



RESULTS – 2006 MINNESOTA QSO PARTY

As I sit down to pen the results of this year's MNQP, I have a copy of the May/June 2006 NCJ magazine lying in front of me. This issue is dedicated to mobile contesting. In this issue are two feature articles from two of our own within the Minnesota Wireless Association. I also have noticed that the Dayton Hamvention contesting forum for this year featured a session on mobile contesting. There is absolutely no doubt that in recent years, we have seen a resurgence in QSO Party activity. Since MNQP-2006, I have personally operated in WIQP as an in-state participant, also in GAQP, MIQP, FLQP, ALQP, the NEQP, the 7-Land QSO Party, and the MARAC CW contest. It is undeniable, that activity levels in these events have been growing rapidly in just the last few years. What is causing this? **ACTIVITY.** K8MR wrote in his NCJ article that the team of K1TO/N4TO almost cracked the 3000 QSO mark in the 2005 Florida QSO Party. These are amazing statistics. These are the kind of numbers that one could expect to put together as a Dxpedition activity! The one fact, I wish would have been portrayed more in the NCJ issue and at the Dayton forum was how easily and economically one can put together a mobile station with today's equipment and technology, and put in a super-station style effort. I hope we see this activity continue to grow.

RESULTS:

Once again this year, Minnesota stations were able to activate all 87 counties. And once again in 2006, Mike Tessmer-K9NW was able to work them all. Performing an analysis of the logs, it is very apparent that this is not simply a luck occurrence. It is more than just a result of an intense effort as well. The window of opportunity to pull off a clean sweep is very narrow in a ten-hour event. I asked Mike at Dayton how he does it, and he gave me the simple visual of a finger spinning the dial. Hats off again this year to Mike for this achievement.

The number of logs entries this year was almost exactly that of last year. We are always hoping for growth, but this year we did not see a jump in submitted log participation. The number of two-way QSO's was up quite a bit though. This year almost 19,000 -2x entries were entered into the log checking program, which is up by about 10% from last year.

Of the 50 states (+DC), only Nebraska and North Dakota were missing from the logs. It was tempting, being a mobile and less than 10 miles from the North Dakota border, to jump over for a half hour and activate it, but I (author) decided not. Missing from north of the border were VE4, VE5, VO1, VO2, VY0, VY1, and VY2. Three different lucky Minnesota participants bagged the one lone QSO that came from Hawaii, Nevada, and the VE9 section. Thanks to fixed activity, mobile coverage, and good pre-planning, there were 30+ QSO's made from every county except COOK (COO). Other than COOK, the most elusive counties were: CRL, WAD, KOO, RDL, & WSC.

For those of you interested in what software programs are being used, here is a quick tally based from the electronic logs submitted: (This is approximately 90% of the electronic log submissions)

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|----|---------------------------------|
| 22 | N3FJP's Minnesota QSO Party Log |
| 21 | WriteLog |
| 11 | N1MM Logger |
| 10 | NA Version 10.58 |
| 10 | TR Log |
| 8 | WR0DK MNQPLogger |

A few refinements were made in the log checking software this year. The vast majority of logs remain extremely accurate. Any calculated scores that show different from submitted logs were rechecked, and only in the case of very close scoring will further analysis be performed. A UBN style log report will not be available this year for participants.

Minnesota Stations:

From across the Wisconsin border comes Scott-NE9U who takes top honors in the mobile category. Scott's anticipated long time mobile partner N9BCA was slated for heart surgery, so a last minute change of plans added his son Alex KB9TTO to the team. Results were obviously successful, as they clipped along at a mere 95 QSO per hour rate.

Second place goes to John N0IJ and Terry W0TVD. If we were to give an award simply for the level of enthusiasm for this event, it goes to this team hands down. As a sponsoring club, we discuss the strategy leading up to MNQP in the weeks and months prior to this event, and I enjoy all of the optimism, and support shown by this team as the day approaches.

It was a pretty tight race after those two, with the teams of K0PC, N0IM, and N0PI coming in 3rd, 4th and 5th, all within less than an 8000 point difference.

The multi-operator category was once again taken by club station W0EF. The Twin City FM club group has done a fantastic effort in promotion of MNQP, and getting the participation in this event to the level it is at today. The results of their effort are having yet another plaque to hang in the club station.

