



Its Coming !!!!

The Minnesota QSO Party February 2, 2008



What Is The Minnesota QSO Party?

An on-the-air operating event to allow stations outside the state of Minnesota to make contacts with as many Minnesota stations as possible.

Non-Minnesota stations make contacts only with Minnesota stations while Minnesota stations make contacts with anyone anywhere.

What Is The Operating Objective In The Minnesota QSO Party?

For Minnesota stations, it is to work as many stations as possible in as many different States, Provinces/Territories, Countries, and Minnesota Counties as possible.

For non-Minnesota stations, it is to work as many Minnesota stations as possible.

When Is The Minnesota QSO Party ?

Saturday, February 2, 2008

8 AM to 6 PM Local Time

(1400Z - 2400Z)

What Bands and Modes Can Be Used?

160m through VHF. On HF, activity tends to concentrate on 20 and 40 meters, then 40 & 75/80 meters towards evening. On VHF, look for activity on 6m and 2m SSB as well as 2m FM (no repeater contacts allowed).

On each band, any station may be worked twice - once on phone and once on CW. Digital modes count as CW.

What Are The Operating Classes For Minnesota Stations ?

- o HF Single-Op Low Power (100 watt max)
- o HF Single-Op QRP (5 watts max)
- o HF Multi-Single (One transmitter, many Op's)
- o HF Mobile, Single Transmitter
- o HF Mobile, Unlimited
- o VHF (No repeater contacts allowed !)

**Awards Are Issued To The
Winners Of Each Operating Class**

Special Awards

- Certificates are issued to individuals setting new record scores in the different categories by county

Is there a Club Completion ?

Yes !

The Minnesota Wireless Association, sponsors of the MnQP, award a trophy to the Minnesota Club that has the highest collective score.

Make sure that you indicate your Minnesota Club affiliation on your summary sheet !!!

What *Other* Rules Apply To Mobiles ?

- o All mobiles are limited to 100 watts or less.
- o Mobiles must sign their call with the appropriate three letter county location. Example = W0AA/HEN
- o When entering a new county mobiles are considered to be a new station and may be contacted again for QSO points and multiplier credit.
- o A mobile station must move to a location clearly within any new county before claiming a county change.
- o Common sense and safety should ALWAYS be considered.

What Is The Exchange In The Minnesota QSO Party?

- Minnesota stations send their first name and the name of their Minnesota County. On CW, each County is assigned a three letter designator.

Example = John HEN

- Non-Minnesota stations send their first name and their State, Province (VE), or Country (DX)

Example = Paul NY

How Is The Score Calculated In The Minnesota QSO Party?

Multipliers are counted only once regardless of the bands or modes that they are worked on.

151 Total Multipliers For Those In Minnesota

- 49 US States (excludes Minnesota)
- District of Columbia (DC)
- 14 Canadian Provinces or Territories
- 87 Minnesota Counties

Multipliers For Those Outside of Minnesota

- 87 Minnesota Counties

How Is The Score Calculated In The Minnesota QSO Party?

QSO Points - CW/RTTY QSOs count for two points, SSB/FM count for one point.

Final Score - Your final score is the total of all your QSO points multiplied by the total number of multipliers worked.

Submitting A Log

- o Logs must be submitted no later than March 15, 2007.
- o Electronic logs are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED.
- o Free logging software and instructions on how to send your electronic log can be found on the MWA website at www.w0AA.org, then click on MnQP.
- o Lane NE, Ham Lake, MN, 55304-5233. Both logs and summary sheets are available for downloading from the website listed above.

Minnesota QSO Party Tips To Have Fun

- A big station is not necessary to do well.
- Call “CQ Minnesota QSO Party” a lot !!
Remember that stations from all over the world will be looking for YOU. Do not be shy !
- Most HF activity is centered on 20 and 40M during the day, then shifts to 40 & 75/80m towards evening.
- Operate both CW and SSB to maximize QSO points.
- Watch for the mobiles who can be re-worked when they change counties and may provided you with new multipliers.

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*Get on the air and lets
show the World how
active Minnesota is !*

