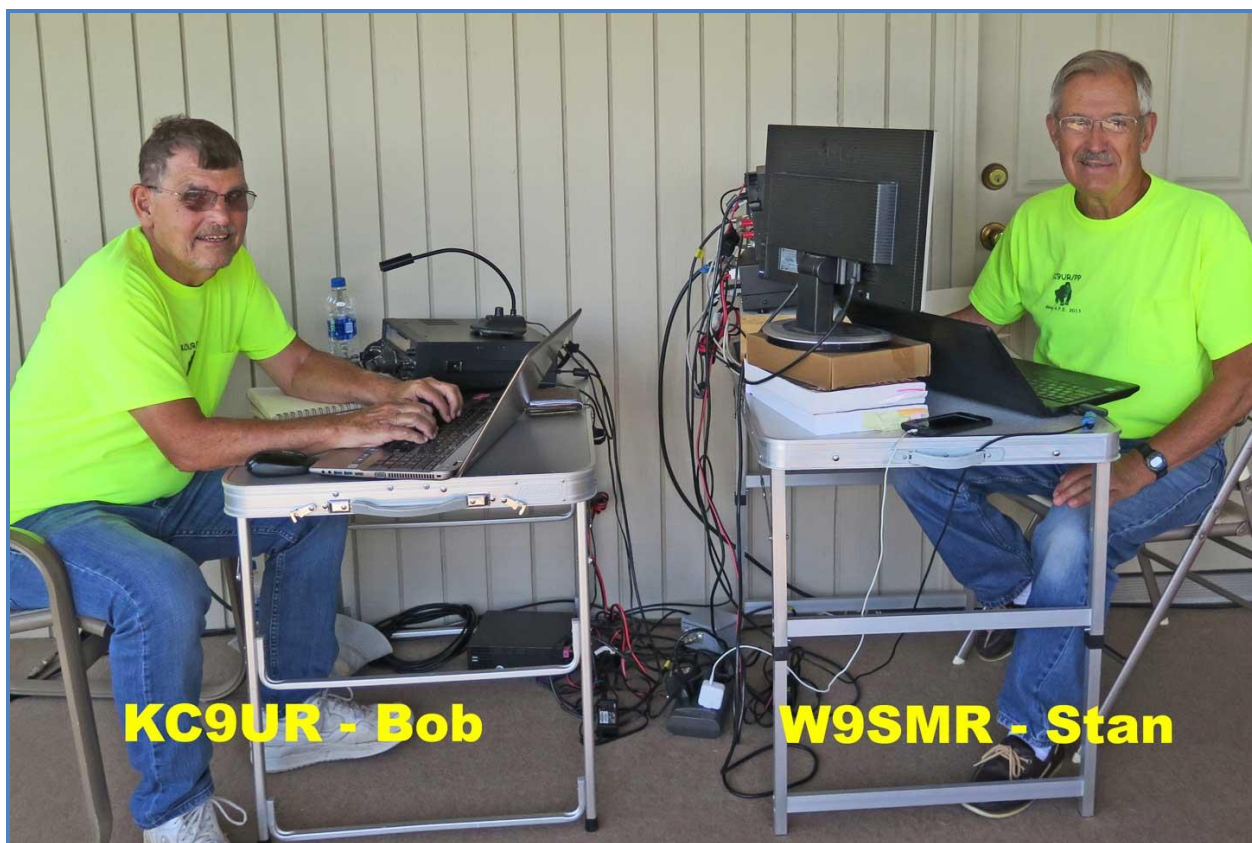


2019 KC9UR Pontoon Portable “APE” Tall Tales

It's hard to believe, but this was our seventh consecutive APE, and it was just as much fun as the other six. As in last year, Stan (W9SMR/9) and I (Bob – KC9UR) set up two stations on the porch of Stan's cottage on Round Lake in northeast Indiana. From the porch is a beautiful view overlooking Round Lake and Stan's infamous Pontoon boat. If you like to split hairs, technically we weren't "Pontoon Portable" this year, but we were within sight of the pontoon boat at all times. We set up and started operation on Friday (8/9) and operated through Sunday (8/11) afternoon. As in past years, we offered a custom QSL card plus a custom certificate to everyone who worked us on 3 or more bands. The total contact count for this year was 174, up from 112 last year. This year there were 13 certificate winners (a.k.a. certified "APE Hunters"), compared to last year's 7 winners. I'm sure that the longer operating period this year contributed to the upturn.