The QRP category sometimes seems to be almost a "gimme" for Jim – N0UR. Jim has had success in multiple venues within the QRP category. Jim should have been looking over his shoulder, as Dan - KE0G was right behind him operating QRP - rover. Dan may be onto a QSO Party strategy that may be just the right recipe for taking this category in the future.

Lastly, in the Single Operator category, Steve-K0SR who was part of a rover effort last year decided it was time to leave the competition in the dust in the SOLP fixed category. Steve did not only win, but he posted a score that was almost 50% higher than his nearest competitor. Sustaining almost an 80 QSO per hour rate for ten hours while staying in the same county is quite an accomplishment for MNQP.

Outside Minnesota:

In the most popular category (SOLP), Tom-N2CU definitely separated himself from the pack with both a QSO and a multiplier advantage. As a result, Tom is almost 15K points ahead of the second place finisher. As you continue to read down the SOLP list, are so many familiar calls of all the people who truly make this event what it is.

In the QRP category, Jim - K0HW tops a list of entrants, all of which I personally remember as having excellent signals from the mobile perspective. Jim may have had a geographical advantage being from South Dakota.

In the Unlimited category Andy - DL3GA primarily pulled mobile signals out of a 20 meter band that was not open very long for him, but enough to take top honors in this category.

Finally we finish where we started, with Mike K9NW in the SOHP category, finishing with that magical clean sweep, and the highest point total outside of Minnesota. My suggestion for anyone who wants to better Mike's effort in MNQP 2007; is either hope his VFO gets sticky, or learn to scan the bands with his level of proficiency.

Thanks again to all participants. Whether you will be enjoying a dish of wild rice, an MNQP certificate, or not, we certainly hope to hear you on again in next year's event. Check the MWA web page <http://www.w0aa.org> for details, and e-mail with comments, suggestions etc. at any time.

73's –Mark – WA0MHJ



2006 MINNESOTA QSO PARTY - RESULTS

MINNESOTA STATIONS

| <u>Call</u> | <u>Category</u> | <u>Section</u> | <u>County</u> | <u>CW</u> | <u>SSB</u> | <u>Mults</u> | <u>Score</u> | <u>Club Affiliation</u> | <u>Operator(s)</u> |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------|------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Mobile / Portable | | | | | | | | | |
| NE9U/m * | Mobile | MN | 23 | 951 | 0 | 56 | 106512 | Central Wisconsin Radio Amateurs | |
| N0IJ/m * | Mobile | MN | 23 | 868 | 0 | 59 | 102424 | Northern MN DX Assn | N0IJ, W0TVD |
| K0PC/m * | Mobile | MN | 19 | 768 | 0 | 60 | 92160 | TCDXA | |
| N0IM/m | Mobile | MN | 20 | 841 | 0 | 54 | 90828 | Northern MN DX Assn | N0IM, AF9T |
| N0PI/m | Mobile | MN | 20 | 739 | 27 | 57 | 85785 | | K0AD, N0PI |
| W0AA/m | Mobile | MN | 20 | 759 | 0 | 54 | 81972 | Twin Cities FM Club | WA0MHJ |
| AC0W/m | Mobile | MN | 17 | 697 | 0 | 52 | 72488 | | |
| W0ZQ/m | Mobile | MN | 11 | 519 | 0 | 60 | 62280 | Northern Lights Radio Society | |
| N0EO/m | Mobile | MN | 13 | 503 | 0 | 54 | 54324 | Northern MN DX Assn | AA0AW |
| WD0K/m | Mobile | MN | 2 | 0 | 33 | 17 | 561 | Crabby Op's | |
| Muli OP - Single XMTR | | | | | | | | | |
| W0EF * | M/S | MN | HEN | 147 | 229 | 63 | 32949 | Twin Cities FM Club | K0BUD, KN0F, KC0RET, KC0QNA, WB0N, K0IHG, KC0VCU |
| W0WCR/0 | M/S | MN | TRA | 0 | 129 | 47 | 6063 | Wright County ARS | KA0CSW, KC0SNC |
| Single OP - QRP | | | | | | | | | |
| N0UR* | QRP | MN | HEN | 290 | 48 | 79 | 49612 | TCDXA | |
| KE0G/0 | Portable | MN | 5 | 268 | 0 | 57 | 30552 | | |

