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Ohio State Parks On The Air Contest - September 9, 2017

The 2017 Ohio State Parks On The Air (OSPOTA) contest is in the history books. The logs have been received and reviewed and the results are out.



2017 was the <u>TENTH</u> annual OSPOTA!!

First - On behalf of the OSPOTA contest committee: CONGRATULATIONS to the WINNERS!!



Second - CONGRATULATIONS to ALL that participated !!

This year the weather cooperated and the OSPOTA contest was fun for all. Many stations were on the air and activity was fantastic. Being the 10th year of this contest we had hoped for lots of activity and all of the participants made it happen. Your efforts in setting up, getting on the air and making contacts are applauded.

Each year OSPOTA is growing and more amateur radio operators both in and out of Ohio State Parks are becoming involved. Let's keep that going in future years.

This particular contest is not only a fun event for most amateur radio operators, it helps to promote the adaptability of hams and to showcase their expertise in being able to set up a portable communications center to make contacts. OSPOTA is not just a fun contest, it's also a practical exercise to keep our gear ready when called upon to assist local services for communications during an emergency.

The Portage County Amateur Radio Service (PCARS) - located in Ravenna, Ohio is proud to sponsor this contest, and we thank you for your participation

Visit PCARS on the web at www.PORTCARS.org

We'll be looking for you again on September 8, 2018 for OSPOTA 2018!!
Until then - Take care & 73



Greetings to the OSPOTA 2017 (Ohio State Parks On The Air) Participants

From the Portage County Amateur Radio Club's OSPOTA Committee, we would like to extend our appreciation for your participation in the TENTH annual Ohio State Parks On The Air contest. You are now part of OSPOTA history and our hope is that it will be a long and rewarding one.

The OSPOTA contest was conceived with three main goals in mind: **1.** Promoting public awareness of ham radio and Ohio's beautiful State Park system; **2.** Contribute to the recognition that Ohio has a very diverse and wonderful ecology; and **3.** Promote camaraderie within the ranks of Ohio's Amateur Radio Operators. It has been with your participation that we believe those goals were achieved again this year.

To those of you who placed in the top three spots in each category, congratulations on your efforts. You deserve your awards for your operating skills. The turn out for the tenth annual OSPOTA was great and we are counting on having everyone do even better in OSPOTA 2018.



So until September 8, 2018 - **73**!

Tom - KB8UUZ, OSPOTA Chairman Chuck - W8PT, Joe - W8KNO, John - KD8MQ, John - KB8UHN OSPOTA Committee Members





OSPOTA is sponsored by the **Portage County Amateur Radio Service, Inc. (PCARS)**PCARS Web Site: http://www.portcars.org

OSPOTA September 9, 2017 General Information:

58 parks activated 12 parks activated did not submit log 79 logs submitted

14 out of state logs submitted 32 clubs represented top score this year - 14,360

1064 contacts on 80M 1486 contacts on 40M 126 contacts on 20M 3 contacts on 15M 3 contacts on 10M

 $(contact\ info\ from\ cabrillo\ files\ only)$

32 Clubs Represented in 2017

Arrow Communications Association	Hamilton Amateur Radio Club	Portage County Amateur Radio Service (7)
Ashtabula County Amateur Radio Club	Hamilton County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps	Potomac Valley Radio Club
Athens County Amateur Radio Association (2)	Highland Amateur Radio Association (3)	Reservoir Amateur Radio Association
Bellbrook Amateur Radio Club	Hocking Valley Amateur Radio Club	Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation
Butler County VHF Association	Lake County Amateur Radio Association	Toledo Mobile Radio Association
Cambridge Amateur Radio Association	Lancaster and Fairfield Amateur Radio Club	Triangle Amateur Radio Club
DeForest Amateur Radio Club	Mahoning Valley Amateur Radio Association	Union County Amateur Radio Club
Drake Amateur Radio Club	Medina 2 Meter Group (3)	Warren Amateur Radio Association
DX Engineering Employees Radio Club	Mount Vernon Amateur Radio Club	Warren County Amateur Radio Association
Fayette Amateur Radio Club	Ohio Valley Experimenter's Club	West Chester Amateur Radio Association
Fulton County Amateur Radio Club	Pedestrian Amateur Radio Club	

OSPOTA 2017 - Scores

Multi Op-Multi-Radio-High Power - In a Park						
Call	Park Name Score					
	No entries in this category					