Bob (KC9UR) (left) and Stan (W9SMR/9) working the APE Hunters from Stan's front porch

Unlike some previous years, weather wasn't an issue – lots of sunshine and warm weather all weekend.



KC9UR setting up the ladder-line 40m – 10m doublet

Kudos **go** to all 13 certificate winners: Jeff, W3MMU (4 bands), Alan, KA5VZF (4 bands), John, KC3FL (4 bands), Paul, W2ECK (4 bands), Den, W2DEN (3 bands), Bill, N4GBK (3 bands), Steve, W3HF (3 bands), Matt, W5MMW (3 bands), Gary, WB9AYD (3 bands), Bill, AG4QX (3 bands), Harry, K9HW (3 bands), Don, KC4OBB (3 bands), and Don, KX4JC (3 bands). Special recognition goes to Jeff, W3WMU, who has earned a certificate on each of our seven APes. In addition, kudos to Paul, NU4C who has earned a certificate in 5 of the last 7 years, John, KE4JB, Rick, N7WE, Den, W2DEN, and Morris, WA4MIT who have earned certificates in 4 of the last 7 years, as well as Tom, W8TOM, Matt, AK4MK, and Bill, N4GBK who have earned certificates in 3 of the last 7 years. Well done all!

Propagation limited us to 17 meters and below this year, and 40meters, by far, was the “money band”. The breakdown of our 174 contacts by band is as follows: 80m – 14, 40m – 80, 30m – 24, 20m – 55, 17m – 1. DX worked included Canada (5 contacts), Venezuela (2 contacts), and Mexico, Indonesia, Cuba, Germany and Panama each with one contact. Our log is included at the end of this report.

For those interested in a bit of the technical details, here’s the info:

Rigs: Two Kenwood TS-590s

Software: Fldigi

Antennas (all portable/temporary):

- 1) Homebrew 130 ft. Off-Center-Fed dipole hoisted up the flag pole at 25 ft with ends at around 15 ft. (80m – 10m).
- 2) Homebrew 62 ft ladder-line fed doublet with apex at 31 ft and ends at around 17 ft. (40m – 10m)

Stan and I would like to thank everyone who took time from their busy schedules to work us! We thoroughly enjoyed the “APE” experience and would encourage anyone who is considering an “APE” for next year to go for it!

2019 KC9UR Pontoon Portable APE Log:

DATE_ON	ON	CALL	NAME	BAND	FREQ	MODE
20190809	164300	KD0ZDU	Don	20M	14.0718	PSK31
20190809	165200	KC3FL	John	20M	14.0718	PSK31
20190809	170000	W8VYM	John	20M	14.0718	PSK31
20190809	171100	AE2DX	Fred	20M	14.07108	PSK31
20190809	172000	W5MMW	Matt	40M	7.07	PSK31
20190809	172400	AA5DK	Gerald	30M	10.14199	PSK31
20190809	173100	AG4QX	William	20M	14.0718	PSK31
20190809	173700	K8TOM	Tom	20M	14.0718	PSK31
20190809	174800	KC8WSM	Bill	20M	14.0718	PSK31
20190809	180900	W2ECK	Paul	20M	14.0718	PSK31
20190809	183100	AK4MK	Matt	20M	14.072	PSK31
20190809	183300	N7WE	Rick	17M	18.0993	PSK31
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20190809	205300	K5SP	Jim	30M	10.1423	PSK31
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20190809	210100	N7WE	Rick	30M	10.1423	PSK31
20190809	210300	WA2PCN	Van	20M	14.0721	PSK31

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20190809	235700	WA7HDZ	Larry	20M	14.0719	PSK31
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20190810	142200	KA5VZG	Alan	20M	14.0718	PSK31
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20190811	3200	NN3V	Charles	20M	14.07131	PSK31
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20190811	4700	YV4YY	Fernando	40M	7.0723	PSK31
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20190811	22300	W2ECK	Paul	40M	7.071854	PSK31
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20190811	23400	W5MMW	Matt	80M	3.5823	PSK31
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20190811	32100	W4BZM	Michael	40M	7.071603	PSK31
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20190811	132900	AE4WX	Mark	30M	10.14086	PSK31
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