The 2014 Ohio QSO Party

The fourth Saturday once again provided the opportunity for hams across Ohio to put the Buckeye state on the air, with people looking for and passing out QSOs from all around the state. All 88 of Ohio's counties made it on the air, though the numbers for Brown county can't get any smaller: one reported QSO, on CW. No CW QSOs were reported from Clinton county. Other rare ones this year were Mercer, with 12 total QSOs, and Wyandot with 15. On the other hand, the traditional most active ones were again the most active, Delaware with 1185 QSOs reported in other logs, and Butler with 1054. Pennsylvania was the most logged QTH outside of Ohio, with 1287 QSOs, followed by Texas with 859.

Winners this year included both familiar calls and new ones. Bob Hayes, KW8N, from Lorain county again won Ohio's single operator honors, operating with high power. In the low power category, Jim Galm, W8WTS, again operated the K8AZ contest superstation in Geauga county to take the low power category. Multioperator juggernaut K8DV from Clermont county again successfully did their thing. From outside Ohio, Georgian Paul Newberry, N4PN, took overall out of state single operator honors, in the high power category. And Uli Ann, DM5EE, is another familiar winner, of the DX award. Uli formerly was DL2HBX, and also KK8I for several years while working in Michigan, during which time he included several mobile trips around Ohio in the OhQP.





Ralph Matheny, K8RYU, has for many years activated some of Ohio's rarest and most remote counties as a Rover. This year he crossed paths with another Rover in Pike county. No word on how the enhanced ground conductivity affected his OhQP rates.

Newcomers in the winners circle include Ohio QRP champ Paul Hurm, N8OT. Paul borrowed an Elecraft KX3 for the weekend from AE8M, and put it to good use. Paul also reported that he is truly an OhQP veteran, having operated in the event back in the early 1970's. John Getz, AD8J, who has spent some time as a Buckeye back in the 1980's in Columbus, operated OhQP in modern style: a remote controlled station, located 20 miles from his no-antenna QTH in Ashville, NC. Tim Pepper, K8NWD, is another first time winner, in the QRP category.

The experienced mobile team of W8CAR and K8NZ placed at the top of the mobile category, and OhQP head honcho K8MR, with driver AC8E, topped the Rover category. Familiar CW specialist Tom Hain, KV8Q, again took the CW single mode honors as K8Q, and newcomer Bruce Van Suten, N8BV, those for SSB. And from out west, Colorado's Larry Lewis, K0RI placed at the top of the entries from the Mountain/Pacific time zones.

The Cuyahoga County ARES put its EOC station on the air and won the award for tops in the EOC category. The EOC operations were not the only emergency efforts that took place during the OhQP: see the Soapbox comments of Russ, N8MWK, who operated portable from Perry county.

The 2014 OhQP included Ohio's second week in the ARRL Centennial Celebration, so W1AW/8 showed up in several counties. Given the unusual nature of the W1AW operations, they were not included in the normal OhQP competition, but thanks to the following W1AW/8 operators who combined the two events: AF8A (at N8TR) in Lorain, and also his own QTH in Cuyahoga; N8XX in Delaware; NS8O in Meigs; K8MR/R in Monroe; WZ8P in Muskingum, and W8FT (the Findlay Radio Club) in Hancock.

About the OhQP

This report was written by OhQP Chairman Jim Stahl, K8MR. The OhQP web site and log checking is done by Tim Mitchell, K9TM. The plaques are produced by Everett Jackson, WZ8P, of the Franklin Printing Company in Zanesville. Vic Kean, K1LT, and Gary Mitikin, AF8A, round out the OhQP committee.

The Ohio QSO Party, since its return in 1999, has been sponsored by the Mad River Radio Club. The MRRC will once again be hosting its annual "Suite in the Sun" at the Dayton Hamvention, in Flea Market spaces 3616-3619 on Friday and Saturday. Stop by to say hello and meet some of the people behind the OhQP. The MRRC is open to people who enjoy contesting. It is centered in Findlay, and covers nearly all of Ohio as well as southern Michigan. For more info on the club, contact Jim, K8MR, at k8mr@arrl.net.

The 2015 OhQP will be held on Saturday, August 22, 2015. Note that the OhQP is held on the fourth Saturday of August. In most years this is also the last Saturday, but not so in 2015. So when you mark those calendars, be sure to mark the right date!

The 2015 Ohio QSO Party
Saturday, August 22, 2015
1600z – 0400z Sunday
(Noon to Midnight EDST)

See You Then!

2014 Ohio QSO Party

Plaque Winners

Ohio

Category	Winner	Sponsor
Single Op High Power	KW8N	Findlay Radio Club
Single Op Low Power	K8AZ (W8WTS opr)	Portage Co. Amateur Radio Service
Single Op QRP	N8OT	Northern Ohio QRP Club
Multi Operator	K8DV	Wayne Amateur Radio Club
Emergency Op Center	N8AUC	Radio Society of Ohio
Single Op CW	KV8Q	40 Over Club (K8FOC) of Cincinnati
Single Op SSB	N8BV	Muskingum Ham Radio Club
Mobile	K80	Lake County Amateur Radio Assoc.
Rover	K8MR	Delaware Amateur Radio Assoc.