Multi Op-Multi Radio-Low Power - In a Park						
Call	Park Name	Score				
AB8DD	Kiser Lake KLK	14360				
K8IV	Punderson PUN	12060				
W8DGN	John Bryan JOB	11465				
W8VTD	Mosquito Lake MST	9758				
K8UU	Caesar Creek CAE	6722				
K8HO	Rocky Fork RFK	4995				
K8BLP	Guilford Lake GLK	4794				
W8H	Maumee Bay MBY	3629				
W8VP	Blue Rock BLU	2772				
W8UCO	Alum Creek ALU	2649				
K8BXQ	Harrison Lake HLK	2632				
N8TUW	Great Seal GSL	1995				
K8EEN	Mohican MOH	1804				
WC8EMA	Caesar Creek CAE	1633				
K8CY	Geneva GEN	1214				
K8QIK	A.W.Marion AWM	1156				
K8QYL	Grand Lake St. Marys GLM	784				
K8LGN	Lake Logan LOG	597				
W8AJT	Hueston Woods HUE	382				
N8BC	Headlands Beach HEA	70				
KB8EMD	Cowan Lake COW	32				
K8YOJ	Little Miami LMI	check log				

Multi Op-Single Radio-High Power - In a Park						
Call	Park Name Score					
KC8AAV	Burr Oak BUR	3900				

Multi Op-Single Radio-Low Power - In a Park						
Call	Park Name	Score				
W8UKE	Strouds Run SRN	7725				
K8IYO	Pike Lake PLK	4029				
W8RP	Independence Dam IDM	3977				
WB8YHD	Lake Milton LML	2200				
K8PRC	West Branch WBR	2089				
WC8VOA	Caesar Creek CAE	2069				
K8FEY	Pymatuning PYM	665				
K8GE	Adams Lake ADA	414				
KD8LBS	Buckeye Lake BKL	295				
KD8VRX	Lake Loramie LOR	215				
W8CCI	Hueston Woods HUE	22				
KS8OCG	Buck Creek BCK	check log				

Single Op-High Power - In a Park						
Call	Call Park Name Score					
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Single Op-Low Power - In a Park						
Call	Park Name	Score				
KD8BBK	Salt Fork SFK	8481				
K8FH	Findley FIN	5585				
NF8O	Malabar Farm MAL	4524				
KD8MQ	Jefferson Lake JEF	3697				
K8MD	Middle Bass Island MBI	3457				
KB8UHN	Wolf Run WRN	3182				
K8RGI	Oak Point OPT	2100				
N8SUZ	Jackson Lake JAC	1243				
KL8X	Little Miami LMI	836				
K8FAY	Deer Creek DEE	817				
W8KIW	Paint Creek PTC	505				
NF8U	Muskingum River MUS	297				
AA8GP	Stonelick STO	165				
WA3JDQ	Wolf Run WRN	90				
N8OZB	Indian Lake ILK	74				
N8OZB	Kiser Lake KLK	61				
KM8AM	John Bryan JOB	33				
W8JFQ	Tinker's Creek TCK	10				
K8TKA	Lake Milton LML	check log				
K8VON	Independence Dam IDM	check log				
K8ZT	Nelson Kennedy Ledges NKL	check log				

In Ohio - Not In Park					
Score					
1702					
916					
893					
835					
575					
135					
125					
49					
1					



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Overall High Score AB8DD - 14360

Outside of Ohio						
Call	Transmitting From	Score				
N3CU	Pennsylvania	2914				
N4NY	South Carolina	2320				
W4BBT	North Carolina	1048				
K2DSW	lowa	1011				
K2RYD	New York	985				
W4JL	North Carolina	697				
KM4IAJ	Virginia	649				
WB3AFS	Pennsylvania	210				
VE3PYJ	Ontario, Canada	181				
N8DKA	Michigan	156				
KC0HPM	Missouri	132				
W2MWH	New Jersey	106				
VE2GT	Quebec, Canada	34				
KF5ZPL	Arkansas	30				







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Ohio State Parks Activated during the OSPOTA Contests: 2008-2017 $_{Page\ 1\ of\ 2}$

