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February 2010



**Has your operating left you stuck in a rut?**

**THEN TRY THE NEW AND IMPROVED PPRAA  
CONTEST AWARD PROGRAM**

(Details inside)

## February Ham Breakfast

**February 6th**  
**Country Buffet**

**801 North Academy Boulevard**  
(Citadel Crossing)  
8:00 am - 9:30 am

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## February Club Meeting

The club meeting will be on February 10th (second Wednesday in February, at 7 pm at Panera Bread on the NE corner of Powers and S. Carefree.

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## PPRAA Club Officers

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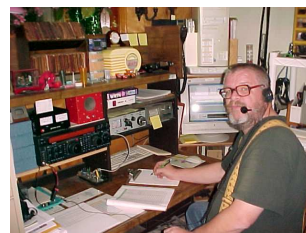
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## Little Ham Magazine

<http://fauchoux.free.fr/f5sld/e7.pdf>

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## Technical Education



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License and code tutoring. Electronic theory.  
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Need help getting your ticket or upgrading, give  
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## Megafest 2010

### Megafest planning

Next planning meeting is scheduled for February 13<sup>th</sup>. All planning meetings are scheduled for Noon, the 2nd Saturday of each month. The location is the Colorado Springs Police Department, Stetson Hills. This is where the PPRAA board meetings are held and relatively close to our normal meeting location at Panera Bread.

## Getting Started in Contesting

[http://wiki.contesting.com/index.php/Getting\\_started\\_in\\_contesting](http://wiki.contesting.com/index.php/Getting_started_in_contesting)

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## PPRAA Contest Score Award Rules

To be eligible for a plaque or a certificate, you must be a paid member of the Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association, hereinafter referred to as PPRAA.

Scores can only be submitted for the period that you are a paid member of PPRAA.

The categories listed below are the only categories available. No category will be created to accommodate any particular individual or group.

Only scores reported during the period of November 1 thru October 31 of the following year will count. (Example: This year's award period will be from November 1, 2009 thru October 31, 2010). A Plaque will be awarded for First Place in a category and a Certificate will be awarded for Second Place. Awards will be made at the Annual PPRAA Christmas/Holiday dinner, normally held in December of each year at a location designated by the Board of Directors.

Entries must show an honest effort by the entrant to make an effort to achieve a score that indicates an honest effort to participate

#### CATEGORIES:

- a. SO/LP (Single Operator/Low Power)
- b. SO/HP (Single Operator/High Power)
- c. SO/QRP (Single Operator/QRP)
- d. MO/LP (Multi-Operator/Low Power)
- e. MO/HP (Multi-Operator/High Power)
- f. MO/QRP (Multi-Operator/QRP)

#### DEFINITIONS:

- a. SO - Single Operator
- b. MO - Multi-Operator
- c. LP - Low Power (No higher than 150 watts)
- d. HP - High Power (No higher than maximum Legal Limit)
- e. QRP - No more than 5 watts

#### REPORTING SCORES:

- a. All scores should be reported to [contest@ppraa.org](mailto:contest@ppraa.org). They will be forwarded to me.
- b. Reported info must include the following:  
**Name of contest; date(s) of contest; number of contacts; Score; Entry Category, and of course, you're Call.**

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## Million Point Award

This award can be won by everybody. Simply be a paid member of PPRAA and report your scores from each contest you enter.

There is no time limit on accumulating the Million Points.

You can only win this plaque one time. Future consideration will be given for endorsements at the 5 million, 10 million, etc. levels. For the initial award there are no plans for endorsements at this time.

A name for the Award Plaque has not been chosen as yet, so we are open to suggestions. This award is also given by the Grand Mesa Contesters of Colorado Club in Grand Junction. They call it the "Top Gun Award". Naturally we would want a different name. **Please submit suggestions to [dickt@w0raa.com](mailto:dickt@w0raa.com), and when we have several suggestions, we will post a vote section on the PPRAA Reflector site.**

Applications for the award will be put in Zero Beat at a later time. We need somebody to win it before we do that.

I am always open to suggestions on the PPRAA Contest Award program. If you have a good idea, please send it in for consideration. We would like to keep this as simple as possible, and not have an Entry Class for every little thing.

Suggestions for a minimum number of contacts for a contest entered would also be appreciated.

I think everybody would agree that it should be more than 1 or 2.

