

Alabama QSO Party

By Jim KC4HW - 3/18/2009

The 2008 AQP was the most successful we've in many years and far surpassed our expectations!

There are many categories that saw improvement in 2008. First there were 185 participants in 2008 versus 149 in 2007. There was more than a 20% increase in QSOs. Additionally, there were over 35 participants in the local club station category, which pushed the number of participants to an even higher level.

All in all, it's been an excellent year for the 2008 Alabama QSO Party.

Here are some demographics:

Outside of Alabama	114
Inside of Alabama	59
VE Entries	7
DX Entries	3
CW QSOs	11253
Phone QSOs	8504
Total	19757

Entries by Category	
LP	128
HP	46
QRP	11
Mobiles	8

Entries by Mode	
CW	75
PH	52
Mixed	58

Breakdown: QSOs by bands/modes.

Bands	Mode	Count Of Band
10	CW	12
10	PH	229
15	CW	138
15	PH	21
20	CW	3637
20	PH	6028
40	CW	5700
40	PH	1945
80	CW	1766
80	PH	281
160	CW	35
160	PH	1
	CW	11253
	PH	8504
	TOTAL	19757

We had a great event but unfortunately we did have one short fall. WE missed operations from Washington County and only had one QSO from Jackson County. We had a couple of mobiles scheduled to go to both of these counties, but one thing led to another and they were not able to make it.

Having all counties participate was a significant 2008 goal. We are going to keep striving for this goal in 2009.

DX Results

Propagation was not kind for those DX stations interested in

the participating in the AQP. Hopefully there will be some sunspots one of these days.

Dietmar Kasper, DL3DXX was the high scoring DX station this year with a point total of 1,650 in the SOHP CW mode.

CU2JT, Gary Wikstrom again participated taking second place SOHP CW mode, finishing with 896 points. Gary has participated for many years. Thanks Gary!

Daniel terWengel, HK3Q also participated in the SOHP PH mode this year.

Thanks for sticking it out and participating in our shindig despite the tough propagation! There has to be some sunspots one of these days.

VE Results

We sure do appreciate the entries from our neighbors to the North. There were a total of 200 Qs given for the Alabama stations by our Canadian participants.

The high scoring VE was Bud, VE7ST in the SOHP CW mode with a score of 2376 from British Columbia.

VE3UTT, Art was next in the SOHP Mixed mode with 2366.

VE3GSI, Eric from Ontario finished with 2000 points in the SOLP CW category.

Additionally we had entries from VA7DM, Dick from British

Columbia, VE5BF, Jim from Saskatchewan and VA3IX, Ken and VA3RJ, Dave from Ontario. Thanks for your participation.

US Stations Results

High Power (HP)

There was great support for our event this year from US participants. Thank you very much.

The best SOHP Mixed Mode Score came from Paul, N4PN in Georgia! Paul had a great score of 16,730 and edged out Bob, W0BH from Kansas for this top honor. W0BH, Bob scored 16,491 in this category, from Hesston, KS. Congratulations to both Paul and Bob!

The high scorer for SOHP CW was WA2VYA, Frank from New Jersey with a score of 14,204 points. Finishing second was K4LTA, Bill from Tennessee with 3,894 points.

Single Op HP PH high scorer was N6KIA, Ed from California with a score of 1,035.

Low Power (LP)

K4ECP, Jim from Virginia topped the list of SOLP PH entries with a score of 1,008.

W4RQ, Bob from Virginia was on top of the SOLP Mixed mode entries, scoring 14,274 points. Finishing in second place in the category was N8NA, Karl from Delaware with 11,088 points.

Joe, W2LHL from New Jersey has been a strong supporter and participant in the AQP! He was the high scorer for SOLP CW mode with a score of 11,172 points. Finishing second was Earl, K4BSK from North Carolina with 9,312 points.

Alabama Results

Local Club Competition

There was great participation from the local clubs in Alabama. Included were:

- Bishop State Community College ARC, Mobile
- Drake State Technical College ARC, Huntsville
- East Alabama ARC, Opelika
- Heart of Dixie ARS, Loachapoka
- Montgomery ARC, Montgomery
- Russell County Radio Club, Phenix City

QRP

The QRP category was hotly contested with nine entries. K9EU, Eric from Illinois came out on the top of the heap with a score of 18,200 points in the QRP Mixed mode.

Finishing second was N4IG, Dave from Florida with 14,490 points.

These clubs entries included additional participation from over 35 Hams from their club's membership.

Club Competition

Congratulations to the Tennessee Contest Club for the high-accumulated scores for the Club Competition outside of Alabama. Clubs that had less than two entries are not shown.

We appreciate this support and hope that more clubs in Alabama will begin to see the value in utilizing their club stations or a designed station for this event. It is a great activity to build camaraderie in your club, an opportunity to mentor the less experienced, and as well as just having some fun!

