

North Carolina QSO Party 2021

SOAPBOX

AA0CL MO "Using indoor mag-loop antenna.

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AA4NC "Elecraft K3 OCF 40m dipole 80m inverted L with remote tuner

Nice to work the NCQP after a few years away from it. I had just returned from ARRL DX CW at KP4AA. I am usually traveling at this time of year, but found myself back in NC this time. I operated from my beach house at Topsail Island, NC. It's a small station...100 watts and wires. Bands were very noisy overall."

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AA8TA OH "Pretty nice tour of NC today. Lots of activity and got to work a few mobiles and get several extra counties. Don't think I came close to WOLFPACK. Heard several 1x1 early but no new ones last few hours. Tnx fer the Qs and have fun!

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AB1A PA "Operated contest in PA as an outside portable QRP station on battery power in between dodging rain drops in the mid 40's degree temp. Used a Yaesu f-817 using a home built 133 ft endfed antenna slung in tree tops. Made contact with AI4WL also using the same QRP radio running 5W radio at home

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AB3GS MD "It was fun talking to NC!

Very courteous QSOs. Thank you.

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AC4G TN "Quite a bit of activity and fun chasing K8MR, W4TMO, and W4AN around Sunday afternoon waiting for rain to come again. I found not as many SSB ops as CW Ops. Thanks for the fun and QSOs. 73

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AG7CC WA "Didn't hear much in Washington, but I got a few. Hopefully band conditions are better next year!

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AI4WL PAM "Another fine NC QSO party! I'm already looking forward to next year.

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EA5KO DX "TS 130S ., Moxon.

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JO7WXN DX "I enjoyed the contest.

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K1GQ NH "SkookumLogger K3S KPA1500 2el 40 + tribander + wires

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K2JB BUN "Was only able to ooperate last 2 1/2 hrs but still have fun.

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K3GWK GA "Thanks to all of the WOLFPACK and the other special stations for their participation.

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

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K3WA What fun. Bands were very noisy, signals were weak. But there was a lot of activity. Disappointing in that I heard/worked very few NC counties or rovers. Bands were long from top to bottom. Biggest surprise was having OM2VL call in to my runs on all four bands. 10M was a loss except for neighbor Hank K3YDX. Log submitted.

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K3YDX Thought the bands were long and noisy for the most part but there was plenty of activity to keep things interesting. I lost power about 4 times in the middle of QSOs which was frustrating to say the least. I apologize for some of the mangled CW; I was using different paddles to determine which ones to keep. What I have needs some adjustment and cleaning!

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K4ESE COL "had fun - thanks

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K4GHS YAD "Great contest. Lots of pileups

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K4HNT FRA "10 Contacts

States 6 NC Counties 2 = multipliers 8

5 digital x 5 points 25

5 phone x 2 points = 10

35 x 8 = 280

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K4JJW 2 "single operator, Expedition category from rear bumper of SUV, IC-7300, 100% portable battery power, portable wire antenna on 25' push up pole. All Pamlico county contacts using N4PRS call, all Craven County contacts using K4JJW call. Operations and station moved 14 miles from Pamlico to Craven County during the contest. Bonus points not included in reported score.

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K4RFK NY "Great contest with lots of NC stations out there to work.

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K4XL Enjoyable QSO Party. Worked one on 20 mx backscatter and one on 40. 80 was where the action for me was located. Very slow starting although I could tell that the NC guys were very active on 20 and 40. At the end on 80 it was like pandemonium! Good fun!

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K5OF CAR "This was my first time entering a state QSO Party and it was great! Had the best time. Beginning around 1st of February I saw where the party was at the end of the month and decided I would activate my county (Carteret) into the event. Began researching past 2-3 years contest results and felt I could put in a reasonable effort. Beside results I looked at categories, prop conditions, and studied the SC QSO party while it was on going the day before to plan out my operating for this one. I believed it paid off.

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K5ZG CO "tnx nice card from WD4DCM reminding me to get on

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K6FA CA "First time operating in NC QSO PARTY. Did much in NC Pty then SC Pty. Enjoyed the contest. See you next time.

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K8TE NM "Almost no time to contest this weekend. I just made the minimum for the State QSO Party Challenge. Hoping for better scheduling

on my part next year. 73, Bill, K8TE

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KD5ILA AR "Had storms in the area all day long, but that did not stop me

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KE0TT MN "Elecraft K3/10 at 5 watts to a pair of parallel 60' dipoles up about 45', fed as a 2 element antenna with some gain. Thanks for the fun ! Enjoyed the activity. Condx caused light signals on 20M, but 40 and 80 came thru later in the day. Mobiles: W4AN 3 Q's, K8MR 3. C U next time, 73, Dan ke0tt

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KF3G PA "Portable QTH - FM29jw

Duplicate removed before below calculations:

2018-02-25 2031 UTC QSO with NOC at CHA on 07036

QSO Points: 40 QSOs * 3 Pts / CW QSO = 120

Multiplier: 28 Unique Counties

(120 * 28) = 3360 Total Points

Thank you for the 2021 North Carolina QSO Party.

