

Sun Shines Brightly on 2025 Fall FOC QSO Party by Patrick Barkey, N9RV

It seems hard to believe today, but there were 9 active sunspots on September 27, 2025 when the FOC QSO Party was held. And the hundreds of FOC members and non-members alike got to enjoy perfect early fall conditions to share the fun and camaraderie of friendship over the airwaves in the way that we all love. Sending and receiving CW, of course!

Every FOC QP is special – a twice a year opportunity to get on the air over the same 24-hour period to make contacts on all bands and to refresh connections with members around the globe. Its also a great way to open the door to non-members to say hello and give them a sense of what makes FOC so special. Its great to hear the stories of the lengths to which some of us went to just to get on the air, through antenna problems, bad internet connections, or social obligations.

And those that did make it on for the Fall FOC QP got to enjoy great conditions on 40-10 meters. The propagation helped with the QSO totals of the top stations this year as well, with OM2VL's 1148 overall QSOs (with 911 member contacts) nearly doubling the high QSO total last spring. Scores were up everywhere, with even the US west coast getting in on the action.

Highlights were everywhere. Every contact with OH2EA was a highlight – Hans pushed through his antenna challenges at his new apartment to put 68 members in the log. Middle of the night openings on 20 meters from southern California were a thrill to K6AR. New member HK3CQ put South America in plenty of logs while experiencing his first FOC QP as a member. And it's always a highlight to work our friends in Oceania and Asia when the bands sound empty. Don't forget to point your beams that way, folks, and give them a QSO.

And, of course, there was the thrill of hearing Vic, W9RGB (SK), on the air with a big pile of callers. Thanks to the tireless efforts of K9FN, many of us had the pleasure of conveying our best wishes to Vic in the FOC QP in the way we know best: on the air. He will certainly be missed.

There were plenty of sharp operators from outside the club who got on in a big way to say hello and to fill up our logs on many bands. Thanks to everyone who participated to make this year's fall event special.

The Scores

There are few surprises in the listings of high scorers by continent shown in the table below – these folks are in all of our logs. OM2VL had the most total QSOs and member QSOs during the event, congratulations to Laci on his fine effort from his multi-tower station. With a limited number of stations to work, the stations with the highest totals really pulled away by working all of the bands. The distances between the top totals and the second highest were a bit closer on the other continents – the NA West Coast ranking differed by just a couple of QSOs!

Every year there are some surprisingly big efforts from non-members, either by design or by just getting caught up in the fun and staying in the chair. This year W3MA put 419 members into the log, head and shoulders above the rest. Great show!

Of course, every score is important, because it adds to the CW activity that is the essence of the club. You can see them all listed below as well. Will your call be listed next time? The spring 2026 FOC QP is all set for March 28, I hope the bands are full again.

Top Scores

Continents	Members	Report	Non-Members	Report	
Europe	OM2VL	1148/911		OH1ZAA	214
	DK9PY	767/664		R6AF	91
North America	K3WW	942/762		W3MA	449
	NM5M	820/608		W4SV	216
NA West Coast	K6AR	548/445		K6TTA	45
	N9RV	544/442		KD2FSH	39
Asia	JA1KIH	85/84		VU2TMP	13
	JA1GZV	50/36		BA4TB	12
Africa	ZS1C	226/195		No entries	
	5V4VJ	159/106			
Oceania	VK2GR	227/173		ZL1IF	14
	VK1A	192/124		-	
South America	HK3CQ	301/251		PP5WX	19
	-			PY2UDB	2

Member Scores

Members	Total QSOs	FOC QSOs	Members	Total QSOs	FOC QSOs
OM2VL	1148	911	W9SN	186	180
K3WW	942	762	W0CCA	185	171
NM5M	820	608	S57WJ	180	166
KR2Q	801	636	N5XE	176	175
DK9PY	767	664	AB4I	176	160
DL6KVA	753	690	K1DJ	175	163
N5RZ	684	588	W4BR	170	160
N3RD	611	517	GM4KGK	160	158
N3RS	607	529	5Z4VJ	159	106
K7SV	553	497	W5SJ	157	132
K6AR	548	445	M0KTZ	156	151
DL5XL	544	466	SM3EVR	153	124
N9RV	544	442	WS1L	153	137
W0VTT	541	403	K6RB	150	119
G4BWP	524	417	G4RCG	149	131
SM2EKM	520	437	DK2GZ	146	134
K1JD	513	427	N2ATB	146	133
WG4FOC (K3TW)	508	427	LY2PX	144	121