CLUB	Score	Call
Tennessee Contest Club	82784	13
South East Contest Club	65671	8
Florida Contest Group	57027	11
Frankford Radio Club	35994	5
Potomac Valley Radio Club	21409	3
Society of Midwest Contesters	8691	3
Mad River Radio Club	3802	3
Yankee Clipper Contest Club	3597	3
Contest Club Ontario	2652	2
Hudson Valley Contesters and Dxers	2574	2
Portage County Amateur Radio Service	573	2
Northern California Contest Club	116	2

Multi-Single PH

Congratulations to W4AP, the Montgomery ARC for their top score in this category with a score of 6,253 points. Ops included Mark, WB5NMZ and Mike, KB0OLA.

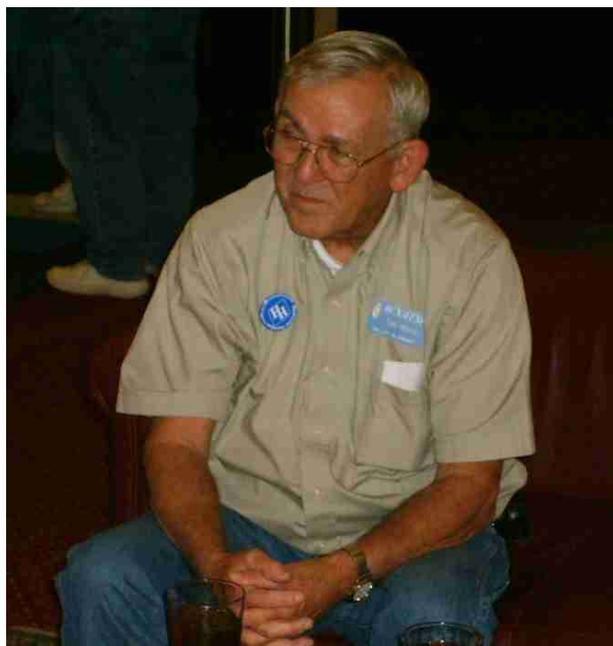
Multi-Multi Mixed

Once again W4LEE, the East Alabama ARC was the high scorer

in this category with 83,336 points. This effort was lead by Tom, WX4TM and participants included: Curtis, KI4FUS; Kim, WX4KIM; Billie, WB4BW; Stephen, KI4GFF; Daniel, KI4WYV; George, KJ4BPH; Miles, KI4SJE; Richard, WB4BYQ; Angimero, KI4TJP; Matthew, KI4FRS; Darrell, K9MUG; Justin, KI4UYZ; Matt, WX4MAT; David, WX4DLG; Matt, KF4AEJ; John, KI4LLX, and Jeff, KE4UNA.



Mike, KI4TWB and Jeff, KG4NYW operating W4HOD from Lee County



Tom WX4TM Lee County

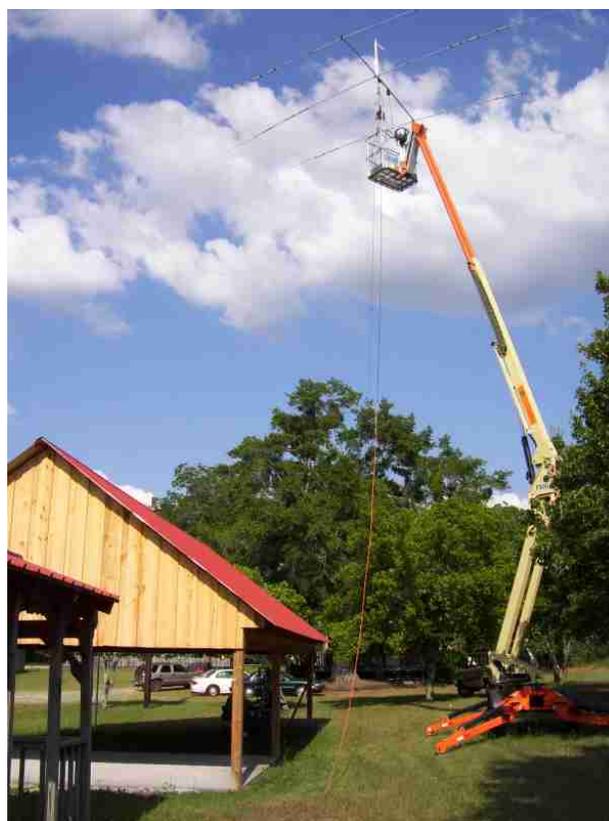
Another fine effort from the East Alabama ARC Tom, Congratulations!

Multi-Multi PH

The Heart of Dixie ARC, W4HOD, in Loachapoka, AL finished with the high score of 7,440 points.

The Heart of Dixie ARC was the plaque winner for the Top Alabama Multi Multi category.

