



## Results - 2003 Minnesota QSO Party

The 2003 Minnesota QSO Party is now history, unfortunately coinciding with the terrible disaster of the Shuttle Columbia just as the QSO Party was beginning. A station in Nebraska informed me of this early on 40 meters. I was located at a QTH without television, and it was still hard to continue on. I suspect (as many comments indicated), participation was affected.

Even with the tragic events, participation showed a good increase from last year. There were 94 logs submitted from 91 different stations vs. 57 logs submitted last year. 44 logs were submitted from Non-Minnesota stations this year.

The activation on Minnesota counties certainly jumped from last year. Indications are that fixed and mobile stations activated 72 of Minnesota's 87 counties. Other than Houston County in the SE corner, all of the other missing counties were in the far northern tier of the state.

I think in general that the weather cooperated well for the mobile stations. Temperatures were fairly mild, and there was virtually no snow on the ground (at least in central MN).

Comments on both the band conditions and the level of activity showed mixed feelings on both. Of course many said the lack of activity was due to the Columbia event. As is typical, 40 meters was the workhorse band, followed by 20 meters.

On to the results: Jeff, W9MSE walks (drives?) away with the Mobile /Portable category. Congratulations on an effort that I personally find amazing. Also Jim, N0UR captures the Single-OP QRP category with a great score. In the Single OP-Low Power category, the battle between Vern AC0W and Rich N0HJZ, ended with Vern on top mainly with an edge in the SSB QSO count. In the Non-MN category are some familiar calls. Tops goes to Jeff, NY4N with Tom, N2CU right behind. It would have been a closer match-up, however Tom needed to bring his son to his hockey game cutting out almost 3 hours of operation. I can speak for all of my fellow "hockey-loving" MN stations, in saying that your priorities are straight!!

Finally, a BIG thanks to all those who participated in this years MNQP. I heard at least one MN station comment that they "Just happened onto the band", and was drawn into the activity; and that it turned out to be a lot of fun! Special thanks to the mobile stations for keeping the activity levels and interest going for the duration as well as all the fixed stations MN and Non-MN.

There has already been discussion on setting a goal of 100% county activation next year (all 87 counties). Spread the word, and let's make the 2004 Minnesota QSO Party even bigger and better!

