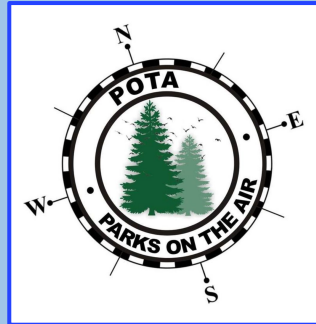


Parks on the Air (POTA)



Objectives

- To Learn What POTA Is
- To See It's Basic Features & How It Works
- To Observe a Group of TCARES Members put POTA into Action
- To Get Resources if You Want to Participate in POTA Yourself

History of POTA

1. 2017 ARRL hosted a year-long, National Parks on the Air event.
2. Volunteers found it so fun they started POTA immediately afterward to keep Parks on the Air going.
3. POTA has been operating ever since!

POTA Homepage

The screenshot shows the POTA app homepage in a web browser. The browser's address bar displays 'pota.app/#/'. The page header includes a search bar with 'K6AEF Andrew Firestone' and navigation buttons for 'SPOTS', 'ACTIVATIONS', 'DOCS', 'SIGN UP', and 'SIGN IN'. Below the header, the 'Active Spots' section is displayed, with a refresh indicator and a note 'Data will refresh in 49 seconds.' The spots are organized into a grid, each with a call sign, location, frequency, and other details. The spots shown are:

- AJ4O @ US-13011**: US-13011 Shoal River Headwaters State Park, US-FL, 14270 kHz, W0KEG, No spot information, Last heard 3 mins ago at 00:42 UTC. RE-SPOT 2.
- AJ7CJ @ US-7362**: US-7362 Sawtooth National Recreation Area, US-ID, 14326 kHz, VA7EFF, 45 into BC, Last heard 45 sec ago at 00:45 UTC. RE-SPOT 6.
- AK2G @ US-0021**: US-0021 Death Valley National Park, US-CA, + 1, 14243 kHz, K3GLM, 57 in Olympia, WA, Last heard 3 mins ago at 00:42 UTC. RE-SPOT 4.
- K7JSX @ US-13192**: US-13192 Chief Mountain West National Recreation Area, US-NV, 14263 kHz, K7JSX, No spot information, Last heard 4 mins ago at 00:41 UTC. RE-SPOT 7.
- KE2HOR @ US-4428**: US-4428 Coconino National Forest, US-AZ, 14330 kHz, KN4NGK, < 73 from east TN >, Last heard 7 mins ago at 00:38 UTC. RE-SPOT 11.
- KE4IUQ @ US-4468**: US-4468 Stanislaus National Forest, US-CA, 14252 kHz, KE4IUQ, No spot information, Last heard 2 mins ago at 00:43 UTC. RE-SPOT 2.
- KQ4ZIP @ US-0057**: US-0057 Petrified Forest National Park, US-AZ, 14282 kHz, VA7EFF, 35 into BC, Last heard 1 min ago at 00:44 UTC. RE-SPOT 8.
- N6IVC @ US-1141**: US-1141 Crystal Cove State Park, US-CA, 14267 kHz, VA7EFF, 35 into BC, Last heard 6 mins ago at 00:39 UTC. RE-SPOT 2.

The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 5:46 PM on 5/22/2026, with a temperature of 84°F and various system icons.

POTA Park Page

Tuolumne National Wild and Scenic River

Reference:	US-0894
Entity:	United States of America
Location(s):	US-CA
Latitude / Longitude:	37.8378, -120.062 (CM97xu)
Early Shift Award Times:	10:00 UTC to 16:00 UTC
Late Shift Award Times:	2:00 UTC to 10:00 UTC
Website:	https://www.fs.usda.gov/recarea/stanislaus/recarea/?recid=83130
Access Methods:	Automobile
Activation Methods:	Automobile Other Pedestrian
Is Active?	ACTIVE
First Activation:	🌿 KQ6QB on 2016-10-21
Stats:	9 activations / 11 attempts (314 QSOs)

Park Leaders

	Activations	Activator QSOs	Hunter QSOs
1.	AA6B (3)	KF6IDK (152)	K4CAE (2)
2.	KF6IDK (2)	KQ6QB (67)	K7NWA (2)
3.	KN6UDK (2)	AA6B (43)	AD0BC/SK (2)



Activations

Date	Callsign	CW	Data	Phone	Total QSOs
2026-05-07	N6SVA	0	18	1	19
2025-03-07	KN6UDK	13	0	0	13
2025-03-06	KN6UDK	20	0	0	20
2022-11-21	AA6B	0	0	15	15
2022-11-06	AA6B	0	0	12	12

POTA Member Webpage



K6AEF

Andrew Firestone

Tuolumne County, California

Other callsigns:

All-Time Statistics

	Activator	Hunter
Activations	6 / 7	---
Parks	2 / 3	115
QSOs	85 / 91	144

Awards



Bronze Hunter



Silver Hunter



Gold Hunter



Platinum Hunter



Diamond Hunter



Sapphire Hunter

USFS Elizabeth Peak POTA Activation



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TCARES Participants included: Andrew (K6AEF), George (N6GEO), Mike (KM6YJP), Ginger (KM6RFT), and Jeff (N6JWT).

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Thank You!

Resources

Parks on the Air: parksontheair.com

POTA Website: <https://pota.app/>

