

SOAPBOX – NON-FLORIDA

9A2EU - Very good conditions on 40m to Florida. **AD8J** - This was much harder than operating portable from Florida. There you can just hit the F1 key and wait for callers. Chasing mobiles from out of state is too much like work! Next year I'll probably be back in Florida. **DK2OY** - Nice activity, now my task is to get some QSLs for my USA-CA. **DLØERF** - Gave some contacts (mostly for mobiles) from the club station. **DL3DXX** - Great activity and good propagation. 20m was open long on Saturday thus there was no gap to 40m. Big competition in Europe. Lost always against CT1ILT and DK2OY, that's why the only chance was to find the mobiles earlier. N4PJ gave CAL instead of CAH at 1350z. I logged him again with CAH at 1401z. Worked all FL counties and 464 QSOs. What a weekend! Be back next year. **DL3GA** - It was a difficult party for me. Local QRM (S9+10) didn't let me be QRV for a good part of Saturday and much of Sunday. The propagation at the start was bad on 20m and zero on 15m. Good thing there are enthusiastic ops in Florida, so for the few hours that propagation cooperated, fun was guaranteed. **DL5MC** - This was the last FQP with my daughter as a Florida resident. After living in Merritt Island and Orlando she has moved for a short time to Gainesville, but soon she will move to Atlanta to be near her boyfriend's family. I prepared for that by operating the GQP this year as well hihi. I was very happy to hear a lot of mobiles, but they were often in the mud, unintelligible even on the beam at the club station. Thanks for all the QSOs! **G3LIK** - Only able to take part for a limited time. Lots of QSB on the bands. Great to hear some familiar calls! **HA2MN** - Great contest with better propagation than in recent years. Some of my QSOs were right on the edge due to my poor antenna. Thanks for hearing my weak signals! See you next year! **I4VEQ** - Great fun despite no great conditions. 20m was open only in the night. Thanks to all mobile stations; they are the greatest part of FQP! **KØGEO** - Congrats to all Floridians for a great QSO Party! Hope to have more time next year. **KØHC** - After a two day Nebraska QSO Party run, I got back Sunday at 3 -50pm which left me one hour to get Hesston Cllege on the air. Great job all! **K1QO** - Wow...the mobiles really make this contest! I left the radio on while making supper and ran upstairs

every five minutes so I could check the mobiles. W1NN, N4O, N4EEB, W4MY and the incredible W4AN pulled my LP + wire antenna signal out of the noise 16 times. John, you are positively the best! Thanks so much for the fun you guys! I'll have to spend more time in this contest next year! **K3TW** - Many thanks for another fun FQP. I returned to my Maryland QTH to operate because I don't have competitive antennas installed yet in my FL QTH in CIT. Many thanks to all the fine FL operators, especially the mobile stations, for making this another successful event. See you in 2011 from the FL side. **K3WW** - Sweep seemed very fast this year. The mobiles held their spots in the windows very well for most of the weekend. **K4ORD** - All the mobiles made the FQP interesting and fun. On 20m here in Southern VA some stations were strong while others were weak. Guess I was just on the border of the skip zone. You folks did a great job! Thanks! **K5LH** - My first sweep ever in a QSO Party, and that with low power in CW only! Many thanks to the mobiles. **K6MEE** - Always fun! **K7DNH** - You should consider offering participation certificates to everyone who submits a log. An online version isn't hard to do - once the log is submitted the log robot can send the web address to download a participation certificate. Other states send them even if only three logs were submitted! **K7RFW** - Propagation was mostly one way for me. Maybe next year. **K7SV** - It was nice to find some time between spring antenna work to work friends down south in FQP. Conditions were rather punk but it was a lot of fun chasing mobiles from county to county! **K8IJ** - As always, great fun! Many thanks to all, especially the mobiles. **K8IR** - Missed DUV. Saturday conditions on 20m were awful. At times 15m was much better. Much improved conditions on Sunday but the northern part of the state was much weaker in the afternoon. Another great job by all the mobiles. **K8MM** - It was great fun following all the mobiles as they drove county to county. I missed Clay and Holmes for the sweep. **K9IUU** - As advertised, this was a fun event and this year was no exception! Too bad 15m never quite opened up for me. CU again next year. The mobiles did an excellent job! Happy to get my sweep! **KAØP** - Nice contest, bad conditions. **KD5JHE** - FQP has always been a hard contest for me. With 29 QSOs, I'd say I

