

**Soapbox:**

**K8GT:**

**TNX to my ON friends that put up with my dual exchange (MiQP+ONQP) without breaking stride. 73 es CU in Canada Contest.**

**K7SV:**

**Got on to support all the VE3s that are so active in all contests as well as a couple of good buddies in VE3! Not sure how accurate the score is because N1MM didn't seem to count some. No sweat, let the log checker sort it out! Seems to me activity was up this year. Tks for the Fun folks!**

**VE3WRL:**

**THANKS FOR THE Q'S. 73 - WRL**

**VA3DKL:**

**Spent most of the time in the backyard in this beautiful weather! QRP was fun but challenging with some of these conditions.**

**W4KW:**

**Tnx for the Contacts,  
73's,  
Bert**

**VE3GFN:**

**Well, this was not a sterling weekend for the QP ... conditions seemed to be rather poor, and there were far too many conflicting contests over the weekend.**

**In general, I found S/P to be pretty much a waste of time, except for cherry-picking the Canuck stations I would see on the bandmap. 80% of my activity was running, which proved to be pretty productive ... if it had not been, I would have abandoned the contest some time on Friday.**

**Everything seemed to work okay, except my contesting keyboard decided to disconnect itself from the extension cable at the start of the contest, and I lost 5 minutes figuring that one out! The tribander worked for the entire weekend, and only burped at me at the very end.**

**I used the 7610 recorded message facility a lot during my SSB ops, calling those messages from N1MM ... works a treat, except that I do so little SSB contesting, I have to figure out how to do it, each time.**

This year's score is way down from the last time I entered, about 3 years ago ... what happened to this new sunspot cycle? 73 Mike VE3GFN

**N8FYL:**

Worked ON QP stations when I heard them while focusing on the MI QP. Thanks for all the ON stations which were also working our MI QP.

**VA6RCN:**

Excellent weather in Alberta lead to family time on Saturday. I tried to get on as much as I could to hand out the VA6 mult...in case no one else from Alberta participated. Hope it helped. Kevin, VA6RCN (Royal Canadian Navy).

**K3KU: (VE4VTR)** loves working Canadians! Three hours Saturday night [plus some here-and-there Sunday. Surprised not to find more phone QSOs. On the side, heard Manitoba friend VE4JP in the MM Contest and worked him. He used to be VE3RUA in Kenora. That would have been nice. Oh, well :>)

**N7ZZ:**

100W/Vertical Interleaved with Theatre/Dining Out/MIQP/MM/NEQP.... fun is where you find it.

**VE3DN:**

The conditions were not great for me but improved the number of QSOs from last year, although I spent more time this year. My setup was: Elecraft K2 @5W(CW) and @10W(SSB); Antenna is Hy-Gain DX-88 ground mounted. See you all next year. 72 VE3DN

**NE8P:**

Same (poor) conditions in play as with the Michigan QSO Party, but managed to score a bit better this year due to a few more multipliers.

Thanks to all who participated. See you in the FQP!

Mike, NE8P

**K4TZ:** SO CW LP 18                      2023-04-16 19:50:37  
40M Dipole in attic...100w

**N4IJ:**

Lots of QRN on low bands...

**WV4P:**

Not a lot of participation but good ops.

**VE3CCO(VE3TM):**

**My Plan was to enjoy activation of the bonus station, but...**

**A recent strong wind storm left the driving element of my A3S bent at some 45 deg. Hence no adequate performance anymore until the antenna is brought down for repair.**

**The same wind storm broke enormous quantity of branches of trees across Ottawa, my backyard included. 2 large broken branches are still hung up on a tree to fall one day... A few others fell down and broke my 10 m monobander. I have repaired it and released some space on the backyard for other branches to fall later and cause less damage or eventually no damage at all. I thought, it's over. No way.**

**On Saturday morning, just a few hours before the OnQP, a large broken branch fell down from a tree in the backyard of my neighbours (!!!) and hit the fence to my backyard. One of guide wires of 5BTV vertical along with a half of its raised radials were broken. As it is my main Low Bands antenna, I spent the whole Saturday morning repairing it. I returned it back to life but only so-so so far. The best SWR on 40 m is 1.5 for some 50KHz in the CW subband and close to infinity in the SSB one. Hence just a handful of SSB QSOs on 40 m. Other than that, I really enjoyed the OnQP and the opportunity to use the bonus call-sign. I really had fun with that, even regardless the fact that due to antennas' problems I made less QSOs than last year when I was operating CW, only. Besides, quite some people were confused by having VA3CCO and VE3CCO operated simultaneously, but it is just yet another challenge.**

**Thank you for all the QSOs!**

**VE3DQN:**

**It's always tough for a QRP station to run, but with the CQMM contest going on at the same time, it was almost impossible. Operated the same number of hours as last year, but with half the QSOs.**

**W2LC:**

**Nice to work everyone. Only 1 QSO on 20m and above, too close to Ontario!  
73 Scott W2LC**

**N9EEE:**

**Heard Ontario consistently on 40m. I overspent time looking for Nebraska, North Dakota, and QC with no results. Thanks Ontario...see you next year. --73--**

