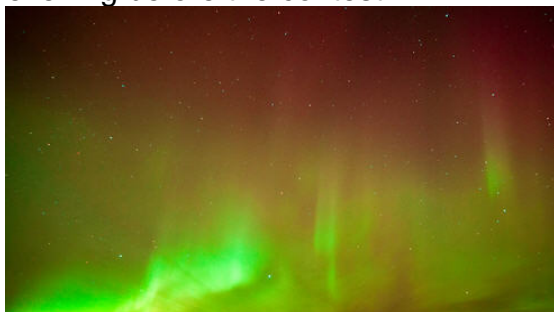


2012 Oklahoma QSO Party Results

by Connie Marshall, K5CM

Although Space weather was not as good as last year, as can be seen by this Aurora taking place on the evening before the contest.



The weather on the ground was good so it was fun to start the spring season with a QSO party after the “non Winter” here in Oklahoma. Others must have had the same idea. We had good participation allowing N6MU to complete a 77 county sweep.

IN STATE RESULTS

Fixed SO-HP

Dave, W5CW took the controls of K5CM's station in Muskogee County again, with 1253 Q's and 106 mults for a score of 290,016. As with last year most of Dave's contacts came Saturday on 20 meter SSB. Sunday was spent looking for in state mults.

Second place went to N5AQ with 411 CW Q's and 87 mults.

Fixed SO-LP

Doug N4IJ/5 in Oklahoma County Made 411 CW Q's with 74 Mults. Jeff WD0GTY also in Oklahoma County was not far behind with 325 Mixed Q's and 60 Mults.

Fixed SO-QRP

Gene W5LE had fun operating a new category, for him, with a first place finish with 200 Q's and 90 Mults. That's an excellent Mult count for QRP! Ken K5KC operated on

both phone and CW making 220 Q's and 62 mults.

OKM-ASSISTED

Bob, W0BH did a repeat and took first place in this category. Bob was the over all winner of the OKQP with 1817 Q's and 67 mults, for a score of 313,694. Bob was assisted by Lorna, K0WHY. Check out the soapbox for a run down on his FB operation.



Connie, K5CM was assisted by Pam, N5KW who did most of the driving and some of the SSB operating, for a second place finish with 1383 Q's and 67 mults for a score of 246,292. As with last year most of Connie's Q's were on CW.

In the picture below Connie and Pam are on the left, and Bob and Lorna are on the right. They are visiting (after the contest was over) at the three county line of POT, CLE, and OKL.



OKM-Non Assisted CW

Norm, W5DYA finished in first place in this category with 592 CW Q's and 56 mults.

OKM-Non Assisted Mixed

Al N5UM finished first place in mixed mode with 893 Q's and 56 mults.

AF5Q had a good showing with 449 Q's and 49 mults.

OUT OF STATE RESULTS

Single-Op HP

N4PN operating both phone and CW almost had the sweep this year. Paul operating from Georgia made 297 Q's with 75 mults, for a score of 68,900. Paul had the most bonus points with 11,000.

K4MIA took the 2ND spot with 119 Q's and 59 mults.

Single-Op LP

I know this is an old picture but a little nostalgia never hurts, especially if it shows three great operators. That would be W5LE, N6MU, and K5YAA, from the 2007(?) OKQP.



John, N6MU operating mixed mode made the sweep this year with 301 Q's and all 77 Mults. AF5Q gave him the last county with only 8 minutes left. Great going guys!!!

Second place goes to Don, N5XG, with 108 Q's and 69 mults.

W4UCZ, from GA takes the third spot with 98 Q's and 67 mults. W4UCZ is first place in CW only.

Single-Op QRP

K3TW operated mixed mode to take first place in the 5-watt class. He had 232 Q's and 64 mults, for a score of 48,156.

N4JF operating from Alabama came in second with 143 Q's and 60 mults, for a score of 30,920. The third spot went to W4UT from TN.

DX Single-Op HP

Despite poor E/W conditions, JO7WXN managed 4 Q's and 4 mults.

DX Single-Op LP

YV5OIE takes first place here with, 76 Q's and 49 mults for a score of 14,584.

