

Spring 2026 FOC QSO Party Results
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The spring version of the FOC QSO party held on the last Saturday in March had a few challenges that the Fall 2025 event managed to avoid. The biggest one, of course, was the challenging propagation that kept a lid on QSO totals. Members in Asia and Oceania reported long hours with no members heard at all, and even the eastern NA / western EU path was disrupted. A second factor was the conflict with the WPX contest on SSB that pulled some regular participants away for some or all of the spring event. I am not sure we can fix propagation, but this latter issue is more readily addressed for next spring.

But that is the glass half empty perspective. Looking at the glass half full, what comes through in the comments after the event is the sheer joy the FOCQP instills on everyone who can fire up their equipment and get on the air. It is a party, after all. And the chance to show up to meet and greet old friends, and to connect on the air with new ones, is something many of us don't want to miss out on. I hope those of you reading this won't miss out on the next one.

We did get a little bit spoiled by the superb propagation that we were blessed with in the FOCQP of last fall, because the QSO totals from even the big guns in the March event fell short of the October 2025 tallies. Still, the top QSO totals of more than 500 – and above 700 for Doug, KR2Q – for a 24 hour even aren't too shabby. The

That's not necessarily to goal of those who operate the FOCQP, of course. Some use the event just as a chance to test an antenna, blow the dust off of a radio or key, or to say hello to old friends. Its always a pleasant surprise to check in with folks who have been missing in your log lately.

Adding to the activity in every FOCQP is the participation of non-members, who run the gamut from old hands to newcomers. One non-member wished that more activity would occur in the US general class license band, while others were former members or regular participants in the past. The FOCQP has created a lot of good will towards our club, and has introduced us to many good operators who might make good members someday.

I hope you will peruse the comments of participants shown below – they really tell the story of the event. Please pay particular attention to the non-NA/EU members – it can be lonely waiting for the bands to open, and they would really appreciate if you swung an antenna there way when those openings occur.

See you all in the Fall event, set for September 26.

FOCQP March 2026: Top Scores

Continents	Members	Report	Non-Members	Report	
Europe	DL6KVA	505/445		OH3GD	144
	EA6EJ	451/371		LA1TV	103
North America	KR2Q	701/499		WB4IT	214
	W8FJ	541/445		W4SV	204
NA West Coast	K6AR	303/245		KF6NCX	28
	K4XU	232/200		VE7WO	18
Asia	4Z4KX	105/77		JN4MMO	26
	JA1GZV	35/30		VU2TUM	24
Africa	TY5FR	64/44		No entries	
Oceania	VK1A	243/145		No entries	
	VK2BJ	226/175		-	
South America	HK3CQ	63/60		No entries	

FOCQP March 2026: Member Scores

Members	Total QSOs	FOC QSOs	Members	Total QSOs	FOC QSOs
KR2Q	701	499	G3XTT	111	91
W8FJ	541	445	F6JOE	110	100
DL6KVA	505	445	AB4I	110	94
W3RJ	503	349	W7RF	110	89
EA6EJ	451	371	SV1RUX	107	102
WS1L	417	371	W0CCA	107	101
N3RS	406	343	K4BSK	107	97
WG4FOC (K3TW)	404	316	4Z4KX	105	77
K3TW	404	316	W2TB	104	100
NY2PO	402	306	K4AEN	104	101
K2NV	400	315	PA7RA	101	75
K4FOC (KY4GS)	382	327	DK9PY	101	93
G4DRS	364	261	DL1CW	101	87
EA6BF	361	280	SM1TDE	100	82
DL5YM	349	268	K9DX	100	78
N5AW	344	285	G4IZZ	96	90
K4BAI	328	243	OE1TKW	90	83
K1JD	326	259	WB6BEE	89	89
G3WPH	313	281	G4HZV	85	80

