

2006 Tennessee QSO Party

The first three columns in the table below are a bit cryptic:

C: Station has earned a certificate

R: Entry is a new record

I: Station is a first-time entrant in the Tennessee QSO Party

(these entrants will also receive certificates)

Tennessee entries:												
C	R	I	Call	Pwr	QTH	Score	CW Q	SSB Q	VHF Q	Mults	Bonus	Club/team
v			KY4L	/M HP	mobile	139,050	510			85	9,000	Code Rage Mobileers
v			NY4N	/M HP	mobile	74,600	320			70	7,400	Code Rage Mobileers
v	v		K4AMC	/M LP	mobile	61,030	330			57	4,600	
v			K4A	/M LP	mobile	59,757	257			67	8,100	Code Rage Mobileers
v			W4OQG	/M LP	mobile	29,118	158			57	2,100	
v	v		WB4YDL	/M LP	mobile	3,892		46		26	1,500	
v			WB4CHH	/M LP	mobile	864		24		18		
v			N4ZZ	SO HP	Davidson	89,691	195	246		83	300	
v	v		N4VV	SO HP	Greene	37,568	173			72	200	
v			KE4OAR	SO HP	Loudon	10,127	13	104		41		
v			W4NZ	SO HP	Hamilton	4,653	47			33		
			K4TCG*	SO LP	Cheatham	72,952	229	71		88		
v			N8NM	SO LP	Campbell	58,328	204	40		84	200	
v			N4ARO	SO LP	Washington	48,816	170	56		78	300	
v			K4RO	SO LP	Cheatham	31,085	149	4		67	600	
v			W4HZD	SO LP	Knox	28,612	144			66	100	
v			K4KO	SO LP	Wilson	22,213	117			63	100	
	v		KE4MBP	SO LP	Hamilton	15,680		160		49		
			W04O	SO LP	Robertson	13,972	89	11		48	100	Tennis-See Racqueteers
			AA3VA	SO LP	Hamilton	11,239	79			47	100	
			N4DW	SO LP	Sullivan	10,924	88			41	100	
			K4HSM	SO LP	Knox	8,792		104		41	100	
			K3CQ	SO LP	Davidson	8,020	66			40	100	

			NA4K	SO LP	McMinn	5,956	61			32	100	
			WA4OSD	SO LP	Sumner	4,721	27	28		33	200	
			WA4JA	SO LP	Williamson	3,828		54	2	33		
C	R	1	Call	Pwr	QTH	Score	CW Q	SSB Q	Vhf Q	Mults	Bonus	Club/team
	v		ND4X	SO LP	Knox	1,113	1	25		21		
	v		W4DDR	SO LP	Knox	412		10	1	13	100	
			NA4C	SO LP	Dickson	189	7			9		
			W4BCG	SO LP	Williamson	70		5		7		
v	v		K5DMI	SO QRP	Shelby	264		11		12		
v	v		KG4WKE	VHFQRP	Lawrence	24			2	3		

Out-of-state entries:

C	R	1	Call	Pwr	QTH	Score	CW Q	SSB Q	Vhf Q	Mults	Bonus	Club/team
v			CU2JT	HP	Azores Is.	2,000	30			20	200	
v	v		DL3GA	HP	Germany	2,260	30			24	100	
v	v		OK1KT	HP	Czech Rep.	1,864	28			21	100	
v			PA3ARM	LP	Netherlands	2,518	31			26	100	
v			VA7ST	LP	Br. Columbia	1,352	24			16	200	
v	v		VA1MM	LP	Nova Scotia	4,880	52			30	200	Maritime Contest Club
v	v		VE3GSI	LP	Ontario	8,490	65			42	300	
v			VE2AWR	LP	Quebec	1,320	22	2		16	200	
v	v		VE5BCS	LP	Sask.	108		2		2	100	
v	v		K4ZGB	LP	Alabama	5,164	42	13		32	300	SECC
v	v		N4JF	QRP	Alabama	2,548	30	6		24	100	SECC
v	v		W9CF	QRP	Arizona	175	5			5	100	
v	v		K2RP	HP	California	3,593	39			29	200	
	v		NI6T	HP	California	1,089	17	1		13	400	NCCC
	v		KG6ZHC	HP	California	112	2			2	100	
v	v		K3MQ	HP	Delaware	633	9	7		13	100	
v			N4TB	HP	Florida	10,254	79			42	300	Florida Contest Group
v	v		K4BK	LP	Florida	214	3	5		6	100	SECC (club, not team)
v	v		W5JBV	QRP	Florida	4,044	36	8		31	200	

