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# NY QSO PARTY RESULTS 2018

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Thanks to all who operated in this year's running of the NYQP, sponsored by the Rochester DX Association. This year, 269 valid logs were received from contestants in 49 NY Counties, 39 states, 2 Canadian Provinces, and 4 DX countries. 56 of the 62 NY counties were actually worked and logged by testers, making it still impossible for anyone to get that elusive, never obtained NY County Sweep, but that didn't stop folks from trying! Highlights follow, but take a look at the full results for all the detail.

## **Results Outside NY:**

164 logs were presented by stations outside of NY, creating lots of opportunities for the NY ops to find new mults and allowing NY ops to really "Party On" in NYQP. Gracious thanks to all of these stations for getting on the air and joining the fun. Checkout the full results for all the details!

*WA3HAE* posted the highest out-of-state score with 237 QSOs while winning the LOW POWER MIXED category.

Other award winners from other states are *WB8WKO* from HIGH POWER CW category from Michigan, *K8BKM* in LOW POWER also from Michigan, *K1RO* from New Hampshire in HIGH POWER MIXED and *AB1EP* operating from Maine in LOW POWER PHONE.

*VE3TW* turned in the winning entry from Canada.

## Results – NY Entries:

HIGH POWER - The overall NYQP high scorer came from the Single Op High Power Phone entry from *K2XA* making a whopping 1419 QSOs. This far eclipsed all other entries regardless of operating category, including all the Multi-ops. Although the scores were lower in the CW and MIXED categories, the competition was not. *NS2N* edging out *K4RUM* and *K2NV* in the CW entries, while *AB3CX* beat out *W2TB* and *N2ZX* in the close MIXED races.

LOW POWER – The biggest low power score came from the mixed category this year with *NN2L* coming out on top, followed by *N2BEG* and *K2ZWI*. But the CW category was also very competitive with *K2ZR* leading the pack. *W2EG* and *K2QB* following close behind. In PHONE, the two top scores logged exactly the same number of QSOs (380), but *NO2N* got 86 mults in the log, while *W2NTV* managed only 83, even though *W2NTV* worked 6 more NY counties.

QRP – *W2RTY* turned in a very nice QRP SSB score with 273 QSOs, 65 total mults.

MULTI-OP – 13 different NY stations decided to enter the multi-op categories in order to maximize their fun. These stations spread out over the different categories, but the MULTI-ONE MIXED was the most competitive with *W2NYW* beating out *NJ1F* for the top spot. The MULTI-MULTI LOW POWER MIXED gang at *W2SO* garnered the highest overall MULTI score with 920 QSOs, finishing slightly higher than the winning HIGH POWER MIXED group at *W2XL* who managed 793 QSOs.

MOBILES – Special thanks to those who participate in the MOBILE categories this year. As always, they really add to the fun in NYQP because they can add to the QSO and MULT totals faster than any fixed station. But only 4 MOBILES ventured out this year, and all of them were in the WNY area. *N2CU* turned in the highest score making 353 QSOs in the LOW POWER MIXED category while operating from 5 different counties. *N2ZN* managed 316 QSOs in the LOW CW category but motored around to 8 counties.

## **Clubs and Special Achievements:**

Congratulations to the Hudson Valley Contesters and DXers (15 logs) for taking down the NY CLUB high score beating out both Niagara Frontier Radiosport (12) and Rochester DX Association (20).

The Mad River Radio Club (Ohio) with 5 logs, took the OUTSIDE NEW YORK crown.

The Special Award for ROOKIE LOW POWER went to Mark, *KD2LUK* and YOUTH (13 to 17) to Dan, *W2DTK*

Start planning your efforts early for 2019. Let's get mobiles out there and see if we can activate all 62. Watch the NYQP website for all the upcoming details.

## **Wrap-up and comments:**

Quite a few comments about the lower mobile turnout this year, and this also resulted in fewer NY Counties heard from. We have yet to field all 62, and this will be a target this coming year. Watch the NYQP website for more details, but the NYQP team will focus on getting more of these rare counties on-the-air!



Overall winner, K2XA operating at his well-equipped station just outside of Albany. Saul also led the Hudson Valley team to the NY Club Award.



Tom, N2CU mounted and ready to roll



Three of W2SO club station ops N2WLS, KA2DDX and AA2ZW working their way to the overall Multi-op winner at the newly remodeled Lancaster Radio Clubhouse. W2SO had 9 ops in total this year!



