

# 2010 LQP (Locust QSO Party) RESULTS

Also known as LQP 53, the fourth annual running of the Locust QSO Party was a blast as usual. Thanks to all the LQP "Regulars" and to all the new folks who participated this year.

Once again, Mr. Murphy messed around with the propagation, and band conditions were not as good as experienced the following night during the TNC NS and SNS events. Hopefully things will be different during LQP 54 in January, 2011.

A special TNX is in order to our two fine LQP "Secret Swarms" this year: Mike, W9RE, and Dennis, W1UE, handed out a lot of "Bonus Points" to LQP participants. Great job, guys !!!

The LQP remains the most "levelized playing field" of any contest, but also an annual reminder of how important superb operating skills are. Kudos once again to the Big Gun type Contesters who joined in the LQP53 fun and turned down the output power to their bigger (and higher) antennas than most of the LPCS ("Little Pistol Contest Station") operators.

This year's really, really close LQP "Horse Race" was in the "Green Power" category between last year's Winner (Bob, K6XX), and Bill, N6ZFO. Bob lost part of his 80 meter rotary



**K6VVA (The Locust) & N6ZFO at an REDXA meeting in May, 2009. Bill (a/k/a The NS-Meister) won the LQP "Green Power" category. We were making a toast to all the NS "Regulars", but maybe Bill was also anticipating his future "Green Power" category win :^)**

dipole in a nasty storm which reminds us all that darn old Mr. Murphy is no respecter of person's. We have most likely all taken our turn being on the short end of the stick at times because of old Mr. Murphy's unexpected and unwanted appearances. I am confident that Mr. Bill will treat Bob to a consoling drink or two at a future NCCC meeting.

The complete score results begin on Page 2. Here is a Summary of the Winners in categories with bona fide LQP entries:

• N4AF	74,000 Points
• N6RO	76,000 Points
• N6ZFO	71,000 Points
• W7WHY	67,000 Points
• AD6E	50,000 Points
• K9JWV	35,000 Points
• W0BH	62,000 Points

4 categories had no entries.

Now, for my annual repeat of the following ...

I'm firmly convinced that as we all age in years, more of the Little Pistol Contest Station operators would stretch a bit to spend more time in-the-chair (which would provide more QSOs for everyone) in some of the major contests, \*IF\* an additional "Levelized Playing Field" category would be added. The ideal venue would provide for various scoring adjustments based upon types of antennas and height above ground, Geographical terrain and azimuthal topography, SO1R vs. SO2R operation and power output level consideration factors. Anyone could still enter the existing HP, LP & QRP categories as they now stand if desired. To this end, the LQP will at least attempt to make an annual (imperfect, but PERSISTENT) dent in the armored wall of Contesting Rules inequalities. NOTE: Operating Skills are most certainly still required to win, of course :-)

TNX again as always to all who showed up in this year's LQP53. Let's do it once again next year!!!

73 & Enjoy Contesting Fun Always...

Rick, K6VVA \* The Locust LQP (Locust QSO Party) "Sponsor"

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## SCORES

### W1, W2, W3, W4 (Traditional Call Prefix Area States Group)

<b>N4AF</b>	<b>(NC)</b>	<b>74,000 Points</b>	<b>NCJ SUBSCRIPTION (Or Renewal) Category WINNER !!!</b>
K1ZZI	(GA)	64,000 Points	
NO3M	(PA)	63,000 Points	
K8NZ	(FL)	58,000 Points	
K1GU	(TN)	57,000 Points	
W4AU	(VA)	56,000 Points	
W4NZ	(TN)	56,000 Points	
KB1NRB	(CT)	54,000 Points	(W1UJ, Opr. @ KB1H)
KY4F	(AL)	48,000 Points	
W1WBB	(RI)	47,000 Points	
N3SD	(PA)	36,000 Points	

### W5, W8, W9, W0 (Traditional Call Prefix Area States Group)

<b>W0BH</b>	<b>(KS)</b>	<b>62,000 Points</b>	<b>NCJ SUBSCRIPTION (Or Renewal) Category WINNER !!!</b>
N5DO	(TX)	55,000 Points	
WQ5L	(MS)	51,000 Points	
K0AD	(MN)	49,000 Points	
K9MMS	(IL)	47,000 Points	
K9BGL	(IL)	45,000 Points	
K0TG	(MN)	45,000 Points	
NO5W	(TX)	43,000 Points	
WI0WA	(IA)	33,000 Points	(N0AC, Opr.)