K6AR	303	245		G3CWA	85	78
W0VX	300	258		G3NKS	83	70
K1DW	290	243		G0PNM	82	74
SO5CW	283	230		G3PDH	82	73
DL3YM	278	253		G3SYM	80	75
KW7Q	268	221		KP4FOC	80	75
DL1VDL	267	237		K0VBU	78	67
N4LSJ	260	228		TF3DC	77	71
N3RD	259	204		N5XE	77	73
W1FOC	253	208		NO5W	77	59
W4PM	248	204		W2VT	76	64
LB2TB	247	221		W1AO	75	72
OZ8X	247	44		G4RCG	70	59
N4AF	247	198		G0IBN	70	48
VK1A	243	145		WA5FOC	70	69
SM2EKM	241	191		IK1WNO	69	65
K4QS	236	208		N8NA	68	57
K4XU	232	200		W4ZYT	67	62
VK2BJ	226	175		W1UU	66	59
LY2PX	223	158		TY5FR	64	44
W0VTT	222	168		HK3CQ	63	60
VE3TM	215	165		G4RMV	61	60
R7KZ	214	172		K5VR	58	55
NM5M	212	162		G4BSW	57	52
OZ8SW	205	176		KN0V	54	49
VE3KG	204	173		DJ6ZM	53	46
K2ZR/4	202	173		GM3YOR	50	47
WB0SND	200	166		SM5COP	50	50
N5CW	200	148		SM2CEW	50	42
ON7PQ	197	164		IK0YGJ	49	46
OK2LA	196	158		G0GKH	46	36
KP3W	196	190		G3YJQ	46	46
W9SN	193	168		K6KII	46	44
DK1WU	187	171		W1RAN	46	43
K5LY	187	158		SV2BBK	45	45
K1ESE	186	177		SM5GLC	45	43
K1ZZ	183	172		SM3EVR	44	39
W0UA	182	164		IK4EWX	44	42

W4CMG	181	153	K9FN	43	42
OY1CT	173	117	K5TF	38	36
G4BYG	172	154	W5FB	36	36
DK1WI	169	147	JA1GZV	35	30
VK2GR	162	124	I5EFO	35	34
G3RWF	161	142	OH2KI	34	31
IN3FHE	160	140	GW4MM	34	32
SM6CUK	158	144	JA1KIH	33	31
G3VMW	155	132	G3WGE	33	30
N5TJ	150	132	OK1CZ	32	25
K7NJ	149	130	IN3TWX	30	25
SM6BGA	144	123	PA5V	30	27
G3ZGC	142	125	G4BUE (QRP)	29	0
W1GF	142	140	WA9AQN	27	25
K5OT	140	120	N9RV	27	21
DL5YL	137	125	OE3IAK	26	24
W4YE	137	125	W4CK	26	26
G3RVM	132	127	G3YLA	23	21
DF2IC	131	114	OH1HAQ	21	20
NI4E	129	122	OZ6XT	21	21
G0KPE	122	106	OZ5DX	21	18
M0KTZ	120	110	VK5FOC (VK5GG)	21	19
N2ATB	120	99	M0RYB	13	11
K7SV	120	104	G3ZRJ	13	9
F8GNV	118	99	PA4N	9	9
W1ZT	117	5	JS2AHG	2	2
K5XK	116	103	W6OAT	1	1
K2SG	116	101	VK6GX	1	1

FOCQP March 2026 Non-Member Scores

Non-Members	FOC QSOs	Non-Members	FOC QSOs	Non-Members	FOC QSOs
WB4IT	214	W3MA	45	AF8A	14
W4SV	204	OH5ZA	44	KN2D	14
W1SOC	200	AC5XK	43	EA1DP	12
OH3GD	144	KR2AA	42	AD0AB	12
N7US	140	VE9KK	38	YT1XC	10
W5TM	112	N8KH	37	WA3AAN	10
LA1TV	103	K8VA	35	SP3FSM	10
I2IFT	102	SV1UG	29	EA5XQ	10
SQ9S	101	PA0RBA	28	OH2BN	9
PA3AAV	96	K3JT	28	G3WZD	9
G3WRJ	78	KF6NCX	28	HA8TP	8
VA3FN	61	JN4MMO	26	NF8M	7
SC6O	59	VU2TUM	24	PA5GU	6
K1TH	59	K5QR	24	SQ6PA	5
NE5A	55	AB5XM	22	K5VG	5
SA2OLM	51	EA3FZT	20	VA4ADM	4
KM4FO	51	K4NMR	20	DL8UKW	3
M0TDW	50	2E0OBO	19	WA1DX	1
G4CWH	47	VE7WO	18		

FOCQP March 2026: Soapbox

W4SV: Conditions not the best. Had set a goal of 200 LP S&P FOC contacts for last three parties. Finally made it. Limited time; but great fun!

