

The 2001 California QSO Party

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The dust has settled and the logs have been checked and tabulated. Now we can see who came out on top by county, state, country, or whatever category you're interested in. One of the great things about CQP is the many different ways you can stretch yourself and your station to achieve that next goal.

Altogether, we received 493 logs this year, which is an increase of about 6% over last year. Although not a record in itself, there were many new records set this year

SINGLE OP RESULTS - CA

I'm sure that by now, you've already looked at the "winners circle" page and see that we have an upset! Repeat CA winner and favorite K6NA (K6LL op) in San Diego has finally been beaten by N6MJ using the great station of W6KP in Riverside county. The score is incredibly close with Dan ending with 24 fewer SSB QSOs, but 54 more CW QSOs than Dave. The difference can't even be attributed to log checking since both received 0.4% score reductions due to copy errors. More on this subject later.

K6LA edged out N6ED for third place CA and top score in Los Angeles. The top 20 SO stations are also the CA wine winners. You can see those stations, and what it takes to win the wine in CQP. For the first time in memory, it now takes a score > 200k to be in the wine.

SINGLE OP RESULTS - non CA

In the non-CA single op category, K5GA easily won his second in a row CQP from Texas. Challengers W9XY and W8MJ finished significantly back. Again, if you look at the non-CA wine list, you'll see the top 20 single ops and what it takes to win the wine from outside CA. Its getting tougher every year.

MULTI-SINGLE -

MS competition is also fierce. W6EEN again wins the MS category from CA followed by K6XV and N6UUG.

	Mult	CW	SSB	QSOs	Score		
W6EEN	58	664	1,839	2,503	329,005	MS	
K6XV	58	610	1,273	1,883	253,808	MS	C
N6UUG	58	0	1,707	1,707	198,070	MS	
N6A	58	793	481	1,274	193,720	MS	C
K6LRN	57	582	694	1,276	178,638	MS	L
N6C	55	441	517	958	129,635	MS	L C
N6TNW	58	0	861	861	99,934	MS	L
W6W	55	239	327	566	75,405	MS	C

MULTI-MULTI -

The biggest score by any station any where was (again) the massive N6O effort put out by the Radio Oakley M/M folks. Operating five transmitters, and setting M/M records several years in a row, they made 5,033 QSOs for a score of 661k! Unfortunately this doesn't beat their older record of 731k and 5,611 QSOs set just last year. Congratulations to N6RO, K6AW, K3EST, N6BV, WA6O, K6TA, and K6KO for a great team effort! Closing in on the "RO" folks this year was the W6ML team of W6KC, W6SW, W6JTB, WQ6X with 3,183 QSOs or 429k.

The over all MM results are:

	Mult	CW	SSB	QSOs	Score		
N6O	58	1,331	3,702	5,033	661,084	MM	
W6ML	58	1,027	2,156	3,183	428,881	MM	C
K6IDX	58	1,111	1,734	2,845	394,516	MM	
KS6U	58	828	1,290	2,118	293,799	MM	L
K6S	58	680	1,116	1,796	250,096	MM	C
ND6E	58	199	1,470	1,669	205,146	MM	C
W6UE	58	356	761	1,117	150,278	MM	S
W6IXP	58	50	1,136	1,186	140,476	MM	

MOBILES -

Once again, all California Counties were on the air in force, thanks in large part to the Mobile operations by K6AQL (K0DI, K0KTZ) who covered 25 counties; from Alameda to Yuba. This is the same route they have used in the past, but this year they beat the old mobile record (N6BT, WA6VEF, VE7NKI) for most mobile QSOs which had been standing since 1989. They were joined by WA6FGV (one county), KF6DLO (one county), NA6E (three counties), and K6ME (one county).

COUNTY EXPEDITIONS -

County Expeditions are Field Day style operations from rare counties, or at least a nice location that's off the beaten path. Fifteen different County Expeditions were active in 19 different counties. Part of that odd accounting is due to AD6E who operated on the Lassen/Plumas county line and give two counties in the exchange (and headaches to many who couldn't figure out how to log that). Also, K6R (N6DW, K6RC, K6RJ) who picked up the whole station and moved it around to six different counties. He was not considered a mobile since his antennas could not be operated "while in motion" as required by the mobile rule. However, all counties given by K6R at various times count as valid multipliers.

