

RESULTS FOR THE 2015 NEBRASKA QSO PARTY

2015 was the third QSO Party sponsored by the Lincoln NE Chapter of QCWA, and the participation was about the same as last year. There were 11 NE logs this year (12 last year), 29 Out-of-State Logs (31 last year), four Mobile/Rover logs this year (3 last year), and four VE/DX logs this year (4 last year). Logs were submitted (fixed and mobile) for 34 counties this year mostly in eastern and central Nebraska. We hope next year to activate more western counties next year, though that remains difficult since the distances are large and population small. Look for more western counties though in our Special Event this October.

Especially appreciated were the mobile efforts of Jim, KØHW from SD, and Russ, K5ZZR, from OK who activated many counties in central Nebraska. And thanks to all who participated and sent in logs.

OUT-OF STATE RESULTS

In a repeat of last year, the overall winner of the Out-of-State category was Frank, WA6KHK, from Menifee CA. Good job Frank. He edged out a great effort by John, N6MU, from Cypress, CA. I worked both multiple times as NE0QP and appreciated hearing them in my rover operation as I made the rounds of counties in SE Nebraska. Third place went to Ken, N2CQ, from Deptford NJ. The SingleOperator/LowPower (SOLP) category scores dominated the Out-of-State category.

Ron, W4UT, won the QRP category with a modest QSO count and bonus points from several QSOs with NE0QP.

The VE/DX category was won by Barry, VE6UM, from Edmonton AB, and Greg, VA3GK, was second. The only DX entry this year was Mario, DL5ME. We had more DX entries in previous years, and maybe the end of the current solar cycle had something to do with that.

IN-STATE RESULTS, FIXED

The overall NE In-State award this year went to Dan, WBØYYE, from Lancaster County, with what will probably be an all-time record 1281 QSOs in the 20 hrs of operating allowed. Dan was on 20m SSB almost the whole time, running about 800 W and using a modest beam. He averaged over 60 QSOs/hr for the entire period. Great effort Dan, thanks! And thanks to all who worked Dan.

SOLP first place went to Bob, KCØJRW, in Buffalo County, with a combination of digital and SSB QSOs. Bob also won the digital category. Second place SOLP went to Mike, NFØN, with a combination of digital and CW contacts. Mike also operated mobile winning that category.

There were several digital entries this year. First place went to Bob, KCØJRW, with 50 digital QSOs. Dudley, KDØNMD, who won the category last year, was second with 46 QSOs, and Mike, NFØN, was third with 28 QSOs. This was more digital activity than we have had in many years.

IN-STATE-RESULTS, MOBILE/ROVING

The winner again this year for the mobile/roving category was Mike, NFØN, from Dakota County, who is our state's premier county hunter.

We are especially indebted to Jim, KØHW, Elk Point SD and Russ, K5ZZR, Okmulgee OK who came from outside Nebraska and activated counties in north central and south central Nebraska.

Fred, KBØLF, operated NEØQP this year as a rover in the SE counties. I got a good dose of rain on Saturday, never have had to operate that much in poor weather. Thanks to all who put up with my hesitant fist on CW. My cell phone coverage failed me several times and I was not able to spot myself on a couple of occasions. Hope most could get me in the rarer counties.

Best Wishes to All, and thanks for supporting the NE QSO Party. Look for more western counties in October when we sponsor the Nebraska Rare County Activation Special Event.

73, Fred, KBØLF