

Summary Ontario QSO Party 2013

-Big Winners in Ontario

The highest scoring station this year was located in the Central Region, VA3CCO, manned by the VE3MIS group. VE3ZF returned to Manitoulin in the Northern Region to produce the second highest. VE3OSZ again won a plaque for Ottawa in the Eastern Region. The more densely populated Central Region accounted for three Ontario fixed station trophies, VE3RZ, VE3KZ and VE3WBT representing Halton and Hamilton from the Central Region. The QRP winner was VA3WR from the Southwest Region. VA3GKO captured the Low Power Phone plaque and VE2FK took away the High Power CW trophy from across the eastern border!

-Rover/Mobiles

Only two Rover/Mobiles were active plus one dual location operation activated by VE3JM. VA3TVW, using his new call VE3MQ teamed up with XYL, VA3CDU this year to take the Multi-Op Mobile trophy again, this time visiting 17 counties. VE3CRU did a solo rover job with a score only marginally higher than VE3MQ. Both scores were excellent. VE3JM confounded the log checkers briefly by operating from two different counties. This year the results by location take note of the contribution these three stations made to activity in all the areas in which they operated.

-Multi-Operator Stations

There were three Multi-Multi operations including the plaque winner VA3CCO. VE3ZF and crew went after the Multi-Single class and set a new record. The Multi-Two was won by the gang at VE3ODX.

-Activity in Ontario

There were only 11 counties where only a single log was received. Toronto was represented by 7 logs with Halton and Ottawa showing 6 each. A scan of some of the larger logs would indicate that almost all of the 50 Counties/Districts were worked during the contest. Since working all counties is a very difficult undertaking, the log checkers are planning to do a county count next year on each log and recognize the station with the highest number worked.

-Activity in the Rest of Canada

The highest Canadian score outside Ontario was again the Multi-Op score of VE9ML. We in Ontario were well supported by the Maritimes and Quebec with 5 entries each followed by British Columbia with 4. There were more logs from others in Canada compared to last year, 19 logs in 8 provinces. There was of course VE2FK taking a second plaque to the provinces outside Ontario.

-Activity in the U.S.

There were logs sent in from 19 states. Tennessee had the largest number of logs submitted. The trophy this year goes to KI0I in Missouri.

-DX Activity

The presence of the CQMM DX contest is still having a negative effect on DX entries while enhancing VE3/VA3 entries. Germany again produced the highest DX score with the entry of DK2CF.

-Contest Records

One Category record was set in 2013 along with 4 Ontario County/District records, 5 State records, 1 Canada outside Ontario and 3 DX Country records.

All in all, it was a successful outing despite variable conditions and Contest Club Ontario thanks both those within and those outside Ontario for their participation and invites them to join in again in 2014!