

The 2011 California QSO Party

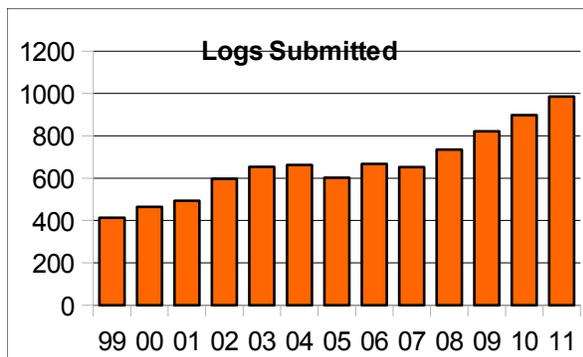
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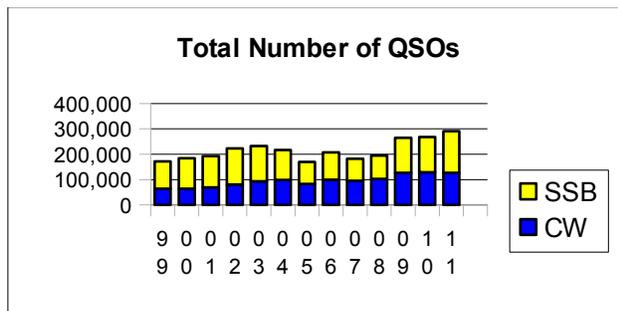
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The most popular state QSO party keeps getting more popular each year. This year saw yet another 10% growth spurt to just shy of 1,000 logs submitted. Actual number was 985, which is waaay up from the 493 logs just 10 years ago (2001).

This chart below shows the rise in CQP popularity over time. The chart only shows time back to 1999, but real data is available going back to 1974 when only 70 logs were submitted. CQP, of course, goes back even further in time, but earlier results are not available.



Over all activity was appropriately higher than last year. A bit of a surprise is that there were 1% fewer CW QSOs than last year, but 18% more SSB. Actual percentage of activity this year was 44% CW to 56% SSB. More on that topic later.



This is a great balancing act that stations need to think about for achieving a good score. You can't do it with SSB alone, and can't do it with CW alone. With 3 points for CW and 2 points for SSB, the clever operator must make careful judgment for not only band conditions, but also for choosing which mode to be on, and when.

These charts, and much more, can be found on the CQP web site: <http://www.cqp.org>

WE WERE ABLE TO GET OUR LAST 2 COUNTIES IN CALIFORNIA FOR ALL COUNTIES A SECOND TIME (LASSEN AND SAN BENITO). A LOT OF DX PARTICIPATION THIS YEAR. GOOD LUCK TO ALL!

de WA6KHK

HAD FUN, AND GOT MY FIRST CQP SWEEP, HAD ALL COUNTIES WORKED SUNDAY MORNING...

de AE1P

SINGLE OP RESULTS - CA

For the past five six years, Dan, N6MJ piloted W6YI in San Diego to convincing wins and establishing a dominance that has not been seen since K6LA a decade ago, and WA6VEF (now VA7RR) two decades ago. This year the competition continued unabated. Would anyone be able to beat this great operator? K6XX has come close several times, as has N6ED and K6LA. This year, Dan did it again!

Sound familiar? The above paragraph is copied directly from last years' results... and maybe even the year before. It's just as valid today. With all the increased activity in general, Dan not only won this contest again, but set a new all-time high S/O record breaking his old record by 8%.

TOP S/O - CA

	QTH	Mults	CW	PH	Score
W6YI (Op N6MJ)	San Diego	58	1,130	1,917	418,847
K6LA	Los Angeles	58	1,267	1,105	348,551
K6XX	Santa Cruz	58	1,114	1,320	346,898

It seems Dan is extending his lead year by year. In 2nd place, Ken, K6LA tried to gave Dan a run for his money with 1267 CW and 1105 SSB QSOs for 348,551 points. Ken actually had more high pointer CW QSOs than Dan, but was way back in the number of SSB. Just behind Ken was Bob, K6XX with 346,898 points.

We have some new faces in the top tier **Low Power** category this year. George, **KI6LZ** pulled out the top honors from Ventura county with a great effort piling up 197k points. This is significantly up from last year when George made 158k points.

