

Alabama QSO Party

2005 Results

By KC4HW

I want to thank Dan/W4NTI for his commitment to keeping the Alabama QSO Party (AQP) going. He had very little to no help, but continued to push forward with the AQP.

There had been several problems in the past that inhibited the participation by both Alabama stations and non Alabama stations in past AQPs.

First and foremost the Hurricane activity in the Gulf Coast regions drastically impacted everyone's activity. There is not anything that can be done about the Hurricane season, but hopefully our Gulf Coast and adjacent states can get some relief during 2006.

The Texas QSO Party occurred on the same weekend as the AQP. We are going to re-schedule the AQP for April 29th, 2006. Additionally, we are going to have our event on Saturday only and participants can operate the full 12 hour contest period. There are a lot of changes to the rules for 2006 so be sure to take a look at them at <http://www.alabamagsoparty.org>.

There have been other problems in the past, but hopefully we can overcome some of these as we move forward. We hope to have some of the major software vendors, support the contest with their logging programs. Additionally, we hope that the new website will enhance the availability of information regarding the AQP.

For 2005 we had Alabama stations active on CW, SSB and FM. There were 29 counties active during the period. With a total of 48 fixed and mobile stations active in Alabama.

Unfortunately we only received logs from 5 Alabama stations. There were 12 logs received from stations outside Alabama. There were two Canadian stations and one station from the Netherlands that submitted logs as well. I want to thank all that submitted logs.

W4NTI/Dan in Calhoun County, Alabama was the overall high scorer with 9877 points. Dan participated as a single operator low power mixed mode entry operating both CW and SSB.

In the single operator low power SSB category KC4OR/Dan in Cherokee County, Alabama was first with 4216 points. KF4ZLU/Roger from St Clair County, Alabama was second with 3234 points.

In the Mobile category, yours truly, KC4HW/Jim operated from 6 south Alabama Counties (Geneva, Coffee, Covington, Pike, Barbour, and Henry). I operated phone only and handed out multipliers to 83 Alabama and non-Alabama stations. For 2006 I plan to operate from 10 Alabama Counties.

In the Multi-Single category, Mark/WB5NMZ and Shawn/KI4CSQ, Rick/KG4PNL, Scott/W4SPA, John/AI4FP, Andy/K4CAP, and Jim/KR4JY teamed up to activate W4AP (the Montgomery ARC club station). Collectively they operated all modes and scored a total of 5934 points. These guys had the largest QSO points total but were second overall with total number of multipliers.

In the non-Alabama participants, W4AMP/Jim from Georgia lead the way in the SOLP SSB category with 221 points. W1END/Eldon from New Hampshire lead the out of state CW category.

We would like to mention PA3ARM/Van for his CW entry from the Netherlands. Unfortunately, our CW participants were very low and propagation was very poor. We are hoping for better propagation and more participation from our CW testers in 2006.

We also had entries from Canada, VA3IX/Ken with 36 points. Plus we had a QRP entry from VA3RKM/Bob.

SCORES

CALL	CAT	MODE	LOCAL	SCORE
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Alabama Stations

W4NTI	SOLP	MIX	CAL	9877
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KC4OR	SOLP	PH	CHE	4216
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KF4ZLU	SOLP	PH	STC	3234
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KC4HW/m	SOLP	PH	GEN	260
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KC4HW/m	SOLP	PH	COF	435
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KC4HW/m	SOLP	PH	COV	88
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KC4HW/m	SOLP	PH	PIK	143
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KC4HW/m	SOLP	PH	BAR	12
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KC4HW/m	SOLP	PH	HEN	36
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W4AP	MSLP	MIX	MGY	5934
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Non-Alabama Stations

W1END	SOLP	CW	NH	9
K9GDF		CW	WI	1
WB4FSF	SOLP	CW	FL	1
K9FH	SOHP	CW	IL	1
N1NN	CKLOG	CW	MA	1
W4AMP	SOLP	PH	GA	221
N4JED	SOLP	PH	VA	1
K4BAI	SOHP	MIX	GA	110
W5JBV/m	SOLP	MIX	FL	90
K9EU	SOHP	MIX	IL	81
KI7GV	SOLP	MIX	AR	64
WB8JUI	SOLP	MIX	OH	25
VA3IX	SOLP	MIX	VE3	36
PA3ARM	SOHP	MIX	PA3	4
VA3RKM	SO QRP	CW	VE3	1

ACTIVE COUNTIES

BALDWIN	NZ4M	KG8JF
BARBOUR	KC4HW/m	NZ4M
CALHOUN	W4NTI	N4FBI
CHEROKEE	KC4OR	
COFFEE	KC4HW/m	
COVINGTON	KC4HW/m	
DEKALB	W4DGH	
ELMORE	WB4BYQ	K4IZN
	NK4D	W4TPU
ETOWAH	K4HAL	WA4QOW
GENEVA	KC4HW/m	AC4VO
GREENE	N4AAX	
HENRY	KC4HW/m	
HOUSTON	WA4U	K4VIZ
JEFFERSON	KB9LBP	K4LI
LAWRENCE	WB4KLL	N4JDB
LAUDERDALE	WB4JNX	
LEE	KI4EEY	WB4BW
MADISON	NB9D	N4UC
MARION	WA9SBR	
MARSHALL	AI4FP	KC0ONR
	WA4AVC	K4IN
	KF4JIF	
MOBILE	KF4BO	KF4JIF
	K4APG	
MONTGOMERY	W4AP	KR4JY

MORGAN	K4SAV	
PIKE	KC4HW/m	KD4LXU
RANDOLPH	N4BCB	KD4XR
SHELBY	W4XWA	KB4PYR
ST CLAIR	KF4ZLU	
TUSCALOOSA	W4UOA	K4GZB
WALKER	KC4EE	

AQP 2006—what's new!

Please see our completely all-new rules at <http://www.alabamagsoparty.org>. Our rules have gone through a complete revision, so be sure to check them out thoroughly.

The AQP is currently scheduled for 1700 UTC, 29 Apr until 0500 UTC, 30 Apr 2006. Modes categories will be CW, SSB and mixed. Beside the normal operating categories: single operator, multi-single, and mobile; we will also have new team categories. There will be power categories for QRP, Low Power and High Power.

A word about the team competition: the intent is to stimulate participation among clubs and other groups, both within and outside of Alabama. We will categorize teams into separate categories for those teams that only have members from Alabama, those teams with members only from outside Alabama, and those teams that have members both from Alabama and outside of Alabama (mixed).

This will be a good means to have intra-club competition or club-to-club competition. It can be fun to beat another team from another club or within the large regional contest club. Give it try!

If you have any questions, please contact me via KC4HW@AlabamaQSOParty.org