**WA9LEY:**

**Vertical wire in a tree on 80 and attic dipoles on the other bands.**

**VE3SMA:**

**Activity seemed low, but it may have been just propagation and extra-high urban noise levels.**

**73,**

**Steve VE3SMA**

WN4AFP: SO Mixed LP 6,475 2023-04-16 22:24:33

I always in the ONQP! I worked many stations on multiple bands, both on CW and phone. The VA3CCO and VE3COO contacts were a bit confusing at first then I found out that there really were two CCO stations on the air. 73s Dave WN4AFP

AF5J:

Thanks for the QSOs - 73, HAL

VA3CCO(VE3VN):

As Vlad (VE3TM/VE3CCO) noted, quite a few were confused by the similarity of our calls. From the comments I received there are quite a few busted calls out there. I wonder if they noticed the different counties.

For a variety of reasons I put in only a fraction of the time I should have, and that was SO1R. The station was working perfectly, it was just me. I think I made only about 35%-40% of the contacts I did last year when I was also a bonus station.

The number of concurrent contests was a trial, as it always is for OQP. I was amazed by how many ND stations I worked until I realized that they, too, have a QSO party this weekend. Some of the CQMM callers were converted into QSOs but many were not. I must have sounded lonely on SSB because many of the callers were not in the contest and wanted to help out. Luckily the exchange is simple and easily explained.

VE3NNT:

I had less time to spend in the ONQP this year.

Conditions were not great. 80m was very noisy Saturday night (S9+). I still have S7 noise floor on 15m, so not much action there.

Activity was low this year, likely due to so many other contests on at the same time. Most were operating CQMM.

For those who did participate, thanks for the Qs.

VA4JP:

Conditions were not great Saturday, when only I operated, so my XYL and I figured we'd both hit it hard on Sunday. Hoo, boy, that was not the right call. Sunday conditions were nothing short of putrid. I saw a few ONQP stations spotted but heard none of them and worked only VA3RAC very early Sunday morning in a very difficult QSO. Otherwise Sunday was a washout. I really want to shout out to the folks who operated the various

incarnation of RAC/CCO/ODX. Those 10 point Qs (7 of 'em) made the QSO party far more interesting and tolerable. The VE3 ops in most of my Qs were pleased to get the MB mult. This was nowhere near what I wanted to do so I apologize and want to make an effort, if circumstances allow, to activate RAI and/or KEN next year.

K4FT:

Thanks for the Q\'s!  
73 John K4FT

AC2YD:

Enjoyed lots of activity from ON! Thanks for good ears/antennas copying my 5-watt QRP CW sig from New Jersey!

KEØTT:

100 watts to wire antennas. Poor band condx this time. Called several stations, but couldn't be heard.

WQ6X(@W7AYT):

This is another WQ6X foray into the ONQP from the SF East Bay. Unfortunately, there was only TWO MI stations were copyable from W6. Where were the rest of the ON stations? Bummer Dewd! Look for a write-up on this GiG at: <http://WQ6X.Blogspot.com>

NS2N:

hello, neighbors. I could see that RF from across lake Erie.

VY2LI SO CW LP 192 2023-04-17 13:01:46

Spent some time listening between CQMM sessions...not a lot of return running...seemed to attract more Stateside stations. Thanks for the Qs. 73, Bill

KJ9C:

Propagation poor this weekend. Happy to work a few CWOps members

KI4MZC:

Very limited time and propagation not the best.

K4SBZ:

Horrible band conditions.

VA3QV:

Casual operating from Kingston ON to activate FRO

**K4BAI:**

Score includes 50 points for QSOs with the bonus stations VE3ODX, VA3CCO, and VE3CCO. Activity seemed down and some VE3 stations seemed interested only in the CQ MM contest. Others were "hip" and we exchanged info for both contests. I called and worked every ON station I heard, but during the time I had available this weekend, the activity seemed down from past years. Thanks for all QSOs. Look for me and Jeff, KU8E, as W4AN/M in the FL QSO Party at the end of this month. 73, John, K4BAI.

**VE3YT:**

Lots of fun setting up at the intersection of three counties with two of my friends, VA3TMV and VA3IJK, all running our own stations. We had some interference but it was manageable. Had fun, but activity seemed down from last year and condx weren't the best. Thanks to the organizers for all their efforts whipping up enthusiasm and handing the results.

**OM2VL(@OM8A): S**

During the weekend was 5 QP, but my prior interest was Ontario QSO Party.

Thanks for the QSOs, especially who back to my CQ on SSB.

15m was wide open here, so pity that not try this band more VE3 station.

10m was also open both days so long time, but here was unfortunately very few stations, especially on SSB.

