

2014 Mississippi QSO Party

Thanks for your participation in the 2014 Mississippi QSO Party! After ten years with no changes in the rules a number of changes were made. The first major change was to move the date of the QSO Party from the last week of February to the first week in April. Many participants in previous year's QSO Parties noted that there were just too many contests in late February and early March and many folks suffered "contest fatigue." The other major change was that CW QSOs were given a point value of two and SSB one which encouraged more CW operation.

Both of these changes had positive effects. The first weekend in April was much warmer than the last weekend in February, thus the mobiles and portables didn't have to deal with the cold. Also the only other activities going on were the Missouri and Montana QSO parties. By selection of different frequencies there was not much interference between the QSO Parties and the QSO Parties actually complemented each other in that if participants ran out of Mississippi stations to work then they could go hunt Missouri or Montana stations until some new Mississippi Stations came on the air. This kept overall activity up. In addition, there was definitely more CW operation as evidenced by comments from the stations out of state.

Examination of the 120 logs received for the QSO Party show that we had very good propagation with mobiles being able to work Europe on 15 as late as 5PM! The logs indicate that 100 Mississippi Stations were on the air in 73 of the 82 counties.

Special thanks to the mobiles and portables, who put a lot of counties on the air that would otherwise not have been available. A pat on the back for W3DYA/M, K4ZGB/M, N5NA/M, NO5W/M, N5UOV/M, W5KDM/M, W5OBM/P, W5GWD/P, W5NEM/P, and W5TCR/P. These stations collectively put 57 counties on the air making over three thousand QSOs. Thanks to N5NA for coordinating mobile routes and portable locations with his website.

Also thanks to the 599 DX Association, NA5DX, the Jackson County ARC, the Jackson ARC, the Hattiesburg ARC, the Northeast Radio Amateurs, the University of Mississippi ARC, the Magnolia DX Association, and the Chickasaw ARA for sponsoring plaques, although there were not entries in all of the nine categories. Those stations winning plaques were:

High Score Mississippi Station (single op) – N5BO
High Score Mississippi Station (unlimited ops/xmtrs) – 599 DX Assc. (W5UE, K2FF, AG5CC ops)
High Score Mississippi Portable (unlimited ops/xmtrs) – Olive Branch ARC – W5OBM (KF5QGF, KF5OIM, KW5GP, KD5IWH, KF5HAJ, AI4GI, K5OLV, K5RCF, KD5CKP, KF5TPT ops)
High Score Mississippi Mobile (no driver) - W3DYA
High Score Mississippi Mobile (with driver) - N5NA
High Score Mississippi Club – 599 DX Association
High Score Out of State Station – W4II

Those eligible for plaques and certificates will received them by snail mail. Remember next year the QSO Party will be held the first full weekend of April. Put April 4-5, 2015 on your long range calendar!

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In-State Results

Adams	W3DYA/M	84	30	2520
Amite	W3DYA/M	84	30	2520
Attala	N5NA/M	74	24	1776
Calhoun	KF5CFE	10	10	100
Carroll	K4ZGB/M	26	12	312
Chickasaw	N5NA/M	116	30	3480
Choctaw	K4ZGB/M	68	21	1428
	N5NA/M	64	19	1216
Claiborne	W3DYA/M	82	24	1968
Clay	N5NA/M	68	23	1564
	K4ZGB/M	62	20	1240
Coahoma	K4ZGB/M	90	23	2070
Copiah	W3DYA/M	76	23	1748
Covington	W3DYA/M	108	31	3348
	NO5W/M	14	4	56
DeSoto	W5OBM/P *	669	103	68907
	KD5VMV	3	2	6
Forrest	N5BO	1055	111	117105
	N5CW	248	51	12648
	NO5W/M	22	14	308
Franklin	W3DYA/M	28	11	308
Greene	AE5QP	52	25	1300
	NO5W/M	36	18	648
George	NO5W/M	44	22	968
Grenada	K4ZGB/M	34	14	476
Hancock	NA5NN *	1364	123	167772
	KQ5A	30	12	360
Hancock	NO5W/M	14	6	84
Harrison	WQ5L	912	120	109440
	NA5DX	752	93	69936
	KF5BA	229	47	10763
	NO5W/M	16	7	112
Hinds	AE5SK	64	32	2048
	N5NA/M	54	20	1080
Issaquena	N5NA/M	18	9	162
Itawamba	W3TWD	45	24	1080
	N5NA/M	50	17	850
Jackson	K7ZYV	132	47	6204
	NO5W/M	20	8	160
Jeff Davis	W3DYA/M	66	22	1452
	NO5W/M	22	8	176
Jefferson	W3DYA/M	88	26	2288
Jones	NO5W/M	30	11	330
Lamar	AG5Z	806	112	90272
	NO5W/M	36	13	468