KY4GS	500	462		G4BUE	140	129
K4BAI	474	394		W4PM	140	118
W0UA	459	396		OZ1LO	137	131
G3RWF	445	380		F6JOE	136	134
N5TJ	440	384		G4AFU	133	133
OZ8X	426	362		W4CK	133	133
W0VX	423	407		IK4EWX	132	132
KW7Q	421	370		SM5COP	131	127
G3WPH	416	392		W1RAN	131	129
W1ZT	416	368		PA0INA	128	1
LB2TB	404	366		EA6BF	127	120
K4QS	402	355		K6KII	126	119
W1FOC (K1AJ)	402	349		ZD7BG	123	98
K2NV	400	341		OE1TKW	122	112
EA6EJ	384	338		N4LSJ	120	119
DL1VDL	355	324		M0RYB	119	110
K4XU	355	320		AE1T	119	105
DL5YM	349	275		OH2KI	118	109
AC5K	344	312		N5TOO	118	103
DL1BUG	340	292		IZ2FME	115	105
OY1CT	338	265		G3ZGC	114	108
W7RF	337	290		G4HZV	112	110
KZ5D	337	303		G4BSW	112	108
DL3AZ	336	284		SV2BBK	112	106
K2ZR	334	297		TF3DC	110	107
DJ6ZM	324	302		K5KV	105	103
GM3WUX	320	272		W2TB	102	101
N4AF	318	297		G4RWD	100	99
G4FOC (G4BYG)	311	266		K3PA	100	98
N5XZ	303	250		G0KPE	92	86
HK3CQ	301	251		JA1KIH	85	84
DL3YM	298	279		G3WGE	84	77
NY2PO	287	253		OK2LA	81	78
W4YE	286	263		PA7RA	78	62
W4CMG	282	242		G3NKS	77	74
N3AM	280	249		NI4E	76	75
SM6CUK	278	259		W1AO	76	75
W1RM	277	232		WA9AQN	75	74
G3RVM	273	269		W1UU	72	70
ON7PQ	262	228		VE3KG	70	60

KP3W	255	253		KP4DX	69	69
W1GF	253	251		OH2EA	68	66
K8MFO	250	229		G3SYM	67	66
K4BSK	241	218		G4IZZ	66	66
K5LY	231	214		I5EFO	63	60
K2LE	231	195		G4IRN	63	61
OZ8SW	230	205		IK0YGJ	63	50
DL5YL	228	200		K7UOT	59	57
KV1I	228	191		G3YLA	54	53
VK2GR	227	173		KH6LC	54	51
ZS1C	226	195		M0NGN	52	52
VE3TM	225	182		G4RMV	51	51
DF4BV	224	205		JA1GZV	50	36
G3WVG	224	204		N2KW	49	45
GM4ZUK	224	212		VK5FOC (VK5GG)	46	43
R7KZ	222	205		IN3FHE	45	43
N3JT	220	200		JS2AHG	44	39
PC4E	208	191		VK3DBD	42	35
G4DRS	202	168		K5DU	40	39
F8GNV	202	184		G3PJT	38	35
K1DW	202	175		K6NA	33	26
SV1RUX	201	190		W4ZYT	31	29
G4IY	201	20		N6TT	26	26
G3XTT	200	182		OK1CZ	24	20
G3SWH	200	178		K2RSK	23	23
K1ESE	200	181		ZL1MH	22	1
G0MFR	194	180		OH8MJ	16	16
VK1A	192	124		DJ4KW	12	10
SM1TDE	191	170		KF7E	6	6
K2SX	187	168				

Non-member Scores

Non-Members	FOC QSOs	Non-Members	FOC QSOs	Non-Members	FOC QSOs
W3MA	449	W5FB	43	VU2TMP	13
OH1ZAA	214	OM3TBG	41	BA4TB	12
W4SV	216	KM4FO	41	OK1DXX	15
W0UO	177	LU1AW	41	K2MN	15
K4NMR	117	K4QPL	38	ZL1IF	14
K5OHY	111	KD2FSH	39	VA4ADM	11
KC3M	108	IZ8JFL	31	EA5XQ	12
W6RIF	97	WA2LMC	35	KF6NCX	12
VA3FN	91	KQ4E	34	NF8M	12
R6AF	91	2E0OBO	33	KC5DCT	11
SQ9S	88	K8VA	30	AB4PP	6
VA3SP	81	AB5XM	26	ON4SM	9
OH3GD	73	PA3AAV	24	DB7AL	6
VE9KK	70	R3SAC	25	JF2FIU	3
K5JX	62	K1GMS	24	JR6CSY	4
IK1WNO	61	WA1FMM	23	JH6RON	2
KD2KW	60	M0NJW	21	PY2UDB	2
WB8SCT	56	PP5WX	19	VU3SPD	1
K9MA	46	9A/ON6GU	15	K1SM	1
K6TTA	45	SP3FSM	17		