These operations ranged from simple to complex M/M. Doing an expedition can be a lot of fun. The SO competition was dominated by N7CW/6 in Imperial county. Buds' score was also

good enough for 7th place over all. An excellent score and new S/O Expedition record for this single-handed Field Day style of operation! In second place, SO was W6PZ (K6SRZ) in Trinity county. The MS competition was also dominated by K6XV in Lake county manned by K6XV and W7DR. Second place MS was N6A in Alpine

County Expeditions:

	Mult	CW	SSB	County	Score		
N7CW/6	58	613	1,487	Imp	279,241	SO	C
W6PZ	58	808	649	Trinity	216,021	SO	C
W6PH	58	650	847	Inyo	211,410	SO	C
AD6E	57	594	757	Las/Plu	187,957	SO	C
WK6I	56	0	589	Alpine	65,968	SO	L C
N6EM	39	91	130	Calaver	20,787	SO	L C
W6BAR				Tulare	672	SO	L C
K6XV	58	610	1,273	Lake	253,808	MS	C
N6A	58	793	481	Alpine	193,720	MS	C
N6C	55	441	517	Colusa	129,635	MS	L C
W6W	55	239	327	Ccos	75,405	MS	C
K6R	51	381	89	Tehema	67,320	MS	C
K6R	40	61	56	Sutter	11,800	MS	C
K6R	32	113	12	Butte	11,568	MS	C
K6R	38	49	56	Yuba	9,842	MS	C
K6R	32	64	36	Glenn	8,368	MS	C
K6R	32	62	33	Colusa	8,064	MS	C
W6ML	58	1,027	2,156	Mono	428,881	MM	C
K6S	58	680	1,116	Sierra	250,096	MM	C
ND6E	58	199	1,470	S Benito	205,146	MM	C

SWEEPS -

A major part of the fun is to work all 58 multipliers. Even with all this activity, only nine out of state stations managed to work a complete CA sweep. This is way down from the 28 successes last year. I'm not sure why, since all 58 counties were activated by at least two stations. The toughest counties appeared to be Del Norte, Glenn.

The very first sweep was made by W7UQ (KL9A op) when he worked K6KAP in Mariposa county at 19:16Z. That's 26 hours and 16 minutes into the contest. Congratulations!

Sweeps of all CA counties:

W7UQ	NB1B	K5XR
K5GA	KE9I	WA0AVL
W9XY	K9ZO	N0HJZ

In California, 36 stations found all 50 US states plus the eight Canadian call districts for sweeps. Compare this to 38 last year. This is the only state QSO party where the number of multipliers is the same for both in-state and out-of-state operators.

Sweeps of all states and provinces:

W6UE	K6S	N6ED	K6C	N6RER
W6YX	ND6E	K6XX	AA6PW	W6ISO
N7CW/6	N6O	W6R	K6GT	W6BBS
W6PZ	K6IDX	W6TK	KS6H	KD6OTC
W6PH	N6UUG	K6RIM	WN6K	
K6XV	W6EEN	NT6K	N6NF	

N6A	N6TNW	K6AM	W6AFA
W6ML	N6MJ	W6XK	W6TKV

The very first sweep from CA was made by KD6OTC at 21:04Z or 5 hours and 4 minutes when she contacted N8EMS for WV. This is also a new record for this category: the fastest sweep in CQP history. Congratulations!

CLUBS -

Club competition is again a run away with the Mother Lode DX & Contest Club putting together another massive effort that resulted in 26 logs totaling over 2.6 million points. This is a significant increase from last years' win with only 17 logs and just under 2 million points. The next best club effort was by the Redwood Empire club with only 8 logs and 875,255 points.

CQP has made an extra effort recently to get more clubs to participate. The Club Table shows the more active clubs both within and outside of CA. There is no plaque available for non-CA clubs at this point, but the non-CA clubs are truly appreciated. Other clubs with only a couple of logs include Caltech, the MN Wireless Association, North Coast Contesters, and PVRC. Two clubs in particular seem to have fallen on hard times. The Central Coast C&DXC, and Shasta DX&CC clubs only submitted one log each this year. Shasta in particular seems to have all but died out after many years of winning the CQP club competition. We can only hope these fine clubs can regroup and re-immerge as viable clubs in the future.