THANKS

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73, Connie, K5CM
Manager, Oklahoma QSO Party

OKLAHOMA QSO PARTY RESULTS 2012**OKLAHOMA FIXED SINGLE-OP HIGH**

| Callsign | ARRL/DX | QSOs | Mults | Score | Mode |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| W5CW@K5CM | OK | 1253 | 106 | 290016 | MIXED |
| N5AQ | OK | 411 | 87 | 107271 | CW |
| K5ZZR | OK | 117 | 41 | 9594 | PH |

OKLAHOMA FIXED SINGLE-OP LOW

| Callsign | ARRL/DX | QSOs | Mults | Score | Mode |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| N4IJ/5 | OK | 209 | 74 | 44548 | CW |
| WD0GTY | OK | 325 | 60 | 41580 | MIXED |
| N5DY | OK | 89 | 38 | 10146 | CW |
| K5MEC | OK | 32 | 28 | 2688 | CW |
| AF5CC | OK | 34 | 26 | 2652 | CW |
| KD5RSS | OK | 21 | 18 | 1134 | CW |

OKLAHOMA FIXED SINGLE-OP QRP

| Callsign | ARRL/DX | QSOs | Mults | Score | Mode |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| W5LE | OK | 200 | 90 | 53730 | CW |
| K5KC | OK | 220 | 62 | 36580 | MIXED |

OKLAHOMA MOBILE SO

| Callsign | ARRL/DX | QSOs | Mults | Score | Mode |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| N5UM | OK | 893 | 56 | 130760 | MIXED |
| W3DYA | OK | 592 | 56 | 99456 | CW |
| AF5Q | OK | 449 | 49 | 55762 | MIXED |

OKLAHOMA MOBILE - ASSISTED

| Callsign | ARRL/DX | QSOs | Mults | Score | Mode |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| W0BH | OK | 1817 | 67 | 313694 | MIXED |
| K5CM | OK | 1383 | 67 | 246292 | MIXED |
| K0WHY | OK | 83 | 6 | 996 | PH |
| AF5CC/M | OK | 14 | 8 | 296 | MIXED |

NON-OKLAHOMA SINGLE-OP HIGH

| Callsign | ARRL/DX | QSOs | Mults | QSO Score | Bonus | Score | Mode |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| N4PN | GA | 297 | 75 | 57900 | 11,000 | 68,900 | MIXED |
| K4MIA | FL | 119 | 59 | 18762 | 6500 | 25,262 | MIXED |
| WF2S | NY | 139 | 47 | 16779 | 5000 | 21,779 | MIXED |
| W6USN | CA | 91 | 49 | 11319 | 4,500 | 15,819 | MIXED |
| W2RR | NY | 70 | 40 | 8400 | 3500 | 11,900 | CW |
| K9EN | WI | 57 | 47 | 7755 | 2,500 | 10,255 | MIXED |
| N9WKW | IN | 57 | 35 | 5600 | 1500 | 7,100 | MIXED |
| AC5O | LA | 47 | 36 | 3384 | 2500 | 5,884 | PH |
| WA2VYA | FL | 50 | 30 | 4380 | 1500 | 5,880 | MIXED |
| K4BAI | GA | 19 | 17 | 969 | 500 | 1,469 | MIXED |
| VE6TL | AB | 20 | 15 | 870 | | 870 | MIXED |
| K2AVI | WA | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 2 | PH |

