

Alabama QSO Party

2010 Results by KC4HW

Webster Meridian online dictionary defines a "Good Neighbor" as one that is "marked by principles of friendship, cooperation and noninterference". Those of us with the Alabama QSO Party have lots of "good neighbors" that help us each year. 2010 has been no exception.

First, Mike Condon, NE4S part time Georgia resident and sometimes Colorado/Wyoming resident has been instrumental in scoring our results. Mike has helped us two years in a row with the scoring of our event. Many of you may know that Mike is the General Manager for the Georgia QSO Party. Truly with out his help, I would still be struggling with scoring logs! BTW, Mike participated in the AQP from Wyoming this year! Thanks for the help Mike!

Results and scores are listed at <http://www.AlabamaQSOParty.org>

Additionally, we have great neighbors in Tennessee. First, Jeff (NY4N) and Becky (AF4GB) Clark continue to support our event each and every year. Operating in 23 counties, Jeff and Becky won the Top Alabama Mobile Single Op Plus Driver plaque this year. Congratulations!

Erik Martin, N5WR, returned from Tennessee again this year and won the Top Alabama Mobile Single Op No Driver plaque. Congratulations Erik on a repeat win.

Also, Don Binkley, N4ZZ, Jim Hall, AD4EB and Melody Hall, KI4HVY came down from Tennessee and ran 28 counties while winning the Top Alabama Mobile Multi Op plaque. Thanks very much for your participation and congratulations.



The Multi Multi Mobile Team of AD4EB, Jim; KI4HVY, Melody and Don, N4ZZ. Great effort to cover 28 counties!

Also want to thank the group of Ted Bryant, W4NZ; Mark Speck, K0EJ; and Gary Grogg, K4VIG. They got together and came down from Chattanooga, Tennessee to operate as W4NZ/m in the Mobile Mult-op LP CW category. They covered 22 counties and supported our event with over 900 QSOs!

Additionally our "good neighbors" from Georgia supported our event as well with many fixed station participants. Additionally, we got mobile support from Jeff Clarke, KU8E, using W4AN (the South East Contest Club call). Normally Jeff teams up with John Laney, K4BAI but unfortunately John had other commitments and could not make it this year. However, John did manage a part time fix station effort from Georgia—Thanks John! Jeff had some mobile problem, but managed to work mobile from Russell County. Also Jeff turned in a log from Georgia using his own call.

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Thanks Jeff and all the Georgia Hams that support and participate in our event every year.

Last but not least our neighbor from the South, Ed Palagyi, KN4Y from Florida for his participation again this year. Ed and his driver Clayton Bailey from Tallahassee, Florida, not a Ham, managed to cover 14 counties. Ed has consistently supported our event for many years! Thanks Ed.

Thanks to Tom Hardison, K4ZGB, and his YL Charlotte (the Driver) for their participation this year. Tom operated as W4AQP (the Alabama QSO Party club call) covering 21 counties.

Also great efforts from Ty Hill, KG9AH, with no driver operated from three counties. Greg Richard, K4NO with no driver, turned in a nice 6 county effort. Thanks very much for supporting the AQP.

Without these mobiles there would be no chance to have as many counties active as we do.

Actually we think of all of the contest community as our "good neighbors"! Thanks for tolerating our publicity on the contest reflector and other reflectors as well. Hopefully you found our event enjoyable, we certainly did appreciate your participation! By the way, I want to thank Tom Schwinn, W4NBS, from Decatur, AL for his efforts to bring the word to the masses in the contest community.

Club Competition Alabama

Close race for the Alabama Club Station Top Score Competition this year. We had three entries:

WX4LEE, the Lee County EMA ARC, Opelika, AL, all ladies team, consisted of Mary, WX4MM; Connie, KJ4UNA and Deedee, KI4ERR worked all 50 states! In fact they only missed one multiplier in their great effort. PH only with 1198 QSOs, with a winning score of 68,286 for the Top Alabama Club Station Score. Congratulations ladies!



DeeDee, KI4ERR, only second time to be on the air in a contest. Both times she has been involved with the Alabama QSO Party from Lee County.



Connie, KJ4UNA, getting to be an old hand at the Alabama QSO Party and RTTY Contesting.