Outside Ohio

Single Op High Power	N4PN	Central Ohio Operators Klub
		Extra-Novice (COOKEN ARC)
Single Op Low Power	AD8J	Sean Fleming, K8KHZ
Single Op QRP	K8NWD	Chuck Patellis, W8PT
Single Op DX	DM5EE	Northern Ohio DX Association
Single Op Mountain/Pacific	KORI	Canton Radio Club

The 2014 Ohio QSO Party Ohio Results Single Operator High Power

				QSOs		
CALL	QTH	SCORE	Total	CW	PH	MULTS
KW8N	LORA	264,753	916	363	553	207
W8JK (W8ERD opr)	DELA	29,736	215	198	17	72
N8SDR	BUTL	23,594	251	0	251	94
N8BHL	DELA	17,845	199	16	183	83
W8NX	DELA	16,786	218	0	218	77
K8BSW	FRAN	16,598	193	0	193	86
KC8QDQ	ATHE	10,660	164	0	164	65
WT8C	LAKE	9,765	155	0	155	63
N8CD	WAYN	5,369	88	3	85	59
WB8CEE	ATHE	1	1	0	1	1

Single Operator Low Power

				QSOs		
CALL	QTH	SCORE	Total	CW	PH	MULTS
K8AZ (W8WTS opr)	GEAU	188,280	632	414	218	180
K1LT	FAIR	161,955	560	355	205	177
K8FH	LORA	132,354	466	308	158	171
K9NW	BUTL	127,276	443	234	209	188
K8NVR	MEDI	123,606	521	242	279	162
AA8IA	JEFF	117,810	454	239	215	170
KV8Q	FRAN	107,256	436	436	0	123
NO8C	PUTN	103,392	464	254	210	144
W8KTQ	DELA	88,064	397	291	106	128
N8VV	COSH	78,993	349	254	95	131
W8TM	HAMI	75,060	347	193	154	139
K8BTU	DELA	73,980	411	411	0	90
K8MP	DELA	73,696	392	392	0	94
KD8MQ	STAR	42,354	320	42	278	117
W8IQ	LUCA	35,964	209	124	85	108
N8BV	HAMI	35,280	360	0	360	98
K8IYO	HIGH	31,866	339	0	339	94
W8BD	WILL	26,481	195	96	99	91
W8OH	LUCA	26,460	175	77	98	105
W1NN	MEDI	24,000	174	126	48	80

			(QSOs		
CALL	QTH	SCORE	Total	CW	PH	MULTS
W8IDM	CUYA	23,436	186	186	0	63
N8RAC	PUTN	22,908	276	0	276	83
KI8R	FAIR	21,948	186	186	0	59
N8YN	SCIO	20,140	265	0	265	76
WT8E	ATHE	18,696	226	2	224	82
W8WZZ	FAIR	17,617	223	0	223	79
K8CY (K3YP opr)	ASHT	17,556	228	0	228	77
N8OQQ	SUMM	12,168	169	0	169	72
WB8JAY	TUSC	10,712	103	103	0	52
WB8YLO	LUCA	10,615	103	90	13	55
KD8SAV	MONT	10,464	109	109	0	48
N8OXC	MONT	10,362	157	0	157	66
N8TWM	RICH	10,295	145	0	145	71
N2OPW	DELA	8,640	103	41	62	60
WA8YVF	CUYA	7,747	127	0	127	61
N4HAI	FRAN	7,020	82	74	8	45
KD8LAV	MARI	6,728	116	0	116	58
N8GU	UNIO	6,384	114	0	114	56
KD8ORN	HOCK	5,900	100	0	100	59
W8PN	CUYA	3,712	58	58	0	32
NF8O	MEDI	3,600	75	0	75	48
N8RMZ	WASH	3,400	68	0	68	50
KC8YKQ	VANW	2,829	69	0	69	41
N8MWK	PERR	2,580	60	0	60	43
WS6K	CLER	2,478	60	0	60	42
N8GBU	LUCA	2,438	53	0	53	46
KD8KZG	MORG	2,279	53	0	53	43
KC8BTA	CLER	2,050	50	0	50	41
WB8FZW	MEDI	1,960	49	0	49	40
W8EOT	DARK	1,517	41	0	41	37
KB8DDZ	BUTL	1,386	42	0	42	33
KC8UR	KNOX	1,350	34	11	23	30
W8KVK	ATHE	1,280	40	0	40	32
W8DPK	MADI	1,260	42	0	42	30
AE8I	MIAM	1,178	37	1	36	31
KC8RPV	HAMI	896	32	0	32	28
KD8NZF	MAHO	462	22	0	22	21
N8ZKT	FRAN	384	24	0	24	16
K8WTF	CUYA	361	19	0	19	19
K3YP	ASHT	297	14	13	1	11
KA8OAD	SUMM	272	17	0	17	16
W8WDS	HAMI	156	13	0	13	12
W8KNO	PORT	49	7	0	7	7
W8MFU	MEDI	9	3	0	3	3

2014 Ohio QSO Party

Ohio – Single Operator QRP

QSOs					
QTH	SCORE	Total	CW	PH	MULTS
BUTL	30,846	183	108	75	106
HENR	11,715	99	66	33	71
HAMI	2,700	60	0	60	45
DELA	1,008	28	28	0	18
CLER	702	27	0	27	26
PIKE	690	30	0	30	23
DELA	42	7	0	7	6
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Ohio – Multioperator

				QSOs		
CALL	QTH	SCORE	Total	CW	PH	MULTS
K8DV	CLER	325,653	988	499	489	219
WE8DX	LICK	99,200	480	160	320	155
K8YR	PREB	69,552	538	14	524	126
K8PI	BUTL	54,805	290	195	95	113
KE8M	HURO	53,658	271	271	0	99
W8VP	GUER	51,300	413	37	376	114
W8ZPF	LICK	43,440	236	126	110	120
W8DGN	GREE	41,769	336	21	315	117
W8WRK	BUTL	41,440	256	114	142	112
K8BF	PORT	40,356	326	28	298	114
KE8RV	MADI	25,542	297	0	297	86
W8AJT	BUTL	6,955	107	0	107	65
K8SCH	HAMI	850	50	0	50	17
WA8KKN	DELA	460	23	0	23	20