Ohio State Park	ID	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Adams Lake	ADA					Χ	Χ	Χ		Χ	X
Alum Creek	ALU			Χ	Χ			X	Χ		X
A.W.Marion	AWM	Χ	Х	Χ				Χ		Χ	X
Barkcamp	BAR		Χ			Χ	Χ	X	Χ	Χ	
Beaver Creek	BEA			X			Χ	X	Х	X	
Blue Rock	BLU	X		Χ		X	Х		X	X	X
Buck Creek	BCK			Χ		X	Х	X	X	X	X
Buckeye Lake	BKL	X	X	X	X	X	Х				X
Burr Oak	BUR	Χ	X	Χ		Χ	Χ	X	X	X	X
Caesar Creek	CAE	X		Х	Χ	Χ	Х	X	Х	X	X
Catawba Island	CAT					Χ	Χ	X	Χ		Х
Cleveland Lakefront	CLE	X		X	Х	Χ	N2	-	-	-	-
Cowan Lake	COW	X	X	X	X	Χ		X	X		X
Deer Creek	DEE		X	Х	Χ	Χ	Х	X	Х	X	X
Delaware	DEL	X		Х	Χ		Χ				X
Dillon	DIL						X	X			X
East Fork	EFK				X	X	Χ	X	X	X	Х
East Harbor	EHB			X	X	X	Χ	X	X		
Findley	FIN	X	X	X	Χ	Χ	Х	X	Х	X	X
Forked Run	FOR		X	X	X			X			
Geneva	GEN			Χ	Χ	X	X	Χ	X	X	X
Grand Lake St. Marys	GLM	X	X	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	X	Χ	X	X
Great Seal	GSL		Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
Guilford Lake	GLK	Χ		Х	Χ	Χ	Χ	X	Χ	Х	X
Harrison Lake	HLK					Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
Headlands Beach	HEA			X		Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Х
Hocking Hills	HOC	X		X	X	X					
Hueston Woods	HUE		X	Χ	X	Χ	X	X	X	X	X
Independence Dam	IDM				X	X	Х		X		X
Indian Lake	ILK	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Jackson Lake	JAC	Χ						X	Χ	Χ	X
Jefferson Lake	JEF					Χ	X	X	X		X
John Bryan	JOB	X		X	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	X	X
Kelleys Island	KEL	Х				Χ	Χ		Х		
Kiser Lake	KLK	Χ	X	Х	Χ	Χ	Χ	X	Χ	X	X
Lake Alma	LAL	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	X	X		X	X
Lake Hope	LHO	Χ		Χ	Χ	Χ	X	Χ			X

Ohio State Parks Activated during the OSPOTA Contests: 2008-2017 $_{\text{Page 2 of 2}}$

Ohio State Park	ID	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Lake Logan	LOG			Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ
Lake Loramie	LOR			Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ
Lake Milton	LML	Χ		Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ
Lake White	LWT		Х	Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	N3	N3	N3	N3
Little Miami	LMI			Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ			Χ
Madison Lake	MLK	Χ		Χ		Χ		Χ	Χ		
Malabar Farm	MAL			Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ
Marblehead Lighthouse	MHD					Χ	Х	Χ			Χ
Mary Jane Thurston	MJT	Х		Х	Х		Х	Χ	Х		Χ
Maumee Bay	MBY			Χ			Х	Χ			Χ
Middle Bass Island	MBI						Х	Χ		Х	Χ
Mohican	MOH			Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ
Mosquito Lake	MST	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Χ	Х	Х	Х
Mt. Gilead	MTG	Х			Х		Х	Χ	Х		
Muskingum River	MUS			Х		Х	Х	Χ	Х	Х	Х
Nelson Kennedy Ledges	NKL			Χ	Χ		Χ	Х			Χ
North Bass Island	NBI						Х				
Oak Point	OPT							Χ			Χ
Paint Creek	PTC			Χ	Χ	Χ		Χ	Χ		Χ
Pike Lake	PLK			Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ
Portage Lakes	POR	Χ		Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ
Punderson	PUN	Χ		Χ		Χ	Х	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ
Pymatuning	PYM	Χ		Χ	Χ	Χ	Х		Χ	Х	Χ
Quail Hollow	QHL	Χ	Х	Х		Χ	Х	Χ	Χ	Х	
Rocky Fork	RFK			Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ
Salt Fork	SFK	Χ		Х	Х	Χ	Х	Χ		Х	Χ
Scioto Trail	STR		Х	Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ	Χ	Х	
Shawnee	SHA				Χ	Χ	Х		Χ	Х	Χ
South Bass Island	SBI	Χ					Х	Χ	Χ	Х	
Stonelick	STO	Χ	Х	Χ	Χ	Χ		Χ	Χ	Х	Χ
Strouds Run	SRN	Χ	Х	Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ
Sycamore	SYC	Χ		Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Х		Х	
Tar Hollow	TAR			Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ	Χ	Х	
Tinker's Creek	TCK	Χ		Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ	Χ
Van Buren	VAN				Χ	Χ	Х	Χ	Χ	Х	
West Branch	WBR	Χ		Χ	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ	Χ	Х	Χ
Wingfoot Lake	WLK	N1	Х		Χ	Χ		Χ	Χ	Х	Χ
Wolf Run	WRN	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Χ
		36	20	57	50	60	63	64	55	50	58

N1-Wingfoot Lake became a State Park in 2010 N2-Cleveland Lakefront was dropped as a State Park in mid-2013
N3-Lake White State Park was closed by ODNR to work on leaking earthen dam-3 Sept 2014

Not all activated parks sent a log in for scoring.