NON-OKLAHOMA SINGLE-OP LOW

| Callsign | ARRL/DX | QSOs | Mults | QSO Score | Bonus | Score | Mode |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| N6MU | CA | 301 | 77 | 63140 | 10000 | 73,140 | MIXED |
| N5XG | TX | 108 | 69 | 22218 | 7000 | 29,218 | MIXED |
| W4UCZ | GA | 98 | 67 | 19698 | 7500 | 27,198 | CW |
| K4ZGB | AL | 117 | 55 | 17105 | 4,000 | 21,105 | MIXED |
| K4AMC | TN | 78 | 55 | 12870 | 5000 | 17,870 | CW |
| K10I | MO | 82 | 53 | 13038 | 4500 | 17,538 | CW |
| W8WVU | MI | 86 | 48 | 12384 | 5000 | 17,384 | CW |
| W8CAG | MI | 61 | 43 | 7869 | 4,000 | 11,869 | CW |
| K0HNC | KS | 64 | 47 | 8836 | 3000 | 11,836 | MIXED |
| N8NA | DE | 54 | 37 | 5476 | 2500 | 7,976 | MIXED |
| W0PAN | AZ | 53 | 40 | 4240 | 3500 | 7,740 | PH |
| N1NN | MA | 29 | 23 | 1932 | 1000 | 2,932 | MIXED |
| N0CKC | CO | 30 | 22 | 1760 | 1000 | 2,760 | MIXED |
| NN6CH | CA | 33 | 21 | 1827 | 500 | 2,327 | MIXED |
| VE5KS | SK | 30 | 23 | 1725 | 500 | 2,225 | MIXED |
| W7JSD | AZ | 24 | 21 | 1008 | 500 | 1,508 | PH |
| N2CQ | NJ | 24 | 21 | 1008 | 500 | 1,508 | PH |
| K4AMA | SC | 16 | 15 | 480 | 1000 | 1,480 | PH |
| W1END | NH | 21 | 18 | 1134 | | 1,134 | CW |
| N3KR | PA | 21 | 14 | 882 | | 882 | CW |
| KJ4LTA | AL | 18 | 17 | 612 | | 612 | PH |
| AA8IA | OH | 14 | 12 | 444 | | 444 | MIXED |
| K4FT | KY | 12 | 12 | 432 | | 432 | CW |
| K7BX | WA | 13 | 11 | 429 | | 429 | CW |
| KM6I | CA | 14 | 10 | 420 | | 420 | CW |
| VA3GKO | ON | 16 | 13 | 416 | | 416 | PH |
| VE2AWR | QC | 8 | 7 | 168 | | 168 | CW |
| KV2M | NJ | 8 | 8 | 152 | | 152 | MIXED |
| KA0P | MO | 7 | 7 | 147 | | 147 | CW |
| K0BAM | CO | 9 | 8 | 144 | | 144 | MIXED |
| W2CVW | NJ | 6 | 5 | 90 | | 90 | CW |
| NR8R | OH | 5 | 5 | 50 | | 50 | PH |
| VA7KO | BC | 4 | 4 | 48 | | 48 | CW |
| KC7YE | WA | 4 | 4 | 48 | | 48 | CW |
| WC8Z | OH | 5 | 4 | 40 | | 40 | PH |
| KC2BEZ | NY | 3 | 3 | 18 | | 18 | MIXED |
| W7KAM | MO | 3 | 3 | 18 | | 18 | PH |
| VE2FXL | QC | 2 | 2 | 12 | | 12 | CW |
| K4GOP | FL | 2 | 2 | 8 | | 8 | PH |
| WB7TPH | AZ | 2 | 2 | 8 | | 8 | PH |
| NM3S | SV | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 2 | PH |
| WW3MM | MD | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 2 | PH |
| AI4SV | VA | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 2 | PH |
| VE8GER | VE | 1 | 1 | 2 | | 2 | PH |

NON-OKLAHOMA SINGLE-OP QRP

| Callsign | ARRL/DX | QSOs | Mults | QSO Score | Bonus | Score | Mode |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| K3TW | FL | 231 | 64 | 38656 | 9,500 | 48156 | MIXED |
| N4JF | AL | 143 | 60 | 24420 | 6,500 | 30920 | MIXED |
| W4UT | TN | 134 | 63 | 23058 | 7000 | 30058 | MIXED |
| W4IHI | FL | 77 | 55 | 12705 | 5500 | 18205 | CW |
| KS4X | TN | 91 | 50 | 11750 | 4000 | 15750 | MIXED |
| WD3K | PA | 12 | 9 | 324 | | 324 | MIXED |
| VA3RKM | ON | 6 | 6 | 102 | | 102 | MIXED |

DX SINGLE-OP HIGH

| Callsign | ARRL/DX | QSOs | Mults | QSO Score | Bonus | Score | Mode |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| JO7WXN | DX | | 4 | 4 | 48 | 48 | CW |
| SP6JOE | DX | | 2 | 2 | 12 | 12 | CW |
| SM5QU | DX | | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | CW |
| RW2L | DX | | 1 | 1 | 3 | 3 | CW |

DX SINGLE-OP LOW

| Callsign | ARRL/DX | QSOs | Mults | QSO Score | Bonus | Score | Mode |
|-----------------|----------------|-------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| YV5OIE | DX | 76 | 49 | 10584 | 4000 | 14584 | MIXED |
| PA3ARM | DX | 1 | 1 | 3 | CHECKLOG | 3 | CW |

**2012 Oklahoma QSO Party
Soapbox Comments**

AF5Q

Well, the Badlands experience is done! Thanks to all the hams that followed me around and gave me contacts.