Operators

K8DV	K8DV, K4ZLE, W9NIO, K8CR
WE8DX	W3HKK, WD8E, NR8U
K8YR	KA8SBI, KD8QFM
K8PI	KD8TGE, KD8W, N8HP, KF8QS, W8ISZ, N8YFQ,
KE8M	KE8M + skimmer
W8VP	W8FHF,K8AL,KA8NZS,KC8SIQ,KD8QYV,KD8TCV,KD8URG,KD8WUZ,KD8WUQ,N8IMW,N8JMK
W8ZPF	K8AX,N8WL,WA8PGE,W3CRZ
W8DGN	W8ASA N8DRG KD8NUA KD8NUB KD8NUC W0AJE KD8RHO KD8ULQ
	W4EBC W5SKC KD8OPN KD8VWC KC9YKN W8TOG WA8HUB
K8BF	KA8TOA KB8UUZ AE8YL N8IL N8QE N8WLE KB8AMZ KB8TUY WA8CCU WB8LCD
	N8GU,N8CWU,WA8TTZ,KD8YRL,N8ME,W8DPK,
W8AJT	KD8RLA, KD8SOZ, WB8TCB
K8SCH	KD8SOH, KC8EGV, W1SCR, KB8MYC
WA8KKN	WA8KKN,W8SMK

2014 Ohio QSO Party

Mobile

	QSOs								
CALL	Cty's	SCORE	Total	CW	PH	MULTS			
K8O	30	131,248	665	597	68	104	K8NZ W8CAR		
W9MSE	26	99,222	719	719	0	69			
AE8M	8	88,665	443	328	115	115			
W8UE	11	63,090	368	333	35	90			
AB8M	7	2,584	68	0	68	38			
WB9CIF	3	1,824	38	38	0	24			
AK8H	7	1,058	46	0	46	23			

Rover

QSOs											
CALL	Cty's	SCORE	Total	CW	PH	MULTS	Operators				
K8MR	20	209,808	846	642	204	141	K8MR, AC8E				
K8RYU	8	149,110	634	328	306	155	K8RYU, KD8CWV				

Emergency Operator Center

	QSOs								
CALL	QTH	SCORE	Total	CW	PH	MULTS			
N8AUC	CUYA	15,810	141	45	96	85			
W8CCA	COSH	7,080	120	0	120	59			
W8EOC (NF8O opr)	MEDI	7,080	118	0	118	60			
		Operato	ors						

N8AUC N8AUC,KB8VXE,KB8TGT,KF8PM,N8JQL,KE8WPI,K8SHB W8CCA AA8BN, KL7RF, KB8HEA

2014 Ohio QSO Party Out of State Single Operator High Power

				QSOs		
CALL	QTH	SCORE	Total	CW	PH	MULTS
N4PN	GA	63,273	318	165	153	131
K8JQ	WV	32,860	228	82	146	106
K0RI	CO	26,978	170	117	53	94
K7GM	NY	21,190	163	163	0	65
DM5EE	DX	17,340	144	111	33	68
N4QS	KY	13,746	115	59	56	79
K2DSW	IA	11,580	106	87	19	60
WA5LOU	IN	11,109	113	48	65	69
WX4G	FL	9,558	100	77	23	54
W5HNS	TX	6,578	80	63	17	46
NS9I	WI	5,840	73	73	0	40
N1SZ	MD	4,600	100	0	100	46
K5WP	AL	2,952	50	32	18	36
W0BR	PA	2,706	59	7	52	41
N3KN	VA	2,698	51	20	31	38
DK2OY	DX	2,400	43	37	6	30
UA2F (UA2FB opr)	DX	2,387	42	35	7	31
VE3HED	ON	2,109	57	0	57	37
KJ9C	MT	1,840	40	40	0	23
K5XR (W5ASP opr)	TX	1,836	34	34	0	27
HA1AG	DX	1,464	32	29	3	24
SM5CIL (SM7CIL opr)	DX	1,160	29	29	0	20
W4ANT	SC	1,080	36	0	36	30
K5UQ	LA	975	39	0	39	25
KD0NEO	MO	800	32	0	32	25
KJ4LTA	AL	800	32	0	32	25
AA4CF	GA	782	23	23	0	17
AI4WW	FL	680	20	20	0	17
VE6UM	AB	672	22	20	2	16
K1IMI	ME	504	18	18	0	14
SM5ALJ	DX	481	19	18	1	13
W6TK	CA	308	14	8	6	14
UW7LL	DX	240	12	12	0	10
9A2EU	DX	144	9	7	2	9
W8FB	MI	144	9	9	0	8
KM6I	CA	2	1	1	0	1

Out of State – Single Operator Low Power

				QSOs		
CALL	QTH	SCORE	Total	CW	PH	MULTS
AD8J	NC	45,738	243	135	108	121
W1DWA	MA	19,635	125	106	19	85
K8GT	MI	12,998	123	71	52	67
KG4W	VA	12,285	119	70	49	65
K3MD	PA	11,764	110	63	47	68
WN4AFP	SC	11,396	110	44	66	74
K3IE	TN	10,725	103	62	41	65
K4BAI	GA	10,080	102	66	36	60
NA4K	TN	10,080	100	68	32	60
KB3LIX	PA	9,610	96	59	37	62
NA8V	MI	8,512	88	64	24	56
VE1RGB	NS	7,728	92	92	0	42
NA2X	NY	7,434	77	49	28	59
KU8E	GA	5,625	72	53	19	45
WA8ZBT	TX	5,412	69	54	15	44
KE2D	NJ	4,914	69	48	21	42
N3KR	PA	4,760	70	70	0	34
W9PA	IN	4,429	67	36	31	43
K4HAL	AL	4,260	71	71	0	30
KN4Y	FL	4,026	61	61	0	33
N3TG	VA	3,870	53	37	16	43
K4ZGB	AL	3,456	54	54	0	32
W1END	NH	3,420	57	57	0	30
WA5SOG	AR	3,312	51	41	10	36
N3LT	PA	3,300	52	23	29	44
VA3GKO	ON	3,240	82	0	82	40
ND3R	PA	3,010	48	38	10	35
K2NPN	NY	2,920	48	25	23	40
KD4BAO	SC	2,356	62	0	62	38
OK2EC	DX	2,288	44	44	0	26
NT2A	NY	2,170	35	35	0	31
WO4O	FL	2,130	41	30	11	30
W9SE	IL	2,052	57	0	57	36
W9EBE	IL	1,998	37	37	0	27
W7KAM	MO	1,890	54	0	54	35
WA9LEY	IL	1,700	37	31	6	25
NF8M	MI	1,652	36	23	13	28
W9OA	WI	1,584	36	36	0	22
VE3PYJ	ON	1,452	44	0	44	33
K9GDF	WI	1,440	30	30	0	24
KB3CZK	PA	1,440	46	0	46	32
VA3ATT	ON	1,232	28	28	0	22
W4DUK	VA	1,160	40	0	40	29
N2SO	NY	1,140	30	30	0	19
VA3NGE	ON	1,073	37	0	37	29
AD0JA	MO	1,008	36	0	36	28
WA8VEC	FL	946	26	17	9	22

