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50th running of the California QSO Party
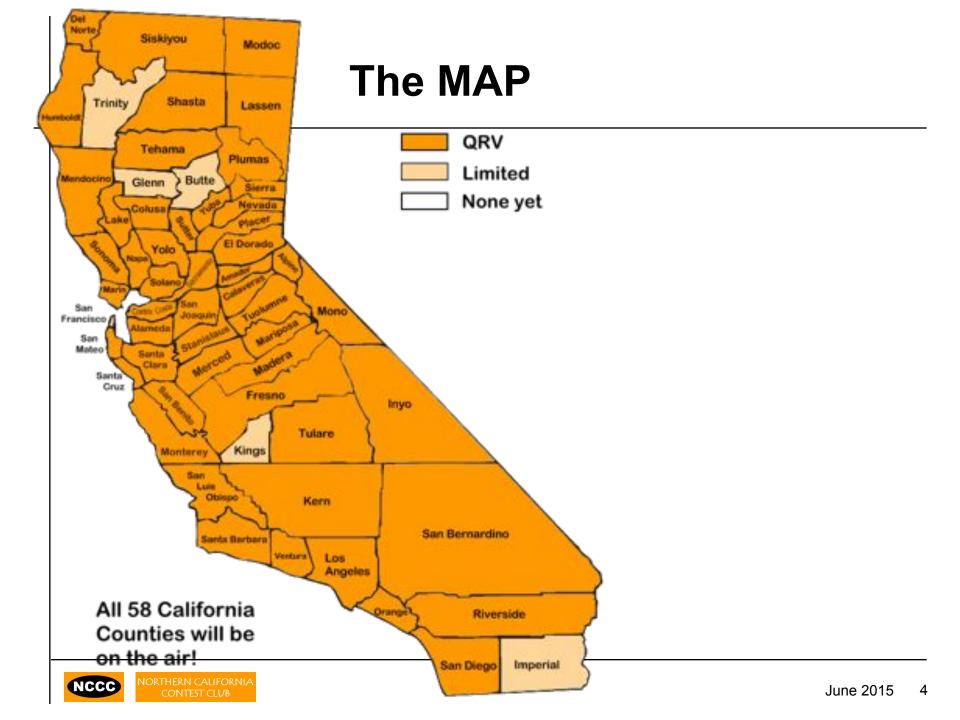# October 3-4, 2015
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Agenda

- Little bit of History
- What's Proposed for 2015 – the 50th running
    - Incentives
    - Rules changes
    - Log checking and back end

History

- 1st run in 1966

- Various leaders
  - K1KI & WB6EUZ – 1966 - 1968
  - N6JM – 1968 – 1974
  - W6OAT – 1975 - ????
  - VA7RR – 1986 – 1992
  - W6EU, K6TA – 1993 - 1995
  - AD6E - 1998 – 2005
  - K6TD – 2005 – 2008
  - N6RNO, K6SRZ, N6WM
- Rules change by Rusty in 1975
- 75 logs submitted in 1966, to 900+ in 2014

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The MAP

All 58 California Counties will be on the air!

Why CQP?

- Easy, but, fun
- 2nd contest of the season
- Great entry contest
  - Competitive but not dominated by big guns
  - Something for (almost) everyone
- Nice split of mults – 58 states/prov and 58 counties
- No mult value in CA working CA – so….
- The awards – plaques, wine, t-shirts, sweeps
- It's W6 Land!

What you can do to have fun

- Get on – make QSOs
- Be a county expedition
- Be a mobile
- What does it take to win?
  - Well, your callsign has to be N6MJ
  - But, 2 thru 20 is interesting
  - 366,560 (1243 – CW, 1295 – PH) will get you noticed

50th - Incentives

- T-shirt designed for this occasion
- Actual, framable, interesting participation certificate – mailed!
- Alternative to Plaques
- 1x1 callsigns – GOLD RUSH
  - Work GOLD RUSH, 100 QSOs – commemorative Coin
  - Work GOLD RUSH, 500 QSOs, 250 of those in CA, gold plated coin
- NO CHANGE in the hallmark of CQP – WINE!

50th - Rules

- Allow "county line"
- Allow assisted in SO category
  - NOT separate category
  - NO self spotting (it's just plain WRONG)
- Logs Due - 23:59 UTC (16:59 PDT) 12 October 2015. (eight day window)
- Cabrillo file format only (no excel, ADIF, paper, napkins, floppy disk)

W6OAT has taken on re-writing the rules page - make it consistent and clear.

