



TENNESSEE QSO PARTY 2009 RESULTS

The 2009 Tennessee QSO Party is history. Thanks to all for continuing to make this one of the most successful QSO Parties on the air!

Total entries were down slightly this year, from 192 to 189. I think this can be attributed in part to poor weather - and in part to increased multi-operator participation. Fewer entries were submitted but we had at least the same number of operators. The total QSO count saw a healthy increase of 16%; 24,412 QSOs were reported.

New records were set in five of the seventeen possible categories. N2WN, W4NZ, and W0BH broke their own records in the Tennessee single-op QRP; multi-op low-power mobile; and high-power out-of-state categories. W1NN/m broke NY4N's record in the Tennessee single-op low-power mobile category. And Squeals on Wheels #1 beat the Ridgerunners Tennessee team record. Records were established in three other categories when NB4M and N4Q became the first to submit entries in the Tennessee multi-op QRP and single-op mobile QRP categories; and KC9KIO (with KB9OFM) became the first to submit an out-of-state multi-op entry.

Competition was tight in several categories. The out-of-state QRP category could hardly be closer. KE0G beat last year's winner W5JBV by **eight points**, or 0.047%. Among DX entrants, DL3DXX beat DL5AWI by 3.12%. 'AWI had one more QSO but 'DXX's four additional multipliers made the difference. The difference between W0BH's winning high-power score and WB8JUI's low-power first place was only 1.78%, and K4XU and WA3HAE were right on their tails.

One plaque went unclaimed this year. Chapter 182 of the Quarter Century Wireless Association offered a plaque to the leading youth (age 21 or under) entrant. I'm afraid we didn't get much publicity out in advance, and we have not been able to establish participation by anyone younger than 28. This plaque will be held over for the 2010 contest. Younger entrants are encouraged to include their age with their entry; they may well win something!

And on the next page, the results:

Tennessee entrants:

Fixed, multi-op, high power:

A	R	1	Call	QTH	Score	CW	PH	RY	Mult	Bonus	Club
C	R		K4BP	McMinn	578,514	463	541		234	300	
C		1	WB4NCW	Lincoln	189,208	258	316	2	134		Coldwater

K4BP: K4BP, NA4K oprs.

WB4NCW: NQ4U, WB4NCW oprs.

Fixed, multi-op, low power:

A	R	1	Call	QTH	Score	CW	PH	RY	Mult	Bonus	Club
C			KN5S	Johnson	91,922	175	127		118		
C		1	W4CZ	Hancock	57,681	191	45		87		

KN5S: KN5S, K4EDI oprs.

W4CZ: W4CZ, KA4R, K4UTN oprs.

Fixed, multi-op, QRP:

A	R	1	Call	QTH	Score	CW	PH	RY	Mult	Bonus	Club
C	R		NB4M	Davidson	65,662	221	3		98	100	

NB4M: NB4M, N5EEI oprs. This is the TQP's first QRP multiop entry.

Fixed, single-op, high power:

A	R	1	Call	QTH	Score	CW	PH	RY	Mult	Bonus	Club
P			N4VV	Greene	224,380	420			179	100	
C			W4PV	Knox	145,800		560		130	200	
C			N4IR	Sullivan	133,480	342			130	100	
C			N4DW	Sullivan	131,555	295	30		139	200	
C			K4RO	Cheatham	80,280	194	94		104	200	
			K3CQ	Davidson	68,796	252			91		
			WC2Z	Wilson	26,384		194		68		SMRC 910
			K4DZR	Sumner	12,728		148		43		
			K1GU	Blount	12,250	90	40		35		
			W2OO	Blount	8,120		145		28		
		1	N4BBB	Rutherford	1,026		27		19		
		1	W4NX	Lincoln	105		6	1	7		

W4NX: W4BCG opr.

N4VV wins a plaque for first place, single operator, high power, courtesy of N4ZZ.

Fixed, single-op, low power:

