

2008 Mississippi QSO Party

The QSO Party for the last two years has featured lousy weather and so-so band conditions. The weather was great for 2008 with plenty of sunshine and minimal QRN, but alas no sunspots. As a result most of the action was on 20 and 75 SSB and 40 CW.

In 2007 we had 80 Mississippi stations on the air in 61 counties. This year we had 111 stations on from 72 counties. That will be a hard record to beat. Just as a point of information the counties that were not reported in the logs were Clarke, Coahoma, Grenada, Panola, Pontotoc, Quitman, Tishomingo, Tunica, Wayne, and Yalobusha.

Before the QSO Party an effort was made to coordinate the routes of the mobiles so as many counties as possible would be on the air, and if two mobiles ended up in the same county, hopefully they would show up a different time such that more folks would have an opportunity to work the county. This was largely successful except that W5XX should have probably gone to Northwest Mississippi.

A check of the logs (66 this year) indicate that the Top State winners by score are: AG5Z, K5SVC, K2FF, N5BLY, WQ5L, W8FR, W5UMS, W5UE, KB5FSV, and KK5K. And the Top Ten Out of State: W6RLL (AZ), N8II (WV), K8CW (OH), W9MSE (WI), K4YT (VA), W2LHL (NJ), W7GVE (AZ), K4AMC (TN), K9WA (IL), and K4PBY (FL). Note that W6RLL made an amazing 125 QSOs from Arizona in 57 counties, N8II 99 QSOs in 54 counties, and CU2JT 41 QSOs in 30 counties from the far off Azores. Sunspots or no sunspots, some guys always find a way!

And last but not least thanks to the hard working mobiles, who made the QSO Party interesting for the county hunters, but in years past have had to brave wind, rain, lightning, line noise, and irate property owners. This year the temperature was just right, the roads were dry, no close calls, and there weren't too many complaints about line noise. Thanks to KS5A/NN9K, NO5W, W5XX, and K4ZGB for collectively activating 52 of the 82 counties in the state with KS5A/M making a total of 963 QSOs and NO5W/M 711 QSOs. A hard days work! Note that KS5A came in all the way from Arizona, NN9K from Illinois, NO5W from Texas, and K4ZGB from Alabama. Thanks, guys!

See y'all next year!

2008 Mississippi QSO Party – In State Results

Adams	KS5A/M	33	24	792
Amite	KS5A/M	56	23	1,288
	NO5W/M	22	16	352
Attala	K4ZGB/M	41	20	820
Bolivar	KE5BOC	39	37	1,443
Calhoun	K4ZGB/M	30	19	570
Carroll	NO5W/M	26	19	494
Chickasaw	K4ZGB/M	40	24	960
Choctaw	K4ZGB/M	34	21	714
	NO5W/M	28	17	476
Claiborne	W5XX/M	32	21	672
	KS5A/M	31	17	527
Copiah	KS5A/M	42	24	1,008
	NO5W/M	36	22	792
Covington	KS5A/M	39	23	897
DeSoto	W5KDM	30	24	720
Forrest	KS5A/M	35	20	700
Franklin	W5XX/M	43	24	1,032
	KS5A/M	32	20	640
	NO5W/M	21	14	294
George	W4HOZ	53	36	1,908
	KS5A/M	27	21	567
Greene	KS5A/M	36	23	828
Hancock	W5UE	172	52	8,944
Harrison	N5BLY	218	79	17,222
	WQ5L	220	64	14,080
Hinds	KD5UBC	44	30	1,320
	KS5A/M	33	22	726
Humphreys	NO5W/M	33	22	726
Issaquena	NO5W/M	14	12	168
Itawamba	W3TWD	49	44	2,156
Jackson	K2FF	690	88	60,720
	KB5FSV	148	37	5,476
	K7ZYV	65	32	2,080
Jasper	KS5A/M	42	28	1,176
Jeff Davis	W5XX/M	58	31	1,798
	KS5A/M	29	18	522
Jefferson	K5SVC	965	105	101,325
	W5XX/M	25	20	500
	KS5A/M	24	18	432
Jones	KS5A/M	52	31	1,612
Kemper	NO5W/M	33	22	726
Lafayette	W5UMS	148	64	9,472