OH3GD: Rather challenging conditions this time. 73 to all!

N7US: Low power - 100W from IL. Had fun working so many I work all the time in CWTs and other contests. Hope to see many at the CWops dinner at Dayton. Jim N7US

LA1TV: As a FOC nominee this was my first meeting with the BW qso party, and it was without a doubt a fun one. Many well-known and skilled operators made this a relaxing and enjoyable Saturday. The radio conditions were also quite good, and qso's were made on all bands except 10m. Thanks for all the qso's and we will hear you next time...hopefully with my own FOC number! Regards Trond , LA1TV

SQ9S: Tnx for great fun ! Best 73 Adam SQ9S

PA3AAV: Nice to work so many friends

VA3FN: Very good CW operators. Pleasure to work them!

SC6O: This was my first BW QP but definitely not the last

K1TH: I really enjoyed the friendly greetings and welcome by a number of ops. Tom, K1TH

NE5A: This is the first time I have ever done remote operation. Running my Flex 8600 from an RV park in Gulfport, MS. Hand keying with a Marconi device is a challenge sometimes due to a slight latency with the router and Starlink-Mini. Only real problem was my Antenna Genius at home. It sometimes goes crazy and

tries to connect over and over. When it does that is won't let me transmit. I only think it affected one qso so if there were other issues, I am sorry! I had fun though. George NE5A

M0TDW: A very enjoyable format, unable to spend as much time as I would of liked.

G4CWH: My first time in this event. Great fun. Hope to see a lot more of you in the future, maybe with my own FOC number? : -) Great also to see 579 as well as 599!!

W3MA: Fun event

AC5XK: Thanks for a relaxed event. I look forward to chatting in the future.

VE9KK: A very nice and relaxing event.

N8KH: This was a highly disappointing contest, due to lack of activity. If this continues into future years, I won't waste my time on it. 3830Scores doesn't even list it!

K8VA: FOC OPS are the best. They are courteous, accommodating and friendly I love working this contest. I don't spend a lot of time in the chair, 30-40 QTCs are about all I need to satisfy my thirst. 73 and best DX Mike K8VA

SV1UG: Dear all I was happy to participate in a short time way due to my health problems! Its very important not to forget our people and to do things for their memory ! Thank you. PS I used 100 watts and a multiband vertical as always for the qsos. I have this antenna many many years from the time of my navy life

K3JT: Fun but conditions were terrible.

KF6NCX: I enjoyed the contest. Thanks for the qsos. One suggestion. I am a general-class amateur. Most of the time I could find one or two participants just above the 025 point on the bands. Once, I tuned down lower on 20 meters and heard much more activity in the extra portion. It would help guys like me if the ops spent a little more time in the general portion of the bands. Tnx and 73!

JN4MMO: Thanks to all members!

VU2TUM: Happy to work my first Bill Windle QSO party. Maybe one day, I hope to join the FOC club 73

AB5XM: Thanks for those who sponsored the contest and to those who worked me. Enjoyed it!! A nice relaxed event!

2E0OBO: It was good to share a few qso's with our friends in Europe and across the pond. I'm not a member but hope to be one day.

AF8A: It was nice to have some propagation to EU from NA. Though many stations were very, very weak, I and sure I was even weaker on their end! It is always a pleasure to operate an event where the other operators have great skills!

KN2D: First time entering the contest. Enjoyed the additional interaction beyond RST and name!

AD0AB: Thank you for a fun event.

YT1XC: check log

EA5XQ: It has been my first time that I participate in FOC, congrats, good CW contest, 77

OH2BN: Good to say hello to members of a club that I myself was once a member of.