### W6, W7 (Traditional Call Prefix Area States Group \* Non-NCCC)

<b>W7WHY</b>	<b>(OR)</b>	<b>67,000 Points</b>	<b>NCJ SUBSCRIPTION (Or Renewal) Category WINNER !!!</b>
K07X	(WY)	61,000 Points	
K7SS	(WA)	58,000 Points	
KI7Y	(OR)	36,000 Points	
W7SW	(AZ)	25,000 Points	

### KH6 (HI), KL7 (AK), KP2(VI)/KP4(PR) Call Prefix Area Group

\*\*\* No Category Entries This Year \*\*\*

### VE1(NB/NS/PEI/NL-LAB/MAR), VE2, VE3 Provinces Group

\*\*\* No Category Entries This Year \*\*\*

### VE4, VE5, VE6, VE7, VE8 (YT/NWT/NUNAVUT) Provinces Group

\*\*\* No Category Entries This Year \*\*\*

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North America Outside of Canada, the USA and USA Territories

\*\*\* No Category Entries This Year \*\*\*

LQP/NCCC NS NOOB (1 NCCC, 1 Non-NCCC)

**AD6E (CA) 50,000 Points (\*) NCJ SUBSCRIPTION (Or Renewal) Category WINNER !!!**

**K9JWV (UT) 35,000 Points (\*\*) NCJ SUBSCRIPTION (Or Renewal) Category WINNER !!!**

NE7D (OR) 32,000 Points

N6WM (CA) 30,000 Points

W6ONV (CA) 11,000 Points

(\*) NCCC Member (\*\*) Non-NCCC

LQP GREEN POWER

**N6ZFO (CA) 71,000 Points NCJ SUBSCRIPTION (Or Renewal) Category WINNER !!!**

K6XX (CA) 70,000 Points

NCCC Member (W6/W7 ONLY) Call Area Group

**N6RO (CA) 76,000 Points NCJ SUBSCRIPTION (Or Renewal) Category WINNER !!!**

K6SRZ (CA) 65,000 Points

W6SX (CA) 62,000 Points

K6MM (CA) 57,000 Points

AD6E (CA) 50,000 Points

K6NV (CA) 42,000 Points

W4NJK (CA) 32,000 Points

AE6RF (CA) 14,000 Points

K6DGW (CA) 13,000 Points

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CHECKLOG ONLY

W1JR (NH) 45,000 Points

N5VI (GA) 28,000 Points

K1DW (LA) 27,000 Points

**LQP Trivia: Joe/W1JR nicknamed me "The Locust" in 1960 !!!**

LOCUST SECRET SWARMERS

W1UE (MA) 68,000 Points (@ K1IR) Tnx again, Dennis !!!

W9RE (IN) 68,000 Points Tnx again, Mike !!!

LQP SPONSOR ("The Locust")

K6VVA (CA) 81,000 Points I love it when this happens even if I can't win an award :^)

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## SOAPBOX COMMENTS

Fun but really struggled on 80. Worked N0KK right away and then it was a full 3 minutes before I could make another Q on 80! Heard Swarmer #2 several times but could not get through. Hope the winners enjoy their NCJ! - **K0AD**

My first event with LQP and NCCC and had a ball. Fairly good conditions on 80 meters. Forty was maginal but that's expected out here in s/w Utah this time of the year. Looking forward to the next similar event. All of the operators exhibited excellent fists and thanks for being patient with me (had some QRN and QSB that caused me to require occasional repeats. - **K9JWV**

Great contest, Rick, and I thoroughly enjoyed myself. I heard you once on 40 but we were 'out of phase'. Maybe the level playing field will help out my standing, but I think there were too many other good ops on! - **W4AU**

Happy Hamster Birthday nr 53 Senor Locust...and thanks for hosting the party ! good fun... many more !! looking forward to LQP 2020, then 2030 and on - 40 great ...17 Qs in 6 minutes. 80 tough. The Gardol Invisible Shield was up - only W0BH and N0KK could drag me thru it on 80 - rest were all NCCC boys. Could actually sense my 80m signal hitting the Shield and dripping to the ground - heard many E and Midwest guys just fine...but no quantity joy in mudville on 80. tnx bob, and kirk. good ears. - **K7SS**

