

# **RESULTS – 2007 MINNESOTA QSO PARTY**

For this year the MNQP committee added a new category of Phone only, in hopes that we could:

- 1. Encourage more of the local Minnesota casual operators into participating, (especially those who are not all too comfortable with CW)
- 2. Encourage the "regulars" to spend a little more time in the SSB mode to boost activity levels in general.

It seems like we succeeded at our first goal, but perhaps not quite as much at our second goal. It is so difficult for the mobile OP's to hear, and be heard on SSB, that we still see much of the activity on CW. On a positive note many comments from first timers who operated as PHONE-ONLY, indicated how enjoyable the event was for them. We hope to see you all back next year.

The majority of participants, who commented on the activity levels, were of the opinion that the activity levels were down from last year. The log processing results do not indicate that at all. This year the log-checking database was just over 21,000 QSO's. That is an increase from 2006 of about 2000 contacts.

Every effort has been made to insure the accuracy of the results listed here. Log checking results show a very high accuracy rate amongst all of the participants. A small number of scores have been adjusted both upwards and downwards based on the verifying software.

In addition to the rule changes for a Phone Only MN operator, we have added certificates to the top state and province winners. Once again we wish to thank all of those who participated, and helped to make another enjoyable event. Next year will be the tenth anniversary of MNQP for this sponsoring group. We hope to have you all back for the 2008 event.



**W0ZQ** in Dodge County. Jon was a solo mobile OP, but probably never felt too isolated with a constantly buzzing radio.

Although Minnesotans are a hardy bunch, this year's MNQP weather was a reminder (especially to the mobiles) about how varied and unpredictable the weather can be. I have keeping track of the temperature highs and lows for MNQP since I started assisting with the results. The best I have experienced was a wonderful 57 degrees in a short sleeve shirt. The worst was this year at a chilly minus 15 degrees. Most of the state was from just below zero to minus 17. Brisk winds kept up the chill factor, and exposed skin could only take a few minutes before turning numb. I learned just how fast a person could change resonators on a mobile mount!



(The author) making a band change in Kandiyohi County

#### Outside Minnesota

## RESULTS

Thanks to all for the 177 logs that were submitted this year. The logs submitted since 2003 have been: 94, 134, 140, and 141. There was a good jump in activity this year. I also want to make a note of appreciation for the accuracy and completion of the electronically submitted logs. This really makes the log checking and score compiling a much easier task.

This is the third year in a row, in which all 87 of the Minnesota counties were activated. However for the first time in those three years we did not have anyone achieve the "clean sweep".

From outside Minnesota, missing from north of the border were Labrador, Yukon, Nunavut, NWT, Saskatchewan, PEI, and Newfoundland. From within the U.S. only Arkansas was missing from the logs.

Band conditions were probably not much different than last year's event, other than the 20-meter conditions seem to get steadily more difficult each year. There were less entries and QSO's from across the pond this year as well. QSO numbers from the mobile operators were down slightly, but the activity from the Phone operators made the overall numbers increase from last year. The numbers of QSO's on 80 meters rose from last year, as it seems some of the MN operators are trying a little harder to get that edge in multipliers. For those of you who enjoy the numbers, 50% (10,000) of the logged QSO's were recorded on 40 meters. The remaining 50% were split almost 50-50 between 20 meters (5600) and 80 meters (5300).

In the largest single category (SOLP), Tom N2CU from New York takes top honors, with a score just under his personal best in this event from last year. Tom missed only Mahnomen County. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row where Tom has topped the list of entrants in this category. After Tom is a line-up of very familiar calls in a tight race, with the differences only being a dozen or so QSO's and a couple of multipliers.

For those of you with Minnesota (or Dakota Division) ties, look down the list of entrants in this category, and count how many recognizable calls you can find. It is always enjoyable to hear and work someone with a familiar call, and the state QSO Parties allows many a way to re-connect.

In the SOHP category, Mike – K9NW takes top score from Indiana. As with Tom – N2CU, Mike missed only one county on his way to another great score. Mike missed only Kittson County, in his quest for a sweep. This is Mike's third year at the top of the SOHP category, and has been increasing his score total each year.

The QRP category this year was "gunned down" by Jules N2WN from Tennessee. Obviously all the assistance in new antennas from the XYL did the trick. (Can you tell I visited your QRZ page Jules? ③) All of the QRP category stations I personally worked this year were very good signals into my mobile setup.

