

SOAPBOX:

AB1QP: Thanks, See you all next year!

KJ9C: Hoping to get a few entries for Indiana QSO Party next weekend.

KN4Y: Was able to operate a few hours after a meeting Saturday. Good signals, worked all the stations I heard

N1NN: 3RD ONTARIO QSO Party

N2UU: K3, Half G5RV

VA3GUY: Yaesu FT-757GXII, Cushcraft A3S

VA3KAI/R: Worked as stationary Rover at 2 city lines (BFD/BRA) & (NFK/BRA) keying on one primary county in each location - BFD & NFK were my main focus. Eqpt: TS2000 / Ant: Inv-80/40M trap dipole on 25' push-up pole. Totally enjoyed first-time Rover experience - may do it again next year?

Murphy's Law: Primary G5RV broke at elevated feedpoint on erection - had to go to Plan B with 80/40M trap-dipole so 2 bands only! Messed up Logger time for Saturday contacts - manually corrected 199 QSOs at home prior to sending. A borrowed marine battery was good for 2 hours only - had to use my own deep-cycle for everything (xmtr/keyer/logging PC/lights) so had to run booster cables from van front-end into side door and re-charge periodically - running van provided welcome heat; but, also engine noise. Brantford, Lion's Park location drew some police and "civilian" interest without any problems once explained. Strangely, no one cared about me being beside a farmer's corn field, on an almost uninhabited secondary road, on Sunday! Many thanks to all for contacts and patience.

VA3RKM: Good participation. High bands were very weak.

VE3DC: Visitor Charlie Janicki, a future ham and contester. We had fun on this truly Canadian contest as usual. We totally beat our score from last year with Andrew VE3RIA doing an even a better job on the CW and all the other Ops totally killing our SSB Score. Thanks to all that came out to make this a successful contest. Missing this year were Mark VE3RYI, that came to visit last year with a bad back but was a no show this year as well as an operator from last year, also a no show, Mike VE3ATX. This is one contest that VE3DC has 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 again this year. Hopefully next year we will have Charlie with a new callsign, helping us rack up the points.

VE3DV/R: This was my first time ever doing mobile/rover and I had a blast doing it despite the band conditions.

VE3GTC/R: It was cold and rainy but I was warm and dry in my rover mobile. Conditions were not the greatest and I spent much time trying to sort out a CW keying problem which I never did resolve and so had to stay on phone only. A fun day despite the weather and CW keying problems.

VE3KPP: Kenwood TS-590, Cushcraft A4S & Alpha-Delta DX-A Twin Sloper. Band conditions not so hot + a few wack jobs came out of the woodwork.

VE3TW: I found condx not the best. Thanks to the rovers for the needed boost!

VE3VCF: LOW POWER - LOUSY ANTENNAS

VE3ZI: Managed a bit more operating time this year. Fun contest.

W1END: Rig was FTdx5000 (150w) and Butternut HF6V vertical. Great activity this year. Thanks to everyone. CU all next year.