

North Carolina QSO Party 2025 Soapbox

W8NI: First time running the NC QSO party

W3TB: W3TB in Franklin, TN Tennessee Contest Group

WA1SAY: Thanks for QSO party.

AA0CL: ONLY HAD 1 HOUR I COULD OPERATE. THANKS TO ALL THOSE WORKING BEHIND THE SCENES.

K8LF: Plenty of Activity from NC. Hoping VA QSOP next month will be good.

WG8Y: Between church, an afternoon family event and the nice weather it was hard to sit much for the QSOP. Had fun giving out a few Q's from Rowan Cty.73 WG8Y

K6FA: Band condition was poor and not many on CW.

N2COP: Missed Flight; Go To Join NCQP

W3NCK: TOO MANY COUNTIES!!

K8IJ: Great fun - thanks to all. Vy 73, Charlie, K8IJ

AD4GG: Had a good time this year working the stations on the air. All great operators!

KE0TT: 100 watts to wires. Thanks for the fun, enjoyed the CW activity. 73, Dan ke0tt

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

K2MN: Used two indoor fan dipoles and 90 Watts. Its a struggle to be heard most of the time, but I enjoy the challenge and appreciate the good ears of the other station.

AI3W: great time. See you next year

N4CW: N4CW - Operator, W4TMO - Driver/Navigator Great fun despite a few mysterious occasions where CQ wasn't yielding any or very few contacts Sunday morning...suspect either sunspot activity or antenna problems! We activated 28 different counties, and made a special effort to put on TYRell county among those. We were really surprised to see snow banks along the road...apparently the last snow storm really dumped on that county! Many stations were worked multiple times, but several were notable in their pursuit of N4CW. Of note: OM2VL(48), DL3DXX(45), K5CM & N5KW(28), N1CGP(27), K9CW(26), W8PI(25), VP5M and F4EUG(24). Because we had only two active antennas at any one time (due to how we configured them), we didn't do much band-hopping with each county. I don't know yet what we could do differently that would allow us access to 5 bands of instant/tuned bandswitching...any suggestions will be

welcome! Again, many thanks to the many many stations that tolerated the pileups and my occasional "deafness"...usually, if I heard you, I'd work you! Oh, before I forget, thanks for the discipline of giving your call once and waiting before sending it again; not all callers did that, and each time it took me a lot longer to work anybody. I delighted in hearing part of a call, putting what I heard out there, and being answered ONLY by those whose call matched what I thought I heard. That's good operating in my book, and there were so many examples throughout the QP weekend. Thank you!!!

N2PX: Too nice to be inside all day so only had an hour and a half before dinner to grab a quick 100.

N7AME: 50 points for WA4J - Propagation to both NC and SC did not open until 2200 both days and it got hard to hear you on 20/15 since everyone started moving to 40 but it was fun
Thanks

N1NN: 13TH NORTH CAROLINA QSO PARTY

WA4TRS: Thanks for allowing us to be a Bonus Station.

W4YSB: We really enjoyed being a club bonus station this year. The pileups were abundant and they were a blast to work!

W4CMW: First NC QSO Party, First time calling CQ in a contest, First timeworking a pileup. I had a blast! Thanks! W4CMW

KA0PQW: Fun contest thanks for having it 73 Matt ka0pqw

W1QK: Thanks for the NC contacts - especilly to the portable and mobile stations. Always enjoy the NC QSO Party. 73 - Dan, W1QK

W1END: Rig was FTdx101 and Butternut vertical. Good conditions. Thanks for all the QSOs.

