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Tom, KB8UUZ
OSPOTA Chairman



The fifteenth Ohio State Parks On The Air (OSPOTA) contest is in the history books. The weather was perfect and the teams and individuals that went out to the Ohio State Parks did a fantastic job. Activity on 20, 40 and 80 was great and even 15 had some takers as well. 40 was the most active.



Verified QSOs - from submitted logs	
80 M	1375
40 M	8686
20 M	1035
15 M	31



When I was on, I was kept busy spotting every one of the Ohio State Parks I heard to help increase the activity. Others were spotting as well. That's great since it does make other operators around the world realize that OSPOTA is on the air!!!

With Covid concerns, the OSPOTA contest committee did all the cross checking of logs and tallying via email to avoid having to sit in a room for 4-6 hours together. Maybe next year we'll get to do this together as a group. But, I must say all went pretty good and we got everything sorted out and in the following pages, you will see all the results.

I was the one that initially received the logs and did some pre-checks and gathered info on the Park, State or Country the log was from. Copied info on the Club affiliation, operators, loggers, helpers, and raw scores. The once the logs were in, I sent them to John to run them through the log checking process (more on that in his article). Once they were done and sent back to me, I then updated my tally sheet, counted up the contacts made on the bands and wrote up the soapbox comments and photos we received. I estimated the total time for all the committee work was well over 90 hours.

One thing I did notice this year (more than in past years) that some participants that were in an Ohio State Park made contacts only to other Ohio State Parks. That's fine since Ohio State Parks are multipliers, but you missed out on a LOT of extra points by not making contacts to other stations as well. Think about that for next year. Your score would definitely increase by making more contacts.

The OSPOTA committee sends out a big **THANK YOU** to all that participated in this year's OSPOTA and we look forward to hearing you on the air again next year to have even more FUN..

73 from the OSPOTA Contest Committee - KB8UUZ, WG8X, W8KNO and KB8UHN



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OSPOTA 2022 - Log Checking



John, WG8X
OSPOTA Committee Member



After OSPOTA ends, we give a 14 day window for log submission, which is pretty long these days. I just worked the PA QSO Party, who gives 7 days.

After Parky (KB8UUZ) finishes with his stuff (Checking formats, asking for more information on incomplete entries, etc.), he sends ALL the files to me.

I then go through every log making sure that they are ready for the log-checking process (re-aligning columns, correcting the contest name in the header). Then the log checker gets it, and generates an automated list off issues found with each log. Then I go over each of these reports line by line, resolving issues.

The quality of the Cabrillo files that we received were much improved this year. We had a few that needed some help, but for the most part, I'm happy to not have to do as much prep work as in years past.

The issues that I saw this year can were mostly busted calls, busted exchanges, Bands don't match, Times out of range.

Busted Calls: This is as it sounds; W8DGN gets logged as W8DG, or KD8BBK gets logged as KD8BBQ. It's also things like not adding the /R onto the Rover stations (K8RYU/R becomes K8RYU). This is required, and we do ding for not logging it properly.

Busted Exchanges: Again, this is self-explanatory. W8VTD gets logged as being in OH instead of MST, or W8VP gets logged in OPT instead of BLU.

Times out of range: When we have the logs to be able to check both ends of a contact, the software also checks times. Mostly the times match, but sometimes, they are an hour off, or more. Please, check your computer times before the contest. You'll make my job immensely easier.

Bands Don't Match: If K8BF works KB8UEY/R, and they log on different bands, it generates this error. Some of what I saw in this case was where someone changed bands, but neglected to tell the computer logging program. This error could be reduced if more would connect their laptops to the radio data port. Configuration is simple. Not all radios have a data port, but a lot do.

Once I do my thing, then all the files are updated, and returned to Parky, who re-checks everything, and compiles the results that you see in this issue of the Radiogram.

I'm impressed with the much improved quality of the logs we received this year. Some of you are still struggling with creating a Cabrillo log. Be advised that I'm available to help you. Whether that entails answering questions, or just putting another set of eyes on your log before you submit it, just reach out to me, and I'll help where I can.



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OSPOTA 2022 General Information (based on logs received):

Top score this year - **37,800**

53 Clubs represented - over **280** Hams participated

60 Parks activated - **108** Logs submitted

10 Parks not activated - **5** Parks activated did not submit log

23 Out of state logs submitted - **16** Golden Logs



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53 Clubs Represented

Club Name	Station Call Sign
All Things Amateur Radio Association	W8ATR
Alliance Amateur Radio Club	KD8BBK
Ashtabula County Amateur Radio Club	K8CY
Athens County Amateur Radio Association	W8UKE
Bellbrook Amateur Radio Club	W8DGN
Bolingbrook Amateur Radio Society, Illinois	W9GPB
Cambridge Amateur Radio Association, Inc.	W8VP
Canton Amateur Radio Club	AC8RH
Central Ohio Operators Klub Extra-Novice	WW8OH
Contest Club Ontario, ON, Canada	VA3PAF
Contest Group du Quebec, QC, Canada	VE2GT
CRES Amateur Radio Club	KE8JVX
Cuyahoga Amateur Radio Society	K8RGI
Cuyahoga Falls Amateur Radio Club (2)	K8ZT, WA3JAT
Defiance County Amateur Radio Club (2)	KD8JSP, K8VON
Delaware Amateur Radio Association	K8ES
Diebold Amateur Radio Club	W8ATM
Drake Amateur Radio Club	K8UU
Fayette Amateur Radio Association	K8FAY
Four Lakes Amateur Radio Club, Wisconsin	AB1YW
Fox River Radio League, Illinois	KC9BKS
Fulton County Amateur Radio Club	K8BXQ
Great South Bay Amateur Radio Club (2), New York	K2RYD, N02C
Hamilton Amateur Radio Club	W8AJT
Highland Amateur Radio Association (3)	K8HO, KE8PAQ, N8CUB
Huber Heights Amateur Radio Club	N08I
Iroquois County Amateur Radio Club, Illinois	W9KVR
Lake County Amateur Radio Association	N8BC
Lisbon Area Amateur Radio Association	K8GQB
Madison County Amateur Radio Club (2)	KE8RV, K8MD
Mahoning Valley Amateur Radio Association (3)	W8QLY, KD8NZF, KD8QNY
Medina County Amateur Radio Club	K8FH
Mount Vernon Amateur Radio Club	K8EEN
North Coast Contesters	K8RR
Pedestrian Amateur Radio Club	K8PRC
Portage County Amateur Radio Service (9)	AD8FQ, K8IV, K8T, KB8TUY, KB8UUZ, KC8JC, KE8BWA, N8QE, WG8X
Portsmouth Radio Club	N8QA
Potomac Valley Radio Club, Virginia	KK4ADQ
Preble Amateur Radio Association	N8XC
Scioto Valley Amateur Radio Club	W8BAP
Seneca Radio Club	KE8PX
Steubenville-Weirton Amateur Radio Club (2)	AA8IA, W8CWO
Stillwater Amateur Radio Club	KD8YPY
Society of Midwest Contesters, Illinois	WB9HFK
Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation	KC8AAV
Toledo Mobile Radio Association (2)	W8HHF, K8O
Union County Amateur Radio Club (2)	KD8UFE, W8UCO
Vinton County Amateur Radio Club	W8VCO
Warren Amateur Radio Association	W8VTD
West Chester Amateur Radio Association	WC8VOA
Western Reserve Amateur Radio Club	KC3GFU
Williams County Amateur Radio Association	KE8ONI
20/9 Radio Club, Inc.	K8TKA