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KI0Y MO "150 Bonus Points for 3 1x1 calls

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KI4EZL CUM "Thanks and 73.

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KI4MZC GA "KX3 to a dipole, 5w. A nice party, much better for me than the SC QP. I haven't looked at my results in detail, but thanks all who participated as well as the organizers. 72/72 Donald, KI4MZC

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KJ4YKG VA "Noisy bands but a lot of fun.

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KK0U MO "Just jumped on a little bit Sunday afternoon to test some things out in the shack.

73, Jim KK0U

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KV8Q OH "Once again, the mobile stations kept things fun with W4TMO - 17,
K8MR - 13, W4AN - 7, K3TD -5, and AA4TI - 3 Q's each. Jim, K8MR,
is like the Everready Bunny - he just keeps on going and going!!!
Lots of fixed stations kept me busy as well. Thanks - 73 tom
Rig = TenTec Eagle @ 100 Watts Antenna = Mag Loop (40 thru 15)
and an Isotron-80 in attic 12' above garage floor and an indoor
10 meter dipole.

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N1NN MA "10TH NORTH CAROLINA QSO PARTY

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N2COP NEW "Lots of fun! Thanks!

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N3JJT OH "tHIS WAS ALLOT OF UN! FIRST TIME FOR ME.

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N4A Don, W4BBT, and I (N3ND) played tag team on Phone and CW respectively
switching each hour. While conditions were poor we still had a blast; the
Q's kept coming! OM2VL was all over the place! Worked one JA station. A
fun time being "DX" and thank you for allowing us to be a "special event."

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N4ARO TN "Very hard to work short distance to NC during the day

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N4CW We pulled it off. It wasn't easy! Relying on cell phone communications for audio as well as
video/control is tricky at best, and Jim found a way!

Jim engineered the communications setup, made an operating "desk" for the passenger seat, and even
built the antenna setups (one on the trailer hitch, and two on a roof rack)...all on a Prius!!! Ignition noise
wasn't a problem, and what noise there was came from the power supplies. I had no control over the
situation while operating...I could only use the keyboard (and earphones) and a vision of N1MM+ that
reflected what was on Jim's laptop in the car. We pretty much licked the latency problem, but cell
communications wasn't 100% reliable and at my end I would frequently get "pops" when the signal
dropped for a few milliseconds, enough to miss a dit! That usually wasn't a problem, but necessitated
lots of "?? or "AGN?"...

We had "practice" with the setup in SC on Saturday, and plenty went wrong all along. I maintained
cellphone/voice communications with Jim all along so there were no surprises. Sunday went much

smoother except for a late start due to "left over" problems from Saturday. I drove over to Jim's house early to bring him a replacement K3, in case it had a problem (turned out, it didn't). We haven't posted our scores on 3830 yet, but I did manage around 1100 Q's for 183695 points! Not bad for a coupla old guys!

That's it. We stayed within the rules and had fun.

73, Bert

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N4CWZ Had a blast!!! It was nice being the "dx" Had some good pileups. Made the move over to 80 a tick after 6pm and ran out of stations by 730 or so I had told a county hunter buddy of mine Stokes County would be on and not alot of activity on HF here in Stokes so that could have been some of it. Anyhow a blast 73

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N4D 2 "County Line OP - JAC & SWA Counties

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N4EII SUR "EXPEDITION TO SURRY COUNTY

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N4HWH CAB "This was a FUN contest!!!!

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N4KW ORA #ERROR!

N4PGWCAL "Great fun. Broke in a brand new radio on SSB first time.

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N4W Last October I was asked if we would once again be a bonus station for the upcoming NC QSO Party. Laurie and I have operated as W4DW a few times and had fun so we said yes! It always adds to the fun to use a call that participants get extra points for working.

As in the past, we had another great day and gave out the L in WOLF PACK to as many callers as possible. Due to the station reconfiguration, from M2 to Single Op SO2R, we now only have one operating position, so we alternated operators. Laurie did all the SSB and I did all the CW until the last 20 minutes when the CW Qs just stopped so, as I was operating, I moved to SSB to finish out the 10 hours. As you can see from the stats,

40 and 80 were excellent. 20 gave out a few Qs, but as expected, 15 and 10 were not there.

Our totals ended up with the exact same count for counties and states/provinces, with 54 each. We worked 7 provinces and missed SD, WY, AK, and HI. And of course we have the one DX multiplier, even though our log shows 35 Qs in 14 different countries. Even though our log will be submitted as a CHECK LOG, we did set an initial goal which was to meet or exceed 1000 Qs, but not to be. We were very close and the activity was pretty constant, but not quite the level as expected.

Hope everyone that participated had as good a time as we did. We are interested to hear how many participants got all the 8 bonus stations and were able to spell Wolf Pack. We would also like to express our appreciation to Marty (W4MY) and his team for organizing another fun time for the NC QSP Party.

73 from the N4L team !

Laurie N1YXU
Bruce N1LN

N7WY MO "FTdx-101mp barefoot, Yagis on 20 and 40 meters

Few CW stations heard.