Members of the PPRAA Contest Award Committee are:

Dick – W0RAA – [dickt@w0raa.com](mailto:dickt@w0raa.com):  
Chairman

Dan – W0RO – [dscott1644@comcast.net](mailto:dscott1644@comcast.net)

Galen – AG0A – [agoa@msn.com](mailto:agoa@msn.com)

I hope we have some participation from Club members in this program.

73,

Dick  
W0RAA

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## FEBRUARY CONTESTS

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### February 2010

Vermont QSO Party 0000Z, Feb 6 to 2400Z, Feb 7

10-10 Int. Winter Contest, SSB 0001Z, Feb 6 to 2359Z, Feb 7

Minnesota QSO Party 1400Z-2400Z, Feb 6

AGCW Straight Key Party 1600Z-1900Z, Feb 6

Delaware QSO Party 1700Z, Feb 6 to 0100Z, Feb 8

Mexico RTTY International Contest 1800Z, Feb 6 to 1759Z, Feb 7

North American Sprint, CW 0000Z-0400Z, Feb 7

CQ WW RTTY WPX Contest 0000Z, Feb 13 to 2400Z, Feb 14

SARL Field Day Contest 1000Z, Feb 13 to 1000Z, Feb 14

Asia-Pacific Spring Sprint, CW 1100Z-1300Z, Feb 13

Dutch PACC Contest 1200Z, Feb 13 to 1200Z, Feb 14

FISTS Winter Sprint 1700Z-2100Z, Feb 13

North American Sprint, SSB 0000Z-0400Z, Feb 14

AGCW Semi-Automatic Key Evening  
1900Z-2030Z, Feb 17

ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW 0000Z, Feb 20 to 2400Z, Feb 21

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0200Z-0400Z, Feb 22

CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB 2200Z, Feb 26 to 2159Z, Feb 28

REF Contest, SSB 0600Z, Feb 27 to 1800Z, Feb 28

UBA DX Contest, CW 1300Z, Feb 27 to 1300Z, Feb 28

North American QSO Party, RTTY 1800Z, Feb 27 to 0600Z, Feb 28

High Speed Club CW Contest 0900Z-1700Z, Feb 28

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## FEBRUARY SPECIAL EVENT STATIONS

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### February 2010

**Feb 1-Feb 8, 1900Z-1900Z**, Washington, PA. Washington Amateur Communications, W3C. Washington County, Pennsylvania Sportsmen Show. 21.285 14.280 7.260. QSL. Ed Oelschlager, 60 Carl Ave B2, Eighty Four, PA 15330.

**wa3com@gmail.com** or [www.wacomarc.org](http://www.wacomarc.org)

**Feb 2, 1000Z-1400Z**, Marion, OH. Marion Amateur Radio Club, WW8MRN. Celebrating "Buckeye Chuck Ground Hog Day". 146.550 14.240 7.240 3.860. Certificate. Jack Hale, KD8CUU, 437 Olney Ave, Marion, OH 43302. [bjh4c22@verizon.net](mailto:bjh4c22@verizon.net)



**Feb 4-Feb 10, 1800Z-1800Z**, Honolulu, HI. United States Islands Awards Program, N7I. 16<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary of the US Islands Awards Program. 28.460 14.260. QSL. John Reisenauer, Jr, KL7JR, 3705 Arctic Blvd #1830, Anchorage, AK 99503. [www.usislands.org](http://www.usislands.org)

**Feb 5, 1400Z-2300Z**, San Angelo, TX. San Angelo Amateur Radio Club, W5QX. Celebrating National Weatherman's Day. 14.241 7.241. Certificate. SAARC, PO Box 4002, San Angelo, TX 76902. [www.w5qx.org](http://www.w5qx.org)

**Feb 5-Feb 7, 2359Z-2359Z**, Istanbul, Republic of Turkey. TCSWAT, TC10VF. The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Volunteer Fire Department. All Bands. QSL. QSL Mang. TCSWAT / TA1HZ Tevfik A.K., PO Box 73 Karakoy, Istanbul 34421, REPUBLIC OF TURKEY. [www.ta0u.com/2010/Eng/Calendar.html](http://www.ta0u.com/2010/Eng/Calendar.html)

**Feb 6, 1500Z-2100Z**, Virginia Beach, VA. US Coast Guard Auxiliary, W4Z. 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Polar Plunge Benefiting Special Olympics. 14.254 7.254. QSL. Robert Dunnington, KI4VCT, 1110 Atlantic Ave, Virginia Beach, VA 23451-3549. [qe@flotilla57.com](mailto:qe@flotilla57.com)