TOP 3 Low Power - CA

	QTH	Mults	CW	PH	Score
KI6LZ	Ventura	58	553	874	197,519
WN6K	San Diego	56	787	255	160,720
WA6KHK	Riverside	56	626	415	151,676

Further back is Paul, **WN6K** with 160k, which is down a little from last year. It didn't help that he missed both ND and SK mults. 3rd place goes to Frank, **WA6KHK** with 151k. That's down quite a bit from the 179k that Frank made last year. Frank missed the VT and SK mults.

Frank, **W6JTI** won the **QRP** category again easily with over 126k points. That's up from 110k last year, and almost put him in the top three LP group.. He made that increase with fewer CW QSOs, but many more SSB QSOs. His nearest competitors were **AC6YY** and **K6GHA** with 39k and 26k respectively. QRP means very low power .. not "weak". More QRP news later.

The **top 20 S/O** stations, regardless of power level, are also the **CA wine winners**. You can see those stations on the awards page. It takes a score of > 203k to win the wine.

THIS WAS A FUN CONTEST!!!

de AA6K

The **Youth award**, sponsored and promoted by K6DWG, this year goes to Natalie, **KJ6NLD** operating from El Dorado county with 230 QSOs and 14,560 points.

Rounding out the S/O CA winners is the **YL award** going to Ellen, **N6UWW** who made 595 QSOs and 5 shy of a sweep for just over 63k points.

SINGLE OP RESULTS – non CA

Dennis, **W1UE** who operated K1TTT to the top for the last two years tried to do it again with real flare from **6Y6U**. This time, he didn't quite make it as Bob, **W0BH** came up for the win and a new record. It would have been the first time ever, a non-US/VE station won CQP for outside CA S/O. This reverses the results of 2009 when Bob came in second to Dennis.

Operating CQP from out of state is a different challenge than operating from in-state. What does it take to win? Bob did it with only 225 CW QSOs, but a whopping 952 SSB QSOs and a sweep of all 58 CA counties for a total of 145,727 points. This is considerably more than what he was able to do last time, Congratulations!

Just a bit further back was John, **K4BAI** in GA with 377 CW and 581 SSB QSOs for a total of 132,849 points.

TOP S/O – non CA					
	QTH	Mults	CW	PH	Score
W0BH	Kansas	58	225	952	145,727
6Y6U (Op W1UE)	DX	58	302	736	137,924
K4BAI	Georgia	58	377	581	132,849

It's interesting to note that despite much better sunspot activity, and a significant increase in CQP participation in general, the top scores actually dropped a bit compared to last year. This years' top score would have barely made 3rd place last year.

In the **low power** category, Joel, **NA4K** made a convincing win from TN with 590 QSOs and a sweep for 105,908 points. That's a significant improvement over last years' Low Power winner. His nearest rivals were **K4ZGB** with 98,125 points in AL and **K7SV** with 95,704 points in VA. Both of those are also up significantly from last year. In fact the present 3rd place score would have easily won the event last year. K4ZGB missed one county (DELN), and K7SV missed two (BUTT and SHAS).

TOP 3 Low Power – Non CA					
	QTH	Mults	CW	PH	Score
NA4K	Tennessee	58	309	450	105,908
K4ZGB	Alabama	57	292	424	98,125
K7SV	Virginia	56	339	346	95,704

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. Now it takes more than 88k points. It gets tougher every year.

In the non-CA **QRP** category, Randy, **ND0C** in MN edged out **W4UT** for the honors with a nice score of 75,936 points. This blows away the old non-CA QRP record held since 2004 by WA4PGM. W4UT made

49,392 points. The QRP category seems to have hit it's limit. Despite over-all greater activity in CQP, there were 29 non-CA QRP entries this year... one less than last year.

K6DGW also sponsored a **Youth award** for non-CA stations which was won by **KC9MEA** who made 159 CW and 80 SSB QSOs covering 46 CA counties for a score of 29,233. Congratulations, and we look forward to seeing a lot more from Nick.

The non-CA **YL award** was won by Andrea, **VA3YOJ** who piled up 577 SSB QSOs plus a county sweep. Her score totaled 66,932 points.

MULTI-SINGLE -

The M/S category is a big deal in CQP. This year there were 43 CA entries. Top score was **K6QK** operated by N7CW, K6ZH, NN6X, N6EEG, N6ERD in Imperial county. Close behind were **K6C** (W1RH and AA1ON) and **K6MMM** (AE1B and W6NN). Of special note is that the K6QK team won this category as a tent & generator county expedition. Well done!