Saturday started out with beautiful weather. I had to get a flat fixed which cost me around 30 mins of contact time, but that happens. I spanned from Cimarron/Texas line and finished up on the Kiowa/Tillman line. There were no condx from when I entered Woodward county all the way to Dewey county south side. I tried 40, 20, and 15. No answer lol. Found some road changes, met some interesting people that were definitely unfriendly, but had a safe trip. As of Saturday evening, I only had 266 contacts and 29,000 points.

Sunday went smoother, and opened up with a triple county line. Ended up with 449 total contacts and 54,624, but was a lot smoother than Saturday. I made a special effort driving allll the way from Hulen to give John, N6MU Harmon for the sweep, but it was worth it. It was close, as I only had 7 minutes left in the contest to complete it.

I made contacts with N5AG in Cleveland, but missed K5CM and W0BH. Just one question, how do I score above 100,000? lol

Vy 73 all and I will be back next year.

Ron AF5Q

AA8IA

Minimal effort, to say the least. Thanks to all who provided QSOs.

JO7WXN

BAD BAND CONDITION AND QRM FROM RUSSIAN CONTEST.
BUT QSO WITH 3 NEW COUNTIES! I WILL PARTICIPATE NEXT YEAR ALSO.

K3TW

"MANY THANKS FOR ANOTHER FUN PACKED OKLAHOMA QSO PARTY. THE HIGHLIGHT HERE WAS THE SUPERB 15M CONDITIONS ON SATURDAY. KUDOS TO THE MOBILE STATIONS FOR ACTIVATING ALL 77 COUNTIES!"

K5KC

TOUGH GOING WITH 5W ON 3 BANDS AND TWO DIPOLES. HEARD OTHER OK STATIONS, BUT MOST WERE WEAK AND ONLY A FEW COULD HEAR ME. DX CONTEST THE FIRST DAY FILLED THE BAND.

KI0I

SOAPBOX: WOW HOW TUFF CAN IT GET! I`M TOO CLOSE TO OK TO MAKE Q`S ABOVE 40M AND SAT THE QRN WAS AWFUL.SUNDAY THE SOLAR CURSE

K4AMA

FT857D, 100W, 3 Band FD3 dipole at 30 ft.
Enjoyed the hunt. Thanks for the QSOs!!
Great fun following K5CM and W0BH!

73, Tony / K4AMA.

K5CM

It was great to see we had all 77 counties on the air, with at least one sweep going to N6MU! Thanks to all the Oklahoma mobiles - W0BH/K0WHY, W3DYA, N5WX, K5ZG/DIANE, K5CM/N5KW, K0PVW, and AF5Q.

My F-150 had problems at the last minute, so I had to make a quick switch to the car. Ignition noise was so bad that operating while driving was difficult at best. So we did a lot of operating setting on county lines with the engine turned off. It was still great fun as usual.

These are just a few of the stations that followed Pam and I around the state
N4PN 54, W5CW 50, N6MU 37, K3TW 37, N4JF 29, WA6KHK 28, W4UT 27,
W4YWX 27, W4UCZ 22, W8WVU 22, W4IHI 21, N5XG 20, KS4X 20, WF2S 19,
KI0I 19, W8CAG 17, W4NT 16 K4MIA 16, K0PAN 13, K0HNC 13, K5KDG 13, W0BH 12
W2RR 12, W6USN 12, W0ZQ 11, KO1U 11, WA2VYA 11, YV5OIE 10, K9NW 10

From Pam N5KW

Ran a familiar route so not too many new sites for the driver but high light of this year was meeting W0BH and K0WHY, Bob and Lorna, for lunch and launching a new friendship!

