

# California QSO Party

## 2022 CQP CA Soapbox

### **AA6MU**

Siskiyou County Expedition. It's once a year full time contest for me, time when I can escape both the HOA and CCOS big gun in the vicinity. Spent whole day and more than 1,000ft. of rope to set up 4 wire antennas, including 3-el 40m Inv-Vee. Tripped power with 100W solder iron, but was able to find security to open the distribution box. Many thanks to organizers!

### **AA6QI**

Fun event. I'm sad that I could only operate for about 13.3 hours due to other conflicts. Still, loads of fun. Thanks for hosting!

### **AA6W**

I was a little bit late getting my Elecraft K2 (QRP) radio set up into a portable dipole antenna here in San Benito County. Fortunately, I worked a W7 station right near the end of the CQP on 20 meters CW. Thanks for the contact. Good luck and KB to MLDXCC in 2022. I plan to be more prepared and organized for next year.

### **AE6Y**

Great condx but I was plagued with very high man-made noise that really hurt the rates.

### **AF6N**

Not a regular, nor a good contester, but the CAQP is much fun. Thanks for your work and organization. I look forward to improving next year.

### **AI6IN**

Propagation better this year. Lots of fun; looking forward to next year!



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## **AI6W**

I'd been wanting to try an expedition in CQP this year, and given life constraints, could get away for a few hours. I drove to Lake Solano Park in Solano County and operated for about 3 hours. I set up my KX2 and KXPA100 to put ~100w on 20m into a "vertical open ring" antenna (design from N6BT/KD6RM). I forgot my keyer, so ended up hand sending all of the exchanges. It was a fun time on a great day with a beautiful view.

## **K0DTJ/6**

Excellent conditions. Best rate ever in CQP. Thanks for the fun!

## **K3GX/6**

Ran 5W CW from a local park into a 41' EFRW.

## **K6CMM**

Colin - an 8 year-old newly licensed ham on his first contest!

## **K6DF**

As always, great fun!

## **K6F (AK7G op)**

A fun time with low power and attic antennas!

## **K6FA**

First time running freq. Am sure I made some errors on entries. Need to update my circuit from my ears to the keyboard. In all it was fun and passed my goal I set. Thanks to all those who made it through my slow typing and the QRP signal.

## **K6G (AG7GP op)**

Set up camp near Mt. Bidwell at about 7500'. Beautiful area and first time there. KX2 with homebrew linked dipole on Mt. Bidwell for an hour, TS590sg with linked dipole and 40m OCF at camp, using trees and pole as support. Wind burnt, sun burnt, and nearly frost bit, a true expedition! ;) See ya all next year! Amy/K6G/AG7GP

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## **K6KLY**

Missed VE8.

## **K6KQV**

Tnx to all the folks that did the expeditions.

## **K6LRN**

Odd skip zones... station in CCOS fires up under me. Realize off back of my antenna & there may be noise issues. Oh, well, there are lots of frequencies.

## **K6MI**

One day expedition to Kern County with wires and QRP at the old N6NB beacon site. 6,800 foot elevation.

## **K6MM**

My all-time favorite contest. Thanks for the QSOs. Hope you had as much fun as I did!

## **K6OO**

Surpassed goal of 100,000 points running 90 watts to multi band dipoles up 30 feet. Missed North Dakota and VE8. Used paper logging with no dupe sheet (final score had two dupes). Basically ran CW CQing and ran SSB for searching. I have not checked my 1973 CQP log, but imagine that I did work a few of the old timers from back in the day when I was WA6PGB. Hard to imagine it has been 49 years, yikes. KB....

## **K6P (K2RP op)**

Great time with 15 & 10 open. 5 Watts!

## **K6PUD**

Great to see the bands back in good shape!



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## **K6Q (WQ6X op)**

This was another WQ6X CQP operation from CCOS County. This year, amidst running WQ6X as QRP and putting many hours in with the 1st place NX6T motley bunch of operators, I decided to break my own 2017 county record for Contra Costa County. Unless I have missed something, it would seem that I have INDEED outdone myself. Look for my thoughts on all this at: [WQ6X.Blogspot.com](http://WQ6X.Blogspot.com)

## **K6RB**

Great to see both 10 and 15 meters so productive.

## **K6ST**

Operated from Stampede Reservoir, Sierra County, CA

## **K6TLH**

Some technical issues to work through for next time, but fun to be contesting outdoors.

## **K6TOR**

Great fun operating in the fog on Mount Davidson in San Francisco.

