

Summary Ontario QSO Party 2012

-Big Winners in Ontario

The plaque recipients are spread around Ontario. The two highest scoring fixed stations were located in the Northern Region, VA3RAC and VE3CX. Ottawa in the Eastern Region garnered two plaques, VE3OSZ and VE3IAE. The more densely populated Central Region accounted for the remaining four Ontario fixed station trophies, VA3DF and VE3DZ from the metropolitan Toronto area with VE3KPP and VA3GKO from Simcoe County.

-Activity on VHF

Only two percent of the activity occurred on VHF, almost equally spread between 2m and 6m. As might be expected VHF activity was primarily in the Central Region, generated to a large extent by the mobiles in this heavily populated area near Toronto. The mobiles accounted for just over 50 percent of 2m activity, aided and abetted by fixed stations in the area who accounted for 37 percent of the activity. This VHF activity provided high scoring, primarily for the Rover/Mobiles, however with the exception of these, none of the plaque winners used VHF to any extent.

-Rover/Mobiles

A total of six Rover/Mobiles were active plus one dual location operation activated by VA3RCS/VA3QV. VA3TVW teamed up with VE3DV this year to take the Multi-Op Mobile trophy while VE3WG set a record breaking pace as a single operator.

-Multi-Operator Stations

VE3ZF and crew initiated the Multi-Op Two-Transmitter class, providing VA3RAC contacts to the largest number of participants, just topping the 1000 QSO mark. The Hamilton Club set a new record for the relatively new Haldimand County with the highest Multi-Multi score for the year narrowly edging out the Mississauga Club, VE3MIS. VE3PRR made an introductory appearance with the only Multi-Single entry.

-Activity in Ontario

There were 20 counties where only a single log was received. Toronto and Ottawa each sported 7 logs, with Halton close behind with 6. A scan of some of the larger logs would indicate that 48 of the 50 Counties/Districts were worked during the contest this year.

-Activity in the Rest of Canada

The highest Canadian score outside Ontario was the Multi-Op score of VE9ML. We in Ontario were well supported by the Maritimes with 6 entries. There were twice as many logs from others in Canada compared to last year, 14 logs in 7 provinces.

-Activity in the U.S.

Participation in this contest by those south of the border was up 30 percent although the individual scores tended to be lower. New York and Texas had the largest number of logs submitted. The trophy goes to W1AJT, a member of CCO under the call VE3UTT, this time operating from North Carolina.

-DX Activity

The number of logs from overseas has been down for the last two years, probably due to the presence of the CQMM DX contest, having moved to our weekend in 2011. DL3GA had the first log from Germany and made the high DX score.

-Contest Records

Two Category records were set in 2012 along with 7 Ontario County/District records, 4 State records, 3 Canada outside Ontario and 2 DX Country records.

All in all, it was a successful outing and Contest Club Ontario thanks both those within and those outside Ontario for their participation and invites them to join in again in 2013!