73,
Connie K5CM
PAM N5KW

KS4X

Thanks to all the mobiles

K9NW

At least there was propagation between IN and OK! Thanks to the mobiles for the bulk of the QSOs.

73, Mike K9NW

N5AQ

LOUSY CONDX FOR ME - BUT HAD LOTS OF FUN

N4JF

WOW! THAT WAS GREAT..MOBILES MOVING AROUND THE STATE ALL THE TIME..GOOD GOING TO ALL..BEAT MY LAST OKQP SCORE...BANDS WERE NOT TO GOOD EXCEPT 20 AND SOME 40. NICE MEETING OLD FRIENDS AND MAKING NEW ONES..

73s JERRY

N5XG

A great roster of mobile stations and good support from the fixed stations this Year. Could only work OKLA on 40/80 and sparse activity on 80. 40M skip was not favorable early morning each day or late in the day Saturday. Thanks again for those buying the gasoline to make it fun for us.

N5UM

What a ride! Was planning to stay down south and southwest, but due to Popular demand, I took a big detour on Saturday afternoon to the north. Got an e-mail from Connie K5CM about no CW coverage in Woods, Alfalfa, Major, and Blaine, and we could not let that happen :-0 -- Only downside was that I didn't have time to go into Harmon in the far SW, but it looks like that got covered at the end.

I didn't have my son driving this time, so I decided to focus almost exclusively on finding county lines to park on to double up on QSOs. I can't operate and drive, so there was a lot of drive (and gas, and rest room, and eating) time between stops. The weather was pretty good - overcast and in the 60s and 70s, but a bit windy. Fortunately, no rain or storms.

Had some problems running full power on 40M - RF was getting into the Control module of my car (2008 Pontiac G6), so had to cut power back to 50W. I Made the check engine light come on and killed the tachometer. A battery Disconnect and reconnect reset everything so it was working again.

Started Saturday morning in Beckham County after spending Friday night in Elk City. Counties in order (county lines indicated with "/"):

Saturday: Beckham, Kiowa/Washita, Jackson/Greer, Comanche/Tillman, Blaine/Custer, Dewey

Drove up to Woodward Saturday night and started from there on Sunday morning:

Sunday: Woodward/Major, Woods/Alfalfa, Garfield/Kingfisher

Many thanks to the stations listed below that followed me around and worked me in 10 or more counties (call, followed by number of counties):

N4PN (16)
N6MU (16)
W4UCZ (16)
WA6KHK (16)
K3TW (14)
N5XG (13)
W4UT (13)
N4JF (12)
W8WVU (11)
K4AMC (10)
K4ZGB (10)
KI0I (10)
W6USN (10)

and also thanks to YV5OIE (9) the only DX I worked all weekend
Worked 45 states (all but RI, VT, NM, SD, and AK) and 4 VE provinces. Also worked 6 OK counties.

Rig: Icom IC756 (classic - blue screen). 50 - 100W
Antennas: Hamsticks on trunk lid - 2 mounts
MicroHam USB Interface II for rig control and keying
Gateway laptop running N3FJP OK QSO party software version 2.0, charging on inverter between stops.

Thanks to everyone for all the QSOs, and hope to see you again in next year's

OKQP, if not sooner in another contest.

Very 73 !! AL, N5MU

N4PN

WOW!

I feel like I need a rest from all the driving around - with all the mobiles out there this year....great activity!

Most Q's - fixed station - W5CW with 6. Even a CW contact on 10m.

Mobiles: Led by Bob, W0BH-34 counties; Lorna, K0WHY-25; Connie, K5CM-24; Ron, AF5Q-20; Alan, N5UM-16; Norm, W3DYA-8 Hud, K5ZG-3...

FINAL SCORE includes: 11,500 Bonus Points for 5 county groups...

Sorry I missed Norm on Saturday as he started in the only two counties I missed this year...McCurtain and LeFlore...missed the sweep by one county-line...

Last contact was a new mult for me and the sweep for John, N6MU..CONGRATS! (Ron, AF5Q/m in HARmon County)

Thanks to all...it was a blast! CU all in the WPX. I'll be using either NX0X or KR4Z....and don't forget the GA QSO Party coming soon.

