

California QSO Party

2023 CQP US/VE/DX Soapbox

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AB3CX

Always a fun contest. Thanks to the rovers and county line ops for providing so many QSOs.

AB5XM

Thanks for sponsoring the contest. I really enjoyed it!! Unusual for me to get so many contacts in TX from CA in the morning.

AC2YD

Thanks for good ears/antennas copying my 5-watt QRP CW sig from New Jersey, 5-bands 80/40/20/15/10, with *special* thanks for those 80m QSOs (4 of 'em Saturday night)!!!

Rig: "Rig-in-a-box" Hermes Lite 2 and Raspberry Pi 4 running Remote Quisk as radio controller, at base of "maple tree vertical" (fan vertical with 32 radials), connected via WiFi to Windows laptop running Remote Quisk as control head.

AC6ZM (TN)

Thanks to NCCC for sponsoring a great QSO party.



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AC7A

That was fun! Good conditions. Ran my K2 at 5W. Antennas were a Hy-gain, Hy-tower 18HTjr vertical and a 40-10m OCF inverted-V.

AD2BO

MyAntennas EFHW 40-10 at 45 feet as an inverted V. Icom 7610.

AE1P

Had fun !! Thanks goes to CQP sponsors.

AE4ED

I was native Californian born in Santa Rosa, and raised in the San Fernando Valley of Los Angeles. I enjoy this QSO party very much as I recall trips I made to the various counties. Thanks and 73, Fred

AF5J

Great conditions and lots of activity!

AI6O (MO)

The best QP of all the states/provinces. Thanks to Dean and his team.

DG5CW

Thx for running this CQP. I could "play" only one evening, but was lot of fun. 10M is doing great these days. 73, Tom/dg5cw++

RIG:TS-590 +

PA: EXPERT 1K-FA running 300W +

ANT: FB53 +

KEY: HST-III



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DK3WW

It was often very difficult to break through the USA wall as a quiet EU station... It was still a lot of fun. 73! Uwe - DK3WW

DL4JLM

It was fun. Very nice conditions even on 10m. New personal record. Cu next year in CQP.

DL7USW/P

Californians must have really sensitive ears (that day). Here only 100W and 40m Windom as inv vee, top 18m up in my allotment garden. I shall take part next time, and became hungry to other US state parties.

EA3FZT

VY good propagation in 15 and 10m!

F8PDR

10 and 15 m were very open.

G3SQU

Just dropped by as so many strong sigs from California were coming through on 15m!

GM7R (GM0NAI op)

Part time entry for a few hours. Very enjoyable. Great conditions on 10m.

I2OLV

Nice propagation to Italy. First time for me.

I4VEQ

What a propagation... Fantastic. 73 de Claudio I4VEQ



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JA8RWU

It's been a quite long time since I worked this contest last. Worked three contests (all part-time) this weekend including one of the biggest JA domestic contest. Mni tnx for the QSOs. Cu all in the fall contest season. 73's Akira, JA8RWU

JR0BQD

I was glad that I could QSO with many the 1x1 call station.

K0EJ

Terrific party. Thanks to N6DE and the organizing team.

K0TG

I was operating portable from the north shore of Lake Superior. 100 watts IC-7000 to Alpha Antenna. It was fun to get on for a few hours Sunday.

K0VH

First time ever submitted, probably a lot of MN stations since it's a counter this year. 10m did it.

K0WRY

Thanks for sponsoring the contest. It was a good year !

K1GU

Couldn't find W6PH.



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K1TH

Always a lot of fun. So well organized. One suggestion: Because the CQP CW side attracts a lot of moderate speed ops, not just 30+ WPM contesters, it would be nice if the speedsters match the speed of calling stations in both S&P and run mode. I heard many 22WPM California stations calling CQ to me met by a 32WPM++ response and then the inevitable repeats to get the correct exchange. It's a party, not a pro-sport game!

