

# AZQP 2021 Soapbox

## AA0CL

Operated from Savannah GA while on vacation.

## AA4TI

It seemed like there was better AZ activity this year. Lots of BIC time this weekend with four QPs all at once. Propagation from WCF to AZ was decent but I was a little disappointed that there was not more 15-meter activity even though the band had several good openings.

## AA8TA

Did not spend much time in this one but there was plenty of activity. The bands seemed to be in good shape. Thanks for the Qs.

## AB1A

Worked Pa Qso Party Locally. The bands were very crowded to find any AZ stations.

## AD1C

Nice to see all the activity. An unusual QP for me with more phone mults than CW. In fact, despite the short skip, 20m may have been my best band (other than 40).

## AF4T

Thanks for contacts, 73

## AF5J

Thanks for the QSOs - 73, HAL

## AJ6NB

Had a good time. Thank you for putting this event together.

## DL3DXX

Just a few qsos, 100 pts bonus for working W7A.

## K1AUS

Only had a few minutes to work the contest. Most stations were too weak to make out their call or exchange. Thank you for the Contest. See you next year.

## K3ZGA

Great event. Had a wonderful time. See you next year.

## K4VBM

Thanks for the great fun!

## K5TY

THANK FOR THE CONTEST.

## K5ZZR

100 points for at least one QSO with W7A

## K6NR

Operated from our vacation home in Parks, Arizona. Dipole in the trees up about 20 feet, and HF2V vertical with 4 radials. Elevation 7000ft. K3/KPA500. Nice to work from California for CaQP (K6VO) and then from Arizona for AzQP the next weekend. Thanks for the QSOs. Dana

## K7AZT

Short time at the home station after all day multi-op Tortolita Radio Club expedition to Cochise County.

## K7L (K6LL)

CW activity was way down from last year, especially later in the day, which is reflected in the 40 and 80 Meter QSO totals. Conditions were pretty good, with a nice opening to Europe on 15 and 20. Lightning static started at about 9 a.m. and persisted right until the end, which was annoying, but not a showstopper. We had a brief power failure 10 minutes before the contest, which required a complete restart of the logging computer and bringing back all of the logging and support programs. Spectrum Internet service didn't return for three hours. OM2VL was very loud on 15 through 40 on all modes.

It was all fun. Thanks to everyone for all of the QSO's!

## K7UAZ

Had a fun time with AZQP. It was parents' weekend for us at the University of Arizona so we could only operate for 3-4 hours before our parents dragged us away from the shack. Notable contacts for myself (KI7IPE) were KG6T and K7ZOO with whom I had my first ever CW contacts! Also had lots of fun pouncing on the PA QSO guys! This was also N7EFF's first QSO party. You would have to ask him, but I think he had fun as well.

## K7UGA (@N7NWL)

The K7UGA call-sign was activated this year as a Special Event Station the week before the Arizona QSO Party and culminated in a Special Event entry in AZQP 2021. With the support and approval of the Goldwater family, the K7UGA call-sign was assigned by the FCC to the Central Arizona DX Association (CADXA) in the memory and honor of the late Arizona US Senator Barry M. Goldwater. The CADXA appreciates the many contacts made during the Special Event session and the Arizona QSO Party. We are especially thankful to the more than 1,000 amateur radio stations and operators who assisted in this project by contacting us during our operations. Thanks to all for the many contacts.

73,

Mike, KC7V

Bob, K7BHM

On behalf of the Central Arizona DX Association

## K7ZOO

Great contest! Thank you to ALL the people I contacted. Notable QSO's: OM2VL (multiple contacts, and one SSB!); KI6RRN (thanks for spurring me down to 160m!); W7A (who persevered with my weak 80m signal and got me 100 bonus points!); KG6T/M (great job running around AZ with a mobile setup!). In addition: good propagation, low noise, and parallel contests to visit and capture QSO's. I used a newly acquired Yaesu FTdx10 (GREAT rig!), 135 ft non-resonant doublet inverted V at 28 ft; 20m 1/4 vertical w/ 4 elevated radials, 100w solar panel with 135 amp-hour of SLAB capacity. My unfamiliarity with the radio cost me 4 hours "Off the Air" I must have changed some setting, as the output power went down to ZERO! I had to set aside my Yaesu and deployed the backup rig: FT-817nd. I started watching training videos on JS8Call (blah), and instead made some PSK31 contacts. After four hours a text conversation with K6WSC prompted me to reset the FTdx10 firmware to the factory settings -- thankfully that restored the Yaesu's power! It's an amazing radio; the user just needs more training. I operated from BLM land about 3 miles SE of the Cibola National Wildlife Refuge. Hope to catch you all next year. :) de K7ZOO [see 2021 Photos]

## K8NW

My first time in AZ qso party.