73's - Mark WA0MHJ

## MINNESOTA STATIONS

<u>Call</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>Sect.</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>CW</u>	<u>SSB</u>	<u>Mults</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Club Affiliation</u>
<b>Multi-OP - Single XMTR</b>								
W0EF **	M/S	MN	Hennepin	0	314	66	20724	TCFMC
N0PO	M/S	MN	Stearns	13	234	68	17680	
K0UH	M/S	MN	Olmstead	65	43	47	8131	Rochester ARC
WB0TRA	M/S	MN	Wright	0	104	52	5408	Wright County ARS
<b>Mobile / Portable</b>								
W9MSE **	Mobile	MN	23	798	0	51	81396	
N0IM *	Mobile	MN	23	494	83	65	69615	Northern MN DX Assn.
W0OR *	Mobile	MN	9	331	211	71	61983	
W0AA	Mobile	MN	11	51	263	62	22630	TCFMC
K9NJ	Mobile	MN	8	34	27	27	2565	
W0AMT	Mobile/VHF	MN	4	9	16	4	136	Northern Lights Radio Society
<b>Single OP - QRP</b>								
N0UR **	QRP	MN	Hennepin	196	109	81	40581	QRP-L
WA0VBW	QRP	MN	Nobles	16	136	63	10584	
KE0G	QRP	MN	Olmstead	66	0	39	5148	
K0UU	QRP	MN	Hennepin	55	0	31	3410	
W9FZ	QRP	MN	Dakota	32	30	23	2162	Spirit Valley Amateurs Association
<b>Single OP Low Power</b>								
AC0W **	SOLP	MN	Mower	120	444	96	65664	Austin Area ARC
N0HJZ *	SOLP	MN	Hennepin	133	330	104	61984	Northern Lights Radio Society
N0IJ *	SOLP	MN	St. Louis	194	133	90	47790	Northern MN DX Assn.
K0AD *	SOLP	MN	Hennepin	141	201	83	40089	TCFMC
K0MPH *	SOLP	MN	Hennepin	151	88	78	30420	
K0GW *	SOLP	MN	Washington	129	144	67	26934	
K0OB	SOLP	MN	Hennepin	103	176	65	24830	TCDXA
K0TK	SOLP	MN	Ramsey	142	62	61	21106	
KC0INP	SOLP	MN	Ramsey	87	123	71	21087	St. Paul Radio Club
N0BUI	SOLP	MN	Winona	119	66	58	17632	
N0ENQ	SOLP	MN	Grant	0	257	57	14649	
N0EO	SOLP	MN	St. Louis	65	73	56	11368	Northern MN DX Assn.
N0AT	SOLP	MN	Hennepin	91	31	52	11076	
WA2HFI	SOLP	MN	Dakota	5	139	67	9983	Northern Lights Radio Society
K0JE	SOLP	MN	Anoka	44	76	56	9184	Anoka County RC
K0JA	SOLP	MN	Anoka	44	75	54	8802	Anoka County RC
WG0M	SOLP	MN	Hennepin	8	132	56	8288	
K10F	SOLP	MN	Wabasha	70	49	42	7938	
WR0DK	SOLP	MN	Washington	10	106	55	6930	
WB0N	SOLP	MN	Hennepin	0	116	51	5916	TCFMC
K0KLN	SOLP	MN	McLeod	0	111	45	4995	
AC0X	SOLP	MN	Ramsey	30	30	37	3330	
K10RF	SOLP	MN	Ramsey	0	75	44	3300	St. Paul Radio Club
W0IZ	SOLP	MN	Hennepin	54	0	28	3024	
WM0WM	SOLP	MN	Olmstead	0	71	41	2911	Rochester ARC
AB0XE	SOLP	MN	Dakota	12	49	32	2336	
K0VH	SOLP	MN	Olmstead	0	53	32	1696	
W0AMT	SOLP	MN	Washington	2	43	32	1504	Northern Lights Radio Society
N0EVY	SOLP	MN	Nobles	0	33	27	891	
W0MTW	SOLP	MN	Brown	0	44	20	880	
N2DUP	SOLP	MN	Olmstead	0	21	13	273	Rochester ARC

**VHF**

W9FZ **	VHF	MN	Dakota	10	37	19	1083 Northern Lights Radio Society
K0AWU	VHF	MN	Itasa	14	25	12	636
KC0HEW	VHF	MN	Isanti	4	25	15	495
W0AMT	VHF/Mobile	MN		4	9	4	136 Northern Lights Radio Society
WB0TRA	VHF	MN	Wright	0	8	5	40 Wright County ARS

**W / VE STATIONS****Single OP Low Power**

NY4N **	SOLP	TN	-	116	45	55	15235 Tennessee Contest Group
N2CU *	SOLP	NY	-	100	57	49	12593 WNYDXA
W0GXQ/m *	SOLP	TX	-	111	0	49	10878
VA7LC *	SOLP	BC	-	82	40	51	10404
KF9D *	SOLP	IL	-	86	0	48	8256
K5OT *	SOLP	WI	-	60	0	42	5040 SMC
W5RQ *	SOLP	TX	-	53	23	38	4902
W3DYA	SOLP	TX	-	62	0	34	4216
K9CW	SOLP	IL	-	50	0	30	3000
K1UM	SOLP	FL	-	51	9	26	2886 FCG
W9BLI	SOLP	WI	-	0	78	30	2340
W8WVU	SOLP	MI	-	38	0	26	1976
K8MR	SOLP	OH	-	34	10	25	1950 Mad River RC
K0HW	SOLP	SD	-	0	64	30	1920
VE7FO	SOLP	BC	-	40	27	17	1819 BC DX Club
N0WY	SOLP	NE	-	0	49	31	1519
VE3WZ	SOLP	ON	-	28	8	22	1408
KE0FT	SOLP	IA	-	20	17	21	1197 Green River Valley ARS
W4TDB	SOLP	TN	-	18	20	18	1008 Tennessee Contest Group
AA8R	SOLP	MI	-	23	0	19	874
K6LDX	SOLP	CA	-	25	0	16	800
W8KNO	SOLP	OH	-	0	37	18	666
W4CEB	SOLP	GA	-	5	31	15	615
K8VFR	SOLP	MI	-	20	0	11	440
N4NTO	SOLP	NC	-	17	3	11	407
K3JHT	SOLP	PA	-	17	0	11	374
K1WO	SOLP	NH	-	0	19	14	266
W2CVW	SOLP	NJ	-	9	2	10	200
AD8J	SOLP	PA	-	5	8	10	180 North Coast Contesters
WA4VAP	SOLP	KY	-	0	13	9	117
VA3IX	SOLP	ON	-	5	6	7	112
KA1T	SOLP	VT	-	0	13	8	104
WN4M	SOLP	TN	-	0	9	6	54
WA4JA	SOLP	TN	-	0	9	6	54 Tennessee Contest Group
N0DH	SOLP	FL	-	0	9	5	45
KL7GLL/W4	SOLP	VA	-	0	6	5	30
W4ZPR	SOLP	VA	-	3	0	3	18

