

Greetings from the 7QP!

The 15th annual 7QP will run this year on Saturday, May 1. We have an outstanding record to uphold. Based on number of logs received last year, 7QP is the 3rd largest QSO party in the country and growing. For the past several years we have had all 36 Oregon Counties on the air. All kinds of 7QP info is available at www.7QP.org.

One reason 7QP has been so successful it that we share the weekend with three other QSO parties: New England, Indiana and Delaware. We use the same exchange format, we have unique county codes, and we sort contacts that don't count in scoring so you can send your log to all four without having to edit your log. Just copy their whole exchange.

Covid 19 is still among us and will probably impact some of the multi-ops. I put a Covid-specific allowance for those who want to try a "distributed multi-op", the only constraint is that all stations must be within the same county.

Remember the Digital category or in mixed mode. Any digital contact counts 4 points! We can help out all those guys looking for Oregon on RTTY or PSK. Suggested frequencies: 80 kHz up on PSK; 86 kHz up on RTTY. The Digital modes provide another way to get more new operators with modest stations into the activity on HF. Unfortunately FT4 and FT8 will not work, the 7QP exchange is not compatible. And if you log on a computer, please email us a copy of your log even if you don't care to compete for an award. It helps us score the event. A convenient [Web Form](#) is available to paste your log into.

Suggestion: If you are not using a computer logging program, now is the time to get into it. I suggest using [N1MM+](#). It's easy, it's FREE, and was used by 70% of all entrants last year. Even if you are using another program to track your QSOs, DXCC, etc, you can easily export your log from N1MM back into it when the contest is over. Not only that, there are three other QSO parties that also use our weekend. N1MM is the only one that will let you log their exchange as sent. You can then enter these by sending your log to them. It helps us and them too.

Whether you can participate this year or not, I'd appreciate your reply to confirm your email address (and note any duplication), and so we can make other arrangements to cover your county. Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Hood River, Malheur, Morrow, Sherman, Walawa, Wasco, and Wheeler remain as targets for expeditions and/or mobiles.

Talk it up when you can. Consider giving a talk to your local club about the 7QP. Your support and enthusiasm for this event is the backbone of the participation in Oregon. And remember to put May 1st on your wife's calendar so you don't get pre-scheduled.

I look forward to hearing from you and, as always, thanks for your support of the 7QP.

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