OHIO STATE PARKS ON THE AIR Contest - 2022 - Final Scores

Overall High Score K8IV from Punderson - 37,800

MML - Multi Op-Multi Radio-Low Power - In a Park		
Call	Park Name	Final Score
K8IV	Punderson	37800
K8UU	Caesar Creek	31978
W8VTD	Mosquito Lake	30951
K8HO	Rocky Fork	24192
WW8OH	Dillon	20832
W8ATM	Quail Hollow	16992
WC8VOA	Caesar Creek	16072
N8CUB	Paint Creek	13800
KE8RV	Madison Lake	12980
K8GQB	Guilford Lake	5616
K8ES	Delaware	3960
K8O	Van Buren	3564
K8BXQ	Harrison Lake	3430
W8DGN	John Bryan	2904
W8UCO	Alum Creek	2738
W8QLY	Lake Milton	1690
N8BC	Headlands Beach	1440
W8CWO	Jefferson Lake	1120
W8ATR	A.W. Marion	1025
KD8YPY	Lake Loramie	840
N8QA	Shawnee	768
KBE8MD	Cowan Lake	650
W8HHF	Mary Jane Thurston	572
K8VON	Independence Dam	525
NO8I	Sycamore	408
W8VCO	Lake Alma	399
W8BAP	Scioto Trails	Check Log

SL - Single Op-Low Power - In a Park			
Call	Park Name	Final Score	Gold Log
K8RGI	Oak Point	14476	
KD8BBK	Jefferson Lake	12480	
KN4COE	Stonelick	12350	
K8RR	West Branch	10622	
WG8X	Mt. Gilead	10500	
K8FH	Findley	9800	
K8FAY	Deer Creek	8786	
KQ4YC	Stonelick	7216	
WA8RR	South Bass Island	6520	
KE8PAQ	Lake Hope	5680	
K8MD	Middle Bass Island	4690	
WA3JAT	Nelson-Kennedy Ledges	4416	
AC8RH	Barkcamp	3104	G
K8ZT	Nelson-Kennedy Ledges	3040	
W8SEG	Tinkers Creek	1161	
AF1K	Tinkers Creek	1012	G
W8DON	Independence Dam	945	
KC8JC	Salt Fork	735	
KE8ONI	Independence Dam	728	G
KD8UFE	Buck Creek	725	
KE8JVX	Buckeye Lake	624	
K8TSG	Delaware	525	
KD8JSP	Independence Dam	495	
KD8NZF	Van Buren	224	
KE8BWA	Punderson	210	
K8TKA	Beaver Creek	165	
KD8QNY	Van Buren	100	G
W8WSE	Alum Creek	70	G
N8MIQ	Little Miami	Check Log	

MMH - Multi Op-Multi Radio-High Power - In a Park		
Call	Park Name	Final Score
KC3GFU	East Harbor	4095

Certificate Winners		
First	Second	Third
10	7	5

MSL - Multi Op-Single Radio-Low Power - In a Park		
Call	Park Name	Final Score
N8XC	Hueston Woods	19080
AD8FQ	Wingfoot Lake	16390
N8EU	John Bryan	14448
W8UKE	Strouds Run	12100
W8AJT	Hueston Woods	5842
K8EEN	Mohican	1980
N8FRJ	Headlands Beach	1890
K8CY	Geneva	1580
W8VP	Blue Rock	667
K8PRC	Portage Lakes	99

SH - Single Op-High Power - In a Park		
Call	Park Name	Final Score
K8T	Pymatuning	8595
N8OCJ	Cowan Lake	1394

MSH - Multi Op-Single-Radio-High Power - In a Park		
Call	Park Name	Final Score
KC8AAV	Burr Oak	23691



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OUT - Outside Ohio			
Call	State	Final Score	Gold Log
N3CU	PA	3283	G
W3MPG	PA	1369	
WB9HFK	IL	1326	G
KA5VZG	TN	1260	
W9KVR	IL	1258	
KW4FM	VA	1190	
N9FAT	MI	1015	
K3CU	PA	783	
K4JSK	NC	624	
KF3EB	PA	572	
KK4ADQ	VA	550	
NO2C	NY	529	G
K2RYD	NY	400	
W9GPB	IL	380	
W7LG	PA	169	
KD2REH	NY	49	G
KM4IAJ	VA	42	
VE2GT	QC	25	G
N1ADX	VT	25	G
KC9BKS	IL	9	
AB1YW	WI	4	G
VA3PAF	ONT	1	G
KC9ACL	IN	Check Log	

INOH - In Ohio - Not In Park		
Call	Final Score	Gold Log
KB8UUZ	2730	G
KY8U	2520	G
N8QE	2160	
KE8PX	850	
AA8IA	560	
W8BVH	289	
KE8TUJ	256	G
KB8TUY	81	