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Mary, WX4MM is a very strong participant in both the AQP, FD and RTTY contesting.

W4HOD, Heart of Dixie ARC, Loachapoka, AL, operating from Macon County in the Mixed Mode category finished with 59,250 points. This was a great effort—congratulations!

W4HOD Operators included:

Cheryl Whitlock, AA4YL
Bob Schafer, KA4PKB
Darrell Penrod, K9MUG
Gene Harlin, KI4EEY
John Hadaway, KI4KUT
Dick Jaeger, K4IQJ
Michael Wegner, KI4TWB

WX4RUS, the Russell County Radio Club, Russell County, Phenix City, AL finished with 46,566 points. Their mixed mode entry included:

WX4RUS Phone Operators:

Vannessa Winfield, KJ4LZG
Joe Land, KE4LMV
Daniel Eason, WX4DSE
Glenn Schlorf, WB9TFS
Allen Metzger, N4GFK
David Grantham, WX4DLG
Paul King, K4ETV
Bryan Baker, N4DTV

WX4RUS CW Operators:

Marc Pope, WX4MAP
George Averill, K4EOR

Great participation from your club membership. Thanks very much and congratulations.

Out of State Club Competition

The Tennessee Contest Group walked away with the accumulated club score plaque this year with 431,064 points. This was the third year in a row that they have won this plaque. The 4 mobile teams that operated in Alabama definitely contributed to their total score. However in their own right, there were 13 additional participants from Tennessee that turned in logs for the TCG. Congratulations on the club plaque and thanks for the support.

Rover Category

Bob, WA4WLI and Larry, WA4LR operating as W4W was the first entry that we have had for the Rover category, since it was allowed in 2006. This category is different from the mobile category in that the participant(s) must setup a station much like "Field Day" and once completing their operation in the current county, then must tear it down and move it to the next county. Can't use any pre-installed antennas (no mobile antenna on a vehicle).



Larry, WA4LR and Bob, WA4WLI operating as W4W in the Rover category.

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Larry and Bob showing off their Alabama Contest Group T-shirts!

VE Results

Graham Collins, VE3GTC, from Embrun, Ontario, Canada was the high score in the Single Op CW category.

We also had entries from VE3MGY, VA3RJ, VA3GUY, and VE3QEE. Thanks very much for your participation.

DX Results

Propagation was not to kind for our DX entries. As the AQP started, the Solar Flux Index was at 72 and the A was at 18 and the K ranged from 2 to 0. These conditions definitely inhibited the DX participants.

However, Dietmar Kasper, DL3DXX managed to work plenty of Alabama stations enroute to his repeat win of the Top Score DX plaque. Also Dietmar squeezed out 56 counties in his effort also! Congratulations!

There were also entries from OK2EC, HK2Q, DL2FN, HA2MN and CT1BWW.

We hope for that Cycle 24 will give us a better opportunity to make contact in the future.

2010 Plaque Winners

The Alabama Contest Group takes great pleasure in announcing the Results and Plaque Winners for the 2010 Alabama QSO Party.

Alabama

Top Mobile Single Op No Driver, sponsored by James Nelson, KE4GWW
Winner: Erik Martin, N5WR

Top Mobile Single Op Plus Driver, sponsored by the Montgomery ARC, Montgomery, AL
Winner: Jeff, NY4N and Becky, AF4QB Clark

Top Mobile Multi Op, Sponsored by Gigaparts, Inc, Huntsville, AL
Winners: Don Binkley, N4ZZ; Jim Hall, AD4EB; and Melody Hall, KI4HVY

Top CW Score, sponsored by the Heart of Dixie ARC, Loachapoka, AL
Winner: Rob Beaudoin, WA1FCN (Using K4ACG)

Top PH Score, sponsored by the Wiregrass ARC, Dothan, AL
Winner: Dell Thrasher, KX4X

Top High Score, sponsored by Greg Sarratt, W4OZK
Winner: Richard Broughton, NE4M

Top Mixed Mode Score, sponsored by Bob Beaudoin, WA1FCN
Winner: Chris Arthur, NV4B

Top QRP Score, sponsored by Joe Young, W6RLL
Winner: Jerry Fiore, N4JF

Top Multi-Multi Score, sponsored by Gigaparts, Inc, Huntsville, AL
Winner: W4HOD, Heart of Dixie ARC, Loachapoka, AL