Single OP - Low Power

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|--------|----------|----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|--|
| K0SR * | SOLP | MN | DAK | 396 | 392 | 109 | 129056 | |
| N0AT * | SOLP | MN | HEN | 324 | 103 | 119 | 89369 | |
| W3FAF | SOLP | MN | RAM | 289 | 0 | 88 | 50864 | |
| K0MPH | SOLP | MN | HEN | 287 | 15 | 78 | 45942 | |
| N0BUI | SOLP | MN | WIN | 230 | 142 | 76 | 45752 | |
| K0GW | SOLP | MN | WSH | 242 | 16 | 80 | 40000 | |
| KC0INP | SOLP | MN | RAM | 226 | 54 | 77 | 38962 | St. Paul Radio Club |
| WA2MNO | SOLP | MN | HEN | 222 | 37 | 70 | 33670 | |
| K0TK | SOLP | MN | RAM | 205 | 23 | 75 | 32475 | |
| KE0G | Portable | MN | | 5 | 268 | 0 | 57 | 30552 |
| WB0CFF | SOLP | MN | SCO | 240 | 2 | 60 | 28920 | SMARTS |
| KS0T | SOLP | MN | STL | 196 | 3 | 73 | 28835 | Northern MN DX Assn |
| KT0R | SOLP | MN | HEN | 169 | 114 | 67 | 30284 | SMARTS |
| K0RC | SOLP | MN | CHS | 200 | 0 | 67 | 26800 | |
| KB9X | SOLP | MN | FRE | 166 | 37 | 64 | 23616 | |
| WG0M | SOLP | MN | HEN | 132 | 141 | 55 | 22275 | TCFMC |
| K0AAA | SOLP | MN | BEL | 156 | 58 | 59 | 21830 | ZED'S DXERS |
| W1GL | SOLP | MN | DOU | 145 | 20 | 60 | 18600 | TCDXA |
| KE0L | SOLP | MN | HEN | 127 | 56 | 54 | 16740 | TCFMC |
| K0TG | SOLP | MN | RAM | 169 | 0 | 41 | 13858 | Fraternal Order of Radio Contest Enthusiasts |
| K0CAT | SOLP | MN | WSH | 145 | 0 | 40 | 11600 | |
| K0BUD | SOLP | MN | HEN | 0 | 159 | 43 | 6837 | |
| W0LM | SOLP | MN | RAM | 21 | 81 | 51 | 6273 | |
| K0JE | SOLP | MN | ANO | 68 | 0 | 44 | 5984 | |
| N0ENQ | SOLP | MN | GRA | 0 | 155 | 32 | 4960 | |
| W0QQS | SOLP | MN | DAK | 60 | 1 | 29 | 3509 | |
| K0UU | SOLP | MN | HEN | 42 | 0 | 23 | 1932 | |
| KC0RET | SOLP | MN | HEN | 12 | 46 | 25 | 1750 | |
| WB0N | SOLP | MN | HEN | 0 | 52 | 26 | 1352 | TCFMC |
| KA0WQA | SOLP | MN | HEN | 33 | 14 | 14 | 1120 | |
| N0BM | SOLP | MN | WSH | 24 | 0 | 18 | 864 | |
| N2DUP | SOLP | MN | OLM | 0 | 40 | 17 | 680 | Rochester ARC |
| NG0E | SOLP | MN | COT | 1 | 27 | 18 | 522 | |
| K0KX | SOLP | MN | HEN | 14 | 3 | 6 | 186 | |
| W0QT | SOLP | MN | HEN | 0 | 13 | 10 | 130 | St. Paul Radio Club |
| WE0A | SOLP | MN | BLU | 0 | 6 | 5 | 30 | |

VHF

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|----------|-----|----|-----|----|----|----|----|------|-------------------------------|
| KC0P/r * | VHF | MN | | 7 | 28 | 73 | 12 | 1548 | Northern Lights Radio Society |
| WK0X | VHF | MN | DAK | 16 | 34 | 12 | | 792 | South East Metro ARC (SEMARC) |
| W0JLF | VHF | MN | ISA | 0 | 12 | 4 | | 48 | Northern Lights Radio Society |
| N0PI/r | VHF | MN | | 9 | 0 | 23 | 6 | 138 | |

