Thanks to Dean, N6DE, and the rest of the CQP volunteers for another super event. I signed W6AQ in honor of Dave Bell, a dear friend and QRP enthusiast. 73, David N6AN

#### **W6JTI**

I beat my all time best score by 26%! It was lotsa fun!

## W6M (KB9ENS op)

Multiple vectors attempted to foil the fun this year but I still managed to double my 2022 efforts. Fun times!

## W6ML (W6KC op)

This year I wanted to give my 3 element 20M wire beam a try to take advantage of the improving propagation. I had not used it in 10 years and I forgot how big it was. It didn't fit very well in the space I had available...I couldn't get it that high, it wasn't level (35 ft at the high end and 25 ft at the low end) and it was partially blocked behind a cabin, but it seemed to work pretty well anyway. All my other antennas were dipoles. Unfortunately, my 10M dipole stopped loading on Saturday afternoon after about 50 QSOs. I had to use my 80M dipole on 10M for the balance of the contest. It would only load to about 500W, but I was still able to get another 140 10M QSOs in the log.



Missed Sections: NL, NT, NU, PE. One highlight was making 1,282 CW QSOs, my most ever in CQP, but I was disappointed in not being able to break on all-time best CQP score of 254,562 points from 2021.

And thanks to my neighbor in Mammoth Lakes, Hank, W6SX for helping me resolve several RFI and K4 issues that were part of my portable setup challenges.

Also, thanks to N6DE and the NCCC doing another really great job in putting on this CQP.

Rig: K4, KPA-1500 and all wire antennas in the pine trees. 73, Jim W6ML/W6KC Mammoth Lakes CA, Mono County

## W6P (KM6RGO, AI6JB, W6DER, AI6W ops)

Wow! What a great CQP! All 4 of us had a blast!

The bands were alive! We really enjoyed working a decent amount of DX during the contest. We were also very pleased with the performance of our Dx Commander Nebula for CW 40 and 80. Worked coast to coast and up into AK and YT on 80 and 40. We worked just over 1400 CW contacts before taking out dupes (a small skookum logger CQP bug caused us to not get dupe warnings) which was a record for Jon and I as relatively new contesters.

We picked a location with a good Eastern terrain roll-off and made sure to put the Hex and Spider beams as close to the edge as we could get (~20ft). I think it paid off. The 80m doublet and Dx Commander Nebula were within 80ft of the same roll-off so I think they benefitted as well. We also had line of sight down into



the greater Sacramento Valley area and worked many CA stations down there on all bands line of sight.

Both CW and SSB were able to work 40 and 80 at the same time but no such luck for the higher bands. Definitely something for us to learn about and improve upon for future contests.

Thanks to Dean for organizing a great contest! I liked the mult changes and the addition of M/2. Hopefully we represented Placer county well and set a good M/2 LP record for it!

Some photos and videos of our setup: <a href="https://photos.app.goo.gl/prGwTKto7thqhPou7">https://photos.app.goo.gl/prGwTKto7thqhPou7</a>

Next year I'd love to do a county line expedition! 73,-Derek W6DER

#### W<sub>6</sub>PH

Antenna/equipment problems and no time to operate. So I just went after CA counties in my limited operating time. I found all 58.

### W6R (WQ6X op)

This was WQ6X's first QRP CQP run from KN6NBT's QTH in Ramona. wOw! What a Bizarre CQP weekend. When the original plan to operate QRP from a sailboat in ALAM County de-materialized, a triple-OP operation was created running from W7AYT's QTH in Concord.

W6R (R=Ramona) was run QRP remotely, giving access to a Stepp-IR, Shorty-40 and 75-meter Inv-Vee @ 55-feet on the hilltop in Ramona (SDIE).



In between, WQ6X made some QSOs from CCOS and even put in a Sunday early-morning shift for NX6T running remotely from Anza. If calculations are correct, W6R set an SDIE county record for SO(A) QRP. You can read all about this soon at: http://WQ6X.Blogspot.com

### W6T (K6KS, KM6BDN ops)

This was the first time that Kole KM6BDN and I had worked as a team and also the first time that either one of us had tried a county-line expedition. We had a blast.

### W6TCP (W6TCP, W6NV, KX7M, K8TR ops)

Thanks to fantastic Cycle 25 conditions proved 10 and 15 meters were the go to bands. This was first M/M effort for the W6TCP team in CQP. We set up our stations to SSB and CW only, and were helped by hard-working Randy K8TR. NU was the only missing mult, that we stayed awake despite 95deg temperatures in the shack, supplies of turkey/cheese sandwiches and M&Ms kept us alive, and cold beer at the end of contest felt so good. We added two temporary stations so we could run 2xSSB and 2XCW. See you all in 2025!

# W6W (KA6AIL, N6VOH, N6PZK, K6PWE, K6ZZU, K6LPK, KN6EES ops)

Great QSO party this year. I could not believe the signals we were getting on 10 & 15 meters. C U next year. 73's W6W

#### **WA6KHK**

First CQP using 6BA-JK Force 12 antenna up 80 feet. Did pretty good. Worked 60 out of 63 mults.

#### **WA6URY**

Operated remote from Tokyo, Japan.



#### WD6T

I was 40m CW op at N60@N6RO last night, but got on from my home station for the last 2.5 hours to serve as fresh meat for the hungry. I felt LOUD (rare from here in that direction), even on SSB... Either condx were great, or this was just the CQP reality distortion enhancement vortex. Only bump in the road was when I kept being called on 15 by completely deaf stations... moved a bit... same thing... huh? Oh... they were calling DX, operating split. Rookie mistake on my part... I moved up the band and life was good again. CW rates were good, but I wanted to try Phone so jumped on in last 15 minutes. Glad I did.... what's not to like about 240 rates? Then the clock struck 3, the mouse ran down, etc. Missed a few states: MS, WY, NE, RI, and all VEs except AB,BC,NB,ON and YT. Not bad for a short stint. Thanks to those who spotted me, esp. on phone (KI6RRN/KL7, especially...who posted that I needed WY).

#### WE6Z

ALPI/AMAD/ELDO County line expedition Saturday. I had many difficulties. Nobody seemed to know how to log a 3 county expedition, leading to 4 or 5 repeats per QSO. The laptop failed, the winkeyer failed, and the radio wouldn't transmit CW. Also the location was an RF black hole. Had to give up after all of the failures. :(

#### WU6X

Love this event. Thanks to the promoters ... I'm guessing this may be the best participation ever.