G3WZD: I was pottering in the shack doing odd jobs with the rig on in the background, so not a serious effort. Excellent standard of operating (as would be expected). It was nice to have a personal greeting from a couple of fellow CWops members who recognised my call.

K5VG: My first one. Only had time for 7 QSOs, but enjoyed it.

WA1DX: Thanks for the opportunity to commemorate a ham. 73 Allan

KR2Q: I had a really FUN time! de Doug KR2Q

EA6EJ: Frankly, a show of friends everywhere, very fun, friendly 161 from the island of Mallorca (ea6ej #2209)

WS1L: Friday evening was pretty good, so I stayed up until 0200Z and enjoyed some good 40M signals from western Europe. VK1A made an appearance on 15M despite the late hour. Saturday morning around 1100Z found 20M open nicely and by 1200Z 15M had opened as well. Too bad 10M never really got going here in New England. Late afternoon brought TY5FR and 5X2VJ into the log on 20M. By 2300Z 80M had opened to the East, with another handful of European stations in the log. It is always a great time to exchange greetings with friends old and new. Thank you to all for the Windles and even an Augie! VY 161 DE WS1L

W3RJ: First BWQP as an FOC member - 2251.

N3RS: Was under the weather for this one. Only put in ~7.5 hours. Participation seemed a bit down this year. 161 to all, Sig, N3RS

WG4FOC (K3TW): Overall, band conditions were above average here in Florida

NY2PO: The BWQP was fully enjoyable as always although Saturday morning to the early afternoon propagation was somewhat compromised (should have been better due to decent Kp numbers) but did come back in the late afternoon. It was great to make q's with many members that I haven't worked in some time. 161, Pat NY2PO

N5AW: Operated from my station at our ranch rather than the noise retirement facility we are in. Unfortunately, SWR was sky high on 40 Friday evening. The next morning I found the coax had pulled out of its connector. Fixed it but not much activity on 40 during the day and had to QRT at 220Z. Enjoyed the contest - conditions were up and down. Fifteen was my best band.

G4DRS: Great fun, especially when people who are clearly CW novices call. It's nice to slow down and ensure they have a good experience. Good to meet some members that I've not met before, as well as loads that I have worked many times before.

K1JD: I had fits with N1MM+ for a few hours. Finally reinstalled it and was back in business. The BWQP was fun despite rather poor DX conditions in the SW USA. N1MM+ presents my score as 326/259. Gained 186 Windle points after uploading the log to Fabian's site but worked none of my 6 missing members.

DL3YM: Returning from a one week vacation in OE-land meant I would not start into the QSO Party before early afternoon - which I managed to do tnx to the fact that there is no speed limit on Germany highways, hi. Lots of fun during my roughly 8 hours operating time, despite the fact that condx were not really great. Most Qs on 10 meters with NA were with the beam pointing towards SA. I almost fell out of my chair when Jim, K6AR called me there. Mind you, I was running low power to my trusty mini beam. Tnx all for your brilliant ears. It sure is a pleasure to work FOC members when you are not loud.

K6AR: As widely noted the band conditions made it difficult. Thanks to those who struggled with me at times to make contacts. Special thanks to Red and Andy. Also to Raoul. And I should mention Leo who made the effort on my behalf to get in the log. Cheers 161 Jim

K4BAI: Thanks. 161, John.

K1DW: Off and on... Good fun... TNX fer Qs de Dallas k1DW

KW7Q: Pretty dismal conditions, especially to EU from here in Colorado. However, still lots of fun. Had many short chats with members which I enjoyed. The highlight was having Drew, VK3XU answer my CQ on 40 m for an all time Augie. Now just 5 Augie's remain. The participation from non-members was good.

LB2TB: Another great BW QP in the books, as always! Conditions were a bit of a mixed bag this time — up and down throughout the event — but still plenty of fun to be had on the bands. No Augies for me this year, unfortunately, but it was really nice to catch a few stations I haven't worked in several years. All in all, just another fantastic club activity. Big thanks to everyone who got on the air and made it enjoyable as always!