Congratulations on a great job by the Heart of Dixie ARC!



W4HOD Antenna Support, Lee County

Ops included: Mike, KF4OPX; Cheryl, AA4YL; Don, KA4NDY; Kimberly, KG4CQZ; Jeff, KG4NYW; Michael, KI4TWB; Bob, KA4PKB; Ken, W4KDS; and Ken, KI4OTO.

Seems like Lee County is a hot bed of Ham Radio activity!

School Competition

Congratulations to N4DTC, the Drake State Technical College ARC, Huntsville, Alabama for their fine effort as the high scorer in the school competition category with a score of 3,540 points. Karl Henry, AI4PJ is the trustee and club organizer. Karl as well as Nate, KC4PBM; Matt, KI4VGJ; and Nick KJ4BZB put forth a solid effort.

Congratulations Karl for introducing your new students to Ham Radio--a job well done!

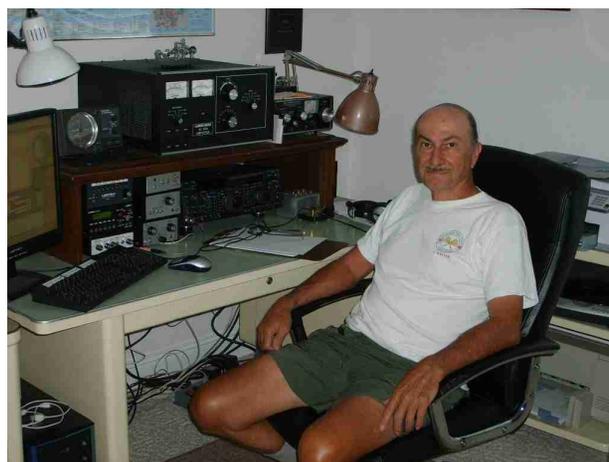
Honorable Mentioning

I would like to recognize the Bishop State Community College ARC, Mobile, AL for their effort in the 2008 AQP. These guys had just started their club and only had a short time to prepare for the AQP. They did a very good job with little experience in Ham Radio contesting. The club trustee and organizer is William Autry, KI4YZC and assisted by Marvin, KJ4BBT.

We're looking forward to your participation next year. Congratulations!

Single Op High Power CW

Jerry, K4SAV, from Morgan County, repeats as the winner in this category with 54,390 points.



Jerry K4SAV, Morgan County

Finishing second was Henry, K4HAL with 26,132 points from Etowah County.

Single Op High Power PH

Dell, KX4X from Tuscaloosa County was the top scorer in this category with 53,067 points. Dell piled up 931 QSOs during the 12-hour event. A darn good effort Dell!



Dell, KX4X, Tuscaloosa County

Finishing second was last year's SOHP PH category winner, Tim, KY5R with 21,609 points from Lauderdale County.

Single Op High Power Mixed

Bill, W5EC from Tuscaloosa County finished on top in this category with a score of 55,040 points. Bill had been absent from contesting for about 15 to 20 years. He said that "he had been working on his antenna farm and thought he would give it a go". With 200 CW and 244 PH Qs Bill had a great score. Congratulations and welcome back to a wonderful part of Ham Radio--Contesting!

Finishing second was Richard, NE4M from Greene County. Richard dedicated his "first time effort" in the AQP to his father Randolph, N4AAX who had recently become a silent key. I am sure that Richard's father would have been very proud of his fine effort. Congratulations Richard.

Single Op Low Power CW

Quite a competition for this category developed between Johnny, KR4F and Art N4UC both from Madison County.

Johnny edged out Art with 39,648 points and Art finished a close second with a score of 36,000 points.

Single Op Low Power PH

Chuck, KK4TE from Mobile County finished on top of this category with 44,385 points. Chuck has been a long time participant in the AQP. Excellent effort and thanks for your continued support!

Single Op Low Power Mixed

Bob, WA1FCN from Walker County turned in the best effort in this category with 87,296 points. Bob was also the Alabama High Scorer for 2008 and will be the winner of that plaque. Congratulations!



Bob, WA1FCN from Walker County

Chris, NV4B from Franklin County turned in the second place effort in this category with a high score of 44,385 points. Chris, a past manager/organizer of the AQP, has been a strong participant for several years!

Finishing a very close third was Dan, W4NTI from Calhoun County with a score of 44,080 points. Dan is a past organizer of the AQP and continues to be a great supporter of this event.

Single Op QRP CW

Ron, N4RT from Baldwin County had the top score with 3,150 points. Running 1.4 watts with a dipole at 45 feet. Ron was able two-way communication with 63 stations. Great effort!

Single Op QRP Mixed

Jerry, N4JF from Jefferson County finished top of this category with 8,695 points. Jerry has been a long time supporter of the AQP.

