

2007 Alabama QSO Party Results

Well, I thought that 2006 was a very successful year with 88 entries as compared to 2005 with 20 entries. 2007 results showed that our little QSO party has done very well. We had 149 entries with 50 Alabama stations submitting logs. There were 64 of the 67 Alabama counties active during the event—missing only Colbert, Marion and Winston counties.

Plus, we had four YL participants in 2007, from Alabama, WX4MM, Mary from Lee County and K4MHG, Martha from Bibb County, as well as WB4FSF, Bonnie from Florida, and K8VFR, Rosemary from Michigan. Thanks ladies for your participation and support.

At the bottom of the cycle (or near it) propagation certainly was an issue. Unfortunately, it probably impacted our DX entries more than any. Actually we had 3 DX and 5 VE entries. However, with 15,724 QSOs in the logs submitted, propagation did not have a negative impact on our event. There was about an even split between PH at 8043 QSOs and CW at 7681 QSOs.

Out of State Results

We had a great turnout from outside Alabama. In fact we received a total of 99 logs from US, VE and DX stations.

The overall Out of State High Scorer is K9EU, Erik from Illinois in the Single Op QRP Mix category. This was Erik's first time running QRP in a QSO Party. His score of 32658 points certainly demonstrated the skill and ability of his station. Congratulations Erik.

Out of State QRP

N0LY, Jonas from Missouri was the high scorer in the Single Op QRP CW category with 8,526 points.

WB0IWG, Jim from Pennsylvania was the high scorer for the Single Op QRP Phone category with 189 points.

KA1LMR, Chris from New Hampshire was the high scorer in the Single Op QRP Mixed category with 2,502 points.

Out of State Low Power

W2LHL, Hector was our last year's overall high scorer from New Jersey finished first this year in the Single Op Low Power CW category with 16,218 points. Thanks again Hector for coming back again in 2007.

KB3LIX, Bill from Pennsylvania finished first in the Single Op Low Power Phone category with 630 points.

N4IG, Dave from Florida finished first in the Single Op Low Power Mixed category with a score of 13,446.

Out of State High Power

N4DA, Luther from Georgia has the high score in the Single Op High Power CW category with 7,920 points.

KB1ODO, Andrew from Vermont topped the Single Op High Power Phone category with a score of 378.

N4PN, Paul from Georgia finished with the high score in the Single Op High Power Mixed category with a score of 12,350 points.

KF2O, Hank from New York was the high scorer in the Multi-Single High Power Mixed category with a score of 5,266 points.

Out of State Top 25 High Scores

K9EU	IL	SO QRP MIX	32658
W2LHL	NJ	SO LP CW	16218
N4IG	FL	SO LP MIX	13446
WB8JUI	OH	SO LP CW	12726
N4PN	GA	SO HP MIX	12350
W1UE	MA	SO HP MIX	11036
K4PIC	GA	SO LP CW	10665
N0LY	MO	SO QRP CW	8526
W4RQ	VA	SO LP MIX	8082
K5KG	FL	SO HP MIX	7940
N4DA	GA	SO HP CW	7920

N6MU	CA	SO LP MIX	6162
W4EIP	FL	SO LP CW	5400
KF2O	NY	MS HP MIX	5266
VE3CRU	VE - ON	SO HP MIX	5242
WO4O	TN	SO HP CW 40M	4356
WB2ABD	NY	SO LP MIX	4254
KF4DNL	FL	SO LP CW	4059
K4AMC	TN	SO LP CW	3960
W5JBV	FL	SO QRP CW	3906
K8BB	MI	SO LP MIX	3879
N3KR	PA	SO LP CW	3666
K4KO	TN	SO LP CW	3645
W4IHI	FL	SO LP MIX	3511.5
VE3UTT	VE - ON	SO LP CW	3450

Out of State Club Competition

Participation from Florida and Tennessee was excellent. Sixteen clubs submitted logs. Those with only one entry are not shown.

We appreciate each one of you participating in our event. Hopefully all club leaders will promote our event and all QSO parties to their general membership as a means to encourage training and growth in this great aspect of our hobby!