did well. TNX for all the nice contacts. **KJ8O** - I installed a ground mounted 5BTV vertical since last year, and was happy with the increase in QSO count. Thanks for a great QSO Party and see you next year! **N4ARO** - A few hours on Sunday. Poor band conditions; mobiles were often pretty weak here. **N4JF** - Too close to FL for a good effort. 80m would have been beneficial. **N4PN** - Thanks to all, especially the mobiles. Charlie NF4A led the way here with 27 QSOs, followed by N4O (17), N4EEB (16), W1NN (13), K4OJ/K4KG (9), W4AN/N4AO (7), K4O (6), W4MY (5), AD4ES/K5YAA (4), and W4ZW (3). Many with one or two QSOs. Great conditions on 20m on Saturday. Thanks to all for the QSOs! **N8BJQ** - Missed the first day. Pretty good activity on Sunday. Spent most of the afternoon following the mobiles around. Tnx to W1NN (10), N4EEB (11), N4O (8), W4AN (7), N4PJ (8), K4OJ (8), and the rest of the mobiles for the counties. Fun as always. **N8XI** - Entered to work a few stations. Propagation wasn't bad on Saturday, so I stayed. Then re-entered the fray on Sunday. Next thing I knew I worked K4PV/SAN for the last county. My first clean sweep in a QSO Party!! **N9VPV** - Great to hear 10m open for the FQP. **NA5TR** - 20m open to FL from TX very nicely. 15m was dismal! Nice to work K4OJ/m several times. Many thanks to all. **ND4V** - Thanks for another fine party. I thought conditions were pretty good. I could hear mobiles on 40m and occasionally on 20m. Not a clean sweep, but I bettered my score from last year. **NO2D** - 40m was the action band during the few hours that I could operate. Heard lots of stations that could not hear my 5w to a dipole at 30 feet. Always a lot of fun. **NO5W** - Another in a long line of great FQP events with a number of outstanding ops and great participation from both inside and outside of Florida. This year I wasn't able to recruit a driver or co-operator to do my usual mobile operation in the FQP so I thought I would go all out and try for the sweep, which I had never been able to accomplish in the years before I started mobiling in FQP. So, Friday night I was sitting at the computer going over the big spreadsheet of mobile activity (thanks KØRC) trying to determine critical paths and counties needing the most attention. With the rig tuned to around 7028 I thought there might be some FQP ops doing some testing and needing a signal report -

maybe one would issue a test signal. Sure enough about that came time came a VVVV to which I responded 5NN. Perhaps the recently installed K3 telepathic accessory is working. After a brief chat with K5KG, who was testing out the K4KG mobile (probably loading the box ejection device), we QSYed to 20m, which was also in pretty good shape. So, I thought a sweep was well within reach with good signals from FQP-land all weekend. Well, that wasn't the case as signals into the Houston area were weak on 20m which seemed to be long and the band of preference all day on Saturday. It wasn't until the action moved to 40m Saturday evening that signals picked up and the end of the Saturday session found me needing only 13 more for the sweep. Interestingly the two (Monroe and Miami-Dade) that K0RC had marked in red due to planned activity only on Saturday were in the log in the first hour on Saturday. Reviewing the list on Sunday morning it looked like the tough ones were going to be Escambia and Walton. A quick QSO with NF4A right before the Sunday start revealed that he would be in Escambia but it would be his last one of the day rather than the first one – it looked like the sweep wouldn't be in the log anytime soon. But good things sometimes happen when you least expect them and KC4HW appeared in ESC with a good signal and no pileup around 1545 and K4O appeared in WAL with the same conditions about an hour later. So it appeared that the sweep was in reach around 1700z with only OKE and CLR remaining. The last one, OKE, went in the log at 1802 and was actually the easiest county all weekend in terms of time in the pile since I had time to track N4O down the east coast and was waiting for him before the OKE pile had a chance to assemble. The most difficult county in terms of time in the pile must have been LAF, where K5YAA was working the LAF/DIX county line. I must have stayed in the pile for a good half our on that one. Of course, shortly after finally working Jerry I found another LAF station. All but the following counties were worked with at least two QSOs - Baker, Walton, Washington, Calhoun, Holmes, Madison, Nassau, Hamilton, Gadsden, Glades, Gulf. Thanks to the FQP mobiles who were simply outstanding accounting for over 50% of my QSOs with the following numbers - N4O(24), W1NN(17), K4OJ(15), K4KG(15), K5YAA(14),