A	R	1	Call	QTH	Score	CW	PH	RY	Mult	Bonus	Club
P			N4ZI	Tipton	186,004	328	145		146		
C			WF7T	Davidson	103,866	224	85		123	300	
C			WO4O	Robertson	90,100	250			120	100	
C			N4ARO	Washington	87,091	203	26		131	500	
C			W6UB	Blount	81,252	244			111		
			K4KO	Wilson	72,240	193	33		112		SMRC 910
			AB4GG	Hamilton	64,201		281	9	109		
			W4NI	Davidson	37,884	135	23		84		
		1	AA4N	Monroe	29,127	133			73		
			AJ4JD	Union	26,457		157	9	77	200	
			N4CPA	Sumner	22,620	116			65		
		1	K1GIG	Unicoi	21,840		153	2	70		
			W4NL	Blount	20,819	87			79	200	
			W4UX	Johnson	12,645	83	16		45		
			N4LKE	Jackson	8,980		111		40	100	
		1	K4MCK	Knox	7,192		76		46	200	
			WM4RB	Bradley	5,450		109		25		
			KI4BIY	Tipton	5,248		82		32		Tipton Co.
			NA4C	Dickson	5,092	40	7		38		Dickson Co.
			KE4OAR	Loudon	4,448	9	56		32		
			AA3VA	Hamilton	3,402	42			27		
		1	AK4DW	Knox	1,925		13	17	25		
			KS4X	Hamilton	1,300		26		25		
		1	KA5VZG	Henry	612		18		17		
			WA4JA	Maury	546		21		13		
		1	W1WD	Davidson	442		17		13		
			KG4NVX	Giles	260		13		10		
		1	AC3D	Sullivan	182		13		7		
			W4BK	Sumner	40		2	2	4		

N4ZI wins a plaque for first place, single operator, low power, courtesy of NA4C.

Fixed, single-op, QRP:

A	R	1	Call	QTH	Score	CW	PH	RY	Mult	Bonus	Club
P	R		N2WN	Grainger	91,884	223	36		124		Squeals #2
C		1	KW4JS	Roane	31,356	134			78		

N2WN wins a plaque for first place, single operator, QRP, courtesy of W4SK.

Mobile, multi-op, high power: (no entries)

Mobile, multi-op, low power:

A	R	1	Call	Score	CW	PH	RY	Mult	Bonus	Club
P	R		W4NZ/m	454,188	1,112			133	10,500	Squeals #1
C	R		N4ZZ/m	377,000	980			125	9,500	Squeals #2
			K4TCG/m*	246,143	631	53		119	8,500	Squeals #1

W4NZ: W4NZ, K0EJ, N4DRV oprs.

N4ZZ: AD4EB, N4ZZ, KI4HVY oprs.

K4TCG: KK4TA, W9WI oprs.

W4NZ wins a plaque for first place, multi-operator, mobile, courtesy of W4NZ.

Mobile, multi-op, QRP: (no entries)

Mobile, single-op, high power:

A	R	1	Call	Score	CW	PH	RY	Mult	Bonus	Club
C			KJ4BIX/m	53,690		271		95	2,200	

Mobile, single-op, low power:

A	R	1	Call	Score	CW	PH	RY	Mult	Bonus	Club
P	R		W1NN/m	339,995	811	22		135	5,600	Mad River RC
C	R		NY4N/m	298,673	783	2		123	9,500	Squeals #1
Z	R	1	N5WR/m	285,543	627	143		129	6,000	Squeals #2
C			K4ZGB/m	195,216	584			108	6,000	Squeals #1
C			K4LTA/m	148,648	534	16		86	9,500	
			W4OQG/m	104,016	366			92	3,000	
			WB4CHH/m	1,316		24		17	500	

W1NN wins a plaque for first place, single operator, mobile, courtesy of SEDCO.

N5WR wins a one-year subscription to the *NCJ* for first place, in-state, first-time entrant, courtesy of the ARRL.

Mobile, single-op, QRP:

A	R	1	Call	Score	CW	PH	RY	Mult	Bonus	Club
C	R	1	N4Q/m	6,576	58	1		26	2,000	Squeals #2

N4Q: N2WN opr.; N4Q is the TNQP's first QRP mobile entry.

Out-of-state entrants:

High power:

A	R	1	Call	QTH	Score	CW	PH	RY	Mult	Bonus	Club
C		1	WX4MM	Alabama	2,542		41		31		Ala. CG
C			K6RB	California	30,138	106			91	1,200	NCCC
		1	N6RC	California	7,285	46	6	1	45	400	NCCC
			KG6ZHC	California	300	10			10		
			K6CSL	California	200	7	2		8		NCCC
C		1	K1KI	Connecticut	1,442	23			18	200	YCCC
C		1	W4SVO	Florida	25,136	52	71		82	700	
C			K4BAI	Georgia	58,982	141	45		114	500	SECC #1
			W4BQF	Georgia	37,940	130			96	500	SECC #3
			N4GG	Georgia	9,735	61	1		51	300	SECC #1
P	R		W0BH	Kansas	76,700	167	37		132	800	
C		1	KG5VK	Louisiana	1,080		22		20	200	Shreveport A
C		1	W1UJ	Mass.	34,630	118			95	1,000	YCCC
			N1NN	Mass.	316	9			8	100	
C		1	WB8WKQ	Michigan	29,419	73	59		87	100	
C			W2YC	New Jersey	19,890	91	2		70	500	FRC
			WA2VYA	New Jersey	19,437	89			69	600	FRC
			W2UDT	New Jersey	1,848	23	4		24		FRC
C	R		K4XU	Oregon	72,240	166	13		135	1,500	
			W7WHY	Oregon	392	8			8	200	Willamette V.
C			N3RJ	Penna.	25,434	92	11		83	700	
C		1	K2SX	S. Carolina	31,650	115			90	600	SECC #1
C		1	N4MM	Virginia	9,429	45	22		51	300	
C		1	KC7H	Washington	32		4		4		
C			NS9I	Wisconsin	46,940	120	35		108	500	
		1	K9EN	Wisconsin	11,025	65			55	300	
C		1	K8JQ	W. Virginia	17,685	59	39		67	600	
C		1	VE1OP	Nova Scotia	19,918	83	4		74	900	Maritime CC
C			CU2JT	Azores	8,000	52			50	200	
P		1	DL3DXX	Germany	39,444	124			102	1,500	
			DL5AWI	Germany	38,250	125			98	1,500	
C		1	SP5SA	Poland	1,497	21			19	300	

W0BH wins a plaque for first place, single operator, high power, courtesy of N8UM.

DL3DXX wins a plaque for first place, single operator, DX, courtesy of N4LKE.

Low power:

A	R	1	Call	QTH	Score	CW	PH	RY	Mult	Bonus	Club
C		1	AD5WI	Arkansas	14,236	76			62	100	
C			W7GVE	Arizona	18,960	86			70	900	
			KE7DX	Arizona	432	12			12		Az. Outlaws
		1	W7KAM	Arizona	162		9		9		Az. Outlaws
C			W7GKF	California	23,320	88	13		78	700	Redmond TK
		1	N3ZZ	California	9,200	58			50	500	NCCC
		1	K6WSC	California	2,888	32			28	200	
C		1	N4CD	Colorado	2,794	28	1		29	300	
C		1	KB1NRB	Connecticut	9,500	60			50	500	YCCC
		1	W9KVR	Connecticut	2,148		33		28	300	Iroquois Co.
C			KN4Y	Florida	28,105	105			87	700	FCG
C			K1ZZI	Georgia	24,326	91	10		82	300	SECC #1
			W4UCZ	Georgia	6,120	51			40		SECC #3
		1	NM2L	Georgia	1,540	24			20	100	SECC #3
		1	W4DD	Georgia	1,080	14	9		18		
		1	N3FY	Georgia	12	2			2		SECC #3
C			K0IO	Iowa	23,184	96	10		73	700	Newton ARA
		1	N9HDE	Iowa	340	10	2		10		
C		1	K9CS	Illinois	55,760	141	22	1	118	300	
			K9OM	Illinois	13,240	73			60	100	FCG
			W9QL	Illinois	8,880		78		55	300	SMC
		1	NV9X	Illinois	1,618	16	9		22	100	SMC
		1	N9VPV	Illinois	162		9		9		
		1	N9YH	Illinois	12	2			2		
C			NA9U	Indiana	23,914	92	9		81	100	
			N9FC	Indiana	18,205	85			71	100	SMC
		1	W9RE	Indiana	4,212	39			36		SMC
		1	WA9ZES	Indiana	2,349	29			27		
		1	W9RAM	Indiana	264		12		11		Goshen ARC
C		1	K0HNC	Kansas	15,562	78	4		61	800	
C		1	AI4G	Kentucky	72		6		6		KCG
C		1	K3TN	Maryland	22,984	86	17		77	500	PVRC