N2ZN setup (look closely, three radios) for SO2R + FM from his Mobile this year.

# SOAPBOX (taken from 3830)

## **K4TZ**

TS 590SG; Ant 40m Windom in the attic!

## **AD8J**

Got on just to give out a few Q's as time permitted.

## **W2TB**

HAD A TORNADO TOUCH DOWN IN FRONT OF THE HOUSE AT 2:15 PM.  
That was a first! No damage here but the neighbors got it bad.  
West Seneca

## **K2CYE**

Where were all the NY'ers?

As always this was an enjoyable event. Thanks to the sponsors for putting on a great event!

## **NS2N**

Thanks to everyone who stopped by for a contact. Not full time ... breaks for WC, Food, medicine . T-storms

NS2N (ex WB2ABD)

IC-7610 KPA500 3el Steppir 5ft 40invv 35ft 80invv 60ft N1MM+

## **KØVBU**

K3-100 P3; TH6DXX @ 50\'; 80/40 Trap dipole @ 30\'; 160 INV L @ 30\'(winter only)

Thanks for the Q's.

73

Bill KØVBU

## **K2ZR**

RIG: K2@95W -

ANTS: 660'CF WIRE - 407' EF WIRE - 124.5' INV L - HEXBEAM

LOG: N1MM+ CONDX- GOOD

SERIOUS LACK OF NY MULTS ON CW - ONLY 28 COUNTIES WORKED. FAR MORE ON SSB

WORKED ALL STATES EXCEPT: ND, SD, WY & AK - WORKED VE1, VE2 & VE3

THANKS FOR THE Qs

73, DICK K2ZR

## **NN2NN**

NYQP always a blast!

## **ACØW**

Wish I had more time to spend, activity seemed decent.

## **K8BKM**

I hoped to participate in the ILQP on Sunday but we're having company over so I decided to take a run at NyQP instead. The weather was crappy here with a mixture of rain, hail, and snow, with some lightning mixed in, so outdoor distractions weren't an issue. Played radio pretty much the whole day, but did take a few breaks during the really boring parts.

Had a really fun competition with a local buddy. Believe it or not, we finished within 3 Q's of each other with the same number of multipliers. We'll see when the wash is done who has the cleaner log. That's what I'm hanging my hat on for now. If I lose then at least it was a strong healthy competition between friends. Maybe we'll tie and share a plaque. If so, I'll be a good friend and offer to store it at my house!

Seriously, kinda disappointed in the lack of mobiles, and the relative lack of movement of the mobiles. Also, in most QSO Parties, the mobiles sign with /county so you know they've moved. I kept having to ask QTH? of the mobiles, or wait for them to make a Q with someone else so I could copy their exchange.

For an out-of-stater, I sure ran a lot. It was pretty slim pickings after I worked the main pack. 40 dried up well before 80 opened, and 160 was not even an option due to the fall Stew. I made a few Q's on 20 - maybe should have tried a bit harder there.

Great fun. Thanks for the Q's, and great job, Jeff, WB8WKQ. Dilly Dilly.

Tom

## **K2XA**

Twenty meters was wonderful. Ran Europe for three hours. New JK Mega-Tri beam great antenna.

## **K2LE/1**

Limited time - between projects preparing for CQWW SSB next weekend..

73 and Tnx for the Qs

Andy K2LE

## **WB8WKQ**

Wouldn't you know, power went out at 2 -8 pm....but ran on the generator, so that made things interesting. Went CW only, because I know the big boys would have handed it to me if I went mixed. I think mixed makes things a lot more fun and action filled, because got pretty bored at times. Too bad the Stew Perry was happening on

160M, was curious about trying to get a few Q's there, but when I listened only heard the Stew boys. Fun contest and thanks for all the Q's.

### **WN4AFP**

The NYQP this year was a one-band experience for me. 40m played well for the entire contest. Thanks to N2ZN, KV2X and N2CU for keeping me going on this one. Since 40m only band that worked for me, I quickly ran out of fixed stations to work. I'd loved to have heard a few more mobiles out there. I was surprised with lower NY activity than in past years. The /MI guys were on the air today along with Keith HAE killing it. I'll have to run LP Mixed next year to keep my BIC. 73s Dave WN4AFP

### **W2SO**

A great club effort at the remodeled clubhouse. Also a great opportunity for a couple of newer ops to get contest seat time with the assistance of some more seasoned ops. Well done all!