Comments:

WG4FOC(K3TW): Many thanks for another very enjoyable Bill Windle QSO Party. I had the distinct pleasure of meeting Bill, G8VG, at his home in the UK in the late 1970s, Band conditions are noticeably improved now. The highlight for me was being called by Graeme, VK5FOC(VK5GG) on 20m Long Path over the Grey Line.

G3ZGC: 1 FOC QSO dupe. A good event. I wish I had better aerials!

K3WW: 16 hours on, plenty of sleep not enough activity.

DL5YM: 80/40m here with s9-s9+10Db some man-made noise (PV)

N5RZ: 80M and 160M were very noisy, but had fine condx on 40M-10M. Great activity also. Slept a bit too much so left a few on the table. Thanks to all for the QSOs! 73, Gator N5RZ #2138

OH8MJ: A French visti on bands during a care taking trip of family elders. Thanks for QSOs under aurora belt from OH8-land. 161 Jouko OH8MJ/OH1RX

W4CMG: A fun event, with some new Augies in the log. I just added a new-to-me Elecraft K3 to my station. This event gave me a great chance to get used to it! 161 de Cathy W4CMG

KR2Q: A fun time! Less time spent than last year, but an improved number of Qs. Great to hear so much FOC activity!! de Doug KR2Q

K5KV: A highlight was working Vic W9RGB on Saturday afternoon. It is also nice to run into friends and the rat race becomes a nice QSO.

IK4EWX: A pity that i worked BW only part-time for family needs. It has been a true pleasure and on September I hope will make BW full time.

ZL1MH: About an hour after the start, the only sigs heard here on any band were Axel DL6KVA and Cap WOCCA both on 20m. Worked them both & shortly after we were hit by a big thunderstorm & then 20m opened somewhat with big sigs from Andy 5Z4VJ and Andy K2LE. Nothing heard on 15 or 10m, except Tony K2NV on 10m towards the end of the event. Strange condx indeed here, but much enjoyed saying hello to a few old acquaintances plus a few newer ones during my mini-effort.

OH2EA: After serious struggles getting an added wire for 15 to my 20m balcony dipole, finally made it. As a result of which got more than a dozen US members in the log + ZD7BG! The balcony is a bit of a Faraday cage, trouble is hearing DX...heartwarming to hear so many members say Welcome back.

W4YE: Always fun to work our members and have a mini QSO recalling times we met in person, common events, and our current status. 161 to all, Buddy W4YE 1217.

GM3WUX: Another excellent event. Apart from a few QSO's with the paddle, which were forced till I was able to readjust a loose screw on the bug, I was using my Lionel J36 throughout. This introduced an interesting challenge, getting my right hand from the bug to the right part of the PC keyboard to type the log. Fortunately, the nature of this event allowed time for me to do that. I couldn't do this for a conventional contest. I was disappointed, having got my Inv-L up, with help from a neighbour, on Friday, to only work OM2VL on 160. Where was everyone!?

NY2PO: As always a fantastic time. Propagation was pretty good so no complaints there. It was great to catch up with everyone. Looking forward to the upcoming Marathon already! 161, Pat NY2PO

N5TOO: As always it was a fun event. Love the format.

VK5FOC (VK5GG): As always the BWQP was a lot of fun - nice to work some of the newer members too. Looking forward to the 2026 Marathon

K4BSK: As always, a very pleasant event. I was enjoying the activity on Friday night here on the US east coast, well past my normal bed time. I was ready to quit for the night, when I heard John G4RCG on 80 meters. What a nice surprise to work him at 0326Z, 2326 local time here, for my first time on that band. Thanks, John, for being up at such an early hour there in the UK, giving us North American folks a contact on the low bands.

K5LY: Band conditions were not very good, managed to have a great time. Highlight was working W9RGB, Vic on 15 meters.

G3YLA: Big family weekend, but managed to sneak into the shack for a few Qs, very nice to catch up with familiar calls again.