In the Unlimited (DX) category Andy – DL3GA handed out some much appreciated QSO's, under difficult band conditions once again this year.

The out state club competition was the 1-2 punch of Tom-N2CU, and Paul -WB2ABD. Whether they are competing against each other, or insuring that WNY Contest Club, is at the top, the results are the same. Remember to support the other state QSO Party events, as so many take part in our MNQP.

## **MINNESOTA RESULTS**

For the second year in a row, Steve-K0SR takes top honors in the Single OP Low Power category. The QSO's and multipliers are down from last year's record score, but the mix of 50/50 CW and PH QSO's combined with a great signal separated Steve from the other entrants.

In the new category of Phone Only, Jim N0WE can lay claim to first place and an all time MNQP record score for this category. (That part comes easy, when you win a brand new category) The MNQP committee felt that this category would bring in participants, and activity that may not normally participate. From the comments read, many first time participants enjoyed the event, and plan to return next year. (Not all first time participants entered the phone only category either.)

In the Mobile, and Mobile-Unlimited category, we had 9 operators (or teams) hand out just over 6300 QSO's. It goes without saying that MNQP would be an ENTIRELY different event without this type of activity. Although record setting scores were not achieved, I think the team of John-N0IJ, and Terry W0TVD now hold the distance record with 24 counties of travel.

In a newly created category of Mobile-Unlimited, the team of K0AD (CW) and N0PI (PH) combined as a multi-station setup to score an impressive 110K points.

In the Multi-Operator category, Jim - KE0L teams up with his father W0CYV to take top honors. They edged out the Twin Cities FM club station that has been accumulating an impressive collection of awards in the category over the past few years.

In the QRP category Jim-N0UR, and Dan KE0G/r are numbers 1/2 again for the second year in a row.

In the Minnesota Club category, Northern MN DX Association accumulates an impressive total score with the help of three mobiles covering the northern part of the state.



N0IJ most likely working Rick WB8JUI just before leaving Polk County & crossing into Red Lake County



AC0W/m (XYL) : "HOW many counties in HOW much time?!?

Thank you to all of this year's MNQP participants. We certainly hope to hear you on again in next year's event. Please check the Minnesota Wireless Association web page at: <u>http://www.w0aa.org</u> for detail. Also comments or suggestions about future events can be e-mailed at any time to MNQP@isd.net