K2MN

Used an indoor fan dipole and 80 Watts.

K2PLI

Thanks to all. I had fun, except for wrestling with Cabrillo.

K2ZR

As always, I enjoyed the 2023 CaQP. Being a CW OP my only wish is that there could be a CW operation from all of California's counties. INYO & MADE were never heard on any of the CW bands while I was OTA for almost 10 hours. Dick, K2ZR

K3ATO

Enjoyed contest.

K3PAX (KB3VQC, WA3EKL, KC3VBH, KC3WNF, N3DPB ops)

It was basically a CW contest because propagation to the East Coast was poor!

K3TS

Almost a sweep. Never heard from MADE. Saw it spotted briefly, but could not copy anything.



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K3TW

"It's great to have 10 meters open again!"

K3WA

Thanks for another fun CQP.

K3ZA

Fun working the Qso Party.. Looking forward to next year. Hope to see you all in the PA QSO Party coming up. 73 //Tony// . .

K4DR

Great participation by California stations make this an excellent contest.

K4FT

Thanks for throwing a great party! 73 John K4FT

K4FTU

Consider changing LOW/HIGH power threshold to 200W to accommodate 200W "barefoot" Yaesu rigs. (Yes, I do have an amp I could run on top of that if I chose to...but don't.)

K4IU

Great conditions and lots of station...except in Madera County. I only saw one station spotted and never heard any.

K4REB

Bands weren't all that great. California was hard to find on every band I got on.

K5CCW

Enjoyed it. CA is a great QSO Party.



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K5RX

117 minutes - too busy for more.

K5TIA

Thank you Cali.

K5TR

Another good CQP weekend. Conditions were pretty good on the high bands. 10m was longer than I would have liked. The southern part of the state is just close enough to me that it was either poorly open or not open at all while the northern stations were very strong. The low bands were pretty quiet and my equipment kept working.

I made a bit of a mistake on the off time that likely cost me maybe 20 or so contacts - I had more than I wanted to take on Sunday afternoon. The rates are pretty slow on Sunday so it is hard to say how much it hurt my score. With the best conditions on 10 meters in all the years I have done this contest full time I was hoping to push past 1400 contacts. My goal has been to try to get to 1500 but I am starting to think it is just not possible. The limit from here seems to be around 1200-1300 no matter what I do. Just like last year I did a lot of running on two bands and moving everyone that called in to the other band. Maybe I need three radios.

My last mults were:

19:05 Fresno

19:07 Sutter

20:55 Sierra

21:07 Madera

00:26 Imperial



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K5ZD

Always fun.

K7DWI

Always nice to hear so many Californians on the CW portion of the upper bands. Very happy to work you all with a modest station here in North Texas. 73 Art

K7FC

New contester - this is the 2nd contest log I have submitted, licensed for <2 years.

K8LF

A very well run QSO Party. Plenty of activity. I missed all counties by one. No SBEN. Why no stations from SBEN?? Only worked part time. Did not stay up for CA station on 40M on Saturday. I could maybe have worked SBEN on overnight on Saturday.

K9CW

We need CW stations in INYO!

K9OM

Fun contest but I'd like to see the following changes made to this contest:

- 1) Count Multipliers per band as increase the fun!
 - 2) Add a 12-Hour Category.
- 73, Dick- K9OM

K9RTX

My first contest. I used QRP 5 watts.

KA0PQW

Fun contest.



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KA2FIR

Lots of QSB.

KA4YUD

I've participated in many contests and events over the years (since 1982) but have never submitted a log (as I keep a paper log). But you reached out to me with simple instructions and links (and I only made 18 contacts) so I decided to submit. Glad to join in.

KA6BIM (OR)

Another CQP in the log. Conditions were better than normal and I was actually able to hear and work some Northern CA stations on 10-20 mtrs from here in Oregon. I usually just shoot right past them down to Southern CA. I made my 100 qso goal and then worked a few more. After the end of the contest I had a nice chat with NU6T who had been operating from San Joaquin County, my old stomping grounds. I believe this was Richard's first expedition and he did well, persevering thru it despite being sick at the start. KB de Dave Ka6bim

KA7MDM

Did not have much time, but had some fun.