A	R	1	Call	QTH	Score	CW	PH	RY	Mult	Bonus	Club
C		1	K8DD	Michigan	2,288	29			24	200	Thumb Area
			KJ8O	Michigan	1,456		28		26		
		1	KD8GOX	Michigan	1,240	20			19	100	MRRC #2
C			K7ZYV	Mississippi	3,340	36			30	100	
C			NE4S¹	Montana	1,771	21	7		23		SECC #3
C			AA4FU	N. Carolina	36,414	127			94	600	PVRC
		1	KI4OFH	N. Carolina	6,206	37	16		42	200	Alamance RC
C			W1END	New Hampshire	10,658	62			53	800	YCCC
		1	AE1T	New Hampshire	2,228	26			26	200	YCCC
C			W2CVW	New Jersey	2,670	31	1		26	200	
Z		1	NT2A	New York	61,800	161	11		120	1,200	YCCC
			N2CU	New York	16,552	73	10		68	300	WNYDXA
		1	WB2ABD	New York	3,665	35			33	200	
			KA2FHN	New York	316	7		2	8	100	
		1	AB2TC	New York	32		4		4		
P			WB8JUI	Ohio	75,360	168	34		130	1,000	MRRC #1
			K8MR	Ohio	23,425	83	29		75	400	MRRC #1
		1	AC8E	Ohio	14,030	71	11		58	400	MRRC #1
		1	N9AUG	Ohio	8,178	58			47		Delaware AR
			AE8M	Ohio	5,412	38	9		41		
			W8KNO	Ohio	2,556		38		31	200	MRRC #1
C		1	W5TM	Oklahoma	45,882	147			102	900	Okla. DXA
			AA5JG	Oklahoma	12,213	67	4		57	300	
C		1	KE7NVA	Oregon	2		1		1		
C			WA3HAE	Penna.	70,196	176	20		122	900	Weekend W.
			KB3LIX	Penna.	20,859	75	21		77	300	
		1	ND3R	Penna.	19,775	77	13		75	500	
			W3AG	Penna.	3,258	34			29	300	MRRC #1
		1	K3TX	Penna.	2,440	30			26	100	
		1	W3PLJ	Penna.	392		14		14		
		1	KB3IPZ	Penna.	50		5		5		
C		1	W1KDA	Rhode Isl.	648		18		18		
C			W4IX	S. Carolina	39,592	118	32		94	300	SECC #1
C			NO5W	Texas	24,134	101			78	500	Cen. TX DXC

A	R	1	Call	QTH	Score	CW	PH	RY	Mult	Bonus	Club
			K5LH	Texas	21,900	100			70	900	Heart of TX
		1	K5ME	Texas	5,295	45			37	300	
C			W4RQ	Virginia	42,028	132	14		97	900	PVRC
			N3UA	Virginia	11,416	66	3		54	400	PVRC
		1	N3TG	Virginia	3,350	35			30	200	Sterling Park
			W4ZPR	Virginia	2,032	28			23	100	
C			KB1ODO	Vermont	4,064	28	12		33	500	
C		1	KD7RHI	Washington	2		1		1		
C		1	K9BTQ	Wisconsin	4,953	29	20		39		WARAC
		1	KC9DOA	Wisconsin	578		17		17		Fond du Lac
C			NE4S¹	Wyoming	356	10	1		8	100	SECC #3
C			VA7ST	B.C.	4,592	38	4		36	200	BC DX Club
			VE7BGP	B.C.	480	10	5		12		Naniamo ARA
		1	VE7FCO	B.C.	128		8		8		Naniamo ARA
C		1	VE9ZX	New Brunswick	1,736		31		28		Maritime CC
P		1	VE3KZ	Ontario	28,550	110			85	500	CCO
C			VE2EZD	Quebec	4,295	33	9		35	200	CG du Que.
C			VE5BCS	Sask.	648		18		18		
C		1	LY3BY	Lithuania	12	2			2		

¹: NE4S operated mobile from locations in both Montana and Wyoming.

WB8JUI wins a plaque for first place, single operator, low power, courtesy of the Dickson Signal Corps.

VE3KZ wins a plaque for first place, North America, outside USA, courtesy of N2WN.

NT2A wins a one-year subscription to the *NCJ* for first place, out-of-state, first-time entrant, courtesy of the ARRL.

QRP:

A	R	1	Call	QTH	Score	CW	PH	RY	Mult	Bonus	Club
C		1	W1IG	Connecticut	3,216	30	7		29	200	CTRI CG
Z			W5JBV	Florida	17,067	73	12		69	300	
P			KE0G	Minnesota	17,075	85			65	500	
			W6GMT	Minnesota	2,016	26			22	300	NAQCC
C			K2HT	Missouri	3,232	36			29	100	
C		1	WB5BKL	Texas	400	10			10	100	Cen. TX DXC
		1	W5ESE	Texas	363	11			11		Austin QRP C

A	R	1	Call	QTH	Score	CW	PH	RY	Mult	Bonus	Club
C		1	VE3HUR	Ontario	75	5			5		

KE0G wins a plaque for first place, single operator, QRP, courtesy of WF7T.

W5JBV wins an Elecraft DL-1 dummy load for his unbelievably close second-place finish, courtesy of Elecraft.

Multi-op, low power:

A	R	1	Call	QTH	Score	CW	PH	RY	Mult	Bonus	Club
C	R		KC9KIO	Wisconsin	3,572		47		38		

KC9KIO: KB9OFM, KC9KIO oprs.. KC9KIO is the TNQP's first out-of-state multi-op entry.

