

## NC QSO Party 2026 Soapbox

W4TMO, Jim, drove, and I operated from the back seat. What I got the impression of from the back seat is that SC has far better roads than NC!!! It was really rough riding in some counties; The mouse would bounce around, and the laptop keyboard would jump up to meet my raised hands, and unintentional keyboarding would take place, hampering my logging efforts! Moreover, NC power lines seemed to exhibit more noise than SC. It is what it is! The contest itself, we traversed 25 counties, making 1331 CW contacts.. The ""Top Ten"" (sort of) stations worked: K1RO(47 Q's), OM2VL(33),NE8P(29)W1WBB(28),K9CW(26),K3WJV+W8PI(22),WO4O(19),N1CGP+DL3DXX(18), and WB9HFK+W3US+K0PC(16)!!! There were many more with several+ QSO's, but I picked the ten in order of frequency. Thank you all for outstanding work! For some really interesting explanations of what could possibly go wrong, please read my 3830 submission for the SCQP. The moral of that story is that plans ""gang aft aglay""!!! I hope y'all enjoyed chasing me as I did working you. 73 Bert&Jim N4CW

We had a blast. Bands in great conditions. Thanks to all who were on the air! 73 from Pamlico county. N4BCJ

Operated as a portable station from three different pota entities in New Hanover county. Originally intended to operate mixed mode but the phone rates were mostly too good even to try switching bands. 20m delivered this time out. The first stop was at Fort Fisher State Rec area. Rates were good enough that I was hesitant to switch sites, but moved from the first to the second after two hours, then a solid two hours at the second site. Took a break at 2pm local to move back to the final site, and had a very late breakfast. The last four hours were somewhat less productive, but that follows from being in the same county for the duration. The interesting part of the weekend camp out was the persistence of the ""trash pandas of unusual size"" raiding the campsite each night at midnight. The food was well secured, to their dismay, but one of the nocturnal visitors managed to open one of the less secure buckets and made off with a cigar. Guess he was disappointed it was NOT chocolate, because he left it behind only slightly chewed. Maybe he just couldn't find the lighter. :o Much appreciate the pota hunters making the day interesting, so there will be more than the normal amount of dupes for NC QSOP purposes. W4KAZ

This was my first rove in the Portable category, with a goal of activating two of the top ten rarest counties using the N4C call sign. I straddled the Graham-Swain county line for the first few hours, then set up in Macon County for a while, and returned to my Graham-Swain location to finish. I really liked the bonus station format this year because I think it was equally challenging for both county activators and hunters. And it gives any operator the chance to be a bonus station if they so choose. Also, adding the bonus county points BEFORE factoring multipliers was a big incentive to search out those rare county stations. I primarily operated on CW and there were a lot of outstanding operators on the air that day. Thanks to the NCQP committee for another memorable event. Looking forward to participating again in 2027. N4C

Too rusty with my CW, but enjoyed building my code speed back up. Enjoyed the party very much; hope to do it again next year. K4JDD

Orange County W4SAR

My first NC QSO party at Lake Norman State Park. N0LAF

Emergency power, solar + battery AI4EW

14TH NORTH CAROLINA QSO PARTY N1NN

Result includes 890 bonus points for working 13 QSOs with 7 rare counties  
GRM(2x) VAN(1x) MAC(2x) CUR(1x) PAM(3x) ALL(2x) CAS(2x) DL3DXX

"Portable QTH – FM29ix Bonus Callsigns: ALL, MAX, PAM: 30 Points each Total Bonus Points: 3 x 30 = 90 QSO Points: 37 QSOs \* 3 Pts / CW QSO = 111 Points Multiplier: 18 Unique Counties  
111 \* 18 = 1998 Total Points 1998 + 90 Bonus = 2088 Total Points. Thank you for the 202 North Carolina QSO Party. KF3G

"This was another ad-HOC QSO Party running remote from WA6TQT's Superstation. In between biofeedback client sessions, I found time to run STN-1 remote, 1st from Concord and then later from my Alameda office. Having stacked-yagis on 40 - 10 meters offered up the opportunity to work every NCQP station heard. Near the end I called CQ NCQP WQ6X/6 WQ6X/CA. Out of 5 callers, only ONE station was actually in NC - the other callers had no clue why they called WQ6X. Look for a write-up on this GiG at: <http://WQ6X.Blogspot.com>. WQ6X.BLOGSPOT.COM

