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Disclaimer 1: If you are not comfortable making changes to computer files, please seek assistance or consider not attempting this modification.

Disclaimer 2: Scott, N3FJP, bears no responsibility for troubleshooting this modification. It's a solution developed by members of the Yahoo and Facebook OSPOTA groups for logging and managing duplicates during OSPOTA. If you have questions, ask in one of the OSPOTA groups, or refer to Disclaimer 1.

Disclaimer 3: Ensure your computer's clock is accurate, and log in UTC.

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Now, let's break down the steps for this modification:

Install OHQP In-State Logging Program: First, you need to have the Ohio QSO Party in-state logging program installed and working. This program can be obtained from n3fjp.com for $8.99 (as of 9-2-2025).

Create Required Directory: This directory is not created until you run the program for the first time. Run the OHQP program at least once.

Download county2.txt: Download the county2.txt file from https://ospota.org/Files/N3FJP_Hack_Rev1.zip. It is also available from the either the Groups.io or Facebook OSPOTA group file areas.

Replace county2.txt: Replace the existing county2.txt file in the OH-QSO-Party folder. This folder is found in your "Documents" folder, not the "Program Files" folder. It's

recommended to rename the original file to something like "county2_ohqp.txt" for easy switching between OHQP and OSPOTA.

Compatibility: This modification works well on Windows 10 and 11, and there have been reports of it working on Windows 7. The program reads band information from your rig and logs it for each contact. For setup, refer to N3FJP's help files for this program.

Important Notes:

This modification is designed for in-park station logging and duplicate management; do not rely on it for scoring.

For In-Park stations:

For Ohio stations, enter the park as "NOT."

For out-of-state stations, enter the two-letter abbreviation for the state.

Non-US stations, including Canadian stations, are logged as DX.

After the Contest:

Look in the File menu for "Write Cabrillo (Contest Submittal) File." Create your Cabrillo file, save it to your computer, and open it in a text editor to make any necessary corrections. For instance, change "CONTEST: MRCC-OHQP" to "CONTEST: OSPOTA CLAIMED SCORE." You can delete the line referring to the score since you'll use the score from the summary sheet you submit.

Save the Cabrillo file using the convention "k8bf.log," and you're ready to go. After editing the header, this is the Cabrillo file you will submit along with your summary sheet.

I hope this explanation helps. 73 DE WG8X.