

2024 AZQP Soapbox

AAØFO

Tnx for all the CW ops AZ!

AB5XM

Thanks for sponsoring the contest and to all those who worked me!

AB9CA

100w, 56' inv vee for 40 and up, 80m vee. Had expected more activity on 80 since the noise there was low. Still a fun event. Thanks to those who do the work to make it possible!

AC7A

Operated from a campground in the Apache National Forest in Greenlee County, AZ. Equipment used was my 25-year old Elecraft K2 running 5w and connected to a 100' inverted-v fed with balanced line. It was a long drive from Tucson to activate Greenlee County, but worthwhile to provide this rarely activated county in the AZQP.

AF5J

Thanks for the Qs!
73, Hal, AF5J

K2KT

Same day as PA QSO Party. Propagation to AZ poor due to solar flare. Few stations heard on 20m. Never heard K7A bonus station.

K2MN

Used an indoor fan dipole and 90 Watts.

K3TW

I joined Senator Goldwater in Taiwan when he operated from BV0BG in 1986. It was great to work K7UGA again!

K4BAI

Good activity and good ops. Thanks for all QSOs. 73, John, K4BAI

K4FT

Thanks!
73 John K4FT

K6NR

I operated the contest remotely using my station near Williams, Arizona. I'm using the K4 beta firmware which is a pretty amazing remote experience. The Starlink connection had some momentary fades where the K4 disconnected, but things came back quickly. Good conditions, I was able to do some SSB with the new setup. I enjoyed the heavy runs when I went to a new band, but there were plenty of quiet times. Station is a K4 and KPA500, 400 watts to a ground mounted vertical on 80 and 40; dipole in the trees on 20; rotatable dipole at 41' on 15, and a 4 element yagi on 10 meters.

Thanks for the QSOs, Dana

K7A (K6WSC)

K7A was the 2024 Arizona QSO Party Bonus Station. Thanks to everyone who participated in the AZQP, especially the mobile and expeditions. I hope everyone had great ham radio fun in the AZQP!

73,

Bill Clark / K6WSC

Arizona QSO Party Chairman

K7AZT

A short stint from home after being part of the KT7RC PNL Expedition.

K7E

For the 2nd year, the K7E team set up in the Multi-Op Expedition Single County category in La Paz LPZ County. For the SSB station, we set up an Icom IC-7300 connected to a Buddipole and EF40 antennas. The CW station was a Yaesu FT-991 on a homebrew vertical antenna. The team consisted of Virgil K7VZ, Evan KK7MGL, Marcia K7AZM, James N7ELL, Rick W7STS and Rick's grandson Emerson KK7WWG.

K7L (K6LL)

Conditions were quite disturbed with K=8 at the start, but it was fun anyway.

K9JK

Thanks to all who were on, especially to the four stations who copied my 'pea-shooter' signal.

Thanks also to the sponsors.

73, JK

KAØPQW

fun contest 73 Matt ka0pqw

KA6BIM

Thanks for the QSO's Dave ka6bim

KA7RRA

I'm working the 4 QSO parties this weekend Arizona, South Dakota Pennsylvania, and Nevada. Its kind of confusing I have to remember when I change bands on the radio, I also have to change bands in the computer program, and I wish Nevada had its own program. I'm having fun

KD2KW

Thanks for the QSO Party.

KEØTT

100 watts to wires. Thanks for the Q's, good condx to AZ. C U next time.
73 DAN KEØTT

KF3G

Operated from fm29jw.
Thank you for the 2024 Arizona QSO Party!

KF6NCX

Thanks for the QSOs. I enjoyed this active contest. 73, Larry

KK6MC/m

There aren't many mobiles in the AZ QSO Party, probably because there aren't many counties, only 15; they are large, and it takes a lot of time to get from one to another, especially for a single operator who doesn't operate while driving. I operated from 3 county lines, resulting in 6 counties. I drove over from NM in the morning, so that was another 3.5 hours of driving. N6MU was my first QSO on 40M. It was good to see John operating again. I continued to work him from the rest of my stops. There wasn't much activity to start with and some signals were notably affected by geomagnetic activity. OM2VL was weak and watery over the pole, but he cleared up later in the contest. Activity picked up late in the afternoon though. Although there wasn't much activity in the morning, those that were on seemed to have good signals. Overall activity was slow, I guess in large part because there were 3 other QSO parties on and AZ, with only 15 counties doesn't offer much in the way of targets of opportunity. In the AZ QSO Party, multipliers count once per mode, so that effectively doubles the number of mults available, although still far short of some states. Also, there is significant participation from AZ stations in the 7QP, so it is a bit like asking people to operate twice in a county centric contest. Leaving planning to the last minute I did screw up county abbreviations. I corrected it, but I hope that I didn't cost too many people mults. Overall, a lot of fun, but I need to rethink my route for next year so I can hit more counties.