I don't have to list myself as a NOOB -- it showed! It wasn't until I got to 80M that my heart slowed down enough for me to copy without S9+ aortal QRM. Wow! You guys do this every week? Wotta rush! Tnx for letting me play .....and happy 53rd Rick! - **N7ED**

Congratulations to the Locust / Rick / K6VVA on 53 years in ham radio. The LQP is a great idea, and the rules are well thought out. We need more contests with rules that try to better-level the playing field like Rick's ideas. Thanks, Rick, for a great event. This was my first time in an LQP. Murphy hit at the start. I made only 1 QSO in the first 10 minutes due to PC logging problems. After resolving the problem (third start with logging), the QSO rate averaged about 1 per minute. My total operating time was 47 minutes. The participation level seemed to be very good. In May, 2010, I will have been licensed in ham radio for 52 years – not too far behind the Locust. This is a great hobby. - **K9MMS**

KB1NRB, W1UJ op, at KB1H Station! We were up there trying to get things squared away for the January VHF contest (KB1DFB #1 ML 2009!) and hopped on with the hopes of earning KB1NRB, Allan, a NCJ 'Major Award!' Our score exactly 53000 points for the 53rd LQP has got to be worth something!! 40 was fun, 80m was slower. The lower power sure does make a difference. Usually we are always heard by the big 4-square from the barn. The first 3 QSOs may be out of order and the log was run under the NASPRINT. - **W1UJ**

Happy 53rd Locust. Glad to be back for a 2nd LQP. I heard a lot of on NS calls. Hopefully some of them will take the path I did and get into NS as well. Lots of activity! 80 was especially noisy here. To bad. I was having such a good time operating that I went p[ast the end time. I wrote down the band switch and end times but mis-read my writing. CQing away for a couple of minutes until I realized that it had ended! :) This was a nice end to a 13 hour day at work! - **K0TG**

Just plain fun, thanks for doing this. I was worried aboutd the snow static, 40m was quiet no static, activity was good, lots of stations, about 1/2 were loud others in the mud. 80m was surprisingly good, the static levels were very low (earlier in the evening they were very high), most all sigs were loud enough for serious QRM. Best we have had here in months. Guess I don't have to ask for the snow static handicap of 1.78! Lots of competition for the swarmers, K6VVA was very loud on both bands, K6XX was the loudest of anyone on 80m, at first I though my neighbor N6XI was on when on when I heard that sig. - **K6NV**

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My first NS style operating event ever. Was great fun and will be back! Thanks LOCUST for a FUN FUN test and happy 53rd Ham Year! - **N6WM**

This was a FUN event! Many thanks for putting it together again Rick...and nice to work you on both bands. I'm just trying to get the hang of this Sprint thing...it's a good challenge for me. Seemed like good activity to me here in New England but bands were noisy...needed a few repeats. Made 17 Q's on 40m, 15 Q's on 80m. Heard but missed the Secret Swarmers on 40m...did NOT miss working their big sigs on 80m. Tom, W7WHY you were heard here but no QSO Shall we all do it again in NS tomorrow eve?? CU then. Congrats on 53 yrs in Hamdom Rick. You've got 20+ yrs on me OM; CK '77 (April) for me. Cheers to many more good years. - **W1WBB**

Tnx to all for the Qs. Great fun. 40m not too bad here but 80m in bad shape with lots of static crashes due to storm in area. Congrats to the Locust on your 53 years in radio -- 53 years here also. - **NO5W**

First time participating in the LQP or a contest of the "sprint" nature. While I am still learning CW I felt very overwhelmed. I don't think I ever acquired a true rhythm, like I would in a contest longer in duration. I did hear our contest sponsor, as well as the two swarmers, but never did get to work them. Thanks to Rick (VVA) for an enjoyable time. - **W6ONV**

Ugly... S9+ QRN on 80M. Sounded like a summer night. Very difficult to copy the low power stations but the Locusts were strong. 40 was not so bad. Nice job, Mr. Locust. - **K07X** [LocustNote: The Locusts were meant to be *strong* by design :^]