73's - Mark - WA0MHJ



#### 2007 MINNESOTA QSO PARTY - RESULTS

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Coll	Cotomorry	Continu	Country	<b>CW</b>			STATION		Operator(a)
<u>Call</u>	<u>Category</u>	Section	<u>County</u>	<u>CW</u>	<u> 228</u>	<u>Mults</u>	<u>Score</u>	Club Affiliation	<u>Operator(s)</u>
Mobile-Single XMTR									
NØIJ/m *	Mobile	MN	24	860	0	61	104920	Northern Minnesota DX Assn.	NØIJ, WØTVD
NØIM/m	Mobile	MN	20	744	1	64	95296	Northern Minnesota DX Assn.	NØIM, AF9T
NE9U/m	Mobile	MN	29	842	0	50	84200	Central Wisconsin Radio Amateurs	NE9U, N9BCA
WØZQ/m	Mobile	MN	12	629	0	66	83028	Northern Lights Radio Society	,
ACØW/m	Mobile	MN	19	725	2	56		None	
WØAA/m	Mobile	MN	21	675	0	59	79650	Twin City FM Club	WAØMHJ
KØPC/m	Mobile	MN	17	614	0	44	54032	College City Radio Club	KØPC, W9DND
NØEO/m	Mobile	MN	14	512	0	50	51200	Northern Minnesota DX Assn.	AAØAW
Mobile-UNLIMITED									
NØPI/m *	Mobile	MN	21	733	71	72	110664	None	NØPI, KØAD
Muli OB Single VMTP									
<u>Muli OP - Single XMTR</u> KEØL *	M/S	MN	HEN	141	12	55	16170	None	KE0L W0CYV
	11/10		TIEN.	141	12	00	10170		WBØN KCØRET
									KCØTPB KØIHG
									WØMKE KBØFH
WØEF	M/S	MN	HEN	52	140	53	12932	Twin City FM Club	KCØVCU
									KØRJW, KEØN,
									NØPEY, WBØENX,
WØMR	M/S	MN	WSH	71	104	48	11808	Mining ARC	K9NJ
WKØX	M/S	MN	DAK	0	121	44	5324	South East Metro Contest Club	WKØX, WDØFHW
KGØDX	M/S	MN	STR	0	95	48	4560	Runestone ARC	
WØJAR	M/S	MN	DOU	0	70	41	2870	Twin City DX Assn.	WØJAR, KGØDX
WBØYDF	M/S	MN	CRV	0	63	45	2835	S.M.A.R.T.S.	WBØYDF, KCØRIS
									KGØU, KCØQNA,
									KAØCSW, KBØDCO,
WØCRC	M/S	MN	MCL	0	82	26	2132	Crow River Radio Club	WBØPWT
Single OP - QRP									
NOUR *	QRP	MN	FRE	195	55	74	32930	None	
KE0G/r	QRP	MN	4	191	0	58	22156	None	
W9LHG	QRP	MN	RIC	50	0	31	3100	Stillwater Amateur Radio Assn.	
WOLHO	QIT		140	00	0	01	0100		
<u>Call</u>	Category	Section	<u>County</u>	<u>cw</u>	<u>SSB</u>	<u>Mults</u>	<u>Score</u>	Club Affiliation	Operator(s)
Single OP - Low Power									
KØSR *	SOLP	MN	DAK	353	355	84	89124	None	
W3FAF	SOLP	MN	WSH	309	0	85	52530	None	
KØTK	SOLP	MN	RAM	260	78	83	49634	Twin City FM Club	
KØOB	SOLP	MN	HEN	204	241	72	46728	None	
KØMPH	SOLP	MN	HEN	269	2	73	39420		
WBØCFF	SOLP	MN	SCO	273	0	72	39312	S.M.A.R.T.S.	
KCØINP	SOLP	MN	RAM	215	41	71	33441	St. Paul Radio Club	
WRØDK	SOLP	MN	WSH	151	164	69	32154	Fraternal Order of Radio Contest Enthusiasts	
NØBUI	SOLP	MN	WIN	212	42	68	31688	None	
KØYR	SOLP	MN	NIC	146	133	73	31025	Mankato Radio Club	
KØTG	SOLP	MN	RAM	185	2	56	20832	St. Paul Radio Club	
KØCAT	SOLP	MN	WSH	168	0	52	17472	None	
WQØA	SOLP	MN	NIC	121	23	58	15370	None	
W1GL	SOLP	MN	DOU	110	12	60	13920	Twin City DX Assn.	
KTØR	SOLP	MN	HEN	115	51	49	13769	S.M.A.R.T.S.	
WGØM	SOLP	MN	HEN	99	74	50	13600	Twin City FM Club	
NØAT	SOLP	MN	HEN	134	2	49	13230	None	
KØMD	SOLP	MN	OLM	128	1	45	11565	None	
NØBK	SOLP	MN	DAK	111	11	44	10252		