W1FOC: W1FOC, K1AJ operator FOC 1635

W4PM: Low power to a 40m EDZ and rather poor conditions limited the fun factor this time. Thanks to the 115 different members who could hear me and called! 73, Puck W4PM

N4AF: Condx disturbed. Good to qso my friends.

SM2EKM: Sorry for late submission

KP3W: Bands were rough Saturday morning but improved gradually. Great to QSO so many friends. 161

K1ESE: Strange band conditions this BW. Friday night was poor on 20m and down. On Saturday, most ands were only average at best. The exception was 15m, where signals from other continents were booming in. Signals from North America were mostly quite weak. I enjoyed the activity and said hello to many friends. It was great fun. 161 de K1ESE John

OZ8SW: Bad condx, but always good to qso so many foc-members

VK2BJ: Conditions from VK2 were generally pretty awful. Spent a lot of time CQing and listening on 80 and 160 but did not hear a single solitary signal.

K2ZR/4: RIG: K2 @ 90W ANT: 40M OCF WIRE @ 15'-25' HIGH + QTH GUTTER SYSTEM ADDED FOR 80M LOG: N1MM CONDX: FAIR @ BEST TIME OTA: 11 HOURS 30 MINUTES BW QSO Party Always Fun! 161, DICK, K2ZR/4 Key West IOTA NA-062 The Southernmost HamShack in the Continental USA

R7KZ: It was great to see many old friends!

W0VTT: It was great fun in the limited time I had available. Once again, I used my VE5SDH Memorial paddle; a Begali Simplex Basic. It comes out for all FOC events.

W0UA: Pretty awful CONDX but even that can't put a damper on the fun!

G4BYG: Great to be back QRV again after several months without antennas. Mad rush to finish installing my repaired Cobweb antenna. Woke on Friday Morning to see the antenna had slipped on its mounting bracket and was at a rather drunken angle. On checking the swr found all was good, so decided to leave it alone for the duration of the QP. Limited time due to a couple of family members passing away within a week of each other. What operating time I did have was most enjoyable. Band conditions were at times challenging with many ESP type qso's. So thanks to those who called me. Hope the next event is rather less stressful in the run up to it. I may have even invested in a Hexbeam and rotator by then. 161 all Vic G4BYG

N5CW: Always enjoy talking to the group. N5CW

G3RWF: Lovely to see my family but it restricted air time! Conditions were not great but still great fun

G3VMW: I thought activity levels seemed a little down on previous BWQP events, particularly G stations. Conditions were not great, but still managed a few QSOs on 10m. Always enjoy the BWQP here.

K7NJ: Total time on was 4: 19 hours.

G3ZGC: 15m poor, 10m very poor. My simple wires and a SteppIR Verticle did well. I managed ZS1C 5X and VK with ease. A very enjoyable event.

VK2GR: The band conditions were very poor from south eastern Australia.

M0KTZ: Conditions were not stellar, and participation was somewhat down, especially from Europe, but it was good fun. It is always nice to see on air friends old and new, and the BWQP really feels like a family party.

G0KPE: Good band conditions made this BW QSO Party very enjoyable. Nice to have quite a few non-members call for a contact. Some may well progress to be future members. 161 de Carl G0KPE

K7SV: Conditions seemed quite good, but activity down a bit, perhaps due to the SSB WPX contest running at the same time. Always nice to exchange greetings with old FOC friends and new non-FOC folks as well.

K5XK: Still using part of my rain gutters from the HOA!

W0CCA: Simply aimed for 25 qsos per band. Didn't make it on 10 with the conditions. Short timer, about 3 hours in the saddle.

K4AEN: What a fun time! Although the propagation wasn't as good as one would like, there was enough to allow EU and a few VKs through. 101 and 15 opened late and closed early so 20 seemed to be a mainstay. little activity on 160, but managed a few Qs. I spent an enjoyable amount of time, but not too much so that there was family time. It was nice to hear K4FOC in its inaugural event with Amanda (2215) at the key; great to hear the Carolina - Virginia FOC club call on the air! Highlight for me was working GOPNM, Pete, as my first on air QSO - Pete and Angie hosted us when we were visiting Cornwall 3 years ago. Thanks Pete!

