

California QSO Party

2025 CQP US/VE/DX Soapbox

This file contains comments made by stations outside California who participated in CQP 2025. Comments are from SOAPBOX: lines inside Cabrillo log files as well as comments made on the CQP log submission web form. Specific comments intended for the log checking team have been omitted from this file.

After you're done reading this soapbox collection, we encourage you to read all the comments made by CQP 2025 participants on 3830scores.com.

AA4TI

CA really puts on a good QP. 15 meters was wall to wall with CA stations at times.

AA5JF

Great way to spend a weekend. Thanks to all the California OPs who heard my LP signal from Georgia.

AB0CD

FTDX10, RainGutter-v Antenna, LDG Remote ATU, N1MM.

Go Stanford.

AB5XM

Thanks for sponsoring the contest! Enjoyed it!

AC3GB

Had a fun time!



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AC6ZM (TN)

Great participation this year.

AC7JW

Was great to hear so many CA stations on the air and to have good conditions on 15-40M. Looking forward to next year.

AD5A

First serious QRP effort. Like so many other times, I wasn't planning on a serious effort but got carried away.

AE1T

Some "rare" counties very weak in NH. Still fun.

AF5J

Better conditions on 80/40 this year, still S4 noise at my QTH. 15/10M also very good this year too.

DJ9AO

Horrible condx unfortunately.

DL3DXX

Poor conditions after sun storm.

JH6RON

TNX QSO. Please CA stations: sometimes beam to JA.

JR0BQD

10M only. 100 watts and Hentenna. Wanted to QRV on 40M, but the antenna's SWR suddenly went high, so I gave up. CU next year.



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KOEJ

Couldn't make my usual level of effort so tried something different...CW Only, with assistance..still missed HUMB..but still fun!

KORC

On Saturday, the CA <> MN RF path on 10m was just a whisper. I could barely hear stations in the noise, even though the N1MM+ Qs & Mults window was loaded with call signs. My attention was forced to 20 and 15 during the day, while 40 opened up in the evening. 80 meters provided a scattering of Qs, and 160m was plagued by noise and an intermittent feedline connection that reared its ugly head. I thought that problem had been resolved by replacing the cracked (weathered) center insulator a couple of weeks ago.

Sunday was a different story. Ten meters opened up as if a 1-1/2" hardline had been rolled out between our two states! One SSB station was 40-dB/S-9 and blew my ears out! Most stations were S9+ in the afternoon. There were a few instances of deep QSB that required some repeats, but overall, I felt the conditions were excellent on the second day. I worked all the counties except Trinity by early Sunday, but a sweep was not in the cards for me this year.

I had another "problem" that hampered me in copying serial numbers. I heard many stations on CW that were clipping the first part of their transmission. This often chopped most, if not all, of the first dot when they sent their serial number. This was more pronounced at higher CW speeds, of course. I suspect this could result from inadequate PTT timing, especially when an amplifier is involved in the RF string. And that issue can go undetected unless you have a separate monitor for the RF leaving the antenna!



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Overall, this was a casual entry for me, but I really did enjoy operating this premier QSO Party. Many thanks to all the fellows out on the West Coast who coordinate this event each year.

K0SV

Another great contest with plenty of stations available. My best score so far.

K2KR

Working California from Colorado on 10 and 15 was rough this year and at times totally not there. I still had fun and did manage to get all the counties. The last one with less than an hour to go.

K2MN

Used two indoor fan dipoles and 90 Watts.

K2SG

Only had a few hours. Was leaving on vacation.

K2TV

25 Watts to a third floor balcony magnetic loop antenna.

K2ZR

The CaQP is a favorite contest of mine. Conditions were fair. CU for the 2026 CaQP.

K3ANI

Great Webpage with helpful information.

K3GWK

Enjoyed the contest. Good conditions.



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K3MD

FB!

K3TW

Many thanks for another very enjoyable California QSO Party.

K3WW

Thanks to AA3R for the use of his station remotely.

K4FN

Great activity.

K4FT

Thank you!

K4HQB

This QSO party is the best of them all thanks to a high level of participation, and as I work each new county, my memories from trips of the beautiful scenes in California. IC-7410 at 100w, 40m dipole, R6000 vertical for 20-15-10m bands.