N8FYL	MI	943	31	10	21	23
K6KQV	CA	828	23	23	0	18
W4AU	VA	828	23	23	0	18
KQ3F	PA	780	21	18	3	20
KB3ORR	PA	750	30	0	30	25
AF5CC	OK	738	21	20	1	18
KC1AXJ	СТ	690	30	0	30	23
KK4HEG	NC	672	28	0	28	24
KF5WFL	TX	667	29	0	29	23
SM5CSS	DX	646	19	19	0	17
WA3SOR	PA	630	21	21	0	15
KK7AC	AZ	600	25	0	25	24
KF0JA	GA	572	26	0	26	22
HB9ARF	DX	570	19	19	0	15
N2UU	NJ	570	19	19	0	15
WA4JA	TN	506	23	0	23	22
K5TIA	TX	476	17	17	0	14
W1TO	MA	390	15	15	0	13
K3OQ	MD	308	15	13	2	11
I1EIS	DX	176	11	11	0	8
N1WRK	MA	169	13	0	13	13
NI4NN	FL	140	10	10	0	7
EA5IIK	DX	112	8	8	0	7
N0EI	KS	99	9	2	7	9
KI4MZC	GA	72	6	6	0	6
RG5A	DX	72	6	6	0	6
UX7UU	DX	66	6	5	1	6
K4EZS	TN	64	8	0	8	8
PA3ARM	DX	60	6	6	0	5
KQ6P	CA	56	8	0	8	7
N6ENO	CA	56	8	0	8	7
WB7CYO	ID	49	7	0	7	7
K4GED	NC	36	6	0	6	6
K6CSL	CA	28	5	2	3	4
SE4E (SM4DQE opr)	DX	18	3	3	0	3
SF3A (SM3CER opr)	DX	18	3	3	0	3
AE7DW	AZ	16	4	0	4	4
KD4QMY	GA	16	4	0	4	4
K2CYE	NY	8	2	2	0	2
VE2PIJ	QC	4	2	0	2	2
N4NTO	NC	2	1	1	0	1
KC3ASH	MD	1	1	0	1	1

Out of State – Single Operator QRP

	QSOs					
CALL	QTH	SCORE	Total	CW	PH	MULTS
K8NWD	MI	14,694	127	59	68	79
KI4FW	VA	4,712	62	62	0	38
KT8K	MI	2,135	42	19	23	35
WB0IWG	ND	342	19	0	19	18
VA3RKM	ON	240	15	15	0	8
KM5VZ	TX	49	7	0	7	7

Out of State - Multioperator

			(QSOs		
CALL	QTH	SCORE	Total	CW	PH	MULTS
AA3B (+skimmer)	PA	20,412	156	96	60	81
W9FZ (+KA9VVQ)	WI	858	26	13	13	22

Reported QSOS Per Band and Mode

	80	40	20	15	10	Total
CW:	2599	8287	3323			14209
SSB:	2329	10536	2244			15109
TOTAL:	4928	18823	5567	322	25	29318

Ohio Club Scores

529,336
463,291
439,663
277,361
152,510
86,073
80,270
58,105
52,941
52,524
43,773
42,354
41,769
33,186
32,556
30,846
27,148
19,003
17,853
11,396
10,661
6,955
2,829
156

Out of State Club Scores

SOUTH EAST CONTEST CLUB	64,371
GEORGIA CONTEST GROUP	63,273
MAD RIVER RADIO CLUB	38,339
FRANKFORD RADIO CLUB	37,716
TENNESSEE CONTEST GROUP	31,914
BAVARIAN CONTEST CLUB	21,204
POTOMAC VALLEY RADIO CLUB	18,525
MARITIME CONTEST CLUB	7,728
SOUTH TEXAS DX AND CONTEST CLUB	6,578
YANKEE CLIPPER CONTEST CLUB	5,980
SOCIETY OF MIDWEST CONTESTERS	4,572
CONTEST CLUB ONTARIO	4,472
FOND DU LAC ARC	4,429
DFW CONTEST GROUP	3,536
CZECH CONTEST CLUB	2,288
ALABAMA CONTEST GROUP	1,058
FORT SMITH ARC	946
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB	914
OKLAHOMA DX ASSN	738
MERIDEN ARC	690
ARIZONA OUTLAWS CONTEST CLUB	616
METRO DX CLUB	342
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONTEST CLUB	308
HUDSON VALLEY CONTESTERS AND DXERS	8
CONTEST GROUP DU QUEBEC	4

A Look Back at the Ohio QSO Party and Another Ohio Event

For Kurt Myers, W8IQ, the highlight of the 2014 Ohio QSO Party was working W1AW/8 in Monroe County. K8MR, with driver AC8E, took time out from their Rover operation to activate W1AW/8 on 40CW from what is perhaps (and was) the rarest county in Ohio. At the right is the setup in MONR (the photo was actually taken in 2013, but the 2014 operation was from the same cemetery QTH near Calais – same setup). W8IQ's memories inspired by that QSO follow.



