

Summary Ontario QSO Party 2014

Ontario

VE3ZF returned to Manitoulin Island to Winter weather but managed to put together a record breaking Multi-two operation despite the inclemency. This year the VE3MIS group again manned VA3CCO for the second highest overall score and highest Multi-Multi result. The best Single operator CW score was from VE3OSZ with the best Low Power effort in the contest. VA3WR repeated last year's performance with the high QRP tally. VE3TA joined the winner's circle with the big Single-op Mixed score this year. Other plaque recipients in Ontario in addition to VE3ZF, VE3OSZ, VA3WR and VE3TA were VE3AGC/R, VE3DZ, VE3KZ, VE3AD, VA3OPP manned by VA3PC, VE9ML and W6YX operated by N7MH.

Contest Conditions

This year the OQP fell on the Easter weekend dropping the overall activity level. The glowing exception was the activity from California, with 25 California logs received, over 20% of the overall 120. The ionosphere was fair to good. On CW there was lots of activity thanks to the MM DX contest for Ontario stations. This other contest also produced a heavier QRM level for all to deal with.

California

Contest Club Ontario is grateful to three W6 Contest Clubs, Mother Lode DX & Contest Club, Redwood Empire DX Association and Contest Club California Peninsula for their support. They organized a local competition between these clubs, taking the ten best scores from each. A case of wine was at stake between the three clubs! We hope that you all had fun and we appreciate the gesture of support. It is always a pleasure to meet you all in October!

Contest Records

It was not an occasion when many records were expected however VE3ZF was determined to move ahead and established records in three operating or geographic categories for 2014. All Multi-op records now belong to the VE3ZF call. VE3CX also ventured from his home base in Thunder Bay to activate the most western District in Ontario, Kenora, with a record score. VE3FU re-established the Leeds-Grenville record while VA3CCO(VE3MIS) upped the record in Peel. In the U.S.A. N7MH operated W6YX to a new California mark as did KC5EGR in Mississippi and WN4AFP in South Carolina. DX records were set by UT5IA, SE4S and OG6N.

Thanks for Your Contribution

Contest Club Ontario thanks both those within and those outside Ontario for their participation and invites them to join in again in 2015!