KA7RRA

I had a lot of fun. GREAT CONTEST. I wish you could have the contest a week before PacifiCON or a week after it. Then I could be a rover for the contest. Dave KA7RRA

KA9GDW

Great QSO party helped by good band conditions.



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KB4CG

There's a reason why the CQP is the best QSO party of the year - excellent activity and operators! Great fun!

KC2LST

Greetings to all and thanks to the NCCC for sponsoring another fun contest! 73 de Tyler, KC2LST.

KC3M

Great fun as always. Hope to see everyone in next week's PA QSO party.

KC3RRF

Thanks, lots of fun !

KC3SGC

First time ever contesting. First time ever making a contact in California.

KC4TEO

Great contest as usual! DX conditions were very good as I could hear the CA stations working Europe very regularly. For me, 20m was a bit disappointing on Saturday. There was a lot of noise here on both days, S8-S9 which made phone work challenging. Saturday night, 40m and 80m were pretty bad and I gave up early. The good news was hearing so many people on 10m and 15m!

KD2KW

Strong signals into NTX on 10, 15 and 20M during the day. Was able to work some 40M until quitting time. Got a few early in morning on 80M. Enjoyed the QSOP. Thanks for your support.



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KD5ILA

Had a great time. Stayed mainly on 10M & 15M.

KD9HFW

Looks like I worked on 3 bands, 10 on a vertical, 15, and 20 on a wire fan dipole, 100 watts. On 10m, glad it was being used and that I could get 3/4 the way across the country. It was big fun!

KF3G

Operated from FM29jw. Thank you for the 2023 California QSO Party.

KF5RUO

First real contest. It was fun!

KG7MVH

Great contest. Thank you!

KG7VQ

178 foot Zepp fed with twin lead. K3.

KG9X

Fun contest. A few slow times though.

KJ9C

Very part time effort. Nice to work a few CWOps members.

KK0U

Just a little sporadic SnP as I was in and out of the shack this weekend.



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KK1L

The coming winter chores preempted time in the chair. Looked to add VT into your mix of states.

KR2Q

Just giving out some points.

KR4AE

TNX!

KT3T

I had a wonderful time, guys. See you next year.

KW8N

Glad to hand out some QSOs to the participants.

KY4GS

Wish I had had more time to operate...

NOLMQ

First contact early Sunday morning hunt and pounce on a Calaveras county station. Try to respond to CQ, but that darned frog jumped from Calaveras county into my throat and not a word came out.

NOUI

Had great signals on the 10m dipole.

NOUVI

power=100 W, grid=CN87vv, antenna=attic fan dipole,
equipment=TS590SG, location=WA



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N1DC

Thanks to the organizers for another great CQP.

N1LN

Another fun and active CQP. Thanks for the Sweep!! 73, Bruce

N1NN

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N3FR

As always, great contest! My new Yagi made it even MORE enjoyable! Thank you for all the Q's! Hope to hear you all this coming weekend in the PA QSO Party! Best 73s! Bob, N3FR

N3RTW

First time doing CAQP and had fun. Thanks to all that organized!

N4CW

San Joaquin nowhere to be found!

N4MCC

Had great fun!

N5BIG

Just a few hours after working nights all weekend. Had a good time and heard lots of good signals! 73!

N5RZ

Limited time, so got on when I could. All S&P. Missed DELN and MADE. Thanks for the QSOs. 73, Gator, N5RZ



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N6DW (VA)

A lot of familiar calls but didn't want to chat and interrupt their flow!

N6RC (AZ)

Great job with County Coverage - the best ever for me since 2004! Former CQP Expeditions to Humboldt, Glenn, Trinity, Sierra, Merced, Monterey, Tuolumne, Mariposa, San Benito, Stanislaus, Calaveras, San Joaquin, Alameda, San Mateo, Santa Clara.