N2CU: Thank you to all for making the Carolina Weekend a success. It seemed a slog compared to yesterday's SCQP but things picked up later in the day. I only did 4 out of 5 of my planned county lines, once again as single-op, no driver. Too much time driving between county lines. Biggest sluggers: OM2VL (42), W8PI (20), DL3DXX, KA6BIM (14), AA0AW, AC0W, N1CGP, VE3AQ, W0BH, WA5DTK (12), AF5J, K2QO, K5CM, K9CW, N4OX, VE3RGO, VE3SIF, W5TM, WA2JQK, WB2PJH, WB9HFK (10). I worked 40 states, 4 provinces and 28 NC counties. FTdx10 Tarheel (appropriate) 75A on roof of Chevy Equinox 100 Ah LiFePO4 battery N1MM+

NC4KW: The NC QSO Party is the one time each year that my wife Laurie (N1YXU) and I enter as a Multi-Single team. She works SSB and I work CW. We really have a fun day and yesterday was no exception. A BIG THANKS to Marty (W4MY) and his team for organizing another fun event. We tried to get something going on 15 but it was just not there. 10 was worse. I moved to 80cw

for the final hour and was sure we would break the 1000 Q mark based on the outstanding rate. However, that great rate only lasted for about 20 minutes. Then....crickets! So, I bounced from band to band trying to make those last few Qs, but it was not to be. Overall this year both our Q count and Mult count were down. We did work 7 of the 10 Bonus stations, which are already reflected in our score. Thanks for the Qs and fun day! NC4KW team Laurie - N1YXU Bruce - N1LN

KT4Q: Set up our Multi-op operation (multi-two) in a state park campground and operated out of two motorhomes. Each station had its own hex beam and efhw wire. We unfortunately were very close to high tension transmission powerlines that presented 59+20 noise. We filtered out as much noise as possible but certainly it effected our qso count numbers. Nevertheless we had a great time and put Transylvania County in the multiplier pool for others to work.

NA4J: Number of Q's is well below last year... 40m never got rocking. If I placed, it's because I worked every ham in MN on every band :=)

W8FN: Pretty good conditions on 80 through 20 made for reasonably good results here. Had they been a bit better the QSO count would have been higher. here were many callers right at the noise level, especially on 20. Sorry I just couldn't pull most of them out. A few ops, mostly casual, lacked the operating skill to help me get the QSO made. 73... Randy, W8FN

W1AJT: K3 / HexBeam @ 7m / 43' Vertical Focused on running rather than mults. 9 DXCC called in also with DL3DXX and OM2VL working me on all 4 bands.

DL3DXX: tks for all QSOs especially with mobiles N2CU and N4CW and with several POTA stations. Score includes 250 bonus points for working K4MN, WA4TRS, WA4J, W4YSB, NI4BK.

AF5J: Score includes bonus points. Thanks for the Qs - 73, HAL AF5J

W1QK: Thanks for the NC QSO Party contacts. 73-Dan, W1QK

WS4K: Another fun afternoon! It seemed more NC stations were on this year. The last hour Sunday coincided with the K1USN SST contest, so I was confused for a couple QSO's. I am still learning. Elecraft K4D Elecraft KPA1500 Mosley Pro 67-B3 Begali Sculpture Mono

K3TN: Weekend-long home invasion by chaos monkeys (4 yo grandson and 2.5 yo granddaughter) caused me to completely miss SCQP but they were hauled away in time for me to give the rare MD mult out to a few of the deserving towards the end.

KF6NCX: Thanks for the qsos! 73, Larry

WA3AER: Lacking a working 40M antenna, for the few times I checked on 20M, only found 4 NC CW ops. 73, tnx for the Qs. --- Ted WA3AER

AD8J: Sorry for the dupes. For some reason, the logging program wasn't showing the dupes until after working the station and hitting enter. Also since I was sending /NC many stations duped me. So ended up doing almost all running.

K4CBW: Great event, nice to work DX, thanks to all who called!

WA4PSC: Fun as always, although I didn't hear many NC counties this year. Thanks to the N2CU crew for the mobile counties! Spotty operation between weekend chores but managed to get some decent time in. *correction for 5 added bonus stations* Cheers & 73 Howie / WA4PSC

K2TNO: It was tough to find the BONUS stations. I thought CW participation was down a bit this year. Ten was surprisingly empty! I tuned up there a few times and the past weeks of DX were not evident here at this QTH. In the middle of the day I suddenly had a big absence of signals on all the bands! It sounded like a solar flare or other event--- but the SWPC website didn't show anything. After about 90 minutes things picked up again. I changed bands, changed antennas, etc... No idea what caused my rate to hit the skids. My wire antennas don't give me much help; you have to approach these contests with modesty! I also didn't find many mobiles--- I don't use the spotting nets, which hurts. Maybe I'll try mobile next year, just for grins. Thanks to some of the stations I worked on numerous bands--- DL3DXX showed up on 80, but I could not get him. [My antenna really sucks on 80, so was lucky to go there in the last hour and S&P for NC mults. See ya'll next February!73, Bill K2TNO

K9CW: Big thanks to N4CW and N2CU for their travels this past weekend!