Clubs/Teams:

Tennessee:

Team	Score	Members
Squeals on Wheels #1 (Record)	1,342,868	W4NZ, NY4N, K4TCG, K4ZGB, K4LTA
Squeals on Wheels #2	761,003	N4ZZ, N5WR, N2WN, N4Q
Mad River Radio Club	339,955	W1NN
Coldwater Contest Group	189,208	WB4NCW
Short Mountain Repeater Club - 910 Codgers	98,624	K4KO, WC2Z
Tipton County Amateur R. Society	5,248	KI4BIY
Dickson Co. Amateur Radio Club	5,092	NA4C

Out-of-state:

Team	Score	Members
South East Contest Club #1	164,285	K4BAI, K2SX, K1ZZI, N4GG, W4IX
Yankee Clipper Contest Club #1	118,816	NT2A, W1UJ, W1END, KB1NRB, AE1T
Mad River Radio Club #1	118,629	WB8JUI, K8MR, AC8E, W8KNO, W3AG
Potomac Valley Radio Club	112,842	W4RQ, AA4FU, K3TN, N3UA
Weekend Warriors	70,196	WA3HAE
South East Contest Club #3	47,739	W4BQF, W4UCZ, NE4S, NM2L, N3FY
Northern California Contest Club	46,823	K6RB, N3ZZ, N6RC, K6CSL
Oklahoma DX Association	45,882	W5TM
Florida Contest Group	41,345	KN4Y, K9OM
Frankfort Radio Club	41,175	W2YC, WA2VYA, W2UDT
Society of Midwest Contesters	32,915	N9FC, W9QL, W9RE, NV9X

Team	Score	Members
Contest Club Ontario	28,550	VE3KZ
Central Texas DX Club	23,534	NO5W, WB5BKL
Redmond Top Key Contest Club	23,320	W7GKF
Newton ARA	23,184	K0IO
Heart of Texas DX Society	21,900	K5LH
Maritime Contest Club	21,654	VE1OP, VE9ZX
Western New York DX Association	20,217	N2CU, WB2ABD
Delaware Amateur Radio Assn.	8,178	N9AUG
Alamance Radio Club	6,206	KI4OFH
West Allis Radio Amateur's Club	4,953	K9BTQ
British Columbia DX Club	4,592	VA7ST
Contest Group du Quebec	4,295	VE2EZD
Sterling Park Amateur Radio Club	3,350	N3TG
CTRI Contest Group	3,216	W1IG
Alabama Contest Group	2,542	WX4MM
Thumb Area Contesters	2,288	K8DD
Iroquois Co. Amateur Radio Club	2,148	W9KVR
NAQCC	2,016	W6GMT
Yankee Clipper Contest Club #2	1,442	K1KI
Mad River Radio Club #2	1,240	KD8GOX
Shreveport Amateur Radio Assn.	1,080	KG5VK
Nanaimo Amateur Radio Assn.	608	VE7BGP, VE7FCO
Arizona Outlaws	594	KE7DX, W7KAM
Fond du Lac Amateur Radio Club	578	KC9DOA
Willamette Valley DX Club	392	W7WHY
Austin QRP Club	363	W5ESE
Goshen Amateur Radio Club	264	W9RAM
Kentucky Contest Group	72	AI4G

TQP Records:

Cate- gory	QRP			Low Power			High Power		
	Single-op	91,884	N2WN	2009	195,384	NA4K	2008	305,270	N4ZZ
Multi-op	¹ 65,662	NB4M	2009	282,096	K4TCG	2007	201,472	K4TCG	2001
Single-op mobile	¹ 6,576	N4Q	2009	339,995	W1NN	2009	148,878	K4LTA	2004

Category	QRP			Low Power			High Power		
	Multi-op mobile				454,188	W4NZ	2009		
Single-op non-TN	22,796	WA4PGM (Va.)	2007	75,811	N8II (Wva)	2008	76,700	W0BH (Ks.)	2009
Multi-op non-TN				3,572	KC9KIO	2009 (Wis)			

¹2009 is the first year for an entry in this category.

Tennessee Team	Squeals on Wheels #1	1,342,868	2009
Out-of-state Team	Alabama Contest Group	179,555	2008

Prizes:

The Tennessee Contest Group would like to thank the following for donating prizes and plaques:

- Elecraft (<http://www.elecraft.com>)
- American Radio Relay League (<http://www.arrl.org>)
- South East DX & Contesting Organization (<http://sedco.homestead.com>)
- Dickson Signal Corps (<http://www.qsl.net/dicksonarc>)
- TCG members N2WN, N4LKE, N4ZZ, N8UM, NA4C, W4NZ, W4SK, and WF7T

Notes from the logchecker:

The SQL database was used again in 2009. It worked quite well, allowing thorough cross-checking. This year, we were also able to get a list of “uniques” -- stations worked by only one entrant. The vast majority of uniques are valid QSOs. This is especially true for in-state stations, for in-state stations who spent a lot of time on phone, and for in-state stations who spent a lot of time on 20 meters. All of these conditions tended to lead to a lot of contacts with people who weren't participating in the contest – and only worked one Tennessee participant.