R - Rover - In Parks		
Call	Park Names	Final Score
K8RYU/R	(4) Hocking Hills, Lake Logan, Muskingum River, Tar Hollow	2561
KB8UEY/R	(4) Buck Creek, Grand Lake St. Marys, Indian Lake, **Kiser Lake-log lost (by operator)**	855

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Park Listing showing Activated and Contacted in 2022

Ohio State Park	ID	Activated	Contacted
Adams Lake	ADA		
Alum Creek	ALU	X	X
A. W. Marion	AWM	X	X
Barkcamp	BAR	X	X
Beaver Creek	BEA	X	X
Blue Rock	BLU	X	X
Buck Creek	BCK	X	X
Buckeye Lake	BKL	X	X
Burr Oak	BUR	X	X
Caesar Creek	CAE	X	X
Catawba Island	CAT		X
Cowan Lake	COW	X	X
Deer Creek	DEE	X	X
Delaware	DEL	X	X
Dillon	DIL	X	X
East Fork	EFK		
East Harbor	EHB	X	X
Findley	FIN	X	X
Forked Run	FOR		
Geneva	GEN	X	X
Grand Lake St. Marys	GLM	X	X
Great Seal	GSL		
Guilford Lake	GLK	X	X
Harrison Lake	HLK	X	X
Headlands Beach	HEA	X	X
Hocking Hills	HOC	X	X
Hueston Woods	HUE	X	X
Independence Dam	IDM	X	X
Indian Lake	ILK	X	X
Jackson Lake	JAC		
Jefferson Lake	JEF	X	X
John Bryan	JOB	X	X
Jesse Owens	JEO		
Kelleys Island	KEL		
Kiser Lake	KLK	X	X
Lake Alma	LAL	X	X
Lake Hope	LHO	X	X
Lake Logan	LOG	X	X

Ohio State Park	ID	Activated	Contacted
Lake Loramie	LOR	X	X
Lake Milton	LML	X	X
Lake White	LWT		
Little Miami	LMI	X	X
Madison Lake	MLK	X	X
Malabar Farm	MAL		X
Marblehead Lighthouse	MHD		X
Mary Jane Thurston	MJT	X	X
Maumee Bay	MBY		X
Middle Bass Island	MBI	X	X
Mohican	MOH	X	X
Mosquito Lake	MST	X	X
Mt. Gilead	MTG	X	X
Muskingum River	MUS	X	X
Nelson Kennedy Ledges	NKL	X	X
North Bass Island	NBI		
Oak Point	OPT	X	X
Paint Creek	PTC	X	X
Pike Lake	PLK		X
Portage Lakes	POR	X	X
Punderson	PUN	X	X
Pymatuning	PYM	X	X
Quail Hollow	QHL	X	X
Rocky Fork	RFK	X	X
Salt Fork	SFK	X	X
Scioto Trail	STR	X	X
Shawnee	SHA	X	X
South Bass Island	SBI	X	X
Stonelick	STO	X	X
Strouds Run	SRN	X	X
Sycamore	SYC	X	X
Tar Hollow	TAR	X	X
Tinkers Creek	TCK	X	X
Van Buren	VAN	X	X
West Branch	WBR	X	X
Wingfoot Lake	WLK	X	X
Wolf Run	WRN		
		60	65

Parks Activated = 60 (Log sent in)

Parks Contacted = 65 (Some parks may not have sent in a log)



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Ohio State Park	ID	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Adams Lake	ADA					X	X	X		X	X		X		X	
Alum Creek	ALU			X	X			X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X
A. W. Marion	AWM	X	X	X				X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Barkcamp	BAR		X			X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X
Beaver Creek	BEA			X			X	X	X	X			X		X	X
Blue Rock	BLU	X		X		X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Buck Creek	BCK			X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X
Buckeye Lake	BKL	X	X	X	X	X	X				X		X		X	X
Burr Oak	BUR	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Caesar Creek	CAE	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Catawba Island	CAT					X	X	X	X		X	X	X			
Cleveland Lakefront	CLE	X		X	X	X	N2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cowan Lake	COW	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X		X	X	X	X
Deer Creek	DEE		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Delaware	DEL	X		X	X		X				X	X	X	X	X	X
Dillon	DIL						X	X			X		X	X	X	X
East Fork	EFK				X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	
East Harbor	EHB			X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		X	X
Findley	FIN	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Forked Run	FOR		X	X	X			X				X		X	X	
Geneva	GEN			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X
Grand Lake St. Marys	GLM	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X
Great Seal	GSL		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
Guilford Lake	GLK	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X
Harrison Lake	HLK					X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Headlands Beach	HEA			X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hocking Hills	HOC	X		X	X	X						X	X			X
Hueston Woods	HUE		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Independence Dam	IDM				X	X	X		X		X		X		X	X
Indian Lake	ILK	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X		X
Jackson Lake	JAC	X						X	X	X	X	X		X	X	
Jefferson Lake	JEF					X	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X
Jessie Owens	JEO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	N4	X	X	X	
John Bryan	JOB	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X
Kelleys Island	KEL	X				X	X		X				X			
Kiser Lake	KLK	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Lake Alma	LAL	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X
Lake Hope	LHO	X		X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X
Lake Logan	LOG			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X