Club	Logs	Acc	Score
Florida Contest Group	8		151152.5
Tennessee Contest Group	9		132163.5
Yankee Clipper Contest Club	3		14067.5
Southeast Contest Club	2		11558
Potomac Valley Radio Club	2		9918
Contest Club Ontario	2		8692
Mad River Radio Club	4		7108.5

Alabama Results

Mobiles

We had great success from 5 mobile stations that produced 2229 PH and CW QSOs from 57 counties. Accounting for just over 3% of the entries, the mobile stations handed out nearly 15% of the total QSOs.

Mobile stations have a unique ability to generate many QSOs because they are changing counties all the time. Although it takes a good deal more planning and

preparations, mobile operation is very challenging and yields the most fun in a QSO Party.

Looking into the future, we definitely need more mobiles to cover our 67 Alabama counties. This could make a great operating event for those Alabama clubs that don't have a club stations. It definitely is FUN.

KN4Y, Ed came up from Florida again this year to operate from 14 counties. Ed was the high scorer for the Single Op Low Power CW Mobile (No Driver) with 120,234.



Pictured above are NY4N, Jeff and AF4QB, Rebecca from Tennessee. They returned again in 2007 to finish first in the Multi -Multi Low Power Mobile. Jeff and Rebecca traveled from middle Tennessee and activated 22 counties.

Pictured below is K4ZGB, Tom from Northport, Alabama. Tom operated with the Alabama Contest Group (club) call as K4ACG/m from 17 counties and finished first in the Single Op Low Power CW Mobile w/ Driver category. His wife Charlotte was the driver.



Tom/K4ZGB – Operating as K4ACG/m

We also want to mention KG4VBK, Justin for his mobile participation from Coffee County. I wasn't sure we were going to have someone for Coffee County, so Justin came over from Dale County to give a little insurance coverage. Thanks Justin! We also want to thank Justin's Dad, K4EXT, Gary for his participation from Coffee County. This could be the beginning of a father/son multi -single activities in the future.

Fixed Stations

It is with great pleasure that the Alabama Contest Group and the Alabama QSO Party announces that N4JF, Jerry from Jefferson County as the overall High Scorer for the 2007 Alabama QSO Party. In the Single Op QRP Mixed category, Jerry had a total score of 134,382 points.



From the looks of the wall in the background Jerry, N4JF is no stranger to winning. Congratulations Jerry!

QRP

In the QRP category, there were two additional entries from Alabama; W4ATK, Jim from Jefferson County and W4HEX, Bill from Baldwin County. Thanks for your participation!

Low Power

The following picture shows K4SAV, Jerry and his wife Faye from Morgan County. Jerry is the high scorer in the SO LP CW category with 97,881 points. Thanks for the participation and support, Jerry.



Jerry, K4SAV and YL, Faye from Morgan Co.

WX4MM, Mary from Lee County is the high scorer in the Single Op Low Power Phone category with a score of 39,192.

WA1FCN, Bob from Walker County is the high scorer in the Single Op LP Mixed category with 78,820.5 points. Bob had 225 QSOs on CW and 433 QSOs on PH.

K4SCC, the St Clair County ARC was first in the Multi Single Low Power Phone category with a score of 15,573.

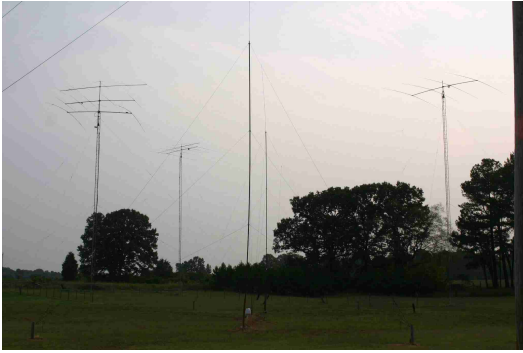
W4LEE, the Lee County ARC was first in the Multi-Multi Low Power Phone category with a score of 81,937.5 points. Again Tom/WX4TM and crew did a great job getting folks out to participate and discover what contesting is all about. Once again congratulations to you all.

K4RY, the Auburn University ARC finished first in the Multi-Multi Low Power Mixed category with a score of 29,802. K4RY just barely edged out WX4RUS the Russell County Radio Club Multi -Multi Low Power Mixed entry who finished a close second with 28,656 points. A great effort by both of these groups from their club stations!

High Power

K4TD, Rick from Madison County was the high scorer in the Single Op HP CW category with a score of 43,692.