While the number of M/S entries exceeds our limited space, here are the top ten.

CA Multi-Single Top Ten						
CALL	QTH	CW	PH	Mult	Score	
K6QK	IMPE	780	1528	58	313,026	E
K6C	ELDO	1083	1027	58	307,632	
K6MMM	SCRU	982	1152	58	304,587	
K6XV	YUBA	896	1210	58	296,264	
K6VO	SBER	635	1426	58	275,906	
N6KI	SDIE	878	1099	57	275,566	E
N6A	ALPI	1046	490	55	226,545	E
W6RFU	SBAR	518	965	57	198,588	
N6XT	SDIE	501	947	58	197,171	
K6NV	SIER	594	633	58	176,871	L E

The CQP M/S rule is unique in contesting in that it allows a good SO2R station to be shared by multiple operators with unlimited band switching so long as each operator sits and operates for at least 10 minutes before changing operators.

Just six years ago there were only five Non-CA M/S teams. Last year there were fifty two (52), but this year there were only 13. I can't explain it. Top score was from **N2NT**. Andy did not list any other operators, so we assume he entered the fray as S/O using packet. Same with 2nd place **K2SSS** who did an exceptional job with low power.

It's interesting to note that the top M/S stations, both in and out of CA were well behind the top three S/O stations.

GREAT PARTY... REMINDED ME OF THE GOOD OLD DAYSO F HAM RADIO OPENINGS AND ENTHUSIASTIC OPS. de AE6IC

GREAT TIME OPERATING THIS QSO PARTY. THANKS FOR PUTTING THIS ON. THIS GOT ME MOTIVATED TO WORK MORE CA COUNTIES USING 80 METERS. de AG6AM

1ST TIME CQP "NEW CONTESTER" de K2SSS

HAD A BLAST! GREAT PROPAGATION FOR A CHANGE! de K6JAT

Non-CA Multi-Single Top Ten					
CALL	QTH	CW	PH	Mult	Score
N2NT	NJ	343	507	58	118407
K2SSS	NY	398	293	58	103095 L
AA3B	PA	323	229	56	79912
NOTA	CO	289	218	57	74214
AA7V	AZ	317	0	51	48501
N7LR	AZ	170	165	57	47880
W5RTA	TX	39	273	56	36988 L
N5UJ	TX	64	195	52	30134
AB1OD	CT	100	56	54	22113 L
K3TD	TX	0	184	48	17664 L

MULTI-MULTI -

Last year we said the competition was heating up in the M/M category. No one has yet been able to beat the mighty **N6O** team (K3EST, K6AW, N6BV, N6RO, WA6O), but this year it's even closer than ever before. The great Inyo team of **K6Z** (K6ZZ, W6PH, KI6VC, K6VR, W1MD, WA1Z, N6WIN, N6KZ) is now within 100 QSOs of winning the M/M outright. And .. they did this as a tent & generator county expedition.

CA Multi-Multi					
CALL	QTH	CW	PH	Mult	Score
N6O	ALAM	1679	3275	58	672,133
K6Z	INYO	1603	3265	58	657,749 E
W6YX	SCLA	1738	2242	58	562,484 S
N6T	TEHA	1439	2014	58	484,068 E
N6M	MODO	1461	1249	58	399,185
K6YL	TRIN	847	1478	58	318,884 E
NU6T	ELDO	0	1496	57	170,601
W6DOJ	NEVA	392	873	55	160,847
K6S	SACR	313	305	56	86,744 L
W6ZE	ORAN	171	444	55	77,110 L E

M/M is not very popular out of state, but two stations decided to try it out:

Non-CA Multi-Multi					
CALL	QTH	CW	PH	Mult	Score
K5QQ	MS	273	171	58	61074 L
N8AMM	MI	15	73	45	8550

MOBILES -

The most active mobile, in terms of total QSO count was, *again*, **K6AQL** operated by K0DI while driving through 24 different CA counties. David made a total of 1,477 QSOs. This is up a bit from last year, but well below the record of 1,685 that he did in 2003. All but 20 of those QSOs were made on CW.

Once again, there was very little mobile activity other than **K6AQL**. **N5II** mobiled through three counties and made a combined 299 QSOs, mostly CW. They were SMAT, MADE, and MERC.