<u>Call</u> Single OB Law Bowe	Category	Section	<u>County</u>	<u>cw</u>	<u>SSB</u>	<u>Mults</u>	<u>Score</u>	Club Affiliation	<u>Operator(s)</u>
Single OP - Low Powe WBØN	<u>r (cont.)</u> SOLP	MAN	HEN	36	121	50	9650	Twin City EM Club	
WDØK	SOLP	MN MN	RAM	13	141	55	9050 9185	Twin City FM Club None	
NØFP	SOLP	MN	MEE	101	0	55 43	8686	None	
WAØKNP	SOLP	MN	LAC	74	18	43 40	6640	None	
KØXN	SOL	MN	HEN	51	28	40 45	5850	None	
KØJJR	SOLP	MN	STL	68	20	41	5576	None	
KØRC	SOLP	MN	CHS	75	0	37	5550	None	
KSØT	SOLP	MN	STL	57	0	29	3306	Northern Minnesota DX Assn.	
WØLM	SOLP	MN	RAM	15	44	35	2590	Northern Lights Radio Society	
KØJA	SOLP	MN	ANO	19	26	29	1856	None	
KØJE	SOLP	MN	ANO	21	17	22	1298	None	
KCØRET	SOLP	MN	HEN	10	10	14	420	None	
KGØJD	SOLP	MN	RAM	5	0	5	50	St. Paul Radio Club	
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Single OP - PHONE ON	NLY								
NØWE *	SOPH	MN	WIN	0	326	70	22820	None	
KØLEJ	SOLP	MN	SCO	0	190	60	11400	None	
WAØEBZ	SOPH	MN	TOD	0	128	60	7680	Runestone Radio Club	
NØENQ	SOLP	MN	GRA	0	197	33	6501	None	
WAØCQG	SOPH	MN	HEN	0	102	53	5406	None	
ACØDH	SOLP	MN	HEN	0	92	51	4692	S.M.A.R.T.S.	
KØVH	SOLP	MN	OLM	0	92	42	3864	None	
KAØJWC	SOPH	MN	LES	0	74	38	2812	Northern Lights Radio Society	
WØLER	SOLP	MN	ANO	0	62	36	2232	Northern Lights Radio Society	
NGØE	SOPH	MN	COT	0	52	35	1820	None	
KCØMKS	SOPH	MN	LAK	0	47	30	1410	Northern Minnesota DX Assn.	
WAØVPJ	SOLP	MN	HEN	0	41	28	1148	Northern Lights Radio Society	
KCØRSY	SOPH	MN	WSH	0	37	29	1073	None	
WØJEC	SOPH	MN	BEL	0	36	27	972	None	
K9XQ	SOPH	MN	OLM	0	27	22	594	Rochester Amateur Radio Club	
WØMKE	SOPH	MN	ANO	0	25	19	475	Twin City FM Club	
KTØT	SOLP	MN	HEN	0	20	19	380	Amateur Radio Assn of Bloomington	
WØSTC	SOLP	MN	RAM	0	24	15	360	St. Paul Radio Club	WØQT
NØMK	SOPH	MN	HEN	0	22	14	308	None	
KCØVDP	SOPH	MN	GOO	0	19	15	285	St. Paul Radio Club	
KCØRQH	SOPH	MN	WRI	0	6	6	36	Wright County Amatuer Radio Society	
KBØFH	SOLP	MN	SCO	0	4	4	16	Twin City FM Club	
<u>VHF</u>		MANI		10	40	10	400	Northern Lights Dadis Casisty	
WØLER *		MN	ANO	12	12	12	432	Northern Lights Radio Society	
KØKP		MN	STL	2	10	7	98 62	None Twin City EM Club	
		MN	ANO	0 0	9 2	7 2	63 4	Twin City FM Club	
W9LHG	VHF	MN	RIC	U	2	2	4	Stillwater Amateur radio Assn.	