However, “uniques” do occasionally turn out to be “busted” calls. Imagine that K4TCG worked who he thought was N5ECU, on 20 meters CW at 2041z. The unique report shows nobody else claimed a QSO with N5ECU, and N5ECU didn't send in a log. We do however have a log from N5ICU. And this log shows a QSO with K4TCG on 20 meters CW at 2044z. I think we can reasonably presume “N5ECU” is a “busted” call, and delete that QSO from the K4TCG log.

We again managed to activate 94 of the 95 counties(grin). This year, the holdout was Polk. Ideas are solicited for a means of providing mobiles and other Tennessee operators with realtime information – during the contest – of which counties have been activated. (and which may need a visit)

Soapbox:

CU2JT:

Unfortunately, my 40/80m inverted vee caused too much RF in the shack which made my computer go bananas. After restarting it a couple of times while working on 40m (keyboard died) I finally had to give up. A better 40/80m antenna is ordered and should be in place by next year.

DL3DXX:

Thanks for a wonderful party. Just 80m was difficult.

DL5AWI:

The condx was not the best. Great activity from TN-HAMs with fast cw. Unfortunately no public holiday in Germany on Monday and I must cut the run, because soon afterwards I must go to my job.

K4XU:

This was fun! I got out of surgery on Thursday and was not allowed to lift more or stand for long periods ...this was just the thing. Cheers for the mobiles!!! This party is well organized and the Tennessee boys really know how to run mobiles. I wish I could borrow a couple of them next May for the 7QP. Thanks to all who heard my puny sigs from two hops away. Home always sounds good to me.

73, Dick K4XU/7

K6RB:

Great effort. Good participation. Enjoyed it. I'll be back.

K8MR:

Only a few hours before I had to leave for a dinner party, but it was a good time passing out some qsos to the TN guys who have very ably supported the Ohio and Michigan parties. It also didn't hurt to have homeboy W1NN driving around TN!

KE7DX/140:

Joined the Cochise Amateur Radio Association for their Labor Day Special Event in Paradise, an Arizona Ghost Town. First thing I did was took down radio gear and stowed it due to rain. Only got a little over an hour of operating in, but it was fun!

(Gary invites us to check out the Arizona QSO Party. 2009's event has already run but you can see <http://www.azqsoparty.org/> for information on 2010's contest. - w9wi)

KI4OFH:

My first TN QSO Party. I had so much fun. I was born in Knox Co. and raised in Blount Co. Currently living in NC. I look forward to next year.

KJ80:

New 5BTV antenna was installed in late July, and I appreciate the chance to test it out. I hope to see you again next year.

KN4Y:

A few minutes on 20-meters and the rest of the time on 40-meters., Fun activity on CW with the fixed stations and eight mobiles on different paths. Limited activity on 80-meters. A county hunters dream party.

N1NN:

Tnx for another party. *(not to be confused with W1NN - w9wi)*

N2WN:

Well not sure how this will work out, some QSOs are in doubt due to not being able to hear other TN stations on the same freq. Ahhh fun!! hihi hopefully not too many QSOs

lost, plenty of dupes so maybe no harm done. Worked more folks, but the multiplier count was down. 80 was the band to be on here. Never heard several of the mobiles, including K4TCG or K4LTA. W1NN was on fire as were N4ZZ and W4NZ. Can't wait to see the QSO totals from them. Nice to hear many old friends and plenty of new calls. Thanks!

(I operated K4TCG/m on CW and only heard two other mobiles. W4NZ/m when he was two counties away, and W1NN/m when Hal, eastbound on I-40, happened to cross over Highway 13 at the same time I passed under the Interstate going north! - w9wi)

N4ARO:

Great fun. thanks to all the mobiles for lots of multis.

N4DW:

Changed my category in mid-stream from MULTI-ONE ALL LOW MIXED to SINGLE-OP ALL HIGH MIXED. I had hoped to entice my son (KJ4LRL) to get his first HF on air session, but he declined and sat behind me and watched. Never would take first chair. Also, started low power, but found it impossible to work the west end of the state on 40, so changed to high.

N4GG:

Thanks for another challenging TQP! From one hour south of the state line it hard on 40 until o-dar-late, and 80 is about the only good band.

