

Note:

We recently introduced a Google Sheet version of the POTA Standings. Due to the way the Google Sheet links to the CARC Website the left side of the website view seemed to be crowded.

To remedy that crowded feeling I inserted a gray filler column on the left side of the Google Sheet.

And, to align our CARC POTA Standings spreadsheet columns with the data shown to us on the POTA site I added a spreadsheet column for Successful QSOs as Activator.

The effect of these additional columns is that the column designation letters in the Google Sheet will be one higher than found in the POTA Standing spreadsheets dated prior to October 1, 2024.

How Do I... An Occasional Series

This Week: Cumberland Amateur Radio Club Parks On The Air Standings Report

Members of the Cumberland Amateur Radio Club enjoy a bit of friendly competition as they work to improve their Parks On The Air standings.

Club Leadership captures their member's POTA Statistics at the beginning of each month, then reports and publishes the standings as part of the Club's Monthly Newsletter and Meeting Agenda

The process of collecting and reporting the POTA Standings is described in this How Do I... article.

Visit website parksontheair.com

Have a copy of the CARC Membership Roster or a similar call sign list at your fingertips.

Sign-In using your own POTA ID and Password

Or

Click POTA Spots in the menu bar. (No sign-in required.)

Use the SEARCH bar to find the CARC Member Call Sign of interest

Your PC screen will display information similar to this screen snapshot:

N3EPY Richard R Johnson Other callsigns:	All-Time Statistics <table border="1"><thead><tr><th></th><th style="text-align: center;">Activator</th><th style="text-align: center;">Hunter</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>Activations</td><td style="text-align: center;">1 / 2</td><td style="text-align: center;">----</td></tr><tr><td>Parks</td><td style="text-align: center;">1 / 1</td><td style="text-align: center;">24</td></tr><tr><td>QSOs</td><td style="text-align: center;">23 / 24</td><td style="text-align: center;">26</td></tr></tbody></table>		Activator	Hunter	Activations	1 / 2	----	Parks	1 / 1	24	QSOs	23 / 24	26
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We are interested in the **Call Sign** and the **All-Time Statistics** section.

That information will be entered into the CARC Parks On The Air Standings spreadsheet as shown on the next page partial screen snapshot.

Repeat the Call Sign and Data lookup for each CARC Member.

Modified (Version 2) Column Designations for Google Sheet

This table illustrates the mapping of data from the POTA screen into the GOOGLE SHEET CARC spreadsheet columns.

CARC Member Call Sign -- **Column B**

	Activator	Hunter
Activations	C / D	(dashes)
Parks	E / F	G
QSOs	H / I	J

Explanation of Google Sheet Columns:

- A = Filler (shaded gray)
- B = CARC Member Call Sign
- C = Total Successful Activations
- D = Total Attempted Activations
- E = Unique Parks (Successfully) Activated
- F = Unique Parks Attempted (Activation)
- G = Parks Hunted
- H = Successful QSOs (made) as an Activator
- I = Attempted QSOs (made) as an Activator
- J = QSOs (made) as a Hunter
- K – Calculation I + J equals Total QSOs

B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	Manual Entry
									Calc-ulation. I + J	Sorted by Total QSOs
CARC Member Call Sign	Total Successful Activations	Total Attempted Activations	Unique Parks Activated	Unique Parks Attempted	Parks Hunted	Successful QSOs as Activator	Attempted QSOs as Activator	Plus Successful QSOs as Hunter	Equals Total QSOs	CARC Ranking
N3AIR	153	159	36	36	672	6580	6595	4723	11318	1
N3FWE	9	9	9	9	2209	144	144	2815	2959	2

Final Steps:

The Google Sheet will calculate **TOTAL QSOs** for each row as Column I plus Column J.

Sort or manually edit the list based on **TOTAL QSOs** (Column K).

Edit the **CARC RANKING** to have the highest entry in the TOTAL QSOs column as #1 and subsequent entries incrementing numerically.

Highlight the highest entry in **Attempted QSOs as Activator** (Column I).

Highlight the highest entry in **Successful QSOs as Hunter** (Column J).

Summary:

POTA active participants probably know the award structure better than anyone else.

CARC collects and reports the information we find on the POTA page.

We offer recognition to the person having the greatest number of Attempted QSOs Made as Activator.

We offer recognition to the person having the greatest number of Successful QSOs Made as Hunter.

And, if a CARC Members earns a special POTA award please tell your Newsletter Editor for recognition.

This link is a good place where you can learn about the many awards offered for POTA achievements.

<https://parksontheair.com/pota-awards/>

Enjoy.