## **K6VO (K6NR op)**

CQP is always a lot of fun, and did not disappoint in 2022. I entered Single Op using our family call sign, K6VO, which was my father's until he passed away in 1999. It's a joy in itself to put K6VO back on the air for a weekend. There was great activity; during the first hours of the contest I worked several stations outside of California who had higher counts than I did, and I was running. Plenty of Californians to work I'd say. I started on 10 meters, which was open to the East Coast, but not well. I came back after a few hours on 15, which was great, to find 10 in better shape. Not much from the middle of the country, however. All the bands were good, although the low bands were noisy and I couldn't seem to raise as many stations, especially on 160. Tons of activity, the only limit to how many I worked was how long I could manage to sit in the chair. I quit 2 hours early. I had to close up the station and drive back home from the desert to Irvine. I avoid



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operating phone, but had some fun SSB runs. Quite a few stations seemed to get on just to work me, as they gave me number 1. Let's hope they didn't use number 1 for everyone. One guy gave me number 1 twice; when I pointed that out he said "ok, make it a 2". Thanks to VY1CO and VE8GER for the elusive NT, to VE4XT and VE4GV for MB, and to K0OP who was the only station I worked from North Dakota! The top multipliers for me were ON (89), TN (77), TX (71), PA (69), and IL (65). I worked 67 DX stations, many on 15 CW. Once again, great contest, my thanks to all.

K6NR Station: K4 to KPA1500 (running around 1000w)

Antennas: 5L@48' on 10, 5L@45' on 15, 4L@60' on 20, 40 meter 4 square, 80 meter vertical over 66 radials, 160 meter inverted L.

## **K6WK**

Radio malfunction ended my efforts early.

## **K6WSC**

This was my fifth California County Expedition from the Anza Borrego Desert in eastern San Diego County, again in a rental house. When I reserved the house, I told the host what I was going to be doing, so there were no issues. This was my second outing with my new expedition antenna system, described below. Heat and a black fly air force spawned by recent rains made set up and operation challenging. Tons of run fun is a good CQP bet and produced my best CQP result yet. Callers from FL & SC received a second TU from me. Thanks to everyone involved with running the great CA QSO Party!

PS: Hope to see everyone in the AZQP next!

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



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## **K7JA/6**

Only part time this year on 20-10 meters. Was missing VE8 late Saturday, so I just pointed the beam north on 20 Phone and called CQ until VE8GER came thundering through. Overall, conditions were very unsettled, and local noise made for tough copy on the weaker signals.

## **KB6ODH**

Nice opening on 10 to the east coast. Ran 8 to 10 watts all bands.

## **KC6MIE**

Fun times this year, bands were ok.

## **KD6HOF**

California County Expedition: Multi-County Activation  
(PLAC+SACR+SUTT)

## **KD6RMS**

Finally! 15m/10m were open!

## **KE6HEC**

My wife KE6IAU and I operated battery powered portable from our property in Trinity County. Home QTH is Eureka, CA, in Humboldt County. Home club is the Humboldt Amateur Radio Club. Thanks for this great event and 73!

## **KE6ZSN**

Thank You to all the NCCC members for all the hard work on CQP!

## **KF6JS**

Nice contest! I appreciate all the work you guys do to make it happen!  
Thanks!

## **KF6NCX**

Thanks for all the qsos! It was great fun!



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## **KG6BXW**

This week someone near me installed something that raised the noise floor to S5-S8 during the day. Sorry to everyone who wanted to get Madera this year. Next year I'll go somewhere else with a better noise floor.

## **KG6LHW**

HUMB-TRIN county line expedition. Wish I could have stayed longer. Work interfered. Already getting pumped for next year.

## **KG6LWE**

Another GREAT CQP! My favorite of the year. Wish I'd had more time to operate. See you next year.

## **KG6YJ**

First time in CA QSO Party.

## **KJ6TSX**

Better next year

## **KK6P (W7IV op)**

Part-time remote operation while working out of state.

## **KK6VF**

Operated as expedition on Stanislaus and Merced county line.

## **KN6ETI**

Thanks for all the great work.

## **KN6IPE**

At home in San Mateo County with the K4D running 70W using a 20M Half Square antenna. No skimmers used. CW only operation. Count me in for next year.

## **KN6XU**

Enjoyable as always!



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## **N3KA/M**

Fantastic contest. I flubbed a few numbers over the contest; mobile is tough to keep straight sometimes. :) Always a great time. 949 miles driven during the contest; 1,500 miles total from home to home.

## **N6C (W8GJK op)**

First time operating with a 1x1. Lots of fun despite high local noise on Saturday morning due to fog and nearby power line insulators.

## **N6DVS**

First time using Hex Beam for bands up to 20m. Dipole for 40m.

## **N6EP**

Hey, great fun, even with reduced operating time due to equipment glitches! Conditions were super.

## **N6ESL**

FUN!

## **N6GP**

Great condx. Tnx for a fun weekend!