August 26, 2014

Greetings: K8MR, N8KR, K8AZ, WB8JUI

I had an electrifying moment in last Saturday's OhQP. It was working W1AW/8 in Monroe County! It was so electrifying that it sent me on a hunt through old records, I share my finds in the hope that they will be of interest.

I came on the air on Nov. 30, 1955, as WN8IBX. My first contest was the 1956 Novice Round-Up in which I ranked a dismal 6th Place in Ohio.

My second contest was the 1956 Ohio Intrastate QSO Party when I won Novice First Place. (See green certificate enclosed.) The OCARC Awards Chairman, Hamlin King, W8EQN, was a distinguished, white-haired man from the Springfield area. He argued strongly that this contest had to be intrastate, not interstate, because keeping it in Ohio made it easier to monitor activity on the air. If outsiders were involved, it would open the door to cheating that could not be detected. (Note on the certificate that Ham misspelled both Intrastate and Amateur.) This was my first contest victory, aided by the fact that I was the only entrant. Obviously, I had to stay in the Novice Band. I was dependent on Generals looking there which a few did.

My first Hamvention was the 1956 one. In those days, the Hamvention was held in the Dayton Biltmore Hotel. Around 2,000 hams registered, and the men all wore suits or sport jackets. Each registree was given a large vertical card that dropped into the front pocket of the coat. The name and call were written at the top edge for easy viewing by others.

My second Hamvention was the 1957 card. Please look at the insert showing both sides of my bi-fold identification card. Note in particular the announcement of the "Work the Counties" Contest sponsored by Ham n' HiFi, aka Srepco in Dayton. Check out the details. The contest started the day after the Hamvention. Only fixed stations could be worked. To be eligible the contestant had to have the pocket card from the 1957 Hamvention.

At that moment, our station consisted of a Johnson Viking Adventurer, running 50 watts input, augmented by an ARC-5 military transmitter modified to serve as VFO. I said "our" because my father had been licensed as KN8ANX and was diligently preparing for the General Class exam. The code was his bugaboo. The day after the Hamvention I started chasing Ohio counties

By the time of my birthday on July 1, my father had become K8ANX, and a Johnson Viking Valiant appeared on our operating desk. Enabled to operate 75-Meter AM, the counties worked list grew rapidly.

It also came to light that W8AL and W8HZJ were in the hunt. However, neither of them had been at the Hamvention and so neither had the obligatory pocket card. W8HZJ went on a furious chase to see if he could get one, but he could not.

I got up to 87 counties confirmed. The missing one was Monroe. I discovered that there was one licensee in Monroe County. I no longer remember his call. He lived in Woodsfield, the county seat, and was deemed inactive.

Then, one Sunday afternoon, I got a telephone call from someone who knew I was chasing Monroe County. This Woodsfield fellow was on 75 AM. I dashed to the shack, sat nervously, and became his next QSO.

Out of the 2,000 attendees for the 1957 Hamvention, only two showed up at the 1958 event, armed with the previous pocket card and a stack of QSL cards. Bayard Smack, W3AYS, had come all the way from Baltimore with 86 QSL cards. I drove over from Columbus with 88 cards. One of the two counties Bayard fumed over was Ottawa County. Hamlin King, W8EQN, cited above, spent a few weeks at a cottage in Lakeside each summer. He actually had a second call for that QTH: W8WON. He gave me Ottawa County.

Prior to Dayton, 1957, I think the OCARC had issued four Worked All Counties of Ohio Counties certificates. A year later, I think the number jumped to 10. Mine was #7 enclosed. Ham still didn't know how to spell "amateur". At least he was consistent.

Working W1AW/8 in Monroe County stirred up all of this.

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This is to Certify t	
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2014 Ohio QSO Party

Reported QSOs by County

COUNTY	Total	CW	SSB
ADAM	 79	 1	 78
ALLE	30	14	16
ASHL	151	49	102
ASHT	132	20	112
ATHE	251	47	204
AUGL	48	45	3
BELM	40	21	19
BROW	1	1	0
BUTL	1054	448	606
CARR	43	30	13
CHAM	265	258	7
CLAR	163	35	128
CLER	607	266	341
CLIN	37	0	37
COLU	24	15	9
COSH	304	161	143
CRAW	33	15	18
CUYA	642	226	416
DARK	74	1	73
DEFI	132	70	62
DELA	1185	817	368
ERIE	79	43	36
FAIR	572	348	224
FAYE	87	0	87
FRAN	511	363	148
FULT	37	28	9
GALL	28	14	14
GEAU	407	217	190
	231	99	132
GREE			
GUER	216	60	156
HAMI	535	114	421
HANC	118	16	102
HARD	38	32	6
HARR	39	21	18
HENR	114	69	45
HIGH	319	56	263
HOCK	164	32	132
HOLM	59	9	50
HURO	216	211	5
JACK	69	38	31
JEFF	311	148	163
KNOX	58	35	23
IAKF	434	711	//3
LAKE LAWR	434 114	211 43	223 71