CA Clubs	# Logs	Total
Mother Lode DXCC	26	2,638,512
Redwood Empire DXCC	8	875,255
River City Contesters	11	778,935
Livermore ARK	5	337,784
Circle City Contest Club	3	332,716
San Fernando Valley ARC	6	172,882
non CA Clubs		
Society of Midwest Contesters	10	557,938
Yankee Clipper CC	7	436,590
Mad River Radio Club	6	291,914
Florida Contest Group	6	222,718
Franklin Radio Club	4	177,891
Tenn Contest Group	5	113,094

SCHOOLS-

This is the third year of the school competition in CQP. Last year, nine schools responded to this new award challenge. This year there were twelve:

W6YX	Stanford	SO	298,381
W6UE	Cal Tech	MM	150,278
W7UQ	Univ of Idaho	SO	103,327
K4UCF	Univ of Central Florida	SO	62,215
W4NC	Wake Forest	MS	24,633
K4KDJ	Virginia Tech	MS	18,768
N9UC	Univ of Chicago	SO	15,974

W9YB	Purdue	SO	13,632
W1AF	Harvard	SO	6,320
KC7KFF	Hayden	SO	3,042
K5T	Univ of Texas	SO	2,900
KC5ORO	New Mexico Tech	MS	2,100

QRP-

Also in the third year is the QRP category. Total QRP logs started in '99 with 25. Last year that dropped to 18, and this year there were 22. They are noted in the results tables with a "Q" after their score. Top CA QRP station was WR6WR (N6WR) in Sacramento. Top non-CA QRP station was N9NE.

QRP stations:

WR6WR	KA6SGT	N9NE	AC7A	W4TDB
KB9LGJ	K6MI	W0HEP	AA1CA	KK4R
W6ZH	K6III	K8ZT	WC7S	K9DIY
AD6GK	DK3KD	WB0YJT	W3AG	W2VMX
N9WW	KX5U			

RECORDS -

A total of 27 new records were set this year, with 11 CA records and 10 county records falling.

New County Records in California

Humboldt	W6JTI	186,900
Imperial	N7CW/6	279,241
Lassen	AD6E	187,957
Marin	K6RIM	235,712
Plumas	AD6E	187,957
Riverside	N6MJ	352,263
San Joaquin	NT6K	230,579
San Luis Obispo	W6TK	271,005
Santa Cruz	K6XX	278,661
Stanislaus	W6XK	211,874
Trinity	W6PZ	216,021

New State/Province Records

Idaho	W7UQ	103,327
Kansas	W0BR	49,450
Louisiana	K5II	59,510
Maine	NY1S	64,267
Rhode Island	NB1B	118,668
Texas	K5GA	155,614
Vermont	KK1L	86,725
Oceania	VK2CZ	8,077

Other New Records

Most CW QSOs	N6TV	1,474
Most Mobile QSOs	K6AQL	1,584
S/O Expedition	N7CW/6	279,241
M/S Expedition	K6XV	253,808
1 st to 58 (CA)	KD6OTC	21,04Z
Low Power	K6AM	230,173

LOG CHECKING -

I'm always amazed at some logs that are sent in with less than useful summary information. Logs without specifically showing an operating category were all entered as single op, high power. Many logs were received indicating an operating QTH very different than what others copied them to be

on the air. In such cases, we used the vast majority of received reports rather than what was indicated in the log. This appears to be simple sloppy log preparation. Another serious problem occurred with several logs where the mode was not entered in the log. Such logs were scored as SSB only. Before submitting any log, please review it to be sure it has complete and accurate information.

Log checking was tackled by AD6E, W6OAT, K6EP, N6DE, KX7M, KF6RIP, and K6III. Log checking rules were established by the team as follows: Any simple copying error such as wrong NR, wrong QTH, or wrong call was penalized by reducing the score by 1/2 of that QSO. Double copying errors (e.g. wrong call and wrong NR) or worse were penalized by removing the QSO. The team used extensive search software to be as accurate as possible. Only QSOs that were either proven to be in error, or had a very highly probable error were reduced. No penalty was given by software alone. There was always a human judge to make the actual decision.