v			K4PIC	HP	Georgia	9,244	64	8		43	300	SECC
		v	W4JO	HP	Georgia	5,996	49	7		36	200	
			K4BAI	HP	Georgia	6,405	47	12		37	300	SECC
		v	N4GG	HP	Georgia	2,444	34			22	200	SECC
C	R	1	Call	Pwr	QTH	Score	CW Q	SSB Q	Vhf Q	Mults	Bonus	Club/team
v			KI4EGT	LP	Georgia	1,904	26	2		22	100	
v		v	K0IO	LP	Iowa	7,404	56	12		37	300	
v			AA9KH	LP	Illinois	4,825	45			35	100	Soc. Midwest Contesters
		v	NW9T	LP	Illinois	580		16		15	100	
v			WA4VAP	LP	Kentucky	215	7	1		5	100	
v		v	AA1KS	HP	Maine	233	1	8		7	100	
v			W0S	LP	Missouri	284	5	4		8	100	
v			KJ5RC	HP	Mississippi	128		8		8		
v			AA4FU	LP	N. Carolina	8,040	62	5		40	200	
		v	AK4GY	LP	N. Carolina	3,912	38	7		29	200	
v		v	AC0DQ	LP	Nebraska	198		7		7	100	
v		v	W0PQ	QRP	Nebraska	1,600	25			20	100	
v		v	W2YC	HP	New Jersey	3,800	40			30	200	Frankford Radio Club
v			N2ZU	LP	New Jersey	2,477	31	3		23	200	
			W2CVW	LP	New Jersey	872	16			14	200	
v		v	KD2MX	QRP	New Jersey	397	11			9	100	
v			N2CU	LP	New York	2,180	29	6		20	200	WNY Contest Club
v		v	K5UV	LP	Oklahoma	5,646	54			33	200	
v			WA3AAN	HP	Penna.	490	13			10	100	
v		v	N3RJ	LP	Penna.	5,900	53	8		32	300	
		v	W3AG	LP	Penna.	1,426	26			17	100	Mad River Contest Club
v			WA1JSD	LP	Texas	400	10			10	100	
		v	KE5DRJ	LP	Texas	18		3		3		
			K5WW	LP	Texas	2		1		1		
v			W4ZPR	LP	Virginia	841	19			13	100	
v		v	W9AEM	LP	Wisconsin	5,713	43	10		37	200	
		v	W9OA	LP	Wisconsin	1,720	27			20	100	NIDXA
			KA9JAC	LP	Wisconsin	967	17			17	100	NE Wisconsin DX Assoc
		v	W9YQ	LP	Wisconsin	562	14			11	100	Bay Area Wireless Assoc

V	V	AJ1M	HP	W. Virginia	2,090	14	24		21	200	PVRC
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(*) TCG and its headquarters station K4TCG are not eligible for certificates.

Operators:

K4A/m:	K4LTA, K4UPS	NY4N/m:	NY4N, AF4QB
K4TCG:	W9WI	W0S:	K2HT

Teams:

<i>Tennessee teams:</i>		
Code Rage Mobileers	273,407	K4A, KY4L, NY4N
Tennis-See Racqueteers	13,972	WO4O
<i>Non-Tennessee teams:</i>		
SECC (team)	25,805	K4BAI, K4PIC, K4ZGB, N4GG, N4JF
Florida Contest Group	10,254	N4TB
Maritime Contest Club	4,880	VA1MM
Society of Midwest Contesters	4,825	AA9KH
Frankford Radio Club	3,800	W2YC
Western New York Contest Club	2,180	N2CU
Potomac Valley Radio Club	2,090	AJ1M
NIDXA	1,720	W9OA
Mad River Contest Club	1,426	W3AG
Northern California Contest Club	1,089	NI6T
Northeast Wisconsin DX Association	967	KA9JAC
Bay Area Wireless Association	562	W9YQ
SECC (club)	214	K4BK

TQP Records:

<u>Category</u>	<u>ORP</u>			<u>Low Power</u>			<u>High Power</u>		
Single-op	22,153	N8NM	2005	58,328	N8NM	2006	111,714	K0EJ	2002