N7AME

Wish I had been able to spend more time.

N7EPD

CA on backscatter all day is a struggle and SSB about useless.

N7JI

Such a fun contest.

N7MZW

Icom IC-7300, Heil ProMicro Headset, Vectronics HFT-1500 Manual Tuner for 15 and 75 Meters only, and a ZS6BKW up 50 feet, running N-S at an elevation of 6,053 feet in Laramie County. Had trouble getting my logger to accept multiple counties, and had to add them to my Cabrillo file. Lots of 6 Landers did not know the four letter exchange for their own county! Always a fun event for a modest "100 Watts and a Wire" Apartment QTH station like mine. Thanks to all that worked me. 73, November Seven Many Zebras Walking.



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N7VS

Thank you for hosting another interesting contest. This has always been one of my favorites and I wish that I could have spent more time. I missed Colusa County when K6AQL was on a county line. One moment Colusa County, the next moment Yolo County. Thank you for the contacts. I hope to be back next year.

N8KH

Can't hear anybody! Is everybody QRP? Or do band cdx suck? Very disappointing contest. I probably won't participate next year.

N9FAT

Great day.

N9RV

Great conditions this year!

N9TF

I only had about an 8 hour block of time to play on Saturday. I chose to just S&P my way up and down the bands, both SSB and CW looking for new calls to work on each band. Lots of great activity on 10m, which netted me almost half of the counties I worked total. I came up 7 counties short of a sweep, but had fun making lots of Qs, and giving out TN to many ops on multiple bands. Lots of activity on all bands! Thanks for a fun contest. Rig, K3S 100 watts to a 6BTV ground mounted, 8 radials.
73 Gene, N9TF

NDOC

CQP is always fun, but especially when the propagation is as good as it was this year!



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NE1C (K1NZ op @K1TTT)

I had to make some CW QSOs to disqualify myself from winning the SO SSB Plaque. I never heard Sierra on SSB. I wonder if there were any SSB sweeps.

NK4O

Thanks to all the CA ops for participating. With 20/15/10 open, it was a feast, and a decision of what band to play on at any given moment (great problem to have :-) 73 AJ NK4O

NO2D

The CA QSO Party is one of the best and biggest. I enjoy it. The bands I worked seemed to skip over Colorado this year. I guess because of the sunspot cycle. Not good for CA to CO, but great between CO and EU and CO and the South Pacific. Peter, NO2D

NQ2W

Lots of CA ops...always seemed to be someone new to work. Great job!

NR4L

Thanks !

NS7U

Great fun, wonderful propagation.

OH1RX

A short visit to CQP. Superb condx on 15m, tu!



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OM2VL

Excellent condx and excellent activity! Thanks for the so many QSOs! 10/15m was FB with strong signals. On 20m I try several times SSB CQ but made only 2 QSO. It is unbelievable, but on Saturday at 20:05Z I made SWEEP! (KK6KSD in MADE). My 57th county was MEND at 17:51Z. On CW missed only INYO, on SSB only COLU, LAKE, MODO, SIER, TEHA.

Most QSOs with:
K6AQL/M 18/17cty
W6AQ 6/2

(7): K6QK, N6O, W6CQP, WC6H

(6): 15x

(5): 14x

73, Laci

OQ5M (ON5ZO op)

One station insisted on RVSD for that county even if not in the list on the CQP website. Log what is sent?

PE0CD

Really nice contest which I purely coincidentally discovered while scanning the bands and in which I could briefly participate thanks to my recently installed hexbeam antenna.

TK5MH

Tnx for the activation. 5 new CA counties in log. 73 Fabien TK5MH

VA3PC

Good Conditions on 10m and 15m from the mobile, tried 20m a few times on Sunday, but no joy.