2014 Ohio QSO Party Reported QSOs by State

QTH	Total	CW	SSB ======	QTH	QSOs	CW	SSB
CT	 175	 68	107	MT	47	 47	0
MA	320	243	77	NV	9	1	8
ME	60	27	33	OR	32	14	18
NH	179	148	31	UT	16	3	13
RI	60	49	11	WA	85	50	35
VT	13	1	12	WY	27	17	10
NJ	318	164	154	MI	790	349	441
NY	543	377	166	WV	334	175	159
DE	31	17	14	IL	460	211	249
MD	501	229	272	IN	351	128	223
PA	1287	562	725	WI	440	319	121
AL	291	200	91	CO	244	152	92
FL	531	338	193	IA	128	82	46
GA	595	315	280	KS	250	66	184
KY	203	74	129	MN	101	74	27
NC	598	314	284	MO	274	92	182
SC	209	42	167	NE	41	24	17
TN	370	209	161	ND	23	5	18
VA	624	320	304	SD	19	7	12
AR	146	91	55	NS	74	74	0
LA	82	8	74	QC	3	0	3
MS	41	4	37	ON	369	113	256
NM	16	6	10	MB	13	8	5
OK	77	49	28	SK	1	1	0
TX	859	459	400	AB	21	15	6
CA	217	123	94	ВС	7	1	6
HI	8	4	4	NWT	0	0	0
AK	2	0	2	NB	1	0	1
ΑZ	87	23	64	PEI	2	0	2
ID	41	26	15	NL	0	0	0
				DX	728	584	144

Ohio Scores by County

K8CY K3YP	ASHT ASHT	17,556 297	LOW LOW	1/41 T	541B	404.055	1.014
				K1LT	FAIR	161,955	LOW
WT8E	ATHE	18,696	LOW	KI8R	FAIR	21,948	LOW
KC8QDQ	ATHE	10,660	HI	W8WZZ	FAIR	17,617	LOW
W8KVK	ATHE	1,280	LOW	KV8Q	FRAN	107,256	LOW
WB8CEE	ATHE	1	HI	K8BSW	FRAN	16,598	HI
				N4HAI	FRAN	7,020	LOW
K9NW	BUTL	127,276	LOW	N8ZKT	FRAN	384	LOW
K8PI	BUTL	54,805	MULTI	NOZIVI	LIVAIN	304	LOVV
W8WRK	BUTL	41,440	MULTI	K8AZ	GEAU	188,280	LOW
N8OT	BUTL	30,846	QRP	NOAL	OLAO	100,200	LOVV
N8SDR	BUTL	23,594	HI	W8DGN	GREE	41,769	MULTI
W8AJT	BUTL	6,955	MULTI	WODCIT	OILL	41,700	WIGETT
KB8DDZ	BUTL	1,386	LOW	W8VP	GUER	51,300	MULTI
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K8DV	CLER	325,653	MULTI	W8TM	HAMI	75,060	LOW
WS6K	CLER	2,478	LOW	N8BV	HAMI	35,280	LOW
KC8BTA	CLER	2,050	LOW	KC8EGV	HAMI	2,700	QRP
AC8PO	CLER	702	QRP	KC8RPV	HAMI	896	LOW
NOV/V	COCLI	70.000	1.0\\\	K8SCH	HAMI	850	MULTI
N8VV	COSH	78,993	LOW	W8WDS	HAMI	156	LOW
W8CCA	COSH	7,080	EOC				
W8IDM	CUYA	23,436	LOW	N8JK	HENR	11,715	QRP
N8AUC	CUYA	15,810	EOC				
WA8YVF	CUYA	7,747	LOW	K8IYO	HIGH	31,866	LOW
W8PN	CUYA	3,712	LOW				
K8WTF	CUYA	361	LOW	KD8ORN	HOCK	5,900	LOW
1100011	00170	001	LOW				
W8EOT	DARK	1,517	LOW	KE8M	HURO	53,658	MULTI
	27	.,	20				
W8KTQ	DELA	88,064	LOW	AA8IA	JEFF	117,810	LOW
K8BTU	DELA	73,980	LOW				
K8MP	DELA	73,696	LOW	KC8UR	KNOX	1,350	LOW
W8JK	DELA	29,736	HI				
N8BHL	DELA	17,845	HI	WT8C	LAKE	9,765	HI
W8NX	DELA	16,786	HI	===			
N2OPW	DELA	8,640	LOW	WE8DX	LICK	99,200	MULTI
N8Q	DELA	1,008	QRP	W8ZPF	LICK	43,440	MULTI
WA8KKN	DELA	460	MULTI	1414011	1.004	004.756	
W8SMK	DELA	42	QRP	KW8N	LORA	264,753	HI
				K8FH	LORA	132,354	LOW

				K8BF W8KNO	PORT PORT	40,356 49	MULTI LOW
W8IQ W8OH	LUCA LUCA	35,964 26,460	LOW LOW				
WB8YLO	LUCA	10,615	LOW	K8YR	PREB	69,552	MULTI
N8GBU	LUCA	2,438	LOW				
KE8RV	MADI	25,542	MULTI	NOOC	DUTN	400.000	1.004/
W8DPK	MADI	1,260	LOW	NO8C N8RAC	PUTN PUTN	103,392 22,908	LOW LOW
KD8NZF	MAHO	462	LOW	N8TWM	RICH	10,295	LOW
KD8LAV	MARI	6,728	LOW	N8YN	SCIO	20,140	LOW
K8NVR W1NN	MEDI MEDI	123,606 24,000	LOW LOW	KD8MQ	STAR	42,354	LOW
W8EOC	MEDI	7,080	EOC				
NF8O	MEDI	3,600	LOW	N8OQQ	SUMM	12,168	LOW
WB8FZW	MEDI	1,960	LOW	KA8OAD	SUMM	272	LOW
W8MFU	MEDI	9	LOW	WB8JAY	TUSC	10,712	LOW
AE8I	MIAM	1,178	LOW	N8GU	UNIO	6,384	LOW
KD8SAV	MONT	10,464	LOW	KC8YKQ	VANW	2,829	LOW
N8OXC	MONT	10,362	LOW	NCOTNQ	VAINVV	2,029	LOW
KD8KZG	MORG	2,279	LOW	N8RMZ	WASH	3,400	LOW
N8MWK	PERR	2,580	LOW	N8CD	WAYN	5,369	HI
KC8IMB	PIKE	690	QRP	W8BD	WILL	26,481	LOW