YL PH

Mary, WX4MM from Lee County repeats as the Top Alabama YL Score with 23,797 points. Mary had 449 PH QSOs and had a lot of fun along the way. Congratulations!

Mobiles

Single Op + Driver CW

Jeff, NY4N again repeated as the top scorer in this category with 65,352 points. He and Becky, AF4QB his driver and navigator put forth a huge effort by covering a massive 23 counties in Alabama! Jeff and Becky are from Tennessee and often participate in state QSO Parties all over the country.

Congratulations and thank you very much for supporting our event.

Single Op NO Driver

This was a very highly contested category. There were only 32 Qs and 3 mults separating the two entries. Tom, K4ZGB from Northport, AL outdid Ed, KN4Y from Florida to take the top honors.

Tom, K4ZGB scored 33,516 point to Edward's 28,626 points. Tom covered fifteen counties and Ed

was active in nine counties. This was a great effort by both to operate and manage the driving requirements for such an effort.

Multi Op CW

John, K4BAI and Jeff, KU8E utilized W4AN, the South East Contest Club call for their mobile operation. These guys covered 19 counties on their way to 52,804 points. Thanks for a great effort by John and Jeff, coming from Georgia to support our event.

Special Note

Gary, K4EXT (Father) and Justin, KG4VBK (Son) of Daleville, Dale County, Al, put forth a fine effort as a Father/Son team. Before the event, Gary indicated that he might have a hard time finding the microphone. If he could he would give some PH QSOs. He found it but only for 2 Qs. However he managed to make 66 CW Qs. Justin, a true blue CW Op, recorded 135 CW Qs. Gary scored 2,680 points and Justin 8,160 points. So it looks like the younger out did the elder. There is always next year Gary!



Justin KG4VBK at the Barbour County line

2008 Plaque Winners

The Alabama Contest Group and the plaque sponsors are proud to announce the following plaque winners. Congratulations ladies and gentlemen.

Plaque/Sponsor	Winner	
Top AI Mobile Single Op No Driver		
KE4GWW	Tom Hardison, K4GZB	
Top AL Mobile Single Op Plus Driver		
Montgomery ARC	Jeff & Becky Clarke	
	NY4N & AF4GB	
Top AI Mobile Multi Op	W4AN Ops:	
Gigaparts, Inc	John Laney, K4BAI	
	Jeff Clarke, KU8E	
Top AI CW		
Heart of Dixie ARC	Jerry Montgomery	
	K4SAV	
Top AL PH		
Wiregrass ARC	Dell Thrasher, KX4X	
Top AI High Score		
W4OZK	Bob Beaudoin, WA1FCN	
Top AL Mixed Mode		
WA1FCN	Bill Hawkins, W5EC	
Top Alabama YL		
WX4MM	Mary Moore, WX4MM	
Top AL QRP		
Birmingham ARC	Jerry Fiore, N4JF	
Top Score - School Competition		
NW4G	Drake State Technical	
	College, N4DTC	
Top AI Club Station Score		
East Alabama ARC	EA ARC, W4LEE	

Top Alabama Multi Multi		
Gigaparts	HOD ARC, W4HOD	
Top Non-AL CW		
East Alabama ARC	Hector Kessel, W2LHL	
Top Non-AI Mixed Mode		
N4PN	Paul Newberry, N4PN	
Top Non-AI QRP		
East Alabama ARC	Eric Anderson, K9EU	
Top Non-AI Club (Accumulative Score)		
WX4TM	Tennessee Contest	
	Group	

There were a total of 25 plaques sponsored this year. Unfortunately some of the plaques were not awarded because the high scorer in those categories did not meet the minimum requirement of 100 QSOs.

Certificates

Certificates will be issued for the high scores in each Alabama County, US state, VE province and DX entity.

Scoring

First of all, I would like to thank Mike, NE4S for supporting our event with his software-scoring utilities.

In order to effectively utilize Mike's software, we had to make sure that all entries were in the proper Cabrillo format.

Paper logs were all entered into Excel spreadsheet logs and then converted to a text file

Cabrillo formatted log. Thank goodness, my YL volunteered. I did help with a few, but she really did the lion's share of the work.

Here is a listing of the logging programs used by participants.

LOG PROGRAMS	USERS
N1MM Logger	51
PAPERLOG	39
WriteLog	36
GenLog v6	17
SD by EI5	7
TR Log PO	5
Win-EQF V	4
NA Version	3
CQ/X de N	2
CQPWIN VE	2
DXKEEPER	2

I understand that N1MM contesting logger has been updated for 2009.

Writelog was updated but had a few bugs in it. I believe they have been cleared up now.

Several participants indicated that they used SD for the first time and most thought that it was an effective package.

Some of the participants used N3FJP logging program, but it does not directly support the Alabama QSO Party. We have talked with N3FJP about support, but he apparently is not going to add our event.

We appreciate the support that all these software vendors provide to our event!