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VA3SB

Thank you all for the Qs. Hope to have more time next year.
73 Serge VA3SB

VA7HC

First time in the California QSO Party.

VE3CT

Remote from my QTH in NC to my QTH in Canada. Great fun as always. My last sweep was in 2008. Thanks to the rovers, especially K6AQL. 73,Art - VE3CT / W1AJT

VE3GFN

An alltime new record score for VE3GFN!

VE3LRL

Always fun time running CAQP and it was one of my late fathers favorite contests. A suggestion maybe it is time to adjust points for SSB activity since it seems more stations are available on CW than SSB!

VE3NZ

Very good CONDX and activity. Tnx for the QSOz CU agn in 2024.
73' Ben - VE3NZ

VE3TW

Just got the new antenna up in time for the contest.

VE3UZ (VE3UZ, VE3GYL ops)

We worked all 58 counties.....first time we have been able to do that.



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VE3VY

Only single-element wire antennas are used for all bands @ 100 Watts.

VE3XD

50 watts into attic antennas on 40, 20 and 15 meters.

VE6TN

My first opportunity to participate in CQP with a serious effort in many years! It was very frustrating to hear so much activity on 10 meters but not having any propagation to W6 land from here as the skip was very long. I am sure I could have added another 2-300 contacts if we had 10m propagation to the west coast. Also, the activity on 160 and 80m was pretty low. Having said all that, I had fun. Thank you to the California stations for all the contacts and enjoyment this weekend. de Barry VE6TN

VE9AA

Thanks to Dean/N6DE @ W6MY for the sweep!

VE9CZ

I'll come back next year with a better antenna. I only have an EFHW and one hundred watts, so it was hard to compete against the big guns!

VE9EX

I appreciate the Maritime Contest Club (MCC) alerting me to this contest.

VE9KK

First time entering this QSO party and it was very well attended. I had a great time. 73, Mike VE9KK



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VY1AAA (VE1RM, VY1JA ops)

Fun little M/S between J and myself. The station was also used under VY1JA (S/O) and VY1JT callsigns. We made about 300 Qs between all of us. Great participation from CA! 73 Gerry Hull, VE1RM/W1VE

VY2ACC

First time submission from this QTH. 73, Alan Chandler VY2ACC

VY2LI

Thanks for the invite...had to share time with Thanksgiving company!

W1END

Rig was FTdx101 and Butternut vertical. Always find lots of active in this one. Nice to hear 10 meters.

W1FJ

Good ears guys on 40.

W1QK

Thanks for the contacts and sponsoring the contest. Nice activity as usual. A good way to start "Contest Season". 73 - Dan, W1QK

W1SSN

Got some new counties so all is well.

W1UE

Was going for an all cw test, but then read the info about no CW op in Inyo county. Reluctantly, I connected a microphone and 5 minutes had the sweep.



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W1WIU

Another great year. Not much time to operate but seemed to get the "rare" ones early. Hope to see you all next year.

W2CS

CQP is always fun from the east coast. Plenty of stations to work and the activity fits nicely into an otherwise busy schedule.

K4D+KPA1500 to 40 meter dipole. HP on 40/15 and barefoot on 20 and 10 (still using 40 meter dipole). Thanks for the Qs.

W2TB

Always love the CA QP.

W4DKS

Great activations as usual. Caught Rick K6VVA/M for my only San Benito. Thanks to Rick for that one. See you next year!

W4EE

Great contest, more W6's out this year.

W4KW

Great Contest, as always. Tnx to the folks who put this together. Tnx to the mobiles, rovers and expeditions for the mults. 73, Bert

W4YE

Great contest, super ops from CA. Sorry I didn't have more time to work it. 73, Buddy W4YE

W6FB (LA)

Sweep! San Mateo (?), Sierra and Trinity were the last counties. K3S @100 watts, ladder line-fed dipole at 30 feet. Propagation was great! Thanks to all my friends for the Qs!