Out of State Scores by State

1/04 / 1/1	ОТ	000	1.014	N4PN	GA	63,273	HI
KC1AXJ	CT	690	LOW	K4BAI	GA	10,080	LOW
W1DWA	MA	19,635	LOW	KU8E	GA	5,625	LOW
W1TO	MA	390	LOW	AA4CF	GA	782	HI
N1WRK	MA	169	LOW	KF0JA	GA	572	LOW
K1IMI	ME	504	HI	KI4MZC	GA	72	LOW
W1END	NH	3,420	LOW	KD4QMY	GA	16	LOW
1/505		4044	1.0147	N4QS	KY	13,746	HI
KE2D	NJ	4,914	LOW	AD8J	NC	45,738	LOW
N2UU	NJ	570	LOW	KK4HEG	NC	672	LOW
K7GM	NY	21,190	HI	K4GED	NC	36	LOW
NA2X	NY	7,434	LOW	N4NTO	NC	2	LOW
K2NPN	NY	2,920	LOW	WN4AFP	SC	11,396	LOW
NT2A	NY	2,170	LOW	KD4BAO	SC	2,356	LOW
N2SO	NY	1,140	LOW	W4ANT	SC	1,080	HI
K2CYE	NY	8	LOW	K3IE	TN	10,725	LOW
				NA4K	TN	10,725	LOW
N1SZ	MD	4,600	HI	WA4JA	TN	506	LOW
K3OQ	MD	308	LOW		TN	64	LOW
KC3ASH	MD	1	LOW	K4EZS	TX		
				W5HNS		6,578	HI
AA3B	PA	20,412	MULTI	KG4W	VA	12,285	LOW
K3MD	PA	11,764	LOW	KI4FW	VA	4,712	QRP
KB3LIX	PA	9,610	LOW	N3TG	VA	3,870	LOW
N3KR	PA	4,760	LOW	N3KN	VA	2,698	HI
N3LT	PA	3,300	LOW	W4DUK	VA	1,160	LOW
ND3R	PA	3,010	HI	W4AU	VA	828	LOW
W0BR	PA	2,706	LOW	\\\\ 5000	۸.۵	0.040	1.0\4/
KB3CZK	PA	1,440	LOW	WA5SOG	AR	3,312	LOW
KQ3F	PA	780	LOW	K5UQ	LA	975	HI
KB3ORR	PA	750	LOW	AF5CC	OK	738	LOW
WA3SOR	PA	630	LOW	WA8ZBT	TX	5,412	LOW
				K5XR	TX	1,836	HI
K4HAL	AL	4,260	LOW	KF5WFL	TX	667	LOW
K4ZGB	AL	3,456	LOW	K5TIA	TX	476	LOW
K5WP	AL	2,952	HI	KM5VZ	TX	49	QRP
KJ4LTA	AL	800	HI				
WX4G	FL	9,558	HI	K6KQV	CA	828	LOW
KN4Y	FL	4,026	LOW	W6TK	CA	308	HI
WO4O	FL	2,130	LOW	KQ6P	CA	56	LOW
WA8VEC	FL	946	LOW	N6ENO	CA	56	LOW
AI4WW	FL	680	HI	K6CSL	CA	28	LOW
NI4NN	FL	140	LOW	KM6I	CA	2	HI

KJ9C	MT	1,840	HI	VE6UM	AB	672	HI
KK7AC	ΑZ	600	LOW	VE1RGB	NS	7,728	LOW
AE7DW	ΑZ	16	LOW	VA3GKO	ON	3,240	LOW
WB7CYO	ID	49	LOW	VE3HED	ON	2,109	HI
				VE3PYJ	ON	1,452	LOW
K8NWD	MI	14,694	QRP	VA3ATT	ON	1,232	LOW
K8GT	MI	12,998	LOW	VA3NGE	ON	1,073	LOW
NA8V	MI	8,512	LOW	VA3RKM	ON	240	QRP
KT8K	MI	2,135	QRP	VE2PIJ	QC	4	LOW
NF8M	MI	1,652	LOW				
N8FYL	MI	943	LOW	DM5EE	DX	17,340	HI
W8FB	MI	144	HI	DK2OY	DX	2,400	HI
K8JQ	WV	32,860	HI	UA2F	DX	2,387	HI
				OK2EC	DX	2,288	LOW
W9SE	IL	2,052	LOW	HA1AG	DX	1,464	HI
W9EBE	IL	1,998	LOW	SM5CIL	DX	1,160	HI
WA9LEY	IL	1,700	LOW	SM5CSS	DX	646	LOW
WA5LOU	IN	11,109	HI	HB9ARF	DX	570	LOW
W9PA	IN	4,429	LOW	SM5ALJ	DX	481	HI
NS9I	WI	5,840	HI	UW7LL	DX	240	HI
W9OA	WI	1,584	LOW	I1EIS	DX	176	LOW
K9GDF	WI	1,440	LOW	9A2EU	DX	144	HI
W9FZ	WI	858	MULTI	EA5IIK	DX	112	LOW
				RG5A	DX	72	LOW
K0RI	CO	26,978	HI	UX7UU	DX	66	LOW
K2DSW	IA	11,580	HI	PA3ARM	DX	60	LOW
N0EI	KS	99	LOW	SE4E	DX	18	LOW
W7KAM	MO	1,890	LOW	SF3A	DX	18	LOW
AD0JA	MO	1,008	LOW				
KD0NEO	MO	800	HI				
WB0IWG	ND	342	QRP				

SOAPBOX

Other op was unable to make it, so was a very basic "stop and shoot" operation. Phone only and then moved on. Obviously need to bring a key with me next year (or at least CAT control and macros) - oh another body to switch out driving and operating.