KW7Q: BW was so fun. Band conditions here in Colorado were good. Enjoyed all the calls on 10 and 15 meters especially. Connected with many members and even had some nice chats, which I enjoyed. The activity by non-FOC members was good. Honored to be a FOC member and participate in these events. 161 to all, Steve KW7Q

ON4SM: C' tait bien, je participe plus s rieusement au prochain contest BW.

K2ZR: Conditions were good on all 6 HF bands in the NW corner of NY State. During my 10 hours OTA I had Qs with many veteran FOC members, numerous new members, enthusiastic ops on the Nomination List and, a bunch of non-members. I was pleased to have a QSO w/Brian, 9J2BO, Bill, K2TT FOC #675, and Bert, W5ZR my very 1st nominee for membership! My IC7610 ran 95W to a Traffie Hexbeam, 660' CF Wire, 407' EF Wire or a 125' Inverted L. I had fun! Dick, K2ZR aka K2ZR/4 FOC 1694

K6KII: Conditions were improved with the beginning of the Fall season. I worked a new one for WAFOCC and several members for the first time!

VA3FN: Conditions were not the best but it's nice to work with this excellent operators ,John VA3FN

K4XU: Conditons were much better than previous outings. 10 15 20 40 80 78 122 97 54 4 Local noise (solar inverters, etc) makes low bands no fun. Thanks to Juan for the Augie. 161, Dick K4XU

VK3DBD: Condx seemed good. Most contacts were on 20m just 3 were on 10m, 15m and 40m respectively. Generally I am bored by contest style operating and prefer to add where appropriate, perhaps a short personal comment where it will not annoy the other stn for wasting his time I operate the station for enjoyment I am not competitive at all. I prefer to suppor, Not gain, Follow the FOC Motto ! I only keep a paper log and have never attempted to send in the special ADIF whatever that is...

W0UA: Did what I could with a single radio setup on a noisy, postage stamp city lot. Great fun! Highlight was getting called by HK3CQ on Sunday afternoon. Juan was such a recent member that he wasn't even in the database. He shared that I was his FIRST EVER FOC QSO and first in the BW. I'm going to send him a certificate to commemorate that QSO.

KH6LC: Didn't get to spend as much time operating as I would have liked but still good fun. 161 and ALOHA from da Big Island.

GM4K GK: Dipping in and out as household chores permitted. Had keyboard trouble, logging was OK but sending was totally manual. Perhaps that's the way it should be : -)

JS2AHG: Enjoyed nice CONDX on 15m band. 161 Atsu

VK2GR: Excellent 20m AND 15m band conditions for my available operating times. Thanks for the QSOs.

N5TJ: Excellent propagation on the high bands during the QSO Party.

MOKTZ: Extremely good conditions, with 10m and 15m remaining open into the evening. Had the chance to meet many members (95) in just over 7 hours of pretty casual operation, where radio time has to fit in the usual Saturday family life HI. The short doublet (2x3.4m) I am using for 17m-10m worked pretty well on 15m and 10m, and allowed me to cover for some deep nulls suffered by the main wire on higher HF. Overall, a nice BWQP.

G4BSW: Fair conditions. Operated mainly S&P. A few short rag chews. Good fun as always.

N2KW: First 5 hours on 1822 KHz yielded 49 Q's. Conditions were mediocre, weak signals high noise. Thanks to those who pulled my signal out from the mud!

WA2LMC: First FOC event. Lots of fun but only had time to work a few hours on Saturday. Will be looking for more FOC events and thanks everyone for the Qs.

2E0OBO: First time on FOC. Sum qsb but US coming in 599 and VK was 559 (VK1A) Managed 1 hour es 42 mins so not hectic but FOC members hard to find, for me anyway Hi. Best 73 es GL to all.....Bob...2E0OBO

MONGN: First time taking part in the QSO party as an FOC member, I found it fun and friendly, a great way to add Augie and windle points.

K6TTA: Fun event, I wish OPs had been more chatty : -D

G4BUE: What a difference good HF conditions make, especially when I am running 5W QRP to a low (35 feet) doublet antenna. Once again I continue to be amazed at the good ears of members enabling me to find some new Windles.

K8MFO: Good conditions during my 5 hour operation. Had some nice chats with old friends. Don K8MFO

ON7PQ: Good condx . Big fun !

LB2TB: Good condx this time, plenty of augies in the log. Had some nice, longer chats with both members and non-members ? always a treat when its more than just a quick 599 TU. A very enjoyable BW QP overall. Thanks to everyone who made it into the log, much appreciated! Running the Doublet with a kW on all bands, except on 10M where the vertical gets its moment of glory. See you all next time ? same knobs, same coffee, hopefully the same good condx. 161 de Lars

W1ZT: Good propagation and openings on 10 meters generated lots of activity. New Windle points and Augies made it fun. More non member stations worked than in the past.