K4IU

Best QSO party each year. But where was Humboldt County? Many thanks to the road warrior rovers for putting out all those tough counties.

K4MBU

First time CQP.

K4NMR

Conditions on Sat were marginal from WCF but much better on Sunday. Thanks for all the FB 6 zone operators. Always fun.



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K4SBZ

This was a great contest with lots of ops from California. The bands were so-so. ContestOnlineScoreboard provided good competition from within my club and with the whole group in my category. This will help my standing in the State QSO Party Challenge.

K4SO

Always outstanding participation and many top ops.

K4XD

Busy day - got on late and only got 10 Q's but better than none!

K5GQ

Feedline problem - ran 20 Watts.

K5JX

I'm getting back on the air after a long absence. I enjoyed CQP back in the day and decided to use this one to get reacquainted with N1MM and start getting rid of some "brain rust". I have only a ground mounted 12AVQ right now so a LP effort on 20, 15 and 10 was all I could do. It was great fun, though. Many thanks to all the great 6 Land ops who picked out my puny signal.

K5ZD

Tried to sweep through each band and work all the CA stations I could find.

K6RM (NC)

50 W to attic dipoles. Nice to work several NCCC friends. Thanks for the Qs.



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K7ABC (K6LL op)

I am 1 mile from the CA border, so most of these QSO's were on backscatter.

K7QA

Good CA Es prop on 10 meters.

K8LF

Well run QSOP with many stations in CA to work. Only worked Saturday.

K8MRT

The best QSO Party in the land. I try to get this one every year and I am never disappointed. Someday, a sweep but for now, I think my best effort. Thanks for all your hard work.

K8MV

Was fun. 10 never opened up for me. Being QRP thanks to all the Ops who hung in there to pull me out of the mud. See you next year.

K8TW

Really enjoy the pace of this event.

K9OM

CW only!

K9SAT

Just a warm-up for the AZQP next weekend. Thank you for the contacts. Higher bands did not seem to be up to snuff this weekend. Lots of QRM, and I could hear everyone calling California, with no one from California responding back.



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KA0PQW

Fun contest.

KA5USN

Had only Saturday to participate.

KA7RRA

I had a lot of fun. I wish I could have worked more but had a Sunday club meeting to go to. Maybe next year I will be a mobile operator.

KB2URI

Hopped in for a limited amount of time due to obligations, but was some great fun. see you later in NYQP and next year in CAQP!

KB3A

Enjoyed the time spent working the CAL QSO Party from Alabama.

KC0DMF

Great state QSO party! Thanks for all that were out there getting counties on the air.

KC1QEM

Great fun. Thanks for all the Q's. Getting closer to a clean sweep.

KC3SGC

Thank you for California.

KC4TEO

Great contest as usual!



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KC7HF

40m Phone was amazing early Saturday evening. Band full of S-20 signals.

KD0EE

Sorry I couldn't put more energy into CQP this year. I'll clear the calendar next year. CQP is my favorite QSO party.

KD2KW

Thanks for having the CA QSP.

KD5ILA

Thanks for a GREAT QSO Party. All operators were fantastic. Very professional. I really had a great time on the air.

KD7KDO

One of my first contests I ever did 20 years ago and love it still today! Keep up the good work.

KD7MT

Unfortunately I could only spend a few hours this year with only one antenna on 20m functional. I hope other MT stations were active!

KD9GY

Didn't hear nearly as many CA ops this year compared to 2024. Band conditions were so-so, but still had lots of fun! Thanks!!!

KD9MGZ

Well run contest.

KD9WIF

Thanks a lot for this QSO Party!



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KE0TT

K3/10 at 5 Watts to wire antennas. Lots of activity, thanks for the fun, and thanks for your copy of my QRP sigs. C U next time.

KE2FLW

First contest submission. Got 30 QSO in the log.

KE4KY

Very limited on time. Disappointed that I could not provide more Qs for the QSO Party.

KE6JNO (UT)

I had a cold so participation was limited. I made a goal to break 1000 points, but broke 2000...