- AB8M

First big contest with my remote station which is located about 20 minutes away. 20 meters was a bummer from western NC as I was too close to Ohio to make many Q's there.

- AD8J

FT 757gx, cobbweb.

- EA5IIK

Ten Tec Orion II, 2x TH7DXX stacked.

- I1EIS

I enjoyed the Ohio QP and look forward to next year's contest.

- K2NPN

Few contacts but six new counties for me. Thank you!!

- K5TIA

From the PCARS club site in Ravenna

- K8BF

I have worked this contest every year since I've been licensed, and look forward to it each year to come! A big thanks to all the mobiles and rovers out there!

- K8IYO

I scaled way back this year: low power/cw only and just 8-plus hours of operating. But as always, it was a ton of fun. Thanks to all involved in putting this event on.

- K8MP

This was our club's first attempt to run networked using N1MM. We had everything working perfectly on Thursday. Computer updates caused one computer to refuse connections when the party started. The initial ops were just learning N1MM and did not recognize that they were not networked. We stopped for about 45 minutes and tried to get the network back on - with no success. At that time we decided to add 500 to the SSB serial for future contacts. The two logs were exported as ADIF and imported into an empty n1mm database.

We had a great time operating! Kaylee, KD8TGE, just turned 14 and is a natural operator. Her mother dropped her off in the early afternoon and her father picked her up about 11:00 pm. Jim, KF8QS, has been licensed a very long time, but is just getting back into radio. The rest of us operate regularly. 73 es tnx for all your hard work.

- K8PI

Antenna is rain gutter and down spouts.

- K9GDF

This is my first contest!

- KB3CZK

Operated a few minutes here and there. Lots of fun as usual. 73 all!

- KC8IMB

My first OhQP contest

- KC8QDQ

Great qso party. Keep up the good work

- KDONEO

A fun contest to work. 80 meters noise level was high this year. Participation certificates would be nice.

- KD4BAO

Conditions sucked

- KJ9C

QRP at Breckinridge Park, Richardson, Texas

- KM5VZ

40 meters stayed nice and short. QRN a little rough at times. Nice to be able to work the mobiles fairly easily.

- KW8N

Enjoyed the brief time I got to play!

- N4NTO

As always . . . Great activity and great operators. Thanks to all who made it and to the sponsor...

- N4PN

Tested a new antenna on EOC. Works FB! Need a new logging program for next year.

- N8AUC

This year I had planned on operating the entire 12 hours from the New Lexington reservoir. I was up to 60 contacts at around 7 pm when I kept hearing a loud cry for help over the noise of the radios. I turned everything off and sure enough I heard it again.

I went to investigate and about ¼ mile down the bank of the small lake was a boy who had slipped and caught his leg under an exposed root of a tree. I pulled him from the area to a picnic table and saw that his ankle had been broken. I called 911 from my cellphone and applied a rough splint suing some cardboard and duct tape. I also applied some unused ice I had in my cooler. It took about 15 minutes for the EMS to arrive. They took the boy to Good Samaritan Hospital in Zanesville. The boy, Stan, is doing fine and I received a nice thank you note from his mother for my help.

Upon getting back to my radio location I found that a hungry raccoon had made a meal of the lunch meat and cheese I had in my cooler. I had forgotten to close it all up in the heat of the moment with helping Stan. At that point I gave up and took down the antennas, pulled the plug on the rigs, and went home. I was glad I was there to help Stan, but the raccoon just did me in. That was how my OhQP Saturday went.

- N8MWK

3 hours and 1 minute of fun!

- N8OXC

Bummer! Something (still unknown) was "sucking rf" from this place. I was using a "sloper" antenna 53 feet length, and later, 84 feet long (used an antenna stretcher to see if longer length would work better.) The 84 foot antenna was configured as an end fed inverted Vee. Signals were always weak. I brag about my antenna at home, as "being a few db better than a dummy load buried 6' underground", but In this case, a dummy load probably would have done just as well. I was one of 5 who volunteered for W1AW/8 - this was a disaster. I think I made a whopping 5 or 6 q's in 4 hours of transmitting into neverland, and, with ~100 watts!! But, I may have made my goal, unless one or more of the ubiquitous Delaware county stations was operating QRP. The goal was to set a new record for QRP operation from Delaware county, since to date there has been no QRP entry from Delaware county! With such as high bar being set, it should be possible for someone to eradicate it with little effort, given an antenna which actually radiates. Note: K8MR must have super ears - I managed to work him at least 3 times in 3 different counties.

- N8Q (N8XX opr)

Fun as always. Could not work the whole contest this year but still enjoyed it. See you all next year.

- ND3R

As usual a lot of fun! 73s from Miller City, Ohio.

- NO8C

Elecraft K3 + SB-200, ant OB11-3

- SM5CIL

Elecraft K3 100w

- SM5CSS

KX3, 5w, verticals. Tnx for the Qs!

- VA3RKM

Rig was FTDX5000 (100w) and Butternut HF6V all-band vertical. Nice to find good activity again this year. Thanks to all.

- W1END

My second Ohio QSO Party. Another good time. Hope to see you again next year!

- W4DUK

I'm not a contester, but this was fun. Had a good time. Only operated a few hours but made plenty of contacts. Looking forward to next year's party. 73, --don--

- W8DPK

Medina county EOC

- W8EOC

Spent the day at my nephew's wedding and reception, did not have much left. Wait till next year! - W8KNO

We had 2 hams and 5 non-hams there also. The 2 hams and 2 of the non-hams logged. The other 3 non-hams observed the operations and asked a lot of good questions.

- W8VP

I'm getting back into contesting after a 6 year hiatus. I had a lot of fun in my first of 2014!

- W9EBE

First attempt - will do better next year.

- WB8YLO