Lamar	AG5Z	961	120	115,320
	KS5A/M	40	27	1,080
Lauderdale	NO5W/M	24	19	456
Lawrence	W5XX/M	46	24	1,104
	KS5A/M	21	15	315
Leake	K4ZGB/M	50	29	1,405
Lee	KK5K	115	46	5,290
LeFlore	NO5W/M	39	24	936
Lincoln	WB5ASP	104	37	3,848
	W5XX/M	50	28	1,400
	KS5A/M	28	21	588
	NO5W/M	28	17	476
Lowndes	NO5W/M	25	17	425
Madison	W5JDX	87	46	4,002
Marion	KS5A/M	41	26	1,066
Monroe	K4ZGB/M	35	22	770
Montgomery	NO5W/M	28	18	504
Neshoba	K4ZGB/M	41	27	1,107
	NO5A	13	12	156
Newton	NO5W/M	36	25	900
Noxubee	NO5W/M	43	27	1,161
	K4ZGB/M	28	21	588
Oktibbeha	NO5W/M	29	20	580
Pearl River	KS5A/M	46	25	1,150
Perry	KS5A/M	38	26	988
Pike	KS5A/M	34	21	714
	NO5W/M	35	17	595
Rankin	W5XX/M	56	26	1,456
	NO5W/M	16	12	192
Scott	NO5W/M	30	16	480
Sharkey	NO5W/M	33	19	627
Simpson	W5XX/M	61	29	1,769
	NO5W/M	30	19	570
	KS5A/M	25	17	425
Smith	W5XX/M	53	33	1,749
	KS5A/M	20	18	360
	NO5W/M	17	10	170
Stone	KS5A/M	36	22	792
Sunflower	K5JAW	35	32	1,120
	NO5W/M	18	15	270
Tippah	W8FR	276	51	14,076
Walthall	KS5A/M	44	26	1,144
Warren	W5XX	39	29	1,131
	KS5A/M	43	23	989
	K5NRK	31	16	496
	NO5W/M	19	15	285

Webster	K4ZGB/M	36	25	900
	NO5W/M	29	15	435
Wilkinson	KS5A/M	35	22	770
Winston	K4ZGB/M	39	23	897
Yazoo	NO5W/M	28	18	504

2008 Mississippi QSO Party – Out of State Results

NH	W1END	32	28	896
	AE1T	6	6	36
NJ	W2LHL	75	43	3,225
	W2CVW	42	30	1,260
	KC2QJB	8	5	40
NY	N2PTF	9	8	72
DE	WA2VQV	1	1	1
MD	K3TW	35	21	735
PA	N3KR	26	24	624
	WA3ELQ	7	7	49
	WB0IWG	4	4	16
AL	N4JF	42	31	1,302
	K4EXT	30	25	750
GA	K4BAI	9	9	81
FL	K4PBY	53	41	2,173
NC	K4BSK	24	18	432
TN	K4AMC	57	47	2,679
VA	K4YT	70	50	3,500
AR	AD5WI	39	30	1,170
	KD5J	10	10	100
OK	AA5JG	25	22	550
TX	K5OT	50	35	1,750
	W3DYA	39	29	1,131
	W5ESE	5	3	15
AZ	W6RLL	125	57	7,125
	W7GVE	65	48	3,120
	W7KAM	10	7	70
MI	W8WVU	50	35	1,750
	KJ5O	5	5	25
OH	K8CW	77	51	3,927
WV	N8II	99	54	5,346
IL	K9WA	63	41	2,583
	N9QS	48	40	1,920
IN	KB9YGD	8	7	56
WI	W9MSE	72	53	3,816
MO	K0GSV	42	39	1,638
SD	K0PIR	20	11	220

ON	VE3CRU	45	27	1,215
SK	VE5BCS	4	4	16
CU	CU2JT	41	30	1,230