
2016 CQWW VHF Contest QRM

Operated portable from DM64 in Cibola National Forest...**AA5B**. No 6m antenna, so used a 40m vertical with a tuner. Just made a few qsos for fun...**AC5AA**. Six meter conditions were very poor in California, but there was E_s to the PNW and VE7. Some meteor scatter and JT65a QSOs helped fill out the log. My longest QSO was a brief double-hop Es link from CM87 to EL16...**AJ6T**. Honestly very happy for my first contact on 50mhz on WW contest. My conditions are very QRP, just my FT817 with 5W and using an indoor multi-band antenna...**EA1ITC**. Tnx for nice contest! EME cndx is very poor - DGRR -14db!...**EO25F**. Looking at my log. Sure, NJ63 is a rare one hi...**F5MYK/MM**. Using a KX3 powered by a 2200 MAH LIPO. Antenna was a 2x13m doublet with 450-ohm ladder line and the internal ATU. I use this setup for my SOTA activation but I have discovered this contest during an informal listening period the evening at my portable location for our vacation in central France...**F6FTB/P**. Had a few hours when the opening was good enough to get some QSOs with my indoor antenna...**G3YRZ**. Beautiful contest, some new one. VY 73...**IK8YFW**. Using IC-7300S 5W output and ant is 8.5m longwire at the veranda of my apartment...**JE1ILP**. This contest was not famous in Japan but introduced Japanese magazine in June so I knew by it and entry for the first time...**JS3CGH**. I only got on the air for a short time to make contacts on 2M. Local activity on that band was very light...**K0NR**. K3CCR is the club station at the Collington Continuing-care Retirement Community at FM18ow in MD, just east of DC. For CQ VHF, only N3UM was available. Slow at start: 19 QSOs in 1.7 hrs. BIC, 16 of them in FM18 or FM19! The other 3 Qs: EM10. On 6M. Skip and 2 LOS grids on 2m. VHF rate then went from slow to stop, so I did NAQP RTTY on 20m for an hour. I had planned a "quick" supper break, but severe thunderstorms extended that to 3.3 hrs. Back on VHF at 0z, some action at last on 6M: 17 Qs in 40 min, 7 on E skip in 5 EN grids. Rate then died again, so I did 1.5 hr. on 40 and 80m RTTY. Sunday morning starting 1413Z I made 12 Qs, 4 in new skip grids. Only 3 local Qs after a long brunch break - nap time! Action again in the last 2 hrs: 19 Qs, 5 new skip grids plus 3 new LOS grids on 2m. Only 5 hr. BIC on VHF. Pleased to work 15 Es grids on 6m with the 40M. Inverted vee on 7th harmonic. When no skip, 6m and 2m mostly local: 43 of 73 qs in FM18 or FM19! Many of the usual VHF stalwarts within LOS never heard...**K3CCR**. Band conditions were excellent for QRP!...**K3TW**. Six only this year. I had thunderstorms almost all day Saturday so rigs were off. Sunday was good with six opening mid-morning. Worked a few European stations near end of contest, then the thunderstorms arrived again. Typical South Carolina summer afternoons. Had fun and looking forward to the next contest...**K4RW**. Operated portable from vacation home in Georgia (EM74GU)...**K5OLV**. Bands were truly awful. Worst CQWW I have ever seen...**K5QE**. Awful band conditions, but did make my second ever contact on 2m SSB this morning...**K5XU**. Some nice sporadic E QSOs...**K5ZD**. Conditions on 6m really poor. Hope next year will be better...**K6CSL**. Amazing short skip on 6m to CN80/CM89 (300 miles)...**K6UM**. Enjoyed the opening to Mexico and local contacts. Limited set up due to just moving to DM33; G5RV up about 15 feet and 100w. Thanks to all for your QSOS!...**K7KMR**. Op'd from 4 grids in WI on Saturday (about 6 hours plus several hours drive time) & 4 grids in IL on Sunday (about 2-1/2 hours). 58 qs/43 ms from WI (Saturday) & 48 qs/37 ms from IL (Sunday). This contest really seemed to put the sporadic in sporadic-E.