Activated Parks 2008-2017

Ohio State Parks On The Air - 2017

The 10th annual Ohio State Parks On The Air (OSPOTA) contest is now part of history. The weather this year cooperated and no one got rained out or had to stop for thunderstorms like they did in 2016. Feedback has been good and it appears that everyone had a lot of fun.

There were over 80 logs submitted this year and the submitted scores are impressive. 58 Ohio State parks were activated and there were 33 clubs represented. Logs came in from 10 States and 2 Canadian provinces.

The OSPOTA contest committee will be going over the logs in early November and the full results will be published in the December issue of this newsletter.

Meanwhile, following this are some pictures and comments that I have received so far from this year's OSPOTA participants.

Team K8IV from Punderson - PUN

September 9, I volunteered for the Potato Stomp race in Mantua with the Comm.'s Unit and drove (relatively close to the speed limit) to Punderson State Park to participate in OSPOTA immediately afterward.

I had the pleasure of being part of Team K8IV. (See picture: Captain Ed Polack, Ray Larrick, Tom Sly, and Amy Leggiero.)





We set up three stations at Punderson State Park. 80M, 40M & 20M. The day was a little chilly. (Even the squirrels were wearing sweaters...)

We kicked off the contest right on time at 14:00 UTC and I was fortunate enough to work the 80m station on Ed Polack's awesome K3 radio. The contacts started out warm and just got hotter! I hit a majority of my contacts in other Ohio State parks right from the start. (The best part was talking to all the other PCARS members!) I know I can speak for the rest of Team K8IV in saying we all had a great time, and worked hard to compete for as many contacts as possible. We stayed on the air until the final second of the contest.

Some of these guys have been contesting for years, but I am still a rookie. I can share that I felt a real sense of satisfaction that day. This was the first contest I ever worked from start to finish! I hope we have even more PCARS members activate parks next year!

73 - Amy, KD8SKL

My Weekend with OSPOTA 2017 - JEF

I tried posting one picture to the OSPOTA Facebook page, and it literally took over an hour to upload. So that gives you an idea of the cell coverage at JEF (Otherwise known as Jefferson Lake State Park).

I arrived on Friday afternoon, and hung the G5RV. Unfortunately, I hung it with one leg crossing a neighboring unused campsite. About 9 PM, I got a knock on my door. My new "neighbors" wanted that campsite, and requested that I remove the antenna wire.

With not much of anything else to do at the time, I re-hung the antenna, in the dark, being careful to stay on my side of the line. I got it tuned and operational around 0300Z. Not being satisfied yet, I was up at dawn, and shot a line about 20' higher in the same tree. It worked great for the contest.

I got on the air about 1330Z, got a frequency, and began handing out "Parks On The Air" contacts until 1400Z when I changed my CQ to "CQ OSPOTA".

I kept track of all my SSB logging using a "modified" version of N3FJP'S Ohio QSO Party software. I did have to switch logging programs to log the CW side of things. As you might guess, sorting out my logs afterwards was somewhat involved, but it was worth it.

I had barely enough cell coverage for texting, and for watching the spotting network. I had a ball working 40 & 80.



Unfortunately, since self-spotting is not allowed, I never was able to get anything going on 20 Meters. My apologies for those who were too far away for 40 Meters.

Coming home on Sunday morning, I took a "shortcut" recommended by another camper, and got hopelessly lost in Jefferson County. It doesn't fill me with confidence when the GPS recommends a turn onto a dirt road that looks like it hasn't been maintained for years.

But, I made it home, and the final count for me was 109 QSOs with 39 State Parks. I'm already looking forward to OSPOTA 2018, when I may try something a bit closer to home.