There were several "perfect" logs where no errors could be found. Notable golden logs with more than 100 QSOs were from N4BP, WA1KKM, NA2X, and AA1CA. Check logs were received from KB6HT.

My thanks go to the log checkers who put in many hours of effort to get these results out. Their efforts have made these results more credible. Anyone who submitted a "soft" log can get a report file that details each and every deduction. Please send your request to cqp@contesting.com

SOAPBOX -

I always handing out a few QSOs in the CQP, but it was great to do a bit more this year. The CQP is a great contest with lots of friendly, first-class operators!
K3PP

Plans on a major effort overcome by family activities. Wanted to at least make a CA County "Sweep" and had just about given up when K0GEN/M6 called in with Del Norte County with about 15 minutes to spare.. It was fun!
K0EJ

Mr. Bill Defends! But misses the all time record!
I'll be back in 2010 to test the competition again!
K5GA

What a great time! Kudos to NCCC for hosting such a wonderful way to waste a weekend!! First time that I've put forth a rather full effort and exceeded my expectations.
K6C

This was SO fun! I kept wanting to change the color of the little state letters, and all these darn DX stations kept calling! Eventually I got MT, HI, and finally, SC, achieving a uniform palette. Ten was amazing, but when things slowed down (rate under 90!) I went to 15 & 20. Nothing was happening. I moved

too early, I guess. Later, I had all-time best runs on 20m, both SSB and CW. When things seemed slow, I returned to 10, and that move always rewarded me! There were lots of DUPE's due to CT 9.65 not signalling a DUPE until AFTER I logged it! I discovered that by watching the "Check Partial" window, I could see if I'd already logged a call sign. I made more CW QSO's on 80 than my COMBINED total over the last couple of years. Thanks to ATT for clearing up the Phonex modem interference. As usual for this contest, it's fun being sought-after, rather than "another 6."
K6GT

I worked several on 10 and 15 but sure can't get anything going with CQ's from the NW. Oh well conditions won't always favor the guys back East. Good show
Quack K7QQ

Was restricted this year to 10-15-20 and worked until no more could be heard. Mobiles were almost unheard among the din of so many "big guns." One of the loudest stations took up as much as 10k bandwidth here in Nebraska. Did better on sheer numbers this year but only found 54 counties in my log after it was all done.
N0WY

Thanks for all the California Q's for the Texas QSO Party.
N1LN

Intended to make 100 Qs and quit Oh well.....Isn't contesting addictive ?? Lots of DX on 10 and 15 Sunday
N6KI

Great Contest! I'll for sure do it again.
N6YMM

Who would have guessed that the longest 9-inning game in the entire history of baseball would occur the night before CQP! Not good for contest prep. Aside from missing first two hours, it was all great, except for not even hearing VE5. 35% score increase from last year with same number of hours. Thanks to all for a great contest weekend. Also very clever to have the 49er's game switched to Sunday evening.
N6ZFO

This contest sure brings out the CA operators! I had a lot of fun running 5W with my CA-designed K2. Thank you.
N9NE

The mobiles are what really make this contest fun. Thanks to K6AQL/M for giving me a number of counties. Hope to be in this one again next year.
N05W

It is over but what a fun again !!! - This was my 2nd CA party but hope already next year will have same propagation: this one has become a **must**

PA3ARM
Condx were outstanding for this CQP; much better than any I can remember (which probably doesn't cover much history!). I have to say CA does get the fixed stations on the air; now if you could get 3 or 6 more mobiles.... Did my best to work K6R/M, K6AQL/M, and WA6FGV/M when I could find them; they sure must have been driving slow! Great bunch of ops and they really hustled - thanks to everyone for a lot of contacts and to NCCC for another great contest.
W3DYA

Another good tune up for the contest season. I always enjoy the CQP but where was 20 Meters. It was dead here, I did here a lot of stations working in the extra class portion but couldn't

work them. I think the big guns in California have been scared off by the Net Controllers on 20 Meters.
W4SAA

The crew at the W5KFT's "W5 DX Bash" had a blast working all y'all left coasters. We worked hard at our multi-multi, and we think you should consider our Texas-sized team of ten ops and send us a CASE of that Californy wine! That'll get us motivated -- and keep us refreshed -- for CQP at next year's Bash for sure!
W5KFT

