

Alabama QSO Party

2006 Results by KC4HW

Well to say that the 2006 AQP was a big success is an understatement!

Propagation was what it was—fair at best! But surprisingly enough there were 88 entries submitting 138 logs. This may not seem like a lot, but considering we had 20 entries in 2005, it says volumes.

Additionally, from those that submitted logs there were 54 of the 67 Alabama counties active. Actually, there were 61 counties active during the event, but no logs were submitted from 7 counties.

We had 3 multi op entries in Alabama and one DX multi op entry. There were 5 mobiles entries, operating in as many as 45 counties. We had entries from outside Alabama, which include 27 States, 7 Canadian providences, 6 DX entries.

There were 5 mobile entries operating in three different categories. Two of these entries were from Florida (KN4Y and KB4ET) and one from Georgia (K4BAI) and one from Tennessee (NY4N). Yours truly (KC4HW) also competed in this category. These mobile stations covered 45 Alabama counties during their operations.



KB4ET(Dave)/Mobile
"QSO Party War Wagon"

The most popular entry category was the Single Operator Low Power CW with 24 logs submitted. The second most popular category was the Single Operator Low Power MIX with 23 entries. There were 10 entries in the Single Operator

High Power Mix. Plus there were 5 QRP entries.

All states were active during the AQP including Alaska and Hawaii—although many states did not submit a log.

Entries by Category

Here is a breakdown of entries by category for logs received:

SOLP CW	24
SOLP PH	11
SOLP MIX	23
SOHP CW	2
SOHP PH	3
SOHP MIX	10
SOQRP CW	5
MOB SO NO DRIVER CW	2
MOB SO NO DRIVER PH	1
MOB SO DRIVER CW	2
MMLP PH	1
MSLP PH	2
MSHP PH	1
MSHP MIX	1

Outside of Alabama Results

W2LHL/Hector from New Jersey is the overall winner! He scored 11,139 point as a SOLP CW entry for the out of state. K9EU/Eric from Illinois was second overall with his SOHP MIX entry. N4PN/Paul from Georgia was third overall with his SOHP MIX entry.

VE3GSI/Eric was the top scorer from Canada in the SOLP CW category. Others that submitted logs were VE2AWR, VA3IX, VA2SG, VE3BCS, VE5BF, and VE3RKM. Nice turnout from our neighbors to the North.

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The high DX scorer was RK2FWA in the MMHP MIX category, UA2FB/Dmitri and UA2FF/Vladimir worked together to lead the entries from other DX countries. Other DX station that submitted logs were RV6YK, DK2OY, DL6KVA, CU2JT and UA3AGW. There were other DX stations active during the AQP, but many did not submit logs.

K4EJ/Frank from Florida was the high scorer in the SOLP MIX category.

W7TAX/Dave from Washington was the top scores in the SOLP PH Category with 63 points.

K5UV/Michael from Oklahoma won top honor in the SOQRP category with 3240 points. There were two other competitors in this category, K1QW/Larry from Massachusetts and N2WN/Julius from Tennessee.

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The mobiles dominated the scoring, with their ability to go from county to county; they are able to generate many more QSOs and multipliers than fixed stations. All total, mobiles accounted for 1198 CW QSOs with 792 mults and 59 PH QSOs with 54 mults.

The top overall scorer came from the mobile category and is NY4N/Jeff with 553,146 points. Jeff had a driver, AF4QB/Rebecca and operated in the MOB SO Driver CW category. Driving down from Tennessee Jeff and Rebecca were able to activate 23 Alabama counties.

Among the fixed stations N4JF/Jerry from Jefferson County was the top scorer with 94,122 points. Jerry operated in the SO LP MIX category.

K4ZGB/Tom from Tuscaloosa county was the top scorer SO HP MIX entry with 47,882 points.

KI4ACW/William from Tallapoosa county topped the SO HP PH category with 19,434 points.

K4SAV/Jerry from Morgan county just edged out K4HAL/Henry from Etowak county for the honors in the SO LP CW category. Jerry scored

a few less QSOs at 231 but collected several more mults at 69 to finish at the top of this category with 47,717 points.

KC4OR/William from Cherokee County topped the SO LP PH category with 13,392 points.

W4ATK/Jim from Jefferson County turned in a very nice Alabama score of SO QRP CW category with 2520 points

In the MOB SO NO Driver CW category KN4Y/Ed (from Florida) operating in seven Alabama counties had a score of 95,352 points just edged out K4BAI/John (from Georgia) operating from five Alabama Counties with a score of 91,962 points for top honors in this category. We really appreciate these guys coming to Alabama to activate these counties.



K4BAI/John using the KO4RR Mobile

KB4ET/Dave was in the MOB SO NO Driver PH category and finished with 4,779 points.

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WR4Y, West Central Alabama ARC operating from Walker County was the only entry in the MM LP PH category. They operated field day style setting up two stations and scored 18,652.5 points.

