

Summary Ontario QSO Party 2026

The most notable change this year was to score phone QSO points equal to CW points in order to increase participation in the phone sector of the OQP. There was not a large increase in the percentage of phone entries this year, but the increase in mixed entries was six percent. We'll see if the percentages increase next year.

OQP had 24 fewer logs than last year. That was mostly driven by the drop in US logs received. There was an increase of Canadian logs except within Ontario. There were 77 stations that had ten or more contacts with OQP stations, but did not submit a log, 16 of which were in Ontario. Thanks to everyone who got on, made some QSO's and submitted a log. Your participation is appreciated and helps us ensure that the final results are as accurate as possible.

We had five bonus stations assigned – VA3RAC, VE3RHQ, VA3CCO, VE3CCO and VE3ODX, which are worth extra points for each QSO. Two bonus stations VA3RAC and VE3CCO did not operate and we weren't able to get alternate operators on the air in time. Special thanks to VA3YBW, VE3NNT and the RAC HQ station for acting as bonus stations this year.

Contest Club Ontario holds our Annual General Meeting at the end of August. This gives us time to collect logs from the OQP, do all the background stuff – scoring the logs, generating certificates, and getting plaques made up to be handed out at the end of August. For those not able to attend in person to accept their plaque, we do send them out shortly afterwards. Shipping plaques out of Canada has been cost prohibitive (the cost of shipping exceeds the cost of the plaque) so we

have been reluctantly forced to replace out of country plaques with certificates.

CONTEST RECORDS

Two county and state records were updated! Congratulations to all the stations who got on, and helped make OQP 2026 a great event.

Algoma District	VE3CWU	48,400
Arizona	AA7V	4,216

Thank You for your Participation

Contest Club Ontario wishes to thank everyone for taking part in our OQP Party. We try to get as many Ontario stations on as possible. Just like propagation, some years are better than others. This year we had all but eight multipliers active. If you are in Chatham-Kent, Haliburton, Kenora, Lambton, Muskoka, Renfrew, Thunder Bay or Temiskaming, next year please operate to get your multiplier active. (Please submit a log too!)

We also wish to thank the plaque sponsors for their generous contribution to helping make the OQP better. If you receive a plaque, please keep in mind that someone sponsored it for you, and you may wish to pass along a word of thanks.

Contest Club Ontario also wishes to thank everyone for taking part in our OQP Party. Without you, there would not be an Ontario QSO Party! Yes – we know – We keep saying the same thing every year, but its true, and we are happy to keep making a point of it. We DO appreciate each and every entry – large and small, along with the stations that get on and work us – even if they don't submit a log, They help the folks who do submit a log.

We also wish to thank Dave W3KM for his Cabrillo evaluator software. It was able to score the OQP in about 30 minutes. The vast majority of preparation time was to ensure the submitted logs match the Cabrillo format the OQP specifies. Over 95% of logs submitted did not require modification other than adding the ARRL section to the header. The rest had missing fields or had submitted logs from the MI or QC QSO parties. A quick e-mail to the submitter usually provided the details required.

We also wish to thank the many folks at Contest Club Ontario who work behind the scenes who help promote the Ontario QSO Party, who compile and score the logs, and deliver the final results. It is very much something we all enjoy, and we enjoy doing our bit to help make contesting a fun event we can all enjoy.

We hope to see you again in 2027 when the snow melts and summer is once again around the corner.