County Statistics

I get asked for a breakdown by counties so that mobiles can plan their future efforts. Hopefully, the following will help.

ABBREVIATION	QSOs
WASH	0
JKSN	1
BULL	4
CLAY	8
RAND	9
RSSL	10
PICK	11
MRSH	14
WLCX	15
MACO	17
BIBB	20
COOS	23
CKEE	23
LAMA	24
HALE	25
TDEG	25
CHIL	26
MARI	27
COLB	27
CULM	27
CLRK	29
CHOC	30
CREN	30
PERR	30
BLOU	31
AUTA	31
SUMT	31
CHMB	34
DLLS	35
FAYE	35
PIKE	37
TPOO	37
SCLR	39
CLEB	40
MNRO	43
LOWN	46

ESCA	46
ELMO	47
SHEL	48
WINS	49
CONE	51
HNRY	51
MRGO	51
BARB	54
GENE	58
DALE	65
COFF	65
BUTL	67
DKLB	70
MGMY	78
HOUS	78
COVI	83
BALD	83
MOBI	95
LAUD	99
JEFF	114
ETOW	130
LIME	134
LAWR	139
CHOU	158
GREE	168
FRNK	217
MORG	221
WLKR	232
TUSC	271
LEE	309
MDSN	829

Total 5054

Thanks to All

First of all, I would like to thank Dan Jeswald, W4NTI. Unfortunately Dan became a silent key this past December 2008. Dan was a past manager and avid supporter of the Alabama QSO Party. He kept it going when no one else would. He was very proud of where the AQP was going. As an avid contester and traffic handler

Dan was very excited when the Alabama Contest Group was formed. He was one of the first to join. You will be missed Dan, 73!

I would like to identify all the folks that have helped over the last year to grow the 2008 AQP to this level. Unfortunately there are so many that helped that it would be impossible to identify them all here. In fact there were many that we did not even know about. I want to thanks each of you very much!

For those individuals within the worldwide contest community that allowed us to spread the word via the contest reflector, thank you!

Those within the Alabama Contest Group that help spread the word to their friends, local clubs, hamfests and everywhere about our event, thank you, too!

Additionally, Thanks! Tom, W4NBS for your help with the publicity for the 2008 event.

For all the local clubs in Alabama that continue to spread the word to their membership, a special thanks!

And thanks to all the plaque sponsors for their continued support. This support helps fund our certificate program was well.

I would like to thank Arnie Trossman, W4EIP for his editing support. He has been a lot of

help over the last few years making the narrative and information for the AQP a success!

Finally I want to thank my wife, Bonnie. She has been the "steady Eddie" I could always count on to do all the grunt work of proofing, editing, and generally just whatever it took to get the information out.

Thank you! Thank you all very much!

What's New for 2009?

No rule changes expected for 2009. Our rules are consistent with those of many of the other state QSO parties.

I am, however, going to add a "Records" page to the website for US/VE/DX and Alabama stations. Unfortunately, all the information from past years is not available, but we have a couple of years to work with and will try to keep it updated as we go along.

Darryl, W5VK from the South-Baldwin ARC (SB-ARC), Robertsdale, Alabama has announced that the SB-ARC is sponsoring a "Worked All Alabama Counties Award" that just started this past September 2008. Details are available at <http://www.sb-arc.com/waac.htm> and you may contact Darryl at w5vk@hotmail.com with questions.

OK, the 2008 AQP is a wrap; we are looking forward to the 2009 event. Please mark your calendar for Jun 6th/7th. Hope that you will find time to participate!

73!

Jim/KC4HW

SOAPBOX/COMMENTS

K4YMQ: Going forward I will be using computer logging. My log program I use in WIN-EQF.. it supports Al QSO party. My problem was that I am lousy left handed typist and have great difficulty trying to type, make notes, and send all with my left hand. lol.... What I have done in past was keep a paper log during contest and then input into logger. This was first try with putting Al qso party into logger and the darn qso time driven by computer clock and could not figure how to correct it to actually time. Oh well I have a year to get my head on straight and plan on using logger for several other contest to get use to using it real time.

I plan on doing better next year.. will have 40,80 up and running on hy-tower vertical. My favorite band is 6 and has decent openings at time of qso party.. Any thoughts to adding 6 to bands in the future. Any way thanks to you and group for well done job. My friend Gary CU2JT told me Al QSO party was his favorite state contest 73 Ira

W4HOD/Heart of Dixie ARC (KI4TWB Comments): I promised a couple of photos and a paragraph from the AQSOP from W4HOD. First, the photos - W4HOD-1 is a picture of our rotatable 40-meter dipole fastened to a bucket lift and hoisted about 50 feet or so into the air. The pavilion to the left of the list is where the outdoor operators worked. W4HOD-2 is a photo of two of the indoor operators, Cheryl (AA4YL), and Mike (KF4OPX). W4HOD-3 is a photo of two of the outdoor operators, Mike (KI4TWB) and Jeff

