

North Carolina QSO Party 2016

Chairman's Message

Another one is in the books. It's hard to believe it's been four years under RARS' stewardship, but it has. Much has changed, and I think for the better.

The committee had a number of challenges and opportunities, one being that we have two new members, Tucker and Charles. Both took to their jobs without hesitation and my hat is off to each of the committee members for a job well done this year.

We had a first this year, a DX station took first place in the Single-Op / Out-of-State / Mixed Mode HP category. The addition of High Power made our event a truly international affair! We were all a little uncertain about how adding high power would affect the contest, and here is an example where it was a positive thing. Congratulations to Dietmar, DL3DXX for this accomplishment.

Mobile operation was up this year, but Expeditions were down. I'm not sure why; I guess roving was the thing to do this year with 9 mobiles submitting logs. Connie Marshall, K5CM/M came all the way from Oklahoma. I'm sure the Carolina Weekend had an influence on him and his lovely wife, Pam, to make the drive from the Great Plains to the Carolinas. Having two days to contest certainly makes the trip worthwhile.

Last – but certainly not least – I'd like to thank our bonus stations. They are on every year with little fanfare but do so much to add to the on-air experience of the participants. We are fortunate to have two great historical landmarks, USS North Carolina and the Voice of America, as well as our own super-duper contest station, N1LN helmed by Bruce Meier, taking up the RARS call sign, W4DW. We can't say enough about these guys.

I'll also give a special shout out to Andy Peterson, AA9P, and Logbot. They are responsible for getting all this great information to you in a very timely manner. Look over the results and enjoy!

See you next year!

Marty Young, W4MY