KE6K (AZ)

Got a new computer and I couldn't get it to talk to the radio. So I had to key by hand. I'm sorry.

Conditions were very good but it's still a fight with QRP and a vertical. Always fun though.

KG9X

Missed HUMB. Lots of fun, just couldn't spend much time in the chair. TNX NCCC for a great contest.

KI5GTR

Enjoyed the CAQPY from Arkansas. Great propagation for me. Thanks all for putting it on.

KI5MM

Good time.



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KJ9C

Good to work many CWOps members.

KK4R

First time using my new IC7610 in a contest with CW and SSB. There is a good deal to learn, and at intervals, everything has to stop while I figure out some setting. The new rig is connected to my old KAT500/KPA500, and this combination with the ICOM needs a lot more attention than the K3 set up did. My scores are going to be down for a while until I get used to this.

KM8L

Getting back into state QSO parties. In prior years, I considered this my "BIG" contest of the year (as NV9V and WV3O). Looking forward to the 2026 CQP!

NOBUI

A fun QSO party!

NOJNM

15 meters was particularly good hunting this year!

N1DC

Thanks to the organizers for another great CA QSO Party !

N1NN

20th California QSO Party.

N2EIM

Poor solar conditions.

N2MA

Just wanted to throw out a few Q's.



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N2MF

Great CA activity made for an enjoyable operating event even from here in the NE. Received some mighty impressive serial numbers!

N2PP

Great contest and contest management. Thoroughly enjoyed working many CAL stations and all counties. This was my first state QSO Party in over 20 years. HaHa!!!

N3KI

Perhaps one of the better to best state QSO parties (in my humble opinion)!! 15/20 meters very active, especially Saturday. Lotsa fun. Thanks all for the many contacts.

N4CW

Part-time operation--had to catch a plane Sunday morning. I probably could have worked all the counties, but HUMB and ALPI eluded me. In the past it was always NAPA that I'd miss...great fun, and MANY thanks to the mobile activity for providing additional mults.

N4CWZ

Great qso party as always.

N4HB

Thanks for all of the stations that activated so many counties.

N4IIT

This was a great contest. Thanks to all the amazing CA stations that made it possible!



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N4KS

Very good conditions. Some runners need to send their call sign more often. Read the rules.

N4OX

Not a fulltime effort this year....missed almost all of Saturday. Hard to work all 58 counties without a fulltime effort.

N4WXY

This is my initial attempt at participating in the contest. I commenced with a limited number of contacts and prioritized listening over doing, thereby adopting a learning approach. This experience proved to be awesome-big fun. Thanks.

N4ZZ

Best qso party in U S A.

N5RZ

Always fun. Thanks for a great QSO Party!

N5ZKK

David Trolinger (N5ZKK) delivered a commendable performance in the 2025 California QSO Party, achieving 132 QSOs across 36 unique California counties for a claimed score of 16,320 points. The balanced use of Phone and CW, along with activity on multiple bands, reflects a strategic approach despite the un-availability of the world famous CQP T-Shirt.

N6CHU/7 (WA)

Bad cdx. . .



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N6HI (AZ)

ONE-TENTH-WATT 100mW to a 20-Foot End-Fed Wire. 50 QSOs made with 100 mW, 3 QSOs with 1/2 Watt. Decided to try something different this year. Happy with 50 100mW CA QSOs, all on 20 meters. Tnx to all for your patience and the QSOs. Go Arizona Outlaws!

N7AME

CA is always great propagation, but this weekend, it was really tough until late into the afternoon Saturday.

N7MZW

IC-7300, Heil Pro-Micro Headset ,Vectronics HFT-1500 Manual Tuner for 15 Meters only, and a Half Size G5RV which I repaired in the rain and placed at 45 feet height above my QTH, so I could provide the Wyoming mult to a few folks. I obviously did not beat my 2024 SOLP Assisted record for Wyoming, but still had FUN.

N7RCS

Only had time to operate for 2 hours on Sunday.

Rig: KX3

Ant: AX3

Logging: WRL

Location: alongside Puget Sound in Edmonds, WA.

Condx were strong here in western WA.

N7SE

Thanks for another great CAQP.