AB4PP: Got in for a short time to participate in the event. Had social events I had to attend and hopefully will have a longer time to participate next event. Tnx for the q's and good to hear so many friends in the event.

G3XTT: Great 10m propagation

DB7AL: great conditions on 10m.

N5XE: Great conditions! Thanks everyone.

GM4ZUK: Great condx on 15 and 10m!

W4BR: Great fun as always. Conditions were good here in Florida. Thanks for digging me out folks, especially on 80m. 100w to 17m long inverted L at 8m up with remote tuner.

IK0YGJ: Great fun as ever ! Exchanging with Sant Elena, Gilbert ZD7BG was outstanding for my vertical antenna and 50W! 161 Carlo IK0YGJ

G4DRS: Great fun!

NM5M: Great fun, nice to hear many friends QRV!

K7SV: Great fun. I need to make a greater effort to work the BWs!

R7KZ: Great opening on ten meters, like back in early 70s. Californians were very loud here, Jim, K6AR was 599+30 dB over S9.

W4CK: Great propagation on 10 meters!! Wonderful to hear so many loud FOC stations!!

G3RWF: Had a great time - condx really helped - although more activity on 160 would have been good. After a very quiet summer - both condx and activity - it was excellent to spend so long making CW QSOs.

W7RF: Had a great time and glad to see condx much better than March and last September, gives hope for a very good Fall on the air! Did not get on 160m, balanced the other bands pretty well. 80M not as much. Everything worked perfectly and I was able to spend some time in the chair, op time 10: 22. Had a number of 5 banders and the last two hours were better than most end of events. The beginning of the event was also good on 20-40-80M here in Colorado. Very good opening to EU on 10 and 15M in my morning (1700z+). 20M was probably ok but I bet everyone was happy to see the higher bands open so 20M seemed dead in my morning. Raoul, Brian and Andy also strong from AF as usual. Nice to also see our new member HK3CQ out there doing a good job from SA. 10M open in those last two hours to VK and JA as well as others West of me. 40M was also good starting almost two hours before sunset (SS 0049z) and it just continued until the end.

G3WGE: Had a great time meeting up with people I have met at the dinners and on air previously. Conditions appeared fair and my humble G5RV continues to perform. I love the QSO Party format. Contests usually give me a headache! I must have added a few Windles to my list - thanks all.

N3RS: Had only a bit over 10 hours that I was able to squeeze in for some fun. Conditions seemed great and I enjoyed hooking up with so many old friends and meeting some of our newer members. Probably picked up a few Augies and Windles to boot. Thanks to all who called in to add to my pleasure. 161 de Sig, N3RS/888

KF7E: Herculean effort against a host of unlucky disruptions and outages. A lot of effort, but the glory is in the challenge' KF7E!

JA1KIH: High bands were good for NA and EU this time. Low bands including 40m was poor and it was hard to find members. It was interesting that we could hear NA and EU at the same time around mid night. Some members were not directed their antennas to Japan, that made my call ignored! I appreciate the opportunity to communicate among CW enthusiasts.

W5SJ: I always enjoy this activity - heard calls I don't hear very frequently. Great fun! I had feedline problems to my 5 band Yagi so I was only on 160, 80, 40 and then only for a few hours. 40 was great to EU, DK9PY, DL6KVA, DL3YM, OM2VL, EA6EJ, G4RCG, DL5XL, IK4EWX, etc. Interesting note: early in the contest, I called CQ BW - station comes back to me, SK, SK. I thought, what in the world?. Then I realized that station was thinking of FB FOC member, Bill, W5SG, now, SK. W5SG, you are remembered, RIP..... 40 was great into EU. 161, Bill, W5SJ

WOCCA: I am 26 miles short of being a West Coast station UT or AZ, in SW Colorado. Them's the breaks I guess.

OK1CZ: I could only get on the band around midnight for a few QSOs. Good condx to NA on 20m. 161

LU1AW: I did have fun contacting good CW operators (which is NOT synonymous of high-speed code as in about any contest) Would like to percibe the same attitude from every FOC member, as it was the case of Leo, DJ7PR. 73s de Juan, LU1AW

K5JX: I got back on the air about 10 days ago after a 6-7 year absence. I didn't get underway in the BW until almost noon Saturday and did a very casual (with several interruptions) S&P all afternoon on 10, 15 and 20. Many thanks to all the great ops who were able to copy my 100 watts to a ground mounted trap vertical. This was my first FOC on-air event and was great fun. I hope I can make it to the next one, hopefully with better antennas.