KY5R, Tim from Lauderdale County brought in a great score on phone at 75,287 to take the honors in the Single Op HP Phone category.



This is the KY5R Antenna Farm – Lauderdale Co.

K4HAL, Henry from Etowah County was the high scorer for the Single Op HP Mixed category at 34,452 points.

W4CCF Gaston, KV4T Alan and W4RDA Robert from Tuscaloosa got together at Alan's new QTH in Chilton County and produced the high score in the Multi -Multi HP Phone category with 44,548 points.

Alabama Top 25 High Scores

CALLSIGN	LOC	CATEGORY	SCORE
N4JF	AL – JEF	SO QRP MIX	134382
KN4Y/m	AL	SO LP CW MOB	120234
NY4N/m	AL	MS LP MIX MOB	100112
K4SAV	AL – MOR	SO LP CW	97881
K4ACG/m (K4ZGB)	AL	SO LP CW MOB w/Dr	94392
W4LEE	AL – LEE	MM LP PH	81938
WA1FCN	AL – WAL	SO LP MIX	78821
KY5R	AL – LAU	SO HP PH	75287
KI4ACW	AL – TPA	SO HP PH	61509
K4A/m (KC4HW)	AL	SO LP CW MOB w/Dr	60738
KR4F	AL – MAD	SO LP CW	53940
N4KG	AL – LIM	SO LP MIX	50256
W4CCF	AL – CHI	MM HP PH	44548
K4TD	AL – MAD	SO HP CW	43692
W4RJ	AL – LAU	SO HP PH	39368
WX4MM	AL – LEE	SO LP PH	39192
KC4OR	AL – CHE	SO LP PH	38880
K4CWW	AL – TUS	SO LP PH	37259
K4HAL	AL – ETO	SO HP MIX	34452
K4RY	AL – LEE	MM LP MIX	29802
WX4RUS	AL – RUS	MM LP MIX	28656
W4NTI	AL – CAL	SO LP MIX	19830
K4TSA	AL – CHE	SO LP PH	18879
NV4B	AL – FRA	SO LP PH	16830
WA4JA	AL-RAN	SO LP PH	16269

Alabama Club Competition

We had great participation from 6 clubs!

The following is from Tom, WX4TM:



This is the Lee County Club-W4LEE

W4LEE is the club call of the East Alabama Amateur Radio Club in Lee County Alabama participating in the AQP MMLP PH in the Club category with two radios and 17 operators. We're somewhat disappointed to not see more clubs participating; however Lee County is probably the only county that actually had two clubs working the AQP. The Auburn University Club K4RY was in there with us and just south of us in Russell County was the Russell County RC WX4RUS. We're proud that these three clubs from the East Alabama area were in there supporting the AQP. Last year, the Montgomery W4AP club was in it but we haven't heard from them yet this year and we really expected some competition from the Tuscaloosa, Birmingham and Huntsville clubs. Where were they? This was a great warm-up for Field Day. The contest juices were running high with great enthusiasm, hard work, some good humor and just a good ole fashion fun time. We think its about the best contest effort our club has ever put forth. The only down side was the s9+ noise level on all bands operating from down-town Opelika, AL at the Lee County EOC. Contact highlights included QSOs with Alaska and Guam. Several new and older Hams got their first exposure to contesting including Dale Gulledge KI4KQE who came all the way from Chilton county to participate in the AQP with us; Justin Fentress KI4UYZ who just recently got his Technician License was accompanied by girl friend Elizabeth Fowler who now says she'll get her license this summer; Johnny Langley

KI4TAY, an employee at the Lee County EOC who just got his license a few months back; Jeffery Wallace KE4UNA; and Rodney Quinton W4RDQ who were contesting for the first time. Veteran supporting contesters included Bob Kribel KD4PK, Jim Booton WA4KMM, Curtis Jennings KI4FUS, Justin Webster KI4KKZ, Matt Arnold KF4AEJ, Stephen Wilkinson KI4GFF, Richard Battles WB4BYQ, Tom Moore WX4TM, David Grantham WX4DLG, Matt Grantham WX4MAT, and Glynn O'Steen WB4PHG. Snacks and pizza were provided by the EAARC, arranged for by Curtis Jennings KI4FUS. Our contest organizer was Tom Moore WX4TM.

