

2016 ILQP Soapbox

Band conditions are always best on 40m! – K3TW

LOTS OF FUN FROM THE ERC CLUBHOUSE – WA9KJV

Club Portable operation in Springbrook Forest Preserve and Pavilion – W9CEQ

I am new to contesting and did not think my log would be useful, but I realize now I should have at least submitted it as a check log. My log is attached. – WA5LXS *[WE ALWAYS WANT TO GET LOGS!!]*

Great QSO Party 73 – WB0PYF

This is my first time at logging the QSO Party.—KC9Q

By the time next year rolls around I probably won't be using NA any more and hopefully whatever logging program that I am using will have the county abbreviations as shown on the summary sheet. I have been using the same mult file for years and I can only hope that the ILQP committee will allow my entry again this year. – WA3HAE *[WE ARE A FAIRLY FORGIVING BUNCH.....]*

I had a difficult time with my logging program (DX KEEPER) trying to figure out how to get the counties listed. – KD9ADB

I was running 25 watts and wasn't sure if that was considered Low power or QRP, so I went with Low power – AA9GG *[YEP, LOW POWER!]*

WWV Solar flux for 10/16/2016 was 81 and Planetary A Index was 22. – K2PEY

This year we decided to combine the QSO party together with a short camping trip to Jo Daviess County. Nice weather, good operating conditions and good activity made for a fun time. Thanks again to you guys in WIARC for sponsoring the event and all your hard work to make it a success. – KF9D

Got booted after 4 hours ☹ -- K0ATC *[THAT SOUNDS PAINFUL.....]*

40 meter dipole up about 15 ft. – K9ZO

Rig was FTdx5000 and Butternut HF6V all-band vertical. I always find plenty of activity in your state. – W1END

ENJOYED HANDING OUT A FEW CONTACTS FOR THE GANG – K0TPP

ROVER WOW WHAT A BLAST 100 WATTS FROM KX3 AND 100W AMP NTO VERTICALS MOUNTED ON TRUCK -- KD0NEO/R

20m closed rather soon and WAG contest exhausted me too much for some 40m later... – DL3GA

WISH I'D HAD MORE TIME TO PLAY-SEE U NEXT YEAR – AH6AX

Had a great time! – K9LGE

It was a fun contest! -- K5KJ

Thanks for all you do to support this event.—W9QL

We tested out our mobile set-up for the first time in anticipation for a mobile operation later in the week during School Club Round-Up. Found the Tarheel II had some high SWR on 40 meters, but were able to succeed in making a few QSO's with battery power. Had a great time and good tune-up for SCR! –W9GRS

THANKS FOR GREAT CONTEST – KD2IRA/4

Another great event. Tnx.. – VE3PQ

Look forward to the contest every year. – NU4N

Sorry I couldn't play in Illinois this time. But happy to take it easy in a comfy chair, 807 in hand, and dole out a rare one to The Deserving. Don't miss the INQP, May 6 2017 !!! – KJ9C

Thanks to all! See you next year. – N9WL

Thanks for doing the ILQP! -- K9FO

NOT BAD WITH BROKEN ARM – W9WE

I certify that I've used 5 watts or less in all the QSO's. I don't think that means anything, except maybe, just maybe, no one else in Michigan operated with such power level. -- N8XX

Well changing 225 Qs from IL to DUPG was kind of fun. Pretty sure I'm not going to make that mistake again. I was going to treat it like an Excel file; highlight, Ctrl+D. Nope. – W9XS

County corner of Madison, Macoupin, and Montgomery counties. In other words the Intersection of cornfield and bean field.. 40m was hot. 20m was useless, 80m okay. Rig Kenwood TS-570 Antenna 100 foot dipole with ladder line and tuner. Ran off deep cycle batteries with generator to charge batteries. Thanks for all your effort in putting the ILQP together. We had a blast this year and almost doubled our score from last year. WA0LIS trustee for K9GXU

It was great fun. I only wished I could have put more time into it this year. Thank you for running this event! – WB9UGX

Had a great time at JEPC in Cass County. Thank you for shepherding the contest. – WD9EEK