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N7VS

My apologies for not being more active. Life sometimes gets in the way. Thank you for the contacts. I hope to be more active next year.

N7ZZ

Part time around family activity ~ 5 hours

N8II

Easy very early sweep. It was nice to have no very low activity counties. I am fairly certain I made at least 2 Q's with each county. Sunday went very poorly; conditions did not favor Mid-Atlantic.

Many thanks to the organizers and log checkers.

N8KH

CA stations are too weak to copy. All are QRP?? Some CA stations are resetting their QSO number.

N9CO

Always a fun contest. Thanks to the sponsors and all the CA stations for getting on!

NC6K/0 (CO)

Who says a flagpole antenna doesn't work? In 6 hours, I managed 50/58 counties and QSOs with all the stations I could hear. Of course, 1500 W helps too. This was the first time I operated CQP as a "foreigner" and I used NC6K/0 to hopefully minimize confusion. I should have planned to operate Saturday evening to take advantage of the low bands, but we're still trying to get the house unpacked. Next year, I'll try for 24 hours.

Thanks for the contacts!



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ND0C

I had some conflicts that limited my operating time and prevented a serious effort. Thanks for all the activity, but somehow I never heard Sierra. I heard Lassen - very light - but he couldn't hear me. It was sure nice to have a good 10 meter opening on Sunday!

NE2R

CW Ops were sparse, but still a fun contest. 20 and 15 were the bands until the QSB came in and the noise level came up, but each op was determined to get the QSO.

Almost doubled my score from last year with about 6 hours OTA all CW.

NE4S

K4D/KPA500/G5RV

About 4 hours on Saturday afternoon. 10M/15M, looking for mults... Thanks to all OPS.

NF0N

High bands great this year. Also our new spotting program from MARAC did a great job for the County Hunters. It takes the spots from W6RK site and makes them available to many Slack users. I hope it helped the CA activators also with more contacts.

NG7X

Fun contest. Looking forward to next year.



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NK8Q

Nice warm-up for the PAQP next weekend. I had a good time. Propagation wasn't terrible. Used a single 40m - 10m EFHWA and would likely have done better on 40m last night had it been more vertical than horizontal. 20m - 10m worked well, though!

NN7O

Thanks! Just having some fun and giving out some points this year! Great QSO party.

NO2D

Wish I had more time to operate but unforeseen events intervened. Thanks to those who make the CAQP possible.

NO5Z

Always a fun contest, fair to good conditions here in New Mexico. Did not seem to be as much activity from CA. And thanks to Dean for the fine business leadership!

NR0P

I got the sweep. Last county was Alpine. I was sweating that last one. Fun QSO Party with lots of participation.

NU5DE

First time from Texas.

NX1K

I believe this was my first CA QSO Party. Lots of fun. 15 meters was the most productive.

VA3HYM

First Licensed April 2023.



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VA7BF

Great contest, thanks!

VA7FBS

Had a great time. We tried using World Radio League's online logbook. It leaves a lot to be desired, but we're glad to support it.

VA7KBM

Thanks! Sorry I couldn't spend more time on it!

VA7ST

Wonderful contest -- well done by all involved! Loved looking for the rovers, too. CW only here. 15M and 10M weren't very useful this close to W6, but had a great time on 20M and down. Missed DELN and HUMB this time out. There's always next year for a CA sweep.

VE1RGO

Great event again!

VE2FK

Conditions were not the best for the east coast but it was fun to work so many good oprs.

VE3LRL

Conditions were pretty good during the whole contest period. 80M and below sucked to the east coast but it usually does at this time of year. My goal was to fill the mults with what I missed last year and that part was a success! But still failed missing Tehama for the sweep! CQP missing the boat with being a CW centric test! Time to let Phone sit at the big boy table and equalize the points per Q! Also time to get a couple "RIB" setups for those hard to get counties! See you next year!



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VE4EA

Just to say hello and give the VE4 mult to people.

VE7SK

Missed Humboldt and Merced.

VY2LI

Thanks for the party. Dismal conditions at this QTH...a brief opening on 10, thankfully!

W0DCN

I enjoyed working everyone. Good results on 10-15-20 with a wire and 100W, phone only.