Also the Russell County Radio Club (WX4RUS) had a great time this year. Here is the wrap-up: This was officially the first time the Russell County Radio Club participated in any con test. WX4MAP-Marc Pope operated the CW station and WB4GLJ-John Wingard handled SSB ops. Marc has been bitten by the CW bug again after finally dusting off his straight key from about 15 years of dormancy! The Herring's: WX4JIM-Jim and KI4NGX-Karen provided assistance with logging, refreshment fetching, and moral support. Karen provided all the goodies (homemade Chili Dogs, homemade cookies and of course RC (Russell County) Colas).

The West Central Alabama Amateur Radio Club had a great turnout with Conway/AI4ZC, Will KI4PGM, Chuck/KI4JTB, DW/KI4KLF, Lisa/KI4KXX, Sam/KI4CZP, Mike/KE4SAG and NR4G. This was wonderful participation from Jasper, AL (Walker County). Thanks everyone!

Auburn University Amateur Radio Club, K4RY, in Lee County had a greater turnout. Thanks to Carey/AI4TZ, Jay/N4CBK, and Rick/KA4DNY for their participation.

We also had an entry from St Clair County ARES group headed up by Roger/KF4ZLU. They had a solid effort in 2007 and are looking forward to 2008!

Here are the Alabama club station results: Thanks for your participation. Hope that you

guys and gals will continue to promote ham radio activities to your membership.

Club		Score
East Alabama ARC	W4LEE	81937.5
Auburn University ARC	K4RY	29802
Russell County Radio Club	WX4TUS	28656
St Clair County EMA/ARES ARC	K4SCC	15573
West Central Alabama ARC	KI4PND	4503

Logging Programs

N1MM seems to be the preferred logging program for our event. The only competition that N1MM had was the handwritten ones via our AQP Log Sheets .

We appreciate the logging software vendors supporting our event.

We really prefer computer generated logs, so hopefully some of these handwritten logs will eventually move over to computer logs in the future.

Logging Programs	LOGS
N1MM Logger	39
AQP Log Sheets	26
Handwritten	15
GenLog	12
Writelog	12
Win-EQF	4
NA	3
TR Log	3
SD / SDCheck	2
Cabrillo.PL Perl	1
CU2JT Logger	1
DXKeeper	1
Field Day Logger	1
Lux-Log	1

Plaque Program

Twenty-three plaques were sponsored by individuals, clubs and one company. Wanted to make sure that these plaques would mean something to the recipients and the sponsors as well. So, in order to qualify for a plaque, a participant had to log a minimum of 100 or more valid QSOs.

We are proud to announce the following plaque winners for 2007.

Plaque/Sponsor	Winner
Top Alabama Mobile Single Op No Driver Sponsored by KE4GWW and K3RWM	KN4Y
Top Alabama Mobile Single Op Plus Driver Sponsored by Montgomery ARC, Montgomery, AL	K4ZGB
Top Alabama Mobile Multi-Op Sponsored by Gigaparts, Inc, Huntsville, AL	NY4N and AF4QB
Top Alabama CW Sponsored by Geneva Co ARS	K4SAV
Top Alabama Phone Sponsored by Wiregrass ARC, Dothan, Al	KY5R
Top Alabama High Score Sponsored by W4OZK (Alabama ARRL Section Manager)	N4JF
Top Alabama YL Sponsored by the YL Radio League	WX4MM
Top Alabama Multi-Multi Sponsored by Gigaparts Inc, Huntsville, AL	K4RY
Top Alabama Club Station Score Sponsored by East Alabama ARC, Lee County, AL	W4LEE
Top Out of State CW Sponsored by East Alabama ARC, Lee County, AL	W2LHL
Top Out of State Mixed Mode Sponsored by Opp ARC, Opp, Al & KB4ET	N4IG
Top Out of State QRP Sponsored by East Alabama ARC, Lee County, AL	K9EU
Top Out of State Club Score Sponsored by WX4TM	FCG

Certificates

Those participants that did not qualify for a plaque but finished with a high score in their category (county, state, providence) will be receiving a very nice AQP certificate. Please allow some time for preparation; they

will be in the mail before the 2008 AQP. Thanks!

New for 2008

Well I almost hate to say this, but in 2008 the rules will be changing again.

The primary changes will be in the multipliers and scoring process for both Alabama and Out of State entries.

