

K30:K30 SPECIAL EVENT CALLSIGN FOR ONTARIO QSO PARTY. PART OF CALIFORNIA THREE CLUB CHALLENGE.

K6TD:Overall, a fun contest. Thks for the QSOs

K9GDF:Antenna is raining gutter and downspouts.

KN4Y:Almost missed the QSO party due to a senior extended moment, heard the CW activity and joined in the limited fun.

N1NN:4TH ONTARIO QSO PARTY

VA3CCO:Thanks all for the many QSO's. The OPS at VE3MIS had a blast, even with our winter ice storm compromised antennas. A special thanks to all the California participants that made this event that much more fun. Looking forward to OQP again next year.

VA3FN:Things started slow and stayed like that. It looked to me that there were not very many stations but overall it was fun and look forward to next year's QSO PARTY, 73

VA3FS:Had a great time making the few contacts. See you on the bands next year.

VA3KAI:Bad weekend for a contest due to Easter family commitments. First try at HF since January and found only one antenna working -- my 270' OCF inverted dipole (160M-6M) -- at 2:00 PM local! Decided to just give out a few mults from LAN over the course of the day on PH and CW. Best Easter wishes to all!

VA3RKM:KX3, 5w, verticals and wires, Enjoyed working Israel on Friday night, when 20m was great. The OnQP conditions were noisy, but all bands were open. Worked W1RH in CA on 80m and 10m. The CQ MM was OK for QRP as well, except for the noise. Worked all continents except Asia, where only a few letters of my call were heard on 15m. That JA op, as polite as the Japanese can be, apologized for not getting the contact, even though conditions were so awful and my signal was so weak!

VE3AGC/R:No good weather for a trip to Algoma so decided Saturday morning on a local rover. The weather was too good to pass up after last winter. No major effort tried, just a casual trip to some new and some old locations. Had usual problems with antenna losing tune over wet ground, paddle wire breaking Sat. & Sun. - patched together twice. Antenna mast support base split Saturday night but patched it for Sunday locations. Took Brantford, Brant, Norfolk Sunday since no one seemed there. Equipment FT857+tuner, DXLB+@28ft, hot sun, paper log. Tnx for qsos.

VE3CV:Not a lot of time this year, just on Saturday. Too nice a day and too much yard work to do. Seems like the same for most of Ontario. No rovers heard. Still, glad to give out HUR to those who called. Did some MIQP as well just to get some action. See you in the RAC!

VE3CX:The plan was for VE3TU and I to go to KENora for this one. We had planned to go last year, but plans got derailed when we got two feet of snow. This year, Manuel's dog of 15 years passed away, so he decided not to go. As I was driving to the site (a five hour drive), there was white-out conditions and traffic was moving slowly. Three cars and one 18 wheeler parked in the ditch on that stretch of road. Ended up starting two hours late by the time the snow settled and I got on the air. Used my K3, an R5 vertical at five feet, and a 40 inverted vee with the apex at 25 feet. Was interesting operating with compromise antennas. Tried 10 quite a few times - lots of spots, good signals, but I was NOT loud at all... Same thing with 80. Used the tuner in the K3 with the 40 inverted vee, but was not able to raise anyone... Oh well - lesson learned on that one. Managed to beat the old record set in 2000, and it was a blast! It was a lot of fun to get several runs going considering the antennas I was using. Thanks for the QSO's.

VE3DC:Ontario QSO Party is a great Canadian Contest that we enjoy at VE3DC. We improved our QSOs by almost 100 but multipliers were down a bit, probably because of the Easter Weekend. I was impressed by how our operators kept racking them up. Thanks to our great operators and thanks to all that worked us, especially the American Hams that didn't seem to work anyone else. See you all in the next one. 73 Rick VE3BK

VE3DZ:Operated only a few hours - the main goal was to test a triplexer for the upcoming WRTC in July. Therefore, used low power for high bands and high power for low bands (funny wording, eh?).

Thanks to all for the Q's. I wish I could devote more time. Maybe next year.

VE3FU:Condx and participation were down. Thanks to all the California stations that showed up.

VE3IAE:On and off, actually part time. The usual S9+20 roaring noise on 80 m did not leave me a chance for a single QSO on 80. Even worse, the same noise is now on 20 m, too. The noise blanker reduces it from S9 to S7 on 20 m, but still. As always, it was a great opportunity to hear familiar voices and calls and say hello. And indeed, the Californian guys made quite an input into the OQP activity this time, to say the least.

