

Alabama QSO Party

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Inside Alabama

Tom, K4ZGB: Great Contest this year and was on a much better date than last year. Got home 30 minutes before contest started. Didn't have time to get the suggested software going. So went to paper logging. I forgot how difficult a paper log was to operate. Won't (sic) do that again! I mostly use N3FJP's software, it seems to be very simple. But he doesn't have one for AL QP. Will e-mail him and see if he can get one going for next year. Need to make sure rules are pretty well set the same for next year. If you haven't used his software, give them a look (very easy to operate). Would like to sponsor an award. Maybe high scorer from VE land or some others. Just let me know what you need. Contest a great success. Maybe see you at B'Ham HamFest. **Wendell, N4FBI:** I was only able to work for a short period of time but I really had a blast doing it. The 20 meter band wasn't in real good shape during my op-time for state-side use but was decent for Dx. Maybe next time things will be better. Thanks for all the hard work and effort you have put into this fun and growing contest. **Jerry, N4JF:** A very enjoyable contest with lots of activity from all over the states, counties and the world. Jim u did a superb job of organizing the AQP and should be commended. Hopefully N3FJP will have a logging pgm for us next yr. I'll work on him. I tried QRP to begin with but the band was not in the best condition, so I wkd with TS-2000 at 100 watts. Antennas used KT-34XA 6 element KLM at 100ft, flat top dipole 130 ft long up to 90 ft fed with openwire line. It was good to wk many old friends, especially K4HAL, Henry in Etowah City. We were novices together in 1955. I used to be K4HPR. Again many tx Jim for a great job. Everybody enjoyed it very much. Nice wkg u also. **James, W4ATK:** My first AQP and could only put in 3 hours. What fun. My rig is a K2 running 5W to an attic off center fed dipole. I

cannot wait until the next one! **John, W4BXI:** I sure enjoyed the AQP 2006. I hope you and your web site will continue to support this event! You have provided fun for lots of us. I enjoyed a "round table" with old friends KC4OR, Cherokee, N4JF, Jefferson and N4MHQ, Tuscaloosa. There are particular Fla and GA folks who seemed to really be "in to" the AQP. I notice that N4PN (GA) mentions Southeast QSO parties on his QRZ.com site. **Dan, W4NTI:** Thanks to Jim Johnson we had a large increase of activity. Lots of fun this year. **Jim, KC4HW:** Operated in 13 counties. I had an equipment failure about half way through, came home and got the other mobile rig and continued in Houston and Geneva counties. Worked several DX including RK, DL HA. Sorry would have liked to have worked the YI. Appreciate everyone working with me on my slow CW and patience with my ? As the contest manager, I really appreciate everyone's participation in the Alabama QSO Party. **W4LEE:** First club contesting effort since FD last year. New radio. New software. New contest ops. Lots of enthusiasm. Great effort. Lots of fun. Good warm up for FD. **John, K4BAI:** DX70, 100 watts output, outbacker mobile whip. Sorry my time was limited and I couldn't get to more counties. Thanks for the QSOs. QSLs will be answered by return mail.

Outside Alabama

Don, AF4Z: I worked only 20 and 40 meters CW. I heard no AL stations on 20 meters and only a few on 40 meters as I tuned across the band. No attempt was made on 80 or 160 meters. **Richard, AA1KS:** Only had a short time to operate, but enjoyed contest, and each contact was a new contest county! **Tom, K3TW:** I was pleased to give the Maryland multiplier, and hope to have a higher score next year. **Frank, K4EJ:** It was a REALLY FUN event...great turnout...hats off to KC4HW for

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"getting the word out"...these things are so much work, and I personally know just a handful of guys do it ALL, and make so much fun for so many... In all, worked 37 of the 67 ALA counties from here on the west coast of FLA. **Rosemarie, K8VFR:** Couldn't hear many "AL" stations on the air (above my S-9 noise). It was fun though! **Edward, KN4Y:** Had fun as mobile, but had radio problems and went home early. **Kay, N3KN:** Thanks for sponsoring the contest! **Paul, N4PN:** This was fun...much more activity than I expected. This may have been the weekend to get the Alabama QSO Party up a notch...Thanks to all of the fixed and mobiles. **Dave, N9XU:** This is my first time in the Alabama QSO Party. It is difficult to operate in a contest while a bridal shower for your granddaughter is going on at the same time. (You know you are getting old when your grandkids start to marry). Will be able to devote more time to the contest next year I hope. **Eldon, W1END:** Great improvement over past few years. The mobiles/rovers sure helped keep things moving. I enjoyed following KN4Y, K4BAI, KC4HW and NY4N around and plotting their progress on an Alabama county map. 20M was great, 40M not too hot from NH. btw - I think I heard more DX stations than stateside calling in this one. **Hector, W2LHL:** Too bad I only worked 7 fixed stations. Maybe there were more on SSB. Congratulations to you and to the other mobiles for a real fine job. **William, W2UDT:** Small log but did manage time during a busy weekend! Still need one more county SQ see you next year! Just wish I could have spent more time. Thanks for getting the stations out. **Dave, W2YC:** Wish more stations used spotting. To encourage spotting, it should be allowed for a single op. **Vollie, W4TDB:** It was fun but it will be nice when conditions improve! Great QSO Party. **Orrin, WO4D:** The contest was a lot of fun, but it was tough digging from Florida. Next year I will have a

