

K8MR 2018 Florida QSO Party Plans

Thanks for NO5W for providing a forum to outline my FQP plans and strategy.

I'm doing a repeat of my 2017 single op, mixed mode, no driver effort, as reported in the September/October 2017 issue of the National Contest Journal. Highlights for those who have not read the article:

I do the bulk of my operating while parked. I try to find a suitable stopping place as soon after entering a new county as possible, and operate until the initial feeding frenzy has died down. Then I start driving.

When driving, I will pause as necessary to safely deal with traffic and other road conditions. So if I unexpectedly disappear or don't respond, don't take it personally.

When parked, I can easily switch modes or bands. Feel free to ask. If I'm in a super huge pileup I may ignore you, but often the best way to make SSB contacts is to QSY from CW. I try to use 14151 or either 7131 or 7151. K4KG also tends to use these frequencies, so that if we both show up on SSB at the same time, I'll slide up a few KHz.

When driving, switching bands or modes is less appealing. I would need to be in really light traffic, etc., to be able to do so.

This year I plan to try a third antenna. If that works out, I'll have 40/20/15 available with only a coax switch to swap between 40 and 15.

I will try a few county line stops. Those will count for two QSOs and potentially two multipliers for you. If we've already worked in one of the counties in a county line stop, just work me again from both. The dupes will be taken care of in the log checking.

Have fun in the FQP, and I hope we work lots of times!



At the Hendry/Collier county line in the 2017 FQP