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N8CJ OH "Score includes estimated bonus points.

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NZ4N Think I win the bonehead award for this one.....had just sent a note to my dad complaining that somehow I let the NC QSO Party slip off my calendar and when I looked into the details found I had about an hour left! So I jumped on 80 CW and just ran as fast as I could. Not to sad with 97 QSOs in about 50 minutes using my backup IC706MKIIG instead of the usual K3 + amp; low power + poor filtering generally equals frustration but I found a clear frequency and just had a blast. I wonder what might have been had I been paying more attention and actually tried.....oh well, there's always next year. Thanks all for the Qs!

73,
Brian NZ4N

OM2VL DX "At the beginning of the QP 15m was open, I try move some station from 20m but unfortunately only 1 station QSY ... It was open about 45 min, but only 4 QSO. 20m was excellent with nice signals and was open till 20:21Z ...40m opened so early with nice activity. On 80m I heard CQ at 22:26Z AA4NC and AD8J with good signal, but they're dont' hrd me. 1st QSO on this band was 1,5 h later. Bonus stations worked 23 times! Thanks for the nice activity except NOF!!!! I am very disappointed with this bonus station. He was on 40m CW during our daytime and after that usually on SSB 40/80m above 7200 and 3800 where EU station can't transmitt! My big thanks to all mobile for his excellent job!

Most QSOs with: K8MR/M 27/13, W4TMO/M 26/18, K3TD/M 10/9, W4AN/M 9/9, AA4TI 4/3. Resident: (5):AA4NC, N4L (4): AD8J, N4A, N4W, K3WA/4.

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SP6JOE 0 "straight key,no computer,worked from my summer house

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VE3PQ ON "Bonus points claimed (3 x 50) 150

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WA3KCP Greetings Marty! Just a quick thank you for the NCQP action, and a fun observation....

Thanks for a great event, even more notable with my first-time application of technology here beyond paper log and pen. Computer logging, generated-not-tapped cw, and just now submitting my log out of all that! Learned lots, more to learn. This was a steady, but nicely paced, event following the earlier NAQP-RTTY!

I wanted to mention my bonus round of fun. While contesting, I kept wondering where in NC these counties might be, and so was able to keep a fabulous tool open in a separate window at all times for reference. Wikipedia's NC Counties list page features an interactive list with basic stats, history, and a map with that county highlighted - shown in the attached screen shot (sized for simultaneous use alongside DXLab apps).

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WOBH KS "(59*3) + (19*2) = 215 * 42 = 9030 + 600 bonus = 9630 in 2:38

BONUS FOR SPELLING WOLFPACK

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WOYJT KS "found the bonus station

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W1ENDNH "Rig was FTdx5000 and Butternut vertical.

Signals really picked up after dark. Great activity this year.

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W1KDARI "Conditions started off terrible but improved as the day went on - Certainly much better than yesterday (SCQP) - Only got to spend about half of the contest on the air - Any time on the radio is good, so all-in-all a great day!

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W1QK CT "Thank you for sponsoring the contest. Thanks to the mobile and portable stations too. 73, Dan - W1QK

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W2AAB NJ "A great QSO Party with very good activity. Thanks to the sponsors, and special thanks to W4AN, K8MR, and W4TMO for all the counties activated. Score includes 600 bonus points for working

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W3TB TN "W3TB, Franklin, TN

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W3LL Wow, never saw so many NC stations operating both fixed and mobile.

Kept me busy for much of Sunday afternoon.

Score was submitted to 3830 and the sponsor.

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W4MLN ASH "Never heard N4W... Can I count KB4W as the W in WOLFPACK???

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W4SDJ CHE "I did a little better this time. Bands are looking up for the NC Qso Party!

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W4VIC

I'm not much for QSO parties -- but how can any contest not be fun? Limited time spent due to family needs. Please come visit us in the VAQP! See you there.

Thanks for the Qs. 73, Vic W4VIC

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W5RJJ NM "bad band conditions, and low participation in NC

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WA4NOT FOR "My results were satisfying in that I had limited time for the contest and was experimenting with 20 watts into an 86' wire end-fed from my tuner balanced

against a 17' counterpoise. 40 was marginal during the afternoon, but 80 worked

well for me after dark.

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WA9PND WI "Worked 7 bonus stations for a +350 point bonus. Never heard or saw N4W.

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WB0PYF MO "Had fun, thanks for all the mobile 73, Ray

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WB1CZX PEQ "All contacts with 90W to a 100ft random wire at 12ft high.

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WB4OQL HAY "Had a fun time!

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WQ6X CA "This was another last-minute WQ6X remote operation
from NX6T in Fallbrook.

Once again, the NCQP (like so many QSO parties)
was quite a disappointment.

We out-of-state'rs invest our time only to discover
that y'all don't play around in your own QSO party.

I even called CQ: CQ NC de WQ6X/6 WQ6X/CA

All I received were calls from TX, NY, WY and
an OOPS (wherever THAT is).

Read more about this at: <http://WQ6X.Blogspot.com>.