## K9SG

Only operated 4 hours from Sedona. Nice to see 15m open.

## K9WZB

The activity was low this year and it did reflect in the score.

## KA0PQW

Fun contest. Thanks for having it. 73, Matt KA0PQW

## KB4CG

Enjoyed participating in the AZ QSO party -- great to hear 15 meters open again! Look forward to next year!

## KC7RR

This was actually my first time operating an HF portable at all. I have an FT-991A built into a 'go box' and homebrew Linked Dipole (20m, 30m, 40m) that I hoisted up about 20 feet in the middle with an eBay special collapsible fishing pole stuck in a PA speaker tripod. The ends sloped down and were tied off to a couple of trees. I used 'stealth' wire so the antenna is very hard to see. Power was all from a LiFePO4 battery bank built into a Harbor Freight ammo box. I had a small solar panel setup, but the wind and the clouds rendered it mostly useless. I ran 50W for all of my contacts. Thank you for your patience as I work through my first submission. I did have a lot of fun! [see 2021 Photos]

Mat / KC7RR

## KE0TT

20m and 40m were in good shape. K3/10 at 5 watts to two selectable dipoles up about 40 to 45'. Thanks for the fun! CU next time. 73, Dan KE0TT

## KE6GFI

Lots of fun - worked 49 out 50 states. Finally using software which made it a lot easier.

## KF3G

Thank you for the 2021 Arizona qso party.

## KF6NCX

There was plenty of activity from AZ with many good, strong signals! Thanks for the qsos. 73, Larry

## KG6T/M

I ran solo mobile across southeastern Arizona in five counties running 50-100 W into various whips and loading coils. I started just north of Sonoita in Pima County; drove south into Santa Cruz County; went back north and then east of Benson into Cochise County; north until I was south of Safford in Graham County; and then finally drove east and stopped just over the county line in Greenlee County. Total drive time during the contest was 2.5 hours with another 1 hour to get to my first stop and 2.5 hours to get back home -- all together a 19-hour day! This was my first time (a) running mobile for any contest, (b) using most of my mobile antennas, and (c) field testing my new batteries.

Given that my choice of both counties and route was a last-minute decision, I would call the operation a great success! Thanks to everyone who worked me, especially those who caught me in multiple counties. Shoutout to K9RS, N6MU, and WN6W, who worked me in all five counties. Special shoutout to OM2VL, who not only worked me in every county but also worked me a total of 9 times! Also, thanks to K7ZOO for advice and help with the mobile antennas. Looking forward to next year! [see 2021 Photos]

## KG7D

I always enjoy working the AZ stations while working our own NV QP from a county line. Thanks for the contacts.

## KI6RRN (@WA6TQT)

All counties worked!

## KJ9C

Testing the Indiana station.

## KK7AC

The one station I was hoping to nab for my last AZ county was my 3<sup>rd</sup> contact! K7ZOO gave me La Paz and I knew the rest of the day would be great! Missed RI for a state sweep. Surprise to hear Laci OM2VL come into my log at 0430 on 40! DX conditions were apparently good as many made it into the mults. Bagged 11 counties which is the most I have logged in this contest, so participation must be up. Thanks for another great contest!

## KØOO (@W3RFC)

Thanks for the qsos. Nice to work k7uga. Many thanks to all from members of the Potomac Valley Radio Club.

73

The Contest Crew

## N1ADX

I was at my summer home/camp in Westminster West, VT for this weekend. The fall colors are great, but it is getting cooler and my XYL says we are heading south to the flatlands soon.

## N1SP

Only a short time to operate but hoped to provide a needed multiplier.