W0OR

Couldn't find anybody in Humboldt County. Darn. And I actually used to live there years ago.

W0YJT

The bands were funny this year. Glad to see 10M open up.

W1CTN

Could not find Sierra.

W1FJ

Great activity. Lots of fun. Many good ears.

W1QK

Thanks for sponsoring the QSO Party. Special tn timer to the mobile and portable stations.



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W1WIU

Another great year! Tnx to all the rovers and the organizers. 15 meters was surprisingly good. Antenna is a ZS6BKW up 50'. Great operators digging me out. Hope to see you all next year.

W2CSI

Thanks for a Great Qso Party!

W2GSP

My first time participating. It was a fun contest. Thank you to all who operated.

W3DQS

20m CW only.

W3FA

Fun contest.

W3SA

Daytime propagation on 20 meters to the east coast was poor and most signals less than S4.

W4EE

Great to hear so many CA stations.

W4IX

SSB Only. Just wanted to give the radios and antennas a shake after some work. Good contest, tough conditions.

W4LT

Saw STAN spotted, but no copy. Never heard or saw spots for HUMB, MERC or SIER.



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W4VIC

Thanks for the Qs.

W4YE

Great condx and thanks to all sixers for being QRV! One of my favorite state QSO parties.

W7EY

Had antenna issues.

W8KNX

All contacts were made from US-3315 on Saturday and Sunday

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/rPImkJ2WbhY>

W8RU

Great conditions and lots of activity. Thanks for the QSOs and 73!

W9QL

Thanks for another great CQP! You folks do an excellent job ensuring participation from all 58 counties and it is always fun chasing the mobiles around.

W9WI

"Backpack station": IC-705 @ 5W, 50' of speaker wire tossed out on the deck, over a tree limb, and onto a fence. Fits in the backpack I take to Dayton to carry my purchases.

Only had 35 minutes to operate. Too bad, the CA operators were hearing amazingly well.....

W9YK

Keep on Hamming!



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WA1FCN

I believe I did hear one other station that was in CQP #1 besides myself. This is my 44th CQP. Sure glad I was around for one more.....I hope to see all the regulars next year.

WA1SAY

Thanks for QSO party.

WA3ENQ

I had a real good time. My Buddipole Hexbeam worked better than my Mosely Mini-33AW beam.

WA4WR

My First time working this QSO party. Lots of fun! Bands were decent. Look forward to next year.

WA6LIE (AZ)

Wished that there were more CA stations, my score sucked! :(

WA8KAN

Thanks for another great CQP. Time limited as always. Church and family are the priority. Hope to see you next October.

WA9YI

All the fine ops and your web site info make it (relatively) easy for an out of state ham to work 57 counties on 100 watts and a wire; helps to be the right distance for 10, 15 and 20, too.
Thanks, see you next year.

WA9YOS

Had a great time. Lots of great, patient operators.



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WB2FUE

Great contest. A lot of participation.

WB5SKM

Thanks for a great QSO Party!!! This is certainly among the best of the state QSO parties.

WB6JJJ (OR)

Thanks for another fun California QSO Party. I tried to do mostly CW this time to see if my ears would work though the loud Tinnitus tones. Family stuff and lunches limited my time this year.

I wish people would not mess with the dash length, it makes for tough copying. Also, I noticed a number of Ops sending >35 WPM to a CQer going maybe 15 WPM and getting a bunch of ??? requests. They would not slow down so wasted both Ops time.

Being fairly close up here in Northern Oregon, it was tough on the high bands. San Diego had a lot of people on the bands with great signals. See you next year.

WB8WUA

I had fun here on my 5th year participation, and was fairly successful. Unfortunately, I started late within the event, so hopefully I will participate toward a serious manner next year. I gladly contacted two new counties this time: SCRUI and SISK.

WB8YQJ

CW Rules!

WD9IGL

Great entertainment. Thank you for putting up with me and my stumbling. I'll get down. 73 to all.



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WI0WA (N0AC op)

LNR Mountain Topper on 20m and KX3 on 15/40m. Butternut verticals.

WN7S

Lotsa CA Guys with big signals...

WN8Y

Fun... fun... !!!!

WS4K

Great Contest, Thanks!!