Nice to make a rover-to-rover QSO with another rover in Quebec. There seemed to be a pipeline for me to the SE on Saturday near the start (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and North Carolina) and to the E/ENE later (Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Ontario, Quebec & Vermont). It was fun to work a station in FN54 from EN54. Sunday Qs were more local paths but there was some "e" to the south (Florida and Mississippi). Enjoyed the operating time with so many stations active. Thanks to all who were on and participated...**K9JK**. Nice to work my old friends again. No west coast stations into Florida. Most E's came from northeast...**KC4PX**. K3/10 at 5w to a 90-ft. long wire up about 25 feet. Band opened for a short while, enjoyed the QSOs. 73, Dan...**KE0TT**. A radio that gets you on the air is a good radio...**KI6JJW**. This is my first time in this contest which is a lot of fun, just found out about this the day before. Will be ready for the next one...**KK4ZDK**. Slow Saturday but had fun Sunday...**KN4Y**. Had to drive down to Portland a couple hours after the contest started on Saturday, and didn't get back until late Sunday morning, so missed most of the action. Nice to work the locals though!...**KX7L**. Good Es on 6m to W1, W2, W3, and VE9 Saturday evening...**N0JK**. Decent contest, 6m opened on Saturday night to the EN's. Sunday morning the EI's and EM's in Florida were strong. Band closed around 1720. We had no E's in 2015 so good contest...**N2SLO**. Very poor conditions, few locals on...**N4AJF**. Six meters opened a crack from my QTH to the Pacific Northwest...**N4DLA**. Some good openings and then gone. Sunday much better than Saturday. Thanks to all for the contacts...**N4PN**. Good 6m openings and some great DX on 2m!...**N8ZM**. First contest from Mississippi, not many stations on from Mississippi, propagation was also not the best but the homebrew 5-element LFA antenna worked great...**N9BX**. Poor propagation during the event. This time only a total of 12 contacts. Mostly locals with only HK and HP as DX stations...**NP3CW**. That was the most fun I've had in 2 hours of operating in a long time. Not bad for 50W into a 135-foot doublet at 30 feet! Time to build some antennas - next year I'll snag the DX I missed. 73 DE Jeff...**NZ5G**. Propagation was very spotty at the best of times. Hope to do better next year when I have my permanent antennas up...**VA1AVR**. First ever VHF contest. Good conditions and lots of new grids!...**VE3KY**. We had a pretty good opening on the first day and a much lesser opening on the second...**VE7IY**. A fun contest with a nice 6m opening and some 2m QSOs in between...**W1AIM**. 250w. 2 hours, 10 min. 80, 40, 20, 10 parallel dipoles and antenna tuner. Best DX: EL97 - very brief openings generally. Tnx for Qs - good time!...**W2EG**. A pretty sad contest from S.E. Colorado. Lack of propagation, and lack of regional participation resulted in a total of 29 QSOs. Nearly the same number of QSOs and 32 more points than my 2015 CQWW VHF and last year I had to QRT after 5 hours on Saturday. Thanks mostly to George, ABØYM/r, a couple of casual, non-contesters along the front range, and strange, "pop-up" skip to individual "DX" stations, all but 5 of my 29 QSOs were unique - i.e., I had 24 out of 29 QSOs as multipliers. The "pop-up" skip was weird and occurred mostly on Sunday. e.g., One 59+ QSO to DN28 - and nothing else. One 59+ QSO to CN87 - and nothing else. *One 59+ QSO to EM71 - and nothing else. One 59+ QSO to CM87 - and nothing else. One 59+ QSO to DL92 - and nothing else. These were not meteor burns. Most of those stations were in for less than a minute. But, I heard 2 or 3 of them calling CQ for several min-

utes — with no takers. There was a weak, ratty opening down into old Mexico late Saturday afternoon. They seemed to be working folks all south and S.E. of me — as I heard their QSLing of the other op's grid square. I only snagged one of 'em. Maybe all the forest fire smoke blanketing eastern Colorado had the effect of knocking signal levels down by 3-6-9 db. Ya think? Hi! Hi!...**W3DHJ**. Had a good time. Saturday was slower than Sunday and Saturday's signals had some deep QSB, I did work some meteor scatter. Third contest ever, I had a great time. Thanks Howard!...**W4HLR**. Not much time to play but last hour had good opening, too many alligators and I had power...**W5QM**. First 6 meter contest...**W6BGX**. Nice to hear the South and Midwest in NNJ...**WB2LEB**. Several stations commented my signal was really weak. Really? Running 2w to a low G5RV Jr. I'm surprised you could hear me at all...**WD6DX**. Activated Apple Orchard Mountain (4215 feet) for the AT Golden Packet event. At that altitude I just had to bring some weak-signal gear. Six-meter antenna was a 2-element Buddipole beam and 2m (and 70-cm) antenna was a horizontal loop. Didn't have to get the antennas up very high to make them effective. The hardest part was getting all the gear up to the top of the mountain. I heard a

slight enhancement on 6m for less than a minute but otherwise the bands were pretty much dead. Worked many stations in the same grid as I was located. Hopefully there will be some enhancement for others. Picked up a couple 432-MHz contacts, too. Overall it was a fun experience...**WG3K**. This contest was the first time that I made any contacts with the Yaesu FT-100D. My horizontal antennas have been taken down for tree cutting work nearby. All contacts were made with the Comet GP-15...**WO3X**. First time operating this contest in many years. Contest started out with 98 Qs in the first hour on 6m. Thought this might be the big one! Six meters was very active on Saturday, and only picked back up a little bit on Sunday late. Worked a lot of familiar calls. Best contact during the contest was on 2m - K5TR on CW EM00 from here in EM19! 6m: Kenwood TS-2000x 50w into modified SB-220 amp 1000w to 5-ele at 40 feet. 2m: Kenwood TS-790a into Henry 2003 1,200w into 5WL M2 at 35 ft. Had a very good time, thanks to all. 73 Greg...**WQØP**. Propagation was ok with sporadic openings but not many contesters...**XE2CQ**. Thanks to all station which replied to my call!...**YO3JW**.