S57WJ: I had only my vertical for 40 m with elevated radiials. It was tuned for 20m and worked nicely on 15m.

AB4I: I missed about a third of this BW FOCQP as my antennas were disconnected while thunderstorms and lightning rumbled through. I was unable to operate on 160-meters this time but will next time. Steve, AB4I

ZS1C: I missed the morning session to attend a funeral service. Conditions were good, but sometimes I fumbled with my logging. I felt I am struggling in the little pileups that ensued. Thank you for your patience, and my apologies if I missed your call. All in all, it was great to hear so many members and I even got four more Augies! Thank you for a great event. Raoul ZS1C

N2ATB: I thoroughly enjoyed the QSO Party as usual. Propagation was very good on all the bands.

PY2UDB: I was busy assembling a new antenna, but next time I will try to participate full-time. - 73 / Dirk / PY2UDB

VE3KG: I was only able to operate for an hour at the end.

W5FB: I wish I had more time to operate this year, however weekend professional and family obligations pulled me in different directions. As always, it was a pleasure to see so many members on at the same time.

K6NA: Illness kept me off the air for most of the event, but managed a few QSOs late in the Party. Good to hear the gang, and seven non-members, too!

K6AR: Interesting propagation on 20m with Europeans coming through well into the night. I finally took a sleep break at 2: 30a (9:30z) returning to the BW before daybreak finding 15m already open. 10m opened to Europe also early with weird rapid signal enhancing/fading that seemed highly geographically selective - I'm sure there's a technical explanation. It's what makes HF fascinating even after sixty-plus years of ham radio. Fun activity. I wish there were more members on the air to get the numbers higher

but also to connect with members now with the propagation that is bound to go away too soon reducing our chances.

DJ6ZM: It was a great pleasure. The condx were surprisingly good, especially on the high bands. 10m remained open until late in the evening. I think 20m was open all night, but I went to sleep before midnight. My rig is, as always, the Flex6600 with the Maestro without a power amp, with only 100 watts. My new 2-element quad worked very well on the high bands. And the shortened rotary dipole was satisfactory, but because of the good conditions, I was almost exclusively on the higher bands. QSOs on 10m/77, 15m/101, 20m/112, 40m/34, 80-160m/0. It was nice to meet up with many old and new friends again.

KF6NCX: It was fun! I only was able to operate for 1.5 hours, but propagation was surprisingly good! Ten and 15 meters were open, and I was happy to make several DX qsos. Thanks for the contacts! 73, Larry

I22FME: It was my 1stv BW with my 3 el. Stepir down ... on air with 100 w out for some hrs with just a multiband dipole and a vertical antenna for the low bands. A lot of friends on the air, fun as usual. Propagation here was poor on 28 Mhz and short skips on 40 mtrs. 161! see you on the air de I22FME Miky #2217.

HK3CQ: It was my third participation in the BWQP and the first as a member. Many thanks to all who called me. Like the previous ones, I enjoyed it a lot, but this one even more because I was fortunate that some FOCs got the Augie. Also, in other cases, it was the first contact as FOC members. I worked 10-40, with IC 775 DSP, 100 W, Hex-Beam and dipole, Begali Pearl. I was also glad to have QSOs with several of my sponsors. Great fun. Many thanks for the 161?s I received. Logged 310 QSOs, 251 with members and 50 with non-members. Until next time! Long live to CW. 161, Juan HK3CQ

IK1WNO: It's always a pleasure to participate in the magnificent CW party and to be able to connect with many friends at the next Best 73s to everyone. Best regards to everyone from ik1wno Enrico.

PA0INA: It's always pleasant to meet friends in the air.

K3PA: Just a small effort at I was crazy busy with a new tower project.

K2RSK: Just one more pure pleasurable FOC event ,meeting up with some of our members .and a big plus, meeting a few NEW members.Thanks again to all, K2RSK/PETER/2011.....161

G3NKS: Limited time, was not well. For the BW QPs I like to use paddle and keyer, not N1MM macros! Need to apologies for my poor CW at times caused sneezing fits. 100W to a G5RV.

K4NMR: Looking forward to making many more QSOs with FOC members, their op skills and etiquette are excellent. Thank you all for a FB DX QSO party, it was great fun. 73 K4NMR

W3MA: Lots of activity!