The hail, rain static, static crashes, and thunderstorms were an added treat.

### **W2XL**

Always a fun contest, activity seemed down this year, not a lot of roving mobiles.

### **AB1J**

Every year I work a few NYQP stations on 80m CW in the evening but don't think I've ever submitted a log. It's mostly nostalgia for 80m from my Novice days long ago. But this year I wasn't doing anything else so I spent more time and added some 40m during my daytime activities.

It seemed as if CW activity was down from previous years, but I haven't kept careful track. FT8 has siphoned off activity, the VP6D guys are starting up, and there were the JARTS and WAG.

Sounds like Jabberwocky: Twas brillig, and the JARTS and WAG Did gyre and gimble in the wabe.

I tried running for NY stations and had 13 QSOs, four with non-NY stations. I'm not sure how explain that as I called CQ NY and IDed myself as AB1J/MA. Maybe they will be new grids for me.

Thanks to the Empire State ops. When I was a little kid, I thought it was the "Umpire State", which didn't make sense.

73,  
Ken, AB1J

Flex 6500  
N1MM+  
80m-40m outdoor 66' stealth wire, Dentron manual tuner and indoor counterpoise  
LoTW eQSL ClubLog



### **K2ZWI(NW2K)**

K2ZWI is the University of Rochester ARC.

### **K8MR**

Played around, among other things giving some QSOs back to the NY folks who work me in many other contests I'm serious about.

There was a definite skip zone on 40 meters early - the guys in far WNY were super weak while those further east were booming. A nice mix of CW and SSB in this one. Not many mobiles, I worked three for a total of five QSOs. The one contact on 160 was when K2ZR moved me there at 4 pm local. I worked a couple of NYQP guys later in the Stew Perry, but didn't bother interrupting my run to turn them into NYQP QSOs.

After the Illinois QSO Party today the QP season will be pretty much over for the year. See y'all from the road next year!

73 - Jim K8MR

### **NY6DX**

Great time station ran well. However digital in this contest is difficult because of JARTS. Move to the first weekend in November.

### **N2CU**

Two weeks in a row I was not able to do full-time mobile (PA and NY), but I did what I could and activated 5 counties. Thanks for the QSOs.

K3, KA8KIP screwdriver, N1MM Classic, RAV4

73,  
Tom N2CU/M

### **K2QO**

I've long joked that the only way I can focus and operate for a long time in any contest is to rove or go mobile. Going /R in VHF contest is great as there are no distractions, just operating time. This time I blocked off the entire 12 hours to operate from home. Then, just when things are going well I get a call from work and have no choice but to go in thereby torpedoing my plans. Had I been 200 miles away when I got the call I could have simply begged off on the "opportunity" to collect some comp time :-)

Elecraft K3/100, Force 12 C4E at 55', 80M Delta Loop fed apex up per W1FB, Skookum Logger on a Mac Mini.

### **K9GDF**

Antenna is rain gutter and downspouts.

## **WØZQ**

20m was rough from MN into NY.

## **N2ZN**

This is another mobile entry in my goal to activate all 62 NY counties during NYQP. I still needed four in western NY, and fortunately, I was able to activate them this year (ORL, NIA, CHA, ERI) in addition to the intervening counties (GEN, WYO). Historically, ERI and MON are the two least rare counties, but I got to them both, anyway. I can literally see GEN from my home, and ORL is about 5 minutes away from home also.

A few years ago, after doing a mobile multi with NW2K, he suggested I install a second radio in the car to work a second band while things were slow on the main band. Well, it took a while, and some more bugs need to be worked out, but in car SO2R finally became a reality this year. With the latest craze being dual-CQ, I operated in dual CQ mode most of the time I was on. Too bad the bands didn't cooperate, since the only time I got real serious rate in 2BSIQ mode was when 40 was still open a bit and 80 was just starting to open. But it does work-this was the test to find out what needs improvement, mostly RFI and cross band interference. Even with stubs inline, the antennas are still only 4-5 feet from each other, so this needs to be worked out a bit, especially for when the sunspots come back and 20 is more usable.

Since this was a one person effort, I could only operate while parked in each county, so actual on-air time was only about 6-7 hours, and driving between spots took up the rest of the time. Quite inefficient, but that's the way it goes sometimes.

Order of county operation: ORL, NIA, GEN, WYO, CHA, ERI, GEN, ORL, MON.

Passed some local landmarks such as the Pembroke TA (twice) and got gas at "The Rez".

