

2010 7th Area QSO Party Results

The fifth running of the 7QP is now in the books. This party made a big a step towards achieving “critical mass” as defined by receiving more than 400 logs, 405 to be exact. We could not have run this party without the assistance of the individual state captains and lieutenants. The 7th call area is huge, three times the size of Texas. No single organization has the resources to administer an event over such a broad and diverse area. And yes, there is a lot of open space out here!

In these 405 logs were 90032 QSO records. There were 39818 matched records (including 37842 exact) representing 19909 QSOs. 3250 were rejected as busted, NIL, location-code mismatch, etc, and 46964 others were accepted. Each of these 3 sets include dupes, invalid call signs, invalid location codes, contacts outside the contest period, and non-W7 QSOs (e.g. non-7 stations working stations in the NEQP or InQP), 7120 of which were removed by the scoring program. All this leaves 79662 valid QSO records (88.5%).

Logging programs used: 194 N1MM 40 WriteLog 37 WA7BNM webform 20 GenLog 20 TR 9 SD 7 Win-EQF 7 NA 5 TR4W 4 N3FJP's 3 MixW and 23 others at 2 or less
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This result speaks volumes about the growth of electronic logging and about the cooperation and synergy resulting from having three QSO parties running on the same weekend. While each is separately

administered and scored, the increased weekend activity helps all of them. Less than a week before the start of the contest, the N1MM logging program added the capability to run in all three parties at once. And since all three will accept the resulting combined log, it eliminates the chore of sorting and scoring the resulting log. No wonder that N1MM leads the Logging Program tally. There were only 12 logs received on paper and these were readily put into electronic form. While we certainly do not wish to discourage participation by requiring electronic logs, paper logs do significantly increase the workload required to produce timely results.

Outside W7 Results

High power Single-op:

For the fifth time, W0BH won the high power mixed mode single plaque. Bob is an expert QSO Party contestant, fixed or as a mobile, and runs the Kansas QP. He was followed by NT2A, an F-hop farther away. N6ML took the CW side and WA5ZUP in New Mexico carried the phone honors.

Low power Single-op:

This was VE4EAR's fourth year in the 7QP and he has steadily climbed the tables, reaching the top mixed mode entry this year. Ed is relatively new at contesting and we congratulate his win. The top CW entry was by John, N6MU, another multi-year winner. The phone winner was K5WMH, also in New Mexico.

Single-op QRP:

VE3CW was the top mixed entry, followed by KE0G winning on CW and WA9NBU on phone.

Multi-single:

AB8CK lead the pack in the high power section. A special mention goes to LZ5R who came in fourth. The low power honors go to K3TN.

Multi-Multi:

N6WM and crew made a fine showing with 120 mults, handily taking the top spot.

Mobile:

KJ9C playing in the Indiana party took the low mixed spot and MARAC party's player W4SIG nosed out NEQP's K1KI for the CW spot.

Inside W7 Results:

High power Single-op:

Dave, K6LL, masquerading as K7L, did it again for the fifth time – winning the mixed category, followed closely by N7TT. Washingtonian Rex, K7QQ squeaked past K7J in AZ for the top CW spot. K7LY garnered the Phone honors and W7WW was the HP digital winner.

Low power Single-op:

Montana state 7QP captain, Matt K7BG, walked away with the top mixed spot. He does a fine job of managing 7QP coverage for the Big Sky State. AB7R edged out fellow Washingtonian KK7S for the top CW honors. The top spot in phone went to

KK7AC with a handy win. The growing digital field was led by N7WS.

Single-op QRP:

Low power expert WC7S wins the CW crown for the second year, surely helped by a boost from his Wyoming mult. The top phone entry was by WA7PVE.

Multi-single:

The packet-connected N7BV took the top mixed spot, and K7LED led the pack in the low power bracket.

Multi-Multi:

Five entries in this category this year. The 2010 MM crown returns to Oregon with a win by the gang at Brad's K7ZSD super-station.

County Expedition Single-Op:

K7IA was on the top of this 14-entry category. These guys go out Field Day-style and light up the darker corners of our 7-land realm.

County Expedition Multi-Single:

Sometimes it works better with help. KF7P and company lit up sparse parts of Utah to top place.

County Expedition Multi-Multi:

The task force of K7EAR, led by guru Milt, N5IA, did their thing again this year to the tune of 722K. They run low power but pack some serious antennas, including a pair of 4-squares on 40m ...and some serious operators.

Mobile:

There were at least a dozen mobiles wandering the roads out here, eagerly followed by multiplier hunters of every stripe. These included KT7G's trip down the Columbia River for the High power mixed win and K7HPT's Washington gambol on high power phone. KD0S, who comes from South Dakota to run the eastern edges of Montana and Wyoming, leaves with the top low power mixed spot. Thanks, Jim! This writer managed to snag the top spot in low power CW, on the fifth try, with a run from central Idaho through eastern Oregon. AC7GP took the low phone honors with a trip in Northern Idaho and Western Montana.

If we are ever going to get all 259 of the 7QP counties on the air, we need to grow participation the mobile category. From personal experience,

nothing beats the rush of the instant pileup that happens each time you cross into a new county. I highly recommend it.

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AZ	15	15	15
ID	44	31	26
MT	56	38	34
NV	17	13	10
OR	36	36	36
UT	29	22	20
WA	39	36	34
WY	23	14	12
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	259	205	189
@@ = excluding uniques			
Stations:			
	7th:	1168	
	RoW:	6031	
	TTL:	7199	

205 of our 259 counties were reported this year. That was up from 203 in 2009. It's difficult to get the statistics right because not everyone sends in a log. ORTIL can become ORGIL. After manual filtering, there are about thirty counties that have never been activated in the five years of 7QP. We are evaluating ways to make more of these available next year. The list will be published with the rules in January 2011.

We try very hard to make the 7QP a strong player on this great QSO Party weekend. On behalf of all the individual state captains and lieutenants who make this happen, our thanks to all participants.

See you again next year ...and bring a friend!

73,
Dick, K4XU