Mobile activity is not a major part of CQP, but we really appreciate the AQL team driving through some rather rare counties to insure we have at least two significant operations from each and every county. I'm sure they made many folks happy with a CA county sweep. A "mobile" is any station that can legally operate while in motion (actual motion is optional).

BROKE ALL MY STATION RECORDS FOR CQP. CONDITIONS WERE GREAT! de K6CSL

No other mobiles reported activity in CA. Only **N8CBW** reported non-CA mobile QSOs making 40 SSB Qs from MI.

COUNTY EXPEDITIONS -

County Expeditions are Field Day style operations from rare counties, or at least a nice location that's off the beaten path. Just as last year, twenty different County Expeditions were active in 16 different counties. These operations ranged from simple S/O to complex M/M. An "expedition" is any station where all antennas are erected temporarily and specifically for CQP.

Top S/O Expedition score goes to **W6KC** operating W6ML (247k) who set up in Mono county. Just behind was **AD6E** in Tulare county operating from the U.S Towers facility. Both set new county records.

The top M/S Expedition score was again, **K6QK** (313k) in Imperial county. They not only captured 1st place M/S County Expedition, but also 1st Place M/S over all. Great job!

CA County Expeditions					
CALL	QTH	CW	PH	Mult	Score
W6ML	MONO	824	893	58	247,109
AD6E	TULA	849	752	56	226,912
K6JS	PLAC	342	929	58	167,330
NGYEU	LASS	504	552	57	149,197
NZ6Q	GLEN	392	587	55	129,387
N6MI	INYO	371	392	57	108,214
W6ZE	ORAN	171	444	55	77,110 L
W6LTR	MADE	0	252	49	24,745
N6LL	LANG	0	158	33	10,461
W6JK	SBER	67	124	33	10,395 L
N5VWN	SHAS	14	45	23	3,093 L
K6QK	IMPE	780	1528	58	313,026 M/S
N6KI	SDIE	878	1099	57	275,566 M/S
N6A	ALPI	1046	490	55	226,545 M/S
K6NV	SIER	594	633	58	176,871 M/S L
N6Q	COLU	15	142	34	11,220 M/S Q
K6Z	INYO	1603	3265	58	657,749 M/M
N6T	TEHA	1439	2014	58	484,068 M/M
K6YL	TRIN	847	1478	58	318,884 M/M

The top M/M Expedition was again **K6Z** in Inyo county with an amazing 658K score .. almost enough to claim top M/M over all.

Expeditions are not easy, and not always successful. This can be a complicated "tent and generator" type of station, or a more relaxed venue operating from an existing home using commercial power. To claim "expedition", the station must be using temporary antennas that are installed just for CQP.

SWEEPS -

A big part of the fun is to work all 58 multipliers. There are 58 CA counties .. and just for fun, there are 58 US states and VE call areas. So you aim for 58 mults regardless of where you are. Despite the huge participation of CQP this year it was not so easy to make the "sweep". Only 30 out of state stations managed to work a complete CA sweep. That's down from 35 last year. The toughest counties were Yolo and Merced.

The very first sweep of all CA counties was made by **W0BH** when he worked WA6LD in San Francisco at 21:29Z. That's only 5 hours and 29 minutes into the contest. Congratulations!

Sweeps of all CA counties			
6Y6U	K7UT	N4PN	VE3RZ
AB4GG	KA2AAM	N5JB	VE4YU
AE1P	KE2VB	N7MZW	VE6TL
K0JPL	KH6LC	NA4K	W0BR
K0RC	KI0I	NR5M	W1CTN
K2SSS	KU5B	VA3YOJ	WO4O
K4BAI	N2MM	VE3KZ	WX4G
K5QQ	W0BH		

In California, 32 stations found all 50 US states plus all eight Canadian call districts for sweeps. That's also down from the 48 last year. The toughest mult was VE5 with North Dakota being a close second.

The very first sweep from CA was made by **N6JS** at 20:24Z or 4 hours and 24 minutes when he contacted KM5MS in MS. Congratulations!

