

VA3CDU/R: Thank you to all that worked us despite the weather we had a blast as it was also our 8th wedding anniversary.

VA3DF: Wow, 40 m had to do the heavy lifting for this contest as 80 m was somewhat less than optimal. By means of a comparison, last year I made 108 qsos and worked 48 mults on 80 - this year the numbers were 47 qsos and 29 mults! However, 40 stepped up to the plate and took up most of the slack. Had seen a lot of spots for nice DX during the last week so Sunday morning when things were slow, I decided to go get me some of that good stuff! Came back with a YB0 worked with two calls on 15m. Ended up with basically the same score as last year. Nice to work so many fellow CCO members and hope everyone had a great time. As usual, it's a jungle out there when you run qrp!

VA3PC: Also made about a dozen contacts as VA3OPP/m in PSD, MUS, SIM but did not log them as was driving at the time.

VA3RKM: K2, 5w, verticals and wires.

VA3FS/VA3XMS: Had a Great time setting up in Lighthouse Cove Ontario in the county of Chatham Kent. This was my Nephew's first contest after just getting his B+ last year VA3XMS. We weathered the storm that rolled in over the lake and got a dipole up in a tree using a potato in a plastic bag :-) tossed it about 20 feet in the tree. Propagation was not too bad the first day on 20 and 80 but Sunday was a wash. We both look forward to setting up in next year's Ontario QSO Party.

VA3KAI/p: Just a quick note to thank all the contacts I made during the HORRIBLE weather conditions on Saturday and Sunday. The torrential rain and wet snow associated QRN was brutal for listening; but, I was told by many that my 100W output sigs were very strong! I was operating portable from the back of my van on a farm near Chesterville, ON (Stormont County) using an old boat-trailer based 33' tilt-up tower/mast and the wind kept moving the van quite a bit during 40-45 mph gusts! My antenna was a 100' inverted-vee, fed with twin lead, a 1:1 balun and 10' of coax fed in the back gate to a LDG Z-11 Pro II tuner and my Knwd TS2000 running off a deep cycle marine battery. A logging PC and small CFM light were run off a separate smaller battery booster pack bought from Cdn Tire --- both battery supplies were re-charged overnight. The van was started occasionally to provide some extra heat (hi, hi).

VA3RJ: CW was pretty scarce this year. Space and Local WX were even worse. I pity the poor rovers.

VE3AGC/M: As with any rover/mobile operation, there are good points and failures. Saturday weather was rain, cloud, rain, sun, cloud rain in any order imaginable, and wind! Sunday weather was snow, rain, heavy snow, cloud, sun in any order and wind! Add in wind gusts, and assorted mud at locations. The DX LB+ built up a wonderful static charge Saturday night and wouldn't tune on 160m and eventually 80m. The cw key disintegrated steadily Saturday and failed Sunday, bringing out the spare. Two locations were so muddy that a move was required to nearby (somewhat) drier ground. The static build up charged the FT857, giving shocks while using the key. The 857's finals actually survived. Conditions were as good as could be asked for. Distant qsos were CE6 and LZ11. Thanks to all who gave qsos, particularly on cw as I retightened the key many times.

VE3BK at VE3DC: Conditions didn't seem as good as last year and we totally missed the opening on 10m on Sunday morning but we definitely had fun with the contest as usual. We had one visitor VE3RYI who came out with his pain medication making his back bearable, wishing he jump in and participate.....next time. This is one contest that we have been involved with since the beginning and we definitely have fun doing it. Thanks to all that worked us and all the Rovers that made this contest even more fun.

VE3CV: Only 4 hours to operate and missed 80/160. Down over 10,000 points! Participation seemed down this year...maybe conditions. Thanks to all the Ops and especially the Rovers braving the nasty weather!

VE3CX at VA3CCO: Plan was to run HP, and I was warming up the amps before the contest started. Went to tune up one amp, and it let off a bit of a light show. Quickly decided to try my hand at LP, and switched off both amps. Found the bands were noisy, and it was hard to get anything going running LP. 20 phone did the heavy lifting in this one, as it seemed every time I started calling CQ, QSO's went in the log :-)

VE3EJ: I originally intended to make a token part time effort to show support for "our" contest. I ended up putting in a few more hours and made a few more QSO's than planned as a result of the following: 1-Radio conditions were superb, especially the high bands. 2-The WX was rain for the whole weekend. 3-Activity on the bands was very good due to the good conditions, the YU contest and the MM contest. 4-I saw the opportunity to set a contest record early on. 5-I wanted to prove the point that the score in this contest is made by working DX and not hanging around the usual places to work VE3's like 80 meters at high noon.

VE3GSI: It seemed the bad WX kept many counties off the bands. SOAPBOX: Lots of static crashes on 80 and 40 meters Saturday night. For a short time I was kept off the bands due possibly to extreme rain static. Only heard from one rover and one special call station. All-in-all, I fun.

VE3KZ: I didn't do a whole lot in this year's event. I guess I wasn't pleased with the Brazilians arriving on our weekend, particularly since I was also a member of their club as well and had established a couple of records in the MM in the last few years! I just didn't have my competitive shoes on that weekend. However there are some very big scores coming out of the OQP this year and I am kicking myself for not taking advantage of what was happening.

VE3HG: Worked everyone I could hear.

VE3RZ: Strange conditions - worked FO8RZ on 10m 15min before start of contest - then realized I was on the 40m phased verticals!! Then when I saw him spotted on 10m just 15min before the end of the contest, I couldn't hear him! Lots of long prop here - very little heard from W's on 20/15/10m only N4BP blasting through on 15 at 20 over 9. Seemed as though activity on CW from On counties was low. Good dx worked including XV2RZ, 9V1YC, 5N7M, Z2/K0YY. Glad the MM contest was on which spurred a lot of activity - but got confused a few times by handing out the wrong exchange (didn't want to send 5NN HTN/5NN NA/5NN 4). Some stations got confused when I sent the HTN followed by their particular exchange!

VE3YF: Very limited time this year to spend on the contest. Looking at some of the CW QSO's of others, obviously I must have been snoozing.

VE3ZF: This time I was alone but I do have enough experience to install all my antennas by myself and wind less 40 km per hour does not count for a wind anymore. I am planning to come back to my lovely Manitoulin Island for the Canada Day 2011 Contest....

W1END: Didn't find as many stations on CW this year as usual. Conditions seemed OK. No 20M propagation to NH though. Rig was FTdx5000 (100w) and Butternut HF6V vertical ant.

W3AG: Thanks to Contest Club Ontario for putting on a great contest. I will be sending a small donation to CCO as a gesture of support for the club - keep up the good work.

W4JHU: Thanks for sponsoring, organizing, and administering this event.

W5ESE: TOUGH CONDITIONS THIS YEAR. QRM FROM THE MANCHESTER MINEIRA. TEN-TEC OMNI VI @ 5W, 100M HORIZONTAL LOOP.