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Lake Loramie	LOR			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X
Lake Milton	LML	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Lake White	LWT		X	X	X	X	X	N3	-	-	N3		X			
Little Miami	LMI			X	X	X	X	X			X		X	X	X	X
Madison Lake	MLK	X		X		X		X	X				X	X	X	X
Malabar Farm	MAL			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Marblehead Lighthouse	MHD					X	X	X			X		X		X	
Mary Jane Thurston	MJT	X		X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X			X
Maumee Bay	MBY			X			X	X			X	X	X	X	X	
Middle Bass Island	MBI						X	X		X	X		X		X	X
Mohican	MOH			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Mosquito Lake	MST	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Mt. Gilead	MTG	X			X		X	X	X				X	X	X	X
Muskingum River	MUS			X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X
Nelson-Kennedy Ledges	NKL			X	X		X	X			X		X	X		X
North Bass Island	NBI						X						X	X		
Oak Point	OPT							X				X	X	X	X	X
Paint Creek	PTC			X	X	X		X	X		X		X	X	X	X
Pike Lake	PLK			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Portage Lakes	POR	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X
Punderson	PUN	X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Pymatuning	PYM	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Quail Hollow	QHL	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X			X			X
Rocky Fork	RFK			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Salt Fork	SFK	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X
Scioto Trail	STR		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X			X
Shawnee	SHA				X	X	X		X	X	X		X		X	X
South Bass Island	SBI	X					X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
Stonelick	STO	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Strouds Run	SRN	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Sycamore	SYC	X		X	X	X	X	X		X				X	X	X
Tar Hollow	TAR			X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X		X
Tinkers Creek	TCK	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Van Buren	VAN				X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X		X
West Branch	WBR	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
Wingfoot Lake	WLK	N1	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X
Wolf Run	WRN	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	
		36	20	57	50	60	63	64	55	50	58	35	64	47	58	60

N1-Wingfoot Lake became a State Park in 2009

N2-Cleveland Lakefront was dropped as a State Park in mid 2013

N3-Lake White State Park was closed by ODNR - leaking dam 2014 - reopened 2018

N4 - Jessie Owens State Park became a State Park in 2018 - Was available for OSPOTA in 2019

Not all activated parks sent a log in for scoring

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Activated Parks 2008-2022

4 November, 2022



*Thanks goes out to the 280 stations, ham radio operators, loggers and helpers
that submitted logs for the 2022 Ohio State Parks On The Air contest*

AA8IA	KA8IIM	KD8UFE	KI8N	N8WL	W8VE
AA8KY	KA8NZS	KD8UPX	KK4ADQ	N8XC	W8VHS
AB1YW	KA8WMF	KD8VLS	KM4IAJ	N8XCC	W8VP
AB8YK	KA8YTS	KD8VRX	KQ4YC	N8XWO	W8VTD
AC8GI	KB8AAK	KD8VUY	KW4FM	N8YFF	W8VUV
AC8QG	KB8BKE	KD8VWF	KY8U	N9FAT	W8WSE
AC8RH	KB8ELG	KD8WTG	KZ3L	NEJJT	W8XDB
AD8FQ	KB8EMD	KD8YPY	N1ADX	NO8I	W9GPB
AD8IR	KB8GAB	KE8ANU	N3CU	NU8G	W9KVR
AE8Q	KB8MGI	KE8BWA	N4GAB	NX8Y	WA3JAT
AF1K	KB8OTP	KE8CIN	N8OI	UN8EY	WA6WTF
AF8GO	KB8SRN	KE8CQC	N8AMY	VA3PAF	WA8RR
AG8GM	KB8TUY	KE8DOC	N8BAP	VE2GT	WB8CPG
AK8H	KB8UEY/R	KE8FWZ	N8BC	W2TBQ	WB8OSU
K2RYD	KB8UUZ	KE8HFM	N8CJ	W3HKK	WB8PHI
K3CU	KB8VUM	KE8HGE	N8CUB	W3MPG	WB8RG
K3GP	KC3GFU	KE8HZZ	N8CWU	W7LG	WB8TCB
K4JSK	KC8AAV	KE8ICZ	N8FRE	W8AJT	WB8YHD
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K8BXQ	KC8KSM	KE8JEL	N8HRZ	W8BVH	WB9HFK
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K8CY	KC8QDQ	KE8LZD	N8IMW	W8CWO	WD8ADU
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K8UU	KD8QYY	KE8VIT	N8STU	W8TER	
K8VON	KD8RLA	KF3EB	N8SUZ	W8UCO	
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OSPOTA 2022 Photos and Soapbox Comments

AB1YW - From Wisconsin

Park-to-park POTA from Gov Nelson SP, WI (K-1452) contacts collected, so might as well enter! Gov Nelson SP, WI is Located on 10,000-acre Lake Mendota, recreation and nature mingle within sight of the State Capitol. Governor Nelson is a day use park offering a sand beach, boat launch, fish cleaning facility, picnic areas and playground equipment, prairie restorations and over 8 miles of trails. Native American effigy mounds can be seen on the Woodland Trail. First year entering OSPOTA and hoping that the popularity continues. Operated 5W FT-818 with 29' speaker wire antenna.



AC8RH - Barkcamp State Park



AD8FQ - Wingfoot Lake State Park

This year Team AD8FQ (Ben's call) had to adjust our OSPOTA plans slightly due to a family event, which meant we needed to stay closer to home.

After a bit of investigation, we decided to try our luck at Buckeye Shelter in Wingfoot Lake State Park. It turned out to be a great park, with friendly staff, beautiful views, and tall trees for hanging our antenna.



Thank you to all the folks who made a contact with Team AD8FQ. Ham radio is a fun family activity for us largely because of the good people we interact with every time we're on the air. There was some challenging QRM at times, but most people were patient and helpful.

So how'd we do? Well, our antenna went up quickly. All our equipment worked on the first try. A noisy laptop power cable was easily replaced. And importantly, the pizza delivery guy found us while our food was still hot. Agnes AD8IR and Ben

AD8FQ, our only operators this year, made contacts all day, pretty much non-stop. All in all, it was a fun day. I'd call that a success!



AF1K - Tinkers Creek State Park

It was such a beautiful Saturday for this year's event! SOAPBOX: It was a pleasure to have W8SEGS show up to be a second activator and then later a visit by WB9LBI.

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K8CY - Geneva State Park

Generator ran out of GAS a few minutes after 1900 UTC. Need to bring more next year.

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K8EEN - Mohican State Park

The Mt. Vernon ARC set up for the Ohio State Parks on the Air event at the North Shelter of Mohican State Park.

Members arrived around 9:00 AM to set up the antenna and equipment. This went well. However, aiming the fishing pole to the proper tree limb proved more difficult this year than in the past. This was actually kinda funny since W8PEN spends a lot of time fishing in the trees at Alum Creek anyway. It took many tries to get the antenna up where we wanted it. We were able to get the antenna up a good 30 feet. Antenna by the way was a home brew Off Center Fed using in Air Wound 4:1 Balun. The antenna was 110 feet on one end and 25 feet on the other end and provided good SWR on all bands.