KN7Y

My wife Barbara and I have been planning for an Expedition in the AZQP ever since the 2023 event, and so far this year I have worked all state QSO parties in the State QP Challenge. Thanks to AD4EB and K5CM for their suggestions and encouragement as I built a portable station that is fully operational from a 2017 Toyota Tacoma. Friends in the AZ POTA group on FaceBook likewise were helpful as we tested multiple portable vertical antennas. Barb and I gave it two test runs, once for the 7QP in May operating in Payson, Gila County, Arizona, and then on June 10th from the Rim on the Gila / Coconino County line. Operating the 2024 AZQP, my rig is a Yaesu FT-450(AT) running 100 watts from 2 12V 100aH lithium batteries. A smaller 30aH battery with an inverter kept my laptop charged, and ran a small light as the Arizona fall sun began to hide itself behind the tall Rim Country pines. The cooler temps at about 7500 ft elevation were a welcome change. My antennas were (a) a Wolf River Coils Shorty 40 coil with their 17' telescoping whip mounted on top of a tripod set on top of the Tacoma's bed cover - with 4 home-brew radials, this combination works well on 40-meters, both CW and SSB. (b) A 20-meter hamstick style antenna was mounted on a permanent NMO mount with 3/8-24 adapter. (c) A second backpacking tripod held a second mount to hold 2 other telescoping whips, one for 10 meters and a second that I modified for 15, and both were in combination with a second set of 8 home-brew radials. This second tripod is very close to the ground, and I consider this a ground mounted configuration. I had started the assembly at the Rim Vista Overlook right on the county line at 1400Z, and my first QSO in the log was at 15:33 Z just 33 minutes shy of the inception of the contest. At 20:46 activity had slowed down and I packed the county line portion of my expedition in - and then started sending CQ now from only Coconino County - 2 hours later after some dinner and setting up the 40-meter antenna a second time. I operated from the end of the drive near our rented cabin to add 71 more QSO's on 20 CW, and 40 CW and SSB. Planning and inspiration from a number of friends, including fellow AOCC members, proved to be very important factors. Everything worked as planned except the 30aH battery was not fully charged before the weekend. It ran out of juice and the small lamp turned off near the end of the operation. Thanks very much for all the QSO's.

73, Jack KN7Y

KYØQ

All Qs QRP CW

N4DLA

QSO'd K7UGA on 7040 kHz with my 300 mW NorCal SMK-1 transceiver and a dipole!

N5EP

Elecraft KX3, 10 watts

Ant: EFHW for 40-10 meters, up 30 ft. (W1IS/KC1DSQ design, CQ Mag., Dec. 2021)

Keys: CWMORSE.US Mag Tension CNC Aluminum Pocket Double Paddle

SW: macOS, SkookumLogger Operating portable at Plum Lake, Wisconsin

N5RZ

Limited time this weekend.
Thanks for the QSOs.
73, Gator

N6ACA

I was activating POTA US-3455 and picked up some strong Arizona stations. Thanks for all the contacts. 73 N6ACA

N6MU

Almost got a sweep on 20. Missed SCZ. 73...
John, N6MU

N7T (N7NWL)

Wow! This was a 'Murphy Madness' contest, Never had this much Murphy... Started with last-minute scheduling conflict which significantly delayed actually starting. Followed with if something (everything) could break - it did! Followed with resetting & replacing literally everything didn't help. Glad to have gotten it out of my system this year with no real need for a repeat in future. Had a good time listening to everyone else work it!
AZQP is always a great contest - just not so much of it for me this year!
Tnx es 73 to all.
John, N7NWL

NDØC

Didn't have much time on a busy Saturday but jumped in for a little fun.
73,
Randy, NDØC

NF7E

Bands not great but spent more time and was able to double my score this year compared to last year!

NM2A

Thank you for the Qs and nice QP.
Condx on this end...not so good!!
73,
Mark

NO2D

Running Arizona from Colorado as QRP

NQ2W

Some strong signals here in NY!
Thanks for the Qs and the opportunity to participate.
73, Will, NQ2W

NU7I

I am a blind ham. I ran 75 Watts from a Kenwood TS590SG to an Alpha FMJ vertical antenna mounted on its tripod next to a tree in the backyard for a relatively stealth setup. I'm happy with my 75 CW QSOs across 30 multipliers, especially given the terrible HF propagation.

OM2VL (@OM8A)

Missed many on SSB :(

Most QSOs:

(10): KK6MC/m

(5): K7L

(4): K7A, KC7V, N7A

Thanks for the QSOs!

73, Iaci

VA6RCN

Thanksgiving in Canada...but was able to slip away for an hour to hand out the Alberta multiplier (in case no one else got on from here). GL everyone. Perhaps I can do better next year. Kevin VA6RCN (Royal Canadian Navy).

WØBH

Score includes 100 bonus points for working K7A.

Thanks for the Qs!

73, Bob, w0bh

WØPMO

First time to work AZQP - score includes K7A bonus 100 pts

W0YJT

Was only able to operate 5 hours this year.

W1FJ

Worked all I heard

W1QK

Thanks for the contacts. Thank you for sponsoring the AZQP. 73-Dan, W1QK

W2LC

Nice to work everyone! 73 Scott W2LC

W3US

RHR from Atlanta, GA

W7AWE

Operated from Empire Ranch (Las Cienegas National Conservation Area us-7381) on the Pima/Santa Cruz County line. During the contest a brush fire broke out south of my station (aka the county line on the road into Empire Ranch) and I had to Immediately start breaking down. The easy part was the radio and supporting equipment. Now the antenna field was a different matter. I had law enforcement, fire fighters, hot shots, and even ranch hands drive by asking if I needed help. A 4-hour set up beginning at 5:00 am that morning turned into a 1 hour 47-minute rush take down of my station. Photos and videos are available. Exciting times. I am proud of my contact rates for the time i was on the air. Next year!!!!

WA1SAY

Thanks for AZQP.

WA9LEY

Attic dipoles.

WB7UOF

Another fun year!