**Bonus stations was so active!**

VA3RAC 9 QSO

VA3CCO 6

VE3CCO 6

VE3ODX 5

**On 40m no any bonus QSO on SSB - please next time also some activity behind 7.200!**

**Most QSOs:**

VE3YT 12/3

VA3TMV 9/3

(10): VE3EJ

(9): VA3RAC

(6): VA3CCO, VE3CCO, VE3KTB, VE3KZ, VE3ODX

(5): VE3GFN, VE3NNT

(4): 8x

73, Laci

**W3US:**

Didn't see much action. Perhaps I was not on at the right time.

**KA6BIM:**

Conditions were not great this weekend but did find a few Ontario stations. Thanks for the QSO's Dave ka6bim

**VE3LVW:**

Had planned to make a decent effort but as the Grinch said "oh the noise, noise, noise" minimum S15 to 20+ noise all the time made it frustrating. Hopefully the hydro work being done in the area is completed soon!

**VE3CRU:**

All but 4 qso's were on 40, with 4 on 20. I was so busy getting other counties on the air that I never got set up properly. I knew that I would be the only ham giving out DUR so had to hang in till the last hour of the contest.

Conditions were very much a challenge, with many weak signals covered by lots of atmospheric noise. When the going gets tough, the tough keep going. Keeping the Bencher paddles going was fun, but as some noted, my fist at times was rough.

Thanks to all who got me in their log, much appreciated. Also thanks to all who engaged and gave out so many counties, provinces, districts and states. And a big thanks to the CCO team who put on the OQP and their appointed Bonus operators, some running high speed cw.

Looking forward to next year.

73,

Bill Burgess VE3CRU

**VA7KO:**

CONDX challenging on Sunday morning.

Thanks to the OPs who heard us.

73

Rebecca VA7BEC

Koji VA7KO

**VE3LRL:**

Didn't seem like many were on SSB in the contest and bands were kinda crappy! Had fun none the less 73 Larry

**VE3KTB:**

Had just returned home from the Arctic. Hadn't intended to do anymore than dip my toes in for an hour, but I lasted a bit longer :-)

**N9NM:**

Conditions were not good for my area this weekend, so I didn't hear a lot of Ontario ops on the air. Many thanks to the ops that I worked. It was a nice contest.

**VA2VT:**

Well, the 2023 OQP as a rover was somewhat a success, when I was at my first stop, the boundary of PRU and SDG,

it was difficult to spot myself and I got a lot of QRM, perhaps because I was under power lines, anyhow since I was not doing

great, I decided to go at the Voyageur Provincial Park in PRU to activate under POTA so it went better when there but after making

75 qso, it was too late to go on my next county.

See you hopefully next year

Nick VA2VT

**K9NW(@K9UWA):**

Tnx QSOs!

73, Mike K9NW

**N8II:**

Low activity and high atmospheric noise on 40/80/160 plagued the ONQP. Backscatter signals on 20 meters were very weak like the bottom of the cycle. I quit early at 0035Z Saturday, activity was very low on 40 and 80 and the noise level was a steady S9+ din. I had called quite a few CQ's with not many answers on 40 and almost none on 75M during the entire day. Sunday AM I found almost no one around 14Z, so I quit and had much more fun operating the MM DX contest working many EU on 15 (some on 10) and having the likes of UN4 and YB stations call me.

All 5 QP's were very disappointing with low turnout. Thanks for the calls and QSO's.

73, Jeff

**N6GP:**

Activity getting very thin for this one. They should consider moving to another weekend, because the CQMM contest is growing in popularity. Seems like 10 times more Ontario stations get on for the Calif QSO Party. Maybe hold it that weekend?

**WØBH:**

Thanks for the Qs made while mobile in the Nebraska QSO party!

73, Bob, w0bh

AC2YD:

Enjoyed lots of activity from ON! Thanks for good ears/antennas copying my 5-watt QRP CW sig from New Jersey!

K2EKM:

As always, enjoyed this qp. Tn again this year to VA3RAC for pulling my puny 5w out of the noise level for my ony 40m ssb qrp contact.

K2MN:

Used an indoor fan dipole and 80 Watts.

KA0PQW:

fun contest

KE0TT:

Tried hard, sigs were very poor this time..... C U next time, 73, Dan ke0tt

N7MZW:

IC-7300 Heil ProMicro Headset and ZS6BKW up 50 feet, running N-S at 6,053 feet elevation in Laramie County, Wyoming.

N9EEE:

Please separate QRP CW. Nothing in common with digital or phone.

SP6JOE:

TIME OF PARTY VERY BAD! TOO MANY CONTESTS AT THE SAME TIME

VE3DC:

Great contest. I had fun for the time I was on. Worked some DX on the first leg, but 40m seemed to be the band to be on, both days. Thanks to all that worked us, especially the many in the pileup when I was calling CQ, mostly our friends, South of the border. 73 Rick VE3BK

W9TCV:

Rough band conditions with a lot of local noise, but happy to work friends in Ontario! 73, W9TCV

W0YJT:

thunderstorm noise poor bands but still did better than last year 73 John

**WIEND:**

Fewer qso's than last year but just as much enjoyment.