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W6US (NV)

Lots of good contacts on 40 in the evening... California stations all need to give the 4 letter county abbreviations every time...

W7GTM

Way too much fun! Wish I had availability on Sunday.

W7TR (K6ST op)

Fun from Reno NV, mostly 40m / 80m close in to CA.

W7VC

First licensed 12/2020; my last year as a Rookie. Great band conditions allowed me to work all counties; special thanks to W6DOJ for my last mult! Met many ops on multiple bands and modes. And super kudos to K6AQL for the long-long drive, with QSOs with me in 10 counties!

W8RU

Thanks for the QSOs and 73! -Ron (W8RU).

W9DKB

Nice to have 10 meters open this year.

W9QL

Great conditions on 15 and 10. Managed to get the sweep thanks to K6AQL showing up in SBEN Sunday afternoon. Thanks to all the CA ops who always show up and make this a fun event every year. Dave W9QL

W9RE

Good activity and conditions, I needed more time.



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W9TCV

Had fun working CALIFORNIA as usual, just a lot of interruptions this weekend. Thanks to all who participated and look forward to working you again in 2024! 73, W9TCV

W9YK

Keep on Hamming!

WA1FCN

I decided to actually check for sure how many times I have been in CQP. OK now I know this was my 44th CQP. I started with the very first one in 1966. My age then 18 years old. At 02:16 I managed the clean sweep from N7AUE/6 in Sierra county. I have only had about 4 clean sweeps in all those years. So many calls from the same guys year after year. Thanks to K6AQL AGAIN for all his trips around the state over several years. My last serious effort was in 2019.

Antenna TH5 @ 75 ft TH6 @ 45 ft. on two separate short towers.
2 element 40 @ 70 ft. Delta loop on 80.

73 and Good Evening from Alabama BoB WA1FCN

WA1SAY

Thanks for QSO party.

WA3ENQ

Thanks for the contest, I was surprised by good reports from California

WA5SOG

Lots of obligations gave me minimal time to operate this year. Looking forward to next year already!



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WA8Y

I had a good time, just didn't have any more time.

WA9YI

Not as much time this year but always good to work fine ops. Got 3 of the 6 counties I needed after last two CQPs. Really nice website, very helpful. 73 Tom

WB2AIV

Late start and radio problems.

WB4E

No time to operate, but gud conditions on 20M.

WB4HRL

Great contest!

WB6JJJ (OR)

Another CQP in the log... Fun contest, I just wish I had more time. Too much extended family stuff this weekend. I noticed that there were quite a few OnexOne calls used this year. Great planning...I was surprised to not hear Nevada County, my old location. Usually, they are everywhere. Thanks for our QSOs. See you again next year. Bill

WB8WUA

I had fun and I gained 2 more County multipliers during this 2023 contest event. I look forward to participating here again next year. Thanks.



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WB9TFH

This was a very good CAQP for me, it was part time. First time I spent some time in CAQP, maybe because of BIC. I got all counties except YUBA! Operated mostly high bands, very good propagation from WI to CA. High power 200w barefoot with Yaesu FT-1000, yagi 50 feet with new LMR400 coax and 1:1 Balun Designs current balun this past week. Interesting operating split counties, got a few of them. Thank you CA ops for a great CAQP and Q's. Vy 73 all. cu again.

WC7S

SUPER CONDITIONS. Great fun seeing ol friends and making new ones. Hope to see you in the next test too. 72,WC7S Dale in Wy

WD8RYC

Thanks for the contacts. Great fun.

WF3T

200 watts to a dipoles.

WN1C

Casual operation with S&P interleaved with other radio operation here in Wisconsin. 5W and a wire worked acceptably in the band conditions 15-10m. Didn't make any effort on lower bands for California stations.

WS7L

Thanks!

WW5L

You put on a great CA Qso Party. I missed only Mendocino to get a clean sweep of counties. This would not happen in my state, Congratulations.