73, Paul N4PN

N6MU

Score includes 10,000 mobile bonus points. Thanks to all the great mobiles who helped me achieve an all mobile, all CW Sweep. I had 39 one Q counties provided by these mobiles: K5CM-12, N5UM and W0BH-8, AF5Q-6, W3DYA-3 and K5ZG-2. Overall, top mobile for me was W0BH with 108 Qs followed by W3DYA(42), N5UM(38), AF5Q(35) and K5CM(34). K5ZG only activated three counties but they were the all important rare Panhandle counties. A special thanks to AF5Q who changed his route to give me my last county(HAR) just minutes before the Party ended. Ron did the same thing for me a few years ago. It's this kind of comeraderie that makes these things so much fun. Kudos to all!! 73...

John, N6MU TS-570 & 4BTV

N0CKC

K5CM IN 5 COUNTIES

W0BH IN 9 COUNTIES

N1NN

7TH OKLAHOMA QSO PARTY

W0BH (OKL-LOG-CAR-JOH-MAR)

N5UM (BLA-CUS-DEW-MAJ-WDW)

SP6JOE

VERY POOR CONDITITIONS

VE6TL

Had fun handing out a few AB contacts as didn't hear much action. Couple hours on Sunday morning.

VA3KRM

K2, 5 WATTS, VERTICAL.THANKS FOR THE CONTACTS!

VA7KO

AS A MEMBER OF THE CLUB SPONSORING THE BC QSO PARTY, I HAVE A SOFT SPOT FOR OTHER SPONSORS AND THEIR QPS. WANTED TO SHOW MY SUPPORT.

VE8GER

BAND CONDITONS WERE NOT GOOD AT ALL HERE IN THE VE8 LAND!!

W3DYA

10 or higher QSO List.

42---N6MU 19---N5XG 15---W4UCZ 15---WA6KHK 14---K5KDG 14---N4AAT 13---K3TW
13---W4IHI 13---W8CAG 13---W8WVU 12---N4PN 11---K0HNC 11---K4AMC 11---K4MIA
11---KO1U 11---W4UT 10---K9EN 10---N4JF 10---NM2L

W4UCZ

Thanks to all for a great party and to the intrepid (but likely pooped-out) mobiles on the two-day campaign :

K5CM and W0BH (22 each), N5UM(16), W3DYA (15) and AF5Q (9).

Score includes 7,500 points for 5-mobile groupings.

73,
Mark, W4UCZ
Atlanta

W6USN

Saturday was great, Sunday the props were lousy!

W7KAM

Conditions not favorable for me to Oklahoma this year. Skip was too long for 20 meters and too short for 40 meters.

WB8JUI

Sorry I didn't have more time to participate. Activity sounded impressive in the short time I operated.

73 - Rick WB8JUI

WW9DX

A few more QSOs from home Sunday afternoon....thanks again mobile ops!

73, Mike K9NW aka WW9DX

W1END

RIG WAS FTSX5000 (100W), BUTTERNUT HF6V VERTICAL.
GREAT JOB BY MOBILES AGAIN. UNABLE FOR ME TO OPERATE ON SATURDAY.

W4IHI

USED TENTEC R4020 5 WATTS TO AN INVERTED VEE. GREAT MOBILE OPERATORS AND COMPLETED OK ON CW!

W5LE

SURE HARD TO DRUM UP BUSINESS WHEN YOU'RE QRP AND OPERATING FIXED, BUT IT WAS FUN ENTERING A NEW CATEGORY.

W7JSD

TOTAL SCORE EQUALS 1,508 (CLAIMED SCORE OF 1,008 POINTS PLUS 500 POINT BONUS FOR WORKING K5CM IN 8 COUNTIES)

W8CAG

THANKS FOR THE FUN WEEKEND

W8WVU

PAPER LOG

AF5Q 500, W0BH 1000, N5UM 1000, W3DYA 1000, K5CM 1500 TOTAL 5000

WB7TPH

THIS IS A CHECKLOG ONLY .THANKS FOR THE HOSTING THE CONTEST!