W/VE STATIONS									
<u>Call</u>	Category	Section	<u>County</u>	<u>cw</u>	<u>SSB</u>	<u>Mults</u>	<u>Score</u>	Club Affiliation	<u>Operator(s)</u>
Single OP - Low Power N2CU ***	SOLP	NY		275	24	86	49364	Western New York Contest Club	
WA3HAE ***	SOLP	PA		232	0	83	38512	Weekend Warriors	
WB2ABD **	SOLP	NY		228	5	83	38263	Western New York Contest Club	
K4AMC * * *	SOLP	TN		218	2	86	37668	Tennessee Contest Group	
N9JF * * *	SOLP	IL		210	11	84	36372		
KF9D **	SOLP	IL		203	13	84	35196	None	
VE3NBJ ***	SOLP	ON		203	5	81	33291	Contest Club Ontario	
W9MSE ***	SOLP	WI		168	0	79	26544	FON DU LAC ARC	
WB8JUI ***	SOLP	OH		174	1	71	24779	Ohio Independent Contesters	
K8GU **	SOLP	IL		155	2	69	21528	Society of Midwest Contesters	
WF5X ***	SOLP	MI		130	0	78	20280	None	
N4IG * * *	SOLP	FL		142	27	65	20215	Florida Contest Group	
K8IR **	SOLP	MI		140	0	71	19880	None	
N6MU ***	SOLP	CA		133	15	68	19108	None	
WE9N	SOLP	IN		130	2	71	18602	Society of Midwest Contesters	
W8UMP	SOLP	MI		127	0	63	16002	None	
KN4Y	SOLP	FL		133	0	59	15694	Florida Contest Group	
W7GVE *	SOLP	AZ		90	0	60	10800	None	
AA4FU *	SOLP	NC		105	0	51	10710	None	
AE1T *	SOLP	NH		97	0	55	10670	None	
W1END	SOLP	NH		94	0	56	10528	YCCC	
KB9S	SOLP	WI		91	8	55	10450	Eau Claire ARC	
N1RR *	SOLP	MA		82	1	48	7920	YCCC	
N4RS *	SOLP	MO		77	0	44	6776	None	
W2CVW *	SOLP	NJ		80	0	40	6400	None	
AB7RW *	SOLP	WA		67	0	47	6298	Western Washington DX Club	
AD8J	SOLP	PA		67	1	42	5670	Mad River Radio Club	
VE3WG	SOLP	ON		63	4	39	5070	Contest Club Ontario	
KJ9C	SOLP	IN		60	2	41	5002	None	
K8MR	SOLP	OH		67	1	37	4995	Mad River Radio Club	
K4NAX	SOLP	IN		51	17	40	4760	None	
VA7TRS *	SOLP	BC		47	19	39	4407	Thompson River ARC	VE7NI
AF8A	SOLP	OH		61	0	36	4392	Mad River Radio Club	
WU9F	SOLP	WI		50	0	39	3900	None	
N9HDE *	SOLP	IA		49	0	39 24	3822	None	
VE3TW K9ES	SOLP SOLP	ON		46	10	31	3162	Contest Club Ontario	
NA4K	SOLP	FL TN		38 46	14 4	32 27	2880 2592	Florida Contest Group Tennessee Contest Group	
N7EIE	SOLP	WA		39	4	28	2392	None	
N3KR	SOLP	PA		38	0	28	2104	Frankford Radio Club	
WG7Y *	SOLP	WY		37	0	20	1776	None	
W8AF *	SOLP	WV		33	0	25	1650	None	
WB2LOS	SOLP	NY		33	0	22	1452	None	
W2LHL	SOLP	NJ		33	0	19	1254	None	
K9IA	SOLP	FL		27	0	21	1134	None	
W5JBV/m	SOLP	FL		22	0	15	660	None	
VE3CRU	SOLP	ON		19	0	16	608	None	
KEØQM	SOLP	KS		18	0	16	576	None	
WØAMT *	SOLP	NM		11	19	14	574	None	
W2WC	SOLP	NY		18	0	15	540	None	
K8VFR	SOLP	MI		21	0	12	504	None	
KJ5RC *	SOLP	MS		0	29	17	493	None	
VE7FCO	SOLP	BC		0	26	17	442	None	
W7KAM	SOLP	AZ		0	26	14	364	None	
K1TO	SOLP	FL		13	0	12	312	Florida Contest Group	
KA4NAB	SOLP	VA		0	22	14	308	None	
WA4VAP *	SOLP	KY		15	0	10	300	None	
AB2IO	SOLP	NJ		0	23	13	299	Frankford Radio Club	
W1CRK	SOLP	MA		0	20	12	240	Falmouth ARA	

<u>Call</u> Single OD Law David	Category	Section	<u>County</u>	<u>cw</u>	<u>SSB</u>	<u>Mults</u>	<u>Score</u>	Club Affiliation	<u>Operator(s)</u>
Single OP - Low Power		15.1		10	0	0	00.4	N	
KB9YGD	SOLP	IN		12	2	9	234	None	
N3MRA	SOLP	NM		0	19	10	190	None	
NA7RF *	SOLP	NV		2	12	11	176	Northern California Contest Club	
N9LF	SOLP	IN		7	0	7	98	Society of Midwest Contesters	
KH6FI *	SOLP	HI		5	3	7	91	None	
WØPAN	SOLP	AZ		0	10	9	90	None	
N2MTG	SOLP	NY		0	8	8	64	Hudson Valley Contesters & DX'ers	
WB7DE	SOLP	AZ		0	8	7	56	None	
N5YE *	SOLP	LA		0	6	6	36	None	
W4ZPR/m	SOLP	GA		4	0	4	32	None	
N5DTT *	SOLP	TX		0	6	5	30	None	
KD8VP	SOLP	CO		0	4	4	16	None	
NØWY *	SOLP	NE		0	5	3	15	None	
WR3F *	SOLP	MD		1	3	3	15	None	
VA3IX	SOLP	ON		0	3	3	9	None	
KQ6ES	SOLP	CA		0	2	2	4	None	
NW7MT *	SOLP	MT		0	1	1	1	Northern Wireless of Montana RC	
<u>Call</u>	<b>Category</b>	Section	County	<u>CW</u>	<u>SSB</u>	<u>Mults</u>	Score	Club Affiliation	<u>Operator(s)</u>
Single OP - QRP									
N2WN ***	QRP	TN		164	0	67	21976	Tennessee Contest Group	
W8TM	QRP	OH		113	0	57	12882	Mad River Radio Club	
KI4FW *	QRP	VA		59	0	35	4130	None	
KD2MX	QRP	NJ		33	4	23	1610	None	
W5JBW	QRP	FL		44	0	16	1408	None	
W9TO	QRP	IL		22	6	20	1000	None	
WBØIWG	QRP	PA		0	4	4	16	None	
N3HU	QRP	MD		1	1	2	6	None	
Single OP - High Powe	r								
K9NW ***	SOHP	IN		292	39	86	53578	None	
N4PN ***	SOHP	GA		195	85	79	37525	South East Contest Club	
WØBH ***	SOHP	KS		193	64	79	31442	None	
KA3QLF **	SOHP	PA		178	11	81	29727	EMARC	
NS9I * *									
	SOHP	WI		154	0	71	21868	Bay Area Wireless Assn	
KØHW *	SOHP	SD		66	105	55	13035	None	
KØCOM *	SOHP	CO		63	18	46	6624	Grand Mesa Contest Club	
K4BAI	SOHP	GA		70	15	40	6200	South East Contest Club	
K4RO	SOHP	TN		51	0	25	2550	Tennessee Contest Group	1440
WB1GQR *	SOHP	VT		0	40	20	800	Radio Amateurs of Northern Vermont	W1SJ
KA9FOX	SOHP	WI		13	7	15	495	Society of Midwest Contesters	
WD4LYV	SOHP	GA		3	14	13	260	None	
WA5ZUP	SOHP	NM		0	21	10	210	None	
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Unlimited									
DL3GA *	UNLIMITED			28	0	16	896		
DL5AWI	UNLIMITED	DX		1	0	1	2		