VE3IBU:We only worked about 10hrs of the contest as the bands were not that great but we had fun doing it anyway. Thanks to all that worked us and hope everyone had fun. Didn't hear any rovers out there since we didn't go out as rovers but there is always next year.

VE3KTB:Tough to get on the air between Easter and painting for the xyl.

VE3KZ:CCO thanks all those that turned out for the OQP, particularly the W6's. Good luck to the W6 Clubs in their competition. A club competition for ALL clubs outside Ontario might be a good idea for the future. Conditions were variable here in Ontario. The weather was great after a horrific winter. Too good to indoors. That along with the Easter weekend activities cut into participation. Thanks also to those operating the other QSO Parties and the MM Contest which provided extra activity for the VA3/VE3's, when the low bands were worked out.

VE3OSZ:Activity seemed down this year. Perhaps Easter was a factor. My score is almost the same as last year but it would have been much smaller had the California clubs not participated. I had 55 CA QSOs, including 5 on 160. W6DR, W6YX and K6MMM were worked on 5 bands. For some reason I didn't work any CAs on 80. Having OQP on the same dates as the MM contest is not helpful, in my opinion. It does contribute some DX QSOs but it also causes confusion and QRM. It also means that one cannot seriously enter the MM contest. Can OQP be shifted to a different date? Station:Drake TR7 100 watts, Inverted L on 160 and 80, Dipoles on 10, 15 and 40, Elevated ground plane vertical on 20,

TR Log.

VE3RCN:From aboard the submarine, I could only squeeze out a couple of watts onto the antenna configuration on voice. There was a morse key aboard (I forgot my Navy straight key), but the key was one of those darn side-winders...I don't have a clue how they work. I could have bagged a few more contacts with morse.

VE3VN:Casual operating on Sunday AM only. Need a CW QRP category. I am so used to not being heard I didn't suspect a problem until after the contest, when I heard there was a geomagnetic Storm.

VE3ZF:This year's expedition to Manitoulin Island has surprisingly asserted itself above its predecessors, as a summit of defiant obstructions and feral in all elements association.

When I called my friend that lives on Manitoulin, 2 weeks prior to Ontario QSO Party 2014, I first learned of the massive snowfalls that have buried the area in 4 feet of snow. My friend informed that the constant wind dropped the temperature to -14 degrees, and that my usual dedicated area for setting up antenna was impossible to use. The only redeeming news was that there was a tractor at hand, which is used to clear the path to my cottage. I had my fingers crossed that perhaps some compassionate deity would have cleared the foul weather by the end of the fortnight, but this was not the case even temporarily over my week long stay on Manitoulin.

I spent the majority of the week in snowshoes, which didn't simply become standard footwear, as much as an extension of my appendages. Failure to embrace this sudden change in lifestyle, meant that you would at least once put your faith into a particularly solid looking path and fall straight through, with your lower body suddenly swallowed by several feet of snow.

So during the course of the week, wearing snowshoes, I was installing phased verticals on 40 and 80, Inverted Vee on 160 and assembled Spider Beam on high bands. I would like to particularly note that the 'half a person worth of snowfall' made the

installation of the antenna an incredibly difficult task to accomplish, which I somehow managed with only my own 2 hands.

Finally, at the end of the week, I was graced with arrival of my friends Patrick VE3HZQ and Igor VE3KAO. With our labor combined, we managed to raise even more antennas: G5RV, Cushcraft AP8A, 2 beverages 160 meters each and erected Spider Beam to 10 meter`s height.

In hindsight, the Ontario QSO Party was great, I especially enjoyed the by multi-hours EU`s and W`s pile-ups on 40-20-15 meters. Multiplier on low bands was collected mostly by Patrick VE3HZQ. Last hour was remarkable as well - Igor VE3KAO did a lot W6 on 10 meters CW.

I would like to give my thanks to the W6-clubs - their activity was very helpful during OnQP.

The miserable weather and difficulty setting up aside, our LOG counted 1690 QSO`s at the end of Ontario QSO Party. On top of that, not even hours after OnQP finished, Murphy`s Law once again demonstrated the degree to which it is a tangible force to be reckoned with, by raising the temperature into the positives and beginning to melt the mounds of snow. It was unfortunate that for entire week I had to put up with the sometimes difficult weather conditions that had befallen me, but at the end of it I feel accomplished knowing I got the results by my own abilities and will power. I would to thank Max VE3CCN for his great help during preparation to our expedition. Also thanks to all, who called us during Ontario QSO Party 2014 and see you next year!