W/VE STATIONS

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| Single OP - Low Power | | | | | | | | |
| N2CU *** | SOLP | NY | | 295 | 21 | 83 | 50713 | WNYCC |
| K4AMC ** | SOLP | TN | | 235 | 0 | 78 | 36660 | |
| K8GU ** | SOLP | IL | | 221 | 0 | 81 | 35802 | SMC |
| N4PN ** | SOLP | GA | | 211 | 24 | 79 | 35234 | SECC |
| N9JF ** | SOLP | IL | | 193 | 0 | 83 | 32038 | SMC |
| W9MSE * | SOLP | WI | | 185 | 0 | 80 | 29600 | |
| K8IR * | SOLP | MI | | 192 | 0 | 76 | 29184 | |
| WC4DC * | SOLP | TN | | 171 | 19 | 76 | 27436 | Tennessee Contest Group |
| W8WVU | SOLP | MI | | 166 | 0 | 75 | 24900 | |
| N2WN | SOLP | TN | | 172 | 0 | 71 | 24424 | Tennessee Contest Group |
| W0AIH | SOLP | WI | | 158 | 4 | 74 | 23680 | Eau Claire ARC |
| K0TO | SOLP | ID | | 147 | 0 | 79 | 23226 | |
| KN4Y | SOLP | FL | | 160 | 0 | 66 | 21120 | Florida Contest Group |
| WB2ABD | SOLP | NY | | 153 | 6 | 59 | 18408 | WNYCC |
| N9CK | SOLP | WI | | 116 | 0 | 57 | 13224 | SMC |
| AA9KH | SOLP | IL | | 106 | 0 | 60 | 12720 | |
| W9HB | SOLP | IL | | 102 | 1 | 59 | 12095 | |
| W1END | SOLP | NH | | 106 | 0 | 53 | 11236 | Yankee Clipper Contest Club |
| KB6NU | SOLP | MI | | 89 | 0 | 53 | 9434 | |
| WF5X | SOLP | MI | | 69 | 0 | 54 | 7452 | |
| KA9F | SOLP | IN | | 71 | 0 | 51 | 7242 | |
| KF7HB | SOLP | OR | | 68 | 5 | 44 | 6204 | |
| VE7NH | SOLP | BC | | 67 | 0 | 41 | 5494 | |
| N4RS | SOLP | MO | | 64 | 0 | 37 | 4736 | |
| K9MU | SOLP | WI | | 46 | 8 | 32 | 3200 | |
| K0LWV | SOLP | MO | | 44 | 0 | 33 | 2904 | |
| W2CVW | SOLP | NJ | | 42 | 0 | 28 | 2352 | |
| K3GBB | SOLP | MD | | 39 | 0 | 30 | 2340 | MADXRA |
| VA7ST | SOLP | BC | | 41 | 0 | 28 | 2296 | |
| N5PR | SOLP | NM | | 37 | 1 | 30 | 2250 | |
| W6UB | SOLP | TN | | 36 | 0 | 27 | 1944 | Tennessee Contest Group |
| AB3AI | SOLP | PA | | 34 | 2 | 27 | 1890 | |
| AB7RW | SOLP | WA | | 35 | 0 | 26 | 1820 | |
| W7TSM | SOLP | WY | | 32 | 0 | 26 | 1664 | |
| WA4VAP | SOLP | KY | | 29 | 0 | 23 | 1334 | |
| VE3WG | SOLP | ON | | 25 | 1 | 21 | 1071 | Contest Club Ontario |
| VE3CRU | SOLP | ON | | 21 | 12 | 19 | 1026 | Contest Club Ontario |
| KA9JAC | SOLP | WI | | 20 | 0 | 20 | 800 | |
| NA9U | SOLP | IN | | 26 | 0 | 14 | 728 | |
| K4BK | SOLP | FL | | 21 | 0 | 14 | 588 | |
| VA3IX | SOLP | ON | | 18 | 5 | 13 | 533 | |
| W7GVE | SOLP | AZ | | 17 | 0 | 15 | 510 | |
| N1NN | SOLP | MA | | 19 | 0 | 13 | 494 | |
| WB2UVB | SOLP | NJ | | 9 | 6 | 11 | 264 | |
| W4IFI | SOLP | VA | | 0 | 21 | 12 | 252 | |
| KV8Q | SOLP | OH | | 11 | 0 | 11 | 242 | |
| K1JY | SOLP | NH | | 0 | 19 | 12 | 228 | |
| KJ5RC | SOLP | MS | | 0 | 21 | 9 | 189 | |
| KE4GWV | SOLP | VA | | 0 | 17 | 10 | 170 | |
| K4GM | SOLP | VA | | 8 | 0 | 7 | 112 | Potomac Valley Radio Club |
| KZ8E | SOLP | WV | | 9 | 0 | 5 | 90 | |
| AB2TC | SOLP | NY | | 0 | 12 | 5 | 60 | |
| KB9YGD | SOLP | IN | | 6 | 0 | 4 | 48 | |
| W1CRK | SOLP | MA | | 0 | 8 | 4 | 32 | Falmouth ARA |