Station:

Yaesu FT-857 + ATAS-120 (20 and 40 meters)  
Icom IC-7000 + Hustler mobile antennas (40 and 80 meters).  
Green Heron Radio Boss and PC parallel port CW interface.

My old HP laptop with Windows XP and a real serial and parallel port is still going strong after six NYQP trips and other trips to V3, VP2M, PJ4, and PZ.

Thanks to everyone for all of the QSO's. I think I only worked one other mobile, N2CU, and only once at that.

73, Ken N2ZN

### **K1RO**

First, thanks to the New York fixed and mobile stations for the nice turnout.

40 meters was quite long. The western New York stations were very loud, but I was not hearing many eastern stations. Last year the band shortened up nicely for the afternoon, but that didn't seem to happen this time.

I ended up taking advantage of the nice weather here to do some work outside, checking back on the QSO party every now and then. After supper I spent a while on 80 meters and picked up a number of new counties.

### **N1LN**

Had some mid-day open time so thought I would give out a few Qs to my old home state. Skip was too long for 20 and I didn't have a power advantage so most time spent on 40.

73,  
Bruce N1LN

### **W2EG**

Again, a drop from last year -- 58 fewer Qs though one more mult. Condx not good during morning and afternoon; got better after sunset. Seemed less participation than last year, as well. Virtually no CW mobiles or rovers. Though N1MM says I put in 10:35, it wasn't really that much. An injury made it very uncomfortable to sit long in chair -- had to take frequent &lt;30 min breaks. Still enjoyed it and thank all for the Qs!  
73, Rich, W2EG

### **N6MU**

Most of the action was on 40/80 which negates a competitive score from the left coast. Ran out of stations on 20 about 18Z which made a long day. 73...

John, N6MU TS-570 & 5BTV

### **W7KAM**

One all time new county, Chemung. 100 watts into a Junior G5RV up 25 foot.

### **K4BAI**

Most of Saturday was devoted to watching K1TO (A1 Tower Service) and KU8E repair my antennas. The made some QSOs in the Stew Perry. Heard W2EG in NY QSO Party and wanted to give him a QSO. Hope the party went well. 73, John, K4BAI.

### **K2RB**

Couldn't play till 3. Worked KS2G, N2MUN I was too late for 20, but 80 was fun.

### **AC2XC**

had late start and high noise level s7 and 2 low antennas at nvis level

### **KEØTT**

K3/10 at 5 watts to a parallel pair of 45' X 45' inverted ells fed at corner 45' up. Fed with ladder lines and a Johnson Matchbox. Can run them in phase or out of phase to change patterns. Short on time this year, but enjoyed some Q's. Thanks for your copy of my QRP out there. 73, C U next time. Dan ke0tt MN

### **K4VBM**

My best score ever in this contest!  
Thanks for the great fun!

### **K9NW(@K9UWA)**

Tnx QSOs!

73, Mike K9NW

### **N7MZW**

A limited two hour effort ,but gave the Wyoming mult to a lucky few. Icom IC-706MKIIG,Heil Pro Micro Headset, Vectronics HFT-1500 Manual Tuner (for 20 Meters only),and a 90 foot long ZS6BKW (modified G5RV) Flattop, up 50 feet, running N-S at 6,053 feet elevation in Laramie County Wyoming. Grid Square is DN-71. Thanks for the Q's. Will try for more Op time next year. Another "100 Watts and a Wire", "Caught 'em on a Corn Dog" one wire antenna station.  
November Seven Many Zebras Walking

### **N4C(W2CSI)**

This is the first contest I made all my contacts on 80 meters.  
I had to work Saturday morning so I got a late start.

Radio: FT-450D

Antenna: dipole at 45ft.

Amp: 811H, 800Watts

Thanks for a Great QSO Party!

### **K4RUM**

Lots of fun. First NYQP with new KPA1500 and improved antennas. Wish there had been more activity on 20.

Looking forward to next year.

### **N8DNA**

Great Q Pty! In Ohio signals from NY are great on 40 and 80! Activity from NY was good. I wish I could have spent more time!

**KF6NCX**

I enjoyed working NY. Wish band conditions had been better. Thanks for the Qs. 73,  
Larry

**AC6ZM**

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**KV2X/M**

I had to abort mobile operation because my truck developed a gasoline leak!

**WA5LXS**

Poor band condx for me

**KØVXU**

Just for fun.

**N2MTG**

41 counties

32 states