N6RC:

Contest was a lot of fun thanks to the last two hours chasing mobiles from county to county! Bands were not open to TN on west coast until about 19:30Z. Throughout most of the day activity was sparse. Signals were strong, there just weren't that many TN stations on the band until the evening hours. This is my first TQP - am very active in CQP. See you in October from Humboldt County!

I'm ex-WA4END, grew up in Nashville from the age of nine. Attended Parmer Elementary and Hillsboro HS. It was fun working the counties, many of which I have visited in the past.

36 down, 59 to go - see you next year!

NE4S:

From Gardiner Montana, Yellowstone NP. *(Mike also operated mobile from the Wyoming side of the park. - w9wi)*

NM2L:

CW only. Just a part-time effort and propagation was certainly tough from North GA to TN most of the day. 40 and 20 were sparse from here.

NO5W:

This was probably the best of several recent excellent QSO parties from TN. Congrats to the TCG and thanks for all the hard work involved in putting this on. Great mobile activity from some very fine CW ops. The mobiles kept moving and the new counties kept coming -- keeping me in the chair.

VE2EZD:

Great contest. Working the mobile station is always a thrill.

VE3KZ:

A pleasure to work the TNQP. Look for Ontario in April in the ONQP!

VE7BGP:

I had a lot of fun again this year in the Tennessee QSO Party. The first few contacts I used one of the Classic QRP & Low Power rigs from your state the Ten Tec Argosy. Band conditions were not good enough to try the 5 Watt switch position. I then went for a rig with more Power & creature comforts my IC-706MKIIG for the rest of the QSO Party. 73

W1END:

Great activity this year, enjoyed it. Thanks to all. See you next year.

W2UDT:

Plenty of TN activity including mobiles. It's my fault for not getting on sooner as I may have gotten my last 2 counties - Hancock and White. (see *next soapbox - w9wi*) So, CU all next year! Good sigs on 80/40m in spite of QRN.

W4CZ:

Fantastic Location on a ridge top in Hancock County for entire time.

W4NL:

I will run next year! Great fun and the leaders have certainly done an outstanding job of organizing and creating a great QSO party.

W4RQ:

Lots of fun this year - worked a bunch of new counties!! Many thanks to all the mobile/rover stations out there providing all these counties --- they did a VERY FB job!!

W4UCZ:

Thanks to all for putting on a great party!

W4UX:

I operated portable at Watauga Lake in Johnson County.

W5ESE:

Tough going. too far for 40m and too close for 20m.

W9RE:

Long skip and local thunderstorms hurt my participation.

WB5BKL:

Had fun.

WB8JUI:

Thanks to all my friends in Tennessee. A job well done by all!

WC2Z:

Thanks for a great QSO Party.

W04O:

Played approximately 3 hours due to Tennis, T-Storms and Tornado Warnings.

WX4MM:

First time for this one, encouraging to hear a couple other YL operators in the contest.

TENNESSEE QSO PARTY RULES 2010

CONTEST PERIOD

1800z Sunday, September 5 until 0300z Monday, September 6, 2010

OBJECT

Stations outside of Tennessee work as many Tennessee stations in as many Tennessee counties as possible. Stations in Tennessee work everyone.

BANDS

All amateur bands except 60, 30, 17 and 12 meters are valid.

MODES

- Phone (no repeater QSOs)
- CW
- Digital (RTTY, PSK31, FSK441, JT6M, etc)

EXCHANGE

RS(T) and Tennessee County, U.S. state, Canadian province/territory, or DXCC entity. (All radio equipment, including antennas, must be located within the county, state, province/territory or entity given in the exchange).

Tennessee stations may work anyone; those outside Tennessee work only Tennessee stations. Stations may be worked once per band/mode. Mobiles may be worked again if they change counties.

CATEGORIES

- A. Fixed
 - 1. Single-Op (High, Low & QRP)
 - 2. Multi-Op (High, Low & QRP)

- B. Mobile
 - 1. Single-Op (High, Low & QRP)
 - 2. Multi-Op (High, Low & QRP)

High power is more than 150W transmitter output, Low power is 150W transmitter output or less, and QRP is 5W transmitter output or less.

All Out-of-State entries compete in the Fixed categories. All Tennessee portable operations compete in the Fixed categories.

Mobile stations must be self-contained and capable of legal motion while operating. Motion is optional. Single-Op Mobile may use a driver, but that person may not assist in the operation of the radio equipment.

SCORING

- Points:** 2 points per Phone QSO
3 points per CW QSO
3 points per Digital QSO

Repeater QSOs DO NOT count (this includes packet digipeaters). However, direct station-to-station packet contacts do count.

