

Certificate of Accomplishment

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Is a bonafide QRP Zombie by contacting fellow Zombies via QRP low-power wireless morse code by participation in the

ZOMBIE SHUFFLE

Because Zombies don't Sprint

Paul NA5N #004

Grand Zombie

Jan NØQT #015

Grand Witchess

Zombie Number

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The Zolybie Shuffle Story

The Northern California QRP Club introduced the Norcal-20 in 1998. One disappointed ham posted, "Another QRP kit? You QRPers are just a bunch of zombies dancing around a ceremonial fire worshipping the great god QRP." Rather than an insult, many thought it was a great description.

In July that year, the AZ SQRPIons sponsored a QRP event at the annual Ft. Tuthill Hamfest in Flagstaff, Arizona. Saturday night there was a post-dinner campfire to discuss the hobby and devise future events. It was at that campfire that the Zombie event and Freeze Your B__ Off (FYBO) was born. Called the Zombie Sprint, Joe Gervais AB7TT pointed out that zombies don't sprint, they shuffle, the name that stuck. The 1st Zombie Shuffle was held on Friday, the evening before Halloween 1998. It was sponsored by NorCal as a one-time event.

NA5N posted the announcement to QRP-L signing the post "Zombie #038" as a joke. Immediately, QRPers began requesting numbers. The rules were quickly changed to include the Zombie numbers in the exchange, plus it was decided the score would be based on adding up all the numbers worked for a really big score, based largely on serendipity rather than CW skill. It took a true Zombie to figure out your

score! Marshall Emm N1FN (SK) suggested the "CQ BOO" call, making the Shuffle a unique hit. NA5N designed the now famous Zombie badge. They were mailed and given out at Dayton, Pacificon, and other hamfests.

It was decided to run the Shuffle again in 1999 with Jan NØQT and Paul NA5N as contest managers. NorCal made Zombie pins for the first 100 Summary Sheets received, a true collector's item today.

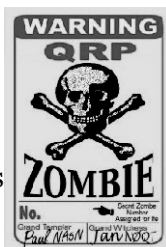
NorCal ceased sponsorship in 2003 due to changing club interests. NØQT and NA5N have continued to sponsor and manage the Zombie Shuffle through the QRP-L internet group ever since.

In those early days, QRPers were not held in high regard by many hams. The Zombie Shuffle seemed to appeal to QRPers who were proud to display their "fringe" and offbeat sect of the hobby.

Summary sheets reveal the Shuffle was the first time some tried QRP, or their first CW contest, even their first CW QSOs ever. Some liked the evening hours to erect antennas without notice by their HOAs. Regardless of the reason, the informal silliness made many new hams or those with rusty CW skills feel comfortable getting on the air with the modest code speeds and the screwy scoring. Fun only QRPers (and Zombies) can understand.

Hope you had fun and thanks for participating in the QRP Zombie Shuffle.

72, Paul NA5N and Jan NØQT



Zombie Badge



Zombie Pin