The equipment consisted of an Icom IC-7300 transceiver, an external LDG antenna tuner, a deep cycle battery with an MFJ battery voltage booster.

The group did paper logging. However, next year we will use the N3FJP hack. Did not learn of this until after the event. Entering contacts after the fact was no fun.



The small group consisting of Michael Jacobs (KE8HGE), Terry Windsor (KI8N), Barry Butz (N8PPF), Roger Gorrell (KE8ICI), Darlene Pudlinski (KE8TJN), and Don Russell (W8PEN) started operations about fifteen minutes late, but had immediate success. The home brew OCF was working well. Curiously, the first few hours of operations was at 20 watts. The power had been lowered to check SWR and was never reset to 100 watts. No matter. Signal

reports varied from 57 to 59 plus.

This was a fun event. There seemed to be more stations on this year than normal. The club always look forward to this event though. This year's event was a moderate improvement for us over past years.

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K8FH - Findley State Park



K8HO - Rocky Fork State Park



During the 2022 OSPOTA Highland

County's Highland Amateur Radio Association activated three State Parks-Lake Hope, Rocky Fork and Paint Creek. The Rocky Fork team consisted of W8SKJ, KE8ORQ, WA6WTF, AC9GK, KE8JEL, KD8VUY and W8KIW who operated three stations.

Although band conditions were rather strange, the goal to exceed the number of contacts and parks worked in 2021 was achieved.

However the biggest achievement was besting the Paint Creek team in the annual intra-club challenge.

Besides Field Day, OSPOTA is one event that HARA looks forward to each year and another in the Club's tool bag as a new ham training tool as well as an opportunity for those without HF licenses to get on the air to experience what it is like to have a General or Extra license.

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K8IV - Punderson State Park



This year Team K8IV included Captain Ed, K8IV, and operators: George, K3GP, Ray, KD8DFL, Wayne, K8FF and Amy, N8AMY. Ed's daughter did a great job making our team shirts for 2022 in a lovely Tiffany blue color.

We were very lucky for the second year in a row to have beautiful WX for the event. We were down a couple of guys, so setup was a little more difficult, but we got on the air on time to start the OSPOTA contest. We had no problems with the N1MM logging software or the NUC computers. The networking which can sometimes be sketchy worked well.

This year we had very few visitors other than the usual ones asking if we were pumpkin chucking or trying to contact truckers with our CB's.

One improvement for this year included K8IV purchasing himself a new very fancy leather office chair for his seat at the 40m station. It's ok, the rest of us will just visit our chiropractors to straighten our spines back out from the 1970's furniture we sat on.

The contacts were amazingly consistent for us all day from what I observed. And I operated 20m the whole time aside from a couple of breaks to drive to the Manor House to use the bathroom and crash a wedding. (Kidding-I did not crash a wedding).

The pattern for 20m was as expected including a US station bonanza the first half of the contest, followed by a European pileup like I have never experienced while operating OSPOTA. It was great fun and I think I can speak for the team in saying we were all very happy with our performance.

At the end of the contest we dismantled the operation and went to Blazin' Bills in Hiram for our annual celebration dinner. The BBQ was good and K8IV enjoyed a "flight of butters" (See pic.) with his baked potato and rolls.

I had a great time with the team and am already looking forward to our next contest 😊

Amy, N8AMY



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K8O - Van Buren State Park



We were at shelter number 3. We arrived at approximately 1130 UTC and after some discussion and planning we began putting up the two (2) antennas. Good location, plenty of space for the 40 meter dipole and the 20 meter dipole. 40 meter was constructed some time back by the members. The 20 meter dipole was a commercial product from Radio Wavz.



Good weather, good conversation, good radio time. Seem to get the majority of contacts on 40 meters if memory serves me. We began bringing down the antennas approximately 2200 UTC

Had a good day and hope to participate next year.

K8PRC - Portage Lakes State Park



K8RYU/R - Hocking Hills, Lake Logan, Muskingum and Tar Hollow State Parks



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K8TKA - Beaver Creek State Park

I chose Beaver Creek because it had sporadic activations and even though I live 200 yards from Lake Milton in Craig Beach Village, I wanted to venture somewhere else, I am hopeful to do an island activation next year.



This year I came to the same place I was at last year 12021 Echo Dell Rd, East Liverpool and with a pneumatic launcher I got an 80M half wave up about 50 feet. My power source was batter power like last year however this year was with a Bluetti EB70S LiFePO4 solar generator and a Rockpals 120W solar panel. I got interested in these portable power solutions thanks to Ria Jairam N2RJ and her EcoFlow Delta videos as well as other postings.

I operated on the ICOM 7300 and lots of Dunkin Donuts coffee.

I kept my power output below 80 watts as the DC port is regulated to 10Amp maximum with the model I could afford, it will shut down when that limit is reached as I found that out a couple times.



I took a few images that were nearby of the Education Center but didn't go in there, however a visitor mid-morning suggested I should've gone there, not sure why she needed to tell me that as I was definitely away from everyone else that did use the grounds for pictures or picnics. My overhead view was pretty good though really cut the sunlight available, and the broken branches on the trunks were handy to route my coax well overhead from anyone to walk into.

Unfortunately, no one else from 20/9 made it down, as with many clubs the past 3 years has taken its toll, more ways than one on participants and participation. Beaver Creek is a picturesque area from what I could see with lots of activity where I was at with numerous hikers and people just enjoying the weather, definitely worth a drive to visit and most definitely down in a hole.



I had sent John Meyers the audio of how well he sounded from where I was, if I didn't have other plans with my son that afternoon, I would've also operated on 40M to fill out the log.

Best regards
George Meleski, KC8RJS.

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K8T - Pymatuning State Park



K8TSG - Delaware State Park



I didn't shoot any video this year unfortunately, I had too many little things I wanted to test out.



We're definitely setting up at the same spot next year though. This spot was big enough (and trees tall enough) that I'll be able to string up a full 80M dipole next year.

K8UU - Caesar Creek State Park

Well only a few of us attended this year at Casers Creek state park.