N4EEB(12), W4AN(11), N4PJ(9), N4AO(7), W4MY(5), NF4A(5), AD4ES(4), K4O(4), KC4HW(3). The most amusing thing that happened to me in the QSO party illustrates that it is important to listen, to be a frequent entry in the mobile logs, and to be in the right place at the right time. I was listening to a big pileup on a mobile as he entered LEE and was trying to determine what my calling strategy would be – call high/low, early/late, etc. I hadn't made a single call to the station in LEE but was about to hit the pounce button when, at the end of a roaring call by the pile, the mobile station sent NO5W 5NN LEE. I was stunned but quickly released the K3 Telepathic QSO button and sent my exchange. It made my day just as the FQP did my weekend. Thanks to FCG for hosting a great party. **ON6NL** - My first US QSO Party! Big Fun! Hope to set a Belgian record. **PG6EL** - Thanks for the nice weekend. Conditions not very good. **SM6Z** - Heavy QRM from neighbors plasma TV. Boycott Samsung! **UA3VVB** - Thanks to all Florida stations who answered my calls. **VA3DX** - Had 66 counties at 2017z, waited for N4O/UNI for #67. At 2311z beat my previous high score, hope the log checkers are kind. Many new nets on 7180-7200, and most are not contest friendly. Extreme thanks to K4KG/m who always QSYed to SSB for me. Many said "sri...no mic!" **VE3BK** - Had fun, even though band conditions were not very good. I didn't know if 15m was going to open so worked some CW on 20m, something I didn't do last year. When 15m opened somewhat, I did some CW there first and then was able to do phone as well. Overall I had more fun than last year. I couldn't hear anyone on Saturday and didn't have much time to spend but Sunday was the day I worked what I could hear. Thanks to everyone and I'll see you next year. **VK4TT** - G'day to the few ops I was able to work. Also to the many who tried, though they had no chance to hear me with the conditions. **W0BH/m** - It was usually easy to work Florida as I ran the Nebraska QSO Party mobile from 17 counties. Lots of activity down there. Maybe I should turn in an in-state mobile log since at least a few folks likely logged me that way! **W0ETT** - Thanks to all the mobiles for activating so many counties! **W0JPL** - I counted 16 or more mobiles running around during the contest. Great work! **W1KDA** - Band conditions could have been better, but the

FQP is always a great event! Look forward to next year! **W2RR** - 100% S&P. My first sweep in 40 years in any QSO Party! **W2UDT** - Due to other commitments I was only able to operate part of Sunday. Just based on that I know I missed some good activity. I checked 15m several times and made only one contact. The same with 40m toward the end. Thanks again to all the mobiles who really helped the county count. There were some big pileups and the sponsors did another fine job. **W4AWF** - Worked this contest from the RV in Houston County, AL thirty miles north of I-10. Had a good time working CW and phone on 40m only with a dipole at 15 feet. **W4JHC** - Great QSO Party! Wish we had better conditions. **W4JHU** - Thanks for sponsoring, organizing, and administering the event. **W4KRN** - Great conditions Saturday on 20m. Many thanks to all the mobiles. Great job! Got close to a sweep this year. **W4UCZ** - Best contest in the country! **W7KAM** - Tough conditions this year on 20m! **W8KNO** - Squeezed my operating in between chores and rain. **W8TM** - I decided to try low power this year (I generally do QRP) to see if my score would improve. It doubled, as did my QSO count. **W9HHX** - Had fun making many good contacts. Conditions seemed to fluctuate a fair amount. **W9QL** - Well, for the second year in a row Mother Nature decided she would limit my operating time with a pretty good show of lightning on Saturday afternoon. The storms lingered in the area, making 40m so noisy that it was really impossible to hear anything. But, I still had fun and appreciated working all the ops that remembered me from previous years in this contest. The loss of 40m really hurt my chance to work a lot of mobiles this year, which would have helped my multiplier score. Anyway, thanks for a really fun contest and I look forward to next year. **W9RE** - Great activity as always. Congrats! **WA5TRX** - Had a good time working half of the state counties. **WA6KHK** - Another well-run QSO Party! Two shy of working all Florida counties during this contest! **WW3K** - My first FQP. Will definitely be back!

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AA4GT - We had fun even if the bands were bad. On 40m it did not pick up until late afternoon. We had a 20m beam at 75