Sweeps from CA			
K6JAT	K6RIM	K16LZ	W6ML
K6AAX	K6VO	N6JS	W6TK
K6JS	K6XV	N6NZ	W6UE
K6LA	K6YL	N6OJ	W6YI
K6NA	K6Z	N6XT	W6YX
K6NV	KA6BIM	N16T	WB6JJJ
K6QK	KG6N	W6AFA	WC6H
K6XX	KG6TBR	W6AMM	WX6ZZ

CLUBS -

For the past several years, the CA Club competition has been a run away with the **Mother Lode DX & Contest Club** putting major efforts that resulted wins for several years. However, the Redwood Empire club keeps putting up some serious competition. This year, Redwood Empire came within a hair of winning. This was very close indeed.

	Clubs - California	Logs	Score
1	Mother Lode DX/Contest Club	24	2,908,799
2	Redwood Empire DX Association	28	2,856,935
3	Eastside Contest Group	5	1,139,331
4	San Diego DX Club	3	638,029
5	San Diego Contest Club	1	275,566

Last year saw a much wider gap between these two clubs: 3.1million vs 2.2 million. MLDXCC dropped significantly, and REDXA increased significantly. Next year will be interesting!

It's a little sad to notice that many, many logs show only the wide area clubs that are specifically not allowed to compete in the CQP club competition: NCCC, SCCC, NCDXC, and SCDXC. If you gave one of the above clubs your points, please consider giving your points to your LOCAL club next year.

Contest Club Ontario continued it's domination of the non-CA club competition, a run that has lasted since 2004. However, just like in the CA club competition, the Tennessee Contest Group is nipping at their heels.

CCO dropped in score from last year while TCG increased significantly. Looks like next year will also see a real run between these two great clubs.

The Club competition of CQP is a great way to get your club active and involved in contesting.

	Clubs - Non-California	Logs	Score
1	Contest Club Ontario	32	886,490
2	Tennessee Contest Group	28	883,616
3	South East Contest Club	13	637,607
4	Frankford Radio Club	13	614,386
5	Potomac Valley Radio Club	19	530,469
6	Yankee Clipper Contest Club	17	516,234
7	Central Oregon DX Club	1	399,185
8	Mad River Radio Club	11	387,190
9	Florida Contest Group	11	370,568
10	Arizona Outlaws Contest Club	14	342,492
11	Alabama Contest Group	9	322,045
12	Society of Midwest Contesters	10	314,779
13	Central Texas DX & Contest Club	5	288,932
14	North Texas Contest Club	3	260,699
15	Minnesota Wireless Assn	8	215,948
16	Grand Mesa Contesters	6	165,382

YL OPERATOR, HAD A FEW COMPUTER CRASHES, BUT STARTED THE CONTEST WITH A NEWLY INSTALLED HEX BEAM...ROCKS! de K1GIG

QRP-

The number of QRP stations in CQP has remained fairly steady since this category was first introduced several years ago. This year we had 33 S/O QRP logs, and one M/S QRP entry by **N6Q** (K6BBS and N6OSB) putting on Colusa county as a county expedition.

No surprises here as Frank, **W6JTI** walked away with the CA QRP trophy. It's a repeat of last year. What does it take to win QRP in CQP? W6JTI made 883 QSOs but missed a sweep by only two mults (NT and SK). Frank also set a new all time high QRP score with 126k points.

Outside CA, **ND0C** made 222 CW and 344 SSB QSOs, and missed only two CA counties for a total of 68k points. Missed counties were Yolo and Merced... the two most difficult. Well back was runner ups **W4UT** with 49k and **W5ON** with 39k points.

QRP stations:

Non CA QRP	Score	CA QRP	Score
ND0C	75,824	W6JTI	126,112
W4UT	49,392	AC6YY	29,120
W5ON	39,300	K6GHA	26,064
K2DG	28,842	KA6AIL	6,768
AA1CA	20,304	KD6HNI	6,386
K4QPL	19,971	WB6HVH	364
N0OKS	15,480	K2ACK	55
N2JNZ	14,523	N6Q (M/S)	11,220
VE3HG	12,669		
NO2D	12,480		
K4MTI	12,480	DX QRP	Score
NT4TS	11,610	ES1WST	12
VE6SKY	8,700		
W0PQ	6,960		
K5LG	6,816		
AA4GA	6,003		
AA5CK	5,364		
VA3RJ	5,115		
W9ILF	3,834		
N5OE	2,574		
W5ESE	2,035		
VA3RKM	1,672		
NQ2W	697		
NY4S	518		
KK4CPO	3		