We ran 3 Icom 7300 transceivers. We had a rotatable dipole on one and a eagle one vertical on another and I ran a homemade simple 80m wire dipole on my 7300.

Here are some of the pictures we took.

We always love this event and look forward to it every year.



Thanks again,
Ken Brogan, KD8VWF



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KB8EMD - Cowan Lake State Park

I hope the two files are what is needed I'm not sure about how or what I'm doing. I'm 80 almost 81 and I don't get around very well I think this was my tenth and final OSPOTA over the years it has been fun. We made good contacts. In past years we didn't make any contacts, and in some we did make contacts. We have had sunshine, rain, snow and wind but most of all we have had great fellowship. Thanks for a great contest I'll be on the air from home next year.

Larry Baker, KB8EMD

KB8UEY/R - Buck Creek, Grand Lake St. Marys, Indian Lake, Kiser Lake State Parks



So, disclaimer, I accidentally overwrote my Kiser Lake Log so please don't penalize those who logged me at KLK (if I remember right it was 12 Qs) as I was the one who messed, not them.....

Rob, KB8UEY



KC3GFU - East Harbor State Park



My OM (WF8U) and I (KC3GFU) decided to travel a little over 2 hours to activate East Harbor State Park. This was our first year participating in OSPOTA and our first time at this park. I think we did well for our first time, of course running into lots of kinks and obstacles. We will take those lessons learned and hope for a better run next year.

We ran Multi-Op/Multi Trans/High Pwr. I was running my Yaesu FTDX10 with an older Chameleon Hybrid Base with V2L and CHAMIL Whip. He was running his Kenwood TS-480HX with an OCF Dipole configured Flattop about 15 feet off the ground in some trees. Part way through the day we realized the Chameleon was starting to have issues causing interference and feedback to the other radio making it impossible for us to operate simultaneously. At this point we decided to shut one transmitter down and operate using the OCF Dipole, while taking turns operating.

My OM isn't a fan of contesting however, I am, and thankfully he is a good sport and acts like he is enjoying it, hihi. Overall, we had a great time and can't wait for next year!



KC8JC - Salt Fork State Park

This was my first OSPOTA. I started doing POTA this year and it has quickly become my favorite radio activity. There's really nothing better than going out to a park and activating. I've been chronicling my stuff

over at <https://kc8jc.com> All of my activations to date have been digital. Maybe I was little mic shy, but that's all in the past now! Despite a little trouble with my IC-705 (operator error) and having to fall back to my new and totally untested X6100 as a last resort, it all went really well.



40m was the place to be for me. My antenna is good for 40/20/10. 20m was overrun with another contest and 10m was dead for me. I got a couple of contacts with other parks and then set up shop on an open slice of the band. I was spotted quickly and had a near pileup going for about an hour. I got plenty of OSPOTA stations and a pile of POTA park to park contacts as well.

I learned two major lessons from this trip out. The first is Know Thy Rig. I

did something silly with the settings that, had I taken a little more time, I could have sorted out. I've spent a week with the manual and learned a lot about this rig that I thought I knew so well. Ha! The other thing that I learned is that you can't be mic shy when you have 6 or 7 stations calling you. All you can do is start talking and get them lined up. I think more operators might need a contest like this to make the mic less threatening. Everyone was really patient and friendly.



Looking back on it, I'm not sure what's intimidating about it. Maybe I watched too many videos of DX expeditions and those wild pileups. This is a great hobby because there's so much to learn about how to learn.

Here are a couple of photos of my setup in the camper from Salt Fork. I didn't get any shots of my very carefully hung antenna swinging from a tree, but my wife did snap one of me mid-operation and there's a picture in there of my substitute radio companion Bella as my normal companion Nacho was left home for this trip. Thanks! J.C. - KC8JC

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KD8UFE - Buck Creek State Park

I thoroughly enjoyed my Saturday at Buck Creek. Telling my fellow club members that it was about my best day ever as a portable operator. Weather was perfect, setup was the best I have done, using a 150' random wire at 10 to 12' off the ground. Was heard by everyone I attempted to contact. That is a 1st. Thanks again to you and your club for doing this event. It is a really good one. ... Frank (KD8UFE)

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KE8JVB - Buckeye Lake State Park

Thank you for sponsoring this event. It was a beautiful day to operate outside and enjoy Ohio State Parks. I really enjoyed making contacts with all across the state while gaining more practical experience setting up and operating my portable HF station. Everyone seemed very polite and tolerated my operational blunders with good humor. Glad to hear others enjoying themselves too!



As a new General class amateur this year, I've really enjoyed learning about HF equipment, antennas, and operating procedures over the past six months. While there are many great books and resources on the internet, it wasn't until I attended the CRES-ARC Field Day event this past June that the basics of field operation became clear to me. Learning by example makes

subsequent learning by doing much easier!

Looking forward to learning more, and doing more POTA activities in the near future. Thanks again for helping to make this such a fun hobby.
Sincerely, Brian KE8JVB



KE8PAQ - Lake Hope State Park



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KE8RV - Madison Lake State Park



The Madison County Amateur Radio Club operated OSPOTA again this year at the Madison Lake State Park. We arrived at about 7 AM and proceeded to put three dipoles for 20, 40 and 80 into the trees around the shelter. This was accomplished using my air powered launcher with a fishing reel attached. This did not go without incident as the first shot into the trees, I broke the projectile into three pieces. After replacing it with another, I managed to lose all the air out of my portable air tank due to a defective valve. However, due to proper planning, I also brought a battery powered air compressor and the day was saved. As our shelter has no power, we used a Honda Generator, provided by another member, for power. This little generator is so quiet, you cannot even hear it when operating. Two club members supplied the rigs for operation a Kenwood TS-140 and a Yeasu 857d. We used the N3FJP logger with the hack, and it worked well. We were worried that the event would be cut short due to weather, however, the day was beautiful and it was a great day to be in the park. Activity started hot and heavy at 10am on 80 meters, then around 11:30, it died down and 40 picked up. I tried 20 for a while, but was just contacting mostly European stations in the WAE contest. Overall we ended up doing 63% on 40, 21% on 20 and 16% on 80. Many other parks that were not in the actual contest were contacted. Fun was had by all who attended and we cannot wait to do this again in 2023. Larry, N8CWU for KE8RV



KQ4YC - Stonelick State Park



Thanks again for organizing this event! Looking back, I wish I'd kept a better track of who was supposed to be out there, and what parks I already had. My paper logging started to fail me after about 150 contacts. :\\ First and foremost, thanks to all of the volunteers that make this event happen! Big round of applause!