plan to make a stronger showing in the contest. Thanks to KC4HW (Jim) for setting everything up. **Manfred, DK2OY:** Conditions not good for DL stations - thx for 3 (2) new counties. See you next year. **Dmitry, UA3AGW:** My first ever effort in AQP. Unfortunately I could only operate for a very short time. Definitely low power entry from East Europe requires more attention by AL stations to DX participants to give them a chance in never ending US pileups. This will also help AL participants to collect more overseas multipliers. **Robert, VA3RKM:** FT817, 5W, vertical and dipole. Could only work a few minutes here and there but enjoyed it. **Eric, VE3GSI:** I enjoyed the contest, thanks. **Harold, VE5BCS:** I enjoyed the short opening to Alabama. Nice to hear something on the band for a change. **Bill, VE5BF:** Enjoyed the QSO Party, thanks. **J Brookmon, YI9DXX (WA4PXP):** Once again two qsos were made and they were tough hey but what can you expect all the way from Bagdad? K4HAL and K4SAV have good ears. And to answer the big question did I hear any mobiles? Yes I heard K4BAI/M/Rus for about 2 seconds on 20 and that was that. Called and called on 40. Called K4ZGB about 40 minutes got a ?? and a DXX but no qso. I am going to work a mobile in one of the parties. My guess it will be the NEQSO Party they are much closer to YI and maybe their QRN will be down a little. **Bob, W0BH:** A great way to take my mind off of writing final exams for my students at Hesston College! I checked in on and off all day long and tried to keep up with the mobiles. At first, no luck hearing on 40m, but the band finally came in later after I'd missed a number of counties already visited. I was particularly impressed with the effort NY4N put in and it was fun hearing the familiar calls from Florida and Georgia. Also enjoyed the two SSB party groups I heard. Good work all and special thanks to Jim, KC4HW for putting this together (and for roving the southwest part of the

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state). **Julius, N2WN:** Very limited time for this one unfortunately, sounded like decent activity and the signals were good. Heard a couple on 20M, but must have been skipping over them. 40 was the money band. Used a sloping dipole and Elecraft K2 #3311 @ 5 watts, and N1MM logging. Thanks to the mobiles! **Rick, WB8JUI:** Much better activity this year. Thanks to the mobile operators! Nothing heard in Ohio on 10 or 15 meters. Thanks for the QSOs and see you next year. **Bill, VE3CRU:** A real fun contest to be in. At beginning, had wrong time, thought prop gone and did other things till 1830z. Ran power of 100 and 500 watts to dipoles and tribander. Thanks to all the mobiles for so many counties to chase you in. Got 37 mobile Q's with KC4HW, N4YN tied 10 each, then K4BAI, KN4Y, KU8E, N4QN and KB4ET. Lost the prime mobiles around supertime and missed more counties before finding each again. Thanks to all other AL ops in the contest too. Your counties sure added up. It was also good to hear other VE's in the contest, more than last year and including a VE2 that I heard. Think also a VE1 too. I look forward to seeing the final results, and definitely look forward to next year's ALQP. **Jeff, KU8E:** Decided to go on a short 6-hour rover trip at the last minute. I threw the IC756PRO in the car and hooked up the mobile antennas and logged on paper. Sorry I didn't get to 40 SSB. I couldn't get the internal antenna tuner in the radio to tune the Hustler antenna. I will need to make sure I toss in an external antenna tuner next time. I only operated when I had stopped. I am interested on how good my CW signal was? I hadn't used the 80-meter resonator in awhile but it tuned perfectly. Seemed like I was getting out OK with the responses I got to my CQ's. The activity was good and had fun time. **Dale, WA4CQG:** Very limited operating time but enjoyed the contest a lot. **Gordon, K4OD:** Had a great time! **Mark, AD5WI:** Not much of a

score but at least better than last years hi hi. I normally don't do cw in a contest but SSB was terribly noisy. Special thanks to K4ZGB, KC4HW, and N4JF for putting up with my slow code. **Robert, W4FX:** We used the Club's call sign (WR4Y) and a portable set up. We had access to power mains but put up some antennas and set up stations for the event. We ran two stations.