Multi-op				10,840	W4LWW	2005	201,472	K4TCG	2001
Mobile				61,030	K4AMC	2006	148,878	K4LTA	2004
VHF	24	KG4WKE	2006	2,060	WA4JA	2005			
non-TN	4,044	W5JBV (FL)	2006	9,620	WA3HAE (PA)	2005	16,762	K9EU (IL)	2005

Team	273,407	Code Rage Mobileers	2006
Non-Tenn. Team	25,805	SECC	2006

Notes by W9WI

Storms during the contest held scores down ? K4TCG was off the air for several hours due to lightning near the station, and several mobile operators felt they were having problems being heard due to the QRN. However, we had record participation: 85 entries. Both team categories also set new records (by a considerable margin in both cases). In our second year with separate participation for low-power and QRP operation, two QRP records and a low-power record were set. There was plenty of activity but no particularly tight races. Two out-of-state entrants managed to score precisely 5,996 points but one of them lost a few QSOs and multipliers to busted calls.

A surprising number of entrants had trouble with K4AMC's call. I wonder if this was related to the QRN? I expect a few "busted calls" with a station that's new to contesting, but the K4AMC call has been responsible for a lot of QSOs from Tennessee over the years!, I wasn't expecting as many "busts" as happened. Most errors logged him as "K4AM/m". This also led to "cascading errors". This happened where someone got Jim's call wrong on their first QSO and then copied the error later when they typed "K4AM" and their computer suggested the call was complete. One entrant lost five QSOs and four multipliers this way.

Another common problem involved N4ARO. Dick was our first entrant from Washington County. One version of contesting software assumed "WASH" meant Washington State and put "WA" in the Cabrillo file. Many entrants apparently noticed and corrected their Cabrillo files but three entrants lost four N4ARO QSOs (and the Washington Co. mult) this way. We may have to change the official abbreviation for Washington Co. for 2007.

Several out-of-state entrants complained that all the activity was on 40 meters. This was a particular problem for West Coast and DX entrants: 40 wasn't open to Tennessee until the contest was nearly over. To some degree this is difficult to avoid ? 20 phone was very crowded and the high bands weren't really open. (or at least, nobody thought they were open! - K4TCG made several West Coast QSOs on 15 with excellent signals)

However, I would encourage operators to spend more time on 20. Remember that QSOs count again on additional bands, so even if all you work on 20 or 15 are other Tennessee stations, that's still extra QSOs in your log that you won't get if you sit on 40 for the entire period. And, if you move a Tennessee station through enough bands to

complete six QSOs, you get a bonus multiplier. A lot of points could be earned in a hurry by moving K4TCG through the bands, but K4RO was the only entrant who tried. (Kirk earned more bonus points than any other non-mobile entrant)

We're working on changes to the rules to spur more activity on other bands. We also hope to create more phone activity; several operators noted SSB QSOs were lacking this year.

SOAPBOX

AA9KH:

Many thanks to all those who chose to participate in this event. A LARGE THANK YOU to those ops who chose to spend their Sunday operating mobile and especially for those mobiles operating using CW. Was great to hear all the mobile activity The pileups were awesome on 40M. Hope to C U next yr. GL. 73, Jay AA9KH

AC0DQ:

Darn WAE contest really made it tough to find a TN station out here in Nebraska. Thanks! Enjoyed the contacts!

AK4GY:

First time TQP for me. Storms shut me down for several hours in the evening but still had a good time.

CU2JT:

Tough fight between the ongoing WAE SSB contest and TNQP on 40m. Normally, I do most of the work on 40m but this time, it was a little too lively on the SSB. Thanks for a great contest and a special thanks to the mobile stations giving us multiple counties.

DL3GA:

Good party ! Thanks for a number of 'new ones' for my county award.

K2RP:

Short time period limits 40 and 80 m QSOs from west coast, as the contest is over before it gets dark here. Did not hear even one SSB station!

K3MQ:

COULD ONLY WORK A SHORT TIME BUT WANTED TO GIVE OUT THE DELAWARE MULT TO A FEW

K4AMC:

First TQP from mobile. As driver/operator no time for S&P missed other TN mobiles. Mobile worked great 40m cw only 60 watts to a Hamstick and TS570DG. Got lost twice..Forgot to turn on recorder twice with missed Qsos hurt score. Great fun from mobile. Worked DX CU2JT, OK1KT, UT5UIA. Was told by NJ stn after contest with my KW mobile other European stns were calling.