## **N6HC**

I guess I was in a masochistic mood when I decided to operate this contest at low power, mixed mode and unassisted. I put my Alpha 87A amplifier on the shelf and fired up the transceiver. My goal was to make 100K points with limited operation time basically utilizing only three bands (10/15/20 meters) and to help my local club (Orange County Amateur Radio Club) in the club competition category. Without telnet, I missed the North Dakota and Northwest Territory multipliers. I did almost no S & P. Twenty meters was supposed to be my "money" band but 15 meters turned out to be slightly more productive. I was disappointed that 10 meters wasn't more active, especially on SSB. I was surprised at the high level of DX interest in CQP. Domestically, there were many stations from TN, ON, TX and PA that made it into my log. I was also surprised at the high level of CW





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activity. At one point on Saturday, the bands seemed to die so I watched some college football until the propagation returned. I got a good night sleep Saturday/Sunday and a late start Sunday morning and tried 40 meters, but it was too late for much of anything on that band. I never listened to 80/160 meters. Next year I will fire up my amplifier and expect to be able to double my QSO total. Running only 100 watts resulted in me being chased off of run frequencies by California kilowatts. Finding a clear frequency was very problematic. Keeping my wrinkly old butt in the chair was another problem, too. Maybe a multi-op is in my future :>)? Pardon me, but I'm on my way to the liquor store to buy a bottle of wine. I didn't earn one in CQP this year. :> (P.S. It was a pleasure to contact many of the usual contesting suspects and have a short chat with each of them on SSB.)

## **N6KI**

Just playing for a few hours to test new remote station setup and give new contester, KF6NBT, logging and operating practice.

## **N6NFB**

Had serious problems with new headset overdriving audio into radio. Was never able to get a run going, so score was much lower than last year. Disappointing.

## **N6RA**

UCSB ARC station W6RFU. Used our new secondary callsign, N6RA, in memory of Tom Gallagher who passed away last year. The main goal this contest was to introduce some new operators to contesting. There were 4. One just got his General license on Friday. Hopefully the two new student operators won't be graduating too soon, hi. One new YL op as well. K3 + KPA500, Skyhawk and 40m inverted V at 130 ft. 80m dog-leg dipole.

## **N6RVI**

Good band openings. 10 meter band was great this year!



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## **N6TV**

Wanted to operate more, but got frustrated when DXLog.net wouldn't let me log QSOs in MD or DX sections. Took half hour break early to figure out a workaround. Lost motivation to go full time after that.

## **N6XI**

Casual M/S, Saturday only, one operating position, time off for dinner. Rick screwed up the Telnet setup so N1MM Available Mults window showed no mults. Certainly would have found NT and ND had it been working! Good activity, station worked well and got out well but had some issues with SSB that didn't show up prior to the contest. CW is more fun anyway!

## **N6YEU**

GREAT conditions and just a fun contest! No joy with NT/Yukon though! I look forward to CQP every year and doing a County Expedition.

## **N6YMK**

After a nearly 10-year hiatus, I have returned to HF SSB contesting. 20 M was best for out of state contacts, while 40 and 80 were good for intra-California work, especially after dark. 15 was also good during the daytime, for (mostly) Midwest and East Coast stations.

## **N9BD**

Had numerous computer and software issues, antenna problems and radio issues. I know some of the serial numbers sent are off by 1. Happened with the software issues and did not catch until changed computers. Did have fun but was tired by the end.

## **NC6V**

I decided to run just 10M CW this year. Even though activity was a little slower I still had fun. Thank you to all those that worked me.

## **NU6N**

It was fun! Thank you all!



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## **NX6T**

Great to have 10 open on Sunday ! Lost 2 hours due to problems that plague remote operations. Did not spend enough time on 80 SSB. Thanks to John WA6TQT for use of his great station ! 73 de N6KI

## **NZ6Q**

N6ACL led the pack on 15M SSB.

## **W1MVY**

Really FUN contest. This is the first time in years that I participated in a contest. I had a new rig, new antenna, new software set up and, even with all this I only got hung up for about 30 minutes at the start of the contest to iron out issues. I also enjoyed improving my CW number copying speed! I am already planning how to double my score for next year.

## **W6AAE**

Thanks, Great Contest!

## **W6CQP (KH2TJ op)**

Thanks NCCC for the use of the call. Had a great time. Finally busted that 1,000 QSO mark! Hopefully survive log checking. Should be a new county record. 73, Todd KH2TJ

## **W6DOJ**

W6DOJ operated without any commercial power, using solar power, batteries and generators at an altitude of 5,000 feet on top of Remington Hill in the forest in Nevada County, California. Operators included K6ON, K6XN, K6YN and K6LNP.

