2021 MS QSO PARTY RULES

Starts: 1400z / 3 April 2021
Ends: 0200z / 4 April 2021
Duration: 12 Hours

Objectives:
- Maximize the activation of MS amateur radio stations in as many counties possible.
- Encourage amateurs around the world to contact as many MS stations as possible.
- Incorporate FT4/8 digital modes into the event.

Bands: 160m, 80m, 40m, 20m, 15m, 10m, 6m, 2m

Modes: CW, SSB, RTTY, FT4/8

Contacts: Same station can be worked on each separate band/mode.
Example, W5XX can work W1AW on 20m CW, 20m SSB, 20m RTTY, 20m FT4/8.

Exchange:
- W/VE stations send signal report and State or Province.
- DX stations send signal report and Country.
- MS stations send signal report and County.
- ALL FT4/8 stations send signal report and Grid Square.

QSO Points: SSB = 1; CW = 2; RTTY = 2; FT4/8 = 2

Multipliers: (Earned ONCE regardless of band/mode worked.)
- W/VE stations earn 1 for each MS County worked (82 possible) + 1 for each MS Grid Square worked (9 possible...EM41-44 and EM50-54).
- DX stations earn 1 for each MS County worked (82 possible) + 1 for each MS Grid Square worked (9 possible…EM41-44 and EM50-54).
- MS stations earn 1 for each MS County worked (82 possible), 1 for each of the remaining States worked (49 possible), 1 for each Canadian Province worked (13 possible), 1 for each remaining DX Country/Entity worked (338 possible), and taking the total number of unique Grid Squares worked and dividing by 5. Example: 100 unique Grid Squares worked, divided by 4, equals 25 multipliers. (Round off to nearest whole number.)

Scoring:
- Fixed: Final score equals the sum of QSO points multiplied by the total multipliers.
- Portable/Mobile: Final score will be the sum of the scores from each County operated.
- Vicksburg ARC Contest Committee decisions are final.

Entry Categories: (No separate mode or power categories)
- Single Operator Fixed
- Single Operator Portable
- Single Operator Mobile With Driver
- Single Operator Mobile Without Driver
- Unlimited Operators/Transceivers Fixed
- Unlimited Operators/Transceivers Portable
- Unlimited Operators/Transceivers Mobile

Miscellaneous:
- All operators must observe the limits of their operator licenses.
- An operator my use only one callsign during the QSO Party.
- Households with multiple amateurs may share the same station.
- All transceivers/antennas must reside within a 500-meter diameter circle.
- QSO-finding assistance (e.g., monitoring DX clusters) is allowed.
- Self-spotting or asking to be spotted is not allowed.
- Attached is a listing of 3-letter MS County abbreviations for CW operators.

Software/Log Submission:
- Everyone is encouraged to use commercial software when possible (i.e., N1MM+, N3FJP, WSJT-X, JTDX, etc). Each of these produces a Cabrillo log listing QSO data.
- Hand-written legible logs will be accepted when computer software is unavailable.
- Each official submission must include a separate scoring summary showing the number of QSOs, Points, Multipliers, and Final Score claimed.
- Deadline submission to Vicksburg ARC is 30 April 2021.
- E-mail entries to W5XX at ARRL.NET; Snail-mail entries to W5XX callbook address.

Awards:
Certificates will be awarded to the highest scoring:
- Each MS County (minimum 50 QSOs).
- Each State/Province/Country (minimum 15 QSOs).
- Any station making 100+ QSOs.
Plaques will be awarded to the highest scoring:
- MS Single Operator Fixed
- MS Single Operator Portable
- MS Single Operator Mobile With Driver
- MS Single Operator Mobile Without Driver
- MS Unlimited Operators/Transceivers Fixed
- MS Unlimited Operators/Transceivers Portable
- MS Unlimited Operators/Transceivers Mobile
- MS Station Working Most MS Counties
- W/VE Station
- DX Station

Questions:
Contact W5XX at ARRL.NET and W5UE at ARRL.NET