**Feb 6-Feb 7, 1600Z-2100Z**, Milan, OH. The Thomas Edison Memorial Radio Club, NI8G. Celebrating Edison's birthday in Milan OH. 21.340 14.240 7.240 3.840. QSL. Thomas Edison Radio Club, 13113 River Rd, Milan, OH 44846. [ni8n1@yahoo.com](mailto:ni8n1@yahoo.com)

**Feb 7-Feb 14, 0000Z-0000Z**, Petal, MS. Petal Pow-Wow, W0W. Pow-Wow. Native American Event. 14.230 7.230 7.030 3.930. QSL. Petal Pow-Wow, PO Box 52, Petal, MS 39465. [petalpowwow.webs.com](http://petalpowwow.webs.com)

**Feb 13, 1700Z-2359Z**, San Diego, CA. USS Midway (CV 41) Museum Radio Operations Room, NI6IW. Women Marines Birthday and Presidents Day. SSB 14.320 7.250 CW 14.060 7.055 RSK-31 7.070 D-STAR 2m/70cm SOCAL rpters. QSL. USS Midway Museum Radio Room, 910 N Harbor Dr, San Diego, CA 92101-5811. [kk6fz@arrl.net](mailto:kk6fz@arrl.net)

**Feb 19-Feb 21, 2300Z-2300Z**, Catasauqua, PA. TDF Radio Club, W3G. 278<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of George Washington's birthday. 18.130 14.226 7.180 3.880. QSL. Elixander Valladares, 841 Poplar St, Catasauqua, PA 18032. [www.ka3kdl.com](http://www.ka3kdl.com)

**Feb 19-Feb 21, 2300Z-2100Z**, Laredo, TX. LaredoHams Amateur Radio Club (W5LRD), W5W. Washington's Birthday Celebration Association. 14.325 7.260. QSL. LaredoHams

Amateur Radio Club, PO Box 451708, Laredo, TX 78045. [www.LaredoHams.com](http://www.LaredoHams.com)

**Feb 19-Feb 22, 2200Z-2359Z**, George, WA. Eastern Washington DX Club, W7G. George Washington's Birthday. 18.135 14.250 7.225 3.880. QSL. Brian Nielson, W7BJN, 11650 Road 1 SE, Moses Lake, WA 98837. [w7bjn@nwi.net](mailto:w7bjn@nwi.net)

**Feb 20, 1400Z-2200Z**, Leavenworth, KS. Kickapoo QRP Amateur Radio Club, W0EBB. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual "Freeze Your Keys" Winter Operating Event. 14.285 14.060 7.285 7.040. QSL. Gary Auchard, 34058 167th St, Leavenworth, KS 66048-9473. [w0ebb@juno.com](mailto:w0ebb@juno.com)

**Feb 20, 1500Z-2200Z**, Waterloo, IA. Five Sullivan Brothers Amateur Radio Club, W0FSB. 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Iwo Jima & the Flag Raisings. 21.240 14.240 7.240. Certificate. Vernon Mc Nulty, 4015 Independence Ave, Waterloo, IA 50703. [t-mc-nulty@msn.com](mailto:t-mc-nulty@msn.com)

## Thursday Evening Net

Please join us for the Thursday Night 10-meter net. We meet at 7:00 PM (Local) on or near 28.390 USB.

The goal of the net is for Technicians through Extra class operators to enjoy a weekly on-the-air chat, and experiment with various transmission modes. The outcome of the net has been a surprise to new old old-timers alike, we has all come away with a better understanding of our radios, filter usage, mic gain, transmission line, ...etc.

This is a perfect net for an introduction to HF and/or SSB too. The net is informal, just jump in with your call and net control will get you on the list. One thing that is (almost) always is giving a description of you rig, antenna system and approximate location.

Technicians remain operating SSB as do other class operators with SSB only radios.

If you are restricted to SSB do not let that bother you as we take that into account even as we jump between modes (AM, FM, DSB, LSB).

Hope to hear you Thursdays on the net!

73, WØRO



## PPRAA FEBRUARY VE SESSION

The Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association (PPRAA) VE Team will be conducting a VE session at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in the room 101 at Colorado Technical University (CTU). The PPRAA VE Team is affiliated with the ARRL/VEC and examinations for all classes of license will be offered.