**Single OP - QRP**

N9NE **	QRP	WI	-	90	62	60	14520 QRP-L
VE7NI	QRP	BC	-	19	10	18	864
NA3V	QRP	PA	-	23	5	16	816
WA2BQI	QRP	NY	-	13	0	9	234

**Single OP High Power**

W0AIH	**	SOHP	WI	-	114	87	59	18585
K9NW	*	SOHP	IN	-	96	47	43	10277 Mad River RC

**DX STATIONS****Unlimited**

DL5ME	SOLP	DX	-	9	2	7	140
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\*\* Indicates Plaque or certificate.

\* Indicates Prize from MNQP

**CLUB COMPETITION**

<u>Club Name</u>	<u># Entries</u>	<u>Score</u>
Northern MN DX Assn.	3	128773
Twin City FM Club	4	89359
Northern Lights Radio Society	6	74826
Austin Area ARC	1	65664
QRP-L	2	55101
Twin City DX Assn.	1	24830
St. Paul Radio Club	2	24387
Anoka County RC	2	17986
Tennessee Contest Group	3	16297
WNYDXA	1	12593
Mad River Radio Club	2	12227
Rochester ARC	3	11315
Wright County ARS	2	5448
Society of Midwest Contesters	1	5040
FCG	1	2886
Spirit Valley Amateurs Assn.	1	2162
BC DX Club	1	1819
Green River Valley ARS	1	1197
North Coast Contesters	1	180

**SOAPBOX**

Always Fun, but "SLIM PICKENS"..VA3IX. I was looking for the mobile activities of K0PG, W0AA W9MSE, AF9T, N0XB, etc. Never rcvd the signals, bad condx?...DL5ME. Great contest/good condx...WA2BQI. Love those mobiles...W0AIH. Wish I could have worked more of you this year...K1WO. Lots of fun, everyone polite and courteous...K8VFR. Activity seemed good from MN, but was probably down due to the Columbia tragedy...W5RQ. Hoped to spend more time, heard about the Columbia tragedy & lost heart...NA3V. Tnx for a good party agn this yr...W8KNO. Not planned to do much, but made a few pileups on 40...K0VH. It was fun to work all the rovers, 40 is definitely the band for this one...K0MPH. It's nice to have the name in the exchange...N0ENQ. First entry since moving to MN several years ago. Missed several hours of operation, but had a blast anyway...WA0VBW t was a fun contest. Thanks for MN support of the Tennessee QSO Party each year...W4TDB. Great fun on QRP; first MN QSO Party...VE7NI. Just had a very entertaining day chasing MN counties with my K2 at 5 watts. Thanks for the fun...N9NE. Great party. Could never get a run going on the high bands (except 15ssb) and there was lots of competition for the freqs available where success was found....AA0AW Not a busy contest on CW, but W9MSE/M kept me paying attention. W3DYA. Thanks for a great contest - hope you got some additional interest this year!...K5OT. Great fun. Although my score would be a new low power record, I'm sure others did better. Special thanks to Jeff, W9MSE for roving all those counties and making it especially interesting. Will try to do next year full time...N2CU. I wish I could have spent more time. Seemed to be a lot of activity!...KE0FT. Missed the first 3.5 hours but nice contest and activity, especially from the mobiles who keep one at the radio in order not to miss any potential mults. Maybe one day I'll get back to put my old home county (Houston) on the air since that one seems to be a bit rare. 73, Mike K9NW