

2014 Mississippi QSO Party

The Eleventh Mississippi QSO Party, sponsored by the Vicksburg ARC, starts at 1400Z April 5 and ends at 0200Z April 6 (9AM to 9PM local time on Saturday).

Suggested Frequencies:

CW: 50 KHz up from bottom of band. If 40 CW gets crowded after Sunset, try 7030.

Phone: 3862, 7195, 14270, 21370, and 28370 KHz

Digital: use the ARRL Band Plan

VHF frequencies: SSB 50.130 and 144.220; FM 146.55 and 446.00

No 60-Meter, WARC Band, or repeater contacts.

Mississippi Stations:

Exchange: signal report and county.

Contacts: One point for phone; two points for CW or Digital.

Multippliers: One for each Mississippi County, state, province, and DXCC country. Multipliers are awarded for the first QSO with each multiplier. Working the same county/state/prov/DXCC on another band or mode is not another multiplier.

Final Score: The number of QSO points times the number of Mississippi Counties, states, provinces, and countries. Mississippi does not count as a state for multiplier purposes.

Stations Outside Mississippi:

Exchange: signal report and state, province, or country.

Contacts: One point for phone; two points for CW or Digital.

Multippliers: One for each Mississippi County.

Multipliers are awarded for the first QSO with each county. Working the same county on another band or mode is not another multiplier.

Final Score: The number of Mississippi QSO points times the number of Mississippi Counties.

Stations may be worked once on each band, on SSB, CW and Digital. Example: W5XX could be worked on 80m/40m/20m/15m/10m using SSB, CW and RTTY for point credit (25 points total, but 1 multiplier assuming he was a fixed station). Mobile or Portable stations that change counties during the contest may be worked again on the same band/mode for point and multiplier credit.

A list of standard county abbreviations is provided below.

Certificates will be awarded to the high scoring station in each Mississippi County (minimum of 50 QSOs). Further, a commendation certificate will be awarded for Mississippi Stations making over 100 QSOs, but not winning their county. Also, the winners of each state, province, or country are eligible for a certificate providing at least 10 valid QSOs are submitted in the log.

In addition, plaques will be awarded to

- the high scoring Mississippi Station (single op)
- the high scoring Mississippi Station (unlimited ops/xmtrs)
- the high scoring Mississippi Portable (single op)
- the high scoring Mississippi Portable (unlimited ops/xmtrs)
- the high scoring Mississippi Mobile (op with no driver)
- the high scoring Mississippi Mobile (op with driver).
- the high scoring Mississippi Club
- the high scoring Mississippi Youth
- the high scoring Out-of-State Station

Scores for the high scoring portable and mobile stations will be computed from the sum of the scores from each county operated. A portable station is defined as an operation away from an established ham station. This will entail establishing the station from scratch at a given portable site.

The high scoring club score will be computed from all the club's entry stations, regardless of category. At least five entries must be received from a club to be eligible for the plaque. To be considered for club calculation, the club name must be included with your log submission.

Entries for the Youth Plaque must reflect total operation, logging, and reporting by the youth operator. Tutoring before the QSO Party is appropriate. The operator must be 16 years of age or under to be eligible for the Youth Plaque.

Include a summary sheet with your entry. The summary sheet must show the number of QSOs, total QSO points, multipliers, and claimed score. Logs without a scoring summary will be considered as a check log. The latest versions of N1MM and N3FJP logging software support the MSQP new scoring rules and can generate Cabrillo formatted logs. Other plain text electronic formatted or paper logs can be accepted but must contain a minimum of:

Station Worked – QSO Date – QSO Time – Band – Mode – Sent RS(T) – Sent Cnty/ST/Prov/Entity - Rcvd RS(T) – Rcvd Cnty/ST/Prov/Entity, for each QSO.

Logs should be e-mailed to w5xx@vicksburg.com or snail-mailed no later than April 30, 2014 to:

Vicksburg ARC
64 Lake Circle Drive,
Vicksburg, MS 39180

These rules will also be posted on www.arrlmiss.org. The results should be posted by late-summer.

For additional information, please contact: Malcolm Keown, W5XX at w5xx@vicksburg.com.

Abbrv	County Name		Abbrv	County Name		Abbrv	County Name
ADA	Adams		JEF	Jefferson		SMI	Smith
ALC	Alcorn		JON	Jones		STO	Stone
AMI	Amite		KEM	Kemper		SUN	Sunflower
ATT	Attala		LAF	Lafayette		TAL	Tallahatchie
BEN	Benton		LAM	Lamar		TAT	Tate
BOL	Bolivar		LAU	Lauderdale		TIP	Tippah
CAL	Calhoun		LAW	Lawrence		TIS	Tishomingo
CAR	Carroll		LEA	Leake		TUN	Tunica
CHI	Chickasaw		LEE	Lee		UNI	Union
CHO	Choctaw		LEF	Leflore		WAL	Walthall
CLA	Clay		LIN	Lincoln		WAR	Warren
CLB	Claiborne		LOW	Lowndes		WAS	Washington
CLK	Clarke		MAD	Madison		WAY	Wayne
COA	Coahoma		MAR	Marshall		WEB	Webster
COP	Copiah		MGY	Montgomery		WIL	Wilkinson
COV	Covington		MON	Monroe		WIN	Winston
DES	DeSoto		MRN	Marion		YAL	Yalobusha
FOR	Forrest		NES	Neshoba		YAZ	Yazoo
FRA	Franklin		NEW	Newton			
GEO	George		NOX	Noxubee			
GRE	Grenada		OKT	Oktibbeha			
GRN	Greene		PAN	Panola			
HAN	Hancock		PEA	Pearl River			
HAR	Harrison		PER	Perry			
HIN	Hinds		PIK	Pike			
HOL	Holmes		PON	Pontotoc			
HUM	Humphreys		PRE	Prentiss			
ISS	Issaquena		QUI	Quitman			
ITA	Itawamba		RAN	Rankin		Mississippi QSO Party County Check List	
JAC	Jackson		SCO	Scott			
JAS	Jasper		SHA	Sharkey			
JDV	Jefferson Davis		SIM	Simpson			