K4BAI: Lots of fun. No antenna for 160M, but the other five bands were pretty good here. Activity seemed high, but no as many non-members participating this year, or so it seemed. Thanks for all QSOs. 161/73, John, K4BAI.

N9RV: Managed to actually put some time in this time (retirement has its advantages!). Great conditions on 15 and 10 in the morning EU opening. Not sure when 20 opened, never really did much here. Highlight of the weekend was working OH2EA, but then that was superseded by working W9RGB later in the day. Thrilled to hear Vic on the air. Amazing how quiet the bands are when east cost US/western EU prop isn't there. Tried to CQ in some Asia/Oceania members on the low bands but not much success.

G0MFR: Managed two decent session. Conditions generally very good especially 10m into the US. Great to catch up with a few I met in Edinburgh, many regulars and few new folks.

K5DU: My computer running N1MM crashed on Saturday. Of course, when I rebooted Microsoft wanted to update, N1MM wanted to update, but they never spoke to each other again except to agree to crash each time I tried to transmit. I finished the contest sending by my trusty Begali paddles and logging on paper. My results are approximate. If you think you had a contact with me then I am happy. Now I have to figure out how to make things work again. CW should be so simple; computers make it complex.

K1DJ: My first BWQP as a new member of FOC! Although I was limited to wire antennas on 3.5, 7, and 21 MHz because my beam is currently down, I really enjoyed making lots of contacts with members, many for the first time as an FOC member. Thanks all for the kind welcome!

OM3TBG: My rig: TRX Drake TR7, pwr 80W, ant Window 42m long. Picture of my hamshack on QRZ.com 73 de Milan OM3TBG (79 yrs old), QRV CW on the air 57 yrs

PC4E: My working conditions: Transceiver - Elecraft K3/mod Amplifier - Kenwood TL-922 (400W) Vibroplex Deluxe paddle Antenna - Multiband inv Vee Software - N1MM Total time ON - 9 hrs Tnx for this nice QSO Party.

N4AF: Nice conditions, missed friday night due to tstorms.

OZ8SW: Nice condx, especially on 10 and 15 m. Had great fun, as usual, when so many members are qrv.

G4IZZ: Only a minor effort - we're preparing for going on holiday on Monday. Great to hear plenty of members, and find a few Windle's too.

G0KPE: Only had limited time for this QSO party, but we had good DX conditions on the HF bands. Many DX members worked, including some new Augies - thank you!

G3SYM: Only limited time as we spent time with our granddaughter as she is just starting her 3 year university course down in Plymouth. As always enjoyable event and great to see new members active.

N4LSJ: Operating time four hours. Had to travel for funeral Saturday.

G3WVG: Part time effort. Great HF conditions. FTdx101 plus 500W amp. Tribander at 40ft plus dipoles for 80/40.

OH1ZAA: Radiation can be obtained cheap. Used a \$4 fishing rod with wire inside matched with a Dentron MT-3000A tuner on 7 - 28 MHz over a metal roof. Conditions on 21/28 MHz were great. Cheers/73, Zaba OH1ZAA OH3BCX OH5ZA NP2ZA

W9SN: Really nice connecting with friends that you don't hear from often.

K2SX: Sorry for what was probably a weak signal much of the time. Setup here is still minimal; i.e. Barefoot K4 to a Buddipole on my balcony railing. Actually, I am surprised it works as well as it does most of the time. Hopefully will have a better signal by Marathon. Thanks to those who managed to hear me. Actually, I had four six banders (including OM2VL and DK9PY) which is hard since I only can operate on 40-10M. I figure if someone has the patience to work me on four bands they would have no trouble getting me on the remaining two bands so any four-bander counts as a six bander. How's that for warped logic?

SM6CUK: Spent 9 hours in the chair. Excellent conds

ZD7BG: Surprising for this time of the year in the South Atlantic the band conditions were quite favourable on Saturday.

WS1L: Surprisingly good conditions after a dismal summer on the bands. Ten meters was hopping! I used my regular logging program and sent CW by paddles to enjoy some brief chats with friends, but there were times when I was popular and I sort of wished for the contest loggers speed! It was enjoyable and I am grateful for the contacts. See you on the bands!

K7UOT: Surprisingly good propagation. I worked several members I had never heard previously, including VK1A on 10 meters.