Additionally, we will be looking to automate the scoring process and log checking.

Thanks to all!

This was the inaugural year for the Alabama Contest Group sponsorship of the AQP. This organization got squarely behind the Alabama QSO Party. Many of its members supported and promoted the event to their local clubs and friends. Without this support it would be extremely difficult to conduct such an event.

Also I would specifically like to identify the following clubs for their financial support and efforts to promote this activity to their general membership. Club membership participation is critical to its success.

Montgomery ARC, Montgomery, Al
Geneva County ARS, Geneva, AL
Wiregrass ARC, Dothan, Al
Birmingham ARC, Birmingham, AL
East Alabama ARC, Lee County, AL
Tuscaloosa ARC, Tuscaloosa, AL
Opp ARC, Opp, AL

The following are individuals that personally gave their financial support and efforts to promote and participate in the Alabama QSO Party.

KE4GWW, James Nelson, Dothan, AL
K3RWM, Railey Macey, Dothan, AL
W4OZK, Greg Sarratt, Alabama Section Mgr
WX4MM, Mary Moore, President YLRL
WX4TM, Tom Moore, Valley, AL
K4ZGB, Tom Hardison, Northport, AL
K4NO, Greg Richard, Huntsville, AL
K4VU, Robin Gist, Pleasanton, CA
WO4D, Orrin Delaney, Melbourne, FL
KY5R, Tim Winger, Rogersville, AL
KB4ET, Dave Curran, DeFuniak Spring, FL

Finally I want to thank Gigiparts, Inc of Huntsville, AL for their support.

And last but not least, I would like to thank all of you that participated in our event this year. Without all of you, both in and out of Alabama, this event would never get off the ground. We appreciate your time and hope that you will find time on the first full weekend in June 2008 to play again!

SOAPBOX COMMENTS

NY4N/Mobile: I did all the operating, but Becky did help me with logs at the beginning while under the influence of Murphy. In all fairness, we felt like it would be better if we entered the mobile multi-op category.

NW7O, Jim: I enjoyed working everyone during the 2007 Alabama QSO Party. I had limited time to operate but had fun. CU again next year.

WA5SWN, Clarence: Propagation into the Midwest was poor and very spotty, so I didn't hear many AI stations – but I worked everyone I heard! CU again next year.

N7EIE, Leroy: This was my first Alabama QSO Party, and it was a lot of fun. I was able to get a whopping 15 contacts from the Olympia, WA area, mostly on 20, but I did get a few in the lower bands as well. I used a 3 element beam at 40 feet for 20 and 15 meters. CU next year.

W7DPW, David: Great contest. Poor conditions. It was fun following several of the Rovers around Alabama.

K9EU, Erik: This is the first time I ran QRP in a QSO party. Thanks to the mobiles that copied me.

WA4JA, John: Had CW capability before start, but an operator who will remain unidentified spun a wrong pot and found some CW menu settings had changed while trying to chase the “obvious” hardware problem. I didn't get it figured out until end of contest.

N8NA, Karl: A very lively event for the few minutes I was able to participate. See you again next year.

WX4MM, Mary: My intent was to get High Score AI YL. My low score is due to only being able to operate 8 hours of the contest. It all started when the OM called and needed a foot switch, this was at 10 minutes before the contest started so I took him a foot switch and came back home. That took an hour. Had audio distortion problems with my radio so the OM came home and swapped out the power supply

but that didn't help. He loaned me his radio and I got back on the air after 30 min. A few hours later another OM called and suggested I get on the YL Net on IRLP. I decided to stay on AQP and get more contacts. It worked great until shortly after 00:00 June 3. Then got hit with tuner problems which killed the radio. I really enjoyed working the contest. Worked 5 other YL's, all of them outside of AL. Sure wish I had been able to finish. I was starting to work the AI stations on 40 meters and would have been able to pick up multipliers. As it was, I only worked 11 counties. Can hardly wait till next year. 73.

KB6NU, Dan: Didn't hear a lot of guys on phone, but that's OK because I like CW better anyway. ☺ Thanks for running the contest...73.

K0LDS, Ted: Great to hear Alabama on the air. Thanks to all AI ops for helping me out. Looking forward to returning the favor during the upcoming CO QSO Party. See you next year. Hope to have a better score.