W2TB: Crummy conditions spoiled it for a while. too bad. Had fun anyways!

N2ATB: Lots of fun although propagation was not that great.

K4BSK: Operated this year from our family get away QTH near Lexington VA near the Blue Ridge Mountains. Operating time was limited but still a fun event.

AB4I: The thunderstorms started early this year and just in time for BW! I did get in a few hours of operation and enjoyed the camaraderie of FOC.

G4IZZ: Not a lot of spare time to play today, but great to work a few members at least.

W7RF: Lots of things got in the way of more operation but glad I had this many!

DL1CW: Just returned from German Telegraphy Championship, and took the last 3 hours to operate. Condx were reasonable, and some members caught me even on four bands. Thanks for the fun. Arno #2070

4Z4KX: The safest place to hide from the ballistic rockets coming from Iran was the BWQP activity.

G3SYM: Despite having a dreadful cold enjoyed the event, after the recent storms only low fan dipole in use. Surprisingly it performed pretty well.

KP4FOC: Operator was Luis, KP4DX. Band condx were not good but I guess the 75 watts and my dipole did OK...

G3NKS: Rotten condx.

WA5FOC: The most enjoyable qosos were more than 5nn/name/number.

K0VBU: Sorry I did not have more time to participate. Condx were marginal here, but great to hear our great members! 161 Bill K0VBU

IK1WNO: Good morning everyone, It's always a pleasure to meet so many friends on the air. Thanks to everyone we exchanged greetings with! Unfortunately, propagation wasn't 100%, and some bands weren't open. However, I had a lot of fun, and it was also my first BW QP with my own membership number. Thanks everyone for the great QSOs. From Enrico IK1WNO.

W2VT: This was a very nice QSO party, with good propagation and many CW friends!

W4ZYT: Nice to see a lot of old friends and connect with some new ones. Not so much activity this year, but conditions didn't seem as good. Appreciate all the Qs

HK3CQ: This time I couldn't participate as much as I wanted. It was a day with many long family interruptions. Still, I enjoyed it a lot. Half the time I answered calls, and the other half I was doing CQ's. Most stations were from the US, two from Japan, one from Australia, and very few from Europe. Plus, not great conditions. Again, thanks for the fraternity that characterizes FOC members. I'm very proud to be with you guys. Until the next BWQP! 161, Juan, HK3CQ

G4RMV: All search and pounce. Need some practice at calling Test BW though. Very slow the first three quarters only getting lively later.

G4RCG: I only returned from a 2 week cruise at 16z, dropped the cases told the wife to get a cup of tea while I had an hour in the BW, thats what I did just one hour,

W1UU: Made FOC QSOs on all bands 160-10, but CONDX were marginal. It is an easy-going event on a quiet non-super-contest weekend. I did not operate QRP as I usually do in the Marathon. Making Qs was a bit easier. Thanks one and all! Peter, W1UU, 806

G4BSW: Just under three hours spent at the key. We were practising for a ballroom dance evening! Conditions not the best but did manage Andy as 5X2VJ on three bands. He was the only QSO on 10m. A few short rag chews with some old friends. Great fun as always - G4BSW

G0IBN: There is a lot I would like to say but would probably upset members !!

GM3YOR: Very limited activity as I was attending GMDX Club convention which was on same day, only 80 and 40m. Enjoyed meeting up with others during my short time of activity 161 Drew GM3YOR

DJ6ZM: Unfortunately, this weekend overlapped with our HSC and AGCW meeting near Fulda. Nevertheless, I managed a very few QSOs via Wi-Fi from the hotel. As often the case, the Wi-Fi was overloaded and there was a lot of jitter distortions. On the one hand, I missed many friends at the BWQP, but on the other hand, I met many friends again at the meeting. Til next. 161 dj6zm

IK0YGJ: I could operate for 5 hours totally, but the fun is always there! 161 de IK0YGJ

TY5FR: Was busy in WPX SSB ,but spend some Time for the BW QSO-Party .

K6KII: My compliments to Andy, 5Z4VJ, and Red, DL1BUG, for their super ears and excellent operating skills. They provided two more WAFOCC countries!