(KG4NYW). All I can add to that was it was HOT outside, and the outdoor operators made frequent trips indoors to grab a sweet tea and cool off. But keeping in the spirit of things, the indoor operators made several trips outdoors to keep the guys company and deliver cold drinks, which were much appreciated. Altogether, W4HOD had a great time working contacts and participating in the party. Mike Wegner (KI4TWB)

NM2L/Greg: Good news Jim! You folks did a great job putting this together. See you next year from the mobile maybe if gas prices don't climb too much higher. 73 de Greg

N9FN: Hopefully next year I'll have more time to make more of a significant effort. My Q's in AQP were all from my car, but here are a couple of pictures of my latest project that I use for portable operations in INQP, MIQP, OQP, and ILQP. 73! Dave

K4EXT/Gary: What a fun Saturday! We had a great day in the heat running seven counties in SE Alabama (Dale, Barbour, Coffee, Pike, Henry, Houston, and Geneva). Total number of CW QSOs for my son Justin/KG4VBK and myself was 203 (no, we're not big-time testers) and yes, I did manage to get that silly mic thingie to work for a whopping 2 Q's on SSB! We'll each get our logs submitted in the coming days. Meanwhile, here's a couple of links to pics of Justin and our mobile as we played on the back roads in Barbour and Henry counties. 73 de Gary/K4EXT and Justin/KG4VBK

WA4JA/John: Activated Cleburne, Clay, Randolph and Chambers counties in central eastern AL. Apx 6 hrs operating; the rest spent with family. 20 seemed to have rough propagation until around dark when CT1BWW was worked a couple of times. Lots of QSB and deep fades. 40 was a little better and I had ham stick tuning problems on 75m. The air conditioner contributed noise that added to the engine noise, so receive was not as good as if I was stopped with engine off. But that could not happen with

temps around 95 degrees in a dark vehicle. Had fun, got to see some of the family, and got to check my mom's house. All in All, a good but HOT weekend. John WA4JA

K4BAI/John: We got a slightly late start. Bands seemed dead. 40M whip wasn't resonant and had to use an antenna tuner. Bought a used computer and Jeff made up files to log with NA. Unfortunately, back up didn't include a left-handed paddle. Appears power inverter being used with older computers was inadequate to power the new one. Battery ran down and had to log on paper and send with a paddle into the internal keyer in the rig. Jeff sends with a left handed paddle and didn't make but a few QSOs, but he made a terrific route planner and driver. Conditions improved as day went on. 80M seemed quiet where we were. We passed a ham antenna installation off the highway north of Mobile. We were behind and ahead of KN4Y late in the contest, but he or his driver didn't seem to notice us and we didn't hear him on the air at that time. Sorry to miss an in-person meeting. Rest of the "down time" after we started a few minutes late was for meals and/or trying to fix the computer and antennas. Thanks for all the QSOs. We worked 40 states and three Canadian areas. Missed: VT, RI, MS, HI, AK, UT, MT, SD, ND, WY. Worked: VE1 VE3, VE7. Also worked DX: CU2JT, F6FHO, CT1BWW, OK2EC, ZF2DO (op by N5DO), G4RRA, F5VHC, and DL3DXX. Worked CU2JT and DL3DXX on 40M. Hope we can get it all together by next year. Congratulations to ACG and KC4HW and all the other promoters and sponsors. It was quite a chore to enter all those QSOs into the logging program post contest. Hope I won't have to do that again. Thanks for all the QSOs. 73, John, K4BAI.

N8II/Jeff: Despite a pretty easy day at work, I didn't have a lot of gas in the figurative tank when I arrived home. Temp was 100 on deck at 5:30PM, too hot to do anything outside, so I played AQP. The CW activity was pretty good; SSB less than expected. I haven't checked yet, but I think you

gave me 1 or 2 brand new counties and KN4Y gave me at least 2. Around 24Z, the mobile activity slacked off, and those I heard seemed to be stuck in the mud changing counties very slowly. I quit around 0125Z with over 60 CW Q's and about 20 SSB. I moved a couple of fixed guys between modes, but didn't bother the mobiles since it wasn't a big effort. QRN was HIGH from slow moving local storms, but the sun always shined here.

AD4RE/Greg: THANKS FOR THE CONTEST. ENJOYED IT!

AD5WI/Mark: TNX FOR PUTTING ON THE CONTEST

AE6IC/Fred: W4LEE should show LEE county but my Writelog program rejected it! I repaired log. Hope next year will be kinder for contest. 73 Fred

CU2JT/Gary: Well, it ain't much but I worked the stations I heard. And, I broke my record from last year. Next year will be better...

K0JPL/Paul: Activity was good. TNX to the mobile stations for extra mults.