\*\*\* Indicates Plaque / Certificate & MNQP Prize \*\* Indicates Prize from MNQP

\* Indicates Plaque or Certificate

## **CLUB COMPETITION**

<u>Club Name</u>	<u>#entries</u>	<u>Score</u>
Northern Minnesota DX Assn.	5	256132
Twin City FM Club	8	166020
Northern Lights Radio Society	6	92242
Western New York Contest Club	2	87627
Central Wisconsin Radio Amateurs	1	84200
Society of Midwest Contesters	5	77095
Tennessee Contest Group	4	64348
S.M.A.R.T.S.	4	60608
St. Paul Radio Club	5	54968
College City Radio Club	1	54032
South East Contest Club	2	43725
Contest Club Ontario	3	41523
Florida Contest Group	4	39101
Weekend Warriors	1	38512
Fraternal Order of Radio Contest Enthusiasts	1	32154
Mankato Radio Club	1	31025
EMARC	1	29727
Mad River Radio Club	4	27939
FON DU LAC ARC	1	26544
Ohio Independent Contesters	1	24779
Bay Area Wireless Assn	1	21868
YCCC	2	18448
Twin City DX Assn.	1	16790
Runestone ARC	2	12240
Mining ARC	1	11808
Eau Claire ARC	1	10450
Grand Mesa Contest Club	1	6624
Western Washington DX Club	1	6298
South East Metro Contest Club	1	5609
Thompson River ARC	1	4407
Stillwater Amateur radio Assn.	1	3104
Frankford Radio Club	1	2427
Crow River Radio Club	1	2132
Radio Amateurs of Northern Vermont	1	800
Rochester Amateur Radio Club	1	594
Amateur Radio Assn of Bloomington	1	380
Falmouth ARA	1	240
Northern California Contest Club	1	176
Hudson Valley Contesters & DX'ers	1	64
Wright County Amatuer Radio Society	1	36
Northern Wireless of Montana RC	1	1

#### **SOAPBOX**

We lost the computer 1 hour into contest. The other 9 hours are on a legal pad. - NOIM

Looking for the Lake Woebegon mult, where the women are strong, the men are all good looking and the children are all above average. The mobiles had to be with those temps. Three cheers to them. And thanks to all. Next year! – **W1END** 

Working the Vermont QSO Party, and had fun picking up MN stations at the same time. Made 40 Q's on SSB only. Need a Phone only category! – **WB1GQR** 

This was my first MN QSO party, and I had a great time. – KOLEJ

Great time as usual. Kudos to the mobiles in particular for braving the sub-zero temps and getting it done in a big way! – K9NW

This was my first QSO Party since 1960 Lived in MN for eighth years (W0OJQ), so we can relate to the cold weather. - K4NAX