WF2S

HAD FUN CHASING THE MOBILES AND LOGGING NEW COUNTIES. 40-20-15 WERE OPEN TO NY. LOGGED 5K IN BONUS POINTS THANKS TO THE MOBILE OPS.TNX

W0BH

After a long "non-winter" in Kansas, Lorna/k0why and I were both ready to fire up the van and run a QSO party. My goal this year was to pick up most of the remaining south and southeast counties that we hadn't yet run in the OKQP. I planned a route starting at my dad's farm in Grant county in the north, then jumped on I-35 and headed south. The route was mostly good highway and fast, so we had 34 counties on the schedule.

The equipment in the Chevy Astro hasn't changed much from previous QSO parties and was mostly in place in the van. When I started checking things out, I found that a mouse had been inside my Heil noise-cancelling headset case and chewed through the main cable. That was the only damage and the mouse had moved on, but I had to swap to an older MFJ headset with less audio gain. Lorna likes to give out Qs from time to time, and she listens to the Icom 706 audio through the FM radio. This time, instead of the FM radio, I added an audio booster and plugged in a speaker which worked really well.

Saturday

After an early farm breakfast, we headed out into a cloudy, not too cool morning .. my idea of perfect QSO party weather. It's always a challenge to fight the glare on the computer screen, but no eyestrain this year. John/N6MU was waiting for me on my posted 40m, frequency and we logged QSO number one. The first half hour was slow, then the three county line appeared and we were off. N4PN, K4ZGB, K3TW/QRP and WF2S joined the fray and kept us company throughout the weekend. The quick chit-chat with the "regulars" is one of my favorites parts of the QSO party experience, and this year it was even more fun than usual.

Our route took us through the west side of Oklahoma City. When things slowed down, I tuned around looking for other OK stations and found WD0GTY in Oklahoma county. We got steadily closer and passed about a mile from his QTH, so we were able to work a number of different bands on ground wave. While sitting at a line south of Oklahoma City, another ham drove by and noticed us parked. Lorna chatted with him for a bit while I worked down a big CW pileup.

The day continued along smoothly and the 60 minute line stops gave Lorna time to relax and even do a bit of bird-watching. We were running slightly behind as we closed in on our last county for the day, but arrived with ten minutes to spare and lots of eager ops. As the sun went down, we also picked up huge bug splats (some type of beetle). As the clock ran out, we were 15 minutes from our overnight stop .. a historic bed & breakfast called the Old Johnson House in Hugo. When I made the reservation, the proprietor, Mitra, told me she used to be a ham, and her dad, Chris/W7LMB had just moved in. We really enjoyed our visit with both of them out on the patio in almost tropical conditions as they asked about QSO party mobile operations.

Sunday

After one of the best breakfasts I've ever had, we headed north for Day 2. The rolling hills were fun driving for Lorna as we approached Coal county. A loud signal came on from W5KAW/Jerry in Coal county, and we had a nice chat as we got closer. Jerry really enjoys ragchewing and wasn't aware of the OKQP, but he was happy to give me a contact. Since everyone needed Coal from me, I told him I needed to work a few folks and really surprised him by running off a number of contacts while he listened in and made comments. Afterwards, I suggested that everyone give him a call as well, and I left him with a nice pileup which he seemed to enjoy!

Shortly after that, we reached highway 48 which turned us north. As we approached the intersection, a white car with an HF antenna on the back stopped at the intersection, then continued rapidly south without seeing us. There was one driver and the car had a ham license plate but I couldn't read the call. I had worked Norm/W3DYA/m in Coal about ten minutes before, so I wonder if that's who we saw ??

Mary/AB7NK emailed me several days before about needing Pontotoc for her last county in Oklahoma. We worked her on Saturday, but hadn't heard her yet on Sunday as we crossed into "her" county. With only 21 minutes scheduled in county, the time went fast. With a few minutes to go, N3RJ spotted us and Mary appeared. She was our last contact from PON, and gave us a Q in the next county as well.

Much of our trip this time was on either interstate or turnpike, so the miles flew by. As we closed in on our last three-county stop, I was tuning around and found Connie/K5CM/m there ahead of me! Luckily, there was another three-county line a few miles north, so we stopped there and called Connie. With each of us in 3 counties, we could log 9 contacts and did .. great fun! All three counties had already been visited by us and others, but we had a nice 45 minute run anyway.