Full information, including driving directions to the CTU is available at the PPRAA web site at <http://www.ppraa.org> or you may contact Jackie Cornwell AC0CA at [ac0ca@arrl.net](mailto:ac0ca@arrl.net) or by calling 719-632-8254.

If attending, please BE SURE to bring the following items to the session:

- 1) A valid PHOTO ID, driver's license preferred (if you do not have a valid photo ID, please call for alternative identification requirements).
- 2) Your SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (now required -- this includes children).
- 3) Your ORIGINAL amateur radio license (if any) AND a PHOTOCOPY for the VE Team to keep.
- 4) The ORIGINAL of any relevant CSCEs you may have AND a PHOTOCOPY for the VE Team to keep.

PLEASE NOTE: The standard ARRL/VEC exam fee for 2009 has increased to \$15 effective January 1st. Cash, Check or Money Order for \$15 (standard ARRL VE Fee). Checks and money orders should be made out to ARRL/VEC and will cover all the exams you wish to take at the VE session.

PPRAA VE Team policy, as with many VE Teams, is to not allow same day retests on failed exams.

73 as always...

Jackie Cornwell AC0CA

PPRAA VE Contact  
719-632-8254

## Dits and Bits For Sale or Wanted

Have something to sell or trying to find something or just want to see something get to a good home? Send it in to [wv7t@arrl.net](mailto:wv7t@arrl.net) and see it in Dits and Bits.

### HELP WANTED

Dear OM:

I'm looking for help for my sideline to ham radio - my collection of call letter auto license plates. I'm trying to find at least one per year for each state and province. For your state I still need years *WV*

But any and all call plates (and DX plates) are always welcome.

Of course I cover postage when I know what it is (plates travel best as 3rd or 4th class mail or, best, UPS - first class is unnecessary, and prohibitively expensive.



If a little note could be stuck in your club bulletin I'd be most appreciative. Seems as though most of the plates I'm looking for end up in the trash; I'm trying to retrieve a few.

Please help me. Thanks

Dave Heller, K3TX/W5NFJ (ex K3HNP)

Box 224  
MORRISVILLE  
PA 19067-0224 (ast Dir.)



## Family Contesting





Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association, Inc.

# PPRAA HAM RADIO MEGAFEST

➡ Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 ⬅

8 AM to 1 PM Lewis-Palmer High School  
1300 Higby Rd., Monument, CO 80132; East of I-25, Exit 158 or 161  
Vendor Setup at 6 AM — Ticket Sales Open at 7:30 AM  
Talk In: 146.970 MHz (-) 100 Hz Tone

**HAM RADIO RAFFLE!**

One Raffle Ticket Included with Admission  
Additional Tickets: \$1 Each, 6 for \$5, 15 for \$10, 40 for \$20

Drawing at Noon, July 17th, 2010.  
Raffle prize winners need not be present to win.

**Elecraft K3-100**  
HF/50MHz All-Mode Transceiver w/DSP

**Flex-Radio SDR-3000**  
HF/50MHz All-Mode Transceiver w/DSP, Automatic Antenna Tuner

**Icom ID-880H**  
D-STAR 144/440MHz Digital/FM Mobile

 Generously donated by the Cheyenne Mountain Repeater Group, Inc.

**Icom IC-92AD**  
D-STAR 144/440 MHz Digital/FM 5W HT

Raffle License #2010-02023  
Pikes Peak Radio Amateur Association, Inc.  
P.O. Box 16521 Colorado Springs, CO 80935

**Scheduled Activities:**

- License Testing at 10 AM
- Forums
- Hourly Door Prizes
- Final door prize at 11:30 Yaesu VX-3R HT
- Door prize winners must be present to win



**6-foot Table Rentals Available**

See registration form on back  
\$12 in Advance—\$17 day of Megafest  
Rental Does NOT include Admission  
One chair provided with each table

Packets will be ready at the door at 6:00 AM.  
No Friday night setup available.  
Advance registrations must be received by July 10

**For latest info: [www.ppraa.org](http://www.ppraa.org)**

covered in trees. Witness trees from 1889 were still there! Our operation was portable with a tent, 100 watt rig, generator, battery, dipole and delta loop antennas. The dipole was pulled up first and we were on the air on 80 meters by 10:30 am. However, the band was dead and we changed to 40 meters and worked a handful of SSB QSOs. Next we pulled up the delta loop and changed to 20 meter SSB and found 20 a little more active.