W4LEE, (East Alabama ARC), from Lee County was organized by WX4TM/Tom using the Lee County EOC station competed in the MS LP PH category and scored 28,296 points. Tom had a very large group of participants. Operators included: WX4TM, WX4MM, KF4OPX, KI4FUS, WB4BYQ, WB4BW, KI4HKZ, WX4MAT, WX4DLG, KI4GFF, KI4DVI; Logging and assisting were: KI4ERR, KD4PK, KI4OVP, KI4MGW, WB4PHG, W4GUS, KE4KWE, K9MUG, and KF4AEJ. Great job getting everyone involved in this event Tom--thanks!



The W4LEE EOC Station

W4AP, Montgomery ARC was active for their second year in the AQP. Even though they were second to W4LEE, they made a very good showing from the club station in Montgomery, scoring 14,779.5.



W4AP Montgomery ARC

Front Row, Left to Right: John/A4KN; Tony/KI4DFG
Back Row: Mark/WB5NMZ; Scott/W4SPA; Jeremy/KI4DFH and Phil/K4OZN

Team Competition

There was only one team entry. The "Alabama Mobileers" consisted of NY4N, K4BAI and KC4HW.

Going to try the team competition again in 2007. Hopefully, this will stimulate some competition among the many clubs in Alabama. Teams will be competing against other teams in the same category, so there should be no lopsided entries.

Club Scores

CLUB	# LOGs	Total Score
Tennessee Contest Club	3	553,909.5
Florida Contest Group	8	212,420.0
South East Contest Club	5	170,577.5
East Alabama Radio Club	1	28,296.0
Montgomery ARC	1	14,779.5
Yankee Clipper Contest Club	2	6,657.0
UA2 Contest Club	1	6,536.0
Frankfort Radio Club	4	3,846.5
Western NY Contest Club	1	2,346.0
Mad River Radio Club	1	1,269.0
Minnesota Wireless Assn	2	1,111.0
WARS	1	600.0
Contest Club Ontario	1	180.0
Potomac Valley Radio Club	1	120.0
Northeast Wisconsin DX Assn	1	108.0
Contest Club Quebec	1	72.0

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Logging Methods

There were many methods of logging used during the AQP. The most popular was the old fashion pencil and paper with 19 submissions. Although N1MM does not have the most up-to-date information, it ran first among the computer logging soft wares.

Here is a breakdown of logging methods:

AQP Log Sheet	7
CABRILLO FILE	5
CT	1
CU2JT YALP LOGGER	1
GenLog	9
HANDTYPED	1
HANDWRITTEN	19
LogConv	1
Lux Log	1
MixW	1
N1MM	15
N3FJP	1
NA	5
UNKNOWN	6
WIN-EQF	4
Writelog	7
Excel Spreadsheet	1

There are several software vendors e supporting the Alabama QSO Party. If your favorite logging software does not, please take the time to let them know that you would like them to support the Alabama QSO Party. Let me know, if I can supply the software vendor with the updated rules and information.

Thanks to All

I would like to thank all the participants both in Alabama and outside of Alabama. Special thanks to those that submitted logs.

Additionally, I would like to individually thank the following for their support:

- Ward Silver, N0AX, the ARRL Contest Rate Sheet for his help in publicizing the AQP.
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- CountyHunter.com for allowing publicity to their membership
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- Dan/K1TO, the Florida Contest Group (FCG) for his input on the 2006 Rules. Also, Frank/K4EJ for his help in publicizing to the FCG
- All the Hamradio clubs in Alabama for their effort to get AQP publicity to their memberships
- Big thanks goes out to mobile stations NY4N, K4BAI, KB4ET, and KY4N for coming to Alabama to activating 45 counties (includes my activity)
- Finally, I want to thank W4EIP/Arnie for his help in editing rules and input on all other aspects of the event.

New for 2007

The 2007 Alabama QSO Party will be on Jun 2nd and 3rd, 2007. This is the first weekend in June. It probably will be on this weekend for the foreseeable future, so mark your calendar!

The rules are going to be close to the same as 2006, please check the website for the latest revision.

Some of the county abbreviations have changed from years past, so be sure to get the list provided on the website.

I will be adding more information regarding the Cabrillo format for log submission. Additionally, I am going to be changing the website log sheet a bit to make it a little more easy to understand.

Will establish a plaque program that will depend on the Hamradio community support in Alabama and worldwide. Will be looking for Amateur Radio clubs, repeater clubs, DX clubs, contest groups, other organizations and individuals to

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donate approximately \$40 to \$45 to sponsor a plaque for one year. The plaque categories will be defined on the website and additional details for sponsorship will be provided there as well. Please take the time to consider presenting this request to your club or Hamradio activity. Please contact me at kc4hw@alabamagsoparty.org for additional information.