Lawrence	W3DYA/M	66	22	1452
Leake	N5NA/M	48	18	864
Lee	N5NA/M	150	33	4950
Leflore	K4ZGB/M	60	18	1080
Lincoln	K5DWI	347	80	27760
	WB5ASP	217	69	14973
	W3DYA/M	54	17	918
Lowndes	K4ZGB/M	70	22	1540
Madison	N5NA/M	80	29	2320
Marion	W3DYA/M	82	28	2296
	NO5W/M	22	10	220
Montgomery	K4ZGB/M	36	14	504
Oktibbeha	N5KGY	104	49	5096
	K4ZGB/M	72	23	1656
Panola	K4ZGB/M	68	19	1292
Pearl River	AB6Z	88	28	2464
	NO5W/M	16	7	112
Perry	NO5W/M	36	18	648
Pike	NM5Z	510	73	37230
	W3DYA/M	74	22	1628
	NO5W/M	10	3	30
Pontotoc	N5RB	158	35	5530
	N5NA/M	86	24	2064
Prentiss	N5NA/M	104	32	3328
Quitman	K4ZGB/M	84	28	2352
Rankin	KC5EGR	173	56	9688
	AD5XR	81	40	3240
	W3DYA/M	44	15	660
Simpson	W3DYA/M	56	18	1008
Sharkey	N5NA/M	40	15	600
Smith	W3DYA/M	44	15	660
Stone	NO5W/M	44	22	968
Sunflower	K4ZGB/M	106	33	3498
Tallahatchie	K4ZGB/M	90	30	2700
Tate	W5GWD/P *	500	94	47000
Walthall	W3DYA/M	74	22	1628
	NO5W/M	38	14	532
Warren	W5XX **	866	128	110848
	N5NA	56	17	952
Washington	K5FA	180	52	9360
	N5NA/M	72	27	1944
Webster	N5NA/M	56	20	1120
	K4ZGB/M	30	10	300
Wilkinson	W3DYA/M	28	11	308
Yalobusha	KE5MIS	57	39	2223
	K4ZGB/M	48	21	1008

* unlimited/multi op

** Not eligible for awards; QSO Party Chairman

Out of State Results

CT	W1/YO7ARY	10	4	40
MA	N1NN	72	22	1584
	N1RLR	4	3	12
NH	W1END	62	21	1302
NJ	W2CVW	32	14	448
	N9YNG	2	2	4
NY	NA2NY	13	9	117
PA	KQ3F	40	20	800
	N3KR	40	16	640
	N3FCP	33	17	561
AL	W4II	265	60	15900
	W5NA	58	28	1624
	KJ4LTA	9	8	72
FL	KN4Y	46	14	644
	K3TW	6	3	18
	AF4RK	3	2	6
GA	KD4QMY	3	3	9
NC	WA4GQG	114	41	4674
	K4BYN	110	31	3410
	K4BSK	95	29	2755
	KK4MOV	4	4	16
SC	WN4AFP	50	19	950
TN	KS4X	32	13	416
	KC4ZPB	24	9	216
	W4UT	14	6	84
	W4BCG	9	4	36
	KV4MO	1	1	1
VA	W4ZPR	30	14	420
	N3KN	24	13	312
	KJ4VTH	7	5	35
	N4QX	4	2	8
LA	AC5O	36	14	504
TX	K5TIA	44	14	616
	NW5Q	7	5	35
CA	WA6KHK	138	42	5796
	W6USN	19	11	209
	AE6YB	10	7	70
	K6KQV	8	4	32
AZ	N7TEW	2	2	4
ID	WB7CYO	7	7	49
OR	W7GF	56	18	1008
	AE7LD	3	2	6
	K7JKM	2	2	4
WA	KC7YE	10	3	30
WY	N7MZW	11	7	77
MI	N8FJA	11	9	99

OH	W8KNO	28	13	364
	K8FZY	24	11	264
	K9NW	12	5	60
WV	N8II	33	15	495
IL	KB9PPY	18	12	216
	N9VPV	3	3	9
	N8OOU	2	1	2
WI	K9GDF	44	16	704
CO	K0HAY	2	2	4
KS	K0HNC	59	23	1357
	KC0DEB	24	11	264
	WA5SWN	7	6	42
MN	WB0CFE	30	13	390
	AJ0CM	12	10	120
MO	W7KAM	22	14	308
ND	WB0IWG	15	9	135
PQ	VE2PIJ	3	3	9
ON	VE3HED	15	12	180
	VE3PQ	16	11	176
	VE3JSO	2	2	4
SK	VE5XU	12	10	120
BC	VE7RSV	10	9	90
DL	DL5ME	155	47	7285
	DL3GA	146	43	6278
	DL6KVA	96	29	2784
	DL4CW	90	27	2430
	DL8MLD	56	24	1344
F	F8BFU	4	2	8
HA	HA8IB	132	42	5544
I	I1EIS	56	19	1064
LY	LY5W	14	4	56
OH	OH6NIO	59	25	1475
OM	OM2VL	163	45	7335
SP	SP5SA	96	33	3168
	SP6JOE	30	12	360
UA	UA3AGW	10	5	50