
2015 CQ WW VHF CONTEST QRM

Conditions were pretty lousy on 6m but was nice to meet some old friends. Thanks for another great contest! 73 CHRIS...**4X1RF**. Pretty low key setup, modest 6m and 2m beam - strictly "stop and shoot" operation from decent locations. The Q count could be improved with a second person - even just operating a couple of loops while driving. Many thanks to W3SO and K2LIM. Both of your operations are like beacons in the night during a VHF contest in OH and PA. I didn't see the activity in the greater Cleveland area that I was expecting. Unfortunately, the mosquito bite to QSO ratio is out of proportion for the trip — I stopped counting bites at 60. Black moshannon seemed like a good way to work from both FN00 and FN10 while staying close to I-80, but bring industrial grade insect repellent! The bugs like you because you glow a bit when W3SO swings the beam northeast! 73...**AB8M/R**. First rove in several years. It is still fun...**AE5P/R**. Quiet contest during the operating period. Got little sunburn. More people on summit than expected. Thanks for all QSO's!...**AF7GL**. Horrible propagation. I heard XE2CQ but could not work him. 6m: 3-ele M² @ 15 ft. 2m: Vertical — not the most optimum but what I got...**AG6AY**. First to join the CQ VHF contest...**DU1XX**. First time participant — FT-736R and homemade stiff dipole...**F4GFT**. Nice to get a little South American DX on 6m...**G0LGS**. Very poor conditions for me on my indoor dipole. I think I was very lucky to get the few QSOS I did...**G3YRZ**. SOTA I/TN-307 — Monte Altissimo Di Nago (TN) — ITALY...**I2ZJNN/IN3**. Finally I could find one station!...**JO1LDY/1**. I enjoyed contest...**JP1LRT**. I'm very glad to have QSOS. The maximum output power in the contest was five watts...**JR1NKN**. Activated 7 grids, starting at Bear Mountain New York for the first time. No long distance contacts on 6m; often it seemed like 2m had more activity. 16 unique grids and 78 QSOs. Thanks to powerful stations K1TEO and K8GP for multiple contacts from several different grids (9 and 6 Qs respectively). Made my first CW contacts in a contest, but need to get a lot better...**K0BAK/R**. Looking at various chat pages it seems a number of ops didn't understand the part of the rules where only digital stations could self spot. There were many arranged QSO's on other modes that would even violate the digital rules IMO. I chatted with a number of ops that found section IV of the rules confusing...**K0GU**. First contest in 15 years with full gallon on 6 and 2. Gave up and operated NAQP RTTY Sat. night. Thunderstorms and rate went to zero. Slow. No E skip. Telnet spotting did help a little on 6 meters...**K3MD**. Absolutely dead, except for Saturday evening...**K6CSL**. Etienne-K7ATN operated about five hours in 2015 — double the operating time of last year, but only had 17 more QSOs and only one more grid. Everything worked and it was good fun to connect with other VHF ops in the region and hand out points...**K7ATN**. Operating from Standley, NM on vacation...**K9RU**. Conditions were the worst I have heard...**KB8UUZ**. Atop Table mtn. 6,300 ft. in WA Cascades...**KD7UO**. Steve, KI5YG, and I, WA5POK, learned of the contest on Wednesday before the contest. Steve had always wanted to do a rover operation so OK, let's do this. Fortunately Steve has a trailer setup for field day and we quickly made use of that. A Honda e2000 generator was purchased and we were good to go. Saturday morning we realized how hot it was going to get so Steve decided, "air conditioner!" we got a very small window unit and with a bit of "red-neck" engineering, it was mounted in the back window of Steve's Honda Ridgeline. We drove to the first location a few miles from home got on, and we could not hear anything, the SWR was very high. We had just tested the antennas so what could be wrong? Down came the tower and testing began. We quickly discovered a triplexer was