K4BYN: NCSU Women basketball with win over Notre Dame took preference for several hours during the QSO party yesterday but managed to get a little operating time. Seemed like it was quite a turnout. Good conditions here. Thanks to all who participated and put this together for us again.

NE8P: Thanks to all who participated! Mike, NE8P

K4FT: Thanks! 73 John

KE0TT: 100 watts to wires. Enjoyed the Party and the activity! 73, Dan ke0tt

KD2KW: Thanks for the QSOP.

W2VM: Thanks for the Q\'s 73, Craig W2VM

K2MN: Used two indoor fan dipoles and 90 Watts. Score includes bonus points only counting bonus stations the first time worked per mode.

K5ME: All S&P

K8APP: Morning is piled up, can't get a QSO after tried 30mins afternoon 40m is pretty good, 40M EFHW I need to take care of two kids and reply CW at the same time, FUN. First time for NC QSO party. Worked with NC4QP, Thank you!

K9NW: Tnx QSOs! 73, Mike K9NW

NN7O: 100 watts and a non-resonant vertical overlooking the mouth of the Columbia River.

VE3DQN: Great activity from NC. Great cndx for my QRP signal. Loved connecting with N2CU/M on county lines.

KE3V: It's been a nice afternoon for making contacts.

K6RM: 5W to attic dipoles. Thanks for the Qs

WQ6X: This NCQP GiG was difficult from the beginning. There were POTA operations in between QSO party activity making it tricky. The Carolina GiG are over TOO SOON. By 01:00z 40 meters is JUST coming in on the West Coast. 80-meters to the Carolinas is 2.5 hours away, but the NCQP is already over and done with. Oh Well - MaYBe Next Year. Read about this weekend at: <http://WQ6X.Blogspot.com>

K8AC: At 2:27 in the afternoon, all signals disappeared from the bands here for about 27 minutes. Only one or two signals heard on 40 SSB during that period, way down in the noise. No unusual solar numbers during the period.

N4IJ: Very few q's on 10 or 15 meters. managed some yard work in the middle of the contest...
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N4NTO: Portable rove WAR, HAL, NOR, MAR, EDG. All were POTA/WWFF Parks except for the EDG effort from the driveway. Grand fun!

WV4AM: Phenomenal activity this contest, especially for such a small one. First NCQP for me, and first in-state QP as well. Made many more contacts then expected, and apparently Onslow is a rare county, because I was getting almost 200 Q's an hour rate! Looks like I won first place SOAB LP! Thanks so much for all the QSO's, 73's, see you next year! -Jake, WV4AM

N8II: Score includes 500 bonus points, worked all bonus stations except NI4BK. I throttled back in this one; the XYL was not happy about previous weekend in ARRL DX. Sunday afternoon we visited our baby granddaughter and parents; it was warm enough in sun bathed upper 40's to sit on their porch, a nice break from recent cold. Conditions did not favor here, 20 barely opened direct to maybe 4 stations at its best which was a very short window. The rest of my QSO's on 20 and 15 were backscatter. N4CW/M seemed to hear me better on 15 than 20, NO QSO's on 20, 2 on 15. It was frustrating not to be able to work Bert and Tom, N2CU during the many hours when activity was mostly on 20 and up. More mobiles would have been nice.

Thanks to Tom and Bert for operating both Carolina QP's! I worked N4CW 8 times. 40 was open well enough all day to work most stations including mobiles. My 40M SSB QSO total was much lower than my usual 100+. Thanks for the QSO's and answering CQ's. 73, Jeff

K3YDX: Always fun participating and seeing the out of state participation. Had limited time in that my old college baseball team was in Cary, NC so had to attend the game. Mostly CW and running but a few multiplier excursions to the PH portion for added fun.

