

APE in a Park

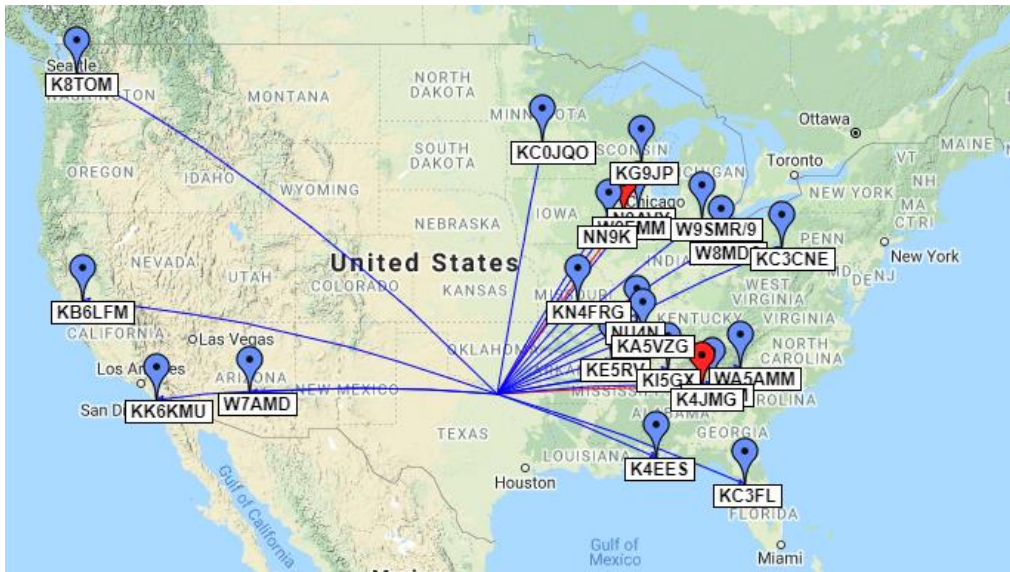
After the success of Bob, KK6KMU, yesterday, operating from San Clemente State Beach, K-3554, I decided I needed to get out and activate a park myself. So that's what I did on August 5. Went to POTA park K-6553, Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic Site which is only 5 miles from my house. I have operated there many times in the past and have over 1000 QSO's in the log from that park, but I had never used PSK31 from there. That was today's goal...operate using PSK31.



Got my station all set up and the antenna up in the air. I was using an ICOM 7300 and an Eagle One vertical antenna with an ICOM AH4 tuner. I really like the Eagle One antenna...it's easy to set up even for this old guy. I don't need any radials and I am completely self-contained in the car. No worries that the park personnel will complain because I have wires running across the ground, wires in trees, or something pounded in the ground.



Got started shortly after 1600z. Called CQ once and got N9AVY, Jerry, right away. After an hour and 40 minutes I had 20 PSK31 contacts in the log. I'm a Happy Camper. There was a lot of noise today at the park. S8 all the time...so SSB contacts were difficult. Made a couple of Park To Park contacts but the best report I was able to give was a 33. Everyone was down in the noise today. But PSK31 worked pretty darn well. Here's a map of the contacts I made. The Eagle One does a great job for me when I'm operating from the car. PSK31 contacts are Blue & SSB are Red.



What a fun day in the park. I'll have to do this more often. Hope you can get out and do an APE in the Park too.

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