## N5RZ

Thanks to all for the QSO's.  
73, Gator

## N6GP

Always fun to work N7GP.

## N7AT (@N7RQ)

Seven hours of contest fun for XYL Sandy N7RQ and I, using only her station here at N7AT. Good practice for the real contest season to come.  
73, Bob K8IA  
Arizona Outlaws Contest Club

## N7GP

Conditions on the bands were decent. 15m had good activity!! 80m and 160m had lots of QRN still. Worked a lot of Outlaws!! Had fun.  
Go OUTLAWS!!!  
Tom  
N7GP  
ex WA8WZG

## N7JI

Taught a tech license class all weekend. Finally got on the air with 45 minutes left in the contest. Any score is better than zero.

## N7RD

Lots of fun. Tnx for all the QSO's. Finally got to work K7UGA Thanks Bob....

## N7SMD

THIS IS MY FIRST CONTEST LOG SUBMISSION.

## N7SU

Always great fun! Thanks for all the contacts. 73

## N8II

After PAQP started, I only worked AZ stations as I bumped into them. I only had about 20 minutes before PA started up. 15m activity was underwhelming.  
73, Jeff

## NE8P

15m was very much open Arizona to Michigan but seems that not many chose to try it. No activity on 40 here due to football games....

## NJ8J

Had a hard time finding AZ stations, but I found enough.

## NS2N

Lots of state QPs this weekend

## OM2VL (@OM8A)

Nice activity of AZ stations! I missed sure some or many (who know) stations when I was so busy in PA QP! Nice opening with big signals on 15m. Last QSO here was at 19:43z!

Most QSO with:

(9): KG6T/M in 6 counties

(6): K7L, W7A

(5): NA7TB

(4): K7UGA, K7ZOO, KO7SS

Thanks for the QSO's! PSE your QSL for my awards.

73, Laci OM2VL

## W1END

Heard / worked fewer than last year but still had good time.

## W1QK

Thank you for sponsoring the QSO party. 73 - Dan, W1QK

## W2IOC/1

Happy to get some Arizona contacts. From Vermont - cloudy days low 40's at night; 50's daytime high.

## W2XYZ

Decent amount of activity.

## W5JCC

Enjoyed it!

## W6SDM

99% CW with a few phone contacts

## W6TED

Just jumped in for a quick participation. Thanks!

## W7A (@K6WSC)

W7A was the 2021 Arizona QSO Party Bonus Station. Thanks to everyone who participated, especially the AZ Mobiles and Expeditions. Special thanks also go to the **Central Arizona DX Association** for activating the K7UGA special event callsign honoring US Senator Barry M. Goldwater K7UGA (sk) during the AZQP. I hope everyone had great ham radio fun in the AZQP!

73,

Bill Clark / K6WSC

Arizona QSO Party Chairman

## W7CO

Thanks for the QSO party!

## W7CXX/M (WA7LNW)

Arizona state line (Mohave County) is only 8 miles south of my home QTH here in southwestern Utah. Made it super easy to participate mobile.

73 Jack, WA7LNW

## W7GRM

I had a lot of fun participating in the AZ QSO Party. I enjoyed it and will look for it again next year! I had a great time in the AZ QSO Party. It was my first time participating in this contest. I was QRP on 20m and 40m with a QRP Labs transceiver into a home brew efhw antenna, up maybe 23 feet. Thanks to everyone who copied me and my modest setup in Idaho!

## W7KDS

Two new ops and they had a lot of fun. They will be back! They had a lot of fun. Vicki, N6KLS did most of the mentoring. Looking forward to next year.

Tom N6BT

## W9TCV

Thanks to all the Arizona stations for a great party!

Bonus station W7A helped with 100 extra points!



**WA6URY**

Tnx for the Qs! 73, Dan - remote in Tokyo

**WA7YXY**

Thank you for the great event! 73 Olin WA7YXY

**WA9YI**

Thanks for the QP - Tom

**WD4FMG**

Thanks for a fun event. My first.

**WIØWA (@NØAC)**

Thanks for your QSO, Bill

**WØBH**

It's fun to work four QSO parties in one weekend. Next to PA, the AZQP was the busiest.

Thanks for the Qs!

73, Bob, WØBH

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