On all acceptable bands, CW and other digital modes count separately. For example, you can work W9WI on 3540 kHz CW; 3585 kHz Baudot RTTY; and 3820 kHz SSB, for three contacts on 80 meters. All digital modes besides CW are equivalent. If you work W9WI on 14085 kHz Baudot RTTY you cannot work him again on 14070 kHz PSK31.

Multipliers:

Out-of-State Stations - Multipliers accumulate on a per band basis. Multipliers are Tennessee counties (95 max/band). For example, if you work all 95 Tennessee counties on 40M and again on 20M you earn 190 multipliers.

Tennessee Stations - Multipliers accumulate on a per band basis. Multipliers are:

- Tennessee counties (95 max/band)
- U.S. states (49 max/band - do not count Tennessee as a state, District of Columbia counts as Maryland)
- Canadian provinces/territories (13 max/band: British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland & Labrador, Yukon, NWT and Nunavut).
- DXCC entities (see ARRL DXCC list - less USA, Canada, Alaska & Hawaii -- Do not count USA nor Canada as countries; Alaska & Hawaii count as states only).

Tennessee Mobile Stations - Tennessee mobiles may claim one multiplier for any Tennessee county from which they complete at least 10 QSOs if they do not earn a multiplier for that county otherwise.

Bonus Points:

All entrants may claim 100 bonus points for each QSO with TCG headquarters station K4TCG. Tennessee mobile operators may claim 500 bonus points for each Tennessee county from which they complete at least 10 QSOs. All bonus points are added after the geographic multiplier.

TEAMS

A team consists of between two and five stations, with any number of operators. Teams do not need to be registered in advance, and team members do not need to be members of any radio club. Team members

must indicate the name of their team on their entry. There is separate competition for teams whose members are in Tennessee and for teams whose members are outside the state. Multi-operator stations may also participate in team competition. If more than five stations in a club would like to participate in team competition, they may form more than one team.

WHERE TO LOOK

CW	1815, 3540, 7040, 14040, 21040, 28040
Digital	3585, 7085, 14085, 21085, 28085 (check RTTY at 10 minutes after each hour and PSK31 at 20 after)
SSB	1855, 3820, 7240, 14280, 21390, 28390
VHF/UHF	50.195, 144.195, 146.55, 223.50, 446.0

AWARDS

- Certificates will be awarded to the five highest scoring Tennessee entrants in each category.
- Certificates will be awarded to the highest scoring entrant from each category in each U.S. state, Canadian province or territory and DXCC entity.
- Certificates will be awarded to the first-place Tennessee team, and the first-place outside-Tennessee team.
- Certificates will be awarded to all first-time entrants, and to every entry making more than 100 QSOs.
- Certificates will be awarded to the top CW-only, top phone-only, and top digital-only entrant in each category.
- A certificate will be awarded to the highest-scoring in-state mobile operated entirely by amateurs who don't reside in Tennessee.
- Plaques and other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of TCG.

TCG Headquarters station K4TCG and the TCG itself are not eligible for awards. Other awards may be given. Entrants are encouraged to include their birth year with their entries, as special recognition may be given to younger operators.

LOGS

Indicate band/mode, time, call worked, and QTH. Please include your call sign, category, team (if any), and county (if you're in Tennessee). Don't forget your mailing address; you might win something! Mobiles must indicate county changes.

Computer logs are encouraged. Cabrillo format is especially appreciated, but any ASCII text format is acceptable. Email logs are best (logs@tnqp.org), but Windows-formatted floppy disks, CDs, or thumb drives are also fine. Be sure to include all required information - including your mailing address, and for Tennessee stations, your county.

Template files for the TRLog and NA contest programs are posted on the TNQP Home Page at www.tnqp.org If you don't have Internet access, write

W9WI at the address below for a copy. Some other contest programs, such as the N1MM Logger (www.n1mm.com), have support for the Tennessee QSO Party built-in.

Logs must be received by 8 October 2010. Thanks!

Mail logs to: Tennessee QSO Party
c/o Doug Smith, W9WI
1389 Old Clarksville Pike
Pleasant View, TN 37146-8098

Email logs to: logs@tnqp.org

Visit www.tnqp.org for more information on the Tennessee QSO Party.

No bonus points for UT Orange floppy disks this year. K3TX probably deserves a few for using no fewer than eight stamps to mail his entry, including one of the 1964 Amateur Radio stamps...

Mobiles of the 2009 Tennessee QSO Party:



W4OQG/m

(the similarity to WB4CHH/m is not a coincidence grin!)



WB4CHH/m



KJ4BIX/m