SM2CEW: Limited time to enjoy the full QP. But good to at least participate and make some QSOs. I mainly used my old WW2 Lionel J-36 bug this time. Glad that so many members switched over to using their bugs during the QSO with me. Bug to bug QSOs always invite to having a short chat which is something I really appreciate, even in the rush a QSO Party. 73/Peter SM2CEW #2145

IK4EWX: Nice fun time with fine friends (and loved Frattini Evolution dual levers bug). In September, retired from job, i will participate to BWQP full time.

K9FN: Condx were not very impressive here... and I had very limited time, but did manage to add a few Windle points and picked up an Augie as well... AND... it was FUN.

K5TF: Ran my Wilderness Radio Sierra (max output 2 watts) into end-fed 40m half wave antenna. 40 meters only. What fun! 38 qosos including F5IN!

W5FB: Regrettably we had way to many family obligations for me to put in much time. However, I look forward to making up for it during next September's BW QSO Party.

GW4MM: Not too much activity this time from me, as the date clashed with Julie's birthday - but I enjoyed the QSOs I made.

JA1KIH: It was very hard to find members on high bands since the propagation was getting poor due to going to end the cycle 25 compared last year from Japan. I had no QSOs on 10m at all, just heard a very weak VK signal. Looking at RBN I found many members from NA and EU, but never heard them!!

JA1GZV: The conditions for this FOC BW QP were poor; I listened for over 10 hours, but could barely hear any signals from Japan towards Europe. I suspect this was due to a magnetic storm caused by solar activity.

G3WGE: Rig: FTDX101MP Power: 100W Antenna: G5RV up 7m agl. A busy weekend, so only managed a few QSOs. Good to meet some new members. Thanks guys.

W4CK: Busy weekend with family and other commitments, but I was able to make some contacts. It is always much fun saying Hello to my Friends Over Continents!

IN3TWX: Hello to all and great to find again lots of FOC members. Last year I was qrv for most of the day and logged more than 50 stations. This year I just came back from a longer trip and entered my house around 20:30 UTC to get the radio warmed up asap. Only made it to 30 stations in just 4 hours, which overall is not too bad. Mostly EU stations on 80 and 40, a few DX stations on 20m as well. Bill Windle is always a fun event to join. 73, WoLF IN3TWX

WA9AQN: Sorry to say I had very limited time over the weekend, but thoroughly enjoyed the time I was able to spend with friends. I hope for better condx and time this fall.

OE3IAK: My first BWQP as part of FOC - I enjoyed that some members took time for a brief chat or welcome.

N9RV: Conflict with WPX kills my activity in this one, sorry.

G3YLA: Limited time this year but nice to work a few stations in between family demands... 161 Jim G3YLA

OZ6XT: I managed to log 21 European FOC stations during this BWQP, though conditions were far from ideal.

VK5FOC(VK5GG): A very quiet BWQP this time. I lost the last hour or so due to a feedline issue (now rectified). I look forward to the next BWQP in September.

OZ5DX: Only QRV in the evening on the low bands. 161 Hans OZ5DX

G3ZRJ: Sorry so few contacts, inundated trying to clear the rental QTH as landlord wants to get out of renting.

PA4N: Only had a short time available to be active. Conditions weren't great, but managed to work a couple fellow FOC members. 161 de Frank PA4N.

W1ZT: Good activity during available time. Always nice to chat when stations amenable.

JS2AHG: No fun from Asia under the poor condx.

W6OAT: Conditions were awful.

VK6GX: Unfortunately the BWQP was just about a non-event for me, as propagation and available operating time conspired against me. LP USA was wiped out by the long duration M class solar flare and by the time I was able to get back on air, the LP to EU had all but gone, resulting in just one very difficult QSO with Ini, EA6EJ (2209). Thanks for your perseverance, Ini! 161, Phil VK6GX.

G4BUE: Probably my lowest ever BWQP score due to poor conditions, unexpected visitors and my decision to run only 1W during 2026. Thanks to those members who heard my QRP, especially Andy, 5X2VJ on 20m for a new 2026 DXCC.