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| Single OP - Low Power | | | | | | | | | |
| K6III | SOLP | CA | | 0 | 5 | 5 | 25 | | |
| VE7FCO | SOLP | BC | | 0 | 7 | 3 | 21 | | |
| W4ZPR/m | SOLP | VA | | 3 | 0 | 3 | 18 | | |
| VA3TTU | SOLP | ON | | 0 | 6 | 3 | 18 | | |
| VE6ZC | SOLP | AB | | 0 | 4 | 4 | 16 | | |
| W8KNO | SOLP | OH | | 0 | 4 | 4 | 16 | | |
| WA4JA | SOLP | TN | | 0 | 5 | 3 | 15 | | |
| KI7GV | SOLP | AR | | 0 | 4 | 3 | 12 | | |
| WA4OSD | SOLP | TN | | 2 | 0 | 2 | 8 | Tennessee Contest Group | |
| KB3KYZ | SOLP | DE | | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | | |
| NØWY | SOLP | NE | | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |

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| Single OP - QRP | | | | | | | | | |
| KØHW ** | QRP | SD | | 99 | 26 | 61 | 13664 | | |
| KI4FW * | QRP | VA | | 107 | 7 | 57 | 12597 | | |
| NA4BW | QRP | GA | | 86 | 28 | 48 | 9600 | SECC | |
| VA3DF | QRP | ON | | 85 | 5 | 44 | 7700 | Contest Club Ontario | |
| W8TM | QRP | OH | | 80 | 0 | 47 | 7520 | Mad River Radio Club | |
| N2CQ | QRP | NJ | | 83 | 0 | 38 | 6308 | | |
| VE7NI | QRP | BC | | 29 | 2 | 22 | 1320 | | |
| VA3RKM | QRP | ON | | 14 | 0 | 8 | 224 | Contest Club Ontario | |
| K4BP | QRP | TN | | 0 | 17 | 9 | 153 | Tennessee Contest Group | |

Single OP - High Power

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|----------|------|----|--|-----|----|----|-------|-------------------------------|--|
| K9NW *** | SOHP | IN | | 294 | 8 | 87 | 51852 | Mad River Radio Club | |
| K8MR | SOHP | OH | | 170 | 10 | 78 | 27300 | Mad River Radio Club | |
| WB9CIF | SOHP | IN | | 144 | 0 | 80 | 23040 | Society of Midwest Contesters | |
| NW8U | SOHP | WV | | 135 | 7 | 68 | 18836 | | |
| W5TM | SOHP | OK | | 127 | 0 | 71 | 18034 | Oklahoma DX Assn. | |
| W3BP | SOHP | VA | | 82 | 5 | 42 | 7098 | Northern Neck Radio Club | |
| K2RP | SOHP | CA | | 65 | 1 | 42 | 5502 | | |
| WG7Y | SOHP | WY | | 34 | 4 | 31 | 2232 | | |
| W2UDT | SOHP | NJ | | 19 | 0 | 11 | 418 | Frankford Radio Club | |

DX STATIONS

Unlimited

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|---------|--------------|--|--|----|---|----|------|------------------|-------|
| DL3GA * | UNLIMITED DX | | | 49 | 0 | 32 | 3136 | | |
| RK2FWA | UNLIMITED DX | | | 19 | 0 | 15 | 570 | UA2 Contest Club | UA2FF |
| YO4ATW | UNLIMITED DX | | | 4 | 0 | 4 | 32 | | |
| HA2MN | UNLIMITED DX | | | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | HAROS RC | |
| LY2FN | UNLIMITED DX | | | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | | |

*** Indicates Plaque / Certificate & MNQP Prize

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* Indicates Plaque or Certificate