Thanks for having the event! – W9TAM

Thanks for the contest QSOs! – AF5CC

Thanks for administering this event! -- K9JG

Great Contest 73 -- KC9UNL

12TH ILLINOIS QSO PARTY – N1NN

TNX fer many counties! – K9DUR

In the beginning of the contest, I was activating a National Park unit MN78 in Chicago, Cook County. I called CQ ILQP/NPOTA and was giving out my county and NPOTA designator in the exchange. –WA9LEY

Great contest, glad the band was good, short skip on 40M. I had fun and made 75 new counties for my worked all counties. See you next year. – K4EZX

Didn't have much time to operate but had fun. Used to be resident of Mascoutah stationed at Scott. --KG5HI

New operator and I enjoyed talking with the good folks of Illinois. – KC5LL

Thanks for sponsoring the contest. – N3KN

Did you match logs with me on QRZ, eQSL and/or LoTW? – W4LID

Only worked contest on Sunday. Heard only a few stations fade in and out. – K1AUS

As always, had a blast on 20 meters for a while, before 40 meters really opened up. Fun on a dipole! Many thanks, as always, for hosting this event!!! KD9GY

We started out on 20m and ended up 40m and a few with my 40m antenna on 80M. WAS A FUN CONTEST – W0YJT

Saw an old friend and made some first time contacts. It was fun participating and I hope my log helps out. -- KA1PPV

Jim, thanks for the fun, and for your work supporting the ILQP. Was a fun time catching you mobile in so many counties. All the best, and may God Bless! -- KE0TT

Just see that your organization doesn't offer plaque to winner of out of QRP entries. ☹
Many QSO parties do and usually require minimum # of contacts. – WS2E
[SUGGESTIONS AND SPONSORSHIP REGARDING NEW PLAQUES ARE ALWAYS CONSIDERED]

Not much of an attempt but made Marshall available for a few. One of the days I'm going to get serious and make a real run at this. – K9QJ

Thanks for the QSOs! Fun contest! – K9ELF

Portable from High Cliff State Park marina for 4+ hours – WB9KMW

Had a blast! This is the first contest log I've ever submitted. – K9DRP

N9JF/m as quite weak compared to the other mobiles. Were any of them running more than 100W? Noticed less participation this year. The propagation did not cooperate: K=5 A=22. ILQP is tough from here. At 2130Z or 2:30PM our time when it is still broad daylight, everyone in IL goes to 40m. Our QSO rate stops dead until 2230 when only the kW fixed stations can be heard. I seldom work any of the mobiles on 40m, even in the last hour. But it's fun. I have to take an hour off because I have a show to do at the museum from 1230 to 1pm. It only costs me an hour. Good to work you! Thanks for organizing the ILQP. Say hi to the gang for me. – K4XU

This was my 1st ILQP. – NT9E

Thanks for a great QP - one of my favorites. – N4IQ

Nice going again this year....not as much time as I had hoped... Thanks! -- N4PN

Hard to work IL on 40 during the day???—W6OUL

13 YEAR OLD OPERATOR. FIRST TIME PARTICIPATING. HAD FUN WITH MY SMALL STATION! -- KM4SII

Thanks for the Q's -- K9OR

Thanks for handling this. – NA9A

Thanks for the great time! -- K4FT

Only got to spend a few hours in this event. 40 was good during the daylight hours then quickly went long after the sun went down. 80 was pretty strong; my vertical is not very efficient. Can only imagine how good a nice horizontal loop would be. Thanks for the contacts. – W8JPF

Had lots of fun and will be there next year. – WA1SAY

Really hard to talk to IL this year! -- AH6EZ/W7

Dipole was better than the vertical for most counties on 40. Ten was dead, as was 15. 20 was ok for a while, and then it was all 40. You did get spotted on the local cluster. Whee! – KC1PR

Great contest, a lot of stations and a lot of fun. Thanks. – K3MAW

The Charleston Amateur Radio Society was having a club picnic and I snuck into the comms trailer and worked a few stations. Here's the log. –WA4USN op AJ4UQ