Goal(s) this year was to improve on last year's score, break the county record and try SO2R. Successful in two of three, missed the record by less than 5K points, rough maintaining a decent rate from this QTH using LP. Spent 4 hr before the start homebrewing a cable switching system for 2 radios. Certainly interesting listening to a different band in each ear, but in the end I was fairly comfortable with it. With less than two hrs. remaining still needed HI, AK and YNWT, heard VY1MB at 2032z, never found a KH6 or KL7. Thanks to all for the Q's.
W6KK

I have to say that doing a county expedition solo is something like running a marathon: you need a year to forget what was involved so you can muster up the energy to do it again (spoken from the experience of having done three of each). If my score stands, it will be a new record for Trinity.
K6SRZ

Thanks for another great effort by NCCC - lots of activity..especially VY1JA, VE1JX, VE2AEP/VE2AWR - WV was the hard one this year. Had to take a 1 hour break about 45 minutes after the start...but fortunately rates kept pretty good except for a little lull Saturday afternoon and late Sunday morning. I was hoping to break the 2000 Q mark finally made that I hopefully upped the San Luis Obispo County Record...if I don't have too many "busted" calls! Thanks again for a great job of organizing things.
W6TK

I had a blast at CQP. And I learned a lot about contesting as a new ham. See you next year! I'll be smarter, stronger and on more bands (hopefully). Now if CQP only allowed PSK-31 like ARRL Field Day... (hint).
W6ZZZ

Great fun! Good conditions and lots of stations to work.
W8RU

Thanks for sponsoring such a fun contest. Lots of fun, as always. Thanks to all the guys who gave me signal reports for the ARK QSO Party.
WA5SOG

I had a lot of fun but conditions were up and down here the best band seem to be 15 meters working QRP I to work extra hard for each contact thanks
WB0YJT

XYL went into labor pains, shortened my contest time, but I had fun, with this, will be back next year. What a blast, only called stations a couple times each. Wonder how many knew I was QRP? First time out with new antenna system, a pair of phased verticals on a steel roof. See you next year!
Had less than five hours, wife started labor, for our boy, he'll be on the antenna team for next year.... or maybe we'll do a multi-single....
WC7S

Missed the sweep by one, if only I'd had more time.
WT9U

A great contest as always. How is it possible to have 12 QSOs with MAR, 9 with NWT, 15 with WY, and zero with MT??
AE6Y

I did not set the world on fire but I had fun using the Yaesu FT-817 QRP. I missed 2000 but you can bet 2002 is already on my contest list. Thanks for the great contest.
W4TDB

Tons of fun as usual, but Sunday was brutal! I'll be back next year for sure.
W7UQ (KL9A)

Enjoyed the contest as usual. All the California operators were most courteous, patient and understanding. A true pleasure working them.
K0TPY

Many thanks to AE6Y for putting my fractured log back together. Andy, you're a great guy and a credit to the NCCC! Unfortunately I had more Q's than last year, but fewer counties. Arrrrggggghhhh!
N9NT

CQP and Fishing Report:

This was our 10th year operating county expedition in Mono County. We achieved our best results to date. We finally shook all of the computer bugs and successfully ran CT networked with shared serial numbers. It was fun to see the last 10 rate counter occasionally shoot up 400 per hour and to send chat messages to each other over the network. Our first hour actual was 264 QSOs.

Once again we had our traditional pre-CQP warm up dinner at the local Chart House Restaurant. We linked up for the second year with another Mono County expedition, W6JA (W7AB & W7FD). We invited W6PH, who was operating about 100 miles south in Inyo county, to join us for dinner. He was unable to make it, however, he took a rain check for next year.

Another highlight was when K6RG called me on 40M SSB from Butte County. We had gone to high school together and I had not seen or spoken with him in over 20 years. When he told me his original call (WA6UTF) I remembered the good old days when I was WA6GDS and we were both in the Crystal Crackers ARS at Culver City HS.