John, KD8MQ





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Pictures from OSPOTA 2017









K8FH - Findley State Park- FIN





Ohio State Parks On The Air contest - Sept. 9th SORPOTA OSPOTA







KD8LBS Buckeye Lake State Park BKL



Adams Lake State Park - ADA





Ohio State Parks On The Air contest - Sept. 9th SOUTH









K8TKA



Lake Milton State Park - LML







W8KIW - Paint Creek State Park - PTC









Ohio State Parks On The Air contest - Sept. 9th Spota















W8DGN John Bryan State Park JOB





Ohio State Parks On The Air contest - Sept. 9th Spota











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Thanks goes out to all the operators and loggers that submitted logs this year

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AA8GP	KA4VNK	KD8HSA
AA8OY	KE8HRJ	KD8JDH
AB8DD	KA8IIM	KD8JQE
AB8FE	KA8OCG	KD8KBU
AB8P	KA8STM	KD8KNC
AB8RG	KA8YTS	KD8KXD
AC8JT	KB8BKE	KD8LBS
AC8RJ	KB8EMD	KD8LYX
AC8TM	KB8FMN	KD8MQ
AC8XP	KB8GAB	KD8NZF
AG8Z	KB8HTU	KD8OPN
K1RQS	KB8OMG	KD8ORN
K2DSW	KB8QIW	KD8PSB
K2RYD	KB8UHN	KD8QNY
K7DN	KB8USO	KD8RLA
K8BLP	KB8UUZ	KD8RTT
K8BXQ	KB8ZYE	KD8SKL
K8CLI	KC0HPM	KD8SRC
K8CUH	KC8AAV	KD8TUR
K8CY	KC8BMK	KD8UCA
K8DZU	KC8EVS	KD8UFE
K8EEN	KC8FNJ	KD8VGD
K8ELG	KC8KEB	KD8VUY
K8FAY	KC8KSM	KD8VWF
K8FEY	KC8OKJ	KD8WBZ
K8FH	KC8QCH	KD8WCD
K8GE	KC8QDQ	KD8WRN
K8HO	KC8QHI	KD8YVJ
K8IV	KC8RDJ	KD8ZCH
K8IYO	KC8RYM	KD8ZKE
K8JM	KC8UVM	KD8ZMG
K8LGN	KC8VDT	KD8ZUT
K8MD	KC8YDS	KE8AME
K8MSH	KC9CHC	KE8ANS
K8PRC	KD8AAK	KE8ANU
K8QIK	KD8APN	KE8BCA
K8QXO	KD8AVH KD8BBK	KE8BWQ
K8QYL K8RGI	KD8BNR	KE8CQC KE8CRT
K8UU	KD8DFL	KE8CZO
K8UUU	KD8EIR	KE8DLC
K8VON	KD8ENV	KE8DVM
K8VOX	KD8EVN	KE8EAS
K8WEH	KD8EVN KD8FRQ	KE8EBO
K8XG	KD8FYT	KE8EZT
K8YOJ	KD8GMA	KE8GFK
110100	KDOGIVIA	KLOGIK

KE8GPL
KE8GVQ
KE8GVS
KE8GVT
KE8GZX
KE8HDE
KE8HEZ
KE8HGE
KE8HJL
KE8HMX
KE8HNF
KEOLINE
KE8HRK
KE8PP
KE8RIN
KE8UE
KF5ZPL
KG4VHV
KL8X
KM4IAJ
KM8AM
KM8Q
KV8P
N3CU
N3JJT
N4NY
N7LNE
N8BC
N8BD
N8BUS
N8DKA
N8DRG
N8DXE
N8FB
N8GFK
N8HMK
N8IG
WMI8N
N8JKO
N8JMK
N8KXH
N8LMJ
N8MIQ
N8MWK
N8NYJ
N8OHU
N8OI

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N8RDL
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N8STN
N8SUZ
N8THU
N8TUW
N8WTJ
N8YFF
N8YGM
N8YWX
N8ZAK
N9ACC
NA1RB
NF8O
NF8U
NX8Y
NY8C
NZ8A
VE2GT
VE3PYJ
W1TFG
W2MWH
W2TBQ
W4BBT
W4JL
W6LDS
W8AHT
W8AJT
W8ASA
W8BVH
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W8DGN
W8DHG
W8DPK
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W8UKE
W8VP
W8VTD
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W8ZL
WA2DHG
WA3JDQ
WA8SYD
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WB3AFS
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WB8LCD
WB8PHI
WB8RG
WB8TCB
WB8YHD
WB8ZGH
WB9PXH
WC8EMA
WC8VOA
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WD8RNG
WD8TVP
WE8F
WE8R
WN8ATM
WU8E
WZ8K



