

2012 Arkansas QSO Party Rules

Sponsored by ARKAN (The Amateur Radio Klub of the Arkansas Northwest)

CONTEST PERIOD

1400Z, Sep 8 to 0200Z, Sep 9, 2012

(Local time: 9am – 9pm Central Time, Sep 8, 2012)

INFORMATION

Rules and other related operating aids (Summary Sheet, Multiplier List, AQP County Designator List, and Operating Tips) available at: <http://arkanhams.org>

OBJECTIVE

Stations outside Arkansas work as many Arkansas stations in as many AR counties as possible.

Stations inside Arkansas work everyone.

BANDS

80, 40, 20, 15, 10 and 2 meters. WARC bands are not to be used for this event.

MODES

SSB, CW, PSK

SUGGESTED FREQUENCIES

CW: 3.540, 7.040, 14.040, 21.040, 28.040, 144.040

SSB: 3.850, 7.180, 14.280, 21.380, 28.380, 146.550

PSK: 3.580, 7.080, 14.07015, 21.080, 28.080

EXCHANGE

Arkansas stations send signal report and county (see AR county designator list).
Non-Arkansas stations send signal report and State, Canadian Province, or “DX”.

ENTRY CLASSES

Single-Operator High Power (151 watts up to legal band limit)

Single-Operator Low Power (6-150 watts)

Single-Operator QRP (5 watts or less)

All CW (All power levels)

All PSK-31 (All power levels)

Multi-Operator, Single Transmitter (informal group or club station, all power levels)

Multi-Operator, Multi Transmitter (informal group or club station, all power levels)

Mobile

Portable

MULTIPLIERS

Arkansas Stations:

- U.S. States (50),
- Canadian Areas (8): MR (Maritime provinces including New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Labrador, and Prince Edward Island), QC, ON, MB, SK, AB, BC, and NT (Northern territories including Northwest Territories, Nunavut, and Yukon Territory).
- DX – Regardless of number of DX QSOs made, count 1 DX multiplier.

For a maximum of 59 multipliers.

All Arkansas stations note: When/if you work another Arkansas station, you will both use your AQP county designator as with all other contacts. However, remember that as you log the other Arkansas station's county, *when you enter that station's county designator in your log, your logging program might count that as another multiplier, which would be in error! Make sure when you tabulate your score after the contest that you only count Arkansas ONCE for a multiplier (as with all other multipliers), regardless of how many different Arkansas stations in different Arkansas counties that you logged during the AQP.*

Non-Arkansas Stations: 75 Arkansas counties for a maximum of 75 multipliers.

SCORING

QSO points – 2 points per CW and/or PSK QSO, 1 point per SSB QSO. (Duplicate QSOs will be discounted.)

The TOTAL SCORE is the total QSO points multiplied by the total number of multipliers worked, plus any bonus points (see AQP Summary Sheet).

BONUS STATIONS

There are 2 bonus stations for this year's 2012 AQP:

AA5AR (Amateur Radio Klub of the Arkansas Northwest)

K5NE (Benton Area Radio Society)

ADDITIONAL NOTES

- 1. Any QSO(s) with bonus stations AA5AR and/or K5NE are worth 200 bonus points per QSO.**
2. Stations may be worked once per band and mode.
3. Mobile stations can work other stations once per band and mode each time they change counties. Logs must clearly show county changes. ***Only one county transmitted per QSO.***
4. Mobile stations can claim a 500 point bonus per county that they operate from in which they made at least 10 QSOs.
5. CW contacts must be in the *true* CW segment of the band, and not in the Phone sub-bands.
6. Arkansas stations call "CQ Arkansas QSO Party" on SSB, "AQP" on CW.
7. Arkansas stations must use their correct AQP designator for their county in the exchange for all QSOs, and also in their logs (i.e. PULA-Pulaski, CRAG-Craighead, WASH-Washington, etc.). See AQP Official County Designator list to ensure you know the correct designator of the county (or counties if mobile) that you will be operating from.
8. Non-Arkansas stations use standard 2-letter state or provincial designation (i.e. TX, VA, QC, SK, etc.) in the exchange. Stations outside the U.S. and Canada use "DX" in the exchange.
9. All contacts must be Simplex.

AWARDS

Certificates will be awarded to the first-place finisher for each Entry Class in each Arkansas county.

Certificates will be awarded to the first-place finisher for each Entry Class in each U.S. State, each of the 8 designated Canadian areas, and DX category.

CONTEST ENTRY DEADLINE

Entries, either via electronic or paper log, must be received by Friday, October 12, 2012 to be included in the contest results.

CONTEST LOG SUBMISSION

Contest log entries may be submitted via one of two methods (***ALL LOG SUBMISSIONS, PAPER OR ELECTRONIC, must be accompanied by the Arkansas QSO Party Summary Sheet, available for downloading from the ARKAN website: <http://arkanhams.org>***):

1. Send paper logs along with Summary Sheet to:
Arkansas QSO Party
%Don Banta, K5DB
3407 Diana St.
Springdale, AR 72764
2. Electronic logs must be submitted in **Cabrillo** format via e-mail attachment to **aqplogs@cox.net** with the subject line as shown below, and also must include a second attachment containing the Summary Sheet (no zipped files):
Example:
To: aqplogs@cox.net
Subject: [Your call]
Attachments: 1) [Your call].LOG 2) AQP Summary Sheet.doc

Full AQP results will be posted on the ARKAN website as soon as they are tabulated (Hopefully within 2-4 weeks). Keep checking www.arkanhams.org.

Thanks for your participation in the 2012 AQP!!!