This year I was able to spend some time in Mammoth before being joined by the rest of the crew (W6SW, W6JTB & WQ6X) for the CQP weekend. While I was there by myself, I enjoyed doing a bit of fishing in the early evenings. The first night I went out about 6:30 pm and promptly caught one nice sized rainbow trout that I cooked up for dinner that same night. The next evening I went out again and had quite a different experience. After fishing for about 30 minutes, without results, it was almost dark and I was about to quit. Just then I noticed that about 15 ft to my left were 3 bears. A mother and 2 cubs were walking along the shoreline. I quickly decided to back away and give them their space. I had to leave my fishing pole where it was cast out into the lake. As I backed away the bears came to where I had just been fishing. One of the bears got tangled in my fishing line and I could hear the line going out as they passed by. They went about 25 ft and just stopped and lingered. I slowly went back to my fishing pole and began to reel it in. The line was coming from the direction of the bears and was getting stuck on something. I kept reeling and it finally got free and I was able to reel it all the way in without losing my leader. It was almost totally dark by then and I quickly retreated to the relative safety of my car and drove off. That's the closest I hope I ever come to catching a bear with a fishing pole. No fish

for dinner that night, but a good story why I had to let a big one get away.
W6ML

N6AN STARTED THE CONTEST AS A SINGLE OPERATOR, MAKING A FEW QSOs WHILE TENDING TO HIS 5 YEAR OLD SON. LOTS OF INTERRUPTIONS! MANY HOURS LATER DAVID WAS BACK AT IT WHEN KA6SAR APPEARED AROUND 11:30PM. OK, WE WILL GO M/S, NO SWEAT. DAVID BAILED SEVERAL HOURS LATER AND MIKE WORKED THROUGH THE NIGHT AND WELL INTO SUNDAY. SINCE THINGS WERE A BIT SLOW FOR MIKE AT TIMES HE DECIDED TO FORGET THE 10 MINUTE RULE AND HAVE FUN USING THE SO2R SETUP. DAVID CAME BACK AT 1PM TO PROVIDE RELIEF. WE FOUND VY1MPON 15 SSB FOR THE PENULTIMATE MULTIPLIER AND THEN HAD TWO KH6 STATIONS CALL IN ON 10 METERS DURING THE LAST HALF HOUR FOR A SWEEP. WE HAD A LOT OF FUN. TOO BAD OUR SCHEDULES DID NOT ALLOW US TO DO A SERIOUS EFFORT. THANKS FOR ORGANIZING SUCH A FUN OPERATING EVENT. THIS IS MY FIRST TIME IN CAL FOR THE CQP SINCE 1987!
W6UE

This is my jubilee 10th CQP and my 2,334 contest log entry over all.
YU7SF

This was the first CQP for myself and the University, but I had a blast and hope to do it again next year. Having only found out about the contest the Thursday before and having previous engagements all weekend I think I did pretty good for only working 7 hours total.
W9YB

I didn't set the world on fire, but I had a lot of fun!
WA6OGO

We had a great time this year with CQP. Rather than sitting in my shack for 30 hours I decided to go out and do something more interesting. I got together with Don, KG6ECI, and we made arrangements to operate aboard the SS Red Oak Victory in Richmond. The Red Oak Victory is a WWII Victory Ship which is in the process of being restored. We set up in the ship's radio room. We really appreciated the hospitality of the Red Oak Victory Amateur Radio Club. Plus, having real bunks to sleep in sure beats sleeping on the ground in tents! We have pictures of our expedition on the web at <http://66.60.150.6/cqp/>. You're welcome to put the pictures, as well as information about our expedition, on the CQP web page if you'd like.
Chris Moore, N6IYS

Tried QRP Phone for the first time. That was a challenge, but fun.
KA6SGT

Got my sweep with almost an hour to go! Last year it was two minutes to go. I'll be back for the triple sweep on 2002!
N0HJZ

Great conditions, great operators, outstanding courtesy among SOAPBOX: competitors ... great contest!
N6XI

Dave's face when I brought out the 80/160 kingsize hamstick (20' fiberglass fishing pole, Slinky, and wire all fed by clipping it to the whip and matching with the AH-4 tuner); Dave simultaneously mobile cw, computer logging and eating a Big

Mac; Phil tossing a u-bolt on a string 30' in the air to catch a limb to hold the 40m inverted vee. The battery dropping to +/- 10v at 5am in the middle of a contact. (Strange things happen to equipment & vehicle at 10v. The car didn't even want to idle.)
K6R