K4PIC, Larry: My first AI QP. Had a blast. Forty meters was in good shape right to the end. Great job by K4A, K4ACG, KN4Y and NY4N. Thanks to all the guys who put the show on. Hope to be back next year.

W4EIP, Arnie: Everything worked fine except the operator. Very courteous bunch, unlike most contests.

WA4VEK, Johnny: Decided I would jump in and make some contacts in the QSO Party. I am a former winner from Alabama for the 1981 and 1983 Alabama QSO Parties. Still using paper logs so hope these will do.

W2LHL, Hector: Thanks for another fine contest!

W7GVE, Ed: I'm just getting started in QPs and county hunting - - wanted to support the ALQP – Tom (K4ZGB) encouraged me to get in the ALQP—very nice guy. I'll get in it every year. During midday 20 went dead — could not hear a single AL station—only a few 5s & 6s and they were very weak! Was hoping to get more counties, but I still had a good time. Thanks for your efforts.

W4ZPR/M, Jackson: I was making some modifications to my setup so I checked into your QSO Party to confirm that it was working. Thanks.

W1WIU, Jim: Had a fun weekend and met some new friends. Looking forward to 2008!

K4SCC, Roger/KF4ZLU: Thanks for such a great contest...Looking forward to next year.

W4NTI, Dan: Hurricanes and Solar Flares. That's what I call a contest.

W4HEX, Bill:

In a nutshell, this was it as seen by this novice. Some of the folks I hit did seem willing to chat just a bit...Everyone except for me and one other chap seemed to be really first class OPS. It was exciting at times, for example: I first started on 10m cause a friend, K2TY, phoned me that 10m was open around 9:30-10am the morning of the contest. However, by 11am contest time, 10m was pretty dead. So as soon as I jumped down to 15m, 21040 was alive with contest signals. All of us ARSs on 15m were able to work each other and with my lil QRP I was able to work several stations even more than once...hi. By 0300 UTC, the only band opened, to speak of was 40m. The ARSs at that time seemed to be really strong signals being run by souped up OPS...masterfully quick and knowledgeable about this stuff. A good OP be picking off contacts like an Aardvark picks off ants...so I ran fer cover...hi. All in all, it was a heck of a lot of fun! Looking forward to next year.

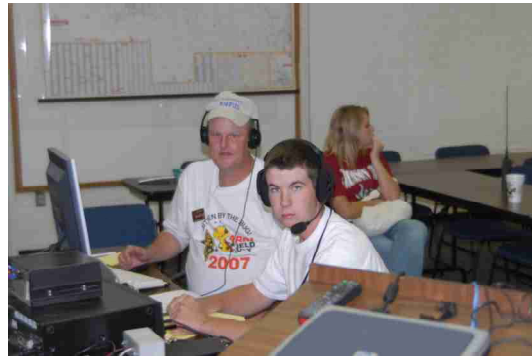
W8KNO, Joseph: You competed with my grandson's graduation party and you lost. Worked six new counties. **NE4S, Mike:** I had to steal time from building a deck on the house to operate. It is good to have ALQP just after GQP, keeps the fun going.

PA3ARM, Harry: Being patient ie waiting till after midnight when first 3 hours just brought nothing was "rewarded" with 7 new counties out of 32 still needed in AL. **VE3CRU, Bill:** This was a very enjoyable contest. Managed to get 75 percent of the counties, not sure how many were not active out of the 16 missed. Mobile activity was great. Got 39/m qso's and lost the mobiles for a while in the transition from 20 to 40, no doubt some needed counties with it. Thanks to all the mobiles. High rollers, KN4Y/m and K4A/m with 13 each, K4ACG/m with 9 and NY4N/m with 4. Many thanks to Jim Johnson KC4HW and his dedicated contest committee, all who had qso's with me and all who participated. Looking forward to next year.

AA8IA, Mike: Abysmal 40m and 80m thanks to QRN and thunderstorms. 20m earlier in the day was great. Tnx to K4A for all the mobile contacts!

Extra Photos

Here are some more shots from the Lee County group – W4LEE.



Curtis, K14FUS Logging and Justin, K14UYZ operating



Left to right: Matt, K14KQE, Dale, KF4AEJ and Curtis, K14FUS



Matt, WX4MAT with his back to us and Glynn, WB4BYQ Logging