Before the contest we were disappointed to learn that we couldn't give out 4 counties at once. We had identified only 3 other places in Colorado where four counties come together. Anyway, we gave out 2 counties at a time and told stations to keep checking on us and that we would give out the 2 other counties later, which we did.

Propagation was poor and this was not unexpected. We kept listening for distant stations coming back to Colorado stations and seldom heard any. This was kind of a repeat of last year – no sunspots. It was slow going on 20m phone, so after a while Steve moved to PSK-31 and more contacts were logged.

By about 6:30 pm 20 meters was dead, so it was either pull up the dipole again and move to 40 meters or tear down. We tore down, realizing that it was still a 4 or 5 hour drive to get home. Bill KC0QXX worked quite a few stations HF mobile on 80 meters on the trip back home making us wish we could have stayed later on the site working 80m in the evening hours.

Quite a number of us from the Montrose Amateur Radio Club participate and we look forward to the contest every year. We try to spread out and activate as many counties as possible. There is


## Colorado QSO Party!

1200Z September 4—0400Z September 5, 2010

Join other stations on the air *Saturday, September 4th* and work to contact hams in Colorado's 64 counties! Operate CW, Phone, Digital, or any combination on all HF contesting bands, VHF, and UHF. Mark your calendars now and join us on the air in September!

Details at:  
**[www.ppraa.org/coqp](http://www.ppraa.org/coqp)**

- Rules
- Logging Software
- Award Categories
- County Activation Plans
- Latest News



### SOAPBOX

#### Colorado QSO Party 2009

Re: An entry sent in by Steve Schroder, KI0KY. Steve, Bill Bear KC0QXX and myself (AA0JD) drove to southwestern Colorado, high up in dense forest, to the intersection of 4 counties, Montezuma, La Plata, San Juan and Dolores. The site was about 10,700' elevation, on a ridge

much to be said about working from a site closer to home so that arrival could be earlier and departure later so the many stations on 80m could be worked.

Regarding the "Saturday of Labor Day Weekend" date of the contest, this year it was not a conflict. Our club has a big event every year on the Saturday after Labor Day. So if the QSO party is held then, our participation will be down. However, we realize that no date is perfect for everyone and that the Pikes Peak Club has every right to "just pick a date and go for it." It is OK by us. Just pick a date and go for it. We members of the Montrose ARC intend to participate one way or another. Sunspots and propagation will return eventually and we'll be ready. Hope to work you in 2010!

73, Royce Seymour AA0JD

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Congratulations on the Labor-Day Saturday timing. Improved conditions and participation were great fun and we still had time for holiday activities!

My dash had room for my Orion but unshaded sun put it to sleep, so we turned A/C on and switched to an Icom for the rest of the trip. 73 to all. Working N6MU 15 times was a blast.

Peter Hills W0HXB

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Greetings All,

I enjoyed "playing" in the CO QSO party. My score is nothing to write home about but it was not the quantity but the quality that counted for me. Those CO operators are great.

73 from New Jersey,

Mary KV2M

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I am too close to CO to work very many 20M stations – but this is a great QSO party! Thank you PPRAA for the sponsoring!

73, Ed, W7GVE

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Thank you for the wonderful plaque in 2008. Quite a surprise and nicer than all of my other ones with the engraving of those great mountains.

73, Frank WA2VYA

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Yes, I only had 1 contact – very hard time working stations – unknown why. I could hear great, my TX must not have been good.

73, Mike, KC8UNR

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Thanks! I usually find CO hard to work but contest environment really helped.

Red, N3TG

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Delighted to see you all!

AA2AD

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Radio: ICOM 756 Pro III (100W)  
Antenna: half-G5RV in attic  
Software: WriteLog 10.73d

I walked away from this contest very disappointed with my results. I realized I have too much local QRN, and I was told by a 9-land station (via E-mail) that



people were calling me on 20 that I couldn't hear (that's a shock, considering my setup, and 20 is my least noisy band). Still, it was fun to get on, even though I was pretty tired during the first half.

It was nice to have LW3DX and CU2JT both call in on 20 CW.

I avoided RTTY due to the Russian DX Contest, but probably spent 1/2 hour CQing on 20m PSK-31 with nary a bite.

