

RENO QRO SLOW SPEED CW NETANNUAL REPORT

2021 has been another a very different year for us all, with COVID still taking lives. The good news is that the members of the Reno QRP Group could still meet on the air. The Slow Speed CW NET started with these objectives.

1. Get OP's on the air using CW.
2. Install confidence in OP's that were rusty or never operated CW, the NET would be a safe place to begin.
3. Encourage OP's to operate in the field using low power, by doing this a person could provide emergency communication if the grid was down. Also they may find it a lot of fun setting up a station and operating in the field.

The NET was started June 14, 2018 after the devastating hurricane hit and wiped out communications on Port Rico.

As NET I operate from my home, when the weather conditions all me I set up my station in Hidden Valley Park. The park is located about 400 ft above the valley, with a noise floor about S2-3.

I find getting out on a nice day and operating CW is very enjoyable. Operating in the field draws attention and usually I have some questions to answer, this is a great way to promote HAM radio.

This year there were 26 sessions I operated 26 times at Hidden Valley Park. Mike WA6ARA QNI 20 times 5 times from his cabin in Kennedy Meadows. Rob KA6JLT Operated from home with indoor antenna for a total of 20 QNI. Van W7IEX operated 17 times one of the times was from his patio.

Woody K1LB QNI 15 times 1 at Steamboat Hill and 1 at Huffaker Hill Trail.
Roy W7HJL QNI 13 times from his home in Walla Walla, WA.
Phil AB7WE QNI 12 times 1 at Huffaker Hill Trail and 1 at Daggett Pass.
Dave KI7SJE QNI 5 times from his home in Walla Walla, WA.
Greg WA7IRW QNI 2 times one time from Whitaker Park, sorry to say Greg is now a SK.
Don AA6W checked in 1 time from his home near Gilroy, CA.
Dave AG7TX QNI once from the field in Washoe Valley.
Brian N7KV, Robert N7VD, Ken N7KM, and Dave W6NFU, all QNI once.

THE BOTTOM LINE COMPAIRING 2020 TO 2021

2020 TOTAL QNI 86

2021 TOTAL QNI 105

After looking at the statistics I feel the NET is alive and well.

Thanks to all who have QNI on the NET, I am looking forward to next NET session.

73/72 Ed/WD7Y

Attached photos.

The other two is my set up in Hidden Valley using the EFHW.