AB5XM: Thank you for having this event! Enjoyed it! I have worked this event before but never gotten as many contacts as this time. I was able to get on the air at 0000Z when the event started and made most of my contacts in the first two hours or so. Great fun! Thanks, Allan AB5XM

DK9PY: Thanks for all the nice contact in this event. Had a lot of fun and great band openings. The most productive band was 10m, with excellent conditions. Thanks to Jim ND9M for the last missing state SD. Now the FOC WAS mission is accomplished. Some missing augies (3) though hope to find them till the end of the year! 161, Armin, DK9PY

KD2KW: Thanks for letting me participate.

KC3M: That was fun. Appreciate the opportunity to join in.

G4RMV: The bands were pretty slow with a few exceptions. The YU contest did not help at all. I only used Search and pounce which limited my score.

K2LE: The remote station in VT K2LE/1 is currently in a repair mode; but I did not want to miss this event It is accessible only by remote high speed internet connection which gave up the ghost suddenly around 1700 GMT on Saturday - lost all controls to the station After cursing for a while, it turned out to be a LOCAL problem here in NY. No TV, e-mail or VOIP telephone service for the rest of the day. It was fun while it lasted

DL1VDL: The sun was with us! I have enjoyed the excellent condx.

KD2FSH: This event was a lot of fun and the FOC members were excellent, and everything was run the right way.

VU2TMP: This is exceptionally nice. This include essentials. May be an inclusion of qth That makes complete. Manual contest.

JA1GZV: This time, the high bands from JA were relatively good, but the conditions on the 40m, 80m and 160m bands were not good. Also, there were other contests overlapping, so BW QP was buried.

EA5XQ: This was my first FOC QSO Party, it was funny and a pleasure to participate.

DL5XL: This was my first participation in the Bill Windle QSO Party, and it was really enjoyable. Fortunately, my 3 element SteppIR Yagi had been repaired recently, and it worked well. Ten meters offered some surprisingly good propagation to North America. In total, I was able to work 212 different FOC members, complete the FOC All Band Challenge for 2025, and most of all, I had fun. From a quick contest type QSO to a brief chat with a friend, it never got boring. Six band contacts could be completed with DK9PY and OM2VL, and ten stations were worked on five bands. Thanks for the great activity!

JF2FIU: This was my first time participating in this event. Even though the wwrty contest was in progress, I called out as much as I could hear, thank you very much.

JR6CSY: This was my first time participating. Thank you for the QSO.

VE9KK: This was my second year taking part, and it is a great event. Looking forward to next year. 73, VE9KK

SQ9S: Tnx for great fun. Best 73 Adam, SQ9S

AE1T: Triple-booked. Only a few hours operating time. Glad I could be there and work some of the members. Managed to work JAs Taka and Atsu and Augie Juan, HK3CQ on two bands. Look for me in your daily travels across the bands! 161 de Peter, AE1T

OE1TKW: Ufb to see TEN in good shape!

W1AO: Unfortunately, I was traveling this weekend and had to operate remote from a motel room. It was fun, nevertheless.

G4IRN: Very busy here with several ongoing projects but I was pleased to be able to dip in on several occasions to make some QSOs. 15m sounded in great shape, I just wish I had more time!

K4QPL: Very friendly QSO party with most exchanging name and greetings.

K1GMS: Very fun, and thanks to everyone I worked. It was nice to see action on 10, 15, 20 and 40 m. Conditions seemed good to me. I'm still pretty inexperienced--I'm working on my CW via the CWA intermediate course RN--and this was a great learning experience for me. QSL via LOTW or QRZ.com. 73 de K1GMS

EA6EJ: Very funny event. A lot of friends around. Best wishes 161, Ini

G4RCG: Very limited few hours but its was great fun what I did

W4PM: Very little time to play this time. Just 3: 39 hours. Thanks for the contacts. 73, Puck W4PM

DL3YM: When excellent condx meet excellent OPs, fun's guarenteed ;-) Lots of activities (going to the movies with my 2 boys and their YLs, watching a local soccer match with friends, preparing my sail boat for the final tour of the season on Sunday) kept me from a full effort. Still managed almost 8 hours BIC. It was amazing how some of our members could pull my low power sigs out of the noise. Tnx all for the Qs - can't wait until the next one!

W1UU: While away for the weekend with grandchildren activities, I got home with 2-hours left to go, so the QSO total was meager. But each QSO was always fun to remind us of comraderie within the FOC community!

W1RM: Wonderful conditions. I wish the activity were better.

W4SV: Wonderful event!! Thanks for allowing me to participate. T-storms took away most of the afternoon; but conditions were generally great.