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VE3CRU @VE3CRU/R:

This contest saw a lot of rain on Saturday. I had to operate all but 144 from outside the vehicle, put a real damper on my enthusiasm. My mission was to see activity on the vhf bands. To my surprise and disappointment, the use of 144 as liason is gone for many who could be counted on to be monitoring the frequencies. Big loss of points. I never at any time heard the bonus stations.

As a rover I maintained the integrity of roving by running as many counties as feasible, 6 east side of Toronto and 7 to the west. A few always run low for qso's. Bob VE3WG/R did similar running 11 counties, never heard him. I was equipped to run all bands from 7 to 144, 80 will not load. I have a whip for 160, mission impossible tuning it and I no longer stay up late on the road.

Thanks to CCO for sponsoring and to all on the CCO team for supporting the event. Thanks also for all who participated and gave out counties, provinces and states, and DX too.

73,

Bill VE3CRU/R

W2UDT: SMALL LOG. BUT, HERE IT IS!

W1END: Rig was FTdx5000 and Butternut vertical.
Nice to hear so many Ontarians. Thanks everyone.

VA3RSA: Great contest.

VA3PDG: Great to hear the numerous various stations participating from many points within Canada & Beyond!

VA3OPP: Not the best condx. had fun running on 20m for a while.

N8EA: Lots of QRN in FL 80 & 160

N1NN: 7TH ONTARIO QSO PARTY

KF3G: Thank you for the Ontario QSO Party.

KE4S: Just a few contacts to say thanks to Ontario hams for participating in the Virginia QP. 73 de Dave KE4S

KE0TT: Thanks for the fun!

VE3CRU: Wanting to maintain the integrity of good roving. I ran as many bands as feasibly possible, namely 6 east of Toronto on Saturday and seven to the west on Sunday. Bob VE3WG/R did the same, running 11 bands

May not be all that was said, but you know why it was said. "If the shoe fits
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VE3TM: Having played in the ONQP a little bit I have to admit, the MM Contest keeps on gaining its popularity dramatically...

VE3LVW: If noise could give out signal reports I could have a decent score! A few S&P contacts. Didn't bother trying to run as I figured I wouldn't hear most people calling through the QRN

VE3HG Things started out well and then I blew a power breaker and still trying to figure out what went wrong.

VE3RAC: Thanks for all the Qs, I tried to call every VE that I could find. Conditions were a bit challenging especially 20m. Only had Sat to work as Sunday was full of Easter services and family. The good news is that the new psu board is working well in the amplifier!

73
Tony
ve3rz

WQ6X: This was another WQ6X remote operation from NX6T in Fallbrook. The ONQP contest is ALWAYS frustrating - not enough ON stations actually play in their own QSO party - wassup with THAT? There were more VE-3's in the CQMM contest that in ONQP. HuH? Am I MISSING something?
Read more about this GiG at: <http://WQ6X.Blogspot.com>

VE3MM: Portable op in Muskoka. Logging on an Iphone.

VE3SST: Easter family activities limited the operating time, as did my noise levels. I actually heard a fair number of stations on 15m Sunday but they were all in the MM contest.

VE3NNT: I played with CQMM sporadically before and after the Ontario QSO party.

VE3CJ: This was a Field Day style operation by the Burlington Amateur Radio Club in a local park. We set up and tore down the complete station each day. We had typically Field Day-like wet weather, too!

One station was primarily on HF and the other was primarily on VHF, running on battery power for the whole time. HF was 100 W to a G5RV, 6 m was 10 watts to a Moxon and 2 m was about 50 W with a choice of a horizontally polarized 5 element Yagi, a quarter-wave mobile vertical and a vertically polarized 4 element quad.

Many thanks to the other club members who lent equipment, helped organize and put antennas up and down, but who are not listed as actual operators.

73,
Steve VE3SMA

VE3KTB: Not a lot of time available, basically popping in between other things. When I finally started getting things going a bit later on Saturday night, my antenna started giving very high SWR on 80m and that was pretty much it.

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VE3VN: 100% running to maximize handing out contacts during my brief activity Saturday evening. I was going to quit at 100 contacts then decided to hang on until I had 100 mults. No other LGR heard or worked.

VE3VY: Always enjoy the OQP - not as many ON stations as I had hoped but the MIQP and MM contests filled in the gaps. Tnx to the "Special" stations too for great efforts! Also, tnx to 2-3 locals in LAN & LGR for finding me and working me UP & DOWN the bands on SSB. There seemed to be a lot of one-timers that took time to give us a contact or two, as well.

NOTE: A new record for LANark too!

VE3GFN: Used my new Icom IC7610, the triband Yagi at 40 feet, and my inverted-vee fed with open wire line.

The fact that there were at least 3 other contests on at the time made SO2V ops almost impossible ... and made for a lot of confusion. If the weather had been bright and sunny, I would have raked the lawns, instead. Conditions were marginal, at best. At least, we didn't have any solar flares!

I did beat out VE3EJ in a small pileup ... that was the highlight of my contest!

73 Mike VE3GFN

VA3CCO: It was a confusing weekend with the CQMM contest and Michigan QSO Party also operating. I'm thinking of forming a new Ontario county at the cottage with county code "NA" to simplify things.

I had an S9 noise level Saturday evening on 80m and 40m wasn't much better. A good low band receive antenna is in the works for the spring/summer, which should help things. Sunday morning was much quieter.

Just when things were getting really slow Sunday afternoon, one of the CW stations on 40m asked me to QSY to SSB at 7.215 MHz, where I then had one of the best runs of the contest. I should have ignored the list of suggested frequencies cuz I never heard any action at 7.070.

VE3CV: Tough to justify lots of TIC or is it BIC during Easter Weekend. Rainy Saturday helped with making time, but lots of noise on 40 and 80 so just a casual S and P effort to get Huron activated for the lucky few. No activity heard on 20m early on. Nice to see TBY and KEN active. Congrats to Tom VE3CX for really getting VA3ODX out there!
Cheers
Jeff VE3CV

W1AJT: Great to hear many CCO members. 20m is difficult from here. Hope all had fun.
Happy Easter!