Happy Radio Birthday. I got a Locust Double-Band Sweep. Is it coincidence that the height of my antenna in feet and # Q's are the same? lol. On the afternoon of LQP53 a burst of sunshine in the midst of a major storm allowed for a Green entry again this year. Maybe K6XX had clouds. Funniest signal heard -- K9MMS sounding like he was using a 50's rig salvaged from Outer Mongolia. Thought Gary had gone retro on us, but alas it was a K-3. Already looking forward to LQP54 and beyond. The LQP works so well because the Locust has the inspiration, vision, fortitude, and interest in self promotion to organize such an event. Maybe not a coincidence that VVA is an actor on the side? Figuring out the contest rules, minding the time constraints and then filling out this log should qualify the participants for a Locust PhD in the field of Radio Contest Science. Well, at least a Master's Degree. Although these comments *\*are\** approaching the length of a thesis. In the spirit of the Locust name, I experienced sudden hunger for an onion bagel with smoked salmon, creamed cheese, capers and cucumbers after working N7LOX for the first LQP53 QSO on 40m. - **N6ZFO**

Lots of noise in more ways than one .. happy 53rd, Locust! Soapbox = Thanks for the waiver on the last one. - **W0BH** [LocustNote: Bob & I started out QSO seconds before the final bell, but completed it in accordance with the rules :^]

Murphy struck at the outset. Loaded wrong contest in N1MM, fixed that but found I had wrong messages loaded. When I got all that straightened out found 40m to be pretty stinky. Had to wait until I got to 80m to catch the Secret Swarmer clones. But it was a terrific party, Rick. Great activity and lots of fun. Thank you and many happy returns. - **W4NZ**

Fun, fun, fun. Glad to see everyone come and play in the LQP. Hope to work all the newbies show up for the NSL on Thursday night. 73. - **W7WHY**

N1mm logger would not accept a qso without a number, so I typed 1000 in the #window, hence a 1000 points column in the cabrillo log. It also skipped #37! Mebbe someone will write a module for LQP for 2011! Just as much fun as an NS! Congrats on 53rd, Rick. - **N6RO**

Great fun Rick TNX FER idea and keeping LQP going. got the process going most of the time but CONDX required persistence e.g. to get W9RE! - **W4NJK**

While 40m was great, 80m was very rough... storm destroyed 80m antenna the day before the LQP, so had to use lousy wire dipole. I lost every call east of the Rockies... at least some answered my desperate CQs. - **K6XX**

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First time in this contest. WOW .. hope I did not screw up anyone's QSOs... twice worked W1UE / locust... does that count for any points? - **K1DW**

Phun Party, LoCusT. But you should allow 5,000 points for each Swarmer worked PER BAND. Same for you as Sponsor. Happy 53rd. - **K6MM** [LocustNote: The reason this is not done is because some LPCS ops would not be able to work the Locust or Secret Swarmers on all bands!!!]

Please let WA7BNM know that sprint rules apply to LQP; this is not stated on the WA7BNM site though there is a link to your rules page. This would help last-minute entrants who don't have time to read through all of your rules. Fortunately, I figured it out quickly. - **K6SRZ** [LocustNote: Good idea, Alan – Tnx!!!]

Condx down some, one hop QRN was a problem on 80M. - **N4AF** [LocustNote: That didn't stop Howie ("AL") from racking up his huge 74,000 Point score and being a category Winner :^]

A great time! Happy 53rd Rick! Soapbox = A big thanks to Jim K1IR for the use of his station! - **W1UE**

I enjoyed another year of Locust-ism. Thanks for sponsoring the LQP Rick. - **W1OWA (NOAC)**

Crummy conditions here, but thanks, and congratulations on 53 years. - **K9BGL**

Too bad 40 m was punk and there was a lot of noise on 80. - **W9RE**

Came out to support the sponsor. Heck, it's his "birthday." - **AE6RF**

40m was good but the wheels came off on 80m. Great fun! - **K8NZ**

Conditions rotten but still fun. I need a low dipole for 40. - **K1GU**

Sure hope I did this log correctly. - **AD6E**

Congrats 53! - **NO3M**

Very fun event! - **KY4F**

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## RELECTIONS

One cool thing I always like to see in the LQP are the new folks who show up that will probably join our regular group for more great TNC (Thursday Night Contesting) activity in the NS. We actually had more players in the LQP game, but not everyone submitted a log. The major thrill for me again this year was when my longtime friend and DX Elmer Joe, W1JR, give me a buzz and LQP QSO. Where have the last 50 years gone, Joe??? Joe ended up in the Checklog category this because he forgot to turn down power levels as some have done in the past and been so forthright. We still have a lot of Honest Contesters on the planet !!! Sincere condolences to Van, N5VI, whose father passed away the day after the LQP.

**Looking forward to LQP 54 in 2011**

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