

On Behalf of Chris and Bob and myself, we would like to thank you for letting us operate our radios at the Thomas Edison National Park on July 1. Due to the impending storms that day, we decided to operate in the morning. Unfortunately, we did not have time to see the museum, so that means another visit someday soon.

We had a warm humid day with expected storms that day. Luckily the rain held off until we were done.

Bob -WX2I contacted 11 different stations using a digital mode and his home made vertical antenna, called a buddistick on the 20 meter band.

Those states worked were as follows:

Georgia

Texas (2)

Kentucky

Ohio (2)

Alabama

Florida (2)

North Carolina

Illinois

Total = 11

Interestingly enough, a ham from Pennsylvania heard the familiar sound of Bob's digital transmissions and found his way into the tent. He introduced himself and we found out he used to work with a few of our colleagues.

Chris - KQ2RP First, a little about this call sign. Chris likes to operate at very low power, usually 5 watts. In Ham radio speak, it is called "QRP" Hence the call sign KQ2RP. Chris used a 17 foot fishing pole to support a simple wire antenna connected to his radio.

Chris made his contacts using Morse code and made the following contacts:

New York

North Carolina

New Hampshire

Ohio (2)

Michigan (2)

ONTARIO (2)

Wisconsin (3)

Texas (2)

Kentucky (2)

Illinois (3)

Massachusetts

Minnesota

Georgia

Nebraska

Florida

Missouri (2)

Indiana

Kansas

Total = 28

Lou - K2AN

contacted 12 different stations using 20 and 40 m Phone

Those states worked were as follows:

Wisconsin (2)

North Carolina (5)

Canada

Colorado

Kentucky

Pennsylvania

Ohio

Total = 12

Since the NPOTA rules require at least 10 contacts for an Activation, it was a successful day

After we disassembled the antennas and radios, We went for a late lunch at the famous Star Tavern and returned in time to set up for a Satellite passing overhead at about 3:30 pm. Chris made about 7 more contacts using a homemade Directional Antenna and a 5 watt handheld radio.

Overall it was a great day to get out and operate our radios with a total of 51 qso's +7 satellite contacts for a total of 58 QSO's

Lastly, it was a great honor to be involved in the Periscope Live video feed to those interested in the Park and Museum. Hopefully more interest has been stirred up as a result of the live video.