Summary Ontario QSO Party 2022

Thanks to every one who got on, made some QSO's and submitted a log. Your participation is greatly appreciated, and helps make the event bigger and better each year. It also helps us ensure that the final results are as accurate as possible.

ROVER Scoring

Prior to the contest, there were some questions regarding bonus points for Rovers, and I gave out bad information. I wanted to clarify how bonus points are awarded, and we will add a note to the rules for 2023 explaining how the Rover bonus is handled..

A rover who activates three or more counties, AND makes at least three QSO's from each of the three counties will receive bonus points. So – we will calculate a Rover score – QSO points multiplied by multipliers – counties, Canadian Provinces, US states and DX counties – per the multiplier list. This will generate a raw score. We will THEN add the bonus points to the Rovers score, generating a final score.

For example, a rover activates three counties, making 3 phone QSO's per county. Total of 9 QSO's, and 9 multipliers. This yields a raw score of 81 points. This rover also gets a bonus of 300 points per county – total 900 points. This yields a final score of 981 points. If this same rover activated five counties, and only made one or two QSO's from the additional counties, they would receive credit for the additional QSO's. However, they would NOT receive the Rover bonus for the counties where the 3 QSO minimum was not met.

I also went back over several years of previous OQP results, and confirmed this is how the bonus points were calculated for Rover stations.

Distributed Multi-ops

OQP does allow distributed Multi-ops to participate. In OQP 2022, an interesting situation arose. Basically, a distributed Multi-op consists of several stations using the same call sign, but a shared log. There are a number of ways this can be done. For example, N1MM supports a distributed Multi-op natively. This allows each station to see the "master" log, and can be used to ensure no on-the-air conflicts, such as have two stations on 20 CW for example. The other way to create a distributed Multi-op is to assign time/band slots to participating stations, and combine the log afterwards. The idea being – it appears to be "one" station on the air. One signal per band/mode. Yes – there can be one station on phone and one on CW – not two stations on the same band operating phone or two stations operating CW at the same time.

Something interesting (and unexpected) happened in OQP 2022. VC3C had several stations using the same call sign, but stations were located in two different counties. Some stations were located in Waterloo and some were located in Brantford. This is only possible with a virtual multi-op, as this cannot be done with a "real" or physical multi op station.

In most situations, all the stations would be in the same area – ie province. If there was a distributed multi-op, and all stations are in Ontario, AND the exchange involves sending the province (Ontario), this works fine. However, in a QSO party, all stations need to in the same area (county), since this is part of the exchange. Going forward, we will expect a distributed multi-op to have all participating stations be located in the same county. We will add a note to the rules. It won't disqualify the log, but such a station cannot set any records.

CONTEST RECORDS

Another record breaking year indeed! As we went through the records, 20 county, state and DX records were updated, which is just wonderful! Congratulations to all the stations who got on, and helped make OQP 2022 a great event.

Single-Operator-CW-Only-Low-Power	VE3MGY	469,200
Elgin	VE3MGY	469,200
Essex	VA3FN	88,956
Lambton	VA3ZV	126,880
Leeds & Grenville United Counties	VA3RAC (VE3VN)	449,250
Ottawa	VE3TM	157,612
Peterborough	VE3NNT	603,576
Parry Sound	VA3PC	34,037
Waterloo	VA3CCO (VE3YT)	370,920
British Columbia	VE7CV	12,350
Arizona	KY7M	1,332
DC	AC5XK	1,428
Delaware	AA3R	7,998
Iowa	N9HDE	2,544
Louisiana	WW5L	7,245
Mississippi	K7ZYV	600
Montana	KJ9C	3,840
Nebraska	KV0I	11,421
Oklahoma	W5TM	20,196
Poland	SP6JOE	1,184

Thanks for your Participation

Contest Club Ontario wishes to thank everyone for taking part in our OQP Party. Without you, there would not be an Ontario QSO Party! Yes – we know – We keep saying the same thing every year, but without participants, there would NOT an OQP. We DO appreciate each and every entry – large and small, and every QSO. Your QSO(s) helped the stations here generate new records this year!

We also wish to thank the many folks at Contest Club Ontario who work behind the scenes who help promote the Ontario QSO Party, who compile and score the logs, and deliver the final results. It is very much something we all enjoy, and helps us become better contesters. We also enjoy being part of the greater contesting community. We hope to see to seeing you again in 2023 when the snow leaves and summer is once again around the corner!