

On April 15-16, the 3rd annual Petal-Southern Miss, POW-WOW will be held at Willie Hinton Park in Petal, Ms. This event is open to the public, and all are encouraged to attend and enjoy the fun. This is an event that can be enjoyed by the entire family as well as learning the rich culture of Native Americans. There is no admission fee.

Last year a Special Event call, W0W was operated 2 weeks prior to the event, and honored the contributions made by Native American Code Talkers of all American wars. Over 5800 QSOs were made, on SSB and CW. Our QRZ.com web page had over 16,000 look-ups in the same period. All states, all continents, over 1000 counties, and 93 countries were put into the logs. Nearly 500 QSL requests have been requested and responded to date.

W0W will again be operated this year **beginning April 1 through April 15.** We welcome any licensed operator to operate during this period ***from their home station.*** on whatever mode they choose. A web page will be open April 1- April 15 showing open time slots. Any licensed operator may place their call in an open time slot, and begin operating. This ensures only one event on each band is occurring at a time. All bands, any mode may be operated 160m -6 m. A QRZ web page with all event details will be active during this 2 week period. The page will indicate how qsls will be handled and explanation of the purpose of the special event station. If you do operate, we ask that you ***go to the page prior to beginning operating*** to familiarize yourself with the event and its stated theme. The event will be announced in the April QST in the Special Event section. Whenever possible, please operate in the General Class section of the bands. We also encourage any of you who can **spot** do so when appropriate. This being an annual event, it is good exercise in this type operating.

The Mississippi QSO party will also be running on April 2, 9 AM to 9 PM. Many station will looking for Mississippi and Mississippi counties. This would be a great time to revert to MSQP style operations for this period by emphasizing your county with the W0W call., leaving the special event information until the MSQP period has lapsed. Stations worked will pick up on QSL information by going to the QRZ.com page.

Please be mindful of any DXPEDITIONS which may be active at the time and stay clear of them.

This year at the conclusion of the POW-WOW an ***MFJ 259c Antenna Analyzer,*** donated to USM Native American Inter-tribal Society by MFJ Enterprises will be given to the call sign drawn from a bucket of calls for your support to the success of the event. Special thanks to Martin Jue for his kindness. At the powwow, look for the person wearing a W0W baseball cap to have your call placed.

The link for operator scheduling and operating is available by sending an email to Orion346@yahoo.com. This will allow us to know what stations are on at what time.

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