CLUB COMPETITION

| <u>Club Name</u> | <u>#entries</u> | <u>Score</u> |
|--|-----------------|----------------|
| Northern MN DX Assn | 4 | 173,987 |
| TCDXA | 3 | 160,372 |
| Twin City FM Club | 2 | 114,921 |
| Central Wisconsin Radio Amateurs | 1 | 106,512 |
| SMC | 4 | 104,104 |
| Mad River Radio Club | 3 | 86,672 |
| WNYCC | 2 | 69,121 |
| Northern Lights Radio Society | 3 | 63,876 |
| SMARTS | 2 | 59,204 |
| Tennessee Contest Group | 5 | 53,965 |
| TCFMC | 3 | 40,367 |
| St. Paul Radio Club | 2 | 39,092 |
| SECC | 2 | 35,234 |
| Eau Claire ARC | 1 | 23,680 |
| Society of Midwest Contesters | 1 | 23,040 |
| ZED'S DXERS | 1 | 21,830 |
| Florida Contest Group | 1 | 21,120 |
| Oklahoma DX Assn. | 1 | 18,034 |
| Fraternal Order of Radio Contest Enthusiasts | 1 | 13,858 |
| Contest Club Ontario | 4 | 12,342 |
| Yankee Clipper Contest Club | 1 | 11,236 |
| Northern Neck Radio Club | 1 | 7,098 |
| Wright County ARS | 1 | 6,063 |
| MADXRA | 1 | 2,340 |
| South East Metro ARC (SEMARC) | 1 | 792 |
| UA2 Contest Club | 1 | 570 |
| Crabby Op's | 1 | 561 |
| Frankford Radio Club | 1 | 418 |
| Potomac Valley Radio Club | 1 | 112 |
| Rochester ARC | 1 | 112 |
| Falmouth ARA | 1 | 32 |
| HAROS RC | 1 | 2 |

SOAPBOX

Good party! But 20m closed much earlier than last year.-**DL3GA**

Due to very poor propagation only one MN station was heard here. I heard other EU stations operate actively but their partners were not heard at all. Thanks for Q and hoping a better condx, cu next time.-**HA2MN**

There seems to be more activity on this contest every year. It started out slow but all the CW activity on 40 meters kept me going. At 2300Z I moved to 160 and talked with a station in WI but I could not be heard in MN. I moved back to 80 CW and got a lot higher score than I ever expected with QRP. See you all next year and thanks to all those rovers. -**K0HW**

The contest seemed to get a slow start. For the first couple of hours I couldn't hear many mobiles and couldn't hear many calling the mobiles. It will be interesting to know how the mobiles felt about the start.

The contest was more fun (for us fixed MN stations) when the mobiles appeared on 80 meters for the last couple of hours. The piles ups on the mobiles were awesome, especially on AC0W. Again a few European's called in on 20 meters. Personal best score to date for MNQP by a good margin. Fun chasing KE0L and N0UR up the bands- **K0MPH**

Heard very few stations in Virginia. Band condx not too good either.-**K4GM**

A pleasant day chasing some excellent mobiles.-**K8IR**

Was hearing many MN stations, but equipment trouble on my side kept me from being heard. VY 73 and I look forward to next year! -**KB3KYZ**

Great contest! You guys really had the rovers out. They really made it a lot of fun. Where were the phone guys, though? I tuned all over the phone band a couple of times and never heard anyone. -**KB6NU**

My first MN QSO Party. I enjoyed it and am looking forward to next year!-**KE4GWV**

Fantastic mobile participation (in the dead of winter in the North Country!) makes this contest a "county-hunter's dream". The length of the MNQP is perfect -- my wife can nearly tolerate it. In my opinion, MNQP is among the finest of the state QSO parties. **KI4FW**

I gotta tell ya, I'm very disappointed in my score. I had high hopes of working many counties in this QSO party but I just couldn't hear many stations. Worked the ones I could hear except one. -**KI7GV**

Once again, the greatest QSO party!-**N2CU**

Great job by all...thanks to the QP committee for promoting the activity. The mobiles were outstanding and thanks also to the fixed stations. It was really a lot of fun!! -**N4PN**

Fine contest with lots of activity.-**VA3RKM**

Conditions were good, but time was short. Next year, all will be different!-**VE6ZC**

Where were ALL the Stations? I had hoped to work more Counties. Worked ALL the Stations I heard. Hope next time Band Conditions will be Better. Thanks-**VE7FCO**

Good conditions on 20M for QRP operation; thanks to FB CW operators from MN!-**VE7NI**

Rig and computer locked up right at the get-go, even after pre-testing systems. XYL had hurt her back at work - wound up taking her to emergency room. All is OK. Mobiles did a great job - and they were LOUD on 40m. -**WB2ABD**