K4EXT/Gary: My son (Justin/KG4VBK) and I had a great time running seven counties.

K4GDW/Bryan: Almost everywhere I tuned I heard Museum Ships they weren't interested in working contest stations perhaps the QSO party should be held on a weekend with less simultaneous special events.

K4PBY/Chuck: A nice turnout and good band condx made for a fun contest. I operated cw and grp with a TenTec Argonaut and 80 mtr inv vee ant, I was pleased to work numerous new counties. 73-Chuck K4PBY

K4QD/Jan: I only had a short time to operate, but managed to make a few contacts. Keep up the good work building this one up each year. We need a Writelog update to accept the four letter counties.

KD2MX/Paul: Only had a few minutes here and there to make a few Qs.

KD4FNI/Glenn: I ENJOYED THE ALABAMA QSO PARTY EVEN THOUGH THE BANDS WERE NOT IN THE BEST OF SHAPE.

KD5JWC/David: CONGRATS ON A GREAT SELECTION OF MOBILES. ONE OF BEST I HAVE WORKED. FIRST TIME TO ENTER A LOG IN TEST. TNX FOR YOUR CONTACTS.

KE7DX/Gary: Lots of AL stations heard from across the country here in AZ.

KK4TE/Chuck: Lots of static here on the coast made 40 and 80 rough. Lots of people on. Missed MS and LA - maybe next year. 1st time using SD software - worked great, Thanks

KN4Y/Ed: Planned to run mobile in ten counties, but the large number of stations shortened my run to eight counties. Great QSO Party, good weather and good band conditions. Hope to have a driver next year.

N1NN/Roger: 2ND ALABAMA QSO PARTY

N2WN/Julius: Didn't have much free time with family in. Did manage to work a few mobiles once. 80 and 40 weren't too bad from here.

N4PN/Paul: AQP GROWING - NICE JOB AS ALWAYS BY THE MOBILES. THANKS TO THE AL TRAFFIC NET ON 3.965 FOR LETTING ME MAKE MANY Q's BEFORE THEY STARTED THE NET. LOOK FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR - HOPE TO GO MOBILE.

N4RT/Ron: Running 1.4 watts, so appreciate all those who had the patience to pull me out of the QRM for a QSO!

N5YTD/Scotty: Just upgraded about a month ago from Tech to Extra in 3 days-got on the air within a week and having a ball! So, this will be my first contest. Have printed all the rules and log sheets. Looking forward to a fun time. I will be working a fixed station in Autauga County. My call in N5YTD and will be working phone. Hope this is all the info you

needed! If you need something more, just reply here. Thanks!

N8NA/Karl: Lots of mobiles, but oh so faint ... And the operator, all gentlemen!

N9FN/Dave: I'm active in INQP, ILQP, MIQP, and OHQP so I wanted to give you guys some QSOs with what little time I had available while driving home. Sorry I couldn't have spent more time on the air working you guys. Gee, is there a certificate for "Out of state, phone only, low power mobile from Indiana?" :-) I hope your QP was a great success! 73...Dave

NE4M/Richard: I dedicate this operation to the memory of my Dad N4AAX. First time entry. It was a lot of fun! First time to use SD logging software and it works great

NE4S/Mike: Sigs QSB here in Colorado. Good activity on CW. PH was pretty active too. Late in the day, 40M hooked up pretty well. Thanks to the sponsors. Mike NE4S.

NM2L/Greg: This was a great time! Special thanks to Jeff, NY4N who made many trips to 80 meters that allowed me to actually hear some AL stations when times were rough. About 2030z Alabama just dropped off my propagation map. Nothing, zilch point zero heard from AL except for 80 meters. Luckily a few hours later things turned around enough so that I could pick up my last county in Alabama. No, I did not get a sweep in the contest, but I have worked every county in the state now! Thanks everyone who contributed to that endeavor. 73

NO5W/Chuck: That was fun and some good activity from all over the state although at the start I thought it was going to be the Northern Alabama QSO Party as the only stations I could work were way up next to the Tennessee border. However things picked up around 1800Z as the mobiles NY4N(10), W4AN(10), K4ZGB(5), KN4Y(4), KG4VBK(3), and KC4HW(3) began appearing. Every time I thought this would be my last pass through the band

one of them would show up in a new county and I would stay in the chair for another pass eventually turning it into a fairly serious effort. In the afternoon mobile signals on both 20M and 40M were outstanding into Houston, every bit as strong as the fixed stations.

Thanks to all the AL stations for making it an interesting party and especially to the mobiles, several of which (NY4N, W4AN and KN4Y) came in from bordering states to add to the activity. 73/Chuck/NO5W

VE5BF/Bill: The bands were very noisy with a lot of QSB. Maybe next year things will improve. Logged by SD Logger.