50th – After contest

- Continue with the log acceptance tools by NS6T
- Use automated, database QSO matching and log scoring.
  - Been done in parallel since 2005
  - Expect no more than 100 QSOs that can't be matched thru the DB
  - KB team led by NS6T, with assist from K6TU
- Log checking done, results available by 11/15.
- Awards Distributed by 12/31

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50th – Notes

- Will need to raise money – donations
- 50th Planning Group
  - W6OAT, K6MM, K6TU, NS6T
  - K6YL, AD6E, W1RH, N6DE, K6TD
- Timeline
  - complete proposal, update web site – June 15th.
  - Organize admin volunteers – June 20th
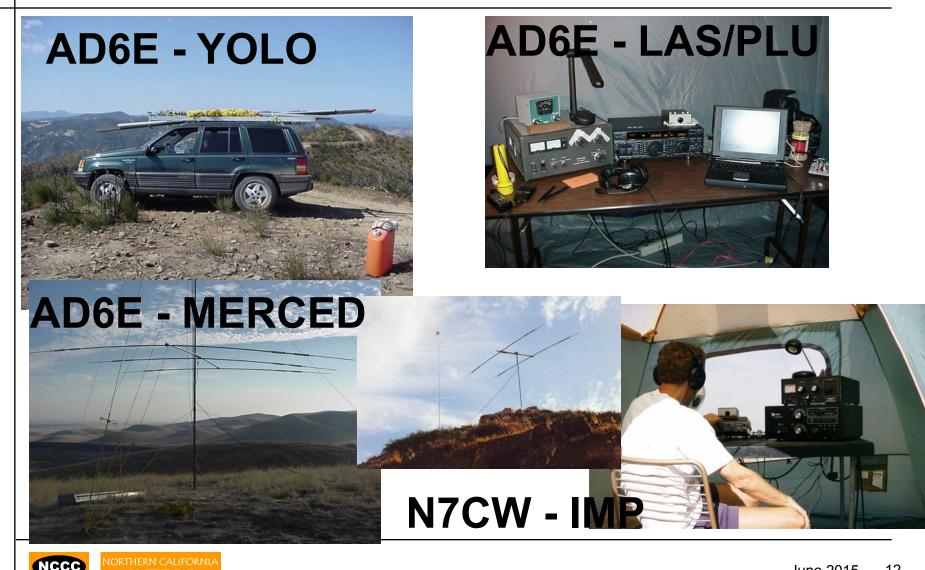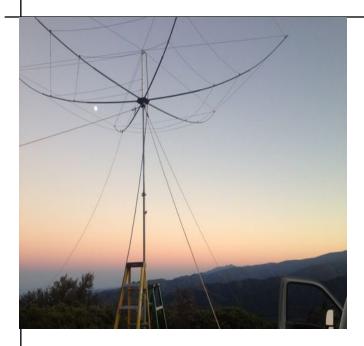- Will mail out "invitation" postcard
  - at Ops by early September.

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GO DO IT!   MOBILE

K6AQL

GO DO IT!   EXPEDITIONS

AD6E - YOLO

AD6E - LAS/PLU

AD6E - MERCED

N7CW - IMP

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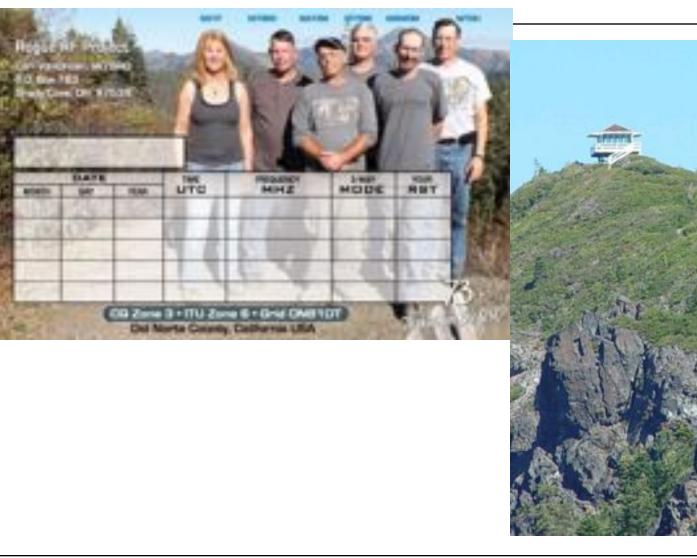# GO DO IT!   EXPEDITIONS

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THANKS!

- CQP is 100% run by all manner of volunteers.
- Thanks to all of YOU who volunteer your time, resources and ideas.
- Keep 'em coming!

Go have a Party
Make the 50th a very memorable one!

73 and KB in CQP !
Oct 3-4, 2015