K4HSM:

Great contest. Definitely not as good as I did 2 years ago, but the bands seemed to be a lot worse than then. Only

band I had any luck on was 40m. Still had fun.

KA9JAC:

Didn't have a lot of time to play this year. The band wasn't real cooperative when I did have time..

KD2MX:

Only had an hour. Gave my new KX1 a good test run.

KJ5RC:

I enjoyed trying to work the QSO Party. Conditions weren't too favorable my way.

KY4L:

This was a personal best -- the first time I ever exceeded a QSO/min for the duration of a contest (overall rate = 1.22 Q/min). But I have to admit that, having realized I will never beat K4LTA (nee K4A) on savvy and skill, I cheated and used an amplifier. The KY4L Bulldog Trophy winner is K4PIC, who wouldn't quit and jumped us in 15 of the 18 counties we operated from. The Most Mobile Multiplier station was W0BUH in Anderson County, whom we worked 12 times for 3 mults. Many thanks and 73 to all the ops who chased us across this long state.

N4GG:

Skip's too short for 14, but always fun to chase our close-in neighbors on 40 and 80. I do like the one day format. 73, Hal

N4JF:

It was nice meeting many old friends. Maybe next year someone like N3FJP will have a logging program for the TQP. I enjoyed the short time I operated... with QRP you have to be patient and dedicated... HI.

NA4C:

My time was very limited this year due to Football, church and family reunion. I was able to get limited CW time in. Next year look out. I agree the value added points for lower band.

NI6T:

It seems that most of the TQP operation is on 40 CW, making it impossible for West Coast stations to do much until the last half-hour of the contest. Many of us in the NCCC would like to participate, to show appreciation for your participation in the CQP in October, but only a few intrepid stations showed up on 20 or 15, despite good propagation. If you wish a wider scope for TQP, please encourage participants in TN to work the higher bands during the contest.

NW9T:

Not a lot of contacts, but it was fun anyway. Especially enjoyed WB4YDL's moving from county to county, which gave me 3 contacts with same operator but a different county each time. 73s and I'll be back again next year hopefully with a better showing based on what I learned this year.

PA3ARM:

Cannot remember why I missed 2005 but it was nice to "be back" es to work some (5) new counties fer mi USA-CA CW only. Now still need 22 in TN but application fer mi USA-CA 2000 endorsement will be done soon. Bill, Ruby,

Jeff, Becky es Richard did a nice job mobiling !. Tnx! 19 contacts wid mobiles out of a total of 31 is not bad wid mi simple 100W es dipole set up. Hpe to cuagn in 2007!!

VA7ST:

Thanks for the fun day. Worked through thin activity on 20M a few minutes at a time, left and came back for more later. Thanks to the mobiles -- nice job!

VE3GSI:

First time entry for me in this contest. Many thanks to all for making this contest fun.

VE5BCS:

That's all Doug, thanks for contact. Couldn't find any more on the band. Hope for better conditions next year.

W0PQ:

Skilled operators, marginal conditions. Elecraft K1 & G5RV. Lots of fun. My first Tennessee QSO Party.

W0S:

I will have more time to operate from home QTH next year. Operated during 150th Anniversary of the founding of Wellsville, Mo. at the Historic Wellsville Railroad Depot Museum.

W3AG:

First time entrant. Didn't hear any RTTY.

W4JO:

1st time participant! Great contest! Especially the work by the mobile stations. Wow! Now I need to find the other half of the state.

W4OQG:

Where were all the phone operators? I produced pileups on CW, but she called and called on phone with poor results.

WA1JSD:

Not much of a score but, nice to get away from the "Honey-do" routine!! If you have a list of the official TN county abbreviations, please send me a copy.

(WA1JSD's request has been filled. If you'd like a copy of this list, it's on www.tnqp.org)

A special welcome to our 38 first-time entrants! Thanks for giving the Tennessee QSO Party a try; please join us again next year. 25 of you earned certificates in your first try. Of course, our returning participants are the core of this contest, and your entries are also much appreciated. It's always a blast working our friends again each fall.

See you next year!