I heard lots of loud "locals" on 80 meters Saturday night, but I couldn't get any power to the antenna; the remote tuner wouldn't match, and I had a near-infinite VSWR in the shack. Still, four of them managed to hear me. I was surprised I never heard Weld or Denver counties, since they are so close. W0QE called me from Broomfield, very weak.

The WriteLog scoring for this contest was a little funny. CW and SSB mults are swapped on the summary sheet. In addition, the numbering in the ML column (and Mul column in the score summary) is by band, not by mode, so the multiplier numbers are kind of misleading.

Thanks to everyone who got on for the contest.

AD1C

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Looking back in my files, I think this is my first ever entry in the COQP contest. The result is not that impressive but, as a principle, I always file a contest entry when working more than 25 stations. And it is always a challenge to try to pull Colorado thru on 40m.

CU2JT

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Fun contest ! Just wish conditions had been better!  
See you in 2010!

K0GEO

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Started on 80mtrs and 40mtrs on cw. Worked mostly Co. stations on 80mtrs. 40mtrs was good. Went to 20mtrs about 15:00 for a good run on cw and phone. Had yard work that had to be done. Came back around 22:00z and then off and on as family meal and etc came up. Fun working N0ZA for my qso on cw 15mtrs,10mtrs, 160mts along with K0FX that moved to 160mtrs. Tried on WI station N9CK but didn't hear Steve. I do thank him for the try.

Here is the last word. It is sure more fun at home than destroying a trailer or mobile in a diesel pickup. FOR SURE..Thanks to all the GMCC guys, KO7X, W0RAA, N0POH, N0KE, N0HF, K0FX, N0ZA,KT0DX, I know there are others sorry if I missed you....

Thanks to all...PTL bill K0UK

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This party needs lots of work. Not enough participation and not enough rover stations.

K6RB

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Joined the Cochise Amateur Radio Association for their Labor Day Special Event in Paradise, an Arizona Ghost Town. Short propagation on 20m poor,

absolutely ZERO QSOs on 20m. Thanks to the mobiles!

KE7DX

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Could have used more mobile and fixed stations on CW, after dark did not hear mobile stations.

KN4Y

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Congratulations to the top scoring operators. Poor showing on my part. Had to QRT for guests with 6 hours to go. That hurt the log.

NOAC

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2ND COLORADO QSO PARTY

N1NN

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Operated little more than one hour at the beginning of the contest. Then had other obligations. What little time I participated was fun. Found that trying to hold a frequency at 4.9 watts does not work that well.

NO2D

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Had lots of fun and good propagation on 20M-40M-80M, my 1st Colorado QSO party now that I am a resident of the state. Ran all CW and all the boys knew about the QP and the exchange, I was very impressed. Rig: TT Omni 6 at 100 watts. Antennas, 20M: 3el SteppIr at 40', 160M-80M-40M: 1050 foot square loop up 64 feet, fed with ladder line. Logging: N1MM Logger. Used club callsign W0PA at W7RF station, Opr callsign: W7RF

Dan, W7RF

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I HAD A BALL; THANKS FOR SPONSORING THE COLORADO QSO PARTY!

W5ESE

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I had fun this year. Last year I was in the hospital and couldn't participate. I worked several GMCC members and heard some that I just couldn't reach. The bands were not great, but I managed a few DX contacts, which was nice. I hope my 6 hour effort is good enough to get me a certificate. Thanks to all who gave me a contact. I know there were many Colorado stations but I just wasn't hearing them. The few I got I was grateful for. See you next year.

W0RAA

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RTTY mode was very frustrating for this contest. I'm ashamed to submit a score like this, but who knows, it just might be OK. I had to struggle for every RTTY QSO. A big problem was the Russian DX RTTY Contest was also in progress, which made things worse. Signals were not really great. OK but not great. I think I'll stick with CW in the future. Thanks to the few who gave me a QSO.

W0RAA

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Nice to see the CO activity this year. Conditions seemed pretty good. Thanks to all . Rig was TS830S, Butternut HF6V and Log-EQF software.

W1END

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HERE'S MY SMALL SCORE BEFORE  
HEADING OFF FOR A WEEKEND WITH  
THE XYL. I STILL NEED A FEW MORE CO  
COUNTIES SO CU ALL NEXT YEAR.

W2UDT

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SHORT SKIP ON 20 METERS DIDN'T  
LAST LONG.