defective and taken out of line. After a quick discussion we hooked up the 6-meter antenna and off we went! The band was open and in a few minutes 60 stations were in the log and it was time to head to the next grid. We did stop by the home QTH and discovered a bad solder joint in the triplexer. Fixed, off we went (with a second roll of coax for insurance). But alas, band deteriorated and only 3 Qs were made at the next two grids before we called it an evening. Yes, we had a blast! 73, Mike WA5POK...**KI5YG/R**. A passive RF meter proved my station was working. Sometimes I wondered...**KI6JJW**. Listen, listen the CW saga of 6-meters...**KN4Y**. An enjoyable way to spend part of the weekend. I wish propagation would have been a bit better...**KO0Z**. Spent 99% of my time on 6m but QSY'd to 2m when asked, so the sosb/6 entry is intentional. Many thanks to the sponsors and participants!...**KO9A**. This was kind of a slow one here. I only managed to catch the tail end of one Es opening (or maybe it was just a very short one), and worked K7JA down in DM03 Saturday night. Sunday was even sleepier as far as I could tell. Still, fun to work the locals and rovers...**KX7L**. Conditions certainly didn't favour the UK for this one! Some Es on the Sunday morning but then nothing until a solitary YU 9 mins from the end of the contest! — pays to keep listening!...**M0MVCV**. K3 + pr6-10, Buddipole on balcony, Win-Test. There was nice opening to EA/CT on Saturday evening. However almost nothing on Sunday. CN8KD, EA8 were audible all day. 73 Kazu...**M5Z**. Strong Es Saturday afternoon to S. Texas and northern Mexico. At 2215z VE5UF appeared on a dead band with a 599 signal. A little later worked N4PN EM82, then all died. Antenna dipole at 25 Feet...**N0JK**. Very tough condx. SO Calif ops not used to thunderstorms...**N6GP/R**. This was my first attempt at doing a rover operation and it was a casual adjunct to a trip to the mountains we had planned anyway. It was a blast even though it was a limited time, 2 grid effort...**N6KL/R**. Excuses, complaints, etc: 1. SoCal VHFers appeared to forget that CQ VHF WW was held this year! 2. Thunderstorms! & 3/4" rain wiped out any tropo and lots of operating time. 3. Sporadic-E propagation essentially nil during contest period. XE2CQ was only station heard/worked from outside DM04 & was very difficult to work due poor prop over the 150-mile path! 6m: 100w/5 element M² @ 15 ft; 2m: 70w/7-ele M² @ 10 ft...**N6ZE**. Poor condx and low activity. With nearly 1000 club members in NE Ohio and 35k in Ohio the level of participation should be much higher. It will be harder to hold onto these bands if we don't use them...just saying! I look forward to everyone for the next contest, 73 JACK...**N8BI**. Horrible conditions, in northern Michigan — no openings at all, except to EA8 in last minutes...**N8UR**. Sunday was slow. But had a great time. It's good to be back. Haven't operated CQWW in 15 years...**N8XKH**. Did a one-hour summits on the air activation from San Bruno mountain, overlooking San Francisco International Airport. Caught some rapid spotlight propagation (meteor scatter) into the Colorado/New Mexico area, but mostly worked locals. Rig was a kx3 at 5w, antenna was a dipole at 12 feet...**NF1R**. My first 50-mhz contest in 48 years of ham radio activity...**US5WE**. Poor conditions this year. Our results are slightly better than last year...**VA2LGQ**. This contest saw poor prop and lower participation. Furthest contacts were K1TEO in FN31 east, K8GP FM19 south and VE3ZV EN92 west. Also VE3SMA FN05 to the north. Saturday weather was hot, and Sunday had storms in the EN93 and EN94 grids that did not interrupt me. EN93 had a very high noise level on 6m. Missed a clean sweep with K2LIM, had 11 QSOs out of a possible 12 with them. Saturday saw 30 QSOs and Sunday yielded 53 QSOs, running with 12 elements on 144

at 9 feet and a dipole on 6 at 11 feet. Thanks to CQ for sponsoring the contest and to all globally who participated, and gave me contacts. Had fun. Looking forward to next year...**VE3CRU/R**. No sporadic-E opening of any note, tough going all round. Lots of fun all and all...**VE3GTC**. Operation from Lake Joseph, District of Muskoka, ON (FNØ5CE). Equipment - 50-MHz Kenwood TS-2000 + TE Systems amp 300w, 3 ele. @ 20 ft. 144 MHz Elecraft k2 + Demi xvtr + TE systems amp 300w, 7 ele. @ 22 ft...**VE3SMA**. Just out of hospital but couldn't resist making a couple of contacts...**VE7DAY**. Well for me it did not last very long but a few stations from Mexico that was cool. I need to work on some antennas for VHF/UHF. Will try again next year 73 JOHN...**WØYJT**. Wow, no enhancement at all...**W2CCC**. Was pleased to work EA8DBM for new country...**W2JEK**. A flat tire way out in DM87 on Saturday afternoon meant the rover went QRT for the rest of the contest. Even so, 1,000 points with just 31 QSOs!...**W3DHJ/R**. Seemed to be low participation...**W4FRA**. I heard many stations, high power, Hilltoppers, rovers, mobiles. Condx was not really that good. This was my first contest to actually enter. I have worked many contests but never entered...**W4HLR**. The worst band conditions i have experienced during a VHF contest. I couldn't even

scare up a JT65 contact...**W6US**. Band not very active here. Mostly locals...**WAØIYY**. Contest was very slow going. Seemed like less stations than last year. Only 83 total Qs compared to last year's 146 Qs. Last year my score my was 11.3k, this year only 3.7k. 6m was it's usual fickle self with brief openings into the NE. Best Es distance west was K2DRH in EN41 [887.9 mi (1428.9 km)] on SSB until a multihop surprise to the east in the last 1/2 hour was EA8DBM in IL18 [3261.4 mi (5248.7 km)] Canary Islands on CW. He is a superb CW op. I didn't realize where he was and worked him off the back of the beam, he was strong. Always last minute fun. See you in UHF and Sept 'tests. 73's, George...**WA2VNV**. DISMAL BAND CONDITIONS BUT A FUN JULY WEEKEND ANYWAY!...**WB2LEB**. Big thrill working EA8DBM in IL18 at the end of the contest! Otherwise it was a frustrating event, very few stations to work. However, fun on a hot, humid day when it was much more comfortable inside the house...**WJ3P**. I only operated 6 meters which was down this year. However, i made a contact with southern Florida from northeast Ohio...**WO3X**. Very bad cndx 73!...**XE2CQ**. Nice to try 6 metres propagation again !...**YO7CKQ**. This is my 3rd CQ VHF contest. Not so much time, but have a lot of fun. Hope to CU next year...**YT7WE**.