W4EE: Tnx for the Q's 73/OJ, Jim

K8MR: A good contest, good activity. It helped getting my juices flowing for the Florida QSO Party in two months! 73 - Jim K8MR

K5QQ: Great Turnout and lots of county line operations. Great Job NC!!

W4NZ: Good activity. Great job by the mobiles N4CW and N2CU. 73, Ted W4NZ

W2LC: Later Saturday conditions seemed to get better on 20m. 80 and 40 were pretty good. Nice to work everyone! 73 Scott W2LC

KA0PQW: fun contest 73 Matt ka0pqw

WN4AFP: I only had a small amount of time, but I did my best with what I was given. Thanks to the mobiles who kept the party rolling. Thanks to Marty and the gang for putting on another excellent contest. There was one more BIG moment in this contest... I worked WB4AJL in JACKSON county NC. I've been trying to work that one for 49 years! Now I can say that I've finally worked all the counties in NC! PS: Thanks to all of our NC friends for working the SCQP on Saturday! 73 Dave WN4AFP

K2KT: 20m didn't work well from VA to NC. Too close. 40m and 80m were great at night from VA to NC. Nice contest. Thanks to all.

KS4YX: Stayed on 40M with CW and SSB

KT0P: Thanks for the QSOs.

K3SV: Thanks for the Qs 73 Bill K3SV

W0MB: First time to try this one but didn't see much activity with the limited time on. Still had fun and it's for the club.

AT6O: Thanks for the Qs.

VA6RCN: In case no one else got on from AB, I wanted to get on and hand out this mult to our NC friends. GL everyone! Kevin VA6RCN (Royal Canadian Navy)

AT5G: Fun contest and enjoyed the X2.0 solar flare at 1927Z. Wondered where everyone went for a couple of minutes.

NS0R: Thanks for the q's. 73, Morgan, NS0R

ND0C: Seemed like pretty good activity while I was on. Thanks for the Qs! 73, Randy, ND0C

W4KAZ: Enjoyed 2025 QP more than last years' contest. Operated portable in WAK, LEE, and CHA, activating three different Pota entities in each. All contacts made were inside the Pota entities. No equipment failures this year, only a few minor preparation issues. Initially expected to spend more time on CW but for the most part SSB was sufficiently interesting. Spent some time in transit and with set up and take down of the antenna between the three sites. Station was an FT-891 on a dedicated battery. Antenna used in first two counties was a 58 foot long doublet fed with 300 ohm ladder line into an external tuner. At the last county legs were added to make total length 92 feet to allow tuner to find a match on 80m.....which I never used. Very much enjoyed all of the friendly ops having fun. tnx fer qosos.

W4BBT: Got a late start due to church but 20, 40 and 80 were very good for running. Thanks of all the Q's.

K0SIX: Thank you for the Q's 73, Vince K0SIX

K5ZZR: Lots of good friendly operators...

W4KW: Tnx for the Q's, 73's, Bert

KE4YOG: Good contest. I have some sickness that slowed down my normal count.

KU4BP: Returned to contesting after a 10 year absence. Felt good to do it again. Had a blast.

WA9YI: Thanks for interesting day.

KI5MM: Thanks for the QSO's. Kinda tough conditions for a while. 73 Lee

K9JK: Total score includes 300 points, 50 each for contacts with 6 of the 11 bonus stations. Thanks to all of the NC stations who were active and to the sponsors. 73, JK

KA8TOA: Lots of fun ,Good band conditions and friendly; worked NC4QP. also WORKED 4 bonus stations for 200 points for a total score of 2,897 points

NV4C: Hard to work NC during the day, it's so close. But had fun working everyone on 40m and 80m.

W0DCN: Worked 4 bonus stations.

KC0DMF: Great hearing all of the operators on the air! This made the contest so much fun.

WN8Y: NO ISSUES

W9RWG: Operated from a Pota park in Michigan, worked only one bonus station

KK7AC: Very poor CONDX from AZ today.