

Summary Ontario QSO Party 2024

OQP had more logs than last year, with several new records being set. Thanks to everyone 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.

We have four bonus stations – VA3RAC, VE3ODX, VA3CCO and VE3CCO, which are worth extra points for each QSO with these stations. Each year, we recruit a few volunteers to give up using their own call, and have them use one of the bonus station calls instead. Rather than rely on a few folks to do this every year, we try to move things around – to different stations and different counties. We would like to express our appreciation to the folks who step up to be a bonus station. It is a bit of a mixed bag. There is one less bonus station for them to work, but being a bonus station does attract extra attention for them. ThBy moving the bonus stations around, it also means that everyone needs to pay attention to what county the bonus station is in, as it changes each year.

Thank you for your feedback and comments. We do read all the comments – both from the logs and 3830. Several folks mentioned that N1MM had an issue with correctly scoring one or more bonus stations this year. It was also corrected at some point, so rescoring your log with the updated version would have corrected your (claimed) score. In any event, this is/was not a cause for concern.. We use our own software to score the logs, and each log is scored using the same program. Some logs are submitted without a claimed score – these are also scored. We do look at claimed score vs the score that our software generates. If there is a difference, we take a second look to ensure the log was scored correctly.

The one thing everyone needs to keep in mind is – the contest logging programs we use are the end product of hundreds, even thousands of hours of work by many folks. Sometimes, errors creep in, and when they are noticed and reported, they are usually quickly fixed. So – thanks to several folks who brought this issue to our attention.

Contest Club Ontario holds our Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the end of August. This gives us time to collect the logs from the OQP, do all the background stuff – scoring the logs, generating certificates, and getting plaques made up to be handed out at the end of August. Yes – we understand some folks are not able to attend the AGM, and that is fine. Plaques are sent out after the meeting.

Which is a long way of saying – THANK YOU for participating and sending along your comments. We read them all. The feedback is appreciated, and we acknowledge that folks want the OQP to be even better next year!

CONTEST RECORDS

As we went through the records, 9 county and state records were updated, along with 3 new DX records! Congratulations to all the stations who got on, and helped make OQP 2024 a great event indeed,

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| Single-Operator-CW-Only-High-Power | VE3EJ | 1,475,802 |
| Essex | VA3FN | 98,690 |
| Parry Sound District | VB3R (W1UE) | 702,244 |
| Saskatchewan | VE5MX | 19,942 |
| Colorado | N0TA | 4,464 |
| Delaware | AA3R | 20,288 |
| Mississippi | WB5SKM | 1,530 |
| Oklahoma | W5TM | 23,660 |
| Virginia | NX3A | 24,336 |
| Slovak Republic | OM2VL | 60,669 |
| Costa Rica | TI5/VA3RA | 910 |
| Morocco | CN8YE | 4 |

Thank You for your Participation

Contest Club Ontario wishes to thank everyone for taking part in our OQP Party. We do endeavor to get as many Ontario stations on as possible. Just like propagation, some years are better than others. Since the OQP sometimes falls on Easter weekend (not this year), it can also affect the number of stations that get on. We do appreciate the participation and the feedback, as it helps us try and make next year even better.

We also wish to thank the plaque sponsors for their generous contribution to helping make the OQP better. If you receive a plaque, please keep in mind that someone sponsored it for you, and you may wish to pass along a word of thanks.

Contest Club Ontario also 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 its true, and we are happy to keep making a point of it. We DO appreciate each and every entry – large and small, along with the stations that get on and work us – even if they don't submit a log,

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 we enjoy doing our bit to help making contesting a fun event we can all enjoy. We hope to see to seeing you again in 2025 when the snow leaves and summer is once again around the corner!