Eagle at 50 watts to wires. Lots of activity, thanks for the Fun! Great to hear familiar callsigns. 73, Dan KE0TT

CERTIFICATE:YES N8DNA

The activity was very high from my perspective in Harnett county. At 5pm I decided to go to SSB on 20 after a good long run on CW just to “Mop-Up” that band before going to 80/75. Two hours and nearly 300 phone QSO's later I finely got around to moving to the lower band! Whew, what a ride! Thanks to everyone who called, ya'll just kept coming. Kudos to the great stations outside of North Carolina. Although the pile-up was big at times, everyone was polite and listened for their “partial” and only transmitted in their turn. NC4QP (W4MY)

I stopped with this contest upon receiving anti Canadian comments from a NC station. Sorry to those other NC stations that missed out on the Alberta mult. VA6RCN

fun contest KA0PQW

Good activity from NC - thanks for a fun QSO Party! ND0C

""Many thanks for another very enjoyable North Carolina QSO Party."" K3TW

Only worked the contest 2 hrs on 2 bands but had a blast. W0MGR

Thanks for QSO party. WA1SAY

Had a great time operating outdoors this weekend with the warm temps and sunshine here in TN. I appreciate everyone involved with the NC QSO Party and the stations participating! AD4GG

"Radio: IC-7100 @ 100W SSB Antenna: MFJ 2389 8 band compact vertical @ 30 ft. Grid Square: EN71ch KC9AYT

Thanks to the Organizers for a great QSO Party! W4NC

WORKED 5 OF THE RAREST FOR CERTIFICATE. K4EG

Well, I had planned on doing this for several months if not longer.. Alot of u knew my buddy Tripp N4NTO which we lost in a tragic accident back July 4th of 25.. I had imagined doing this with Tripp but never got the opportunity. Anyhow, I got all the pieces together, last piece was the antenna, a Tarheel that Jim K4QPL graciously let me borrow.. Man did that thing do the trick.. Short condensed version here. Had a second op that was going to run it with me,AC4NK,but work got him hemmed up and he had to back out so I got a great friend of 30 years to drive me and about 830 am Sunday morning we let out of here, Winston headed for Davie County. We started in Davie, headed to the hills, Allegheny and Ashe and then headed east.. Hit every county along the route.. Had great pileups when we would get into each county so y'all were the ones that made it fun!!! It was a ball. I had planned on 17 counties, but I knew that might be tuff, but I think we did a pretty good job dividing our time up in each county. We started in Davie and when the closing bell rung we were in Alamance headed back home to Forsyth. If my count is correct,14 counties . Had quite a few folks that I believe worked me in every county. That made the pileups a tick easier toward the end when I could recognize a bit of a call that I had previously worked!!! Was glad to get Lacy Om2VL in the log quite a few times as well as everyone else.. Really had a good time.. Learned some stuff also.. Running mobile cw up in the hills sitting in the back of a F150 isn't for the faint of heart :) I was holding onto the rig,the pc, batteries, and myself going around those curves.. Typing while doing that, also isn't the easiest thing :) I wanted to get five of those "rare" counties on, mission accomplished, but I think, if I do it again next year..... will plan for some less curvy roads!!!! Once again thanks for the q's and yes, I'm looking forward to doing it again next year already!!! 73 Dave N4CWZ ex N4T

Enjoyed working the NC qso party this past Sunday. I did not work or hear another "ham" in my home county of Burke on the HF or VHF bands. I found that disappointing. I did find the full name of the county easier to understand than the abbreviation. Since I am old ham (first licensed in 1965), I have submitted a number of logs. Mostly for VHF/UHF and the ten meter contests. The WA4 WZQ " vhf contest group" was quite active on mountain tops in the 1970s and early 1980s. I do not understand the Cabrillo format. I did look over the tutorial on the NC qso party website but it was not something that I wanted to try. I thought that the NC qso party was much more active than the SC QSO party!73s  
David WA4WZQ