IT TURNS OUT THERE IS A CRITICAL LENGTH (for F key macros), TO BE AVOIDED AT ALL COSTS. IF IT'S LONG ENOUGH TO REACH OUT FOR THE REFRESHMENTS, BUT NOT LONG ENOUGH TO GET BACK TO THE KEYBOARD WHEN THAT NEXT STATION CALLS, INSTABILITY OCCURS, AND THE CONTAINER HAS A HIGH PROBABILITY OF FALLING OVER, ESPECIALLY IF THE HEADPHONE CABLE PROVIDES AN ASSIST. DON'T ASK ME HOW I KNOW THIS. de K3FIV

RECORDS -

This is the first real CQP in cycle 24, and the result of more sun and more activity was more records were set. The complete set of records can be viewed at <http://www.cqp.org/Records.html>

CQP New Records		
CA S/O All time High Score	W6YI (Op N6MJ)	418,847
CA Top M/M Expedition	K6Z	657,749
CA School	W6YX	562,484
North America DX	6Y6U	137,924
Non-CA QRP	ND0C	75,824
Non-CA most CW QSOs	K1ZZI	480 QSOs
Non-CA most SSB QSOs	NR5M	1080 QSOs
San Diego County S/O	W6YI (Op N6MJ)	418,847
Mono County	W6ML (W6KC op)	247109
Tulare County	AD6E	226,912
Ontario S/O	VE3KZ	121,829
Alabama	K4ZGB	98,125
Arizona	KE2VB	75,864
Hawaii	KH6LC (AH6RE op)	120,785
North Carolina	WX4G	116,638
New Hampshire	AE1P	69,890
New Jersey	N2MM	101,587
South Carolina	N4XL	92,026

LOG CHECKING -

Our goal is to provide the best accuracy possible in these results. As always, nothing is perfect and there may be errors. Any error found after publication will be updated on the CQP web site: <http://www.cqp.org>.

Logs without specifically showing an operating category were 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. Before submitting any log, please review it to be sure it has complete and accurate information.

Log checking was tackled by W6OAT, N6DE, N6RNO, WX5S, K6XX, N6XI, K6DGW, NI6T, K6MM, AD6E, and K6SRZ. 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 designed by WX5S 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.

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 log can get a report file that details each and every deduction. Please send your request to info@cqp.org Looking at your report can really help in understanding where you made errors and improve your accuracy next time.

SINCE 2009 I'VE WANTED TO PARTICIPATE IN CQP, BUT WITH MY QRP STATION THERE WAS NO HOPE. BUT THIS YEAR THE SUN DECIDED TO HELP OUT AND I ADDED A HEXBEAM. IT'S A FAIRLY TOUGH PATH FROM ES1 TO CA (330DEG) AND CONDITIONS WERE LESS THAN IDEAL. BUT ONE CA STATION BRIEFLY PEAKED AT A FLUTTERY S9 ON 20M AND I MANAGED TO WORK HIM, PLUS ONE MORE. I HAD SLIGHTLY HIGHER HOPES THAN 2 QSOs, BUT IT COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE. MAYBE MORE NEXT YEAR IF THE SUN AGREES?

de **ES1WST**

DURING CA QP, I WAS VISITING MY SON IN MICHIGAN AND BROUGHT A RADIO, VERTICAL ANTENNA, AND REMOTE ANTENNA TUNER ALONG. MY SIX YEAR OLD GRANDSON, JAMES HELPED ME INSTALL THE ANTENNA, RUN THE CABLES THROUGH A SECOND STORY WINDOW, AND SET UP THE STATION IN THE FAMILY ROOM. JAMES LEARNED TO SAY "KAY ZERO MIKE PAPA HOTEL PORTABLE 8" AND A SERIAL NUMBER FOLLOWED BY "MICHIGAN". HE MADE 39 QS. FOUR YEAR OLD SISTER, ADRIA, WANTED PART OF THE ACTION BUT COULD ONLY MASTER "MIKE PAPA HOTEL PORTABLE 8". SO I WOULD TUNE IN A STATION AND HAVE HER CALL WITH THE POWER TURNED DOWN TO ZERO PERCENT. WE WOULDN'T GET A RESPONSE BUT SHE WAS IN THE ACTION....EXCEPT NU6C HEARD US: "WHO IS THE PORTABLE 8?" I HAD TO TURN UP THE POWER TO FINISH THE CONTACT. AFTER THE KIDS WERE IN BED I MADE A FEW CW CONTACTS. THANKS TO ALL WHO TOOK THE EXTRA TIME TO COMPLETE A CONTACT WITH A YOUNG PERSON. IT PUT A SMILE ON HIS FACE AND WE HAD A FEW GOOD LAUGHS ... "WHO IS THE YL?" OFTEN I COULD "HEAR" THE SMILE ON THE CALIFORNIAN'S FACE.

