

*North Carolina QSO Party 2015*  
**Chairman's Message**

I've reviewed the results spreadsheet and just read Marc's writeup. I can honestly say I'm humbled by the entire thing. I was one of the NC4QP ops handing out bonus points along with other members of the committee. Early that Sunday afternoon I was done with my shift and tuned around the phone section of 40M. As I turned the dial slowly up the band I heard a solid string of NCQP QSOs in progress, almost all the way to the top of the band. I was struck with the thought, "Wow, this is really something!"

And something it is! It continues to grow. The feedback I'm getting is that fun was involved in every report. That's what it's all about. It's fun making Q's. And there were plenty out there to be made. I'm VERY happy to see digital taking off! On the other hand, weather wasn't so great for mobiles, not as many this year. I'm going to make a concerted effort for 2016 to woo some more mobiles for our event.

Boy, wasn't the club competition a nail biter? Great stuff! I personally love to see strong and friendly club competition. Were starting to see repeats of the winners, and that's great, but I'm calling out the other clubs to ratchet it up and knock these guys off the hill!

I know I shouldn't single any committee member out, as each member has been and is a major contributor to the great successes we're seeing. We called out Andy last year for the development of LogBot (our 7<sup>th</sup> honorary member.) I'm sending a special shout out this year to Marc, W4MPS. He just flat out puts out the work. As our new log manager, he has taken the excellent log structure put in place by Paul, AA4XX, and brought it to a new level. Marc, please accept my heartfelt thanks.

Speaking of Paul, I'm sad to report that he has submitted, and I have accepted, his resignation from the NCQP committee. He has many irons in the fire right now preventing him from continuing, but I expect to see him a staunch supporter of NCQP going forward. And warning goes out to the QRPer's, Paul's score is going to count next year! Hi!

As I've already mentioned, Marc has taken on Log Manager responsibilities and passed over the Awards duties to Dwayne, N4MIO. When I asked Dwayne a while back if he would take on the awards job his answer was simply, "sure, whatever you need me to do for NCQP" That says it all about Dwayne's passion and dedication to NCQP.

New to the NCQP committee for 2016 is Charles Swindell, WB4DCM. Charles is a long time active supporter of RARS and is a welcome addition as At-Large member representing East NC. You will be hearing more from him in the future. Welcome aboard Charles!

Now, on to the results. Enjoy the read, I did. Spend some time looking over the results spreadsheet and look for familiar calls to see how they did. Maybe send them a note to congratulate them.

Marty, W4MY  
Chairman