feet and a 40m dipole at 40 feet. On 20m we used K9KNW's Flex5000. It worked very well. Now we get ready for Field Day. Hope to see you on the bands. **AA4W** - FQP was a blast this year. Bands seemed to be up and down. I was glad to see 10m and 15m open, at least for brief periods. **AC4FS** - Band conditions weren't the greatest, but I had fun. I wish a digital category (PSK-31, RTTY) would be added. **K1KNQ/m** - Equipment operated FB. I was much better at driving time management this year. It seems I had high noise levels on 20m no matter where I was. **K2CIB/4** - Nice crowd! Shame that 10m and 15m were not available, but 20m and 40m cooperated OK. **K2EUH/4** - Nearly all contacts 100w to hamstick-type antenna on a tripod outside my house. Purpose was to (roughly) simulate what mobile results would have been. Strictly a part-time effort. **K2ZR/4** - Lots of fun! **K4LJP** - Gentlemen, this was my first real contest. I participate at Field Day every year, and do a lot of special events, but I'm not a contester. Basically I'm your everyday ragchewer. I activated four counties, Broward, Martin, Palm Beach, and St. Lucie from my mobile along I-95 from atop higher overpasses and at rest areas. Rig was an old Icom 706 MkII and an assortment of hamsticks, with breaks to go home for naps and to watch NASCAR. It was fun, but not nearly as easy as I had imagined. I encountered a lot of fixed stations working the mobile part of 20m and 40m each day. I was pleasantly surprised by a brief 10m window early Saturday PM. It was certainly a learning experience. Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks? I may give it a go next year, but I don't think I'll do it alone. Tnx for the opportunity. **K4LQ** - Enjoyed my one day of FQP mobile operation, but due to some vision problems had to cancel operations on Sunday. Hope to be back next year for a full two day effort. **K4O/m (KN4Y)** - A bowling buddy drove Saturday and my son drove Sunday with my wife as co-pilot. Heavy rain early Sunday but cleared nicely. Ran mostly 20m and was kept busy. Used K4O in memory of Ink Bowen N4OO (SK). Rest in peace, my friend. **K9JG/4** - Enjoyed my first FQP. Looking forward to spending more time on the air next year. Special thanks to the ops who corrected my CW county abbreviation! **KC4ERT** - Our first contest as a club! Already planning for next year! **KC4MYV** - Loved it! 40m may just be

my favorite band! **KF4DVG** - Slowed down by bronchitis, high VSWR from storm damage, and where was 10m? But had a blast!! **KG4TQQ** - Fun contest. Enjoyed it a lot! I made a lot of mistakes but hopefully have learned from the experience. **KI2G/4** - Great fun putting ORA on the air on CW and SSB. Nice to work N4PN on three bands. Monster last hour pileup on 40m SSB. Great fun as always! Will be back next year, but may turn off the amp next time. **KT4Q/m** - This was my first attempt at mobile operation. I have a lot to learn and if I could run a frequency in CW, life would be different. It is a lot more difficult to make SSB contacts as a mobile, even in a rare county. Still had a great time doing it. **N2ATA/4** - Enjoyed the limited time with the FQP and will try it again another year. Not the best of propagation and the station here is far from a big gun but still enjoyed the random pileups. **N4CJ (G4BUE)** - What a change from last year when I had a clean sweep on CW as G4BUE from the UK. We were multi-single this year, June on SSB and me on CW. We were unable to start until 2322z on Saturday and missed the best conditions to Europe. Sunday was a bit of a struggle to work Europe, although I managed a few 15m CW qsos with the European regulars. I think I would have struggled a bit to get a clean sweep from Europe this year. Logged my first FQP QSOs on 10m - a sign of good things to come? Excellent support from VE and USA again and it was great to be part of this increasingly popular event. I don't know where I will be in 2011 - N4CJ or G4BUE - but definitely one or the other! **N4DXI** - Too many thunderstorms! **N4LZ** - Saturday: Great! Sunday: Bad! Had a ton of fun!! **N4O/m (K1TO, K8NZ)** - In honor of Ink Bowen N4OO (SK). Thanks for all the QSOs! **N6SL/4** - MAO caused a pileup on 40m like a rare DX station. **W1MO/4** - A very part-time effort, but enjoyed it. 10m was open, but not many showed. **W1ZM/4** - Coupled a great visit with my dad and the FQP. Several hours between food, baseball, beer, and bocce. **W4GAC** - First contest from our new location. Used high power this year to check for RFI inside our new digs. NP2MZ visiting from St. John, USVI and we put her to work. Wish FQP came twice a year. **W4MLB** - Operated from our new club station. We had six new hams visit and observe the operation, but we were unable to get them to

operate. **WA4OAB** - Great opportunity to test my new Hexbeam on the air. A big improvement over the G5RV I've used the past two years. I had used a quad as my only directional antenna since 1964 but thanks to W4TV for suggesting the Hexbeam as an alternative. 2011 FQP can't come fast enough! **WJ9B/4** - I stopped for 90 minutes due to storms. Conditions were better than last year on 20m but strange on the other bands. This is a measured QRP entry of 4.8w using a Coaxial Dynamics wattmeter.