Last year's event was my first ever solo portable operation (..in this millennium :). Since then I've been hooked on operating outdoors. I was a operator of one again,



with no real goal but to get outside and play some radio. This event did inspire me to build a loading coil so I could get on 80m. Tinkering and refining my setup is a big joy in ham radio. I more than doubled my contacts from 2021, and about 5x the number of contacts I usually make doing POTA.

The park was quiet this year. I took a few breaks to throw a few shots on the disc golf course. I haven't played a full round since rotator cuff surgery in May. John (KE8CYR) was my only visitor. He happened to be out walking and recognized what I was up to, so we chatted a good bit. All in all, a fantastic day. 73 and see ya next year! James Nichols KQ4YC



N8CUB - Paint Creek State Park



N8OCJ - Cowan Lake State Park



Operated from Cowan Lake but unfortunately had to pack up early. Antenna used was a linear-loaded dipole for 40m at 4 feet.



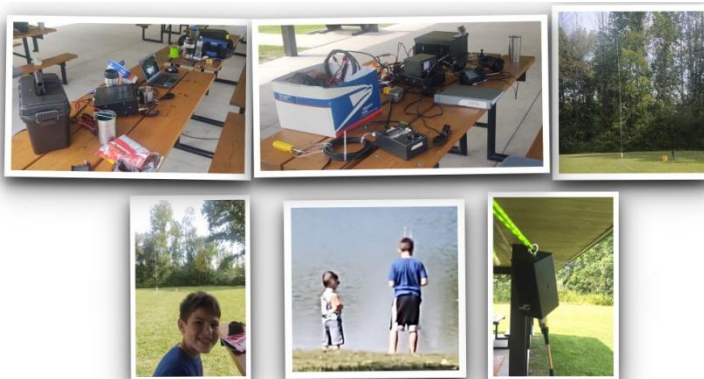
N8QE - In Ohio - Not in a Park

Had fun yesterday. 40 meters was unbelievable for park contacts. 80 was pretty much a dead band this year. 73, Bob, N8QE

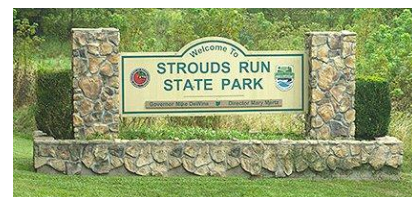
K8XC - Hueston Woods State Park



W8SEG - Tinkers Creek State Park



W8UKE - Strouds Run State Park



On Saturday, September 10, 2022, members of the ACARA participated in the 15th annual PCARS “Ohio State Parks on the Air”, activating Strouds Run State Park at the Bulldog Shelter and operating under the club’s callsign, W8UKE.



The station consisted of the ACARA’s Elecraft K3 transceiver; an LDG antenna tuner provided by Paul Schulz, WD8SCV; a 10-40m trap dipole and coax provided by John McCutcheon, N8XWO; an 80/40m fan dipole, coax, and a 24’ military mast provided by Eric McFadden, WD8RIF. The logging computer and Honda 2kW inverter-generator were also provided by Eric.



Because of the continuing COVID-19 situation, the traditional 5pm potluck was canceled in favor of a bring-your-own-food gathering.



Only Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, and Paul Schulz, WD8SCV, operated the radio, and by the time the eight-hour event was over, the pair had racked up a total of 248 contacts and had worked stations in forty-nine Ohio State Parks, for a claimed score of 12,400 points. This result was significantly better than the thirty-three QSOs made and the 825 points earned by the club in 2020. By band, thirty-one QSOs were made on 75m and 217 QSOs were made on 40m. By operator, Jeff made 143 QSOs and Paul made 105.



Sharp-eyed participants saw a pair of bald eagles, a pair of blue herons, a pair of cavorting hummingbirds, and a small aquatic turtle during the period of the event..

W9KVR - From Watseka, Illinois

It is has a few years since I've participated in OSPOTA, but glad I was able to this year! I enjoyed working the many parks and even picked up a few new ones! Thanks to the operators for their park activations! Troy

WC8VOA - Caesar Creek State Park



We had a simple installation and welcomed a 7 year old visitor (Oliver) who stopped by and helped me get a few more QSO's in the log. He told his dad they need to get their licenses, their grand-pa was a ham. Antennas used were 40m inverted V, NVIS antenna (40m & 80m), Wolf River Coil. Walt operated his IC-7300, I used the Yaesu FT-891 and we ran the whole event on battery power. Thanks for the fun event.

73, Jocelyn, KD8VRX/VA2VRX

WG8X - Mount Gilead State Park

2022 was the 15th running of OSPOTA. As has become a tradition with me, I



returned to Mt. Gilead SP for the event, arriving in a day early so I could hang out at camp and test some gear. Thanks to POTA (Parks On The Air), There was no shortage of stations to work. While the FT-891 hooked to a G5RV at 60' worked well for the contest, I wanted to try something different on Friday. I had just received my Xiegu G106, and was eager to try it out. So, I set it up on the picnic table outside of the camper, and had a blast working stations on QRP CW. For Friday, I ran my trusty EFHW to a nearby pine tree. On Saturday, the contest began at 10 AM, and there was a slight risk of showers, so I moved indoors for the contest. At 10 AM, I discovered that something had changed. In years past, it could be tough to hear other OSPOTA stations on 40M, which made 80M the go-to band for the day. But, that was not the case this year! 40M was short this year, making it a snap to work lots of OSPOTA stations on without going to 80M. 80 was still active of course, but from looking at the logs, some of the OSPOTA stations never made it there. They opted to hang out on 40 & 20. That's OK, as they were greeted by hordes of POTA hunters, and P2P (Park To Park) activators.