W0PQ/David: 5 WATTS K1 & G5RV, COURTEOUS AND SKILLED OPERATORS

W1END/Eldon: Part time effort while doing yard chores. Thanks to everyone.

W2LHL/Joe: THANKS AGAIN FOR A VERY FINE AQP. THE NOISE ON 40 AND 80 METERS WAS HORRIBLE. MANY THANKS TO THE STATIONS THAT HAD THE GOOD EARS TO DIG ME OUT. IF I'M STILL ALIVE, I'M PRETTY SURE I'LL BE ON AGAIN NEXT YEAR. 73

W4AUB/Randy: This was my first AQP. I got in late, but lots of fun.

W4LEE/East Alabama ARC: OPS WERE - KI4FUS WX4KIM WB4BW KI4GFF KI4WYV KJ4BPH KI4SJE WB4BYQ KI4TJP KI4FRS K9MUG KI4UYZ WX4MAT WX4DLG KF4AEJ KI4LLX KE4UNA WX4TM This was W4LEE East Alabama Amateur Radio Club M/M effort in the ALQP from the Lee County EOC in downtown Opelika where the QRM is always higher than anywhere else. It was a great warm up for Field Day. In addition to those ops listed, we had W4GUS, KI4ERR, KI4NLW, WB4PHG, WB4EVA, Robert Erdy, and at least 3 or 4 more, who we failed to get on the sign-in roster, on site cheering us on. We ran the identical setup of 3 radios that we will be using at Field Day. A big thanks to all who supported the W4LEE effort and especially to Curtis, KI4FUS who

arranged for drinks and snacks and pizza for dinner. A HUMONGUS thanks to Darrell K9MUG who single handedly ran the CW station. And of course, a big thanks to all who worked us under sometime trying conditions. As always, it really was a fun event.

And finally, a big thanks to all our Club members and friends who supported the W4LEE effort. It was a great example of coming together to work hard toward a common goal. YALL DONE GOOD!! Now lets get ready to do it again for FIELD DAY in just three more weeks June 28/29. 73 de Tom WX4TM

W4RQ/Bob: Almost tripled my score from last year, even though I thought condx were pretty lousy, but still lots of fun. So this leaves me needing only two more counties in AL -- Colbert and Wilcox --- and never managed to find those two on. Oh, well --- maybe next year!!

W5EC/Bill: THIS IS MY FIRST CONTEST IN 15-20 YEARS. WHEN I GOT THE ANNOUNCEMENT I THOUGHT THAT SINCE MY ANTENNAS WERE IN PRETTY GOOD SHAPE I MIGHT TRY IT. HAD A LOT OF FUN.

W5JNP/Jeff: This was my first entry in the ALQP. The band conditions were not very good, what contacts I made were with very strong stations. Thanks for hosting the contest and I hope next year the conditions will improve. Jeff

W7DRA/Mike: WORKING SO CONTACTS FROM WA SECTION WITH MODEST EQUIPMENT AND POOR SUNSPOTS IS IMPOSSIBLE.

W7GVE/Ed: TERRIBLE CONDX--VY VY HIGH NOISE LEVEL, ESPECIALLY ON 20. I FOUND IT VERY CHALLENGING TO HEAR AND WORK THE MOBILES (WHO DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB). I HOPE NEXT YEAR HAS BETTER CONDX, AND THAT GAS IS \$2.00 (DREAM ON)

W8KNO/Joe: Temperature was 93 so I stayed inside and played radio. Thanks for having the event.

WB4A/Rich: Not too much operating time in this contest. 73 to all, and thanks for the QSO'S

WX4MM/Mary: I had fun, thanks for all the contacts.

WX4TM/Tom: She (WX4MM) likes to tell the story about last year.. how I kept interrupting her.. even had her bring us a foot switch to the EMA and if her radios (she burnt up 2 of them last year) hadn't quit, she'd have beat the EAARC bunch.

Well, I called her up about 4pm'ish and told her we really needed that foot switch off my radio position. Her reply was something like: "y'all got 20 some odd people over there. Send someone to get it".

Actually I'm pretty darn proud of her. While she got those 449 QSOs. W4LEE only had 321 SSB QSOs. She beat'em by over a hundred!! While she did that, she did 4 loads of laundry and folded/hung them all.. Cleaned the house. Made two trips over to her Mom's house getting them off on vacation.. another to go back and put the dogs in their pen about 7pm, etc.. When I got home at 11:30, she was still wound up... Went to bed and was still yapping about who she'd worked and what all had happened... how good her new FT950 had worked etc.. She couldn't go to sleep. Me, I was half, no make that 3/4ths, dead hi hi. And, so far, her SOSSB/LP score is beating all SSB entries (according to the 3830 reflector). In fact, she has more SSB QSOs than any of them. Biggest problem I have with her is getting her fired up enough to go at it. Apparently she was fired up. Hi 73, Tom