Afterwards, we drove several miles and found Connie and Pam waiting for us. I've talked to Connie many time but never met Connie or Pam, so it was fun to get acquainted in person. We took a few pictures, then went out to eat .. a great way to end the OKQP!

Stats

We operated 17.3 hours, 1902 combined Qs, 373 unique calls, 9 dupes. Lorna ended up with 83 contacts in her log.

States not worked : AK SD WY

Canadian mults not worked : LB NB NF NT PE YT

OK worked : 9 counties : ATO CLE COA MUS OKF OKL OKM POT WAG

DX worked : VP2E YV EA F

Six-hour Rates (W0BH only)

1300-1900 119/hour
1900-0200 104/hour
1300-1900 82/hour

County breakdown (in visited order)

Saturday (435 miles)

01 GNT .62 Grant
02 KAY .65 Kay
03 GAR .57 Garfield
04 NOB .62 Noble
05 PAY .54 Payne
06 LOG .88 Logan
07 OKL 119 Oklahoma
08 CAN .54 Canadian
09 KIN .54 Kingfisher
10 CLE .37 Cleveland
11 MCL 106 McClain
12 GRA .56 Grady
13 GRV .51 Garvin
14 MUR .51 Murray
15 CAR 112 Carter
16 STE .39 Stephens
17 JEF .60 Jefferson
18 LOV .52 Love
19 JOH .41 Johnston
20 MAR .53 Marshall
21 BRY .62 Bryan
22 CHO .26 Choctaw

Sunday (259 miles)

22 CHO .13 Choctaw
23 PUS .20 Pushmataha
24 ATO .63 Atoka
25 COA .45 Coal
26 PON .24 Pontotoc
27 HUG .37 Hughes
28 PIT .36 Pittsburg
29 MCI .34 McIntosh
30 OKM .19 Okmulgee
31 OKF .22 Okfuskee
32 SEM .18 Seminole
33 POT .49 Pottawatomie
34 LIN .78 Lincoln

Special thanks to the following ops for 5 or (way) more contacts!

108 : N6MU
96 : K3TW
93 : N4PN
71 : WF2S
51 : K4ZGB
50 : W4YWX
45 : W4NT
39 : WA6KHK
37 : W4UT
36 : W6USN
35 : N4JF

33 : KS4X
32 : K4MIA
22 : YV5OIE
24 : W4UCZ
25 : N5XG
20 : W4IHI
18 : KI0I
17 : KO1U W0PAN
15 : K4AMC W2RR WB2ABD
14 : AC5O W8CAG W8WVU
13 : K0HNC N0CKC
12 : AD4RE K0PC K5CM/M N9WKW
10 : K9NW W0ZQ
09 : K7ZYV K9EN KD8HA N2CQ
08 : K1TKL KM6HB N1NN N3RJ N8NA VE1WT
07 : K5KDG K8QWY N4CD WW9DX
06 : K4AMA N3KR NN6CH W4CUE W4SIG WD0GTY
05 : K2MF N4IJ N9WL VA3GKO VE5KS W4MYA W4SAA W7KQZ W9SDX WA5TRX

OK Mobiles worked: K5CM/m (12), W3DYA/m (1)

Consistently loudest signal: N4PN WF2S (K3TW/qrp)

W0BH Award Winners

----- First Place ----- Very Honorable Mention--
Most overall Qs - N6MU/108 ----- K3TW/96 ----- N4PN/93
Most CW Qs ----- N4PN/66 ----- N6MU/60 ----- K3TW/56
Most PH Qs ----- N6MU/48 ----- K3TW/40 ----- WF2S/31
Most counties --- N6MU/34 K3TW/34 -- N4PN/33

Lorna and I drove a total of 1066 miles from Kansas round trip and the hilly green of southeastern Oklahoma was quite a change from the flat and dusty Panhandle. Thanks to Connie (K5CM) and Pam (N5KW) for coordinating the event, Gene (W5LE) for the web site, the OKDXA for sponsoring the OQP, and of course the mobiles and Oklahoma base stations for putting all 77 counties out there for N6MU to collect .. congrats on the Sweep, John!

The Kansas QSO Party is scheduled for the last weekend in August. It will be hard to top our Sesquicentennial QSO Party in 2011, but we're going to give it a try. Come join us!

73, Bob/w0bh and Lorna/k0why