Looking at the POTA spotting page during the contest, it was totally overrun with OSPOTA stations. I believe this was the year that OSPOTA got really popular with out of state stations. This was evidenced by the number of out of state logs received. You can see this in the results which are in this issue. Normally, I hang out till Sunday morning, and head for

the Findlay Hamfest. But, with rain moving in the next morning, I hung out till after the contest, ate a quick dinner, closed up the camper, and headed for home. OSPOTA was a great contest as always, and I always enjoy contacting the On-Air friends that I've made via Ham Radio.

If you've never operated in OSPOTA, I hope that you will give it a try in 2023, as we start into our next 15 years. 73 all, DE WG8X

WW8OH - Dillon State Park



Five operators manned three stations at Overlook Point, above Dillon Dam, for the 2022 Ohio State Parks on the Air event. N8CJ: Alan, the solo workhorse on 40 meters. N8WL: Steve/ WD8ODC: Connie/ W3HKK: Bob, on 80/15m; AC8GI: Kevin; & AK8H: Brad on 20m. XCVRs:

100 watts ANTS: 20m qtr wave ground plane elevated 8 ft; an 80m Inv-V with apex @45' and a 40m Inv-V (apex at 20 ft.) over flat plateau-like terrain. (NO intrastation QRM noted.)

The weather started out overcast and 62F, but improved to partly sunny with high temperatures in the mid 70's, and a light breeze of 5 mph keeping things comfortable under the park Pavilion shelter for the 80m multiplier gathering station (Steve/Connie/Bob); plus a canopy-protected 20m station (Kevin and Brad) , and a deluxe RV with its own generator, housing the 40m QSO-generating machine manned by Alan.

Bands operated were 80/15m – 40m – and 20m. We listened on 10m but heard no US stations. Several PY's were on the air, but only working WAE stations. The usual challenges of setting up three stations with limited power got us off to a (30 minute) late start. Good morning conditions on 80/40 brought in good numbers of Q's and mults, but by around noon-time, 80m rapidly began slowing down, as the sun introduced more D-layer attenuation. 40m however remained hot as a firecracker all through the day, right up until we tore down the three stations at 4pm, when the 80m rate had slowed to 3 Q's/hr.

20m suffered greatly from high generator noise, plus heavy WAE Contest QRM on 14250, some Route 66 QRM, and with few loud stateside sigs, while logging just 5 QSOs, despite a strong effort and many CQ OSPOTA's. The 80m station had plenty of spare time since 80m seemingly went to sleep during the afternoon hours; at least, rare was the new park heard after noontime. Thank heavens for rovers like K8RYU who we worked from three parks, mostly during the doldrums.



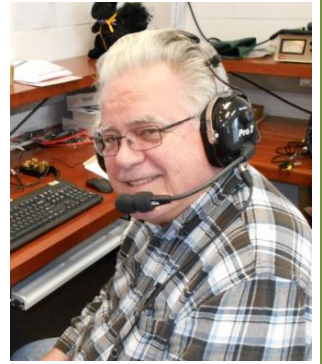
The 80 station, which had worked 49 mults in the 2019 OSPOTA, fell to a disappointing 37 mults this year (presumably due to the higher solar activity/ D-layer issues.) 80 definitely petered out much earlier this year!) However, the great 40m conditions brought in 19 new mults, lifting our total to a new high of 56 mults this year. As well, the 40m rate was much higher for the entire duration of our operation, averaging 52 Q's/hr by itself! Great job by Alan, aka as Mr POTA. Under different circumstances, WW8OH could have added 100+ Q's to our total, given how 40m seemed to be outstanding all morning and afternoon, including NVIS type propagation around Ohio. We were happy not to have been rained on or totally washed out (as in past years). It was great to see the Old Gang together again. We are looking forward to OSPOTA 2023! 73, Bob W3HKK

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Tom, KB8UUZ
OSPOTA Chairman



Sixteenth Annual Ohio State Parks On The Air Amateur Radio Contest - 2023

Make sure to mark your calendar for the 2023 Ohio State Parks On The Air (OSPOTA) contest – September 9, 2023. The contest is always held on the first Saturday following the Labor Day holiday. Each year this event has grown and we anticipate another year of growth with even more participating Amateur Radio Operators.

The OSPOTA contest was conceived with three main goals in mind:

- To promote public awareness of amateur radio and Ohio's beautiful state parks system;
- To contribute to the recognition that Ohio has a very diverse and wonderful ecology;
- To promote camaraderie within the ranks of Ohio's Amateur Radio Operators



Your participation has allowed these goals to be achieved. We agree it is a lot of fun to get out in a natural setting with your radio and see how well you can do at working operators in the beautiful Ohio State Parks.

This will be the 16th annual OSPOTA – Make plans now to be active in OSPOTA 2023.

Don't forget – Check out the OSPOTA website at www.OSPOTA.org and, we have an OSPOTA E-mail Group located at: <https://groups.io/g/OSPOTA> The [OSPOTA IO Group page](https://groups.io/g/OSPOTA) is used for messaging and sharing of information about OSPOTA for all the fans and participants in the OSPOTA contest.

OSPOTA has a Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/OSPOTA/>) and is used before, during and after the contest for updates and to share stories and photos.

As the 2023 contest draws near, we'll be posting on the OSPOTA IO Group page the anticipated 'who's going to be at what Ohio State Park' or 'Planned Park' list as we have in past years. Send your planned park activation information to PlannedParks@ospota.org . Please, include the call sign that will be used and the Ohio State Park you plan to be at. If your plans change, just let us know and we'll update the list. Remember, more than one person or group can be at an Ohio State Park – there are no reserved State Parks.

Note: Some Ohio State Parks are being managed by local park systems, but they are still listed and considered to be Ohio State Parks according to ODNR (Quail Hollow & Tinkers Creek).

So – pick a park and make your plans now for OSPOTA 2023 !!!!!

Take care & 73 from the entire OSPOTA contest Committee, KB8UUZ, WG8X, W8KNO, KB8UHN

Questions? Email: INFO@ospota.org

When the OSPOTA contest is over, send Logs and Summary Sheets to: Logs@ospota.org



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