W7KAM

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GLAD TO PARTICIPATE

W8KNO

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Had fun.

WB5BKL

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Thanks for the great contest.

73  
John NA3J

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First, thank you for all your efforts in  
organizing and then scoring the QSO  
Party. I realize it is a lot more work than  
most of us realize. I thought your  
publicity was great and the website very  
helpful. I'm looking forward to next year  
already.

Nick N0LP

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Good party,  
Prop from Montana light...

73,

Mike  
NE4S

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GREAT JOB on this year's QSO Party. I  
traveled from Albuquerque, NM to my in-  
laws' cabin on the Conejos river in CON  
county to operate. Strung a dipole in the  
air via slingshot (last year I'll do  
that...the spud gun I used for Field Day  
was much more efficient and fun!), and  
enjoyed the lack of RF noise that I get  
operating in the city. Everyone in  
Colorado (and elsewhere) was awesome  
and definitely out to have fun. I also  
operated in the "/140" event as ARRL  
Director honoring the birth of Hiram  
Percy Maxim, but I did NOT count those  
QSOs towards the Colorado QSO Party  
since I felt it would create an unfair  
advantage. After the QSO party, the  
radio gear was packed and the fly fishing  
gear was unpacked for some great  
fishing the next day.

I look forward to 2010 where I hope to  
once again put Conejos County on the  
air. Thanks again for a job well done  
keeping ham radio fun.

73,  
Brian N5ZGT

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Thanks again for your efforts to make  
the CoQP a super party.

73,  
Dick K4XU

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Thanks for my first time try with the CO  
QSO party.

N3RJ

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I had fun, although I only had a little time to make a couple of contacts.

Thanks,  
Eric Einspruch  
KE7NVA

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Dear Organizers,

I would like to first take this opportunity to thank you for sponsoring/hosting this event. I did enjoy it and will try to be on next year.

Please receive and record my logbooks; since I do not fully understand the scoring process, I would prefer you score them and let me know.

I do have a few observations and comments that I would like to make:

First, I was hoping that we could get a good definition of what this event is about. That is, the title is that of "party" but I'm wondering: is the event an effort to activate as many counties as possible with an eye to emergency communication?; Or is it a all-out contest where minimal information is all that is expected to be exchanged just to run up scores?; Just what is the intended purpose of each contact?

Second, I noticed that this contest fell on a Labor Day weekend. In my case I felt a dilemma in either operating the contest or spending a precious 3-day weekend with my family. In my case I did both but only because we were not doing just one family activity. So, I would like to see the contest NOT be held on any 3-day weekends where traditionally families are trying to make the most of their time off together...

Third, are we strictly adhering to MARC

county Hunter rules? There has been some question about sitting on multi-county lines and what is legal to give out to be able to use all counties. What is the exact operational or physical requirements?

Fourth, I do like the hours of operation and think they should stand. However it looks like several other major contests were going on and did hear some negative comments on 20 meters regarding COQP interfering with other contesters. I have no idea what can be done with this...

Fifth, what are the rules for county hunters to record the county that you give them without burdening the COQP operator with the expense of paper-QSL'ing all the out of state county hunters. In my case of casual operation, there were not too many but still a significant number that want paper-QSL's for the county and did not send SASE's.

Sixth, a minor point, but the official long-standing abbreviation for Pueblo, Pueblo-county or otherwise is "PUB" not "PUE."

Finally, thanks once again for hosting this contest. I hopefully will be able to operate it even more seriously next year family permitting...

73,

- Gary -

WB0FFI / WOENA

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Thanks much for all of your hard work and a great QSO Party!

73,



Roger Krautkremer K0YY

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Hello! Enjoyed your QSO party very much. Thanks.

I am a little "green" to using software programs for contests. This is the only logger I have that I could figure out. Please, if there is anything I did wrong, or any further information you need, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks again had a great time.

Jeff WB8WKQ

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Hello Team,

Thanks for sponsoring the COQP, it was a ball!

As info, I had some contest log (N1MM) problems, so there may be a problem with some of the band/freqs as recorded, in which case my log might become a check log...which is OK...

The calls, names, and locations are accurate.

Thanks again, see you next year...I'm thinking maybe I can work from Custer County next year, or maybe mobile... What a blast!

Very best 73,

Ted K0LDS

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Thanks for the fun contest focused on Colorado.

73, Bob K0NR

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