de **K0MPH**

ANOTHER EXCELLENT CQP IN THE BOOKS, AND A VERY MEMORABLE ONE FOR OUR TEAM. A BIG THANK YOU TO THE NCCC FOR ALL THE HARD WORK THAT GOES INTO SPONSORING THE CONTEST.

de **K6Z**

THIS WAS AN INCREDIBLY FUN QSO PARTY AND WE ALREADY LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER COUNTY EXPEDITION TO TRINITY NEXT YEAR.

de **K6YL**

FUN CONTEST WITH ENOUGH SUNSPOTS TO MAKE IT A FIVE BAND CONTEST (MAYBE SIX IF I COULD HAVE STAYED AWAKE LATER)

de **K8MR**

THANKS TO N6ZFO IN LAKE COUNTY, I GOT MY FIRST CQP SWEEP. SEE YOU GUYS IN THE MICHIGAN QSO PARTY. de **K8MM**

GOT MY LICENSE 6 MONTHS AGO. CQP WAS FUN! de **K9QJS**

THANKS FOR A STELLAR EVENT THIS YEAR WITH EXCELLENT CYCLE 24 NUMBERS! MY SCORE IMPROVED WITH THE HELP OF 10 METERS AND BETTER CONDITIONS ON FIFTEEN. KB UNTIL NEXT YEAR, 73.

de **KA3DRR @W6SL**

(YOUTH OPERATOR, AGE 15) I WORKED THE ENTIRE WEEKEND. CONDX WERE GOOD, ESPECIALLY ON 15 AND 10. LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR'S CQP! de **KC9MEA**

NEW CONTESTER. USED A TS440S AND WIRE IN THE ATTIC. ISN'T THIS HOBBY GREAT!? THIS WAS MY FIRST CONTEST EVER!

de **KD8GIJ**

WOW A GREAT QSO PARTY! IT WAS SO COOL TO HAVE 10 AND 15 METERS PIPELINING INTO CAL. ALSO FUN TO WORK ALL CA COUNTIES IN ONE CQP.GREAT JOB GETTING THE COUNTIES ON THE AIR. THANKS ALL FOR THE QSO'S. 73 **MARK KI0I**

YOUTH OPERATOR

YL OPERATOR

TECHNICIAN OPERATOR

"BECAUSE I'M COMPETITIVE DAD, WHY ELSE?"

WE'D SET UP A YOUTH OPERATOR TENT ON 10M. JOSH (K16UAQ). RYAN (K16UAP) AND CECE (KJ6BNO) OPERATED IT UNDER K16UAQ ON SATURDAY. HOWEVER THE BOYS LEFT ON SATURDAY NIGHT AND LET'S JUST SAY CECE FELT A LITTLE "CHALLENGED" BY THE SITUATION.

"SO, CECE DID YOU WANT TO BEAT THEIR PANTS OFF?"

"NO... WELL... MAYBE A LITTLE."

10:00AM OPERATING UNDER HER OWN CALL AND STAYED PUT UNTIL THE END OF THE CONTEST, MAKING MORE CONTACTS THAN BOTH BOYS PUT TOGETHER.

GO IGURE, A 12 Y.O. YL VOICE IS WORTH 10-20DB AFTER ALL!

de **KJ6BNO**

AFTER HAVING PASSED MY TECH TEST IN JUNE I GOT HOOK ON HF IN THE FIELD DAY ACTIVITIES AND THEN RECIEVED MY GEN TICK IN JULY, THIS IS MY FIRST CONTEST.

de **KJ6PVA**

CHAOS, MAYHEM & MADNESS - THEN WE GOT ALL THE ANTENNAS PUT UP. AFTER THAT IT WAS NEARLY 30 HOURS OF FUN, FUN, FUN de **NZ6Q**

CALIFORNIA SURE IS A "RADIO-ACTIVE" STATE. CONDITIONS WERE FINE.

de **WIEND**

WEIRD DOING THIS FROM ANOTHER STATE ! de **WU6W**