

## 2005 OMISS QSO PARTY SUMMARY

The 2005 OMQP is history and in the books! We experienced yet another progressive year with the largest log entry submission to date since the rejuvenation of the Party in 2003 (43 logs), with a good time being enjoyed by all. We hope to have 50+ log entries for next year!

A total of 25 states and 2 Canadian provinces were represented in this year's event which was 3 more states than last year. Consequently, the OMQP continues to be on a progressive note not only for increasing OMISS membership and being a positive influence on the bands for the Net, but is also becoming one of the mainstays of annual amateur radio contest activities. This would not be possible without the congenial atmosphere during the OMQP, brought about by its great member participants.

We also created a separate Mobile Category beginning this year, and we had 3 fine operators braving the highways and byways during the OMQP weekend, helping all of us to work extra states and even counties (for the county hunters). A big thanks to Peter/N2XTT, Jim/W9AVM, and Page/WA3EOP for the fine job they did from the mobile.

The 2005 OMQP had stations from 7 new states participating, which leaves us with only 15 states to go, without having someone operate the event from those states. Canadian participation continues on the upswing as we had 4 Canadian entries this year; more than we've ever had thusfar.

11 All-Time records fell during the weekend, with some very good to great scores being tallied by some great operators, and other records were also in jeopardy.

Finally, a big thanks from Ron/KX2J and myself to those of you who made this year's event more fun and more successful than any we've had to date. Another big thanks to the OMISS board for their support of this event. And a big thanks to Stuart/K2YYY, Warren/KM5EW, and Harry/N5VTP for their great cooperation and support with the OMISS website, certificates, and newsletter.

Hope to see everyone back next year, along with those of you who haven't operated yet in the event! Get your feet wet and have some fun with the rest of us, hi hi!

73, Don/K5DB-OMQP Co-chair