

RENO QRP SLOW SPEED NET 2023 ANNUAL REORT

The first Reno QRP Slow Speed CW began on June 4, 2018, after the devastating hurricane That hit Puerto Rico years ago. The island was hit so hard that all communications were down, and needed resources were at a standstill.

The Reno QRP Group felt that the grid could go down here just as easily. The members looked to SOTA as an example, they had light weight equipment, and could have a station up and running in a matter of minutes. This led to the beginning of the slow speed CW NET. The NET had three objectives.

1. Get OP's on the air using CW.
2. Install confidence in OP's that were rusty or never operated CW, the NET would be a safe place to begin.
3. Encourage OP's to operate in the field using low power, by doing this a person could provide emergency communication if the grid was down. Also they may find it a lot of fun setting up a station and operating in the field.

When weather conditions are favorable, I operate at Hidden Valley Park about 400 feet above the valley floor where the noise level is S2.5. Out of 25 NET sessions I had to operate at home one time because of the weather.

When I operate in the field at Hidden Valley Park, my set up is the EFHW inverted "L" using two masts with the KX3 at 10 watts. The EFHW inverted "L" wire is 66 ft long and fed using a 46:1 transformer at the bottom of the main mast a 30 ft fiberglass extension pole is tied to a road marker. The other mast is a 26 ft painter pole tied on a signpost raising the far end of the wire.

W7FST field antenna at Hidden Valley Park in Reno, NV.



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ALL QNI FOR THE YEAR

Bob KA6NSN 18 QNI From Quincy, CA
Woody K1LB 17 QNI Reno 11 were in the field (see below) Mike WA6ARA 16 QNI From Ridgecrest, CA
Rob KA7JLT 13 QNI Reno
Phil WB7WE 13 QNI Reno
Roy W7HJL 10 QNI From Walla Walla, WA
Joe KM6HJP 10 QNI From Doyle, CA
Derek W7DLZ 9 QNI Reno 1 in the field (see below)
Van W7IEX 8 QNI Reno 1 in the field (see below)
Craig AE7I 7 QNI Reno 1 in field (see below)
Dave KI7SJE 6 QNI from Wall Walla, WA
Kirk KB7QOD 5 QNI Reno I/O only
Paul N6ILJ 4 QNI From Redlands, CA
Ray W7TAP 2 QNI Reno
Ron AG1P 1 QNI Fernely, NV too weak to copy
Krystal AJ6GC 1 QNI Quincy, CA I/O
DROP IN'S ONE TIME ONLY
Ron KK6KL Santa Cruze, CA
Gary WA6TQJ Davis, CA
Mitch KB6FP/P

FIELD OPERATIONS

Woody K1LB is high point man for field operations
Whites Creek Trail head once
Huffaker trail Head 7 times
Steamboat Hills POTA K4391once Steamboat Hills POTA K4391once
Steamboat Hills SOTA W7N/WC089 once
Rattle Snake Hill SOTA W7N/WC 111 once
Derek W7DLZ is next to QNI from a SOTA location Little Round Top SOTA W6/NS087
Van W7IEX one time from patio
Craig AE7I one time from back yard Mike WA6ARE at home in Ridgecrest, CA
Bob KA6NSN at home in Quincy, CA
Dave KI7SJE at home in Walla Walla, WA
Woody K1LB POTA at Glena Park Near Reno, NV
Woody K1LB SOTA a few miles north of Reno, NV
Derek W7DLZ on SOTA peak Tinker Knob west of Reno, NV Derek W7DLZ on SOTA peak Freel Peak south west of Reno, NV Craig AE7I in field back yard in Reno, NV