I enjoyed the QSO Party. Dan (N0PI) thanks for 5 counties. - KJ5RC

Glad to work three all time new counties - K4BAI

I got on as a whim. I didn't expect many MN stations since it is mid-winter. I was wrong. You guys are dedicated and tough. In short, I found myself having a fun time. See you next year! – **W7GVE** 

Great fun, worked 40 some counties, and lots of old friends. This QSO Party is now one of the best! - KOCOM

Had some fun on a cold afternoon. Wish condx were better – KOXN

Tnx, not all that many QSO's, but a wonderful time - KB9YGD

I didn't rack up the score I turned in last year, but it was still a blast. From my view outside the state, the MNQP seems to be most organized state QSO Party. But maybe I'm partial -- I got to stuff my Thanksgiving turkey with Minnesota wild rice last year. Thanks for the fun. - **KI4FW** 

Good to hear CW mobiles and fixed stations, kept me busy. Bands good most of the QSO party. KN4Y

Well conditions weren't so great on 20 at this QTH, 40 was mixed. 80 and 160 were decent. As usual, the mobiles were hoppin'! The strangest thing was EAs on 80 as loud as the MN station, and plenty of them! Thanks again all for the effort! – **N2WN** 

I didn't realize that the CTY abbreviations had changed since last year...what a shock when NA would not let me enter the three-letter abbreviations...Kept going and tried to figure out if WN was Winona or Washington and there were many others especially with the letters C, M, R, S, & W...what a mess!! It'll be all updated before next years QP!! Hope it's fairly accurate...It was a great time at any rate...TKS mobiles!! - N4PN

There is something wrong with mobiles that go out in Minnesota in February, but thanks. -N9JF

Good opening on 20M and as usual, great operators from MN! - VA7TRS

Enjoyed the QSO party...my thanks to the organizers. Hope to be back next year. - VE3NBJ

Great to work a few more needed Counties. - VE7FCO

Rough hearing the mobiles on 40 and 20M! - W3FAF

This was a really fun contest. I wish I could have started sooner! - W8AF

Many thanks to the mobiles. - WE9N

Started half hour late and had a honey-do in the middle. Thanks to all the mobiles that braved that wind chill to put the counties on. CU next YEAR & MiQP in April! – **WF5X** 

#### Lotta Fun, good HF Rovers – WB0CFF

I had my dad over for lunch and talked him into getting on the air for his first taste of contesting. He has watched me in the past but never sat down. He chuckled at the way we now use function keys and computer logging. – **KE0L** 

Good to work "all you all". I was hoping to increase my score by at least 10,000 points but my final score is 5000 less than last year. 20 meters in particular was noisy for the first half of the contest and signals seemed down. DL3GA had to repeat his call and name several times before I got it because of the high noise. 80 meters was active most of the day although I was disappointed that I wasn't able to hear many of the

mobiles during the middle of day. 80 was going gang busters for the last couple hours. A highlight was being called on 40 meters by CU2JT.Some one spotted NOFP on 80 meters. So I swung down there and called him, several times. Ford wasn't getting anything out of the pile up. So I listened, and there was fellow Maple Grove hams, KE0L and NR0L (both 40 over S9), along with others in the horde. What a pile-up for MEE county. I came back later when things were quieter. See you next year! – **K0MPH** 

Being disabled operated from my bed operating position. Had fun even with bands in poor condition - WD4LYV

Again, thanks for a great contest. Special thanks for the mobiles that make it fun. My QSO's were down this year, but Mults up, only missing SWIFT for a clean sweep.- **K4AMC** 

This was a great, short contest -- and I had fun! - WA0CQG

This was my second Minnesota QSO Party, and they're always fun. Antennas: backyard wires. CU next year! - N7EIE

Not very much fun in DX-land this year. Some Mobiles never copied me. Hope for better condx next year. – DL3GA

Fun afternoon, thanks - W9TO

Band conditions pretty bad. - NOWY

Good mobile CW activity, but does anybody in MN operate SSB? - K8MR

Never heard any stations on 15 meters or 80/75 meters. Mobiles seemed to prefer CW. Overall had fun for 3 hours. - K9ES

WA0EBZ, W0JAR and I hung out on 3.855 and worked lots of stations in and out of state. It was amazing how large the pileups got at times...WA0EBZ worked wonders moderating my first contest...it was a blast--**KG0DX**