## **W6HY (KD6WKY op)**

I was fortunate to be invited to be a guest operator at the new W6HY Club Station featuring a four element Mosley beam antenna on a tall Rohn tower matched up with a nice Alpha 8410 amplifier. Special thanks to Christie WA6ZDO and Joel W6JKW for their hard work setting up the station and letting me take it for a test drive. I missed ND and NT. I did not see any



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spots for either state. Band conditions seemed pretty good. I worked 80m thru 10m both CW and SSB. The Ontario radio amateurs seemed to represent the most of any region I worked this year. I look forward to working from this QTH again sometime in the future. The contest and the location are a nice place to visit.

## **W6JFA**

Went to the spot with my son to hold it down, test a solar power setup, and take plenty of notes since W6DMW was unable to make it this year. I definitely did not do as well as I had hoped and discovered the hard way that trying to run a contest station at 9,000ft. and keep a 12-year-old entertained by yourself is very difficult. This outing morphed relatively quickly into mountain adventuring mixed with experimenting where I could take the most effective notes for next year. All in all, it was very fun and a great weekend experience at what seems like on top of the world for the both of us.

## **W6JPL (K6ICS op)**

All contacts with W6JPL will also be added to the NASA-on-the-Air NOTA-2022 Special Event database.

## **W6KSR**

I haven't been to the Imperial Sand Dunes since my dirt biking days thirty years ago. This year's California QSO Party was a great excuse to see a truly remarkable place.

## **W6LDB**

Tri-Band Fan Dipole 80, 40, 20  
15M and 10M loop.

## **W6NKR**

I knew I only had a few hours to get on this weekend, but I didn't think I would spend it troubleshooting my antenna! Oh well, better luck next year!



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## **W6NL (N6AN op)**

A HUGE thanks to Barb and Dave Leeson for allowing me to use the impressive antenna farm and for their heartwarming hospitality. I used a K3/P3/W2 combo at 5 watts and N1MM+ for logging. 7 el on 10, 6 el on 15, 5 el on 20, 2 el on 40, 2 el wire beam on 80, vertical on 160. It was gratifying to break the 22 year old record by 16Z on Sunday morning. But I had to push to keep going. 10 meters was a big help, especially SSB. Missed ND, NT, WY. Congratulations to Marko, NT6Q, for cracking the 400k ceiling. Thanks to the NCCC for another great iteration of the CQP and thank you all for the Qs. 72, David N6AN

## **W6P**

Much fun had by all at WB6POT! Where was ND?

## **W6PZ**

Please revive the expedition check-in net next year. 1600 PDT is too early.

## **W6SRR**

K3, KPA1500, JK Navassa 5, OB1-4030, half-slopers for 80/160. NA6O did CW on Saturday and W6TCP took the phone duty on Sunday to complete the sweep. Fantastic conditions with 10 and 15 wide-open. Many EU callers with loud signals on 15. Even 80 was quiet with the East coast an honest 599. Huge cluster pileups on CW kept the rate meter up. The station worked great with nary a glitch.

## **W6XB**

Yuba was on CW . . . 2 hours of fun!

## **W6ZL**

Thanks for putting on another great edition of CQP!

## **W7XZ**

FB conditions despite M-class flare on Saturday. Nice to have sunspots again. Missed last year due to funeral of USNA classmate in New Orleans area.



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## **W8RJL/6**

Thanks for the Q's.

## **WA6KHK**

10 meters opened up. Only have HF9V vertical at new QTH. Computer crashed 4 times! Also blew 2060A tuner (again). I have LDG AT-1000 as primary tuner now. Got 72' tower and waiting to get it up! Barely broke my own SO(A)HP score.

## **WA6URY**

Operated remote from Tokyo, Japan.

## **WD6T**

I was mostly active as N6O on 10m (phone was amazing), with many single digit callers. As for home. . . After a full day of 10m at N6O, I got on from home starting at 0340z. As fresh meat, I enjoyed rates that I don't normally see from my small home station (200-plus for a while, then a 100 hour). 40m was long and, after all the big guys had called in, there were other "2nd tiers" who I couldn't pull out of the noise. Moved to 80 and was pleased to work to the east coast with my 33' loaded vertical. On 160m, I worked everyone I could hear except K9CT, despite my low wire being even lower than usual (it fell down and I haven't gotten up on a ladder yet). Of course, they were all in California.

HF2V vertical on 80/40

Low half-sloper on 160

Tribander on high bands.

IC7610 + PW1 @ 1000w

## **WE6Z**

Wow, great conditions. 10 meters was open almost the whole time.

## **WQ6X**

This was a WQ6X experimental CQP QRP operation from CCOS County. In between running as K6Q and putting in hours for the NX6T operation, I found time to try something new - running WQ6X as QRP. I was expecting



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things to be more difficult than they actually turned out. The goal was to set a Contra Costa County record, and evidently, I easily accomplished that goal. You can read all about this at <http://WQ6X.Blogspot.com>.

## **WU6X**

Another great event! My thanks to the organizers.