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Top Alabama Club Station Score, sponsored by the Heart of Dixie ARC, Loachapoka, AL

Winner: WX4LEE, Lee County EMA ARC, Opelika, AL

Top Score - School Competition, sponsored by NW4G, George Howard, Huntsville, AL

Winner: N4DTC, Drake State Technical College ARC, Huntsville, AL

Plaque Winners Outside-Alabama

Top CW Score, sponsored In Memory of Bruce Gist, N4EKO by Robin Gist, K4VU, Killen, AL

Winner: Bill, O'Kain, K4LTA

Top Mixed Mode Score, sponsored by Paul Newberry, N4PN, Macon, GA

Winner: Bob Harder, W0BH

Top QRP Score, Not Sponsored.

Winner: Erik Andersen, K9EU

Top Club Accumulated Score, sponsored by Tom Moore, WX4TM, Opelika, AL

Winner: Tennessee Contest Group

Top DX CW Score, sponsored by Greg Richard, K4NO, Huntsville, AL

Winner: Dietmar Kasper, DL3DXX

The "76" Plaque, sponsored by Robin Gist, K4VU, Killen, AL

Winner: Rod Linkous, W7OM

Congratulations to all. All results and scores are on the website at

<http://www.AlabamaQSOParty.org>

County Coverage

Unfortunately we came up little short in getting all the counties on the air. QSOs were non-existent in Bullock County with 0, Coffee County only 1 QSO and Barber County

only 4. Worked very hard to get coverage and thought that we had a couple of mobiles/rovers that would cover these counties, but was not to be, equipment and mobile problems prevented us from reaching the "Goal of 67 Counties on the Air"--maybe next year.



Bob, W0BH reminding us that the KS QSOP is coming up Aug 28th. Bob worked 62 counties in the 2010 AQP and was the Top Score Mixed Mode outside of Alabama. Thanks Bob!

Even with this, Erik Andersen, K9EU, from Naperville, IL worked 66 counties. There were three stations with 62 counties: Mark Endoff, WA0MHJ, from Ham Lake, MN; Bob Harder, W0BH, from Hesston, KS; and Frank Widman, WA2VYA, from Tallahassee, FL. All of these were great efforts.

The Worked all Counties plaque has not been awarded since 2006. In fact I am not sure if anyone has ever worked all the Alabama Counties in a previous AQP. The plaque sponsor Orrin Delaney, W04D has indicated that he does not mind and would be glad to have a winner!

Miscellaneous

There were a total of 23210 QSOs recorded in 177 logs. 86 CW logs, 57 mixed mode logs and 34 PH only.

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Also, there were 10 QRP entries, 123 LP entries and 44 HP entries.

Unfortunately we did not have as many logs as last year, but there were just as many QSOs. CW seemed to dominate the activity, but the WX4LEE group from Lee County and KX4X, Dell from Tuscaloosa County demonstrated that the PH mode was alive and well. Each logged over 1000 QSOs during the 12 hour period.

Special Thanks

Great Neighbors in Alabama too! Would like to thank:

Definitely have to thank all the clubs and individuals that sponsored plaques and donated their time and resources to promote the AQP with their club members. This is an excellent event to get club membership involved with practical operating, preparation for Emergency Communication, Field Day or other club operating activities.

K4ZGB, Tom Hardison, Northport, AL for his continued help in promoting the AQP.

KY5R, Tim Winger, President of the Alabama Contest Group, from Toonerville, AL for his support.

WX4TM, Tom Moore and WX4MM Mary Moore, Opelika, AL for handling the AQP certificates for 2009 and 2010.

W4NBS, Tom Schwinn for his great support in providing publicity to all the different venues throughout the radio community. Tom did a tireless job of getting the word out to magazines, email reflectors and generally to all sorts of groups. Thanks Tom!

The Alabama Contest Group, membership, for their participation and help with their local clubs.

2011 Alabama QSO Party

So it seems that this year's AQP went very well. So I think we will have another "neighborhood get together" next year. So look for the 2011 Alabama QSO Party on June 4th, 2011 and we will be looking for you!

Rules will be available at <http://www.AlabamaQSOParty.org>

We hope that you will come and join us again next time!